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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

St. Patrick's Day came early this year for some 300 cadets. In 1988, the city of Dublin marked its 1000th birthday, with the climax of a series of celebrations being the contribution from America, a college football game played last November 19th. Army and Boston College were the chosen opponents. Having the game in Ireland gave us the chance to send a large contingent from the Academy, with all expenses paid by the promoter of the first "Emerald Isle Classic."

Selecting who would go was difficult. After deducting the space needed for the football team, there was room left for some 220 cadets on the airplane. Virtually the entire Corps stepped forward to volunteer, each proclaiming a selfless willingness to sacrifice four days of classes here in order to aid the greater cause over there. The Commandant wisely filled the seats with groups that, in addition to comprising the nucleus of the Army cheering section at the game, would have an opportunity to represent West Point in other ways. They included the Glee Club, the Pipes and Drums, mule riders (we rented an Irish mule who disappointingly turned out to be a most reluctant performer), rabble rousers, sky-divers to deliver the game ball by parachute, the rally band, a color guard, and the top leadership of the Corps.

America may never have sent overseas a more effective or impressive a group of young ambassadors. They stole the hearts of the Irish. They filled the days before the game with concerts, a parade and pep-rally in the middle of Dublin, touring, performances at a variety of events, shopping, and an enthusiastic effort to sample as much as they could of that aspect of local culture represented by the omnipresent Irish pub. In cadet garb, they were highly visible, assuring that the citizens of Dublin as well as the 12,000 or so American visitors would be very aware of their every act.

In their performances they were superb. Whether a part of the Glee Club concert before a standing-room-only audience in St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tattoo by the Pipes and Drums before a glittering crowd at the American Ambassador's residence, the exciting aerial maneuvers of the sky-divers, or any of a long list of such activities, they were unflinching crowd pleasers.



The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Ben Briscoe, surrounded by a few "West Point ambassadors."

In their behavior they were splendid. With manifold opportunities to be "ugly Americans," they were unflinching upbeat representatives of our country and of the Academy. Polite and attractive, disciplined yet obviously highly spirited, interested and interesting, they caught the attention and the admiration of the thousands of people who came in contact with them. Ministerial level leaders went out of their way to commend them, while numerous citizens, American and Irish alike, stopped me on the street to compliment them.

But not all they did was seen or even known by the public. For instance, a Dublin hospital asked Coach Jim Young if he would send over a few members of the team to visit wards filled with would-be fans who would not otherwise get to meet an American football player. The coach asked for six volunteers—five times that number signed up and devoted a good bit of their very limited time to brightening the day of patients in that hospital and two others.

In every way one can measure (except, of course, for the outcome of the game) the trip was a sparkling success. It was an adventure as well as a broadening experience for those able to go, and their

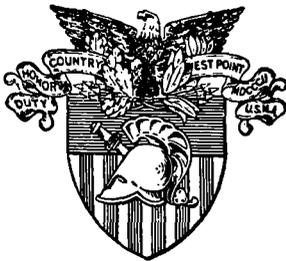
reputation as representatives of USMA and America could not have been brighter.

Why report all this to you? Well, perhaps for balance. Negative news seems always to be covered in the media; let a cadet step beyond the line of propriety and it is noticed and remarked upon. Positive results are apparently not so newsworthy. And yet, when taking stock of today's cadets, the praiseworthy vastly exceeds the blameworthy. From time to time we should remind ourselves of the fact that the Corps of Cadets is indeed an exemplary body of young men and women, a select group in which all Americans can share a great sense of pride.

Besides, it is rather nice to know that, around not a few hearths in Ireland, there sit people who, reflecting on the week the West Pointers came, are ready to proclaim—"Army go bragh."

Best wishes from West Point.

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## Americans in Dublin

By Lieutenant Colonel Bruce K. Bell,  
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**I**t was quiet that November Sunday morning. The streets were nearly deserted after hours of victory parties by Boston College partisans and consolation parties by Army fans.

Little more than 18 hours before, almost 43,000 screaming Irish and Americans had crowded into Lansdowne Road Stadium in Dublin's lower side to witness the first-ever American collegiate football game played in Europe. As one of the premier events during Dublin's millennial celebrations, the Emerald Isle Classic was, indeed, a classic.

But it was quiet in the early morning hours Sunday. I made my way across the Liffey River to O'Connell Street and the Garden of Remembrance. As a brief hailstorm sent tiny white pellets bouncing off my newly-acquired Donegal tweed cap, I stopped momentarily at the garden, a shrine "dedicated to those who gave their lives for the cause of Irish freedom."

For me, the stop was an opportunity to remember, to reflect over the past several days in Dublin as a spectator to what will surely be the first of many such classics in the Emerald Isle.

The brainchild of promoter Jim O'Brien, president of a company in Boston, the classic had its genesis during a tourist visit to Ireland in 1985.

"I was touring Ireland with my wife," said O'Brien, of Braintree, Massachusetts. "I'm a pretty big guy, and the Irish people kept asking if I were a football player. I could sense a great excitement about American football."

In fact, O'Brien had played tackle for the Eagles of Boston College before graduating in 1960. His coach at that

time is now athletic director of Boston College, William J. Flynn.

"I spoke to Bill Flynn about the possibility of a football game played in Ireland that included Boston College," O'Brien said. "He liked the idea very much and suggested that Army would be a terrific opponent because of the great tradition and spirit of the Military Academy."

Flynn and Army's director of intercollegiate athletics, Carl Ullrich, visited the Emerald Isle in the summer of 1986 and toured the Lansdowne Road Stadium. They spoke with members of the Irish Rugby Football Club, the group that owns Lansdowne Road Stadium, and became absolutely convinced that the idea could become a reality.

"I saw the opportunity as much more than just a game," said Ullrich. "I felt that the cadets would have the thrill of seeing another country and experiencing their culture. We would also be sharing American college ball with people who've never before seen a live college game.

"A great part of my motivation," Ullrich continued, "in agreeing to this international event was for the experience, the education, it would be providing our young people."

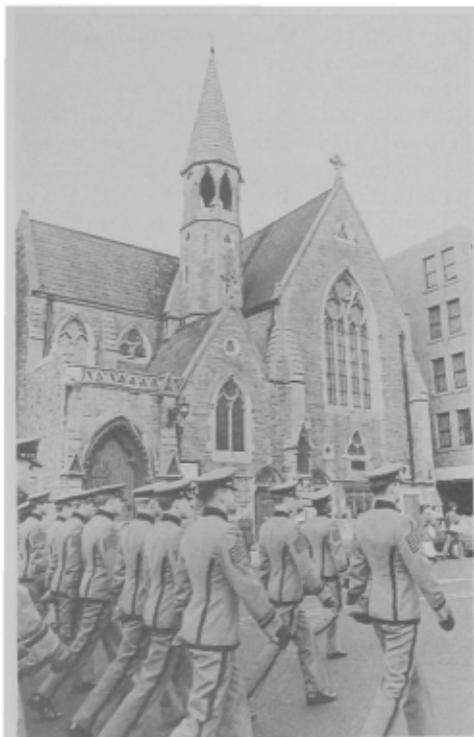
From those beginnings came a week





of excitement, touring, shopping and fun for an estimated 16,000 Americans who swelled Ireland's capital city. Everywhere, signs sent "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes" to the American visitors, not a few of whom came from European Command.

The year was special to Dubliners, for the city was celebrating its millennium, remembering that date 1000 years before when an Irish chieftain defeated the Vikings to establish Irish rule over the city on the Liffey River.



"The Emerald Isle Classic is more than just a football game," said American Ambassador Margaret Heckler. "This is America's gift to Ireland on the occasion of the millennium.

"I am particularly pleased that one of our great service academies will be representing America in Ireland," she wrote shortly before the game. "No one can better portray the powerful, potent message of American democracy."

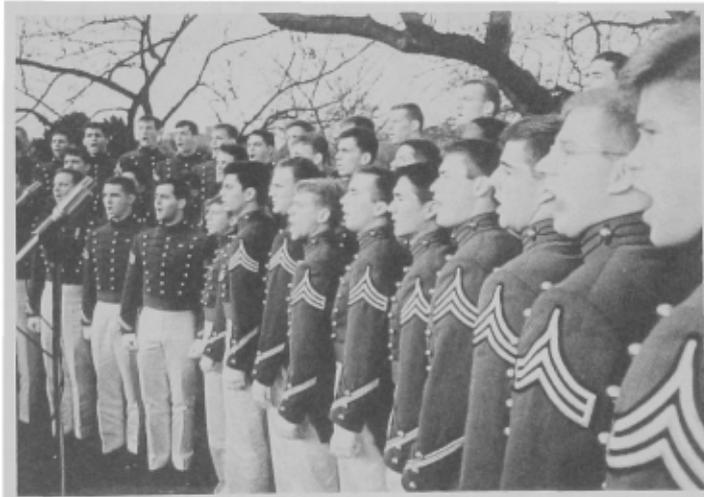
Approximately 275 cadets from USMA arrived November 17. Besides the football team and coaching staff, the Cadet Glee Club, Pipe and Drum Corps, Rabble Rousers and Cadet Band plus the cadet brigade staff came to "Dublin's Fair City." A selected number of staff and faculty also came to coordinate activities and help ensure the safety of the cadets and the success of the venture.

"This is my first time in Ireland," said an enthusiastic USMA Chief of Staff Colonel Michael Allen. "I had been in nearly every country in Western Europe before, but never here."

Chaplain of USMA, Reverend Richard Camp, was also in Ireland for the first time. "I have been in England four or five times," he said, "and I noticed a distinct similarity to the rolling countryside there, especially when we toured County Wicklow to the south of Dublin."

The players spent most of their time at the practice field or in team meetings preparing for the big game against the Eagles. In the evenings, several of the players brought their books to small rooms set aside for A.I. (additional instruction), where tutors taught what the players were missing in the classroom.

"The coach is 100 percent behind our strong emphasis on academics," said academic coordinator Colonel Louis Csoka. "We want to ensure that none of our players gets hurt academically by





playing on the team and taking road trips.”

Chemistry, physics and mechanics were three popular (?) subjects for a number of the players. Captain Phil Macklin, an instructor in the Department of Chemistry, brought a molecular



model with him and used it to teach the finer points of the periodic table during the evenings while the football team was in Dublin.

“We administered tests throughout the week,” Csoka said, “and even gave one exam on the plane ride back from Ireland.”

But Ireland was more than just practice and academics. The Black Knights were treated to a bus tour of Dublin Thursday morning before practice. They saw St. Patrick’s Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral, built during the 11th and 12th centuries. Then they were shown Phoenix Park, at 2,000 acres the largest enclosed park in Europe, complete with roaming deer.

“I was particularly impressed with St. Patrick’s Cathedral,” said linebacker Greg Gadson. “There are such beautiful places everywhere.”

Scott Moore, noseguard with the team, especially enjoyed meeting the Irish. “These people are great. They’re all very helpful and friendly. You feel safe even in a back alley!”

Teammate Dan Cooney spoke of the Irish as “the friendliest people I’ve ever met in my life.” There is a sense in which such a statement is not mere hyperbole.

The football team enjoyed a taste of traditional Ireland when they visited Abbey Tavern on Thursday evening. Dinner consisted of corned beef and cabbage and was followed by more than an hour of rousing Irish ballads played and sung by the Abbey Tavern Singers.

Before the evening was over, the popular singing group had the entire team, plus the coaches, on their feet, waving their hands slowly as they sang “Molly Malone.”

Center Frank Brunner became the center of attention as he twirled one of the waitresses and did an impromptu jig with her, all to the great delight of his teammates—and the other waitresses!

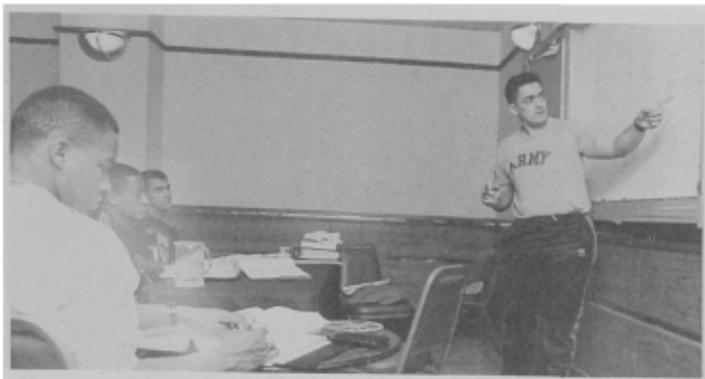
“Evenings like this are a lot of fun,” said yearling running back Mike Mayweather. “This sort of puts a wrap on things. Everybody’s been terrific here.”

The players were given one last opportunity to see a bit of Dublin Friday morning before the final practice. At that time, though, 30 of the cadets volunteered to spend those few hours visiting area hospitals.

“All of us on the team have spent some time in the hospital,” said offensive guard Bill Gebhards. “We know just how lonely it can be. If we could help to brighten someone’s day a little, we wanted to do it.”

The visit created quite a stir as patients sat up to ask for autographs and accepted small cadet uniform buttons and photos from the players. The Irish almost universally admit to ignorance about American football, but they were





intrigued by the game—and the size of its players! One young woman, facing surgery in a few days, was charmed by—and charmed!—several of the Black Knights. As they turned to leave her, the young woman looked to her roommates with eyes that danced. She held her arms out wide and silently mouthed, “They’re so big!”

There was a change of pace Friday evening as a charity concert was given by the West Point Cadet Glee Club in St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Televised for American viewing in late December, the concert featured traditional Christmas music. Garlands festooned the sanctuary and candles cast a warm glow as the cadets sang “O Come, All Ye Faithful” and “Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming.”

Joined by the men and boys’ choir of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the Radio-Television Eire (RTE) philharmonic choir and the RTE symphony orchestra, the Cadet Glee Club was clearly the favored

group that evening. The Irish audience seemed intrigued by Military Academy cadets who could perform such works as Handel’s “Messiah” so expertly.

While Christmas was more than a month away, concert goers felt a warm glow that matched the warmth of the cathedral candles and a distinctive holiday spirit as they left the historic St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

November 19 was overcast early, but as game time approached the clouds parted enough to allow three cadet parachute team members to jump into Lansdowne Road Stadium carrying the game ball. The Irish were impressed.

“Three West Point parachute jumpers landed with NASA perfection dead on the halfway line to the huge appreciation of the spectators,” wrote Sean Diffley of Dublin’s *Sunday Independent*.

Emily O’Reilly of *The Sunday Tribune* of Dublin wrote of the “42,000 necks . . . pointing skywards, where three West Point Academy parachutists, bang on time at 12.20 pm, had just exited a light aircraft and were now descending pitchwards.”

After the Irish Children’s Choir sang both the Irish and the American national anthems, thousands of red, white and blue balloons were released with thousands more green and orange balloons. That day all spirits soared with the balloons as our two countries came together to enjoy what truly was a classic.

The sun shone brightest that day, however, on the Boston College faithful.

Army lost only its second game of the regular season, 38-24. But even the disappointing loss was made bearable by the unique distinction of being among the first two teams to participate in the classic.

“West Point really made this game a classic,” Jim O’Brien enthused. “Army’s football record this year was wonderful, but even beyond that, there is a color, a pageantry that comes with West Point that no other institution can match.”

The smashing success, as they would say in Dublin, largely ensured that last November’s Emerald Isle Classic would be just the first of many future American football games in Dublin. For the Military Academy, however, the classic must remain only a fond memory until at least 1992. Under rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), a team may leave the country only once every four years to play a game. Consequently, O’Brien is looking for two other teams for this year’s edition of the classic.

By Sunday morning after the game all was still. A few mementos were packed in bags inside the hotel room as I paused at the Garden of Remembrance.

I remembered—and I pray that I always will—the week when the Americans came to Dublin to enjoy the Emerald Isle Classic with their congenial Irish hosts. There is always tremendous pride in being a part of the U.S. Military Academy, and now that pride wears a bit of green that comes from the Emerald Isle.

# Association of Graduates Honors America's Unknowns

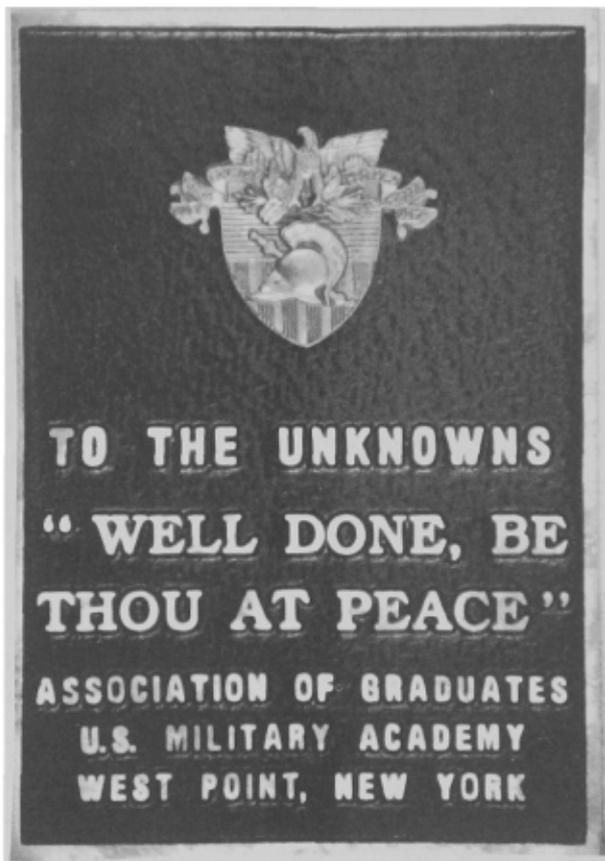
*By Willis D. Crittenberger, Class of 1942*

**G**eneral Michael S. Davison, president of the Association of Graduates, honored the American Unknown Soldiers at Arlington Cemetery on 19 October, the 207th anniversary of the Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown, the last big battle of the American Revolution. Accompanied by Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr., vice president of the West Point Society of Washington, DC, and Colonel Floyd I. Robinson, Class of 1942 president, General Davison presented a wreath at the Tomb, and later a plaque for permanent display in the Memorial Room behind the Tomb.

Over the years many foreign dignitaries, patriotic organizations, and veterans groups have honored American Unknowns. As a result, space in the Memorial Room is limited and stringent ground rules are now in effect on who can honor the Unknowns, and if so, how large, or small really, the plaque must be. Although an individual USMA class would not qualify, the Association of Graduates as a whole does. The Class of 1942, as part of their 45th Reunion activities, made the suggestion to the AOG, volunteering to pay for the event and acting as "Action Officer." The AOG Executive Committee approved, and the 19 October ceremony resulted. It was felt most appropriate that the United States Military Academy graduates, many of whom fought in the same battles where the Unknowns made their supreme sacrifices, should also pay tribute to these gallant soldiers!!

Some 300 graduates, wives, and the visiting public were in attendance for the ceremony. The changing of the Tomb guard came first, after which Colonel James Hennessee, USMA 1965, commander of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), escorted General Davison and his party to the place of honor. Two honor platoons marched up the steps behind the Tomb, and formed an immaculate background for the wreath-laying ceremony.

A member of The Old Guard then brought up the AOG wreath, a large one done in autumn colors, with black, gold,



and gray streamers, and the words thereon, "Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y." General Davison laid the wreath, after which a bugler from the U.S. Army Band, Pershing's Own, played Taps.

The audience then moved into the Memorial Room itself, where General Davison thanked the Class of 1942 for sponsoring this meaningful event, and pointed out West Point's contributions to the nation on the battlefields since our founding in 1802. He then presented the plaque to Colonel Hennessee, who accepted it for the Army. He in turn passed the plaque to Mr. R. J. Costanzo, the superintendent of Arlington Cemetery. Mr. Costanzo then escorted General Davison to a central display case where the two of them placed the AOG's plaque for permanent display.

The precision and appearance of both the Tomb guards and the honor platoons were impressive, as was the sunny, wind swept location of the Tomb itself, over-



(L to R) Lieutenant General WW Scott, General Davison, Colonel Floyd Robinson, and Colonel Hennessee.



Wreath presented to General Davison.



General Davison places the wreath.



Attendees, following plaque presentation shown are Ulsaker, Crittenberger, Davison, Lincoln, Bortell and Terry.

looking the Potomac, and Washington beyond. Many of our Long Gray Line are resting here—one has to be inspired and rededicated to our motto of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, and to remember the appropriate words of the Alma Mater "WELL DONE, BE THOU AT PEACE"

General Davison's full remarks follow.

Colonel Hennessee, General Scott, Colonel Robinson, Members of USMA Class of '42, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is very appropriate that, through the initiative of the Class of '42, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy honors America's *UNKNOWN*s on this day, the 207th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown, 19 October 1781. That final battle of our Revolutionary War marked the coming of age of the American Army when, in a night bayonet attack led by 24 year old Alexander Hamilton, an American battalion captured a critical redoubt, leading to the final Cornwallis surrender. Some 21 years later, our alma mater, West Point, was established and, since that time, her 45,000 graduates have served our nation in all its wars both in the Army and, in this century, the Air Force as well. Over 1,200 of our Long Gray Line of Graduates have died in battle, and many more in combat related events; this cemetery and many others worldwide contain our honored dead lying among their wartime companions. The 33,000 living members of the Long Gray Line are proud of West Point's contributions to this nation and are greatly honored today to salute our battlefield leaders of earlier times, in both placing our wreath at the tomb, and presenting this plaque for the Memorial Hall. We of today salute our valiant fallen heroes of yesterday!!

In the words of our Alma Mater, it can be said of them "Well Done—Be Thou At Peace."

Thank You.

# Late Fall Reunions

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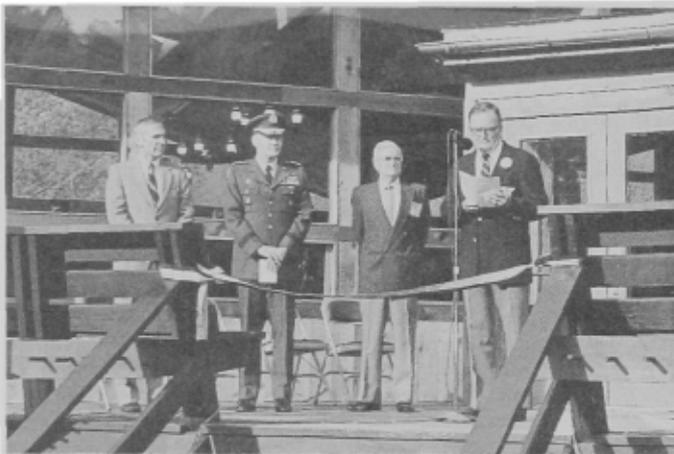
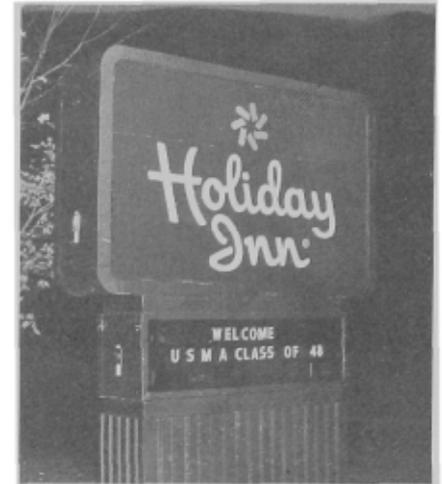
From an active roster of 252, 160 gathered in early November for our 40th Reunion—greeting long remembered, but seldom seen friends. It was wonderful to gather on that first evening and try to squeeze all those memories into so brief a time.

None of us remained unmoved as we listened to the Glee Club render the "Alma Mater" and "The Corps" as we paused for a memorial service at the Cadet Chapel to remember our departed comrades and all they had contributed. It was truly enjoyable to have so many of their widows join us during the reunion. The weather held as we dedicated our class gift of a renovated and expanded Ski Lodge, that we first erected and

donated to the Academy at our 25th Reunion. There were more than a few wet eyes and lumps in the throats as we watched the Corps parade in our honor. What would be a visit to West Point without a football game, even a very wet one—it was somehow fitting that it was an Army/Air Force game because we had classmates and loyal ties to both services.

Time was all too short—so many classmates that we didn't get a chance to see and talk to. We reluctantly departed, vowing to keep in better touch with so many fine friends.

**Bob Petersen**  
Secretary and Scribe, 1948





# 1953

4-6 November

The 35th Reunion exceeded all expectations—many classmates, wives and friends; great fun; good times and a satisfying though soggy win over Air Force.

Bob Breckenridge reports we had 273 at the reunion (145 classmates). Six widows were in attendance and all were happy that these ladies joined us and we look forward to seeing them at other social functions throughout the year. Our turnout of 31% compares very favorably with classes just before us and continues the upward swing of those attending 35th Reunions. Bob Blastos thanks all the classmates who contributed their \$8.00 breakfast refund to the class treasury.

The buffet Friday evening got things off to a fast start, a pace that was to continue throughout Saturday. Saturday dawned bright and clear as we made our way to West Point and the parade. While we stood in ranks on the Plain the rain clouds began to blow up

the Hudson and we were greeted by a full-fledged rainstorm as we left Washington Hall after the alumni luncheon.

Following the football game, the class went to the Cadet Chapel for an impressive memorial service. The group then proceeded to the new Jewish Chapel for a tour arranged by Bob Segal prior to returning to the hotel and the fun-filled Saturday evening dinner. Winners (with pictures) of the bathrobe and dress coat competitions will be announced in the next issue, courtesy of Bert Fuller, so all photographers are encouraged to send us their best photos.

Sunday morning the men arose for a class meeting while the wives prepared the suitcases for yet another move (some things never change).

For one and all the 35th was GREAT! All the classmates, their wives and friends thank Bob Breckenridge for his leadership and hard work in putting together this memorable event. Thanks again Bob!

**BEAT NAVY!!**





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# Why West Point?

## Notes on USMA's Statement of Purpose

By Larry R. Donnithorne

One of the most interesting products of the 2002 strategic planning project at USMA has been the statement of purpose. Though USMA has had a mission statement for more than fifty years, it has never before had a purpose statement. While the mission statement is focused on what the Military Academy does, the purpose statement is intended to capture in a single, brief theme *why* America founded West Point and *why* it has sustained it for nearly two centuries.

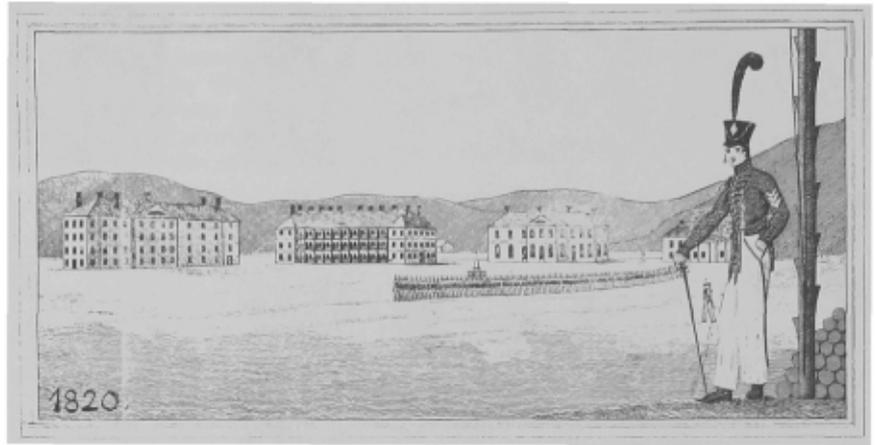
Why West Point was founded is not a simple question to answer. Why was it founded in 1802 by a president who six years before had argued with George Washington that a military academy would be unconstitutional?<sup>1</sup> Why was it founded by a Congress which only two years before had twice voted against "a bill for establishing a Military Academy"? The bill which was defeated had the phrase "military academy" in its title and provided a detailed plan for an academy consisting of four schools, each furnished with appropriate officers, professors, and teachers.<sup>2</sup>

The bill which passed the Congress in 1802 was titled "An act to fix the military peace establishment." No reference to a military academy is found in its title or in the first 26 sections, which provided for infantry and artillery. In section 27, the bill provided that a Corps of Engineers would be stationed at West Point "and shall constitute a military academy." Nothing more is said about why it was founded or how it was to function. In the last section, the bill provided that the Chief Engineer would serve also as superintendent of the military academy.<sup>3</sup> Why were these scant provisions for a military academy tucked away obscurely into the last sections of a long bill providing for the military peace establishment?

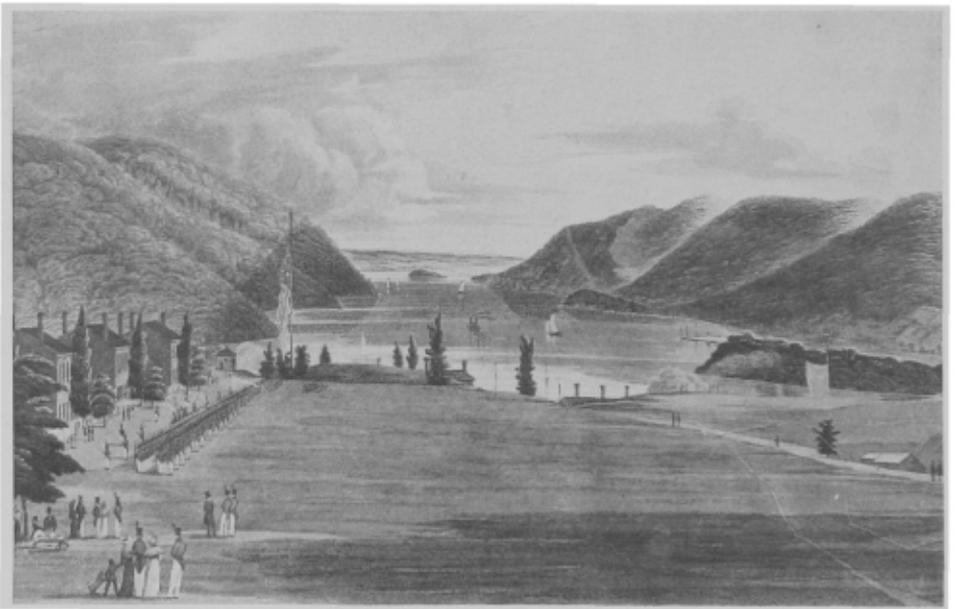
<sup>1</sup>Captain Edward C. Boynton, *History of West Point and its Military Importance during the American Revolution and the Origin and Progress of the United States Military Academy*, (New York: D. Van Nostrand, 1863), footnote on p. 186.

<sup>2</sup>See "Military Academy, and Reorganization of the Army," a report communicated to Congress by President Adams on January 14, 1800, *American State Papers*, Military Affairs, vol. 1, p. 133; and, *Annals of the Congress of the United States*, (Washington: Gales & Seaton, 1853), vol. 10, p. 634.

<sup>3</sup>2 Stat.L. 137.



Drawing of West Point by unknown artist.



West Point Military Academy 1828; painting by George Catlin.

One reasonable interpretation of these circumstances suggests that President Jefferson wanted this bill to reduce the size of the army so as to force out those aristocratic Army leaders whose wealth allowed them to be educated but whose loyalties to the young nation and its civilian rule were not reliable.<sup>4</sup> He could replace them later by providing an education to the sons of the loyal patriots who had given their lives and fortunes to secure the nation's freedom, empowering those young persons through education to give responsible leadership to the

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Army. Apparently the President and Congress did *not* found West Point in order to promote military power in the United States. Rather, they founded it to protect the nation *from* the dangers of military power placed in disloyal, unreliable hands.

Almost two centuries later, the nation's expectation of West Point is still the same—to provide the nation leaders of character who serve the common defense.

<sup>4</sup>This argument is extended by Theodore J. Crackel, "Jefferson, Politics, and the Army: An examination of the Military Peace Establishment Act of 1802," *Journal of the Early Republic*, April 1982, p. 25.

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

**T**o Fly—to float silently over the earth—to defy gravity with the roar of a propeller—to thunder into the heavens atop tons of trembling rockets—these dreams have been realized through the technology of our times. Flight has been the great adventure, the frontier, of the Twentieth Century. Since 1802, Military Academy graduates and soldiers have always been front and center in pushing back this nation's frontiers. In the Nineteenth Century, Academy graduates extended the nation's frontier westward to the Pacific by providing security, by exploring and by mapping and creating communication links. And, in this century, West Point graduates—Army and Air Force alike—have given their enthusiasm, genius and lives to the great adventure of flight. They are among the finest who have answered the call of Duty, Honor, Country.

To memorialize the significant and often overlooked role of USMA graduates in conquering the frontier of flight, the Superintendent commissioned a committee to recommend appropriate recognition. Based on the committee's work, the Superintendent approved the Contributions to Flight Project which will honor three aspects of graduates' contributions: the role of West Point aviators and developers in the development of flight; leadership in flight provided by West Point graduates; and the sacrifice of those who, as airmen or soldiers, gave their lives in flight experimentation, training or combat. The projects are to be funded by a special fund-raising effort by the Association of Graduates.

The first facet of memorialization, the contribution of West Point aviators and developers to military history, will be presented in the West Point Museum. In conjunction with its relocation to South Post, the museum will open an exhibit of artifact and audio-visual displays demonstrating the history of West Pointers' roles in air and space flight, part of the nation's history. Academy graduates met the challenge in balloons, gliders, airplanes, parachutes, helicopters—and even in spacecraft. This display will be seen for the first time when the museum opens in its new location, Olmsted Hall, in May 1989.

The second aspect will recognize the aviation leadership provided by USMA



Arnold Auditorium dedication, Mahan Hall, 4 November 1988; LTG Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent, USMA; LTG Charles R. Hamm, Superintendent, USAFA; BG (Ret) Robert F. McDermott, Chairman, Fund Raising Committee, Flight Memorial.

graduates. The auditorium in Mahan Hall has been named in honor of General H. H. Arnold ('07). The auditorium will be renovated and redecorated in an orange and teal-blue motif, the colors of the Army Air Corps. Plaques and flags will recall General Arnold's commands and achievements. In addition, the leadership of USMA graduates on the frontier of flight will be continued in the foyer of the new Arnold Auditorium. Displays in the foyer will highlight the phases of flight development and feature specific leadership roles of our graduates, such as that of Thomas E. Selfridge, 1903, first Army solo pilot and first American to die in an airplane crash, and that of Edward H. White, 1952, famed astronaut and first man to walk in space.

The third facet of memorialization will honor the sacrifices of USMA graduates. In the glade surrounding the Air Cadet Memorial near Michie Stadium, an expanded memorial will provide a dignified and simple tribute to the contributions and sacrifices of those graduates who gave their lives in flight experimentation, training and combat. The memorial area will preserve the peace and beauty of the location while providing space for small gatherings. The plan envisions a granite wall in the glade. Bronze plates atop the stone wall will present the story of the Twentieth Century flight frontier experience in terms of the sacrifices of Academy graduates. The clearing will include several stone

benches similar in style to the stone wall. At the entrance to the glade, visitors will encounter the Air Cadet Memorial erected shortly after World War II to remember those cadets who died in flight training. Behind it will be a monument to commemorate the sacrifice of all graduates who have given their lives while flying. The area, to be completed in 1990, will be simple, dignified and an enduring tribute to those who sacrificed their lives in opening the new frontier of flight.

This three-part project provides a unique opportunity to recognize contributions by fellow members of the Long Gray Line, contributions which have been largely overlooked in the past. The combination of the three aspects of those contributions—History (Museum), Leadership (Arnold Auditorium and Foyer), and Sacrifice (Monument)—will give comprehensive recognition. Brigadier General (Ret) Robert F. McDermott (Jan '43) has agreed to lead the AOG fund raising effort, and the first public event was the dedication of the General H. H. Arnold Auditorium on 4 November 1988, the eve of the Army-Air Force football game at West Point.

The dedication, leadership and sacrifice of USMA graduates in the frontier of flight have been indeed significant. This three-part program of the Academy to recognize its own will provide education and inspiration to the Corps of Cadets and visitors to West Point for years to come.

# West Point Hosts the Third National Honor Conference

By Captain Scott D. Hazlett, *Special Assistant to the Commandant for Honor Matters*

The purpose of the United States Military Academy is "to provide the Nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." It is this singular purpose that determines the azimuth of every Academy initiative. It is, very simply stated, "its reason for being."

The Military Academy is therefore, not charged to develop and graduate leaders, but "leaders of character;" men and women of courage, competence, candor, and commitment; tempered with uncompromising integrity. The cornerstone for the foundation of the developmental process is the Cadet Honor Code.

"A cadet will not lie, cheat or steal nor tolerate those who do." A very simple thirteen-word declaration that represents for cadets, as well as thousands of graduates, the *sine qua non* of the Academy environment. It is this Code that serves to provide the omnipresent institutional emphasis on moral-ethical development.

It is only appropriate that West Point actively communicate and demonstrate this moral-ethical focus to others.

Continuing an initiative of two years standing, West Point hosted the third annual National Honor Conference during the period 2-6 November 1988. Participating in the conference were over 50 students, representing 20 institutions, both military and civilian, from throughout the United States. In addition to the five federal service academies, participants included VMI, The Citadel, Texas A&M, Norwich, New Mexico Military Institute, University of Pennsylvania, Duke, Medical University of South Carolina, Rice, Middlebury, Syracuse, Princeton, University of Virginia, Haverford, and Washington and Lee. This gathering of superb, yet diverse institutions, provided for an extraordinary exchange of thought, ideas, and concerns throughout the conference.

The purpose of the conference was two-fold. It was primarily designed to afford participating institutions the opportunity to exchange ideas on existing

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Cadet Kenneth L. Kamper, Chairman, Cadet Honor Committee, presents the Superintendent with the Cadet Honor Code "Purpose Statement" in appreciation for LTG Palmer's stimulating remarks, to include the "Tale of Two Patriots," at the conference formal dinner.

honor codes and systems, as well as aid in the initiation of new systems. Equally important was the intent that the conference serve to assist in developing a national awareness regarding proper ethical behavior on college campuses and, beyond into the professional arena.

The conference goals were specifically tailored to support such a purpose:

- To assist institutions in the improvement of present honor systems. The vast majority of universities and colleges in attendance continue to sustain well-established codes and systems. However, without question, a large number of institutions attended the conference with this as the primary agenda.

- To provide impetus for new systems. Also in attendance were some institutions with aspirations of establishing an honor code and system. Although colleges and universities with well-established honor codes and systems number over one-hundred, many more faculties, as well as student bodies, are in pursuit of a similar moral-ethical emphasis within the environment of their respective universities and colleges.

- To increase the level of awareness within the minds of those participating regarding the need for moral-ethical sensitivity, and the implications of ethical insensitivity in one's professional domain. A critical aspect of this conference was the need to not only assist the student in seeing the applicability of an "honorable lifestyle" in the college environment, but to also provide a vehicle that might enable the student to be

exposed to and struggle with relevant moral-ethical issues that presently exist within our society.

- To develop concrete conclusions from the comments of the conference guest speakers and subsequent roundtable discussions. Absolutely critical was the need to ensure that the thoughts and ideas of such a diverse, talented, and insightful group of students did not escape, but rather, might be used to conceptualize overall conclusions regarding honor codes, systems, and moral-ethical behavior in the campus and professional environment, conclusions worthy of presentation to university and college administrations subsequent to the conference.

With all participants billeted comfortably in the cadet barracks by the evening of 2 November, reveille formation and the normal hurried breakfast with the Corps in the Cadet Mess the following morning launched the participants into a three-day conference that promised to be as demanding as it was rewarding and enjoyable. Given the early wake-ups, the rigorous conference schedule, the crisp November West Point air, and a highly spirited Corps, poised to "zap the zoomies" on that upcoming Saturday, there was no question that the participants were going to receive the full dose of cadet life.

The Commandant of Cadets, BG Fred A. Gorden, provided opening remarks, orienting his comments on the conference purpose and goals. The commandant challenged the participants to wres-



1988 National Honor Conference participants



BG Fred A. Gorden, Commandant of Cadets, addressing the participants with some closing remarks regarding the conference conclusions and future challenges.

tle with the ethical issues that were expected to result from comments provided by the conference guest speakers and the subsequent roundtable discussions. BG Gorden asked the participants to be particularly mindful of the potential moral-ethical differences that might exist between professions, once again challenging them to draw some conclusions regarding the ethical parameters within varied professions.

Immediately following the commandant's opening remarks, the first roundtable discussion was underway, filling the remainder of the first morning. Introduced by Cadet Kenneth L. Kamper, Chairman of the 1988-89 Cadet Honor Committee, this initial roundtable centered on present honor codes and systems. This roundtable was specifically designed to provide the participants an opportunity to present their respective codes and systems to other students. Most beneficial to all participants was the free discussion that followed each presentation as institutions attempted to perhaps capture a better way to implement an honor code on their campus. Certainly refreshing to those representing the service academies was the readily apparent fact that ethical consciousness and concern on the American university campus is not limited only to those students pursuing a military career.

Despite the seriousness of the conference, the topic of beating Air Force was not lost. The participants were therefore treated to lunch at the Thursday Quarterback Luncheon preceding the game and exposed, for the first time for many, to REAL spirit. Refueled and refitted, the students returned to Eisenhower Hall, revitalized for that afternoon roundtable.

The afternoon roundtable was the first

of three topical discussions that would focus on ethics in professions: the business community, the military, and the media. The thoughts, ideas, and concerns generated in these discussions served to provide the foundation for the all-important conference conclusions.

Mr. John F. Reynolds III, president of Outward Bound USA, provided the keynote introduction to the second roundtable: Ethics in the Business Community. As a Korean War veteran, the co-founder of the Navy SEALs, a Golden Gloves boxer, an accomplished mountain climber, and a previous Director of Corporate Development for MARS Inc, Mr. Reynolds was uniquely qualified to speak to a diverse group on the subject of character. Mr. Reynolds offered rather expansive thoughts regarding the impact of ethics, or lack thereof, in the business arena.

Despite the outcry of society, amplified virtually daily by the media, regarding the collapse of ethics and values in our business community, Mr. Reynolds provided an upbeat perspective and more than a glimmer of hope for tomorrow regarding ethics in the business community. Not by any means discounting the damage to public trust caused by reports of misconduct in the business professions, Mr. Reynolds' message was overall, extremely positive, offering experiences where he had personally observed senior business people "do the right thing."

Mr. Reynolds emphasized the absolute necessity for leaders, regardless of the profession, to role-model integrity; that values and ethics are "caught, not taught." Mr. Reynolds' comments served as a challenge to the participants to not only believe in the society to which they were currently preparing to contribute, but to have the moral courage to make a

difference when confronted with challenges to one's integrity.

At the conclusion of Mr. Reynolds' remarks, students returned to their respective roundtable groups to discuss a series of thought-provoking questions. Where does loyalty to one's boss stop? Is conduct in the business community governed by moral concepts of right and wrong or legal concepts of right and wrong? Can an act be wrong if not prohibited by law?

Having spent the afternoon wrestling with these issues, the students were hustled back to the barracks to prepare for the evening festivities—a reception at the superintendent's quarters and a formal dinner hosted by BG and Mrs. Gorden in the Cadet Mess. The superintendent provided comments for the occasion, and as usual, was a tremendous hit. His "Tale of Two Patriots," the story of Washington and Arnold, vividly portrayed the extraordinary difference between a "leader" and a "leader of character;" not only in terms of their performance of duty, but in respect to how a nation, some 200 years later, continues to view that performance.

Friday's conference activities commenced with the insights of General (Ret) Jack N. Merritt, a distinguished soldier, and currently the executive vice-president of the Association of the United States Army. The topic—ethics in the military profession.

General Merritt's focus on the "ethical underpinnings" of the military profession offered a superb start-point to a

topical discussion foreign to many of the participants. General Merritt spoke, as he put it, "not as an expert on ethics, but rather as a good observer" within an institution ever-evolving and changing throughout the course of his 35 years of active service.

General Merritt identified the fundamental differences between the Military Professional Ethic and the ethical code of other professions, highlighting the fact that although other professions do indeed have an ethical responsibility to a "client," in no other profession but the military do the implications of failure run so deep. He underscored competence as a "moral imperative," the obligation to seniors as well as subordinates to be technically and tactically proficient. General Merritt further amplified the dynamics that make the military profession so vastly different from others when he asked the participants to temper the aforementioned ethical responsibilities with a unique burden: the thought that one may die in the process of fulfilling those responsibilities.

Subsequent to General Merritt's comments, the students once again returned to their respective roundtables in order to debate several key questions. Should some professions have more stringent ethical requirements than others? If so, why? Is it right for the military to violate the rights of individuals in cases where the interest is in defending the rights of the society as a whole? Should soldiers be guided by different moral principles than the remainder of society?

Friday afternoon, dedicated to the fourth and final roundtable discussion, was filled with insightful discussion and candid comments from the participants regarding an always interesting and provocative topic—ethics in the media. Mr. Benjamin F. Schemmer, USMA Class of 1954, and editor of the *Armed Forces Journal*, provided an appealing start to what quickly became the most spirited of the roundtable discussions.

Providing remarks founded in "professional expertise," Mr. Schemmer attacked the "intellectual arrogance" demonstrated by many of his contemporaries who claim that "their duty is to print the truth," adding candidly, "who are we to say what is the truth?" Rather, Mr. Schemmer described his journalism expertise as that of "providing a forum to foster thought about what might happen tomorrow, because of what is happening today. The media alerts readers to the vectors in society, by not only providing facts, but by including insight." Mr. Schemmer added that it would, in fact, be "dishonest" for one not to provide that insight.

Mr. Schemmer quickly challenged the listeners to ponder some rather timely questions. Should the media ever lie? Should governmental officials ever lie to

the media? Should an Army officer lie to the press? Can the media be trusted?

In closing, Mr. Schemmer addressed the seemingly omnipresent question regarding ownership of the responsibility to police the media. Although most professions maintain an obligation to "police their own," Mr. Schemmer voiced the belief that the media is indeed not self-policing, but must be held ethically accountable by the society that it endeavors to serve.

Following an extended question and answer period with Mr. Schemmer, the students once again reconvened their roundtable groups in order to grapple with a series of media related issues. To what extent and under what circumstances should the government deny the media access to information regarding impending military operations? To what extent should society be able to rely on the media to be self-policing? Under what circumstances might it be appropriate for the government to mislead the media?

Having now completed the topical discussions, an extremely important aspect of the conference was as of yet, not accomplished: conference conclusions. The result of great effort that Friday evening, Saturday morning included the presentation of the overall conference conclusions and resultant recommendations. These conclusions were the following:

- That institutions of higher learning, fulfilling a higher order obligation to society, do have a responsibility to the student to assist the student in internalizing a concept of ethical behavior. The students identified academic honesty as the first step in developing a focus on personal integrity.

- That although professions may have differing ethical codes, there should exist an expectation among all individuals within a given profession that personal integrity must remain uncompromised, and that one aspect of an individual's integrity is his or her commitment to that profession's ethic. The participants further concluded that an essential aspect of one's professional ethic is tirelessly maintaining "client" trust.

- That the college student can indeed make a difference in respect to ethical behavior on college campuses and beyond. The students concluded that "real leaders have high moral-ethical standards." The participants emphasized the importance for leaders in education, as well as those in the professional arena, to role-model integrity. The students did not discount the necessity for students to also "lead by example" and to seize every opportunity to exercise ethical practices.

- That within the context of honor committees/councils, education of the students in respect to ethical behavior is

paramount. The enforcement of the technical aspects of the honor system must be thorough, impartial, just, and consistent.

Cadet Kamper, at this point, provided superb closure with his brief review of the conference purpose, goals, and conclusions. Cadet Kamper underscored the conclusions with two significant challenges: that the participants return to their respective institutions and put the conference conclusions into action; and that the students take the initiative to meet with their respective university or college presidents in order to share with them the concerns, conclusions, and recommendations generated as a result of this conference.

The conference was a tremendous success. It provided a superlative vehicle for the exploration of thoughts and concerns among a group of young Americans who genuinely care about the future of this great nation, a future so deeply dependent upon the sustainment of fundamental values.

Throughout the conference, participants struggled with a multitude of ethical issues from a varied number of theoretical perspectives. Concrete answers to these underlying questions and issues were not determined, nor was it the purpose of the conference to do so. The conference was intended to foster thought and heighten awareness regarding a topic essential to the perpetuation of fundamental American values. The conference was extremely successful in accomplishing just that.

West Point, very capably represented by the Cadet Honor Committee, was exceedingly proud to host the 1988 National Honor Conference. From the commandant's opening remarks, to the Army team's thorough "thumping" of Air Force, the conference served to demonstrate the Military Academy's total commitment to excellence. Moreover, hosting this conference provided the Military Academy with yet another outstanding opportunity to very clearly reiterate the environmental imperative that makes West Point so special to the Army, and all Americans—integrity. Well done!

# General George Washington

He learned the art of war the hard way—in battle.

By Colonel (Ret.) Robert M. Stegmaier

Washington was a commander—to achieve victory, he had to understand the employment of all combat arms. His first campaign, Fort Necessity, was a fiasco; his last, Yorktown, was a brilliant success.

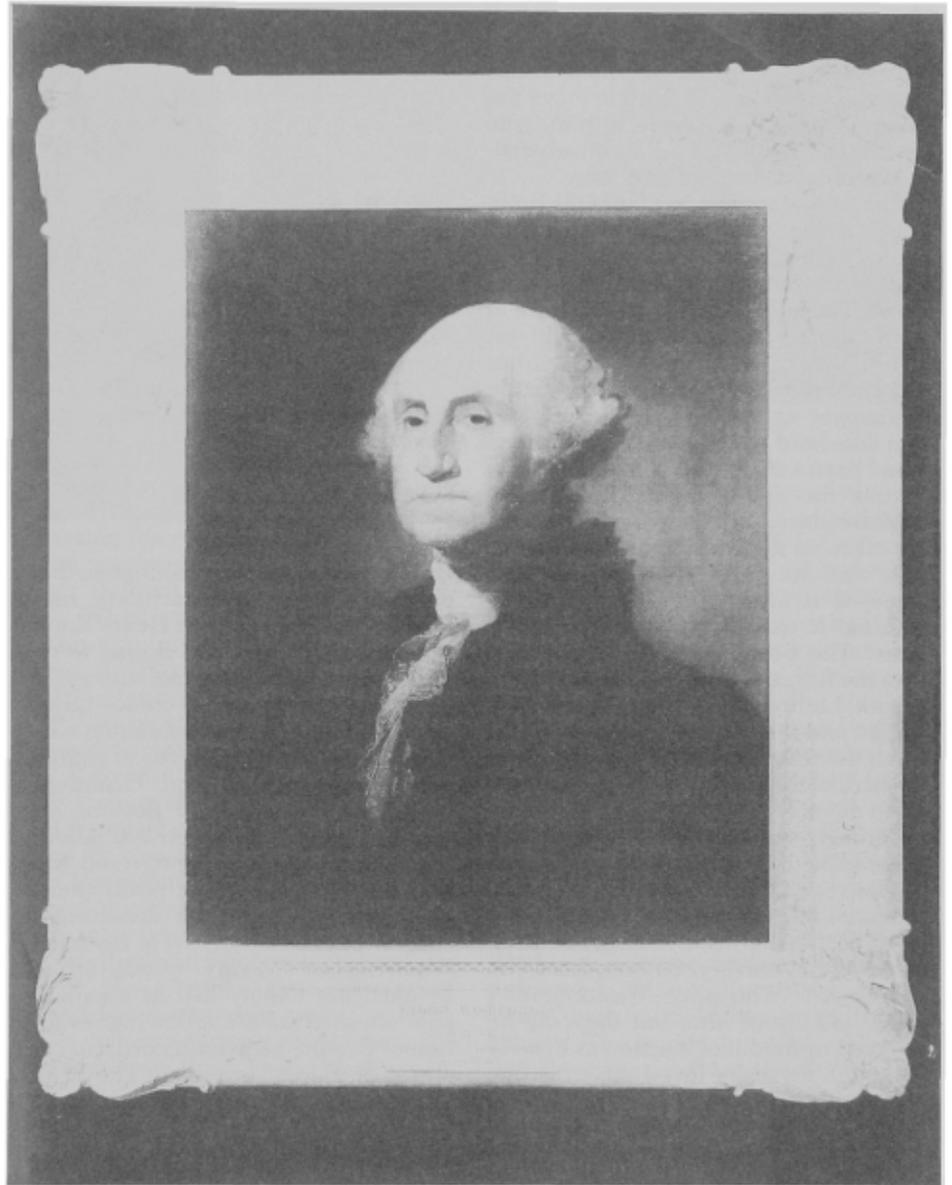
In between the two cited events, much personal military education occurred. Often in his early years adversity ensued; from it Washington took to heart the lessons taught.

With no previous military experience whatsoever, he was, at the age of 19, appointed a major (replacing his stepbrother) as Adjutant General of a western district of Virginia.

His first military role was the organization of undisciplined frontier militia to resist Indian depredations. Early he learned patience with dilatory state officials holding back pay, unruly militia responding slowly to orders, and the need of a strong body to travel great distances to coordinate defense plans of isolated communities—excellent training in patience and understanding for the later Valley Forge experience. From tales told by his militia, he learned the effectiveness of Indian use of surprise as a tactical maneuver; this, at Trenton, he would apply with great success.

His earliest, much-publicized exploit, was a journey of three or four hundred miles through hostile Indian-held forests to deliver an ultimatum to the French commander at Fort Le Boeuf to move out of Virginia territory. Even to Washington's untrained eye, Fort Le Boeuf, with its expertly constructed embrasures for 4 cannon, displayed French determination to stay permanently in western waters. Eventually an unmistakable answer to the Virginia governor's ultimatum was a bloodless capture by force of a partly-constructed English fort at the juncture of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers (present day Pittsburgh), a fort planned by Virginia to be a

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George Washington by Gilbert Stuart. (Courtesy of USMA Library Archives)

check to the erection of French forts from Canada to New Orleans.

To counteract the French move, Governor Dinwiddie dispatched Washington with 400 men to drive out the French. In addition, the small army was reinforced with 9 swivels (small cannon), enough firepower under normal circumstances to withstand any French offensive from or defense of Fort Duquesne. Conditions were not normal, however; rain in torrents fell and the French garrison was reinforced. Worse, the hastily-constructed wood palisade

(Fort Necessity), optimistically called a fort, was erected in a hollow; from elevated positions surrounding the area, the French and their Indian allies looked down into its center. Enemy fire made exposure of anyone in the fort a fatal or near-fatal target. With food and ammunition getting low, with outside relief unexpected, with his position daily growing more desperate, Washington agreed to generous French terms of capitulation. The 9 swivels, their effective firepower scarcely used, were claimed triumphantly by the victors.

By his defeat, Washington learned that artillery was not very effective against individual riflemen hiding behind trees. Too, he saw that for artillery to be effective in a siege, it needed to be posted on the heights, a lesson he aptly applied to subsequent sieges of Boston and Yorktown.

Of the fight at Fort Mifflin, William Thackeray wrote: "It was strange that in a savage forest of Pennsylvania a young Virginia officer should fire a shot and waken up a war which was to last for sixty years . . . and of all the myriads engaged in the vast contest, to leave the prize of the greatest fame to him, who struck the first blow. . . ." From adversity Washington learned and grew.

The following year, at General Braddock's defeat, the hard-earned, learned advice of Washington to fight as Colonials fight (from behind trees) was ignored. During the battle, exasperated at the massacre of the "stand up and get killed" British troops, Washington grabbed an artillery piece. Let a battle participant explain his action: "I saw him take hold of a brass field-piece as if it had been a stick. He looked like a fury; he tore the sheet-lead from the touch-hole; he placed one hand on the muzzle, the other on the breach; he pulled with this, and he pushed with that, and wheeled it around as if it had been nothing. It tore the ground like a bar-share. The powder-monkey rushed up with the fire, and then the cannon began to bark, I tell you. They fought, and they fought, and the Indians began to 'holla,' when the rest of the brass cannon made the bark of the trees fly, and the Indians come down."

Courage was one trait Washington never lacked. After the battle, in which two horses were shot out from under him and four bullet holes scarred his jacket, a favorable report went to England commending his bravery. Of him, Lord Halifax wrote: "Who is Mr. Washington? I know nothing of him, but they say he behaved in Braddock's action as bravely as though he really loved the whistling of bullets."

From that defeat, Washington had demonstrated the need of a field of fire for artillery; also that in an advance, artillery should be up front for fast emplacement and use. While he was critical of the style of British fighting, he could at the same time admire the discipline of the individual soldier while under the strict command of his officers; only when practically all officers were casualties did that discipline break down—he learned respect for the disciplined soldier. Perhaps the greatest lesson he learned from the battle though was the need for a commander to listen and to coordinate the expert advice of trusted aides and staff. The start of the Revolutionary War in Boston showed well the

Washington at Monmouth; watercolor by H.A. Ogden. (Courtesy of USMA Library Archives)



latter lesson learned. Washington, there, especially in the use of artillery, recognized genius: he selected Henry Knox as his Chief of Artillery and closely worked with him in achieving final victory.

Results from that wise choice quickly showed. Knox, with Washington's concurrence, brought 59 pieces of captured enemy cannon from Fort Ticonderoga in upper New York to Boston. Sixty tons of metal were hauled 300 miles by sled over snow- and ice-covered trails. When these guns were positioned on Dorchester Heights, the disastrous results of Fort Mifflin were reversed—Washington's army occupied the heights; the enemy had as uncomfortable alternatives the following: evacuation of Boston, an assault costly in casualties, or abject surrender. They chose evacuation.

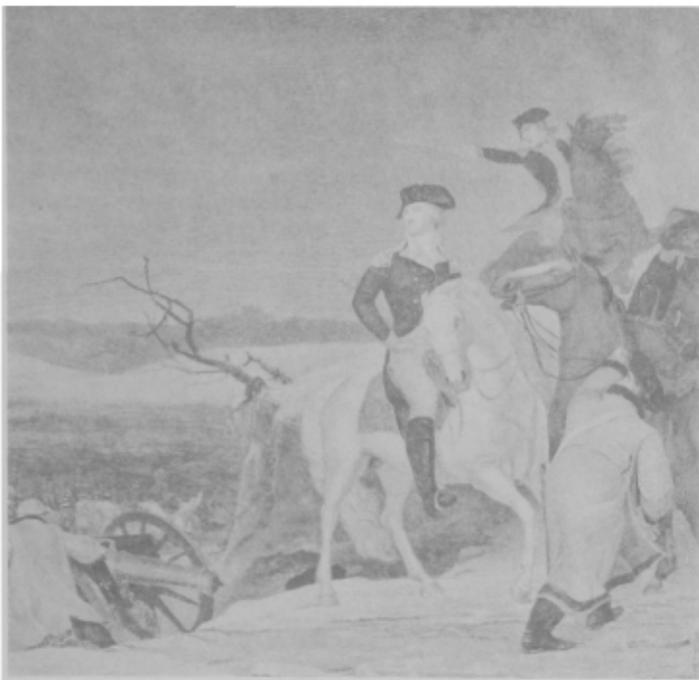
A bit later, with the British headed for Long Island, the artillery odds in that battle were too steep—40 cannon against 6. American militia too were unable to cope with disciplined British bayonet charges. In the subsequent losses of Forts Mifflin and Washington and of New York, most Continental cannons were lost.

On Christmas Day, 1776, having only 18 guns in his possession, Washington, to overcome the disadvantage of his untrained army meeting headlong against organized European-trained units, decided on a surprise attack against a Hessian regiment in Trenton. Crossing an ice-covered Delaware river, moving forward 9 miles over muddy, slippery



George Washington by John Gadsby Chapman. (Courtesy of USMA Library Archives)

roads, he made sure his slow-moving artillery kept up with the infantry. As Hon. J.T. Headley in his 1860 *Life of Washington* states, "Captain Forest moved in advance with the artillery, and Washington rode beside him." The enemy was caught asleep. Artillery swept the fronts of houses and barracks. Enemy artillery horses were cut down. American infantry bayonets proved effective against surprised, confused Germans attempting to flee the barrage of shot and exploding shells. Surrender of the Hessian regiment followed the wounding of Colonel Rahl, the commander.



Washington Passing the Delaware; engraving by G.S. Lang, May 1825. (Courtesy of USMA Library Archives)



Knox brings the guns from Ft. Ticonderoga, December 1775; by Tom Lovell. (Courtesy of FA Assoc, Ft Sill, OK)

Overwhelming victory, attained with the loss of only four men, clearly demonstrated that Washington's lessons on the art of surprise and the coordination of arms had been learned well.

Valley Forge 1777-78, with its lack of shelter, subsistence, and pay, could have been fatal to the Americans. Instead Washington toughed out the winter with his men. Realizing that his soldiers were undisciplined and untrained, he welcomed to his staff Baron Von Steuben, a well-known drill-master, and made him Inspector General. Von Steuben started by first drilling the officers. After they had mastered the art of maneuvering companies and larger units, according to their rank, he sent them back to their units to instruct the men. By springtime, a disciplined army was forged.

This training proved valuable at the battle of Monmouth later that summer of 1778. At a council of war, the council favored no general engagement against the British who were evacuating Philadelphia. Washington, seconded strongly by Greene, Lafayette, Steuben, Wayne, Duportail, and Patterson, disregarded the advice. At Monmouth, General Lee was ordered to attack the enemy "unless there should be very powerful reasons to the contrary." To any other general than Lee this would have brought on an immediate battle. This Washington anticipated and ordered his army forward as support. Lafayette, observing lack of full response, sent word to Washington that his immediate presence on the spot was of utmost importance. With Wayne's and Lafayette's units pressing forward to attack, General Lee had ordered withdrawal. Washington, now aware of the

retreat, dashed to the front, met Colonel Osgood, the commander of the advance retreating force and inquired the cause of the rearward movement. Osgood replied: "Sir, we are fleeing from a shadow." When contacting General Lee, Washington demanded to know the meaning of this disorderly retreat. Then, realizing the futility of battlefield argument, he spurred up to Oswald's and Stewart's regiments and exclaimed: "On you I depend to check this pursuit." Riding along the lines, he heard cheer after cheer: "Long live Washington!" As stated in *Headly's Life of Washington*, "In a few minutes the whole appearance of the field was changed—the disorderly flying mass was halted, order sprung out of confusion, and right under the galling fire of the enemy's guns, the ranks wheeled and formed in perfect order."

The victorious enemy pushed back the first American line. Then, Washington, with a fresh division, formed a second line. With Knox's heavy guns in position, with the fierce fire of Sterling's battery, with Wayne's troops and other American units firing with deadly precision, the British advance was stopped. That night, at midnight, the British quietly evacuated the field heading for New York.

By personal example Washington brought victory.

The battle of Monmouth was the turning point of the war. A seeming rout had become a victory. Discipline, worthy of the most veteran troops, had enabled disorganized units to rally while in full retreat. Washington, by his presence and his example, had accomplished a miracle—an outstanding achievement inspired by his courage, determination,

and judgment when all around him was despair and uncertainty. The training at Valley Forge had paid off. Infantry and artillery, acting as a team, had responded together, to cull victory from defeat.

The courage of Washington had been exemplary. In the battle of Princeton, as his troops began to falter, Washington, knowing that defeat would be annihilation, no sooner saw his ranks begin to shake when he spurred forward, shouting to his astonished troops to follow him, and rode to within 30 yards of the enemy, and halted, while his staff gazed on him with astonishment. Washington sat still midway between the lines facing the enemy. Both sides fired a volley. When the smoke rose there still sat Washington to the amazement of all—unharmful. "Long live Washington" swept over the field like an anthem to heaven. The troops, inspired, advanced into Princeton, driving the British regiments before them. Providence preserved this great man for greater heights of achievement.

The culmination of Washington's expert employment of the military art came at Yorktown. Fairfax Downey, in his *Sound of the Guns* characterized the siege as a classic in procedure.

Yorktown was surrounded, both on the water and on land. With artillery emplaced, Washington was accorded the honor of the first shot. Immediately thereafter the mortars, the 18's, and the 24's pounded the British positions. A Hessian soldier wrote of that cannonading: "One could . . . not avoid the many horrible cannon balls either inside or outside the city. . . . One saw men lying everywhere."

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# Admissions Field Force—Success in Helping USMA Candidates

By Joe Dineen, *Admissions Media Branch*

**W**hat type of candidate will the United States Military Academy require during the 1990's to meet the needs of the U.S. Army in a world of high technology? How will West Point develop the emerging officer-leader that is needed in the 21st century?

The answers to these questions and many others have been the focus of West Point's strategic planners during the Project 2002 study, a blueprint for the future at West Point. The importance of such forward strategic planning can never be underestimated, but the challenge is the implementation of this leadership blueprint.

Future West Point classes will meet the leadership needs of the nation by completing a USMA program that develops essential intellectual, military and physical skills that provide a foundation for career success as a leader. However, these Military Academy classes must include the most qualified students in the country, a critical search task for the Admissions Office.

This challenging task is crucial, as it has been since the founding of this institution in 1802. However, during the 1990's it may be more critical because the demand for outstanding leadership in the military, in government and in industry impacts on the security of our country and its democratic form of government.

A key element in attracting the interest of highly qualified students is making certain these students fully understand the opportunities available for them at West Point. It sounds simple. It is not because the most highly qualified college bound students are receiving a multitude of messages from hundreds of the top colleges in the country. The challenge for Admissions is to make sure its message of opportunity is heard.

The other challenge for the Admissions Office is to provide service to those highly qualified applicants, assisting them through an admissions process that is much more comprehensive than that of most colleges. A good deal of that service and assistance is provided through the efforts of the Military Academy Liaison Officer program. Reserve officers, many of whom are West Point graduates, contact high school guidance counselors, interview quality applicants, attend college fairs, advise parents and



Looking back a bit, COL John T. Cassetty (front row center) uncovered a 1975 photo taken during a Cadet-Parent banquet in Alabama. COL Cassetty is flanked by LTC (Ret.) Henry A. Phillips, USMA Class of 1960 (left) and BG George L. Gunderman, USMA Class of 1962. Joining the field force officers were cadets Randy Hearn, Class of '79; Hugh Michael Hughes, Class of '77 and former USMA faculty member; J. Randall Higgins, Class of '78; Marc Jacobson, Class of '77; William Gary Wilson, Class of '78; Geary Leathers, Class of '78; Herman Bulls, Class of '78 and former USMA faculty member; James F. Casey III, Class of '78; and Anthony S. McAnally, Class of '76.



Colonel John Cassetty



Colonel Mike Jackson

sit on nominating screening committees in an effort to assist the West Point admissions effort.

Since the Military Academy Liaison Officer program was instituted in 1970, the Admissions Office has benefited from this assistance. Regardless of their educational or military background, these reserve officers are united in a common bond. They feel it is essential for West Point to admit candidates with outstanding leadership potential.

The success of this program is well documented. Each year the Admissions

Office examines the student recruiting efforts in every state and region. This year comparisons were made between the Class of 1992 record and those of the previous four classes to determine positive and negative trends. Two of the many admissions success stories during last year's record-breaking cycle occurred in Texas, Alabama and Tennessee, thanks in part to the dedicated efforts of two veteran MALO's—Colonel John T. Cassetty of Mount Juliet, Tennessee and Colonel Mike Jackson of Houston, Texas.

Colonel Cassetty is the senior member of the two, having joined the MALO program in 1972, its second year of existence. Since that time he has counseled thousands of high school students, 83 of whom received appointments to West Point. When Colonel Cassetty entered the program the state of Alabama averaged approximately one appointment every 4-5 years. It was an example of the West Point message failing to be

with the USMA program, Colonel Cassetty recalls such former cadets as Gary Winton, Jarvis Hollingsworth, William Reece and Herman Bulls among those Alabama students who earned their share of success at West Point. Winton, who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, became Army's career scoring leader in basketball, collecting 2,296 points before graduating in 1978. That record was later broken by

ground was particularly helpful in achieving a certain level of success with the TVA. It is one of the reasons I enjoy helping in the West Point admissions effort, because it is my way of paying back the Army for the valuable training I received.

"A lot of my admissions success is also attributed to the support I received from the TVA," added Colonel Cassetty. "My travels for the TVA included Tennessee,

**Table No. 1**

**Southwest Region 03 in the State of Texas**

Coordinator: COL Mike Jackson

Population: 347,156, 1.68% of 17-21 Year-Old Population (US)  
Annual Fair Share Range of Cadetships: 22 to 23  
Number of Active High Schools: 211

USMA Class	92	91	90	89
Applicants	305	224	169	154
Interviews	109	89	65	61
Offers	45	32	30	24
Enrolled	33	22	20	18

**Table No. 2**

**State of Alabama**

Coordinator: COL John T. Cassetty

Population: 362,243, 1.76% of 17-21 Year-Old Population (US)  
Annual Fair Share Range of Cadetships: 23 to 24  
Number of Active High Schools: 464

USMA Class	92	91	90	89
Applicants	247	222	171	170
Interviews	69	46	41	37
Offers	35	24	25	29
Enrolled	30	20	18	19

heard. During his first year in the program nine Alabama students received offers. The recruiting effort has dramatically improved since that first year.

During the Class of 1992 cycle, 35 offers of admission were extended to Alabama students and 30 were enrolled. Colonel Cassetty's state organization, which includes eight liaison officers, opened 247 applicant files, interviewed 69 students, had 107 students receive nominations; of those, 48 were qualified for admission. All of these figures represented the finest showing in five years.

Colonel Cassetty, a real estate appraiser for the Tennessee Valley Authority, was reassigned as Tennessee state coordinator during the cycle and moved that state back to its best level since the Class of 1989 admissions cycle. Tennessee received 28 offers of admission and 22 students enrolled.

A 1957 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University where he majored in agriculture, Colonel Cassetty earned an Army commission in the Aviation branch. During his four years of active duty he flew intermediate transport planes. He resigned from active duty when a flight physical turned up an irregular heart beat that forced him to give up flying. Otherwise he would have remained in the service. A few years later that medical problem apparently cleared. Colonel Cassetty remained in the reserves before joining the USMA program.

"I feel the liaison officer program is one of the most important assignments a reserve officer can have," said Colonel Cassetty. "I feel this way because the work you do directly affects the future leadership of the Army and the country."

Looking back fondly over his 16 years

Kevin Houston in 1987. Hollingsworth lettered three years in football before graduating in 1978, while Reece ranked sixth in his graduating class. Bulls, an outstanding athlete and student in high school, played varsity football at the Academy and returned to the Academy as an Admissions Project Outreach officer and later as an instructor in the Department of Social Sciences.

Captain Bulls, now assigned to the Pentagon, recalls how his interest in West Point was developed by Colonel Cassetty. "Five students from a rival high school had gone to West Point," said Captain Bulls. "Colonel Cassetty, in his unique way, did an outstanding job of going around to the area high schools tracking the emerging leaders during their sophomore and junior years. He put the bug in my ear and then it just started to come together."

"Captain Bulls is just very special to me," admits Cassetty. "He is just an inspiration to students, demonstrating what can be achieved in life with discipline and dedication."

A native of Florence, Alabama, Captain Bulls is the youngest of seven children. His father died before he was born, but his mother raised the family and made sure all seven children obtained a college education. That's why the Bulls family remains very special in Colonel Cassetty's eyes.

Colonel Cassetty retires from the U.S. Army Reserve program in February, but will continue to remain active in the admissions program as a volunteer admissions participant.

"I have been very fortunate throughout my career in the Army Reserve and with the Tennessee Valley Authority," said Colonel Cassetty. "My Army back-

ground was particularly helpful in achieving a certain level of success with the TVA. It is one of the reasons I enjoy helping in the West Point admissions effort, because it is my way of paying back the Army for the valuable training I received."

Although hundreds of miles apart, there are some common similarities between Colonel Cassetty and Colonel Mike Jackson. Like his counterpart from Tennessee, Colonel Jackson majored in agriculture (at Texas A&M University) and also served four years of active duty following graduation in 1966. Colonel Jackson was an instructor at Fort Eustis, Virginia, served one year in Vietnam and later was a company commander at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Colonel Jackson has been with the West Point admissions program for 10 years, and has built a record of success through a well coordinated field force organization which includes eight liaison officers. During the Class of 1992 admissions cycle, Colonel Jackson's southwest Texas region opened 305 applicant files. His MALO force conducted 109 interviews, and of those, 93 received nominations. Better than two-thirds of those nominated were deemed fully qualified (63), and West Point extended 45 offers of admission. Thirty-three students were enrolled and five others accepted appointments to the U.S. Military Academy Prep School. All of the admissions statistics from Colonel Jackson's Houston area were the best during the last five years. The 33 enrolled students represented more than a 50 percent increase from the previous year when 22 students received appointments.

"I think there were two important reasons that this area was so successful during the Class of 1992 cycle," said

Colonel Jackson. "First, I think we probably have the best MALO team in the country and we received lots of support from our admissions officer, Captain Harry Beal. The other thing was that the high school class of 1988 in the Houston area was just an outstanding class."

An account manager for Xerox Corporation, primarily handling the Johnson Space Center, Colonel Jackson has successfully organized his region to take advantage of the experience of his MALO force. Among his eight assigned liaison officers, five are West Point graduates. Included are a high school principal, a banker, a financial consultant, a junior high school coach, and a West Point society president. Colonel Jackson also has designated specific responsibilities for some members of his team.

"When you have a large organization like this you try to give your officers some objectives," said Colonel Jackson. "We are all busy people, but if you identify specific duties and responsibilities then little will fall through the cracks."

The West Point graduates who work in the MALO program in Houston include Lieutenant Colonel Giuliano M. Toneatto, a 1967 graduate; Colonel Thomas K. Mercer, Class of 1961; Lieutenant Colonel Robert D. Bruegger, Class of 1966; Lieutenant Colonel Roger P. Balog, Class of 1969 and Colonel Randall Pais, Class of 1967.

Lieutenant Colonel Toneatto served on the staff and faculty at West Point from 1977-81. A consultant for Exxon Corporation, he will be moving to Philadelphia where he will assist in the admissions effort in that area. Lieutenant Colonel Roy L. May, a Texas A&M graduate who taught history at the Academy for three years, will replace Colonel Toneatto. He is a plant manager for Ransome Corporation.

Colonel Mercer, a former admissions officer (1970-72), is a financial consultant. He is responsible for coordinating administrative activities in the Houston area in conjunction with Captain James Luckett, the new southwest admissions officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Bruegger, a former instructor in the Department of Physics at West Point (1976-79), concentrates on applicants east and south of the city of Houston. He is a manager for CompsSvcs Presearch, Inc.

Lieutenant Colonel Roger P. Balog, an attorney from Spring, Texas, concentrates on applicants north and northeast of Houston. He also is responsible for assisting students interested in the USMA Prep School.

Colonel Pais, an attorney for the Exxon Corporation from Woodlands, Texas, is also president of the West Point Society of Greater Houston. He coordinates any activities which involve the West Point Society and the admissions effort.

Other specific Houston area admission responsibilities are broken down in this fashion. Colonel John S. "Pat" Patterson, a Texas A&M graduate, serves as a congressional liaison officer in the area. He is a facility manager for the NCNB Bank of Texas. Major Franklin Jarrett, a vice principal in a Houston area high school, handles minority recruiting and coordinates visits by the Project Outreach officer assigned to the southwest area. Major Robert F. Turney, a junior high school coach, coordinates the physical aptitude testing in the area, making sure records are forwarded properly and applicants attend the test. Lieutenant Colonel Greg Laughlin, a former regional coordinator in the Houston area, handles applicants from south and west of the city. However, his duties may change in 1989 since he was elected to a seat in the House of Representatives. Mark Vacek, a retired reserve officer, is a volunteer admissions participant working schools south of Houston.

The Houston organization has proved most successful, perhaps because of the organizational structure and the experience of those reserve officers with the Military Academy. For Colonel Jackson, it is a simple matter of having good people in the program.

"That's why I enjoy working with the West Point admissions program," admits Colonel Jackson. "I enjoy the quality of

the people I work with, just as much as I enjoyed my service tour. I also feel it is important to provide the Academy top quality students."

Colonel Jackson and his field force will contact from 1,000-1,500 students each year, interviewing about 75 to 100 of the best. The Houston field force also works hard to establish a personal contact between the quality candidate and a cadet from the Houston area. Most of that contact work is conducted during the Christmas leave period. Those students who are not contacted are picked up during the spring time.

Once admissions decisions have been made, Colonel Jackson and his field force set up a mixer in June for the students who accepted an appointment. Candidates and their families, Houston area cadets and field force members gather for a friendly social function. "We feel it is important for the candidates and their parents to get to know other candidates from the area," said Colonel Jackson. "It helps when they arrive at West Point because they will recognize a friendly face in the crowd."

The activities of Colonel Jackson's field force in Houston and Colonel Cassetty's MALO officers in Alabama and Tennessee are not unique, but they are very effective. Serving candidates and parents helps insure the West Point message of opportunity is heard loud and clear.

"These two highly professional Army reserve officers are the finest examples of the selfless dedication and energetic efforts we receive from our field force," says Colonel Pierce A. Rushton Jr., Director of Admissions. "Colonel Cassetty covered the northwest corner of Alabama for years and established an outstanding record of success. Prior to that our message just was not being heard. Colonel Jackson, on the other hand, took over a strong area in Houston and made it stronger because of his ability to mold the talents of West Point graduates, parents, and West Point society members into a well organized force. Their efforts assure us of enrolling the highest quality classes in the future."

## George Washington

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Comparing the fire of French and American fires, Lafayette, who came to regard himself as American shouted, "We fire faster than the French. Upon my honor I speak the truth. American artillery—one of the wonders of the Revolution!"

After the infantry captured two advanced strong British redoubts, artillery poured greater weight of metal into the constricted besieged fortifications. An escape attempt by water was foiled by a heavy storm. Enemy guns were battered into rubble. Seeing no alternative, the

British surrendered. An army of experienced European soldiers, using skillful siege operations, with engineer-dug trenches and concentrated infantry and artillery fire, had been conquered by intelligent coordination of all combat arms.

Since the debacle at Fort Necessity, George Washington had come far in mastery of the military art. With each passing year, his stature and knowledge as a commander of troops increased. With the success at Yorktown, he demonstrated how well he had learned how infantry, artillery, and engineers, with coordinated planning and inspired teamwork, could achieve victory. Culmination of Washington's military education

in battle, capped by this glorious win, brought independence and peace to the United States of America.

But he was not through.

His climb upward to master the art of war had been a struggle, a matter of trial and error. He observed many other Colonial officers undergoing the same awkward procedure, some successfully, some failing. He recognized the necessity of a corps of professional trained officers. He recognized the need of a higher institution of learning for future service officers. Heartily he endorsed the concept of West Point—young men training for future assignment to maintain ever strong the armed forces of America.

# Oldest Graduate Present

Founders Day Dinner, 14 March 1987  
Tampa, Florida

talk by  
Major General Aubrey S. Newman, Ret.



Major General Aubrey S. Newman, Ret.

General Elton, fellow West Pointers, and guests:

I am pleased that my mission tonight calls for some memories from where it all began for me—at West Point in 1921–25. A good place to start is with a retrospective look at the staff and faculty at that time.

My memory of officers on duty there when I arrived—supplemented by names in the 1922 *Howitzer*, and data from *The Register of Graduates*—produced the following list of those who were future general officers, with their eventual ranks. I will read names of only the 5 and 4-star generals, but the whole list is available to anyone who may want to see it later:

Of course those 80 future generals on one relatively small post were from an enriched segment of our graduates on active duty. It is, however, an astonishing statistic.

Among other things, it demonstrates that being qualified to wear stars is not enough—there must also be a vacancy. In this case history, World War II created the necessary vacancies.

Another memory from my plebe year initiated a unique series of events. When our superintendent, Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, was married I received a piece of his wedding cake. All cadets did—packaged in little individual silver-trimmed cardboard boxes.

In 1928 I sat across from Major General Douglas MacArthur, president of the American Olympic Committee, at the captain's table in the dining room of the great ocean liner that ferried the 1928 Olympic team to Amsterdam. He was a quiet gentleman, who always seemed to be thinking.

Two years later, as a lieutenant in the 31st Infantry in Manila, I made a personal report, by request, to the commanding general of the Philippine Department, Major General Douglas MacArthur, on the 1930 Far Eastern Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan (which I had attended as a track coach of the Philippine team).

Then I received telegraphic orders for return to the United States. Before catching the boat, I visited the Army-Navy Club bar one evening, and progressed to  
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## Generals of the Army (2)

\*Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur  
\*Major Omar Bradley

## Generals (8)

\*Captain Joseph L. Collins  
Captain Lucius Dubois Clay  
Major Jacob L. Devers  
Major Wade N. Haislip

## Lieutenant Generals (8)

Major Simon B. Buckner  
Major Harold B. Bull  
Major Willis D. Crittendenberger  
Major Oscar W. Griswold

## Major Generals (25)

Major Charles H. Bonesteel  
Lieutenant Colonel Robert M. Danford  
Lieutenant Colonel Edmund L. Daley  
Captain Jens A. Doe  
Major Ernest J. Dawley  
Major Douglas T. Greene  
Major Edward P. Harding  
Captain Ernest N. Harmon  
Major Harlan N. Hartness  
Captain Louis E. Hibbs  
Major Leland S. Hobbs  
Major John L. Homer  
Captain Charles E. Hurdis

## Brigadier Generals (37)

Captain Robert M. Bathurst  
Major Thorburn K. Brown  
Major Edwin Butcher  
Major Thomas B. Catron  
Captain William M. Chapin  
Major John P. Cocklin  
Major James B. Crawford  
Captain William F. Dougherty  
Captain Calvin Dewitt  
Major Philip S. Gage  
Major Oscar J. Gatchell  
Major Arthur R. Harris  
Major Charles Hines  
Captain Harry Hutchings Jr.  
Captain Harold R. Jackson  
Captain Harris Jones  
Captain Paul V. Kane  
Major Allen R. Kimball  
Major Otto F. Lange

\*Note: Future Chief of Staff, U.S. Army (4)

Major Courtney H. Hodges  
1st Lieutenant Williston B. Palmer  
\*Captain Matthew B. Ridgway  
Captain Walton H. Walker (Ar. 1923)

Captain William K. Harrison  
Major Geoffrey Keyes  
Captain George E. Stratemeyer  
1st Lieutenant Samuel D. Sturgis

Captain Frederick Irving  
(Superintendent 1951–54)  
Major Thompson Lawrence  
Major Joseph C. Mehaffey  
Major Vernon E. Pritchard  
Major Stanley E. Reinhart  
Major Charles W. Ryder  
Major William R. Schmidt  
Major Stanley L. Scott  
Colonel Merch B. Stewart  
(Superintendent 1926–27)  
Major George V. Strong  
Major Alexander D. Surles  
Major Frederick E. Uhl

Major Harold Loomis  
Major William A. McCulloch  
Major James W. Miller  
Major William E. Morrison  
Captain Robert R. Neyland  
Major Francis K. Newcomer  
Major Harold R. Nichols  
Captain Joseph J. O'Hare  
Major Norman Randolph  
Captain William Spence  
Major Robert W. Strong  
Major LaRhett L. Stuart  
Major Cleson H. Tenney  
1st Lieutenant Clarence P. Townsley  
Captain Joseph M. Tully  
Major Robert H. Van Volkenburgh  
Major James R. N. Weaver  
Captain Ludson D. Worsham

# Academic Limits

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



If you will recall in the last issue of *Assembly*, we discussed the core engineering curriculum changes that were approved in the spring of 1988. As promised, this edition of *Academic Limits* is devoted to the organizational changes that were also approved by the Academic Board to most effectively support the new engineering program of instruction.

The revised five-course core engineering sequence consists of three engineering science courses and two engineering design courses available in one of the following six disciplines: civil, mechanical, electrical, systems, computer, and nuclear. Chart 1 depicts the courses now comprising each of these engineering sequences. The science courses will be taught in sufficient depth to allow the design courses to be taught at a greater level of sophistication and with higher order learning objectives. After thorough examination and both long and hard debate, a vertical structure was endorsed as the most effective organization to support the new curriculum.

Vertical structuring groups into separate departments both the engineering science

and design courses supporting each engineering discipline. We considered three significant advantages in adopting this new organization. It provides for better coordination among courses, and it is consistent with both the recommendations of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) and the traditional organization structure at many accredited colleges and universities. Perhaps most importantly, the new organization offers unity of supervision over each engineering discipline.

Chart 2 depicts both the current organization of the Office of the Dean and the revised structure with the new departments.

First, we disestablished the Department of Engineering and created the new Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering. This department takes over proponency for these two ABET accredited programs. We formed it by merging the civil engineering portion of the Department of Engineering with the Department of Mechanics. With the remaining elements of the Department of Engineering, we formed a new Department of

Systems Engineering. Systems Engineering becomes the proponent for the existing management major and field of study as well as the new systems engineering program. We plan to seek ABET accreditation for our systems engineering curriculum sometime in the future.

Next, a new Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science was formed by merging the Computer Science elements of the Department of Geography and Computer Science with the Department of Electrical Engineering. This department becomes the proponent for the accredited electrical engineering major and the computer science major, a field we hope will be accredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Board (CSAB) in the near future.

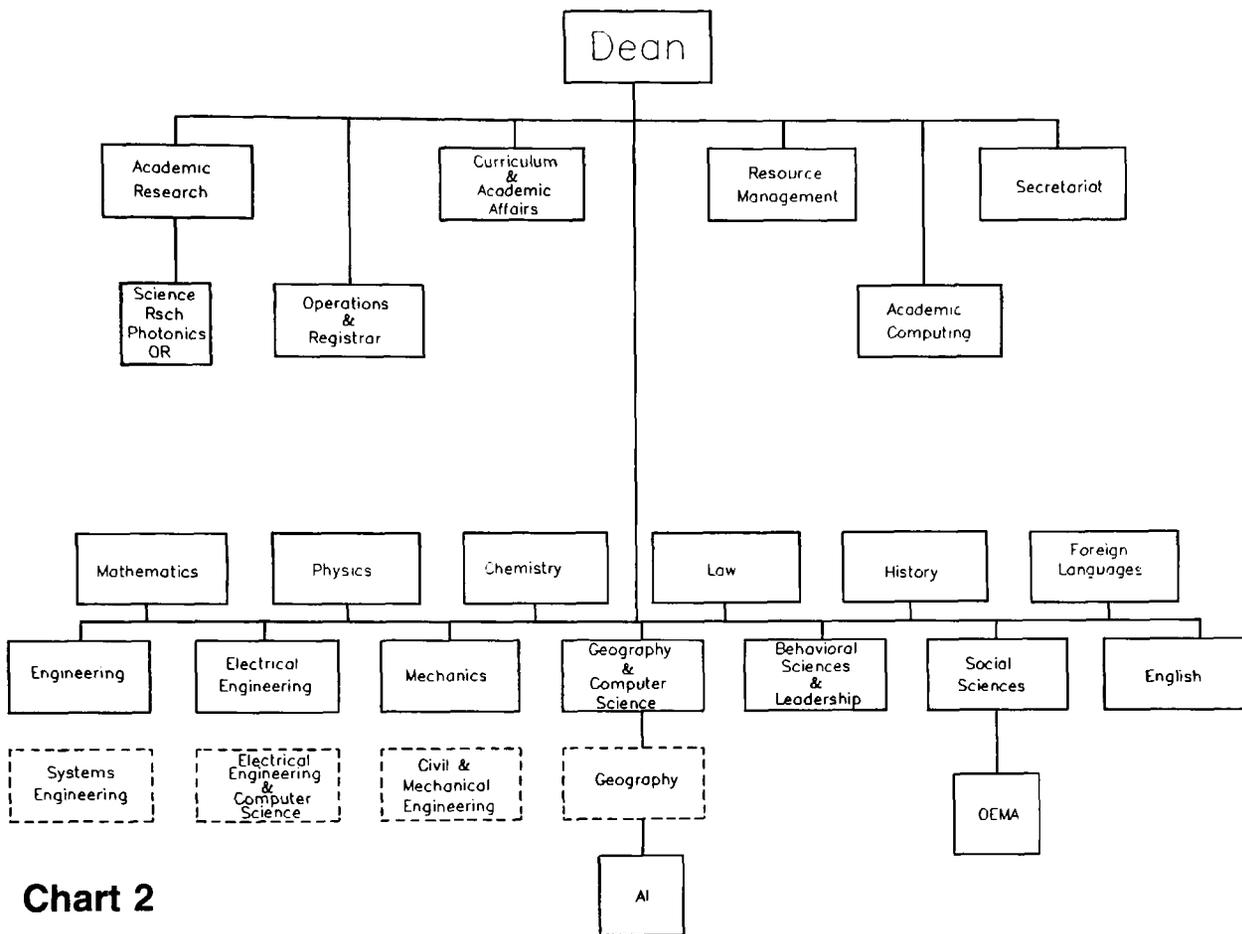
Finally, a separate Department of Geography was formed from the remaining elements of the Department of Geography and Computer Science.

We should mention that the nuclear engineering courses formerly taught by the

## CORE ENGINEERING CURRICULUM

CIVIL	ELECTRICAL	MECHANICAL	SYSTEMS	NUCLEAR	COMPUTER
EM 302 Statics and Dynamics	EE 302 Intro to Elec Engr I	EM 302 Statics and Dynamics	SE 380 Quantitative Decision Making	EM 302 Statics and Dynamics	CS 387 Structured Programming
EM 301 Thermo Dynamics	EE 303 Intro to Elec Engr II	EM 301 Thermo Dynamics	SE381/SS392 Engineering Economy	EM 301 Thermo Dynamics	CS 385 Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis
EM 364 Mechanics of Materials	EE 365 Digital Computer Logic	EM 364 Mechanics of Materials	MA 391 Mathematical Modeling	PH 365 Modern Physics	CS 383 Management Information Systems
CE 403 Structural Analysis	EE 401 Electronic Design	ME 401 Intro to Designs	SE 401 Systems Simulation	PH 387 Nuclear Reactor Theory	CS 403B Software Engineering with Ada
CE 404 Design of Steel Structures	EE 402 Electrical Systems	ME 402 Mechanical Design	SE 402 Systems Design and Optimization	NE 453 Nuclear Reactor Design	CS 404 Design of Military Comp Systems
				NE 454 Nuclear Systems Design	

Chart 1



**Chart 2**

Department of Engineering have been transferred to the Department of Physics. This transfer of prponency also is consistent with the vertical organization.

In conjunction with the reorganization of the academic departments, the allocation of Professors, USMA has also been reviewed and revised. The Professor and Head position in Department of Engineering will be renamed the Professor and Head, Department of Systems Engineering. The two Professor positions now existing in the Department of Mechanics will be renamed the Professor and Head, and Professor and Deputy Head, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering. The position of Professor and Head, Department of Electrical Engineering will be redesignated as the Professor and Head, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The position of Professor and Deputy Head, Department of Geography and Computer Science will move with the computer science faculty as the Professor and Deputy Head, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The position of Professor and Head, Department of Geography and Computer Science will be

redesignated as the Professor and Head, Department of Geography.

All the other departments remain unchanged, and there continues to be a total of 13 departments of academic instruction. The physical relocation of the departments will occur in the summer of 1989 as will the reallocation of both permanent and rotating staff and faculty.

Modernization of the academic plant continues as described previously in Academic Limits. The contract for the last project, renovation of Bartlett Hall for the Departments of Chemistry and Physics, should be awarded sometime in January or February of 1989. Construction will then start in the summer of 1989. Only minor modifications to the existing projects have been necessary to accommodate the reorganization of the departments. The space reserved for the Department of Engineering on the fourth floor of Mahan Hall will be taken over by the new Department of Systems Engineering. This space will include office and administration areas, as well as a new wargaming facility. The Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering will move into the old English Department space on the third floor of Mahan Hall once that department moves

to its new home in Building 149, the old BOQ. The soon-to-be renovated space on the first floor of Thayer Hall, reserved for the Department of Electrical Engineering, has been expanded to include the lab and office requirements of the computer science faculty moving over from the Department of Geography and Computer Science. Modernization of the areas serving the other departments in Thayer Hall—Mathematics, Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, and History—has not been affected by the departmental reorganizations. In general, the modernization effort is moving ahead smoothly and should be completed in 1991 or early 1992.

In closing, I would like to report that our academic achievements continue to be successful. First Class Cadet John M. George was recently named as the Military Academy's 64th winner of a Rhodes Scholarship. Equally gratifying was the selection of Cadets Patrick Brown, Michael Greene, and Lisa Shay, all of the Class of 1989, and David Des Roches, Class of 1986, as winners of Marshall Scholarships. It makes a great year when Army beats Navy and Air Force in football and academic achievements. We are proud of the accomplishments of our cadets.

# The COM Reports

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



How sweet it is!

I am sure that all of you already know about the Army football team's 20-15 victory over Navy in Philadelphia on December 3d. What many of you may not have been able to also savor, however, was the excitement and enthusiasm that filled the air in the weeks and days leading up to the game. Let me tell you about it.

As a start point, you have to have read my last "Com's Report" wherein I outlined the Corps' spirit organization for 1988-89. I want to tell you that the Corps' approach to generating support of the Army team—and not just the football team, but all teams—has really created an air for winning. Lest you think the Com a bit too enthusiastic, I offer you additional thoughts on the matter from an "old grad" who attended the Vanderbilt game. Among other things he wrote:

"Without exception, every Vanderbilt fan was tremendously impressed by the spirit of the Corps of Cadets. The Vanderbilt fans got a real taste of what the twelfth man is all about. I can assure you that it was noticed that the Corps of Cadets remained standing during the entire game. The cheering by the Cadets was appreciated even by Vanderbilt. I attend Vanderbilt football games in Nashville regularly. I sit with these same fans and they have never heard such cheering in their lives—regardless of the size of the student body.

"In the last few minutes of the game when Vanderbilt had the ball on about the 30 yard line in the center of the Corps of Cadets, the twelfth man took over and neutralized the enemy, forcing Vanderbilt to kick. Then Army steadily and surely, with the twelfth man behind it, scored the winning touchdown.

"Even in the midst of all those Vanderbilt fans, my pride was so intense I had to cheer my alma mater. I was tolerated because my friends understood.

"As we left the stadium, one of the Vanderbilt fans said to another, 'Well, I'll say one thing: if we ever have to go to war, we'll win.' That says it all!"

Well, that *almost* says it all. What our "old grad" may not have picked up from the Vanderbilt side of the field was the "Supe's rocket" given by LTG Palmer at the critical point in those last few minutes. The Corps sensed the need for 13th man support. Many of you may know that

the Supe commits to one rocket per season. The Spirit Captain asked him for it at that critical moment. The Supe led the 12th and 13th man in a thunderous rocket. The rest is history—the 11th, 12th and 13th man, in concert, were too much. As the Corps later put it, "What Vander built, the Corps rent asunder." And that does say it all where Vanderbilt was concerned—although there is still considerable wonderment among the cadets about the Supe's powers.

It all kicked into high gear, however, in defeating Rutgers in the Meadowlands two games before. With a crowd of over 31,000, there was no doubt that the Army team's domination on the field was inspired by the 12th man's (the Corps') indomitable spirit in the stands. (I have a daughter and her "significant other" who attend Rutgers. Their testimony, along with that of others, was as telling about the Rutgers game as the "old grad's" was about the Vanderbilt game. The Rutgers defeat, incidentally, assured her tuition for at least one more year.)

I know you are beginning to get the feeling by now, but let me provide another dimension to it for you. From the Meadowlands, it was back to Michie Stadium for Air Force. Afterwards, my USAFA counterpart and I crossed paths traveling in Texas. Besides commiserating about the driving rains during the game, he had nothing but praise for the unbroken and unbridled cadet support of the team. His observation: "we got to stand in the rain and watch Air Force get out-muscled." Then just yesterday, in a departure interview with exchange cadets from the other service academies, the USAFA cadets independently corroborated their Commandant's views. As they did so, the Middies likewise chimed in. Few things in sports, especially as it involves our esteemed sister academy rivals, could be more complimentary to our 12th man contribution to the success of the season: nine wins and two losses; victories over Air Force and Navy; the Commander in Chief's Trophy; and a bowl game. There you have it.

On this score, I am left with just one haunting question that I suppose will linger forever. What if Army had played Washington and Boston College at home in Michie Stadium—or just under circumstances with the entire Corps in-

stead of just 300 or so cadets in attendance? A win in either case would have meant a singularly historic winning season, even without the bowl game.

Related, but on another score, although we beat Navy there will be no "fall out" for the plebes this year. No, they are not being punished by the Com. I have, however, supported the recommendation of the first class leaders of a "perk" all around; not just for the plebes. In Cadet Jennings, the first captain's, own words:

"Beating Navy in Philadelphia made this past weekend a big one for the Corps. The Army football team turned in another great performance, and the Corps made the presence of the '12th man' an important factor in the game.

"The Corps will receive another weekend pass and two weeks of PMI [afternoon inspection] for their role in our win over Navy, and plebes will receive the same additional authorizations as the upper classes. In the past, plebes have been allowed to 'fall out' after a win over Navy, but this year we—the cadet commanders—have decided against any change in the status of the fourth class system. Since the class of '92 arrived for Beast Barracks we have tried to keep the fourth class system consistent and professional, with uniform standards and expectations. Any deviation from this would detract from the learning and development of the plebes, which is the ultimate objective of the fourth class system.

"The cadet chain-of-command continually evaluates its actions for clear support of our goals and objectives, and while we recognize the importance of tradition, this decision follows our objective of uniform standards in the fourth class system. We considered all of the factors, discussed the matter, and arrived at a decision. I feel that this is the right thing to do.

"The class of '92, by the way, is doing exceptionally well. They have shown a high degree of commitment, enthusiasm, and spirit, and we have all been impressed. I am sure that they will continue to make great contributions to the Corps."

I look forward to seeing those of you in the Southwest on my Founders Day speaking circuit.

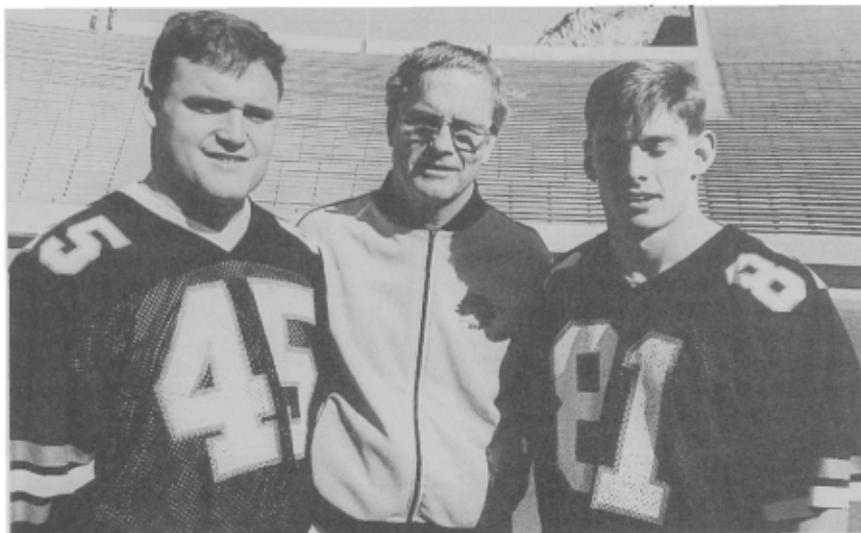
# Coach Jim Young Reviews the 1988 Football Season

With Colonel (Retired) Morris J. Herbert, AOG Staff

## Army 1988

### Won 9 Lost 3

Army	23	Holy Cross	3
	17	Washington	31
	23	Northwestern	7
	58	Bucknell	10
	33	Yale	18
	24	Lafayette	17
	34	Rutgers	24
	28	Air Force	15
	24	Vanderbilt	19
	24	Boston College	38
	20	Navy	15
	28	Alabama	29
	<u>336</u>		<u>226</u>



Coach Young with team co-captains Troy Lingley and Chris Destito.

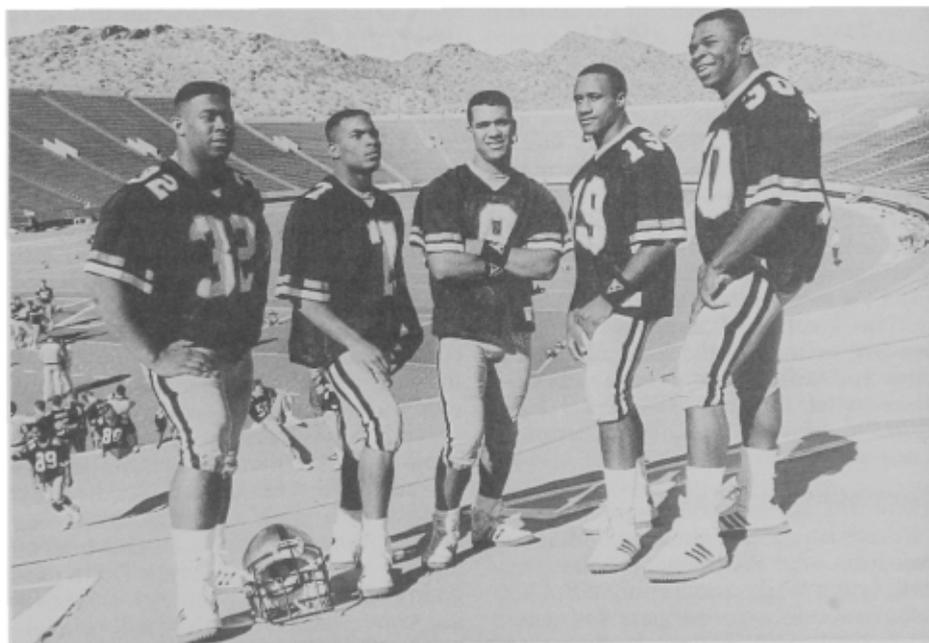
“The first three games were the key to whether or not we’d have a successful season,”

Jim Young said as we spoke in his office in Michie Stadium on the Wednesday after the Sun Bowl game. “I felt we could easily be 0–3 or 1–2 after playing Holy Cross, Washington, and Northwestern. But, when we won two of those first three, I was convinced we’d have a pretty good year.”

And a pretty good year it was, with these accomplishments marking Army’s 99th football season, and Jim Young’s 6th year at West Point:

- 9 wins for the 10th time in Army football history and the second time under Coach Young
- Established a new Army record of 63 consecutive games without being shut out
- Participated in a bowl game for the third time (all under Coach Young)
- Won the Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy for the 5th time overall, and the 3rd time in six years under Coach Young
- Scored over 300 points in a season for the 3rd time in six years under Coach Young. (No other Army coach has had more than two 300 point seasons)
- By beating Navy and Air Force, evened Army’s record against both service rivals, and tied Navy for the most Commander-in-Chief’s trophies.

Jim Young, taking a few days vacation at home at West Point with his family before returning to the recruiting wars, responded to these specific questions:



They’ll all be back in 1989! Against the backdrop of the Sun Bowl, Ben Barnett, Sean Jordan, Bryan McWilliams, Calvin Cass, and Mike Mayweather. Photos by Rick Hunter, Pointer View.

### Looking Back on the 1988 Season?

“Our defense carried us for the first three games until the offense jelled—and winning two of those games was crucial to our success. Remember, we had a young offensive team with four sophomores and two juniors at the skilled positions—ends and back. And, we didn’t settle on a quarterback until

midway through the third game. The defense held Holy Cross to 3 points and Northwestern to 7 points. Although our entire coaching staff did a great job all year long, I want to make special mention of Bob Sutton, our Defensive Coordinator, whose contribution was outstanding.

“Perhaps the real key to our success this year was the leadership of the senior class. To be successful, you know Army

Jim Young and The Wishbone							
Year	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	AF	Navy	Bowl
1984	12	8	3	1	W	W	Cherry (W)
1985	12	9	3	0	L	L	Peach (W)
1986	11	6	5	0	W	W	
1987	11	5	6	0	L	W	
1988	12	9	3	0	W	W	Sun (L)
TOTALS	58	37	20	1	3-2	4-1	2-1

to winning was our mental preparation, and keeping that mental edge on every play throughout the game."

**The Sun Bowl?**

"I was very proud of our team. Alabama was the best team we've played since I've been at West Point. They have great athletes, and they are well-coached. We went into the game believing we had a chance of winning—but we just weren't able to contain their offense well enough to make it happen."

**Alumni Support of the Army Team:**

"The Corps, the Military Academy leadership, and everyone in the West Point community gave us their complete support all season. I particularly want to let our alumni all over the world know how much I appreciate their letters and telegrams. We asked the football lettermen from the classes of 1939, 1959, and 1969 to write to the team before the Navy game. The response was almost 100%! Every player received a packet of those letters and telegrams on the Friday evening before Navy. I want everyone who wrote to know how very much all of us on the coaching staff and the Army team appreciate their thoughts and encouragement. That great support was an important part of our success in '88!"

**How About 1989?**

"We'll have about the same number of starters back that we had this year—six on offense and five on defense. As far as depth is concerned, we're probably in as good a position as we have been in my six years at West Point. We'll have some 37 seniors on the team, most of whom have contributed this year. We'll have to rebuild the offensive line, but I expect seniors to start at most positions. And, we must find new kickers and a punter. The players I expect to fill those slots have done well in practice and "B" squad games, but they haven't played on the varsity.

"The schedule is very tough. We open at Syracuse, a team every bit as strong as Alabama. And our second game is at home with Wake Forest, a team that beat us in '86 and '87. They are on a par with Washington. We're looking forward to the challenge!"

Army Starters Returning in 1989			
Offense		Defense	
SE	Sean Jordan, '90	OLB	_____
LT	_____	DT	William Huff, '90
LG	_____	NG	_____
C	_____	DT	Josh Haines, '90
RG	_____	OLB	_____
RT	_____	ILB	Pat Davie, '90
TE	Doug Baker, '91	ILB	_____
QB	Bryan McWilliams, '91	CB	Mike Thorson, '90
LHB	Mike Mayweather, '91	CB	_____
RHB	Calvin Cass, '91	SS	_____
FB	Ben Barnett, '90	FS	O'Neal Miller, '90
	Kicker: _____		
	Punter: _____		

Army Before & After the Wishbone Record Against (W-L-T)			
Years	Div 1A	Navy-Air Force	Div 1AA
1973-1983	5-57-2	6-15-1	24-9-1
1984-1988	14-14-1	7- 3-0	16-3-0

must have strong leadership from our first classmen. The Class of '89 took charge before we played our first game. Their attitude and dedication molded a team spirit that made this team as good as any I've coached at West Point.

"This quality of oneness, togetherness—a feeling that the team can accomplish any task, overcome any setback—that's what set the 1988 Army team apart."

**Comments on Navy?**

"First, let me talk about our offensive formation—the Wishbone. I believe installing the Wishbone has been the key to our success over the past five years. Since 1984, we've had markedly greater success against our major opponents—Division IA teams. Here's a comparison of our record against three groups of teams for 1973-83, and 1984-88. Of

course, Navy and Air Force *are* Division IA, but I separate them from other Division IA teams because they play us with such great determination. (Ed. Note: see chart accompanying this article).

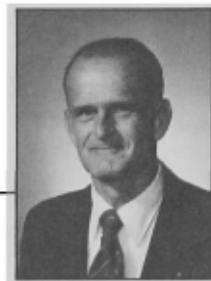
"We can expect Air Force and Navy to consistently play us at a high level of intensity. To win, Army must be prepared to match their level of intensity.

"I thought Navy played their best game against us this year. They made no mistakes—no turnovers. And, they played with great intensity. Make no mistake, Navy's athletes are the equal of ours in size and quickness. Their program is dedicated to winning—and beating Army. I expect that they will be even tougher in 1989.

"It's hard to single out any individual in this year's game. It was really the Team—and the leadership from top to bottom—that did the job for us. The key

# The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics



What a great thrill it is to report to you about Army athletics here in this first full week of December 1988. This has truly been a football season to remember and, although I will not go into detail because I am sure that most of you have followed us week by week, I will review our progress since my last ASSEMBLY report when we were 4 and 1.

Before I do that I want to continue my introduction of our AAA staff members, and in this issue want to tell you a little bit about the real star of our staff, Mrs. Marion Humphrey. Believe it or not, last August Mrs. Humphrey completed 45 years of service to the AAA (I often kid her about starting at age 3), serving in just about every secretarial capacity that the organization has contained. She serves presently as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, and our organization has no greater treasure than Marion Humphrey. Fourteen Athletic Directors, scores of administrators and countless coaches later, Marion still represents the Athletic Association family with class and expertise. We continually rely on her institutional memory, on her many years of secretarial and administrative expertise but, most of all, on her upbeat, optimistic, and positive attitude through thick and thin. What a blessing we all share in having Marion Humphrey serving in this key role in our organization.

My last column ended after the Yale game and after a tough homecoming battle with Lafayette (they arrived in Michie Stadium riding high with an undefeated 1988 season behind them up to that point). We traveled to the Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands where an Army team had yet to win any football game we had played there. With a great effort on the part of the team, superb support from the Corps (a number of writers after the game thought it was more like an Army home game than a Rutgers home game), our cadets rolled up a 24-0 half-time lead and went on to produce a convincing win over Rutgers for the first time in several years. The win at the Meadowlands was especially heartening in view of the fact that we play Navy there in 1989, and it will be nice to enter that game with our first win under our belts in that magnificent football stadium.



Marion Humphrey with Carl Ullrich

Our move of the Boston College game to Dublin, Ireland allowed us a week off between Rutgers and Air Force and this indeed proved a blessing. I think Jim Young feels this off week had a great deal to do with our showing against Air Force in Michie Stadium that first Saturday in November. A terrible day weatherwise turned into a great day for the Army team, and with several bowl representatives in the press box, Army rose to its greatest height of the season by soundly beating Air Force and continuing our Michie Stadium undefeated 1988 season. The following week against Vanderbilt was another tough challenge for the team, but our Class of 1989 seniors ended their Michie Stadium careers with an impressive and courageous win, turning it into an Army victory in the last quarter.

The trip to Dublin was indeed an outstanding event. Chuck Winters, our Associate Director of Athletics for Team Support and Scheduling, did a superb job in making arrangements for the trip, and the entire experience (except for the game) was a tremendously rewarding one. A high spot for me was our visit to a number of Dublin hospitals on the Friday morning before the game by some 30 cadets. One hospital asked for six (30 volunteered) and we found two other hospitals interested in having cadets visit their patients. To see these big, tough cadet football players reach down and pick up children from their cribs and hug teenagers and old folks who needed a hug, was indeed an emotional experience. Those 30 cadets did themselves proud.

The game, as you know, was a disappointment. I hope many of you shared "Breakfast in Dublin" with ESPN; we simply never really got going and, de-

spite a marvelous playing surface and a great crowd in this initial Emerald Isle Football Classic, the Army team never "was all it could be." We left Ireland sad about that part of the experience, but feeling that perhaps this loss would motivate us into the kind of effort we would need to beat a hungry Navy team on December 3rd in Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia.

That game is now history and what a thrilling climax it was. Although we had received an official bid to the Sun Bowl "by long distance" when we were in Dublin, Coach Young insisted that we put all talk about the bowl aside until after the Navy game. Despite some injuries (junior defensive end Josh Haines was unable to play because of a back injury) the team truly rose to the height it needed to beat a tough, determined Navy team that certainly came to play and made a valiant effort to salvage a terrible season. A Bill Cosby visit to our Quarterback Luncheon on the Thursday before the game and his brief message to the team that afternoon all contributed to the excitement of the week. After a marvelous Corps sendoff on Friday morning, Army football, for the third straight year, beat the Naval Academy in Philadelphia, and by virtue of this win, coupled with the earlier win over Air Force, again takes possession of the coveted Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. We look forward to the presentation to the team by the President in early 1989.

We can now talk about the Sun Bowl, the 24 December contest with the University of Alabama in El Paso. The Sun Bowl folks have been superb and look forward to our presence. The team and working party depart West Point on Sunday, 18 December, with the official party following on Thursday, the 22nd. The game is a marvelous opportunity for us to showcase Army football to the nation over CBS national television on a day when it will be the only college football on television. Looking at the schedule that the Sun Bowl people have prepared for the team and official party makes us all look forward to this experience with great anticipation. And the schedule will allow most of our players to return home  
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# News from the Societies



## ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

The annual conference of West Point societies has been set for Friday, 28 April 1989, at West Point. We hope that every society will be represented at this year's conference. We are planning a great full day's meeting for the delegates and lots of fun for the spouses attending and welcome suggestions for conference activities or agenda items (1-800-232-4723).

We welcome the 105th West Point society, whose guidon is firmly planted along the Maumee River in Toledo, Ohio. The West Point Society of Toledo is headed by **Michael P. White '82**, with **Bob Foster '64** its Secretary.

—Skip Wensyel '52

## COLORADO SPRINGS

The West Point Society of the Pike's Peak Region is gaining momentum. We have an active, concerned Board of Governors and great ambitions for activities in the coming year. The society hosted an Army-Navy party at a local restaurant on 3 Dec which drew 100 people. So enthusiastic was the response that widows of grads showed up, as well as wives of grads who left their husbands at home or in the field. Attendance at the party was pretty well evenly divided among active duty grads, civilian grads, and retired grads, and a rip-roaring time was had by all! Our society's Founders Day banquet will be held on 18 Feb, and the speaker will be **GEN Carl Vuono '57**.

There are approximately 450 graduates living in the Pike's Peak Region, centered on Colorado Springs. We plan to get as many of them as possible to participate in our functions in the coming year. If you are relocating to this area, please give myself, **Roger Browne '54**, or **Bill Frier '54** a call.

—John F. Epley '70

## LONG ISLAND

The West Point Society of Long Island (WPSLI) continues with a very active program as we reach our first anniversary. Since our last report, WPSLI has held three major events that have all been highly successful.



West Point Society of Long Island Pool Party, Aug 88.

During August, **Bruce & Dottie Medaris '59** hosted a backyard Picnic and Pool Party that was well attended and enjoyed by all. Bruce is a charter member of WPSLI and our 1st VP. By late Sep we were stricken with football fever so we invited **Jim Gallagher** from the Athletic Department to attend our dinner meeting. Jim provided an exciting talk about Army Athletics, and focused on the most recent Army football win. His talk included video tapes from the game. He also provided some insight to the parking arrangements for football weekends, a very confusing situation.

WPSLI closed the regular football season by arranging a special viewing of the Army-Navy game. We assembled in a lounge equipped with a large screen TV and cheered until we were speechless. Army responded with a convincing win, and we are now eagerly awaiting the Sun Bowl.

When WPSLI completed our charter a few months ago, we included a category for Associate Members and designated parents of cadets and graduates for membership. Since that time several members of the local parents club have joined WPSLI, and have attended our recent functions. We are working with the parents club, and attempting to share both information and special events. The parent's club invited **Marsh & Audrey Harrington '61** to their latest Board of Directors meeting. This type of coordination should yield benefits for both groups, and West Point.

On the drawing board for the future, WPSLI plans to have a dinner meeting in Jan. We will nominate our officers and new directors then, and will install them at Founders Day. Our Founders Day

event is set for 10 Mar and we have been fortunate in obtaining an outstanding speaker. **COL Al Vanderbush '61**, Deputy Director of Athletics, and his lady will join us for the festivities.

—Marsh Harrington '61

## NEW YORK CITY

The Society of New York cheers the success of the Army Team, especially its victory over Navy. Saturday, 3 Dec found our members not only in Philadelphia but at "Beat Navy" parties throughout the Tri-State area. (My personal thanks to **Mary & Bill Murdy '64** for a great afternoon!) Looking back, the fiery victory predictions of **Ted Halligan '45** at our Sep Kick-Off Luncheon were certainly prophetic!

We are already preparing for next year when the Army-Navy game comes to our "turf" (Giants Stadium, The Meadowlands, 9 Dec 89). Plans are underway for several special events—a joint game week luncheon in Manhattan with The Touchdown club of NY, a pre-game brunch at the stadium, a WPSNY victory celebration at Meadowlands Racetrack. A good time *will* be had by all!

Our distinguished speakers program is truly "on a roll." On 30 Oct, society members were briefed by **Michael Moodie**, Sr Fellow of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), on the balance of forces in Europe. On 8 Dec (the day after Gorbachev's UN address), **COL Don Snider '62**—Director of Defense Policy, NSC—outlined for us the national security issues now confronting the Bush Administration. On 24 Jan, the WPSNY had the honor of hosting **MG John O. B. Sewall '58**, ODCSOPS, who discussed the emerging concept of the Army as a strategic force.

On 3 Nov, we were pleased to join in honoring former board member and past president **MG Bill Ward '50** (Chief, Army Reserve) at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Manhattan. On that evening, Bill was presented the Gold Medal award of the Frances Schervier Home and Hospital at its 50th Anniv Celebration Dinner.

The society will hold its 1989 Founders Day dinner on 21 Mar in the Starlight Roof Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Great food, good company, military music and a very special guest

will highlight the occasion. The evening promises to be one that will be long-remembered. Attendance should exceed 500 as we observe the 1802 founding of the Academy and reconfirm our commitment to "Duty, Honor, Country."

On 1 Apr, the WPSNY will give a unique West Point "twist" to the quadrennial exposition of the Greater NY Councils of the Boy Scouts. On that day, over 50,000 Scouts and family members will converge on a 10-block section of Manhattan's Hudson River waterfront for a Scout Olympics, tours of the aircraft carrier *Intrepid*, special Circle Line boat tours, and exhibits by over 475 scout troops. **Bill Murdy '64** (VP, WPSNY) is serving as chairman of the event for the Greater NY Councils, with myself as chief judge of the exhibits. West Point will be providing the Cadet Glee Club, skydivers, and the Army mules. USMA Admissions will man an information booth for the day.

Apr and May will see two more society luncheons, one of which will be our Annual Meeting. At that session, a major—and long overdue—modernization of our By-Laws will be presented for member approval. Late Jun will see the return (after a few years' hiatus) of the WPSNY Hudson River cruise aboard the Superintendent's launch. In Jul, the society will be supporting board member **Jim Bigelow '64** (Cmdr, Ft. Hamilton) in his coordination of the visit to the Nassau Coliseum of the "Spirit of America" pageant, produced by The Old Guard and the Military District of Washington.

We continue to emphasize support of USMA's admissions efforts. Last year's Constitution Bicentennial celebration netted \$80,000, allowing us to permanently endow three USMA preparatory scholarships. Officers and board members participated in a USMA Admissions workshop prior to the Army-Rutgers football game. Special admissions efforts have been coordinated with area minority congressmen. We salute our Admissions Committee head, **John O'Hara**, for the great efforts of himself and his group. Our strong and growing ties with the West Point Parents Club of NY are now recognized by the presence on our board of **Tony Palazzolo**, the Parents Club president.

In sum—the West Point Society of New York is alive and well . . . and now halfway through yet another great year!  
—Jim Gardner '66

## UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

The West Point Society of Upstate South Carolina was formally established in Feb 1988. The response to the society has been more than gratifying! The Board of Directors are: **Pete Selleck '77** (Pres), **Chuck Baker '75** (VP), **Bruce**

**Brackett '79** (Sec), and **Rich Kornacki '78** (Treas).

We are really off to an encouraging start. Attendance at our organizational meeting was very good, and the response rate to our membership inquiries has been better than 60%. We have been using the success of the Army football team as a rallying point for other society activities. Several members gathered for an Army-Boston College brunch (what a wonderful time of day to watch football!) and supported our team in the first "Emerald Isle Classic." We recently joined forces with our Naval counterparts and proudly witnessed our boys "Beat the Hell out of Navy, Sir!" There were about 50 West Point graduates and spouses at that event.

We are pleased to announce that LTG (Ret) **Walter F. Ulmer, Jr. '52**, president of the Center for Creative Leadership, will be our keynote speaker at our first Founders Day dinner in Mar of 1989. We are planning for and looking forward to that event.

The Army Spirit is alive and getting stronger in beautiful Upstate South Carolina! We look forward to sharing with you our progress.

—Greg Leikvold '80

## PHILADELPHIA

The West Point Society of Philadelphia sponsored a great trip to the Army/Air Force game on 5 Nov. Forty-two society members, spouses and friends braved the rain and had an exciting day. **Ed Wilford '49**, the society president, organized the trip. The day included lunch in the "49ers Lodge" catered by the Community Club at West Point.

And then the game. All 42 participants sat pressed together under ponchos and plastic, oblivious to the rain as they watched Army beat Air Force.

Seventeen society members attended the Maxwell Football Club's annual luncheon for the Army/Navy game. **Ed Wilford '49**, **Bruce Hamilton '56** and **Al Griebing '50** led the society's contingent. This luncheon is sponsored by the Maxwell Football Club, the week of the Army/Navy game. Both Superintendents, as well as Athletic Directors, are guests. Each year Navy talks about how great they are going to do and why this year will be different from last year.

On 2 Dec, the society participated in the annual Army/Navy dinner dance, hosted by the Navy this year. The affair is held at the Franklin Institute in the Rotunda under the watchful eyes of old Ben Franklin. This year there were about 150 guests, including 72 from the Army side.

**Tom Hayes '47**, a member of the Army football team from '43 to '46, was the first Army speaker, reminding everyone of the longest streak in which Army con-

tinuously beat Navy. Tom exhorted the Army team to continue the tradition. Following Tom, **Roger Hill '88**, a graduate assistant football coach at Army, assured the participants that Army would indeed prevail. He read the parody he created "The Night Before The Game" and was wildly applauded.

Following Army's program, the Navy tried to draw parallels to the 1985 and the 1988 games. **RADM Virgil Hill**, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, reminded everyone that the Navy's attitude was "Damn the Torpedoes! Full Speed Ahead!" But on Saturday, as we all know, they fell short, just as Air Force did.

The society is disappointed that, in spite of some of the logic presented, the game was moved to the Meadowlands in 1989. We look forward to the game's return to its traditional home in 1990.

The West Point Society of Philadelphia plans to celebrate Founders Day on 11 Mar 1989. **BG Steve Silvasy '63** will be the guest speaker.

—Joe Barkley '65

## PITTSBURGH

The highlight of the West Point Society of Central Pennsylvania's fall program was the third annual local get-together of our society and the local Naval Academy Alumni Association to watch the Army-Navy game. Some 80 grads, spouses, and children enjoyed the exciting game. The entire group stood in front of the TV screen at the end of the game and joined their respective schools in singing their Alma Maters along with the Corps and the Brigade. It was a moving experience and a very fitting way to acknowledge that the series is now tied. Congratulations to both teams for a great game!

We are now looking forward to our Founders Day celebration on 5 Mar and the visit of the Superintendent, LTG **Dave Palmer '56**. For information, call **Jack Richards '64** at (412) 941-5492. Jack has returned from Virginia and continues as our president.

—Jack Richards '64

## KNOXVILLE

The West Point Society of East Tennessee had 44 people at its Army-Navy luncheon and game to celebrate another Army victory. A large number of parents joined in the festivities and, despite a series of problems with the incoming TV signal in the first half, the second half and its outcome were great!

The society will hold its Founders Day celebration at Calhoun's on the River (Neyland Drive, Knoxville) on Wed, 15 Mar. Our guest speaker will be the Commandant, **BG Fred A. Gorden '62**.

—Al Norton '44

## MEMPHIS

The West Point Society of the Mid-South joined the local Naval Academy's society in watching the Army-Navy game. Army has beaten Navy every year since this annual celebration began in 1986 (may the tradition continue for a long time!).

The society's Founders Day celebration will take place on Sat, 4 Mar, at the Racquet Club of Memphis. Our speaker will be LTG **Henry J. Hatch '57**, Army Chief of Engineers.

—Richard Carter '73

## AUSTIN

The faithful of the West Point Society of Central Texas gathered in the home of **Suzanne & Bruce Robertson '51** on 3 Dec in anticipation of a 3d straight victory over a 3-7 Navy team. Not to be denied, the Army team came through for the Long Gray Line once again. Who was it that said winning is not the only thing, it's everything! Bring on 'Bama. The mainstay of our rooting section was former Army end **Dick Pitzer '46** who had to quiet some of the group from being overly excited when it became known that one of the members put money on an Army 10 point win.



Austin Gathering, Army-Navy Party, 3 Dec 88.

By the time this article goes to press, we already will have had our annual high school scholar-athletic reception. **Sel Graham '51** sponsors this event each year, and it is well received by the local area students and their families.

The society was saddened to learn of the passing of **Paul W. Phillips '44** on 24 Nov in Killeen, TX. We send our prayers

to his mother, brother, wife Anne, and the Phillips children. We will all miss Paul and his straight forward approach to life. "Be thou at peace, Paul."

Looking ahead, we hold monthly luncheons at noon on the first Mon of the new month at the Westwood Country Club in Austin. Call 512-451-1868 for reservations.

BEAT 'BAMA!

—Dyke Miller '60

## SALT LAKE CITY

The West Point Society of the Intermountain Region hosted a TV BEAT NAVY rally at the Fort Douglas Military Club, Fort Douglas, UT on 3 Dec. Graduates of all four service academies and friends were invited, and the Army team came through in spectacular fashion!

Founders Day activities for the society are scheduled for Sat, 11 Mar 1989, at the Fort Douglas Military Club. Our guest speaker will be COL **Peter D. Heimdahl '61**, Professor and Head of the Department of Mechanics, USMA. For information on this or other society activities, please call **Lake Churchill '48** at 801-328-3294.

—Lake Churchill '48

## SEATTLE

"Caring for your Cash" was the topic of the West Point Society of Puget Sound's fall business luncheon held in the boardroom of a local utility company on 26 Oct in Bellevue. Among the speakers were **Jack Bender '67**, a financial planner from Olympia; and **Rex Takasugi '77**, a local stockbroker. Our thanks go to **Andy Maron '67**, chairman of our Civilian Career Advisory Board, for obtaining the speakers; and to **Rich Sonsteli '66**, our president, for providing the conference room for the meeting.

The society hosted an Army rooters' TV rally for the Army-Navy game on 3 Dec.

**Pat & Betty Tisdale '50** hosted the society's annual Christmas party at their home on 17 Dec. The society participated in an all-Academy Christmas ball on 30 Dec at the Sand Point Commissioned Officers Club.

Founders Day dinner has been set for Fri, 31 Mar, at the Fort Lewis Officers Club. Our guest speaker will be the USMA Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, **Carl Ullrich**.

—Win Curley '41

## CHICAGO

Mike Ditka's Restaurant in Chicago was the scene as 350 grads and wives (250 on our side, 100 from Navy) met for

drinks, lunch, and to view the Army-Navy game on TV.

The issue was never in doubt, since the Chicago society's annual Goat-Engineer touch football game ended with the Goats, quarterbacked by society president **Jim Nalepa '78**, winning easily, 13-0.

For the third straight year, the society retained the trophy football presented to Nalepa by the Naval Academy Chicago society.

—Jim Nalepa '78

## ANNAPOLIS

The society had its third annual combination Christmas and victory celebration party on 11 Dec at the USNA Alumni House. All decorated in Navy motifs, it is an ideal place to establish a fete to continuous Army wins over Navy. Over 70 people were there to congratulate the six exchange cadets on receiving a Certificate of Commendation for their daring acts during the week preceding the game. Among other hi jinx, they seized the mess hall public address system to sing "On Brave Old Army Team" and almost succeeded in moving a decorated Navy plane from its permanent mooring at Hospital Point adjacent to Bancroft Hall. They valiantly resisted being taped to chairs and being painted with blue and gold paint but were vastly outnumbered by midshipmen. A good time was had by all, particularly with the victory. The society is now planning activities around the Army-Navy basketball games of 25 Feb 89.

—Allan English '49

## NEW JERSEY

The West Point Society of New Jersey is sponsoring its annual Founders Day dinner on Sat, 18 Mar at 1900 hours in the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park, NJ. The featured speaker will be MG (Ret) **George S. Patton '46**. Entertainment will be provided by the West Point Glee Club. All grads, spouses, parents, and friends of West Point are cordially invited. If you have questions, please call the president, **Everett Lucas '67** at home (201-542-1641) or at work (201-741-2060) or the secretary, **Tony Smith '78**, at home (201-364-7708) or at work (201-542-7501). Come enjoy a festive evening at the Jersey Shore, celebrating the birth of our great American institution!

—Tony G. Smith '78

# Bulletin Board



## FOUNDERS DAY 1989

The following is a listing, as of 15 December 1988, of Founders Day gatherings for 1989 that have been coordinated with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA. Graduates wishing to attend may obtain the name of the local point of contact by phoning LTC(Ret) Fishburne, Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA at (914) 938-3700/3024. All groups holding Founders Day celebrations, whether listed here or not, are encouraged to report, in photos and print, the highlights of their activities to ASSEMBLY prior to 1 April 1989.

DATE (1989)	LOCATION	SPEAKER
2 March	Tampa, FL	Dean
3 March	Indianapolis, IN	Superintendent
	Cleveland, OH	Superintendent
4 March	Patrick AFB, FL	Dean
	San Antonio, TX	Commandant
	Detroit, MI	Superintendent
5 March	Presidio SF, CA	Commandant
	Miami, FL	Dean
	Pittsburgh, PA	Superintendent
6 March	Charleston, SC	Dean
7 March	Buffalo, NY	Superintendent
8 March	Tucson, AZ	Director of Athletics
8 March	Hilton Head, SC	Dean
	Phoenix, AZ	Director of Athletics
9 March	Carmichael, CA	Director of Athletics
10 March	Washington, DC	Superintendent
	Ft. Gordon, GA	Dean
11 March	Ft. Ord, CA	Director of Athletics
	Long Island, NY	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir of Athletics
	San Diego, CA	COL Heimdahl, Professor of Mechanics
	Birmingham, AL	COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
	Ft. Jackson, SC	Dean
	Orange County, CA	Director of Athletics
	Annapolis, MD	COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
12 March	Salt Lake City, UT	COL Heimdahl, Professor of Mechanics
	Ft. Irwin, CA	Director of Athletics
14 March	Denver, CO	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir of Athletics
15 March	Picatinny Arsenal, NJ	Superintendent
16 March	Knoxville, TN	Commandant
	Nashville, TN	Commandant
17 March	Ft. Monroe, VA	Dean
	Boston, MA	Superintendent
18 March	Dallas, TX	Commandant
	Atlanta, GA	Dean
	Ft. Sill, OK	Director of Athletics
	Minneapolis, MN	COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
	New Haven, CT	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir of Athletics
19 March	Cincinnati, OH	Superintendent
	El Paso, TX	Commandant
	Ft. Bragg, NC	Dean
21 March	Ft. Riley, KS	Director of Athletics
	Milwaukee, WI	COL Rushton, Director of Admissions
25 March	Houston, TX	Commandant
29 March	Carlisle, PA	Superintendent
30 March	Ft. Benning, GA	Dean
	SHAPE, Belgium	Superintendent
	Portland, OR	Director of Athletics
	Redstone Arsenal, AL	Commandant

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## Graduation Week 1989 Alumni Reunions

This year the Classes of 1919, 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939, and 1949 will have reunions at West Point during the period 17–20 May 1989.

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

Wednesday, 17 May

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

Thursday, 18 May

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

Friday, 19 May

1020—Assembly, Alumni Exercises,  
Jefferson Road  
1035—Alumni March to Thayer  
Monument  
1050—Alumni Exercises, Thayer  
Monument  
1115—Alumni Review, The Plain  
1230—Alumni Luncheon and AOG  
Meeting, Washington Hall  
(Guests Invited)  
1700—Class Dinners

Saturday, 20 May

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

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

Typically, members of reunion classes will have received information concern-

DATE (1989)	LOCATION	SPEAKER
31 March	Berlin, FRG Ft. Rucker, AL Ft. Lewis, WA	Superintendent Commandant Director of Athletics
1 April	Heidelberg, FRG	Superintendent

ing a class reunion from the Class Reunion Committee prior to the time this issue of ASSEMBLY is published. Those who have not been contacted should insure that a current mailing address is on file with the Association of Graduates for use in forwarding the Graduation Week Reunion Bulletin.

### USMA Centennial Reunions

Each year since 1966 the Military Academy has supported a reunion for descendants of the USMA class that graduated 100 years earlier. The organization and planning for the reunion is done by a Permanent Committee of volunteers with contributions and donations from interested parties. The most important, time-consuming work done by the Committee is the genealogical research required to track down living descendants. The more research volunteers there are, the easier the task for all involved. Any person interested in assisting or becoming a member of the Committee should contact: BG(Ret) Michael J.L. Greene, 8501 Cyrus Place, Alexandria, VA 22308, phone 703-360-3305.

### Naming of Lincoln Hall

The Superintendent has announced the naming of the Academy's newest academic building, building 149 (formerly the BOQ located just north of Cullum Hall). The building, which will house the Social Sciences and English Departments, has been named Lincoln Hall in honor of BG George A. Lincoln, USMA Class of 1929.

The criteria used in the selection process were that the person be deceased; be a Professor, USMA who served during the 20th century; made exceptional contributions to USMA; provided exceptional service to the Nation; and demonstrated outstanding scholarship. General Lincoln was an instructor in the Department of Economics, Government, and History at USMA from 1937-1941. From 1947-1969 he served as Professor and Head, Department of Social Sciences. In addition, he served as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and Secretary of Army from 1948-1953. Upon his retirement from the Army in 1969 he served as Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness until 1973. The dedication of Lincoln Hall is tentatively scheduled to be

held in conjunction with the Class of 1929's 60th Reunion in May 1989.

### Cafaro '71 inducted into Lacrosse Hall of Fame

The Lacrosse Foundation will induct six individuals into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame at the fourth annual Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction celebration (formal dinner and dancing) on Saturday, 25 Feb 89. There have been 175 inductees since the process began in 1959.

Among those six new inductees is Thomas R. Cafaro '71. Cafaro, a two-time first team and one-time second team All-American, was a member of the USMA National Championship team in 1969. In 1971, Cafaro was the recipient of the Enners Award as the nation's outstanding collegiate lacrosse player, and the Turnball Trophy as the nation's outstanding attackman. He was also selected to play in the North-South Collegiate All-Star Game. Cafaro played club lacrosse for six years, and was named to the Club All-Star team in 1976 and 1977. Cafaro is currently the Men's Athletic Director at Nichols College in Dudley, MA.

### George '89 Selected as Rhodes Scholar

John "Mike" George '89, a 21-yr old first classman from Missouri City, Texas, was one of 17 cadets who applied this year to the 86 year old program. His selection came as a surprise, George said. "It'll definitely complement my West Point education," he said.

George will study politics, philosophy and economics for 2 years at one of Oxford University's 24 campuses and then be assigned to an Army Infantry division.

"Down the road I'd like to be working on national security issues," George said. "The most important thing to me is the responsibility of service it carries with it," he said of the scholarship, given to outstanding students aspiring to leadership and public service.

### The Willards Donate Book Collection to the Friends of the West Point Library

In the summer of 1988, Brigadier General (Ret.) and Mrs. Sumner Willard donated a valuable collection of their books on medieval and Renaissance history

and literature to the Friends of the West Point Library. This timely gesture was a combined response to USMA faculty suggestions that the library give new emphasis to support scholarship in these areas, and the Willards' international reputation for excellence in research and teaching in these academic fields.

General Willard served as head of the USMA Department of Foreign Languages in the late 1970's, following a career of teaching at West Point which began during World War II. Dr. Charity Cannon Willard pursued a parallel career of teaching and research in medieval studies, based on her doctoral degree from Harvard in Romance Philology and her faculty appointment at Ladycliff College. Among her publications is *Christine de Pizan*, the life and works of France's first woman of letters. Since General Willard's retirement in 1980 they have resided in Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, and Mrs. Willard has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Friends of the West Point Library.



Charity and Sumner Willard

Secretary Charity Willard described their gift as one of "lightening the load" of overcrowded bookshelves. But the Chairman of the Friends, Colonel (Ret.) Roger H. Nye, said that it established a new benchmark for giving aid to the Academy. "Most of these books are out of print," he said, "and may not be easy or cheap to find. Of the 110 books given by the Willards, almost half have already been acquired by the library and are now available to cadets and faculty for study and research in West Point's much more sophisticated curriculum."

"But the other half of the Willard donation interests me even more," he continued. "The Willard books that are not needed because they would duplicate the library's holdings are of great interest to faculty members—the young

captains with advanced training in history and languages—who are trying to build their professional libraries but cannot find or afford the classics in their field. The Council of the Friends has decided it has a duty to take on this responsibility, since the USMA Library is forbidden to give or sell books in its possession except under very restricted circumstances. So we are working up a scheme to have the Friends accept collections like that of the Willards, have the library acquire what it can use, and then provide the means to make the rest available to faculty and cadets at a decent price. Brigadier General Raymond Bell, USAR, has volunteered to chair the Friends' implementation of this program."

The study of medieval and early modern Europe has flourished recently at the Academy, not only because of curriculum change, but because the Army officer corps has seen the castles and museums of that culture by being stationed in Europe for more than forty years. They recognize how much of military custom and usage comes from the age of chivalry, whether it is the salute, the ceremonial sword, or walking on the left of a superior. Concepts of Duty and Honor owe much to their medieval heritage.

Dr. Charity Willard sustains a heavy schedule of research and lectures, much of it in Paris, Brussels, and Boston. She has a backlog of requests for articles in learned journals in areas in which she is considered to be one of the few American experts. The gift of books by her and Sumner Willard will help assure that they have successors in the officer corps to carry on their work.

### **Dettre Jan '43 Invests in Pooled Income Fund**

Major General Rexford H. Dettre, Jr., Jan '43, has recently purchased units in West Point Pooled Life Income Fund No. 1 using appreciated stock. Tax laws for this fund provide complete forgiveness of all capital gains tax on any appreciated assets used. The market value of this stock was just over \$20,000 and the cost basis was under \$4,500. As an additional benefit, the fund will pay an income to both General and Mrs. Dettre as long as either is alive. This fund is managed for the AOG by Connecticut Bank and Trust Company (CBT) of Hartford, Connecticut. The fund's investment objective is to provide a maximum income to its shareholders. Our fund had the second highest payout rate (i.e., 9.2%) of the 85 Pooled Income Funds managed by CBT last year. The fund has been in existence since 1977 so many graduates and friends of West Point have joined. An added benefit for General and Mrs. Dettre is a deduction to be taken on

their income tax in the year of the gift. After General and Mrs. Dettre have passed on, West Point will receive the remainder interest of their units in the fund. This is just one of the several types of trust instruments offered through the AOG's Planned Giving Program.

General Dettre retired in 1973 after 30 years of exciting and distinguished service in the Air Force. During World War II, he was captured but soon escaped and was free for two more months in Holland and Belgium before being recaptured. Following four months in Stalag Luft III in Germany, he escaped again and made his way on foot to Czechoslovakia where he was again captured and sent to the concentration camp at Theresienstadt where he was the only American among some 10,000 inmates. Later he was moved to a POW camp in Weiden, Germany, where he was liberated by U.S. Forces. After 110 missions in the Korean War, he was shot down in North Korean territory but was rescued the same day by helicopter. General Dettre served as Assistant Chief of Staff, MACV and flew 82 missions during the Vietnam conflict.

### **Wright '47 Creates Gift Annuity**

Since the Charitable Gift Annuity was introduced in 1982 to the family of trust instruments which could be written by the AOG, the instrument has been the most popular choice of West Point graduates and friends. Twenty-six instruments have been written for our graduates or their widows. The aggregate face value of these irrevocable gifts is just over \$834,000. A recent *Wall Street Journal* article says that "this type of annuity makes it possible for people to give away their cake and eat it, too. They allow people to support institutions at a level they wouldn't be able to without the income stream."

Here is how it works. Dr. F. Malcolm Wright, Class of 1947, used 3,648 shares of highly appreciated FB & T common stock to fund his Gift Annuity. He and his wife Sue are guaranteed an income of just over \$6,700 a year as long as either spouse is alive in return for the \$100,320 Gift Annuity. The annual income is 31.9% tax free. The Treasury tables governing this instrument allow them to take a deduction on their federal income tax of \$45,531 in the year of the gift (a one-time benefit). Their capital gains tax is reduced considerably because it can be prorated over the donor's life expectancy which is 24 years. Malcolm has designated the West Point Fund of the AOG to receive the gift portion of the Gift Annuity. The remaining portion is used to purchase an annuity through another classmate Colonel Wayne O. Hauck whose company will help the

AOG to purchase the annuity which will make the life income payments. There is no risk to the donor because the AOG guarantees the payments for the life of the two beneficiaries.

Malcolm is the only physician in the Class of 1947. He left service in 1950 and received his M.D. from Temple University in 1955. He retired from his successful practice in Hanover, Pennsylvania, to move to Naples, Florida in 1986. The AOG is indeed grateful to Malcolm and Sue Wright for this very generous gift.

### **An Overdue Award**

The winter issue (1987-88) of *Flintlock & Powderhorn* featured the Knox Trophy presented by the New York Society to the United States Military Academy graduating cadet with the highest rating in military efficiency. Copies of that issue were sent to the USMA for distribution to all past winners of that award and to the families of deceased recipients. Copies of the recent Annapolis Trophy issue were sent to the USNA for the same purpose.

In May Captain Richard H. Knight, USN (Ret.) of Virginia Beach, Virginia sent a letter to the editor saying that his father, Colonel John Thornton Knight, Jr., did not know he had won the 1918 trophy until he read it in *Flintlock & Powderhorn*. (He had graduated early, in August 1917, and was serving in World War I when the trophy was awarded.)

West Point was notified of this fact and immediate action was taken. A scroll, dated May 25, 1988, signed by USMA Superintendent Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer and embellished with the Academy's gold shield and ribbon, was sent to Colonel Knight congratulating him on the 70th anniversary of his selection as the recipient of the Knox Trophy.

According to Captain Knight, his father was "pleasantly surprised and elated" at this unexpected recognition. Colonel Knight is now 94 years old, alert, interested in the world about him and living in San Antonio, Texas.

### **AOG Travel Program Completes 10 Years**

In January 1979, the AOG sponsored a 12-day Caribbean cruise aboard the *Stella Solaris*, and thereby inaugurated a travel program that has spanned the globe and visited all six continents in the 10 intervening years.

In all, the Association has sponsored 30 different tours or cruises. On three occasions, a trip was so popular that a "second section" was formed and departed a week after the original group. This occurred on our Caribbean cruise in January 1979; Switzerland-by-Coach,



ON BOARD ROYAL CRUISE LINE FLAGSHIP CROWN ODYSSEY. Two ladies whose husbands were Chief of Staff of the Army joined the AOG's Scandinavian Cruise last fall: Julie Abrams, '36 and Dorothy Johnson, '33.

Rhine-Moselle River cruise in May 1984; and on the Danube River cruise in October 1987.

Those who travel with us say they do so not only for the exotic places visited, but particularly for the close camaraderie of old and new friends who share a common background and experiences. Demonstrating a real wanderlust, ten of our members have joined us for at least four trips. Our honor roll of travelers, with number of trips taken:

Dick & Helen Hunt '32	10
Larry Laurion '36	9
Riel & Bea Crandall '39	8
John & Pat Frazier '37	7
Mary Lynch (Francis H.) '29	6
Mike & Alys Krisman '39	6*
Harry & Nancy Harvey '41	5
Blair & Dorothy Garland '27	4
Francis & Josie Deisher '32	4
Mary Bower (Roland C.) '32	4

\*Mike and Alys have also taken 6 other trips as representatives of the AOG.

### **Emerald Isle Classic—A Memorable Experience**

The Association of Graduates broke its all-time tour attendance record in November when some 560 persons took advantage of one of the sensational tour options offered by Brian Moore International Tours, our tour agent for the event. The staging of an American football game in Dublin was the idea of the promoter Mr. Jim O'Brien, a former Boston College football player, who knew that it would blend nicely with the other events to celebrate Dublin's Millennium. His intuition was right on target as some 8,000 American fans and many thousands of enthusiastic Irishmen filled the 42,500 seat rugby stadium to capacity.



Cadets capture a Leprechaun at the Emerald Isle Classic.

The Irish fans who attended "The Match" between Army and Boston College did not all understand the fundamentals of American football, but they did relate to the amazing showbiz display that surrounded the event. According to one reporter, "the Mexican waves cascaded stuffy Lansdowne Road, and they (the Irish fans) sang and danced and

drank themselves warm." The article went on to describe "more players on the side line than on the pitch, 'space invaders' an accepted part of the play, a pick-up truck trundling along the edge of the field, and a grown man dressed as an eagle, flapping behind the goal posts." The much publicized Army mascot, the Irish mule acquired for the occasion, appeared to be suffering from stage fright as he stood in place on the sidelines for most of the game. Aided by a crowd which boasted more Irish relatives in the Boston College Maroon and Gold than in the Army's Black, Gold and Gray, the Eagles prevailed by a score of 38 to 24 in a thrilling and hard fought game.

As for the tours provided, there were an array of options—a choice of six different seven-day bus tours; a six-night, Self Drive Bed and Breakfast option; a three-night Dublin Weekend; or a six-night or three-night London package. Considering the complexity of the offering and the presence of almost 6,000 individuals on the various tours, the visits were conducted with remarkable success. There were some trying moments in the pre-travel coordination but these faded into insignificance with the beauties and the charm of the Irish countryside and its friendly people. Army tour group participants were all invited to a no-cost Hospitality Area in the clubhouse of the famous Lansdowne Football Club.

The Army Team and its loyal Army fans were fortunate to be invited to another colorful overseas football game. Army just qualified by two weeks under the NCAA rule which requires a four-year break between games played overseas. The previous game was the Mirage Bowl in Tokyo, Japan, against Montana University in 1984.

### **Gruenther '46 Retires from the AOG**

As announced in the Bulletin Board of the July 1988 ASSEMBLY, Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, Class of 1946, on the staff of the AOG since 1975 (Director of Development until 1983, then Director of Planned Giving) retired on 31 December. The AOG staff honored Dick and Sue Gruenther at a dinner held at the Thayer Hotel on 17 December. As an expression of appreciation of the entire Association of Graduates the Gruenthers were presented with an inscribed silver vase.

Dick wrote the following note of thanks:

30 December 1988

As today is my last day in Cullum Hall I would like to thank the AOG for the beautiful engraved vase which was presented to Sue and me at the Christmas



The AOG's October 1988 cruise of the Danube, led by Howze '31. They left an "A" on the Iron Gate Locks.

Party on 17 December. It will be given an honored place among our mementos—a reminder of those fourteen years we served with the AOG.

Sue and I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend these additional years at West Point. We have made many lasting friendships among our graduates, wives and friends and we have worked in Cullum Hall with a dedicated staff.

We wish to thank the AOG organization for giving us this opportunity.

Best Regards,  
Dick & Sue Gruenther

### Painting—"The Long Gray Line"

In the spring the Association of Graduates will offer for sale to AOG members and friends of West Point a limited edition lithograph of "The Long Gray

Line," a painting by Ben Maile. Mr. Maile has written: "My interest in military history began long ago with paintings of the Crusaders and the campaigns of Genghis Khan. Inevitably I updated these to studies of the Napoleonic wars and the Crimean epics." Mr. Maile's one-man exhibitions have been held in cities from London to San Francisco to Melbourne, with his biggest show at Harrod's in London in 1985, when for the first time the prestigious Central Hall was given over for showing the original works of a living artist.

Mr. Maile has visited West Point and held extensive discussions with West Point graduates. Now he is attempting what is perhaps the most challenging project of his career—an artistic presentation of the spirit of "The Long Gray Line."



Ben Maile, noted British artist

### Oldest Graduate Present

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the Manila Hotel bar. Next step was the dine and dance pavilion in the hotel, where the wood dance floor sloped down an inch at a 45° angle to the cement surface where the dining tables were.

With a fine Carona-Carona cigar going good, and feeling no pain, I circled the dance floor, evaluating the situation. Then I slipped on that sloping floor edge, falling with my hands flat down on top of the nearest ring-side table . . . looking over my cigar at a range of two feet at Major General MacArthur.

We were both in nice white civilian suits, but there was no question about identities. He stared blankly at me as though I were not there—which gave me

the idea it would be better if I were not. So, with quiet dignity, I struggled to my feet and "made it so."

Thirteen years later (1943, in World War II), General Douglas MacArthur arrived to inspect the 24th Infantry Division, newly arrived in Australia. As division chief of staff, I stood in front of our general staff—with hand raised in salute preparatory to reporting . . . when he beat me to the punch.

Holding out his hand he said, "Glad to see you again, Newman. I remember when we fought the Amsterdam war together" . . . thus politely failing to mention our last meeting and confrontation over the end of my cigar. So I did not mention it either.

One year later, on 20 October 1944, I was regimental commander of the 34th

Infantry Regiment, landing on Red Beach at Leyte, thus clearing the way for his famous "return" to the Philippines.

The beach was still under sporadic fire when, to my great surprise, I received word that the theatre commander, General MacArthur, was ashore. So I hurried back and reported to him where he was seated under a palm tree about thirty yards in from the water, talking with President Osmena of the Philippines . . . as he waited for equipment to be set up so he could make his historic broadcast to the Philippine people: "I have returned!"

When this former plebe at West Point in 1921–22 reported to the former West Point superintendent on the battlefield of Red Beach at Leyte in 1944—well, that has to be a good place to end these memories from those long gone years ago.

### DIA Reports

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in time for Christmas. I believe the team will make you proud in the game itself.

Other than its competition with the Naval Academy, our fall teams have had a fine season with only water polo falling just short of a winning season with a 16-17-1 record. All our other teams had strong performances winning 101 of the 161 contests played this fall. Losses to the Naval Academy in 150-lb. football, men's and women's cross country, and women's volleyball, and water polo took away from the luster of the season.

On the Thursday and Friday before the Army-Navy game, however, our men's and women's swimming teams beat the Navy and started off that Army-Navy weekend in grand style. It is great to beat the Naval Academy in anything that we do in competition with them, but it is especially satisfying to beat them in a water sport. We are now 3-5 and 1 with Navy and believe we can even up and perhaps even finally beat them overall with strong efforts by our winter and spring squads.

Our winter teams are on a winning track with our two basketball teams playing about .500; pistol and gymnastics are undefeated; rifle is 5 and 1. As I mentioned earlier, our swimming teams are

doing beautifully. Hockey, in its tough ECAC league, split with Princeton and won its other non-league games, just recently tying with Dartmouth. They have played competitively virtually every contest, and I believe they will have a season of which they can be proud.

I look forward to bringing you up to date on our winter season in the next issue as well as reporting on a great trip to El Paso. I hope you have been as proud of the Army teams this fall as I have been and that you will continue with your friendship and support in as great a measure as you have done in the past.

Best wishes for the holidays and for 1989.

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There's a part of Eastern Europe which is as unique as it is untraveled. Neither the horror of Nazi occupation, nor the thirty years of Soviet Influence since World War II, has reduced the national pride and character of the countries visited along the itinerary.

During this fourteen day/fourteen night program, TRAVEL INSIGHTS has arranged tours in each city which will explore the culture and history that each is noted for. For example, in Vienna, Austria you may visit the Baroque Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral, or the Belevedere Palace (built in the 18th century). We have arranged a hydrofoil transfer down the Danube River from Vienna to Budapest, Hungary. The hydrofoil almost levitates above the water as it travels at speeds close to 60 MPH. During your two night stay in Budapest, wander the pleasant cafe-lined streets, or visit the Hungarian National Gallery set within the walls of the old Buda Castle. You will spend one night in the Tatra Mountain area of Czechoslovakia before motorcoaching to Cracow, Poland. From Cracow, you can visit Auschwitz, one of the most notorious concentration camps of WWII. After leaving Cracow, you will continue traveling north to Warsaw, Poland. While in Warsaw, you will venture to Zelazowa Wela, the birthplace of Chopin. There you will enjoy listening to selections of his romantic compositions played in his charming garden. From Warsaw, you will fly to your final destination of the program Berlin. There you will visit museums filled with Prussian Art, Egyptian collections, and the Pargamum Altar. Fly from Berlin to Frankfurt, before returning home.

I/We are interested in the Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy **CULTURES OF EASTERN EUROPE**, July 10-24, 1989. Please send more information.

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Send to: Cultures of Eastern Europe  
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U.S. Military Academy  
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**ITINERARY:**

- JUL 10 Depart U.S. for Vienna, Austria.
- JUL 11 Arrive Vienna. Transfer to the Plaza Wien hotel.
- JUL 12 Sightseeing of Vienna and vicinity.
- JUL 13 Optional Excursions offered of Vienna and vicinity.
- JUL 14 Travel to the Forum Hotel, Budapest, Hungary.
- JUL 15 Sightseeing of Budapest and vicinity.
- JUL 16 Travel to the new Forum Hotel, Krakow.
- JUL 17 Sightseeing of Krakow and vicinity.
- JUL 18 Travel to the Hotel Victoria Intercontinental, Warsaw, Poland.
- JUL 19 Sightseeing of Warsaw and vicinity.
- JUL 20 Optional Excursions offered of Warsaw and vicinity.
- JUL 21 Fly to Berlin. Transfer to West Berlin's Bristol Hotel Kempinski.
- JUL 22 Sightseeing of West Berlin and vicinity.
- JUL 23 Optional tour of East Berlin.
- JUL 24 Depart Berlin for U.S.

# Report from the Classes



## '15

COL E. DeTreville Ellis  
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### SEASON'S GREETINGS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**Elizabeth Divers Busbee**, widow of our **Charles Manly Busbee**, died on 2 Jul 82. She is survived by her sister, Mrs Geneva Divers Jones, PO Box 25, Lansing, NC 28643, and by her nephew, COL Walter Alfred Divers, Jr '65. Her brother, COL Walter Alfred Divers '42, died 21 Jul 87. Her son-in-law, COL Charles Manly Busbee, Jr, died on 19 May 71. See Class notes in Oct 88 ASSEMBLY.

**Helen Atkins** sent "remembrances of other Christmases Past." She is still in her apt at Army Distaff Hall. **Marguerite Gilkeson** is visiting her son for 2 wks for Christmas. **Hazel Taylor** is doing well. She will be 99 on her next birthday.

**Elisa MacDonald** is still living a quiet, peaceful life in FL. She is gradually sorting out things she will keep when she moves, as expected later, to Seneca Falls, NY to be near her son Antonio and his family. Her late husband, our **Stuart Clarence MacDonald**, was born there. Last spring **Gertrude Weart Ogren**, daughter of our **Douglas Lafayette Weart**, took a very enjoyable trip to China.

**Mary Larkin** with her daughter Betty & husband Robert E Rochfort '45 returned from a very enjoyable visit to family in Ireland and France this past summer. They are now visiting family in Nashville, TN, and in Wake Forest, NC for the holidays. **Jean & Richard S Morrison '39** returned from their usual summer visit to Cape Cod, and their wonderful trip through Canada. They honored your scribe by visiting him recently, showing pictures taken in Canada, and describing their trip. **Jean** is a daughter of our **John S MacTaggart**. The Yearings also spent an enjoyable summer at Cape Cod. Mrs Yearing is a daughter of our **Edward E Hyde**.

Mrs Helen Marsh Merrill has twin granddaughters in Simmons College, Boston, MA. Helen is a daughter of our **Raymond Marsh**. **Ida Ryder** sent greetings. She is well and happy in Venice,

FL, near her daughter & her husband, a ret col.

**Mary Tate** is visiting her family in VA for the holidays. **Satchie Naiden** sent greetings to '15. She is well and happy in her new home in Troy, AL. **Mary Welby Cochran** was taken by her son John, Jr Jun '43 for a drive through the countryside near Buena Vista, VA when the fall foliage was at the peak. She watched the Army-Navy game with John and her grandson Gregory, and was delighted with the outcome!

Mrs Arthur B White, widow of COL Arthur White, son of our **Arthur Arnim White**, is in Denver, CO for the holidays, with her son Bain & wife Chris, and daughter Heather and her grandson Arthur.

Miss Mary J Hains sent greetings to '15. She is at Army Distaff Hall. Her grandfather, MG Peter Conover Hains, USMA 1861, had a very distinguished record. He dredged the Wash DC Channel, placed the spoil at what is now "Hains Point"—named for him—and was on the Isthmian Canal Comm 02-07. His son was John Power Hains '89; his grandson is Peter Conover Hains, III '24; his great-grandson is Peter Conover Hains '52. Your scribe has known Miss Hains for many yrs.

The past yr was very much a repeat of 87. I was, and still am, in my own home at the above address. In good weather I walk at least a mile a day, or work in my yard for an hr each morning, and an hr each afternoon. This is good for me and for the yard! I phone my sister, Julia Ellis Hamlin, in our native SC, at 9:00 a.m. each Sun, and then phone my sister-in-law, Mrs Ruth B Knight in La Grange, GA. I thus keep up with local family news.

I am very fortunate in having my daughter, Laura Mulligan, and her family all living within 5 mi of me. Her husband is LTC Tracy E Mulligan Jr, US Army (Ret). Their oldest son, Tracy Ellis Mulligan, and his family live in Silver Spring, MD. Their youngest son, John Robert Mulligan, and his family also live in Silver Spring.

My grandson Tracy & his wife Margaret have 3 children: Tracy (16); Rebecca (nearly 14), and Joseph (9 1/2).

My grandson John & his wife, Annie, have 3 children: Sharon (5); Christopher (3); and Dennis (5 mos—born last Jun).

Tracy, my son-in-law, is a very active lawyer.

We occasionally have Sunday brunch at the Bethesda Naval OC with all 6 great-grandchildren; also for other occasions during the yr, such as birthday parties and holidays at Tracy's and John's. Christopher, who was two this past yr, sometimes comes by for lunch and to enjoy such things as my typewriter, getting Girl Scout Cookies out of the refrigerator, climbing up the back stairs and down the front—like his older cousins, his father and his uncle all did when they were two yrs old.

I am still Class secy, Class treas, and Class scribe. This, as most of you know, was **Ike Eisenhower** and **Omar Bradley's** Class also. They were two of the 5 gens of the Army of WWII. I attended my 70th Reunion at WP in 85, and am looking forward to the 75th in 90. Only two of the 164 Class grads (**Van Fleet** and **Ellis**) survive. About 33 Class widows survive. I send the '15 Class letter to WP to be published in ASSEMBLY—5 times in 88 and 89, and probably 6 times in 90. I appreciate all the help I can get from Gen Van Fleet and the Class widows.

I am well over 98 1/2 yrs old. "Just lucky, I guess."

BEST WISHES TO "YOU ALL."

## '16

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Alexandria, VA 22308  
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Our Oct column elicited the kind of response that we need. From Bradford, VT **Charles A Haskins x'16** responded, "My ASSEMBLY came yesterday. I was sorry to read about the death of **Cramp Jones** and his wife. I have attended some reunions in the 50's and 60's, mostly with **George Andrew**. I believe that my last reunion was in 1971 when I went with my wife. She died in 85. With the exception of 4 grandchildren in the Boston area, I am alone except for my daughter Barbara, a widow who lives about a mi from me and who visits me each day after she finishes work. I was 97 last Aug. We have had a mild fall thus far. No real frost yet. With all good wishes."

**Charles'** welcome letter was written in a bold, legible hand which I admire greatly; however, don't let poor penmanship keep the rest of you from commu-

nicating. My asst scribe is a stubby pencil type infantryman. When we mentioned **Harriot & Crampton Jones** in the Oct notes, her maiden name was misprinted; it should have been **Harriot Howze Jones**. As many of you know, she was the daughter of MG Robert Lee Howze 1888 and the sister of MG Robert Lee Howze '25 and GEN Hamilton H Howze '30. Cramp was also an Army brat, the son of William Kinley Jones 1887.

During the remainder of 1988 we shall be watching one more Redskin game, as well as Army's participation in the Sun Bowl against Alabama's Crimson Tide. Whatever the results, my loyalty will not waiver, and I shall be proud of my chosen teams. I look forward hopefully to 1989.

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

**Aug '17**

The following was sent to the ASSEMBLY office by Phil Day and Bruce Buechler, both Class of '48:

"Of interest to the Class is the recent WP reunion of the Class of '48. This yr was their 40th graduation anniv. In that distinguished class of 301 men were 4 of our Class sons. All 4 were career officers and became cols in either the Army or AF. The sons are **John Bellinger**, Armor; **Bruce Buechler**, AF; **Philip Day**, Infantry; and **Fred Tibbetts**, Armor. This class also produced 4 four-star gens and 3 Academy Supes. So not only did our Class make a significant contribution to our nation's defense, but so did our offspring!"

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

**Sara Neilson** died on 5 Aug. **Millie Pichel** died in her sleep the night of 27-28 Nov. She was buried at West Point.

An effort is being made to have postage stamps issued that will commemorate the historic Berlin Airlift that ended on 30 Sep 49. A block of 4 stamps is proposed, one stamp to honor the 31 airlifters who lost their lives; another to be a sketch map of the flight path Rhein-Main to Templehof; the third stamp with one column of planes flying to Berlin, and another from Berlin; the fourth stamp will be a portrait of GEN L D Clay

with his famous declaration, "I will not be bluffd!"

The Berlin Airlift Assoc is being formed. The members were active in the airlift. A Berlin Airlift reunion is to be held on 30 Sep 89, the 40th anniv.

**Nov '18**  
 MG C. H. Chorpening  
 8326 Windway Drive  
 San Antonio, TX 78239  
 Tel: 512-653-3306

Due to inadvertence (a good word to cover up the fact that somebody goofed) our 70th Reunion was not properly covered in either the Jul or Oct ASSEMBLY Class notes. Four classmates (**Brimmer, Broome, Chorpening, and Evans**), one wife (**Aline Broome**), and four widows (**Edith Griffiths, Carolyn Christiansen, Ruth Hastings and Mimi Norman**) attended. Also, quite a number of sons and daughters with family members. As usual, **Wannie** had done a superb job making arrangements. As previously reported, Chief **Brimmer** was the Oldest Grad present and led the parade of Old Grads to the Thayer Monument. On page 2 of the Jul issue of ASSEMBLY there were a number of photographs of our Class with no description. It is hoped that many of you who still have that copy have recognized some of us. An excellent Class photograph was taken and, should anyone desire a print, please let me know.

It is my sad duty to report the death of another classmate, **Sam Walker**, on Thur, 17 Nov. Graveside funeral services were held on Monday, 21 Nov, at Ft Bliss Natl Cemetery in El Paso, TX. Sam had not been well for some time as reported earlier. **Pansy** will remain in El Paso for the time being.

There are now only 5 classmates living in the Central Region: **Brimmer, Chorpening, Odor, Piland and Styron**. But, there are many widows, and communications from them are most welcome and desired. **Bernice Keasler** is one of my most faithful correspondents, and it was she who informed your scribe of Sam's passing and attended his funeral services.

**Al Riani** advised that he had no news from the Western Region, but **Charlie Morrison** in a letter to **Bryan** stated that on 25 Oct he was operated on for bone cancer, but that the docs had stabilized it and eliminated the pain. Hang in there, **Charlie!**

From the Southern Region **Bob Schow** reports a most cheerful phone call from **Polly Stevens**. But **Art Pulsifer** is still having a rough time with his legs and hips, as well as thyroid problems.

From the Central Region a fellow by the name of **Chorpening** has collected a few notes from his fellow constituents, mostly from the widows, except Chief **Brimmer** wrote his usual informative letter. He surely keeps most active, do-

ing his best (as most of us do) to stay healthy or reasonably so. Phone chat with **Marietta Piland** elicited the info that she has been having a bout with shingles, but had a large family gathering for Thanksgiving. **Carolyn Christiansen** and **Lella Dunkelberg** getting along fine. The former plans to have her daughter and husband, MG WE Klein '54, here for Christmas. **Lella** spent Thanksgiving with her son and family in St Louis.

Your scribe spent a wk with his daughter Anne and family in Reston, VA over Thanksgiving, and hopes to do the same over Christmas. Also, tickets to the Navy game were procured for his grandson and his 3 identical triplet great-grandsons. They were given the mission by Old Granddad to bring back an Army victory. Mission accomplished! Three yrs straight!

Now for the social news. While in the Wash DC area, phone calls to **Bryan Evans** and **Ruth Hastings** brought the pleasant news that they were taking a Caribbean cruise from 26 Nov-2 Dec. Also, it was found that **Bryan**, our pres, is also a master chef. He roasted a fat mallard duck for his own Thanksgiving Day dinner!

**'19**  
 COL Harrison H. D. Heiberg  
 101 Piping Rock Rd.  
 Bradenburgh, KY 40108  
 Tel: 502-422-3286

**Herb Jones**, our most reliable source of info from the Wash area, reports that the Class luncheon was held at Ft McNair on 1 Nov with **Wedemeyer, Ovenshine** (who was picked up by Al), **Flory** and **Herb** present. **Evans** of Nov '18 and **Lawton** and **McClure** of '22 joined us. Al also brought **Eiler** of '44 who is doing Al's biography. The luncheon was a pleasant one, but nevertheless, it was decided to discontinue them because of the approaching winter weather and the declining number able to attend. **Hammond** has gone to stay with his son in Lima, OH while his daughter, with whom he lives in Arlington, VA is in Europe visiting her daughter. **Dottie Ferenbaugh** after stomach surgery in the Bethesda Naval Hosp, is now back at Army Distaff Hall recovering. Her daughter, who lives in NY, is staying with her until she fully recovers, which takes time at our age. We hear nothing from our other 7 Distaff residents, so we assume there is little change from our last report. In a phone conversation with **Herb**, **John Hardin** said that **Dock Loper** is in a nursing home in FL and will not return to his MD address. **Doc's** son is now dismantling the house and putting it up for sale. The **Hardins** also phone **Marion Phelps** occasionally and learned that she is now living in a ret home in Sykesville, MD where she seems both

healthy and happy. She has a married daughter living nearby.

**Ham & Viv Hamilton** are active in the San Ant, TX WP Soc. Viv reports that **Mildred Stearley** is busy with many comms for her church, and is on the dining room comm for AF Village I. **Maude Twining** has given up her apartment and is in residence at the Health Care Center, AF Village I, 4917 Ravenswood Dr, San Antonio, TX 78227. Viv herself has just designed and installed new lighting in the lobby and connecting public rooms (presumably of the AF Village I Club) using equipment new on the market as well as 100 ft of cove lighting, all designed to make people look better. Ham is Viv's counselor, as he has been for the past 33 yrs that Viv has been a lighting designer.

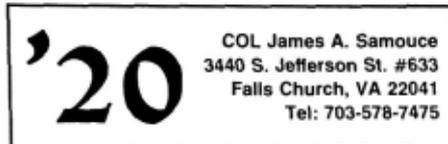
In the Dec *ASSEMBLY* we wrote of **Alex Bennet's** idea for a hotel on a hillside across the Hudson from WP where we as SO's had worked on a map exercise in the spring of 1919. On the back cover of the Oct *ASSEMBLY* was a reproduction of "Hendrick Hudson's Maiden Voyage, 1906, Passing Old West Point," a painting by John F Gould. Alex's hotel site is a little up hill and up river from the ferry dock shown in the picture. On 1 Nov Alex submitted his plan to LTG Palmer, Supe, for consideration and recommendations. The plan called for a Hilton Hotel on the site similar to that of a Hilton just completed in San Ant. The picture described above was atop the "Miscellaneous Enclosures" accompanying the plan. At this writing (Dec) we have no word of the Supe's reaction. Alex reports that he is unable to travel because of **Velma's** failing health.

**Billie & Skag Faine** say they are doing well except that they no longer drive their car after dark because of cataracts. Skag has had two implants and one transplant. He has good vision in one eye but the other is cloudy. He has stopped raising money for civic causes but is still active in the local Rotary Club and their church. Billie is active in bridge, the Study Club and all forms of church work. **Louise Shaw** reports that she is now disabled with arthritic pain, but she still looks on the bright side. She well remembers the enjoyable time with **Virgil** at our 65th Reunion. But things have changed since Virgil passed two yrs ago. Belatedly, we report that **Katherine Kean** has recovered nicely from cataract ops, and is now able to both read and write again.

Of the 120 notices of our 70th Reunion sent to classmates and Class widows, the following addressed to widows have been returned as undeliverable. It is requested that anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these widows, please inform us: **Mrs Daniel P Buckland**, **Mrs Howard D Johnston**, **Mrs Howard R Perry**, **Mrs Edward M Starr**,

**Mrs Augustus W Cockerell**, **Mrs Maurice K Kurtz**, **Mrs John W Sheehy**, **Mrs Russell Williamson**.

**John R Vance** died on 11 Oct in Corte Madera, CA. His next of kin is his wife, **Mrs Elizabeth S Vance**, 117 Walnut Ave, Corte Madera, CA 94925.



With great sadness I report that **Lem Lemnitzer**, **Freddy Pitts**, **Helen Eastman**, and **Johnny Johnston (EC)** have died. We send our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

**Lem Lemnitzer** died 12 Nov of kidney failure at WRAH following several hosp returns since major op Jul 87. His was a most distinguished career. Early in WWII, as a col in War Plans Div of WDGS and then on AGF staff, he helped evolve the plans of Op Torch for allied landings in No Africa; and was closely involved in the very complex preparations for its successful execution—first, as a top aide to GEN Eisenhower in London in securing Allied coordination and, second, with GEN Clark on a dangerous submarine mission to No Africa, in neutralizing possible resistance by ADM Darlan's Vichy French forces. He also proved himself an able combat bde cmdr in this No Africa op and in the crucial invasion of Sicily following. After then serving as DCS of GEN Clark's Fifth Army fighting up the Italian "boot," he became a top US aide to British GEN Sir Harold Alexander, Supreme Allied Cmdr Mediterranean. When war ended, he helped negotiate surrender of German and Italian forces in Italy and then the German forces in Austria. Greater tasks followed: helping prepare the NATO Treaty and presenting it to Congress; and, as dir OSD, in preparing its Mil Asst Prog. At outbreak of the Korean War, at age 51, Lem lost no time in qualifying as a parachutist to lead the 11th Abn Div and, later, the 7th Inf Div in 4 major battles, receiving the SS at Chorwon Valley. Ever higher duties and promotions followed: DA DCS Plans and Resch; CG USAF FE 8A; CINC UNC and Gov Ryukyus; VCS USA; CS USA; Chm JCS; CINC EU-COM and, finally, SACEUR (NATO) 63-69 when he ret after an unprecedented (?) 49 yrs active svc. Widely recognized as a brilliant war planner, combat soldier, and diplomat, he received the SS, 2 LMs, 3 DSMs, and many foreign decorations. On his ret, Pres Nixon presented to him at the White House the unprecedented (?) additional multiple awards of DSMar, DSMNav, and DSMAF. In ret, Lem continued very active. He maintained an off at the Pentagon (for 19 yrs until his death) as

advisor to sr mil and civ Def officials. He attended annual meetings of the Allied NATO Assoc, often as a guest speaker. He spoke widely around the nation on NATO and the need for maintaining strong natl def—at conventions, patriotic, and other gatherings. During the protracted student anti-Vietnam unrest, he was in great demand as a speaker on college campuses and established an annual symposium for NATO Studies at OH's Kent State, the tragic focus of student anti-war protests. No doubt these actions helped defuse the situation, restore domestic normalcy and Allied confidence in US leadership. In 75 he was on Pres Ford's panel investigating the CIA. In 87 he received from Pres Reagan at the White House, the nation's highest cit award, the Medal of Freedom. He was buried at Arlington with full mil honors by a Guard of Honor composed of Army, Navy, AF and Marine contingents. Present with family members and a host of mil and civ friends were **Rehm, Samouce, Anne Holle, Julia Mitchell (JD)**, and **Anne Farrell Moore**. Surviving are his widow **Kay**; daughter **Lois**; son **BG (Ret) William L '51**; grandsons **CPT William F '78, Michael**, and **Robert**; and brother **Ernest**.



1920: Freddy Pitts' son Dr Freddy Jr and his 4 daughters at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

**Freddy Pitts** died 19 Oct at his home in Orlando, FL. Tragically, most of his family had gathered there to celebrate his 90th birthday only 4 days later. Instead, they moved to Arlington where Freddy was buried with full mil honors beside his wife **Lily Jane** who died in 76. "It was overwhelmingly beautiful and dignified," said his granddaughter, **Sally Pitts Keller**. Freddy was on the US team in the 24 Olympics competing in the modern pentathlon; as a cadet he broke the Academy record for the mi run. A veteran of WWI, WWII, and the Korean War, he served with distinction in WWII in Hq AAF 41-43; GS Hq NATO 43-44; and G-4 Sec ADSEC Cmd 45-46. In the Korean War he was in G-2 Sec Hq IAR and, later, CS XV Cps. Surviving are two sons—**Dr Freddy Jr of Costa Rica** and **Army MAJ (Ret) John W of Monument, CO**; 6 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

**Helen Eastman** died of pneumonia 27 Oct in the So Miami (FL) Hosp. She was buried in the Bellville, OH cemetery beside 4 Eastman generations. She was a golf enthusiast and enjoyed all spectator sports. Active all her life, her health began to decline after a broken hip last Feb and serious illness following. She & **Russ** were 14 days from celebrating 55 yrs of idyllic marriage. Russ' tribute says: "My ever so courageous Helen & I were blessed with a wonderful life together, a beautiful family, beautiful friends. She loved life and lived it to the full. She was a joy and rippling laughter. . . ." Surviving, besides Russ, are daughter Cynthia (Mrs Harper Bothwell); and sons Richard and William Greiner; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Daughter Cynthia and her family live nearby and are a great help to Russ.

**Johnny Johnston (EC)** died 1 Dec in a San Ant, TX hosp after a brief illness involving kidney and heart. This came from **Sid Hinds** who also said, "Son David and widow **Marian** accompanied the body to WP" . . . where he was laid to rest among many classmates, friends, and comrades of the Long Gray Line. Johnny's distinguished WWII service included Hq ASF 42; CS SF POE 42-44; CS Base Cmd MidPac; CS SvC 6Ar WesPac; CS Kobe Base Jap 44-47 (LM-BSM-CR). Surviving are his widow **Marian**, son LTC (Ret) David '56 and two grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy also goes to **Kay & Bill Coe** whose daughter **Katherine ("Punkin") Coe Ruffin** died of cancer 30 Nov. This news came from their daughter **Linda** who enclosed a beautiful tribute by her minister, the Rev Pamela L Foster of Pittsburgh's Cavalry Church: Waked by her husband very early on a bitter Feb 87 morning with the news that her parents' home in VA Beach, VA had burned down, she left by plane and was there before the fire was put out. Using her natural talents, her active mind immediately began work on design for rebuilding the home "full of light, fully suited to fit the needs of the people who would live there." This great work was surpassed only by her own valiant struggle against the darkness of the recurrence of cancer—two endeavors into which she enlisted and orchestrated the help of her own family, relatives, and friends. **Bill Coe** wrote 11 Nov, before her death, "Kay & I have moved into our new home. Although Kay is bedridden most of the time, we are enjoying it tremendously."

**Charles Holle** has been in and out of WRAMC since mid-85. Enclosed with his & **Anne's** Christmas card was an update: "Last Mar he had a heavy, massive stroke and suffered paralysis of entire left side and loss of speech (mostly regained in two wks). Mid-Jul he was

moved from WRAMC to Camelot Hall Nursing Home in Arlington, VA. He has not regained use of his left arm and leg, has great difficulty swallowing and is fed through a tube in his abdomen. He & **Anne** want him returned home but it is not yet possible. It is tragic." On 27 Oct **Charles** enjoyed his 90th birthday book from AOG and a surprise party at Camelot. Some 200 birthday greeting cards poured in, collected by **Selby Stratton** and **Anne's** sister **Polly**, from classmates, Army and other friends, and kith and kin from far and wide. Visitors, including **Rehm, Kay Burns** and **Selby Stratton**, overcrowded his room so the party moved to Camelot's Special Activities Room and became a gala. Three sr MOWW offs arrived direct from Ft McNair where they were with the gp witnessing Pres Reagan sign into law the bill creating the new VA Dept of the Cabinet; with their greeting card they brought **Charles** beautiful red-white-blue flowers and MOWW Life Membership. There were 3 birthday cakes, one baked by a neighbor, one yummy one by son **Kendrick**, and one yummiest by **Kay Burns** complete with candle and trimmings. Altogether it was a heart warming day for **Charles & Anne** and all present.

**Chet Hine's** condition is not improving in the Oak Meadow Nursing Home in Alexandria, VA. And **Inez** is seriously ill in a hosp near her son **Bill Paddon's** home in FL.

Early Dec **Kay Burns'** right eye suddenly swelled painfully and sight disappeared. The surgeon diagnosed it as a dangerous strep infection. He doubted the eye could be saved but operated immediately and sight is improving daily.

**Eulamay's** note on the **Haswells'** Christmas card: "**Claude** is in the hosp with advanced state of Parkinson's disease. We've been married 55 yrs. Very sad."

The **Langevins'** Christmas card came with **Marty's** note: "Joe's now 90 and doing fairly well. We now have a nurse a good part of the day. We both need her."

The **Samouces** sold their home last Jun and moved into a ret home—and none too soon. **Elton** is now in its Nursing Care Unit recovering from a colon cancer op 1 Aug, a wrenched back from a hard fall 14 Oct, and a total replacement of arthritic left knee 27 Oct. Her surgeon expected her to "graduate" to a cane by mid-Jan after much painful therapy. She is in good spirits and is coming home before Christmas. **Bill Coe** also had knee replacement surgery 25 yrs ago and welcomed her into "the club."

**Lillian McGaw's** daughter **Lillian Jones** writes: "Mother has had a few rough times but is content in her nursing home. . . ."

**Selby Stratton's** daughter **Julie** is a joy to her at home. For Christmas they will

be joined by son **Bill**, his wife and 4 children from **Tulsa, OK**. **Eloise Smith (RO)** suffered a broken right wrist. Is improving but it is very frustrating. Friends take her to DAR and garden clubs. Tropical storm **Keith** blew right across **Siesta Key (Sarasota, FL)** beach properties but not hers. Was warned to move out but didn't and was not harmed.



1920: **Pattie & Bob Kreuter** tripping the light fantastic at granddaughter's wedding

**Bob Trimble** still doing everything as usual but much slower. **Mabelle White (DG)** has moved from her State College, PA home into a ret home in **Sedona, AZ**. **Clara & Sherm Hasbrouck** have both finished Mayo treatments and are busy getting ready for much usual Christmas company. **Anne Rousseau** sent warm wishes for **Charles Holle's** recovery. **Sarah Ford** thinks affectionately of her 1920-ers. **Bob & Pattie Kreuter** are enjoying good health. They spent Thanksgiving with son **Bob Jr** in his home at 3500' elevation on **Mt Haleakala** in HI's beautiful **Maui Isl**. And they were in **Los Altos, CA** for the happy occasion of their eldest granddaughter's wedding.

'21-'22	COL <b>Harry H. Haas</b>
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	Jacksonville, FL 32211
	Tel: 904-744-2239

It is with deep regret to report that **Babe Wilson** died on 3 Nov. Dr **Patrick Van Schoyck '75** sent me a news item about **Babe** that was published in the *Tulsa World*. "Younger Tulsans have no way of knowing what a tremendous, sustained effort it took by farsighted citizens throughout the 30's, 40's and 50's to conceive and bring into being the **Arkansas River Navigation System**. . . . As head of the **Tulsa District of the US Corps of Engineers** from 42 to 46, **COL Wilson** directed the report for multi-purpose dev of the **Arkansas** and it was adopted by Congress. . . . In 69 **Wilson** was described as 'the driving force' behind the project. He was an engr and a visionary who knew man's ingenuity could improve his environment. **COL Francis J Wilson** was a good man who worked for a dream and lived to see it come true." On behalf of the **Class I**

extend to **Patti** and her family our sincere sympathy. Personally, I always held **Babe** in high regard, and I am sorry that I did not get to see him at our 65th.

In the past **Art & Ginny Klein** always attended all the home football games at WP, and Ginny is continuing to do the same. She and her son this past yr also attended the Army-Rutgers game at the Meadowlands Stadium in NJ. **Art Klein Jr** & his wife went to Dublin, Ireland to see the Army-Boston College football game.

After 19 yrs of submitting Class notes, I missed the deadline for the Dec **ASSEMBLY**. The following notes should have been in the Dec issue. "So Solly."

I received the following in a letter from **Ferd Kramer**, a former classmate. "This yr at age 87, my partner **Kenneth Beer**, a ret Pan Am pilot, and I won the Natl Indoor Doubles Championship in Seattle, the Natl Grass Court Championship at Longwood, and the Natl Clay Court Doubles at Myrtle Beach. Those tournaments are known as Super Senior Tournaments, and the category in which I play are for those that are 85 and over." Imagine playing tennis at age 87; I find it a bit difficult walking around the block. Power to you **Ferd**.

The **Carys** and **McClenaghans** served together at Honolulu and the families became very friendly with one another. The last time they saw one another was on the transport returning from HI in 39, but they kept in touch until both **Bob & Gertrude** died. After considerable research **Milo** and his daughter **Martha Ann** finally located **Bob McClenaghan**, the oldest of the 5 **McClenaghan** sons, and through him they located the other 4. So from here on the two families will communicate with one another.



1921-22: Three **McClenaghan** sons—**Bill**, **Bob** and **Jack**

In a phone conversation with maid at the **Olmsted** home I was informed that **George** is about the same. His condition is no better or worse than it has been. We are thinking about you **George** and praying that you will get better.

The **Lawtons** usually spend the summer at **Algonquin, ME**. They were 3 wks late getting there this yr. Then in mid-Aug, **Marge** fell. She spent 4 days in a hosp. After the **Lawtons'** daughter came

to visit them they decided to return to **Bethesda**. Her condition has improved.

"**PD**" **Lynch** is still working on his autobiography. It should be about ready for publication.

In the gp picture is **Milo's** great-grandson **Frank L Alverson**, who had just graduated HS with several honors. Note the award medals around his neck. He is attending ROTC at **Georgia Tech**. Also in the picture are **Milo's** daughter and son-in-law **Philip Clarke**. It was **Philip** who recorded our 65th Reunion on a VHS.



1921-22: **Philip Clarke**, **Milo**, **Frank** and **Martha Ann**

**Hazel & I** spent a wk in the mountains of NC celebrating the 65th anniv of our wedding. We were married at the **Cadet Chapel** at WP on 15 Sep 23. It was a most enjoyable visit of that part of the country.

'23

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Compliments on the 65th Reunion keep coming in. **John White** wrote from **Brockport, NY** saying it was the best we ever had and added, "your write-up was super." Thanks, **Jack**. He reported attending the **Army-Northwestern** game during perfect weather and stated, "Army seems to have a good team again and should hold its own against Navy and AF. [You were right!] The cadet parade was as always most inspiring." He & **Alice** were having the whole family with them for the Thanksgiving weekend. Their youngest grandson is a sergeant in the **VT NG**, a mountaineering ski outfit that has trained in Italy. The oldest grandson is to be married in Feb.

**Joe & AnnaPerle Smith** spent a few days at the **Tides Inn (VA)** during Oct. **Joe** wrote the editor of **ASSEMBLY** complimenting him on the cover photo of **CPTs Kathleen & Scott Snook** and human interest write-up in Oct **ASSEMBLY**. It was great. Be sure to read it. **Marjorie Rich** had tea with **AnnaPerle Smith** and **Martha Smith** at the **Four Seasons Hotel, M St, Georgetown** in Oct. She was having **Isabel Norstad** for a visit 10-16 Nov in **San Ant**. She had phoned **Berbie Schlatter** who seemed in good



1923: Reunion table with **McGehees** near side, and at rear **Alice White**, **Pierces**, **White** and **Pierces '56**

spirits at the ret community where she has moved. It is **Mrs David Schlatter**, **Morningside Meadows, 730 Babcock Rd #4104, San Antonio, TX 78201**. Tel 512-734-1088. Thanks **Marjorie**.

In Oct the **Guevaras** reported on grandchildren and on how glad they were to make the reunion which "was great." They rushed home for graduation of **Carmen III (Neuberger)** in law at **GWU** on 21 May, and **Robert W Guevara** in intl affairs at **GWU** and ROTC at **Georgetown U** 25 May. He is now 2LT in basic inf at **Ft Benning**. **Carmen Lea** passed bar exams and works in a law firm in DC. Another grandson (son of **Santiago Jr**) graduated in engring in CA and is taking basic at **Ft Belvoir**. A granddaughter (**Carmen Jr's** daughter) is taking MBA at **Harvard**. Another grandson is in 4-yr med school at **N Western U** and currently in research course at **U of PA**. **Carmen** writes, "the grandchildren are in and out of their apt between semesters—never a dull moment." They go often to **Carlisle, PA** where **Carmen Jr** is at **Dickinson College**.

**Carmen** reported that **Francis King Babbit** (widow of **JC King**) died in Feb 88, only 62.

**COL George Buell ex-'23** wrote of his job as pres of **Porter Mil Academy Alumni Assoc**, bulldozed into it by other alumni. Being a grad of **Porter, Class of '17**, makes him one of the oldest living grads of the 550 living alumni—200 of them already in the yr-old alumni assoc he organized. **George** had suffered eye troubles but had them corrected by the ophthalmologist at the **Navy Hosp** in **Charleston**. The **Buells** celebrated their 63d wedding anniv 25 Jun. **George** treasures his brief stay at WP, regretting he didn't have the math brain of **GEN Summerall** who went from **Porter Prep** to **USMA**.

In '23 notes in Dec **ASSEMBLY** I reported that the **Cavenders** celebrated **Moe's** 91st birthday with a party at **March AFB**. A clipping sent to me by **Lyle Rosenberg** lists the guests as the **Rosenbergs**, **Warren Robinsons** and two other couples from **Sun City, CA**. The party was a champagne brunch on 2 Oct.



1923: Lois & Moe Cavender at his 91st birthday party

Another clipping came from Moe & Lois which stated that COL Cavender was presented with the newly authorized POW medal on 1 Nov. He was a prisoner of the Germans at Hamelburg from 19 Dec 44—27 Mar 45 when the POW compound was attacked by a tank column from Patton's Army. Lacking enough transportation to carry out all the prisoners, 125 were left behind for Cavender to lead out to freedom. When they reached Nuremberg, they were caught under a bomb attack, and COL Cavender was severely wounded. He was recaptured and put in a prison camp until 17 Apr 45 when he was rescued again by the Americans.

In a phone call to Ken Sweany I learned he & Laura had some of their family with them for Thanksgiving dinner along with two friends, ten in all. Here in Camden, ME Ruth & I enjoyed turkey and other goodies at the home of friends.

Mary (Mrs Frank) Wilder gave me news of her visit to WP with a granddaughter (18) and grandson (15) for the Army-AF game 5 Nov. For info on what to see with the children while there she phoned our reunion aide, MAJ Patrick Findlay. She said, "He was most accommodating, inviting us to his quarters, and took us in his van for an hr's drive throughout the Academy. The children were much impressed." The following wk Mary sent me the huge program publication for that game with statistics and pictures of both teams, the coaches, schedules, facts about the Academies, and full page ads that must have paid for printing costs. In early Dec Mary phoned PD & Mary Weikert whom she says "were both cheerful regardless of their impairment [and] Mary's sense of humor never fails." Agreed!

When the Feb ASSEMBLY reaches you, Ruth & I shall probably be at the Gasparilla Inn, Boca Grande, FL till late Mar, escaping the worst of ME winter. We plan a few days stop in MD when we fly back to Maine to have a visit with Wendell, Jr and family. We may see or have a phone visit with some of you all in DC area.

Regretfully we announce that William

J D'Espinoza ("Desprit") died at Georgetown (DC) Hosp 25 Nov, after a long illness, and was buried at Arlington Cemetery 1 Dec. Another of '23 has joined "the Long Gray Line of Us."

And still another—Paul W (Rosie) Wolf. According to the *Littleton Sentinel Independent* (of CO) 23 Nov, Paul died 20 Nov at Hallmark Nursing Home after a long illness. Private family rites were held 25 Nov at Ft Logan where ashes were interred.

In the Dec 88 issue of ASSEMBLY I had a paragraph about Paul and honors received in his community and positions held there. Now the Littleton newspaper reporting his death also has a biographical sketch of his mil and civ careers which I am condensing here. Commissioned in the Air Corps in 23, he won the AC wings and was ordered to the PI. Soon after he contracted TB and was hospitalized at Fitzsimmons Hosp. While there, he met Cynthia "Cee" Foster. They were married in 34 and Paul, apparently well, was ordered to March Field. But the TB flared up again, and after a return to Fitzsimmons, he was given a med discharge and began working in investment banking. Early in WWII he returned to active duty, first at Lowry AFB and then to Hill Field, Ogden, UT. After the war ended, he was ret and moved with Cee to Littleton, CO, where they bought the 10-acre Willowcroft Manor. Since then, he became involved in local civic and philanthropic orgs, and as chm of the Republican Party. Many of these were mentioned in the '23 notes, Dec ASSEMBLY. Paraphrasing from the *Alma Mater* for you Rosie, we say, "Your work is done, your course is run, and we say 'well done, be thou at peace.'"

The Dwyer clan that Mary & Roy started gathered here and there at Christmas according to Mary's letter. Roy Jr & wife Jackie were to go to Enterprise, AL for Christmas with their son Steve '80 & wife Gale '81. They would also see their other son Joe, a 1LT in TX. Mary was staying in PA but expected to be together with her daughter Mary and family coming from Cincinnati to visit daughters in Ardmore and Bryn Mawr, PA when they all get together for Christmas dinner.

Ada Bowen wrote that she was fine except for muscular degeneration in one eye. She was going to Miami for Christmas with her sister Louise at the home of Louise's second son and family. Ada and Louise spent Jun in Scotland and England, with last wk in "glorious London."

To make sure of making the 15 Dec deadline during this busy postal season, I'm closing these notes and mailing them to WP this Fri 12/9. Hoping all who read these lines will have a happy and healthy 1989.

Gripping Hands, Your Scribe WGJ

'24

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Anne Moore, Betty MacCloskey, and Florence Dewey hosted the quarterly meeting of the '24 Wives at the Westchester in Wash DC on 1 Dec. Those present included Betty Beurket, Bo Craig, Helen Dasher, Lorraine Eddleman, Rita Evans, Lorraine Gant, Laura Hart, Agnes John, Loreine Vogel, Kitty Smith, Marguerite Stevens, Hazel Van Way, and the hostesses.

The children of Tad & Margaret Tasker have furnished us with the following account of Margaret's activities after Tad's death in Dec 87. Finding the mgt of their old place in Westborough, MA too difficult, the children helped Margaret move into a nursing home in a ret community in Bedford. Although she is suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Margaret has retained her sense of humor and is still the same patient, self-effacing person she always was. She remembers her friends but has difficulty keeping tract of current happenings. She loves to see old friends and the kids, and enjoys being part of a gp. She appreciates receiving cards and letters. She has her own phone in her room (618-275-8869) and is usually there after dinner. She wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frank & Mary Beth Gillette are well settled in their ret community at Fresericka Manor in San Diego. Throughout the yr there are trips to the theatres, museums, and other interesting places in the area. Mary Beth conducts the hr-long Kaffee-Klatch each wk. Frank is still chm of the Grounds Comm and historian of the local chapter of the Mil Order of World Wars. He conducts their current events programs, supplemented with slide shows and lectures. Last Jan the Gillettes visited HI. Frank says the Japanese have just about taken over Honolulu commercially. The Japanese investors now own 70% of the hotels, condos and restaurants. They are all over the place. Postcards and menus are printed in Japanese. The glitzy Waikiki area resembles the Tokyo Ginza district. However, Frank & Mary Beth were glad to visit again with some of their dear friends among the permanent American residences. During the mo of Aug the Gillettes made a trip back east to Cincinnati where they participated in a gala golden wedding anniv celebration with various other members of both their families.

Anne Moore has presented to the library at WP Jim's handsomely bound first yr's six original issues of *The Pointer*, along with original copies of correspondence on how *The Pointer* was start-

ed. Jim, together with Max Tracy, were its first co-editors. This all came about a few mos ago when a member of the AOG Bd of Trustees, himself a former ed of *The Pointer*, told Anne that the WP Library should have this material. He referred to it as "a treasure." After obtaining the approval of Jim Moore, Jr (LTG '54), Anne sent it all to the WP Library. She has received a very nice letter of appreciation from the librarian.

We regret to report the death of **Emilie W Polsgrove** who passed away in Arlington, VA on 30 Nov. Emilie had not been well for some time. Following services on 5 Dec, interment was in the Quantico Natl Cemetery. The ceremonies were attended by many classmates and friends.

**Margaret H Graling** died peacefully in her sleep on 26 Nov at the Powhatan Nursing Home in McLean, VA. She was buried beside Frank in the Arlington Natl Cemetery.

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**Red Long** reports that he & Cathy took a 12-day trip from San Fran to AK in early fall, visiting Victoria, BC and Skagway. They saw lots of glaciers among other things, and the trip was very restful. Red has been having trouble with his eyes. That is why I got to be your scribe.

**Russ Finn** was not a hostage of the Norse Raiders as suggested in the Oct issue of *ASSEMBLY*. He writes: "The two Swedish stamps enclosed with my check expose a disorganized desk. Fifty yrs ago, while at Cornell, Ax Devereaux converted me to stamp collecting and I have been at it ever since. Currently, I exchange with collectors in 8 foreign countries. It is an interesting hobby."

Received a letter from Sally Ann Evans, daughter of our deceased classmate, **Ike Evans**. She reports that she has ret (momentarily) from public school teaching, but has gone through a tng period and is now "museum teacher" at the Noah Webster House in Hartford, CT. She takes school gps on field trips two or three times per wk and is "having a ball." She also reports that she has learned to spin, weave, and cook in iron kettles in a colonial fireplace.

**Frank Steer** reports, "On 6 Nov, the HI State Veterans Council put on a program honoring vets of all wars at the War Memorial Hall in Honolulu. The WWI vets and wives or guests were issued complimentary tickets (but no-host bar), but the other 400 or 500 vets had to pay \$10.00 each for tickets. The WWI vets and wives received the old red carpet treatment. I led our gp with the *Over There*, *Over There* and *Hinkey Dinkey Parlez Vous* songs. We substituted the word 'blank' for

the four-letter profane words and we received a standing ovation."

**Hoppie & Sophia Hopkins** returned to their winter home (307 Spring Run Circle, Longwood, FL 32779) in late Sep. While they were in DE, the grass, weeds and shrubbery took advantage of the situation and grew so profusely that Hoppie says the place looked like a jungle. Many hrs of pruning, cutting, and digging, however, got results and saved his home from being pulled down by overgrown wisteria. Hoppie has had other problems, also. He had a cataract removed from his right eye, with excellent results. He says the med pers involved were topnotch and the eye is healing nicely. But, another problem was more aggravating. His daughter Cynthia & her husband Al live in Guatemala City and the Hopkinses plan to visit them in the spring. A passport is not required, but is recommended. When Hoppie applied for the passport, the first question asked was, "Where is your birth certificate?" Ohio, where he was born, didn't start issuing birth certificates until 7 yrs after he was born and, therefore, he didn't have one. An honorable discharge from the Army, ID cards, and a baptismal certificate did not suffice, and as of this report, the passport office is sending him from one place to another, without results. An exasperated Hoppie says, "The Japs didn't insist on a birth certificate when they crammed me, along with 1500 other POWs, into the hold of an old freighter during WWII."

At the present time, 38 members of the Class are living. Drop me a note and tell me what you are doing. I will pass it on, if it's fit to print. I'm sure all other classmates are interested.

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Several notes from **Jimmy Wade** have reported continued progress on the memorial to **George A Smith Jr** to be completed soon at the Marion Mil Inst at Marion, AL. Jimmy avows also that the MMI will honor his wife **Jessie** and himself for their contributions to the Inst. Details as they come to light.

Some gratifying good news from **Parker Reeve** in that remote enigmatic continent, Australia. Inasmuch as he & **Gwen** are still US citizens, he has to skirmish with tax collectors from both nations. He reports that the Aussie tax people are more accommodating than the IRS which "Annually . . . sends an expert from Wash on a tour of the Australian capitals to advise Americans. This yr I was absent from home and missed out. So I read the voluminous poop . . . and did the best I could . . . figured two ways. The first go had us

owing a very modest tax. So I read the fine print again. The second go had us due a refund. It seemed improbable but I pegged it in anyway. A few mos ago we received a US Treasury check for more than \$1000!" How about giving us all lessons in dealing successfully and profitably with the IRS, Parker?

**Eddie Watson** and **Benny Heiser** have crossed that dark and forlorn River of Nine Bends. P Chilton's son, a ret Marine Corps off (ex-Jan '43) forwarded the news of Eddie plus an obit; and a lady grad, Ellen Groschelle '82, graciously did the same for Benny. We join in offering condolences to the surviving members of the two families. As **Vald Heiberg** remarked so aptly, "It's sad to note that the Class number has now dropped to 34. The attrition is now climbing at an alarming rate; octogenarians have very little to look forward to, so let's hope that those of us who are still around are made of sterner stuff." And here one must deplore the lamentable aspect of the obit which for the last time exposes or brings to memory the subject's single accomplishments that were unknown generally or forgotten. Thus Eddie was a bridge buff of natl renown and rating; he once held the men's bridge championship of his state. \*Remember the talented and witty instructor of yearling English, Alexander W Chilton '07, whose forte was introducing us clods to the best in modern US and British writing?

A Grand Salaam to **Jimmy Burwell** for his accomplishments as a mighty hunter. He is a member of the Cherry Springs Hunting Club which annually stages an opening season hunt for deer and turkey. Jimmy has participated in every one of these special events for the past 35 yrs, and he celebrated that anniv in Nov by bagging two magnificent 7-pt bucks. Our classmate is truly instilled with the spirit of a latter-day Natty Bumppo.

We can all rejoice that another lost ex-member of the Class has come to light, **George E McCormick Jr** who earned a commission and ret as COL in 57, met his wife **Peggy** on a cruise in 70 and married her in 76. The couple settled near Cairns on the East (or Marlin) Coast of Australia where they have since lived. Mac's health began to fail in 87 though Peggy, formerly a nurse, was able at first to care for him at home. Eventually, she was overburdened and couldn't give Mac the med support he needed. She came to agree with his MD that her husband belonged in a nursing home which he entered in Aug. Mac would dearly appreciate letters from the Class. **Red Reeder** claims he has some remembrance of our Aussie friend and will get in touch with Mac. Here's the address—COL George E McCormick Jr, USA-Ret, 73 Reed Rd, Trinity Park, Queensland, 4879, Australia.

**Doc & Betty Jones** are recovering from a long series of illnesses, and it is cheering to learn that they are on the mend. It all started in July 87 when Doc was hit by a bout of Parkinson's disease while he & Betty were visiting in IL. A med regimen followed at once, but Doc fell victim to that old saw—the cure was worse than the disease. His medicines reacted against each other and gave him toxic poisoning plus hallucinations. So the couple lost two mos before Doc was well enough to start back to Atlanta. There another MD with another set of medications brought on a similar, though worse, result and Doc spent from Dec 87 to late Jun 88 in a hosp (where he picked up an attack of shingles) or a nursing home. Meanwhile, Betty developed hepatitis plus a slight bit of heart trouble. Both she & Doc are busy recuperating. Doc is apparently in fine spirits, able to type out a long two-page letter. So the Class wishes you two: baldige besserung (short for get well quick) Betty & Doc.

Our West Coast stringer, **Spud Murphy**, says that he & **Gen** are doing well, "We limp along cheerfully in accordance with the rules that are due to our age bracket." He forwarded an enthusiastic report on the success of **Beth McNaughton's** retrospective (1920–88) show in Gualala, CA (on the coast near 60 mi NW of S.F.) where her family has had interests for some time. Spud was especially impressed by the show's announcement which contained a water color, "Moonrise," painted in 88. And the show was a fine success, developing substantial interest with several offers even before it opened. Some 200 guests attended the opening reception and a large family-style dinner followed with children and grands galore. So the Class takes pleasure in and compliments you on your accomplishments, Beth. We wish you continued inspiration and success.

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My thanks goes to **Mac Miller** for two letters of "Class" news. First was the sad news of the passing of **Milt Towner** on 26 Oct at the AF Hosp in San Ant. **Natalie & Bob Aloe**, **Jean Burgess**, and **Betty Lovell** attended the services at AFV I on the 29th. Burial was at Arlington. **Ethel Kuter** was in NY and missed the services. His loss cuts the living of '27 to 59! Mac is taking steps to see that a page of the Memory Book is devoted to Milt.

**Ralph Zwicker** was at a party given by **Geo Rehm '20** at the Ft Myer Club. Ralph looked well although chairbound, and was brought to the party by his devoted daughter **Jean Durant** and her

faithful husband. **Jimmy Collins** is not well and is being looked after by round-the-clock nursing care. His daughter lives nearby and he gets out for walks each day with an attendant. **Jerry Lillard** also takes walks each day but spends most of his time at the nursing home where **Lucille** lives. **Trapnell** is the same as ever, plays golf regularly, but otherwise lives a quiet life with **Betty** in their apt.

Now for **Mac & Jean Miller**; they are in fairly good shape. He plays "at" golf twice a wk and bowls in a mixed league to which Jean belongs. They plan to go to Barstow at Christmas to visit their son, now an Arm maj, at the nearby tng center. It will be fun to see him & his wife and the two grandchildren. They hope to stay well enough to make the trip.

**Kay Brown** passed away on 17 Nov at Goodwin House in Alex. Burial was at Arlington where Ted was buried. **Jean & Mac** and **Betty & Trap** attended the funeral along with O'Mearas '30 and Eddlemans '24.

**Bob & Natalie Aloe** took the "Fall Foliage Tour" through N.E. in mid-Oct which included a snowstorm that gave them a talking point when they got back to San Ant. Celebration of their 53rd anniv was part of the trip.

Our ex-classmate **Irvine Paris**, who chose banking in Honolulu over 2LT in the Army, reports that they have sold their home (grass shack?) in Kealakekua and are moving to "Arcadia," a ret (not nursing) home in Honolulu. New address—1434 Punahou St, Apt 1231, Honolulu, HI 96822-4798.

**Dorothy & Blair Garland** were planning for a winter stay in FL. His itinerary includes visits with the **Fooks** and **Woods** en route, and to stay in **Derby's** hometown, Naples. He saw all the home games at WP. He was most enthusiastic about next yr's football prospects with so many top players returning.

**Betty & Woody Hocker** have a new address—One Baldwin Ave, Apt 908, San Mateo, CA 94401. Their home phone no was not changed. I had the fun of correcting the 411 operator after she had told me there was no Hocker number at the new address.

Both S.F. papers reported the sudden death of "**Joe**" **Potter** who was a member of '27 until the B Board gave him the 5-yr course. I had the pleasure of taking over for him as KS City dist engr in 48. He went to the AK Dist. Joe's record of achievements, in and out of the service, speaks for itself.

**Hank Hoeffler** sent me a long letter complaining that he is the lone '27 in IL. We ended our mil careers together with a formal parade at Belvoir. He came from Atlanta Div and I came from Chicago Div. He went to work for the Natl Safety Council in Chicago and still lives close to where we lived. All of his offspring seem to be here in CA.

Just received a report from **Pat Pachynski** in Plano, TX. Pat lived across the hall when we were plebes. His father's frequent visits were a joy to the fourth floor!! Pat is worse off than I am; his heart trouble has hurt his talking. **Betty** complains that the children grow up too fast.

Things are bad in San Ant. 10 Dec mail brought a note from **Watlington** that **Alex "Mike" Williams'** wife **Verna** passed away on 4 Dec after a long and "terrible" illness. **Bob**, **Natalie** and **Wat** planned to attend the services at Ft Sam Cemetery on 7 Dec.

Last night, 9 Dec, your scribe attended a centennial ball celebrating 100 yrs of the So Pac Div of the C of E. I was honored as the oldest living former CO. LTG Hatch, Ch of Engrs; BG Sobke, CO; and I held the sword cutting the B-day cake. Many of my 15 successors were present.

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**Arthur Barry '40** sent me a clipping from *The Wanderer* of Front Royal, VA which informed—Christendom College has awarded a full tuition scholarship in memory of **GEN Thomas Lane** of McLean, VA to **David Brown** of Louisville, KY. This well-deserved honor of Tom's memory is of much interest to all of us.

My other news is sad. A recent phone call from **Dumps Raymond** informed that **Ed Reber** had just died. I have no details. Our most heartfelt sympathies go to **Betty** and the other members of Ed's family.

And **Jeanette Maerdian** passed away on 7 Oct. After a memorial service at Montecito, CA, she was buried at WP with **Bill**.

My next notes are due in at AOG on 13 Feb 89.

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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!** These notes should arrive only a couple of days thereafter. It's hard to think of that and getting these notes together in sunshine, 80° weather with Christmas presents, cards, bills, etc piling up to do something about before we head to the cold country in a wk.

A rough, very rough estimate on expenses for the 60th other than AOG dinner \$16, luncheon \$8, and hotel room which you have to handle individually, is \$100 per person. Included are Class dinner with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and wine; continental breakfast each morn-

ing; boat trip with buffet dinner and cash bar; luncheon in '29 corridor, Ike Hall; Class picture, memento, gift to Class aides, etc. If we can arrange a bus it should be about \$60 each R.T. Should have a breakdown in the next notes and a request for prepayment, so the only additional costs would be personal such as drinks, presents for grandchildren, etc.

**Dutch & Hank Kraus** attended the dedication of **Rasmussen Hall** at the Def Language Inst. He reported that it was a very impressive ceremony. Among the dignitaries **Emma** had her son **Kai** & his wife; her daughter, **Mrs Gilbert Kinney** & her husband; and **Kai's** two first cousins from nearby **Menlo Park**. Unfortunately **Kai's** 91-yr old brother from **NY** couldn't come. **Dutch** said **Kai** would have been proud of the fine looking family. Also that he and **Hank** enjoyed their 12-day cruise to **AK**, for the food, people and weather were all good.

**Kirk & Ginny Kirkpatrick** are about the same despite anemia, backaches, etc. They gave up their plans of visiting **Terry** (his youngest) at **NATO Hq.** He's due back next summer and plans to ret in 91. **Kirk** visited **Patty** in **NY** and **WP** in early **Oct.**

**Bill Thompson** writes that he & **Nell**, **Nick & Jackie Nichols**, **Fenn Sykes**, **Della Caraway**, **Alice Nesbitt** and **Marge Ghormley** attended a luncheon at **Myer**. Don't know when or where the next luncheon will be, so I suggest that anyone passing through give **Bill** or **Fenn** a call.

Hope that **Roy Vincent** will give it a try next time he goes from **Pgh** to visit his daughter in **DC** and that the luncheon is better than the last one he had at the **A-N Club**. He said the **WP Soc** of **Pgh** is active and a great bunch of guys. Glad to hear it, for I was once pres a long time ago and arranged for the **WP Glee Club** to perform there. May get to see **Roy** when he comes to **Long Boat Key** in **Feb.** **Bill** also asked if I knew **Tom Griffin Jr** was **LTG** and **C/S Allied Forces** in **Southern Europe**, and **Dudley Wiegand** a 2-star and **Dep CINC**, **Forces Cmd.** I'm sure I included that in one of the notes, but whether I did or not, it bears repeating. It might be that I slipped on that the way I did in not reporting **Vickrey's** fall off a ladder breaking his hip. While recuperating from that he had two cases of pneumonia in the hosp. Since his release he's been able to attend his granddaughter's graduation with high honors. Also to make another trip. Our across the hall neighbor had a similar fall but broke his coccyx instead of his hip.

**George Bush** says that **Helen** recovered very well from implant surgery in both knees. They seldom travel but last May they had a delightful trip to **NH** to attend their granddaughter **Lucy Norvell's** wedding. Many will remember

**Lucy**, as she attended our 55th. Not to be outdone, **Dot McCulla** had implant surgery on both eyes (2 wks apart) to remove the cataracts and insert a plastic lens. Individually each eye reads 20/25, but they need to cooperate better.

How many have seen the smiling picture of **Jim & Lois Stevenson** plugging **USAA Towers** in **San Ant** and his computer programs for duplicate bridge?

**Jack Hornor & Ann** visited his daughter whose husband is stationed at **Ft Sam**. **Jack** describes **Billy Greear** as the "Handsome 'Lord Mayor' of **ARC**" who still finds time to get 2 bucks a yr plus a wild boar, and a fair share of dove, duck, quail and geese." **Hornors** may move to **ARL** and join half a dozen '29ers there now. **Ann** has 2 grand thoroughbred horses which she hunts twice a wk. One can jump the moon, and the other is the fastest around there. Don't know where he saw "Daddy Sykes," but he said **Fenn** was in fine form.

**Betsy Ladd** has not been too well of late.

A long-time friend of **Dot's** from way back in **IA** days wrote that when they were in **Sun City, AZ** last winter they found that both **John Hammond** and **Hugh Stevenson** were in poor health. **John** died last **Oct.** We also received word from **Glenn Williamson's** daughter, **Beverly Bach**, that he passed away on 22 **Nov** but no further info. Nor on **Virginia Horton** who had a heart attack last summer. A contribution, in her memory, has been made by the Class to **AHA.**

**Paul & Josette Thompson** are on a hurried trip to **France.**

At the time of our 60th, the **WP Art Gp "Studio Six"** will have an exhibit. It may contain, in retrospect, gallery posters showing the type of shows that have been mounted in the past 10 yrs. **Mr Yost**, the cultural arts dir, **Cadet Activities**, said "the ongoing interest on the part of the Class of '29 and the Directorate of **Alumni Affairs** is deeply appreciated by the cadets and theater patrons who regularly visit the art gallery." The following is an extract from one of the **Eisenhower Theater Programs:**

"The Class of '29 Art Gallery located at the first balcony level of **Eisenhower Hall Theatre** features exhibitions throughout the performing arts season. These varied exhibits sponsored by the **Art Seminar** of the **Cadet Fine Arts Forum** provide Gallery visitors an opportunity to enjoy an assortment of visual art offerings ranging from established art forms to contemporary modes of artistic expression in a variety of media to include painting, sculpture, crafts, printmaking and photography. Plan to make the gallery a part of your night at the theatre."

Just found out that **Lou Quill** is coming to **Tarpon Springs** to see her daughter **Barbara** on the same day we are leaving

for **Belleville, IL** to visit our daughter **Jean**. As we each return home on the 4th of **Jan** we'll miss connections. Did make them with **Midgie Munds** who is here from **Indianapolis** visiting her mother **Midge Ward.**

Hope you liked some of the quotations from **Abe Lincoln's** Class notes so here are some from **Dick Wentworth** and **Bill Thompson's** 45th when 87 classmates and widows returned, staying at the **Holiday Inn, Newburgh.** "We enjoyed and appreciated the drinks provided by **Hank De Riemer** in absentia; the buffet luncheon at 'Sengen' by **Tom & Renee Sands**; the boat trip; the Class dinner at **WPAM** with liquid refreshments courtesy of **Ed & Alice Lasher** and the impressive cadet ceremonies at **Thayer Monument** followed by the **Alumni review.**" At the Class dinner, plaques were presented to **Jupe Lindsey** and **Bill Thompson.** "All agreed that the **PME lunch** was excellent and the bus the way to go."

I first undertook the duty of scribe, somewhat reluctantly, as a duty, a duty that might in some measure repay, to **WP** and to the Class, the inestimable opportunities, challenges, and satisfactions that I have received from both the institution and the gp. The duty became—as duty does, sometimes—not just a duty, but a privilege and a pleasure, to coin one. It has been fun, doing the Class notes. They have brought me closer, pleasantly closer, to many of you (and many of you to me, I hope), particularly those with whom I have never served. I have found both anticipated and unanticipated qualities, most of them delightful, in the members of the Class of '29. To say more would be fulsome. I shall sum it up by stealing words (with a change of only one word) from **Professor Higgins** of *My Fair Lady* in his song "Hymn to Him" or "Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man?"

"By and large, we ARE a **MARVELOUS** class!" Honest.

And so I now turn over this task, this duty, this pleasure to **BG Richard D Wentworth**, 1501 S 23d Road, **Arlington, VA 22202.** **Dick** comes to the job as a volunteer. He claims that he's never done anything to repay the Class for the honor of being their elected secy. Not true. Single-handedly—well, double-handedly, with **Isabel's** invaluable assistance—he put out both our 5-Yr Book and our 10-Yr Book. And when his time became available, he became a mainstay on the **Class Co-ord Comm.** To which I say "Amen."

To get back to 88, it's been and is a banner yr for all the **Keelers.** They are having a full family reunion Christmas on a family farm in **Spencertown, NY** to top off a yr beginning **New Year's** with **Anne's** wedding to **Jim Galgon** attended by every member of the family. **Kay** decided to emulate her Olympic medal-



1929: The Keelers on Labor Day

winning daughter and took up rowing; setting a world record for power rowing for her age. Shan returned to China professionally. On a rainy Labor Day, 16 assembled in Bantam, CT and have the picture to prove it.

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We learned recently that **Freddie Wing & Neva** have moved from Leesburg, VA to 919 19th Ave NE #1201 Bellvue, WA 98004. We will miss them; and certainly do wish them well in the far away beautiful West. Also, **Adam Koscielniak & Margarite** moved in late Nov to Williamsburg to be near their daughter who lives in that area. Kos's new address is 102 Stratford Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. He plans to attend future luncheons with the DC area gp.

The fall luncheon was held at the Ft McNair OC on 4 Nov. There was an excellent lunch and good turnout. **Bob Porter** came from central VA; **Alva Fitch** from Williamsburg; and **Ferguson** came down from PA again. From the local area there were our pres **Pete King**, **Andy O'Meara**, **Bill Carter**, **George Duehring**, **Ster Wright**, **Max Janairo**, **Millard Lewis**, **Herb Mitchell**, **Ned Moore** and **Frank Waldrop**. The next meeting, our spring luncheon, will be held at the same place at 11:30 a.m. on Thur, 4 May 89. Put the date on your new calendar and plan to come.

**Dick (Hutch) Hutchison** wrote on 23 Oct to say that he & **Mary** have also moved. They found the traffic in Orange Co, CA had become more than they

cared to face any longer. Their new address is 770 Acorn Cr, Ashland, OR 97520. **Hutch** wrote they are 15 mi north of CA on Interstate 5, where there are 4 seasons and life moves a bit slower. He suggests that if one of us in our "golden yrs" plans to move, he should start pitching out junk and non-essentials a full yr ahead of time. The savings on the van could be equal to that of a trip to HI! **Hutch** sends his best regards to all of us in the DC area.

**Mollie Odom** wrote a lovely note on 24 Oct and enclosed some nice pictures which I hope will reproduce well. She wrote that **Cayce** is still able to do all sorts of yard work; walks a mi almost every day; and, in general, lives a full life. This is good news indeed. The **Carters**, **Gutheries** and **Bakers** are frequent visitors at Signal Mountain where the **Odoms** call their home "At Ease." **Mollie** sends their love to the Class.



1930: Cayce & Mollie Odom with Herbert, Mollie Elizabeth and Cayce, Jr.—50th wedding anniv, 4 Nov 86

**Dave & Shirley Baker**, who live in Naples, FL, visited with the **Odoms** last

summer in Jul. **Mollie** took the picture shown herein. It is easy to see that **Dave & Shirley** were in great health at that time; we trust that y'all stay that way at least through our next reunion.



1930: Dave & Shirley Baker with Cayce Odom

**Bill Carter** reported that the **Whipples** were in town in early Nov for a wedding. They dropped in on the **Carters** who noted that they are obviously in good health. **Bill Whipple** is still on the payroll of the State of NJ. We hope they have time in 90 to attend our reunion.

**Mollie Odom** sent me another note at **Cayce's** request on 15 Nov enclosing a copy of *The Shield*, which is the school publication of Saint Mary's Hall in San Ant. Their fall 88 issue contains a glowing tribute to **Johnny Kilborn**. He attended their graduate school from 59—62 to obtain his master's in math. **Johnnie** then taught math for many yrs until he became the dept head. **Mollie** had graduated from Saint Mary's in 31. Thank you, **Mollie**.

In late Nov I received an interesting letter from Mrs **Andrew M Wright** who now lives in Panama. She does volunteer work at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Library there, and ran across a copy of the *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club* for Apr-Jun 88. The **John Torrey** whose name identifies this club was a botanist, and also a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia in NY. He practiced medicine for a few yrs before his marriage in 1824. In Aug of that yr the couple moved to WP where **John** became asst surgeon and prof of chemistry and mineralogy. The Supe at that time was **COL Thayer**. **Torrey** continued in that capacity until 1830, at which time he transferred to Princeton where he taught until 1854. In the meantime, in Dec 1853, **Torrey** became the assayer of the New York City Mint. He also took a position on the faculty of his alma mater, from which he ret in 1855. From what we know of **COL Thayer**, and this brief outline of **John Torrey's** work asgmts, we can be sure he was a well-rounded and highly educated man who loved teaching, and was probably very good at it. His *Flora of the Northern and Middle Atlantic States of the United States* was written in 1824

and apparently made a strong impression on his contemporaries. Future bulletins promise to pursue this couple further. We are grateful for this intriguing glimpse of our USMA, a century before our own graduation. Mrs Wright's address is PCS Box 753, APO, Miami 34004.

On Pearl Harbor Day I received a lovely letter from **Pat Dodge** with a run-down on her 88 activities. The highlights included Paris in Apr on tour with the Army Officers Wives Club, Greater Wash Area. The weather was remarkably good. In addition to the usual sightseeing, their special events included tea at the residence of our ambassador; tea given by the wife of the French Army C/S in their home; a breakfast fashion show at the Galleries Lafayette; and a visit to the Garde Republicaine to review a superb mounted drill. This last item is perhaps the world's most colorful spectacle.

In May Pat and a friend, Emmy Whittaker, had a full wk of sightseeing and good fun in New Orleans. They stayed in a French Quarter hotel, and heard a lot of good jazz, including the band at Preservation Hall, and ate far too much of the wonderful food there. Pat's final fling for 88 was a Smithsonian Study Tour in Tuscany in Oct. This tour boasted a study dir and tour dir, lasted two wks, and was based in a lovely "pensione" in Sienna. The weather, the friendly people in her gp, and the food provided left nothing to be desired. Their tour included many cities and towns such as Florence, Pisa, Assisi, and Oviato. Pat is ready to go back, particularly to Sienna. Thank you, Pat.

As I write this, we are still suffering from the near disaster of the Redskins this yr. Every team was aiming at the 87-88 Natl Champions. But we are much more than compensated by our marvelous Army victory over Navy. It was a cliff hanger, hard fought, clean fight all the way, and in the end, we did BEAT NAVY!!!!

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**Bill Chandler** said he & **Betty** left part of their hearts in San Fran after 36 enjoyable yrs there. They have recently changed station to San Ant's Army Residence Community, address—5207 Churubusco Dr, San Antonio, TX 78239. They hope to have their cottage settled in time to spend Christmas in Sante Fe with young Bill and family, particularly the two oldest grandsons. Meanwhile, Bill has also, by his departure, forsaken his golf companion of the last 15 yrs, **Bill Train**.

It's hard to believe that in speedily girdling our little globe over these many

ysr, **Bill & Charlotte Train** last fall took a whole wk to travel but a hundred mi. It was, however, one of those delightful barge rides on France's canals where the boat glided serenely through the peaceful vineyards and farms, stopping along the way at historic towns and sites for a visit here and there. At Colmar, memories came back to Bill of Jan 45 when his 28th Div, attached to the First French Army, drove out the Germans. It's a bustling town, as are Strasbourg and Mulhouse. All this constituted the first leg of their 3-wk European trip. From Mulhouse, they entrained for the Italian-speaking Lugano, Switzerland—the scene of my own last condition of servitude. A boat ride on scenic Lago Lugano took them to a Sunday lunch on the veranda of Ristorante della Posta overlooking the lake. Later, much footwork contributed to whirlwind sightseeing. The flower of Italy attracted them next—Florence, whence they drove by autostrada to bask in the days of the Medici with their frescoes, statuary, the pervasive beauty of that golden age. Delving further into history, Bill & Charlotte completed their third wk on a farm for bed and breakfast in ancient Tuscany with visits to the ruins of this long lost people at Pistoria, Lucca, Sienna, Vinci, and Gimignano. An 87 mph drive back to Milano took them to their airplane for return home. They didn't budge at all until Feb when they had to ski in UT; next, Spain and Monaco for golf in Apr.



1931: Maggi Moore

**Harry & Norma Cooper** spent two wks over Thanksgiving in Baltimore whence there gathered their two daughters and one son with spouses Dan Anker '51, Jack Scholz '56, and Michael Cooper USNA '59 and 3 grandchildren. Last Oct **Bill Taylor** visited his daughter and son-in-law in old Williamsburg.

Birds of paradise, ginger, anthurium, and leis galore graced **Rod Moore's** 80th birthday celebration in Falls Church, VA sponsored by his & **Maggi's** daughter, Cynthia Bond, who flew in from Honolulu.

**Dean Herman** reports that the mil community of Ft Bliss and El Paso played a part in the hosting of the Army-AL Sun Bowl game on the day before

Christmas. It was the culmination of an illustrious season for undoubtedly the most traveled Army team ever—Seattle; Dublin, Ireland; and finally El Paso—and don't forget Philadelphia.



1931: Harrison, Dick, Moore and Davis

As mentioned in the addendum at the very end of the Dec column, **C<sup>2</sup> Smith** opened up a treasure chest of info about **Cook Marshall**, which, on follow-up produces more and more very useful background for preparation of Cook's long overdue obituary for *ASSEMBLY*. At the same time, **Doc & Elsie Strother** have made it possible to locate Cook's widow, **Helen**, who remarried in Aug 46 (Cook was killed in action 4 June 44) to an Aiken, SC atty, and, having sat out the war there, has lived there ever since. Her complete address (perfected through the mayor who knew her husband) is Mrs Julian B Salley Jr, 438 Kershaw Place SE, Aiken, SC 29801; his mailing address is PO Box 517, Aiken, SC 29802. Cook had two brothers, Benjamin (killed in action in WWII) and Norman, also deceased. Cook & Helen had one daughter, Helen, born in 40 who died of leukemia in 61 less than a yr after she was married. Several yrs later, her husband died while scuba diving.

I learned only from the 1988 AOG Register that **Walter Ellis** died on 18 Mar in Fayetteville, AR. My letters in the past two yrs written to the address listed in our 50th and repeated in our 55th Class directory were returned as undeliverable; so, my regrets that no further info is available.

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**NEW ADDRESSES!** In San Ant **Bobby Webster** has moved from her AF Village II high-rise apt to nearby AF Village I where her sister Sally Anderson (widow of Sammy '28 lives). Bobby has a nice duplex, with a little ground for her gardening, just a few doors from **Esther Wray**. Make a note of Bobby's new address—4917 Ravenswood Dr, Apt 1777, San Antonio 78227. New phone no is (512) 675-6428.

Another new address is that of **Frank Johnston's** widow, **Catherine**, who married **Alden B Chace**, a graduate of U of NV. Alden served in the Navy during WWII and became a Regular after it. They had known each other more than 25 yrs and in fact, Alden's wife died two days before Catherine & Frank's excursion trip on which Frank died 12 days later. Alden is active in the Masons, TROA, SIRS and *mostly* HAM radio. He has one son, a ret Navy grad who works for Boeing. Welcome to the club, Alden.

**Catherine** has sold her house in Carmel and made a commitment to a unit in the Del Mesa Ret Community. They will also keep Alden's summer house in Carmel. Make a note of the Alden Chaces' new address: PO Box 4307, Carmel, CA 93921.



1932: Titter Horner and Helen Lyon

**Archie & Helen Lyon**, the **Brittons**, **Horners**, and **Joslin Morris** will all move into The Fairfax, the Army ret residence near Ft Belvoir, when it opens in Jun.

**Mary & Click Rees** wrote that **Ruth Sutherland** has moved into a ret home but did not specify which. Be sure to notify **Archie**, **Ruth**.

**Isabel & Harry Porter** are still surveying the field with a strong interest in San Ant. I'm not making a sales pitch, but if anyone wants a recommendation regarding the best in this town, give me a buzz. We have studied them all and selected the one which we consider the best. Construction will be started in Jun, and if you act now you will get a good priority in the selection with no risk of losing any \$ if you change your mind before the final go-around.

**YOU'RE (STILL) IN THE ARMY NOW!** **Birdie Huggins**, RN, CRNA, got a letter signed by the Asst Sec Def for Health Affairs urging Birdie to join the Natl Guard or Res in the capacity of a nurse anesthetist. It was a hard sell and was followed by a letter from the Chief, Nurse Recruiting Div, a USAF col who expanded on it and listed the advantages including "the benefits and respect of an AF off."

Having known **Birdie's** work as an off with the Fifth Army in Italy in WWII, and knowing how she is regarded by the VA and civ hosps in Kerrville for her yrs of service there, I would say they know what they're going for.

And like the old fire horse out in the pasture who stomps around when he hears the bell ring, **Dwight Beach** is warming up to go to the reunion of the 41st Inf Div in MT. Dwight cmded its 167 FA Bn "horse pack" in all of its combat. He made it horse pack in Australia and was smart enough to dehorse it before he took it to New Guinea and on through the isls until the BOMB was dropped. Today, Dwight's bn has a high spirited organization called the MOOK, the Mil Order of the Kookaburro, the dumbest bird on earth. The Grand Wallaby has just died and the body politic is about to install Dwight by popular acclaim.



1932: The Sundts and Duke at the statue

**THE FAMILY SEQUOIA.** **Danny & Bobbie Sundt** attended the unveiling of yet another monumental sculpture, "The Traders," by their son **Duke**. The program for the celebration of the centennial anniv of NM State Univ states "The focal point of the southwestern art collection is 'The Traders,' a monumental sculpture by **Duke Sundt**, artist and NMSU alumnus." It is a 1.2 life-sized bronze sculpture, installed on the Business Complex Plaza of NMSU. **Duke** is not only the consummate artist; he anticipates the reaction of the viewers and projects himself into them. Last yr as a prank (prank?) some TX Aggies tried to saw the horns off the magnificent larger-than-life bronze statue of the longhorn that **Duke** had created for the plaza fronting the U of TX indoor sports arena. **Duke** had made them of case hardened steel and the young punks barely scratched the patina.

On the drive to Las Cruces, **Danny & Bobbie** spent a couple days on a pleasant visit with **Carol Power** in her home in El Paso.

**Danny** was pleased to report that the severe pains in **Bobbie's** feet and legs had suddenly subsided when she stopped taking the drugs for her lung problem. (The doctors had determined that she had recovered from that but will confirm every 3 mos.) **Bobby** has also noted some improvement in her sight. She is nearly blind and **Danny** must take her hand when they are out of the house.

**WORLD TRAVELERS.** **Chih & Eva**



1932: Eva & Chih Wang

**Wang** spent a few days of leisure on Mackinac Is on Lake Huron as a warm-up for a mo or two in Brazil with their daughter and her husband who live there. The pic shows them in native dress at a sr citizens' party on Mackinac. They will be back in E Lansing in Apr in time for their garden and MI State's spring term.

**Click & Mary Rees** will celebrate **Click's** 80th by visiting son **LTG Ted** who is Vice Cmdr, USAF Europe, in Ramstein, Ger.

**Mary Bower** and **Dick & Helen Hunt** took the AOG two-wk "Scandinavian Capitals Cruise" on the brand new flag ship of the Royal Cruise Line, *Crown Odyssey*.



1932: Mary Bower, the Hunts, Dorothy Johnson (Mrs Harold K '33), and the John Dudleys '30

**AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM.** After reading my appeal in the last issue of **ASSEMBLY** for info about **Jack Price** for use in his obit, **Tom Darcy**, **Rush Lincoln** and **Pat Guiney '33** all responded with good passages from different periods of **Jack's** life.

**Rush** told how **Jack** and he were in the gp of 8 for the regional finals for a Rhodes Scholarship in the competition at the U of IA in the fall of 31. **Rush** explained to the comm that **Jack** would be a day late; he was cpt of the football team (finishing his second yr as an All American), and had a final practice before the Army-Navy game and would have to take a train as no commercial air was available. When **Jack** arrived, no interviews had yet been held but the comm refused to consider him. Two other candidates

from that gp were subsequently chosen for scholarships. Jack got back to WP the day before the Army-Navy game and led the cadets to victory.

**Tom Darcy** wrote of pre-WWII flights to Ft Sill to visit his ex-hockey teammate **Jim Cain**, and hearing **Jack** entertain the assembled '32ers and families with his fantastic ability as a pianist. "Just to see that big hulk hunched over the piano and making the ivories sing was a sight to behold!"

A newsy letter from **Lou Truman** covered the Atlanta area. He had a pleasant bull session with **Pop Duncan** at their breakfast club one morning, following which Pop broke into the hosp without so much as a by your leave. Turned out to be diverticulitis which could have been serious but antibiotics got Pop back in the ball game. Pop was returned to full duty; the only restriction imposed was that he could not have collard, mustard and kale greens, which isn't so bad. After one try at each yrs ago, I've managed to do nicely without those 3 culinary horrors ever since.

**Lou & Margo** spent a wk in the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort near Palm Springs, FL; two fine golf courses with about 50 others in the area. It was their first visit to the area since Lou dallied at the Desert Tng Center, GEN George Patton, prop., in WWII. Lou reports that both the Resort and Center are top flight but have different operating schedules.

**Lou** has recovered completely from his op for an abdominal aortic aneurism last yr. He walks 3 mi/day and his golf handicap is back where it was before. **Margo's** is still 7 strokes lower which is fine with Lou. "The better she plays and likes it, the better I like it."

**Leo Dahl's** knee surgery went well, but no golf yet. (Incomplete returns from the field indicate that '32 has at least 11 metal hips and 4 metal knees.) **Leo & Nancy's** granddaughter is a frosh ROTC student at Northwestern U.

**Todd & Kay Slade's** granddaughter **Kate** made them great-grandparents with the arrival of little **Denise**, who will obviously be well nourished. Her dad is in charge of quality control for all Latin American McDonald's. **Kate's** two other Mexico City born daughters have graduated from U of CA, San Diego and are both teaching in nearby schools. Son **Robert Todd** is a sr at U TX, San Ant.

A note from **Marion Hardy** in Winter Park, FL, says that she, **Ruth Sutherland**, **Click & Mary Rees**, and **Ed & Bee Suarez** are all doing fine.

**Billie Terrill** says that **Bob** remains the same; still knows her and their kids and family. In the fall they will move to AF Village West, across the road from March AFB, where **Bob** will be in the nice new nursing home and **Billie** will have a new duplex. Daughter **Lynn** and her husband live nearby with all the help **Billie** needs.

**THE MAD, GAY SOCIAL WHIRL!** I was the sr grad present (I'm not even 80 yet) at our WP soc's black tie dinner dance which **Pat & I** attended the night before the Navy game. It was especially nostalgic for us because it was at the Roaring Twenties which has been preserved virtually intact since it was known as Shadowland in 34 when **Pat & I** danced there together for the first time.

After our first dance someone said, "I could see that **Pat** was whispering little love words in your ear." (The actual words were, "That's enough box steps for one evening, how about a cross waltz turn or some chassesee?")

The next day we joined the WP soc TV party at the Andrews Sports Palace here in San Ant to watch WP win the Army-Navy football game. The youngest Army fan present was **Dick & Helen Hunt's** 3-mo old great-granddaughter **Tina Marie Callahan**, who gurgled happily at every Army gain. **Tina's** pretty mother is the daughter of **Ed Valence '56** and his **Helen**, who is the daughter of our **Dick & Helen Hunt**. **Tina's** dad, **Kevin Callahan**, is one of the mgrs of the Andrews Sports Palace, a huge entertainment center on the edge of San Ant.



1932: **Bobbie Sundt** and **Mary Cain**

**DAMN THE TORPEDOES!** For some time I've had a yen to attend a monthly Class luncheon in DC again and went to the one in Dec returning home two days before the ASSEMBLY deadline. For this auslander it was Old Home Wk with about 30 guys and gals there. A good congenial gp that's been around more than a yr or two.

I don't know why luck showered down on me this way, but the next day **Bill Dick '31** took me to his '31 monthly luncheon at the A-N Country Club. I knew them all. As a cadet I had been in the same squad as one, played lacrosse with another, been back at WP as an instructor with some of the others.

The following day the **Sundts** celebrated their 55th wedding anniv with cocktails at home and a long lunch at a pleasant restaurant on the Potomac near their home. The **Woolnoughs**, **Horners**, **McCawleys**, were there along with two **Sundt** granddaughters and their husbands.



1932: **Powel**, **Joslin Morris** and **Sally Powel**

On Sun, **Frank & Claire Jamison** had a delightful lunch at their home in Alexandria with **Dan & Ruth Campbell**, **Ernie & Sally Powel**, **Jim & Eleanor Woolnough**, and **Mary Cain**. During these varied meetings I had the chance to talk not only to **Eleanor Woolnough** and **Sally Powel**, charming ladies whom I had known only briefly before, but also to bull with old pals **Danny & Ruth Campbell** for the first time in longer than I care to think of.

After the other guests had gone and **Claire** was clearing the debris, I chatted with **Frank** downstairs while watching TV as his Redskins and my Cowboys battled it out for last place in the NFL.

**Frank** took a phone call from **Tuffy Horner** and we learned that **Al Schrader** had died. **Al** was a top flight cadet and off who rose to #2 man in the Finance Corps, USA. The last time I saw him was when we parted after our 55th Reunion. He was tall, trim, and jovial. "Let's take a motto for our 75th," he said, "I'll see you in Heaven in 20 aught 7." I know **Al** has made it.

My wk in Wash was worth it. Express mail got this to the ed in a dead heat. Send me your news for the next issue 3 days before you read this!

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Well, the big election has come and gone, and here we are, nigh onto Christmas and 3 days from deadline, though you'll not get this column until mid-Feb 89 (when the next DL rolls around), Ah me. . . . But you should know that much of what follows is thanks to our predecessor, **Harry King**, who, hearing that the well was running dry, got on the horn and asked a number of you to Write Your Scribe. Warm thanks, **Harry!**

Before the Navy game we told our seagoing friends at Vinson Hall that we hoped the Middies would make a fine showing—and come in a close second. Those wishes were richly fulfilled as our Army conclave here, small in numbers but not in spirit, joined proudly with WPers worldwide, to cheer the victory.

On a more somber note we must report the loss of two '33 wives: —On 11 Nov **Dana Dunn** died in Newport News, VA. She & **Chuck** had been hospitalized at the same time last summer, she for asthma and he for pneumonia. A number of our classmates here joined with **Chuck** and their daughter, **Dana Walker** and her family, for graveside services at Arlington Cemetery, where **Dana** was interred on a beautiful hillside, not far from the grave of **Dorothea Lane**. Besides **Chuck**, she is survived by their daughter **Dana** and 3 grandchildren.

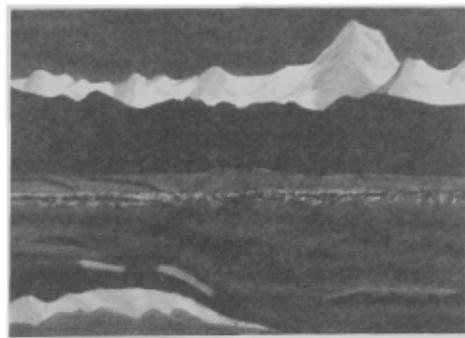
—On 20 Nov we lost **Marie Maston**, **Vic Maston's** widow, of Melrose, FL. Her ashes were interred with his at WP on 1 Dec. The **Websters**, **Steve Fuqua** and **Rita Guiney** were present for the graveside services. She is survived by their two daughters, **Patricia** of Malibu, CA and **Pamela M Zimpfer** of Tallahassee, FL.

The Class extends its deep sympathy to **Chuck Dunn**, and to his family, and to the family of **Marie Maston**. We shall always be concerned for your well being, and we hope you'll stay in touch.

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"It's been an interesting yr," writes **Lyle Bernard**, "though I haven't been very far from home. I enjoyed the bus ride up and back from our 55th—a chance to tell some of my tired tales to different seatmates. . . . Sad to see the old area changing, but found time to pace off a few more turns while reminiscing of **Pop Goode** and dear old **Nellie**. Even today I can hear him: 'Mister Bernard, WHY DID YOU DO IT?' —or see him struggling to stifle a smile while I tried to explain my profanity after some **McHugh** encounter. . . ."

Our indefatigable **Pres Abe** is still pursuing a multiple correspondence, sparked by **George Van Way**, to determine whether there is any memorial to **Bill Darby** in the town of **Torbole**, Italy, where he was KIA. ('33 does *not* plan to undertake a project to establish such a marker if there isn't one, however.) Please watch this column for further dev.



1933: Artist **Sam Donnelly** portrays **Mount Everest**

"**Sam's** painting on the card (see pic) is of **Mt Everest** and the **Himalayas** as seen

from **Nepal** last yr," say the **Donnellys**. "Together with our **Peggy** and **Pete**, we had a great trip to **Japan** and **China** in Oct. **Sam** had last been there 42 yrs ago; he found things had changed. We didn't find the **Chinese Airlines** comparable in modernity to the hotels—they were old **Russian** planes, showing great wear. . . . We ended the trip in **Hong Kong** for a delightful 3 days. Highlight was a sunset cruise on a small private junk, to **Aberdeen** and back. We'll cherish the memories of all the wonderful things we saw."

Our last report of **Bing & Bimbi Downing** was of their Aug move to **Ginger Cove**, a ret complex just outside of **Annapolis**. Since then we're sorry to report that **Bing** has suffered an aneurism and is in the skilled care unit at **Ginger Cove**. We wish them well.

"Enjoyed my visit to DC," writes **Dora Due**. "The Ret MP Reunion in **Crystal City** was very nice. . . . The Class here (**San Ant**) has a get-together 25 Oct, then I leave for **Seattle** to meet our daughter, **Dr Dora Due (Dorita) Logue** of **Baltimore**, who is attending a psychiatrists' conference. I hope to drive to **Vancouver Bks, WA**, where **Bill & I** were married in 34.

"**Avery John Cooper's** brother **Ken** is having a **Cooper** family get-together in **DC** area end Oct. **John** plans to go."

In response to **Abe Lincoln's** letter of condolence, **Chuck Dunn** has shared with us an extract from *Peace of Mind*, by **Liebman**: "Thou shalt stand undismayed in the presence of grief. Thou shalt not deny the sadness of thy heart. Thou shalt make no detour around sorrow, but shall live through it, and by the aid of human togetherness and comradely sympathy thou shalt win dominion over sorrow."

"My knee is much better," reports **Steve Fuqua**, "I can hobble around most of the time without a cane." Cave canum, **Steve!**

"All is fine here at the **North Pole**," sez **Betty Gallagher** of **Cape Cod**. "And peaceful except I had to have a new oil tank to replace a leaker—that on top of having the house painted. . . . **Bed & Breakfast** and **Mary Kay** is not enuf—I'm going to have to take in washing. . . . Oh, the joys of **Home Ownership!**"

**Gladys & Ned Gee** fly to **Vero Bch, FL** for Christmas with their daughter **Jane Smith** and grandsons **Douglas** and **Donald** (now 2LT, student at **Benning**). Daughter **Kacky Bowers**, with husband **Jim** and son **Clarke** all of **Columbus, GA**, will also be with them for the holidays. A great family!

**Dave Gibbs's** widow **Betty** has left **AZ** and sends us her new address: **MAJESTIC TOWERS**, Apt 1629, 1255 **Pasadena Ave South**, **St Petersburg, FL 33707**, tel (813) 381-5411. "Nice being near **Dave Jr** and family, and various grandchild-

ren," **Betty** reports, all on a 15-cent card, "Merry Christmas!"



1933: **Doug & Mich Gilbert**—50th anniv

"After visiting her sister in **Puerto Rico**," reports **Doug Gilbert**, "**Mich** enjoyed 3 wks in **Ger** with #2 son **Raine** and his family (he's the science advisor to the **USAREUR Materiel Cmd** at **Kaiserslautern**). #1 son **Douglas**, a pilot for **US AIR**, lives in **CT**, while **Randy**, next to youngest, lives next to us in **Warrenton** and teaches school in **Fairfax**. **Curt**, our youngest, is a mortgage broker living in **Fairfax**. All 14 grandchildren are thriving. **Mich & I** hope to find a cool spot in **ME** for a mo or two this summer. [away from the grandchildren, **Doug?**] Enclosed photo is from our 50th."

"I have the same cure your wife had for her mumbling," says **Bill Given**, "two are **STARKEY** and one is **SIE-MANS**, all hide away in the left ear. Take my advice—Don't let your dog get one thinking it's a bone; don't drop one on the floor and then step on it. That wisdom cost me a \$700/lesson."

"Remember in our **Ord** book the **Waterbury Speed Gear** that raised and lowered the big **CA** guns? I seek a cy of that section of the book for a proposed new application. Could some kind classmate come up with a copy? Mine was destroyed yrs ago in the bilges of some transport." (Ed: Possibly he means the **Engrs Manual**. Can anyone help?)

"Saw **Pat Guiney** the other day," says **Steve Fuqua**. "He seemed in very good spirits." **Rita** writes that, "**Patricia, Priscilla** and **Marielle** (1 1/2 yrs old) will be here this Christmas. So joy, joy with tiny feet and chatter around us! and busy, too. . . ."

"Both of us are doing as well as we can," **Fritz Hartel** reports. "We've drastically reduced our social activities, since it is too much of a problem for **Dot** when we leave the facilities we have here at home. . . . Our girls and their families are all well and busy busy. . . ."

"This pic of **Joan & me** with **LTG (Ret) Carlos Talbott** Jan '43 & his wife **Jane** was taken while we were having high tea at the **Claridge House** in **London** last Sep," writes **Al Hoebeke**. The **Talbotts** invited us to join them on the 368th **Fighter Gp's** 45th Reunion, called the

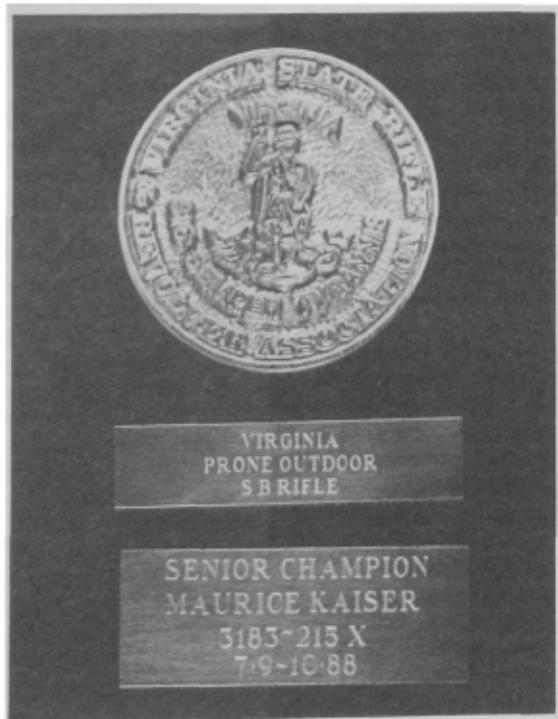


1933: High tea in London—Hoebekes and Talbotts

“Sentimental Journey” thru combat areas of that gp in France and W Ger. Included was a visit to the awe-striking American Cemetery in Normandy.” (Ed: Gen Talbott is C/S, and AI some yrs ago, was CinC of the MOWW.)

PROUDLY WE HAIL **Mo Kaiser**’s continuing achievements in his beloved avocation, marksmanship (see pic). In the 88 VA State Small-bore Championship, Mo was the Sr Champion, scoring 3183 (215x), a feat the more noteworthy because he was already suffering from conditions leading to surgery a few days later. With sadness we must report that, following two cranionomies, Mo lies gravely ill as we go to press.

A year or two ago **Harry King** was having trouble with his leg and walked with difficulty. Today a new and more vigorous Harry steps out with assurance. How did he do it? Well, he & **Gracie** now live on the 4th floor of an 8-floor apt house, and Harry renews his vitality on the fire stairs. “I average climbing 340 steps/day on that fire escape,” sez Harry. “It’s really good.”



1933: The Crowning Trophy—Mo Kaiser triumphs

**Wag Kleitz** has a family of achievers: younger son **Dorsey** got his PhD in English this summer at U/NH and is now teaching under a 2-yr contract at Shoin U in Kobe, Japan, where Wag hopes to visit. Elder son **Tony**, an intl economist, is with OECD in Paris. Elder daughter **Katherine** won her PhD in English at Tufts, where she is a prof flutist. And younger daughter **Crystal** has just gotten her MA in economics at Virginia Tech (VPI). **Frank** must be proud!

From **Bob Leslie** to **Charlie Carver**, a letter to wind up '33's Intl Golf Championships: “Enclosed are pics of the winners of '33's IGT, played at the Black Horse Golf Course at Ft Ord.

“We’re ignoring the fact that you cancelled the tournament, because we were not so informed prior to tee-off time. In fact, we rather enjoy the lessened competition, which strengthens our claim as undisputed winners of the tournament. . . . Since I finished 4th, the other members unanimously named me to submit our claim.”

In forwarding Bob’s scintillating epistle, **Charlie** comments, “‘33’s Golf Comm (**Hurlbut, Pope & Carver**) have decided to discontinue our Intl Tournament. **Lincoln** has approved our action, but directs all able-bodied classmates, wives and widows (“able-bodied” being a relative term) continue to play—to keep the ball in motion! “PS: Leslie did not send score cards.”

“At end Sep,” **Jack Matheson** reports, “I finally ret from mathematical consulting with ANSER (Analytical Services, Inc) after 30 yrs with this fine non-profit corp whose primary mission has been to provide prompt, objective studies and analyses to the USAF in the area of



1933: Pretenders to championship—Ely, Van Way, Senter and Leslie

weapons systems dev planning. I’ve enjoyed working for ANSER.”

In Nov **Dick Montgomery**’s good friend **Helen Holt** came up from Longboat Key, FL to visit his grave, with the handsome headstone now standing there. **Helen** also visited with **June & Bert Sparrow**.

We’re saddened to report that **Jimmy & Joey Polk** suffered a double loss this fall, in the deaths of Joey’s sister and of their sister-in-law, younger brother **Jack Polk** ‘37’s wife. We extend to the Polks and their families our deep sympathy.

**Phil Pope** reports, “We went to the Cape early in May to open the houses and on up to Boston to see our oldest grandson graduate summa cum laude from law school. He passed the CT bar exam in Jul and is with a great firm in Hartford. We stayed on the Cape for 5 mos and had lots of welcome visitors, mostly. . . .” (Very adroitly put, Phil!)

Newsletter from **Barbara Scoville Brown** & husband **Dale**: “. . . celebrated our 15th anniv by flying over and back to Paris on the Concorde for the French Open Tennis Championships. What a plane! They spoiled us every bit of the ride. . . . You should have come to cool FL last summer while the rest of the country sweltered. . . . In Nov, a delightful cruise to the Yucatan. ‘Gilbert’ had left its mark, but the Mayan ruins were intact.”

**Harry Sweeting**’s widow, **Eva**, who now works at the US Embassy in Oslo, visited briefly with **Dorothy Johnson** and **Julie Abrams** aboard their cruise ship (an AOG cruise). **Eva** lives in Oslo with her sister.

“In Nov,” says **Bob Thompson**, “**Margaret** & I had a very pleasant wk at the Maison de Ville in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Being train buffs, we rode AMTRAK both ways to ‘See America.’”

**Art & May Ware Tyson** had a tough yr. They bought a furnished house in Guadalajara, Mexico intending to move there permanently; however, Art developed severe pulmonary problems. The cardiologists advised him that living at altitudes over 5000’ is not for him. “So we sold the house in Guadal and started looking for places in Mexico at lower

elevations." During that quest, "we got hit by Hurricane Debbie and later by Hurricane Joan;" in Nov they returned to Savannah "where we will decide on our next step—Mexico, Savannah, or Wrightsville, GA.

"So we're back at square one, but with a lot more experience with hurricanes, Mexican roads and Mexican real estate procedures. . . . Until further notice our address will be 37 Magnolia Crossing, Savannah, GA 31411." Good Luck, Art!

"If you haven't heard from me in yrs," writes **Tere Versace**, "that's all right; neither have I. Medication made me a zombie, and no one noticed. . . . With medication changes, I'm back to reality. I live down the street from son Mike, his wife and 2 kids—a beautiful girl and a 2-yr-old quiz kid. Q: Are you my dad's mom? A: Yes. Next Q: What's calcium? A: Something in food that makes our bones strong. Q: How's it do that? Help!"

**Soapy Watters** tells us that in Oct his oldest granddaughter, interning at the Good Samaritan Hosp in Phoenix, had Barry Goldwater as a patient. In Nov Soapy broke his leg while at home alone. Admitted to Walter Reed, he has just been medevaced to Phoenix, where he is now in a skilled care facility. We hope he'll be home and mended long before this appears in print.

#### CLASS MATTERS

**Luncheons.** San Ant luncheon 25 Oct was held in the Sky Lounge of the Army Residence Community at 7400 Crestway; the DC 29 Nov luncheon (with USNA '33) which was to have been held at the Washington Golf & Country Club, was cancelled due to a burst waterpipe.

**Class rings.** After Ed Ehlen's death **Jake Messersmith**, acting for Ed's widow **Dottie**, sent Abe Ed's ring for any classmate who had lost his. **Bill Ely** is now wearing it and is making a contribution to '33's Administrative Acct with the AOG in memory of Ed. **Pinky Webster** needs a replacement for his lost ring. Anyone willing to loan him a ring (to be returned at his death, if desired, to the family of origin) please inform **Abe Lincoln**.

**Deadline for ASSEMBLY Notes.** Please send me your news and pics as they become available. Deadline for next notes is about two wks before you read the latest ones. —HGS

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We thank our correspondents who sent the pictures and letters quoted below. They make everyday occurrences sound exciting and meaningful. Read them and be stimulated to sit right down and recite to your scribe the cute sayings

and the comings and goings of your families and friends. Just reading of their good times should make you forget your adversities and remember to mail your reservations to the Thayer! Right this minute.

The following letter was received from **Jack Renfro**, aided and abetted by **Ruth**: "In keeping with the common complaint of all of us old retirees I, too, find it impossible to get around to doing all the things I'd like to do, like mending fences and keeping in touch. There just isn't enough time, or maybe I am just moving a lot more slowly. Anyway at long last there is some Class news. My report has been delayed while waiting for the enclosed snapshot.



1934: Lydia McCrary, Peggy Craig, Ruth Renfro, Mabel Turner; Craig, Turner, Renfro

"**Bill & Peggy Craig** have had the custom for quite a number of yrs of coming to the NC mountains for about 3 mos in late summer and early fall. They rent an apt in the town of Cashiers, about 60 mi from Asheville, and have a great time playing golf and tennis. **Ruth & I** get together with them a couple of times, once here and once there. This fall we had our usual get-together at our place and then decided to trek to Gainesville, GA to see **Paul & Mabel Turner** and **Lydia McCrary**. We 4 rode in Peggy's fancy car to G'ville which is a little north of Atlanta. The fact that Peggy drove all the way is an indication of the ravages of old age on your two classmates. Anyway, we made it safely and comfortably, got settled in a motel and then went over to the Turners' attractive home for a brief visit with Paul & Mabel. Then we moved on to Lydia's beautiful, old Southern mansion, where she entertained us royally for cocktails. Lydia's home is a veritable museum. With her account of her other activities—painting, teaching the art of painting, while preparing for an expedition to the high Andes, no less, she made the rest of us feel old and feeble! From her home we went to the elegant Gainesville Country Club, where we had a spectacular dinner and a wonderful visit. We all felt younger and happier after this convivial reunion. It whetted our appetites for the BIG RE-UNION in MAY!

"We were pleased to see **Paul, Mabel** and **Lydia** in super shape and bearing up well under the weight of the passing yrs. The 4 visitors only hope we made a somewhat similar impression on them.

"The next day **Peggy** drove us back to Cashiers through a steady rain, but that did not dampen our spirits. All agreed that it was a marvelous wkend! A reminder: We are looking forward to seeing all of you in May!"

**Burt Bruce** writes that, "the notice about the FIFTY-FIFTH REUNION has nudged me into a mood of sitting down to write something for Class notes. **Ginger & I** traveled to Bristol, VT in late Aug to attend the wedding of our son **Burr** to **Valerie Pepin** of Burlington. The newlyweds, after a honeymoon of a wk on a windjammer cruise in the Caribbean, settled down in their home which borders on the south mountain of the Green Mountain Natl Forest.

"In Oct as a volunteer for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), I started tutoring a man & his wife, natives of Bolivia and now US citizens. In recent yrs I have tutored a man & wife from Iran, a woman from Korea and two Arabic-speaking men from Yemen."



1934: Tyson, Tete Brown, Muff Blair, Lil Tyson and Blair

**Lil & Bob Tyson** entertained **Tom Foote** and **Muff & Jerry Blair** at a fall weekend devoted to sailing, talking, wining & dining at the Tyson menage at White Stone, VA on Chesapeake Bay. We sailed Bob's two-masted ketch from his dock in the Rappahannock River with winds up to 25 knots. Bob taught us how to sail and how to handle the "Head" when coming-about in 40 kt gusts, but scribe forgot all instructions when the port rail went underwater and the head-flusher became a gusher!

After church on Sunday at Kilmarnock, the **Tyson**s and **Foote** tried sailing on seas becalmed. **Muff & I** checked out early to visit the 18th century Christ Church at Irvington. There we met a man obsessed with his discoveries that the church is a clock/sundial, a calendar keeping the days between the equinoxes, was built to a plan of Christopher Wren, and is a mystical tribute to Freemasonry. These claims were never made



1934: Foote at the tiller aboard Tyson's ketch as he and Muff Blair trim ship

before, and we were spellbound by the narrator and his weird recital. The church's alignment on true north and south helped the man prove his research, which has now been confirmed by an architect-builder and an astronomer. **Jerry** will present this phenomenon (bore you with this possible hoax) at reunion, if you will give him your attention for 4 minutes or 4 hrs.



1934: Foss & Tom Foote flanking Muff Blair and 3 dimensional model of Bluenose

Later in the fall, the Tysons were guests of the **Blairs** at the VA Opera production, *The Magic Flute*. The next day, with **Jerry** as guide, they toured Tidewater mil installations. They remained *chez Blair* long enough to watch Army make its winning touchdown against Navy before returning home to sup with **Sterling Wright '30**.

**Evelyn & Pete Ward** wrote, "We had a great 2 1/2 wks in CA with our son's family; visited San Diego as well as Santa Monica; Santa Barbara where a grandson is in college and my brother lives; and Palm Springs where Evelyn and children lived in winter 1942-3 while I was stationed at the Desert Tng Center with 4th Armored Div. While on this trip we left car and cat in Alexandria with daughter **Chartley**, and spent a couple of days with her on each end of trip. We look forward to reuniting with classmates at RE-UP 89!"

Pete also sent newspaper clipping announcing—The 273' *LT GEN WILLIAM B. BUNKER* is the Army's 4th logistic support vessel and newest version for cargo delivery onto the beach. The *Bun-*

*ker* was launched at Ft Eustis. It easily carries 2000 tons of cargo or 22 of the largest tanks to undeveloped areas without port facilities. **Bill Bunker**, for whom the ship was named, was former Ch of Transportation Corps facility and schools at Ft Eustis and in charge of port ops during the Berlin airlift. A sister ship is the *Gen Frank S Besson Jr*, named for a member of the Class of '32. These ships are also praised by the crews for the ships' good habitability, a quality **Bill** demanded in earlier modifications.



1934: Moon Northam and Ralph Bucknam at Casco, ME

This is from part-time Yankees, **Nancy & Moon Northam**: "We are back in FL and before we have finished unpacking, we are packing for a Royal Viking cruise to Rio de Janeiro via a few Caribbean isls and Devils Isl. In the summer we had a good visit with **Ruth & Ralph Bucknam** at our place in ME. They were the only classmates to take us up on our invitation. The photo shows **Ralph** and me on Ft Popham at the mouth of the Kennebec River and near our place on Casco Bay. We visited our eldest, **Barbara**, and her family in CT on our way home, but we welshed on using our tickets on the 50-yard line at the Yale game in the Bowl because of rain, cold and blustery wx. During our stopover with **Sally** (she was pres her class at Ladycliff and WP homecoming queen in '76!) in Silver Spring, **Hope & Gene Corrigan** had us over for the day. We were joined for cocktails by **Johnnie & Francie Stevens** and **Bill & Anne Kern**, all of whom are in fine fettle. While in the DC area we saw *Les Miserables* at Kennedy Center: as great a musical production as we have seen including orchestra, plot and stage sets. Meet us at Fifty-five in Eighty-nine!"

And now a word from **Dudley Wilmeth** for **Frankie** & himself: (Dud's introductions are always apologies and are never necessary. Dud, you are the spice of our Class notes, and we are all coming to Reunion to join you for fun-and-pun!) "We received a Christmas card from **Ferdie & Betty Tate** of Eunice, LA (Pop: Tates and 2 others). The Tates are still traveling: at Cornell for **Betty's** 50th reunion, in Aug for a family re-up in NC during which they celebrated their 50th

anniv. Two granddaughters were added to their family, one in Jun, the 2nd in Sep; both reside in LA which vocally affected the state's population and increased the milk production.

"Here's a note from **Bob Kyser**. He said computers turn most people on but his turned him off. Bob bought \$12,000 worth of IBM with all of the place settings, took two hrs of instruction and BOOM! he had two heart attacks, the first at home, the second in the hosp. By the time he returned home he had called UPS to ship his 'toy' to **Bob, Jr** in CA." **Dud** warns, "If others of our Class plan to give their children computers, you would better ship direct and do not play with the children's toys first. A note from **Faith & Hal Edson** says they are getting along fine. Daughter **Sue** visited Edsons for a delightful wk. Dan and his 3-yr old are visiting them even as you read this letter." **Dud** says the expression was borrowed from **Willard Scott**, NBC Today Show wx-man. Ed sez: the puns, however, are Original **Wilmeth**: nobody else would use them! "The **Corrigans, Edsons** and **Betty Ann & Dan Cheston** lunched together. **Stevens** are regular callers—phone or in person. **Kerns** keep in touch and so does **Sis MacDonnell**. **Frankie & I** send bells, jingles and horns to all. So be there at the Thayer."

An interpolation from **Faith & Hal**: **Daniel** is enthusiastic about his new position as product mgr for Information Networking in the I.T. Spectrum Series. **Sue Edson Griffith** made the *Chicago Tribune* for 4 yrs with the Naperville Task Force Drug Usage Survey in city schools—this yr as chm. Glad we did not have drugs to contend with when our youngsters went through school.

Being Class scribe has many pluses. You can justify a computer. I do not even have a word processor. You get an adrenaline boost as your deadlines approach and you have not heard from **Dudley**. You see, he is standing in the wings in case I slip. And the best plus is, the scribe must continually refer to the Class family roster and/or the 50-Yr Book to verify dates, offspring and other vital statistics. The Ghost of **Tom Jenkins** is going to require each of us as we arrive at the Thayer in '89 to name our classmates. Start now to bring wives into the act, get your **Brag Books** in order.

**Dick & Betty Moorman** are our man (& woman) in El Paso reporting: "A bit of news of '34's. **Ellen & Pete Peca** (Sr) were in town to see their son **Pete**, a judge of the District Court who is campaigning for election as Justice in the Court of Appeals, and his wife **Dorothy** and family. We were lucky enough to get them for brunch on Sun. **Dottie & Axel Waugh** were out of town, and **Harry Hubbard** was sick. **Charlotte Hubbard** recently underwent surgery to correct a hernia. Her recovery is right on sched-



1934: Peca, Moorman and Stuart at Moormans' in El Paso

ule! We like the supply of news in ASSEMBLY except for the obituary part." Ed will try to keep you clear of it. Try not to give him cause.



1934: Ellen Peca, Polly Elliott and Judge Peca with same old men

Virginia & Dale Smith send a Christmas ode that is both glad and sad. (D.O., please excuse my paraphrase so I could interpolate scribe reaction.) "Virginia & I joined Jody & Paul Hanley at Graegle, a CA resort, for a wkend. Later Paul spent a wkend in our RV here in Reno. Paul & Jody were visiting Jody's sister, Lee Fox." Dale refers to gambling in the rest of his message, beginning with the gambler's lament: "You've got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em!" His Royal Flush—youngest son Dale wedded Gail Bower in Perrysburg near where Commodore Perry signaled, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." Drew's wife Betty is planning another grandchild in Feb. Bet—one girl! A Full House next—the Smiths have a new motor home now stabled near Palm Springs for the winter where the warm dry sea level air will help Virginia. She has COPD. He adds, the motor home is for us to roam and, when you visit, to call your home. (Virginia's illness is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema.) We pause here to pray for this brave and beautiful lady, God-sent gift to our Class, lo, these many reunions, visits and Christmas letters. We pray for her comfort and *joie en famille*. Send good wishes now to their winter address—The Desert Princess, 28-544 Taos Court, Cathedral City, CA

92234 until 30 Apr when they return home to Reno. Next comes the Big Brag, A Long Straight—grandson Dale entered Stanford on football scholarship; granddaughter Adelle first in her class; granddaughter DruAnne studying dog grooming in NY; grandson Dan graduated from U of TN w/2 MA's; daughter Voan singing and conducting the symphony; son Drew and family en route Turkey and NATO; and grandsons Bradley and Mathew soccer stars. Finally Dale admits to taking bridge lessons after 40 yrs of family pressure. All in all, his message is joyful, and he & Virginia wish joy to all!

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With our 1st issue of 89 go best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity—and a yr of active Class reporting. If another New Year's resolution is needed, consider referring to your new calendar, on 1st day the following mos: Feb, May, Aug, Oct and Dec, add a bold notation "Class news to scribe;" should be a pleasure—no check required. On matter dates, the 55th in May 90 augurs to be well attended. Bud Schlanser reports 117 firm commitments, 54 couples, 5 stag males and 4 distaffers; a commendable percentage this early date. Any undecided if reconsidered should execute the questionnaire in current roster and return promptly.

The successful Army football season had its share of Class support. Hart & Betty Caughey trekked to Dublin, Ireland (along w/10,000 other Americans) to attend the Boston Coll game. They stayed a wk enjoying the Emerald Isle and ancestral (perhaps?) hospitality. A & N game gatherings were everywhere. Bud & Jill Schlanser with Bernie & Harriet Waterman hosted a potluck menu for the DC/vic contingent at Schlansers'. Carmon Rogers took a bye and attended the game solo. He sat with the Wiechmanns and the Russells; he lamented the absence of both Class and contemporaries. San Ant under Ralph Haines' guidance (he's pres WP Soc Bd of Govs) laid on a pre-game dinner/dance at "Roaring Twenties" and a game viewing at a local "bistro," complete w/huge screen.

From our Tidewater "chapter" and Chuck Symroski, comes report of gathering at "Iron Man" & Dottie Russell's on A & N plus 1, to fete Joe & Jean Wiechmann down from CT to observe combined birthday spouses Jean and Dottie. Present also—Bob & Betty Strauss, Joe & Betty Moore, Nat & Ginny Martin, Chuck & Ann Symroski and Jerry & Muff Blair '34. The Russells, Symroskis and the Wiechmanns had previously attended the Army/AF game at

WP, participating in full round of tailgate activities, enjoying all the privileges of Joe's super seniority as long-standing season ticket holder. The Martins, Nat & Jinny, continue our prime itinerants, moving frequently over 2 continents. Recently they visited daughter Shelly and family W Ger w/USAF, then took the AOG sponsored cruise on a Soviet ship down the Danube and into the Black Sea. The Martins also spend time in winter at their ski chalet in VT and in summer at their condo in Bethany Beach, DE. Ginny is on Bd of Dirs, World Affairs Council and in this role visits Boston frequently. During Sep-Oct Bob & Betty Strauss touched both ends of Bob's career spectrum. First in Harlingen, TX (Home "Confederate AF") for the 40th reunion of 312th Bomb Gp which Bob cmded in WWII, then to DC for the annual meeting of the US Horse Cav Assoc (Bob's commissioning branch was Cav.) They report the reunion's exuberant events superbly organized and orchestrated. Fred & Alice Cummings returned from a 5-mo vacation at their summer home in Fairfield Glades in the Cumberland Mts, where they also celebrated their 50th wedding anniv. Arlene Cole returned home after spending 2 weeks in Eng and another 2 interesting wks w/ Elderhostel in Padua, Italy, and later joined by daughter Margaret for 10 days in Yugoslavia. Bernie & Harriet Waterman represented the Class at the Sylvanus Thayer Award ceremony, 15 Sep; Ret Ch Justice Burger was the honoree. They had opportunity to chat w/the Chief Justice; it turned out he has link w/the Corps—a greatniece a cadet.

On the heavy-hearted side, we regret to report Harry Harden joined the Long Gray Line last Oct. He suffered a stroke 3 yrs ago that resulted in paralysis of his left side. He began an extensive rehabilitation program with the assistance of visiting nurses. On Mon, 10 Oct, the nurse found him in slumped position and unconscious. The EMS took to hosp but he was pronounced DOA—cardiac arrest. Harry went out as he desired—no nursing home. Services and interment were held at Ft Sill. He leaves a son, Ray Allen, to whom the Class extends its deepest sympathy.

Bill Baynes sent in a true-to-life narrative that deserves both duplication and dissemination. Title—"Flag of Friendship." It falls slightly outside the limitations of ASSEMBLY notes. I'll stat and send to Class Comm (for archives) and will send a duplicate to anyone so requesting. Setting is ETO (Belgium) and anyone in AA Arty or service that would find most interesting. Bud & Fran Russ hosted a buffet-supper for visiting house-guest Dahlis (Marshall) Booth from Atlanta. Dahlis looked A#1; conviviality and reminiscences abounded. Downs &

**June Ingram** entertained at a cocktail-buffet in the Sky Lounge of the ARC. Date roughly coincided w/the birthday of her late, highly-esteemed and much-loved mother, Mrs Hatcher, who was a dear friend to over a generation of Army Air Corps pilot trainees in the Kelly/Brook era.

Leaning on the very old cliché "Bad-News-Good-News," my **Marie** was hit w/a mild stroke ("TIA" to you med buffs) on 7 Oct. Divine Providence and top med attention at Baptist Hosp (3-mins distant) brought her around. After 4 days hospitalization she's "full duty" and adhering to a regimen designed to prevent recurrence.

In mid-Nov **Ed & Marie Ferris** went to Ft Knox for the dedication of a monument to Ed's WWII Tank Bn—48th of 14 AD. Location is in the area of the Patton Museum in a section assigned to all Armd divs. It was an impressive ceremony w/Hqs Ft Knox furnishing complete support. In same complex are 2 other classmates identically recognized—**Kelso Clow** 12th AD and **Hank Cherry** 10th AD.

From DC: **Bill Patterson** suffered a slight stroke; hospitalized 10 days. Now back at work; even managed to change jobs during convalescence. **Milt Taylor** had a serious bout w/pneumonia after he & **Irene** returned from visit w/**John & Anne Parker** in KY in Oct. He is now home and well on road to full recovery.

Amend your class roster: the **Joe Wiechmanns** to 291-B Agawam Dr, Stratford, CT 06497; and the **Harvey Bowers** to 6137 South 2900 East, Ogden, UT 84403.

All for now. Hoping to hear from you o/a Feb—or before.

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To adjust your chronometers, this is the Christmas season and we report on what's happened since Oct. We know all have received your invitations to "wah-chew-kah" (**Bill Hay's** pronunciation) and a number have indicated their intentions of attending. When you read this—if you have not replied to **Bill's** inquiry—do so immediately!

**Sally Beard** is finally back home after several mos with her son in Ger. She says she regrets not having been able to get her "distaff dispatches" out earlier this yr.

**Dave Chaffin** acted as DC secy for a spell and updated the local Class roster, and assisted with the **Austins' Army/Navy** game brunch. He said that **Jim & Dottie Lynch** hosted a successful Class brunch in Sep. **Lucy Chiles** passed through Atlanta and chatted about the SC-'36ers. She was on her way to pick up

her 100 yr old mother and take her home for Christmas! We were requested by one of our most prestigious classmates to indicate how many yrs this column has been produced under the "PSG" cachet. The answer: almost as long as he has been a Class AOG trustee and rep—34 years.

**Randy Dickens** sent a good NC summary. Has seen **Nip Page** and **Ned Broyles**. Seem—ok. "Ned still shooting in the 80's." **George Finley** is around, but hasn't seen him. **Lazelle** and **Randy** were recently in DC "baby-sitting" for their successful hotel-operating son. **Randy** talked to **Charlie Pack** who was then in the hosp. The **Dorlands** had a pleasant Apr CA visit. They hope they make it to Huachuca. The **Drains** wrote that they had visited the impressive ret facilities in San Ant. Then they decided there wasn't anything better than what they had in FL—including good health.

The **Faiks** celebrated their 50th anniv on the FL beach together with 66 relatives; when they were married in CA there was only one—**Jeanne's** mother. After a recent celebration, **Jeanne** took a 3-wk African safari and **Walt** did 3 wks in China!! The **Hanekes** also report from FL and are in good health. They're also aiming for our AZ reunion. **Paule & Hi** had an extensive and exciting cruise to France. They visited her relatives, then made ports of call at all the exotic Iberian and Caribbean places. **Hi** still believes that **HI** is the greatest! Although far from the best of health, we state that **Lyn Hosmer**, **Gracie Layne** and **Jim Hughes** are holding their own. And for them, Christmas has a very special meaning—to us! **Jane & Wayne (Kinard) Dellinger** finally made their trip to Portugal and Spain. Like **Hi**, they too, are very happy with their permanent abode (Monterey).

After passing out in church in Sep, **Larry Laurion** has been making solid improvement in his health. He called **Ben Davis** for lunch recently, and the former declared the arthritis was so bad he didn't plan to go out doors again anytime soon. **Clyde Layne** reports that **Grace** can no longer dictate to him, and he has much difficulty in understanding her. **Clark** and **Clyde** should certainly win the 1988 Best Husband of the Yr Award. The **McCormicks** whipped about the US recently. They attended a game at WP and then had an evening with the **Dunns** in S.A. They hope to come to Huachuca. The **McElhenys** spent Thanksgiving in Atlanta. They had stopped in NC and contacted **Pages**, **Katz** and **Findley**. Before that, in DC, **Chaffin** had taken **John** to a Pentagon luncheon. **T Willie & Jean Morris** were delighted that the Class remembered his 80th. Although he knew he would have enjoyed feeling like he did 20 yrs earlier. He said other "locals" also remembered him at a party the **Torrays** had at the S.A



1936: Observance of an octogenarian occurrence—T Willie Morris in TX

Ret complex. Present were **Bev Combs**, **Peggy Vincent**, **Eunice Tyler**. He says he visits often with **Bev & Don Bodine** from the AF Village.

**Bob & Tuck Partridge** took a long trip in the Canadian Rockies, returning through Glacier Natl Park. Later and unlike the **Drains** (above), the **Partridges** visited the S.A. Ret complex and decided to "switch." They'll be moving from Hilton Head about the time you read this, and their new address will be 4104 Tarlac Dr, San Antonio, TX 78239. Another family on the move is the **Persons**. **Virginia** says their possible move date could be summer of 89. They'll be going to AF-West, near March AFB. They'd like to consider coming to Huachuca if the move doesn't conflict. The **Quinns** were expecting son **Rob** home from Arabia for Christmas; grandson and daughter-in-law are already there. **Patty Williams** was expecting to come to Atlanta for Christmas. The **Westmorelands** had another trip "down under" and passed through HI on return to Charleston where they were expecting "several houses" full of kids for the holidays.

We acknowledge greetings from others also, including the **Bub Clarks**, **Caye Curran**, **Dawalts**, **Fergussons**, **Jan Grohs**, and **Millers**.

Wish you all an especially fine 89!

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I had no photos of SF mini to accompany the Dec ASSEMBLY notes because my deadline was right after it. Thanks to the many good ones received afterwards from **Carmen Clagett**, **Eriksen**, **Lee**, **McDowell**, **Skeldon** and **Prentiss**, I'll make it up to you this time. Also some omissions in the Dec notes; missed in the mad swirl of the dinner-dance was the unexpected visit of **Monk Meyer**. I didn't see him, but **Finn** told me he was there with a friend; **Jo Walker** joined the Class for a short time from an aborted Alaskan Cruise—the ship lost a motor and guests had to be flown back to the lower 48; **Bill Amos** told me that **Bill**



1937: Under the Golden Gate in 88



1937: 50th 38-C Fly Class Reunion—Stark with Dick & Betty Fellows

ly conflicted with ours. Our Floridians, Bill & Jean Hipps managed both!



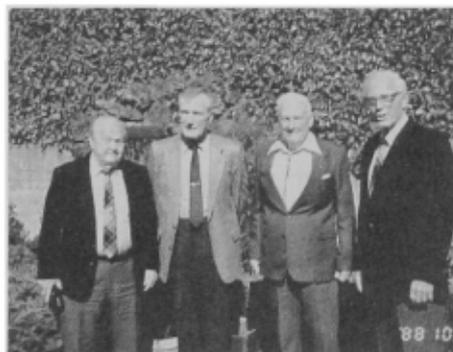
1937: S.F. dinner-dance—the Ohmans and Hippses

Andrews had been critically ill but is now ok; the Ingmires brought their daughter Fran & her husband Jim Parker to the dinner-dance; Bill Chase was with John Frazier and me when Doug Frazier was treating at the Carnelia Rm.

With John Eriksen's excellent photos was a note: "The primary reason I drove . . . down from Seattle was to facilitate the visit 4 of us paid to Gar Davidson in Oakland. The enclosed photos only faintly reflect my pleasure in that hr spent with Gar—a great man! . . . Last



1937: Apr 88—Eriksen and the Sanborns in the entrance to their magnificent home in San Ant



1937: Metz, Eriksen and Smith with their coach in his garden

spring Mary & I did a 2-mo motor home ramble in SW US including 28 days in TX. We RON'd one night in Houston in Geo McDowell's driveway, thereby somewhat mirroring the big brick duplex we shared at WP AFB in the late 50's—this time sans kids. We also visited trackmate Ken & Mary Sanborn in San Ant . . . a lovely home which they designed and lent expert hands in building." He went on to say that they, the Lees, Traveses and Steelys, with volunteers from HI, CT and FL are working on



1937: Apr 88—Dinner with the Sanborns—Ken, the Cheals, Mary Eriksen and Swede Ohman

the '91 Mini to be staged "on the Evergreen shores of Puget Sound."

The absence of some of our AF stalwarts from S.F. was explained in a pointed note from Dick Fellows in which he said that they, Render Denson, the Hippses, Holcombs, Horrigans, Klocko, the Magoffins, McElroy, Evelyn Powell and Charley Stark attended the 38 C Fly Class 50th in San Ant which unfortunate-

I sadly report that 6 wks from the day that Frank Harrison was laid to rest in Arlington Natl Cem, Jean joined him there. As his daughters expressed it, "Whenever we moved from one post to another, Dad would always go ahead and arrange everything." They are both at peace now, relieved of the terrible physical burdens they carried for so long. Jean died 22 Oct after a massive stroke several days before. Services were held in the Ft Myer Chapel prior to interment.

We belatedly learned that John Nance died 24 Sep in S.F. In accordance with his wishes, his ashes were scattered outside the Golden Gate. His wife Carolyn N has been in a nursing home for some time, and John lived with his sister Carolyn H Nance at 3757 Webster St, San Francisco, CA 94109 until she could no longer take care of him because of her failing health. He died in his sleep in a home care facility. John was ret for phys dis in 46 and lived in S.F. where he was with the State Pub Utilities Comm until ret in 61. His wife and sister can be reached at the above address.

On 21 Oct we had our largest ever (60) co-ed luncheon. Doc Leist who drove from Toledo with friend Beverly Balk, joined us with her daughter Tina Ezar. Tina lives in nearby Crystal City and works in a law off in DC. Bettys Hardaway, visiting us from Greenville, SC, was there along with the Lopez-Dupreys and their two beautiful granddaughters,



1937: Look what Anne Hall bagged in "Bush" country last summer!

Anna and Ada, students at American U and Mt Vernon Coll. The Wilhoys brought their grandson, recently graduated from Stanford U with his master's and now job hunting. Framed between Anna and Ada he appeared to be a happy young man. **Jerrie Stumpf** was escorted by her son LCDr Robert USNA '74, who is a student at ICAF. **Trixie Zehner** was escorted by her son Michael. **Bitts Hallock** came as a guest of the **Gildarts**. Just about all the locals came. The **Clarkes** were in NJ with her terminally ill sister, **Helen Van Slyke**, who died 23 Nov.

On 30 Oct **Bill & Madeliene Cain** celebrated their 50th at the Ramada Inn, VA with classmates and wives, family and friends. Their large and attractive family (4 daughters and 3 sons) made it a happy and proud occasion.



1937: S.F.—Lewis, Frazier, Sawyer and Claggett

The dedication of the newly reconstructed **MG Geo H Walker, Jr** Memorial Gate at Ft Belvoir on 2 Nov was attended by classmates and friends. **Jo's** daughter **Joan** and her daughter, and son **Geo H III**, his wife and son **Geo H IV** (2 yrs) were on hand for this fitting recognition of our classmate's achievements in the service of our country.

**Betty Polk** died 1 Nov in a nursing home in Belair, MD after a long illness, and was buried in Arlington Natl Cem 4 Nov. The funeral services and a Requiem Mass were held earlier in Belair. A large number of friends and family attended the interment in Arlington. **Jack & Betty** had 49 happy yrs together with a large family of 3 sons and 4 daughters.

**Geo Maliszewski** had a chance to talk with **Harry Wilson** (he was married to Jack's sister Molly who died in 80) and reported that he looked very well—working on his stud farm outside Charlottesville keeps him healthy and fit.



1937: Golfers Maliszewski, Hipps, Low, Sawyer and Eleanor Ohman

Another successful lunch on 18 Nov with 15 attending: **Byroade, Diercks, Duncan, Drum, Frazier, Green, Griffin, Hall, Lemmon, Mercado, Prentiss, Seedlock, Shive, Teeter, Wilhoyt**. We missed our leader, **Finn Unger**, who with **Bayly** was at Pittsburgh for the induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame of his younger brother **Jim**, who played with **Duquesne** when they beat, among others, **Army** and the **RMC**.

One of our hosts, **Luke Hoska**, was convalescing at home after a cataract op. **Lee Martin** couldn't make it because he had to turn in his car for shipment to CA. He departed the next day and has since reported that both arrived without a scratch and was complaining that there were too many old people in the ret home near his daughters where he will be spending the winter: Box 116 Chateau, 2770 Pleasant Hill Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, ph 415-945-0653.

**Sandy Kirsten** sent a clip from *Sun City Daily News* proving that he is not the only outstanding classmate there. The article recounts **Stegmaier's** accomplishments as an author and credits him indirectly with the recent publication, *James Milligan*, a book based on the unauthorized diary written by Milligan as a member of Charles Fremont's 5th western expedition 1854–55. **Steggy** was instrumental in getting the diary to his nephew **Mark** who co-authored the book with another faculty member at Cameron U, **Lawton, OK**.

A 10 Oct note from **Hal Hallock** said that they were home in Morro Bay, too late to join us in S.F. They had spent a few mos in Jamaica and accomplished what they were asked to do, but it wasn't as exciting as their stints in So Africa and Morocco. They were happy to get out before the hurricane.

**Bud Hines** and **Betty Spengler** returned to Wash after the USMA-BC game in Dublin. It was an exciting trip

even though the game results were disappointing. The stadium was filled to capacity and the 6000 BC rooters outnumbered us 10 to 1. **Pop & Anne Metz** were there also with his nephew & wife. **Bud and Betty** took the AOG-sponsored tour of Ireland, allowing **Betty** to kiss the **Blarney stone**. **Bud** showed me a photo of her hanging upside-down, but she was too indistinct to print. The **Metzes** rented a car for their tour of the **Emerald Isle**.



1937: Stu, Amos, Claggett, McDowell, and Smalley in hospitality room

The **Fraziers** held their annual viewing of the A-N classic in their home with a large (40) and enthusiastic attendance. **Bud and Betty** were there. **Swede & Eleanor Ohman**, who drove leisurely from San Ant, and the **Odens** from Wmsburg were guests at the **Frazier Hilton**. **Corinne Prentiss** and **Anne Cruse** added a salty touch by arriving in Navy blue coats and fore-and-aft full dress hats. Our guest from Wmsburg, **John Stowell**, joined us. Most of the locals were there. The **Lewis**es went to Phila for the game. **Jo Walker** and the **Mitchells** were involved with the **Scottish Walk** in Alexandria. **Jo's** historic residence is one of the attractions of the **Walk** and, according to the 2 Dec issue of *Alexander Pulse*, was first a flounder house in 1797 and was later expanded to become one of Old Town's finest homes. Along with that clip from **Roy Lutes** was another review of our eminent historian's latest effort: "**Joseph B Mitchell's Military Leaders in the Civil War** is back in print in a paperback edition. It is a well-balanced presentation of 10 Northern and Southern generals . . . written . . . to demonstrate that neither soldiers nor civs can excel unless they are creative, willing to take risks, and possessed of the power of their own convictions. **Mitchell** achieves his objective. . . . This is a major contribution to our understanding of the mil characteristics of the American Civil War." The article also states that he was the first curator of Ft Ward and lists 7 other published books.

**Phil Sterling** noted that with **Frank Harrison's** passing he is now the only one left of the 5 turnbacks from '35. In spite of spending most of last winter in the hosp, he gets out occasionally with **Esther** to swing the clubs.

Bill Lewis reports that the obits for L Co are essentially completed and congratulations go to **Stu O'Malley** who did the ones for **Crawford, Gleye, Nelson, Whittemore** and **Wynkoop**.

Artist **Dorothy Preston** was written up in the Dec issue of Washington's swank magazine, *Dossier*. Choice quotes: "Preston, a spirited, sixtyish redhead whose early career included stints as a hand model for Man Ray and as a photographic ed of *Mademoiselle*, has spent the last 20 yrs looking for the 'truth in fiction, the reality in the myth.' Her passion for exploring the fables and folktales of other cultures has taken her to such far-flung corners as Greece, Indonesia, Japan, Australia and Newfoundland, spurred on not just by an 'insatiable wanderlust' but also by the global travels of her late husband, four-star gen and former cmdr of the US Air Forces in Europe, Maurice Preston. . . . After the Bader show, Preston heads for Egypt and the Red City of Jordan. . . . She has 'yet many miles to go,' she says, in her quest for what Joseph Campbell described as the 'sense of wonder, magic, and participation in the inscrutable mystery of being.'"



1937: S.F.—Green, McDowell, Prentisses, Ingmires and Steely

**McDowell** told me recently that his daughter is a grandma—a sneaky way of saying that they are great-grandparents. The **Mercados** are spending the winter in their San Juan condo.

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On 5 Oct **Littleton (Jim) Pardue** died at Hopkinsville, KY, after many yrs of coping w/cancer. Following ret from USAF he joined a brokerage firm in his hometown and was active in church and community affairs. He is survived by his widow, **Elizabeth**; 3 daughters, **Claudia Daly** (Japan), **Nancie Bruce** (MD), **Susan Smith** (NVA); brother, **Tom** (Nashville); sister, **Mary** (Hopkinsville); and 6 grandchildren. We sympathize deeply w/the family and share their loss.

From **Mrazek** 5 Oct—**Chuck & Dottie**

**Jackson** may soon move to Mt Pleasant, SC per **Ben Sternberg**. Dr **Angeline Williams**, daughter of Judge & Mrs Robert Harrington, SA, TX wrote to Jim, "As a young girl I visited WP several times and remember how it looked before the expansion. I visited it many more times while at Vassar and married Bill Williams '68 in the Cadet Chapel." Dr Williams' father was our classmate plebe yr and an honorary member of our Class. After reviewing the videotape of Class of '38 at WP, she thanked Jim "for bringing back some wonderful memories." To date Jim has sold and distributed 50 copies and has received many favorable comments. Recently some '39ers expressed some interest in this videotape, particularly those portions they participated in as underclassmen. **Miriam & I** have a copy and highly recommend it. **Jim & Thelma** appreciate the footage from **Kincaid** and feel compensated for many hrs of work developing this videotape by such enthusiastic responses.

From **Isbell** 5 Oct, Anchorage, "When I wrote to **Junie** last spring we had really made a decision to move to Kerrville, TX. We came home and AK looked better and better. We came to appreciate our home and friends—and the climate more and more. We solve the long dark nights of winter by spending 3 months in either Palm Springs or HI. We have to be here to give a party on our 50th wedding anniv—23 Dec. We are planning to be at the mini next yr."

**Ed Machen** has on hand one set of the blue print proofs of the '38 Overlook Plaques which were displayed in the reception room during our 50th Reunion. Any classmate scheduled to an Oldest Living (Willing?) Graduate speech or similar presentation can borrow them for display on first come, first served basis.

From **Danielson** to **Stilwell**, 10 Oct, "I attended a small get-together of my remaining relatives in the Black Hills area of SD. Thirteen were able to come, and 11 yrs ago 25 attended. **Swede & Edith Swenson** came in from Sundance, WY. Swede is still the rough, tough WY rancher. **Jelbert** is my cousin and entered USMA in 40. He resigned after successfully completing plebe yr, but served in WWII from pvt to cpt. He is a successful banker and ret from State Legislature as Speaker of the House." Ole plans to be at our mini.

14 Oct Ft McNair luncheon was attended by 10 classmates w/wives, 4 other classmates, 4 widows and the Voegtlys. The **Beverleys** plan to move to Bermuda Village in Winston Salem next spring. Our gp here will miss them and hope they commute here frequently. **John Damon** presented attendees w/updated local Class rosters—much used and appreciated by everyone! The **Davises** made 2 trips to CA recently. **Paul** is now teaching



1938: Swede Swenson and Peggy Goodrich; Danielson family reunion—SD



1938: JD & Marge Jelbert with Danielson



1938: Margaret & Welby Beverley; Ft McNair luncheon, Oct

French in 3 local schools. **Jane Hulse** had one foot in a heavy cast due to broken bone while walking her dog. She used a walker and drove her own car! **Frank Izenour** plays golf regularly but says his scores are not what they used to be. **Rosalie Valentine** and **Isabel Bonnett** ret from their trip to NEng and Maritime Provinces during early Oct. They visited relatives, enjoyed foliage season, and played bridge evenings. **Stilwell** was in Australia for conference, and **Dupuy** was at AWC. Neither **Bill** nor **Mona Sussmann** were able to come, but expect to be at Dec luncheon. The **Harringtons** arrived early and greeted everyone. Tracy is regaining his strength but had a dr appt that precluded their staying for lunch.

The **Barnards'** 50th wedding anniv was celebrated at their golf club by a dinner party "put on by the kids—Judith Kenny, Harvey III, David, and Robert." Eight of 11 grandchildren were there, plus 1 great-granddaughter. **JB Coleman**



1938: Sussmann, Johnson, Harrison and Bailey; Ft McNair 1987



1938: Tracy & Dorothy Harrington; Ft McNair luncheon, Oct

reports, "It was a fun dinner party . . . Judy was mistress of ceremonies . . . a live wire one-man orchestra (sounded like 5) played our kind of dance music. Peg & Harv were a floor show in themselves . . . out there dancing. All of us were happy to see Peg so frisky after her long encounter w/medics. . . . To top off a wonderful weekend Peg had us over to their house after church for a delicious brunch." Ted Adair '45 sent me a fine

tribute to the Barnards from the Bird Key edition of *Real Estate News* entitled "Exceptional People" chronicling their lives together w/photo of the young LT Barnard & bride.



1938: Harvey Barnard; 50th Reunion, May

19 Oct **Stilwell** was guest speaker at TROA NVA dinner at Ft Belvoir, speaking about the Korean War Memorial to be built near Lincoln Memorial. As chm of the Korean War Vets Advisory Bd he has made many speeches and public appearances and has traveled extensively.

27 Oct **Junie Lotz** and **Jim Lewis** were guests of **Jim Mrazek** at the Natl Press Club luncheon w/COL (Ret) **Bill Abernathy**, former bn cmdr of guest speaker, LTG **Colin Powell**. We enjoyed Abernathy's reminiscences and an interesting presentation by LTG Powell on the role of USA in future foreign relations.

5 Nov the **Stilwells** attended the Army-AF football game at WP w/**Muriel Amick**. Later Muriel went to the Army-Boston College game in Ireland. Then she visited Ger and Norway. Her granddaughter was sched to compete in ice

skating if she had recovered from an injury. 17 Nov luncheon at Ft McNair was attended w/wives by 6 classmates; alone by 11 classmates and 2 widows. **Dupuy's** guest was **Guy Clifton**, publisher of **Hero Books**. The **Beverleys** made the arrangements since the **Browns** were just returned from visiting their son and family in Santa Fe and friends in El Paso. 23 Nov **Joyce Davis** hosted a delightful party for **Paul's** 75th birthday. **Joyce's** daughter **Sarah**, **Paul's** daughter **Jill Khadduri**, and his grandsons **Amin** and **Medil Khadduri**, greeted everyone, and **Paul** served a potent Arty punch, customized from an old Army recipe. **Conells**, **Dupuy**, **Lewis**, and **Mrazeks** were among the guests.

From **Marianne Glace**, 7 Dec, "Many thanks for all the flowers, letters, calls, and cards during my op. I am still at Pine Run Health Ctr, 777 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901, tel: (215) 348-3325. My best wishes for a blessed Christmas to all. Will always be happy to hear from you."

\$650 in entry fees were contributed to our Class fund for 1988 Golf Classic. "H" Co was champion; A—2nd; F—3rd. **Sturdivant** and **McHaney** had low gross scores and **Sturdivant** and **Taylor** had low net scores. **Mel Russell's** special thanks to **Lenore Howell**, **Rosemary Dean** and **Petie Conner** for competing. **Bill Vail** inherits future responsibility from **Mel**.

From **Bill Strand**, San Ant, TX, 28 Nov, "WP Soc of So TX held annual fall picnic at MacArthur Park on 21 Oct. '38ers attending were **Artmans**, **Strands**, **Irvins**, **Coiras**, **Evelyn Hartman**, and **Gretchen Rose Wesselhoeft**, widow of **Collin Whitehurst**. She was w/Collin before WWII in Philippines. **George Artman** was Collin's best man at his wedding to **Gretchen** at Ft Thomas, KY during Christmas 40. **Gretchen** was an Army brat who enjoyed riding. **Bill Strand** enjoyed recalling the good old days of the horse cavalry w/her. **Gerry Brischetto** spent Thanksgiving in S.A. w/her son, **Dr Bob**, and family. **Gerry**, **Nim Collins**, and two of **Nim's** friends had a wonderful trip to AK in Aug. They made up their own itinerary, rented a car, and away they went—not the st'd cruise and tour! They had to pile on warm clothes for a boat ride to see icebergs—sounds great to San Antonians w/85 degree Thanksgiving weather. The **Strands'** daughter **Kristen**, grandchildren **Lauren** and **Justin**, came from Sacramento to live w/them. **Kristen** resumed work on her college degree. **Bill & Dotsy** are very busy operating support facilities. Granddaughter **Melissa** is a frosh in college in Sacramento. **Evelyn Hartman's** daughter **Shirley** and grandson are coming for Christmas from Manila where **Shirley** works for DOS."

The **Mrazeks** and **Bill Walson** prepared and mailed 198 letters to class-



1938: Classmates at Sunday brunch—Barnard 50th wedding anniv

mates and widows about the next mini reunion. Within 10 days after 28 Oct, 105 replies were received. By 6 Dec 152 classmates, wives or widows plan to attend, and some additional were undecided. Our program comm was gratified by the prompt and positive responses. Chm **Dick Bromiley** has reserved space for us tentatively at Embassy Suites. He



1938: Lou Coira; 50th Reunion, May



1938: Gene Sweeney; 50th Reunion, May



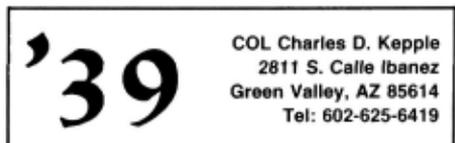
1938: Sternberg, Chalgren, Madge Williams, Jean Sundin, Jannarone; 50th Reunion, May



1938: Jane & Ed Gallagher '39 with Jim & Miriam Lewis at winery

& **Edie** visited USAFA during early Dec to check on planning personally. All indications point to an enjoyable mini reunion and an interesting visit to USAFA.

Many thanks to our contributors of info and pictures. We particularly appreciate newsworthy items about those infrequently mentioned in Class notes in **ASSEMBLY**.



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This and one more column in Apr before we can all exchange news in person at the 50th reunion. Hopefully, you have received by now **Trahan's** letter of instructions due in mid-Jan.

**Bea Crandall** sent along a pic taken with the **Krismans** in front of the Cosmos Hotel in Moscow while they were on the AOG trip, "Russia's Imperial Treasures" from 24 Jun to 8 Jul, last yr. Trip was reported on pg 53, Oct issue of the **ASSEMBLY**. Enduring 90 degree heat without air conditioning, they nonetheless had a fun time.



1939: Krismans and Crandalls in Moscow, summer 88

We were proud to see on pg 34, same issue of the **ASSEMBLY**, a pic of **Bob Crandall**, for whom the olympic-sized pool in the new Arvin Gymnasium has been named. Bob was killed in action near Sarzana, Italy on 25 Apr 45; was awarded the DSC. A short bio accompanies the pic.

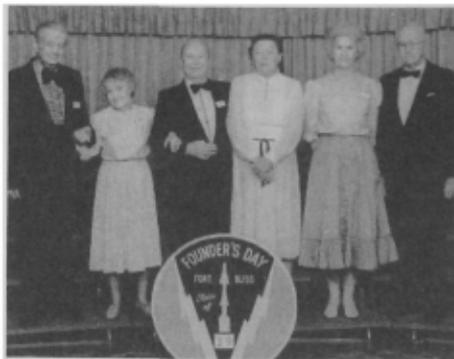
**Chuck Medinnis** sent along a newsy letter from Tarzana, CA. Last fall, about Sep, he says, he drove 'B' to San Leandro for a seminar she was conducting, wound her up, then took off for Palo Alto to visit **Dave Nanney**. Dave is ret again after a successful second career as realtor. "His health could be better, but is not bad enough to keep him from maintaining his comfortable home. **Lucy** is not well, and Dave is her stalwart support." Dave's 4 children have all flown the nest and are successful professionals, various fields; the closest is in L.A. Dave and Chuck served together in 40 at Ft Hamilton, again in Panama the

next yr; then Chuck furnished Dave Ord support in Korea during the 50's.



1939: Ann Habecker and Beiers during summer visit, Cucamonga, CA

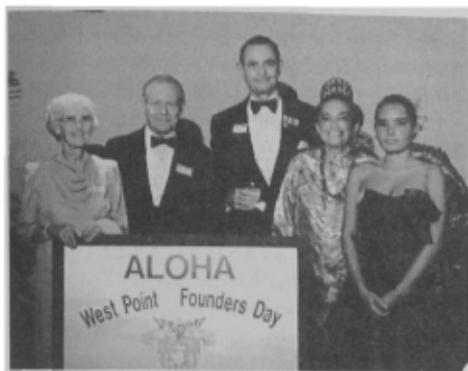
Later, Chuck ran into **Stan Dzuiban** in church at Dana Point where Stan was the lector. They had a nice visit after Mass. Stan reported that he, Betty Ann and Maria had recently returned from an RV visit to their son in the CO Springs area. In Nov, Chuck saw **Tom & Lucille Shanley**, recently moved from Irvine. They are busy getting settled and landscaped in their new home. Both are well. Their address—5132 Weymouth Way, Ocean-side, CA 92056; tel 619-439-5831. At the Navy X in Long Beach, Chuck bumped into **Bob & Diane Cassidy**. Both doing well—golfing, gardening and participating in Grasshopper and other Army Avn Soc affairs. Bob consulted with **Bob McMahon's** daughter, an MD, on circulatory problems. "No reaming at this time, but lots of oatmeal," was the verdict. According to Cassidy, the McMahons are also well and active. The CA weather must be almost as invigorating as ours in AZ!



1939: Flings, Barnett, Abbie Boylan and Lees; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bliss

Last summer, **Bernice Medinnis** conducted a seminar in Berchtesgaden, and Chuck carried her books. (Bernice is ret from the Los Angeles' Teacher Center and now in demand as mentor on matters relating to teaching methods.) They took his sister and a granddaughter along. After the seminar they revisited Amsterdam, Bruges, Amiens, Mont St Michel, the Loire, Paris, Strasbourg, Geneva, Innsbruck, Garmisch, Augsburg, Weissenburg, Rothenburg, Heidelberg, Co-

logne and the Hague. After reading that list of places, I think that CA weather must be more invigorating than ours in AZ! Chuck is now back at his drawing board doing calligraphic commissions. We thank him for all the news.



1939: Winegars, Whites and guest Ms Carrizo; Founders Day 1988, HI

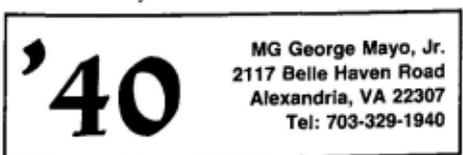
John Dickerson wrote from Vienna that he was able to spend several summer wks in Mallorca, attended a family wedding in Italy, but otherwise had not done much traveling since his return from the US in Jun. Son Tom's family continues to thrive. His eldest daughter is in kindergarten; the younger still in day school. John planned to return to Rye, NY for Christmas, then south in mid-Jan until the 50th reunion, which he plans to attend.



1939: Mel & Dottie Engstrom; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

Word from Clyde Sutton that Dossy Goodpaster's brother, COL JW Anderson Jr, Jan '43, died in Atlanta last Nov; services were in Arl. Clyde also told of the death of Margaret Free, wife of Dick Free ex '39, turnback to '40 for hazing.

Well, that's the news. Now, I have 4 pics from various sources that may help you recognize these folks when you see them in May.



A few Christmas cards are coming in as I write these notes; it's surprising how many classmates still comment on the

good planning and organization that Sam & Kim Webster, Ed & Sarah Hoover and all the rest of their comm did for the late Sep mini at Carmel. One of the nice touches was their encouraging a substantial number of widows to attend. Among his many other duties, Ed Hoover used his computer to keep track of their reservations; he recently reviewed the list of widows for me and crosschecked their addresses. There were Jeanne Brewerton, Alice Deems, Bobby Bowen Downs (Orloff Bowen's widow), Peppy Millican (a mainstay of the mini comm), Hazel Saunders, Phyllis "Poochie" Ware, and Bessie Minge Wendt. All are listed in the distaff section of the 1 Jul Class roster except for Alice Deems, at 1934 North Serrano Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027 and Bobby Bowen Downs, at 521 West St, Duxbury, MA 02332.



1940: Eleanor Abbey and Kermit Dyke at the Carmel mini

Christmas correspondence revealed other changes in the 1 Jul roster. For example, Anne Chandler's address is now 9138 Dominion Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45249, where she's bought a condo near her daughters and grandchildren. Eleanor Abbey gave me Gail Applegate's address: 1568 Carrolwood Drive, Sarasota, FL 33582; tel: 813-378-1838. And Paul Weber reports he's moved from Charlotte, NC to PO Box 1027, Kennebunk, ME 04043, tel: 207-985-2231. Paul says the pres-elect didn't invite him to Walker Point during the transition, but Paul still supports him if he continues to buy groceries from Paul's son-in-law's store in Cape Porpoise. If you run across others who aren't listed properly in the 1 Jul roster—particularly Class widows—please drop me a line or give me a ring (for directions, see the heading on these notes).

I talked to Don & Sandy Baumer just before I put these notes to bed in mid-Dec. When you read this in Feb, you should long since have had Don's letter telling how to make your reservations for the mini at Innisbrook on 5-8 Oct 89. This is the third performance of a show that has had rave reviews; Don has his comm asgmts planned and will turn on the well-organized Innisbrook administrative machinery to support another



1940: Clark, Kenney, Dibble and Esau at the Carmel mini

barn-burner. This time, Don asks you to send your reservation requests directly to him, rather than to Innisbrook. If by chance your letter hasn't arrived with the details, call Don at 813-938-5605.

John McLean gave me his annual treas report for the two accounts that the Class has with the AOG. As of 1 Oct, the balance in the Class of '40 gift segment of the WP Fund was just over \$65,000. If we can continue our present rate of giving, there seems to be no reason why we cannot fund the maximum cost that we might have to underwrite for our Class gift. John also noted that the Class admin acct balance on 1 Oct was just over \$1,000.

A noisy gp of about 20 DC area classmates lunched at the McNair club on 30 Nov—noisy, because most of us had our wives, too. We discussed fall fashions, Christmas shopping, odds on the Navy game, and other subjects of profound interest. In addition to these required subjects, the gp heard Thad Nosek tell of the current plans for our 50th Reunion. Thad's doing a thoroughly good job; for example, he spent a football wkend at the Holidome just to check out the logistics and the travel times to WP under heavy traffic conditions. The DC contingent continues to support wholeheartedly the decision to house the Class together and to plan the 50th Reunion program with this in mind. (It's interesting to note that both '39 and '41 reached the same conclusion in their 50th planning.) The gp discussed comments from a very few classmates who still insist they should be housed at the Thayer, despite the insufficiency of rooms there for the rest of the Class. The gp offered, and Thad agreed, that individual classmates are certainly free to find rooms away from the Class and to make their own travel arrangements during the Reunion. However, Thad noted that the allocation of Thayer rooms to reunion classes is yet to be made, so he can make no commitment now. Thad's comm meets in Jan to pursue detailed planning for the reunion program; he hopes that, when you read this, you'll have received his letter with a special report from the comm on the results.

Dave & Betty Parker have done it

again. They made their annual trek to FL to leave on a cruise, where Dave can entertain other passengers with lectures on Panama, Noriega, and the canal. However, this yr they made two cruises, head to tail, over the holidays. First, they sailed 4 Dec from Ft Lauderdale on Holland-American's *Westerdam*, cruising the Caribbean with stops in Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Mexico, getting back to FL in time for 3 days of wild partying in Orlando. Then they sailed 16 Dec on the brand new *Royal Viking Sun*, cruising to St Thomas, Antigua, and Curacao; through the Canal on Christmas Eve, and up the Pacific Coast to debark at S.F. 6 Jan. Betty says the biggest part of the problem was getting Christmas cards and packages wrapped and sent by the end of Nov so they could sail with a clear conscience.

I talked the other night with **Bottle & Jacquie Kasper**, who made some radical changes in their lifestyle in a hurry. It turns out that they found keeping up the maintenance and op of The River, their 227 acre place near Culpeper, VA, a bit much for the two of them. After brief negotiations, they sold—lock, stock, and barrel—on 26 Nov, closed on 30 Nov, and shipped their chattels and 3 remaining horses to CO, where they closed 5 Dec on a big house with 6 acres on the Roaring Fork River. They can be reached at 998 Valley Road, Carbondale, CO 81623, tel: 303-963-9355.

I'm sorry to report several items of bad news. First, **Ray Clock**, **Wing Jung**, and **Bill Porte** each wrote that **Bob Pfeil** died suddenly at Davis, CA on 26 Oct after a heart attack. Bob had returned from a trip to England somewhat earlier than **Bella**, who had stayed over for a longer visit with her daughter. We send our condolences to Bella, who can be reached at their home at 1518 Willow Lane, Davis, CA 95616.

Next, we were very sorry to hear from **John Burfening** that **Dick Free's** wife, **Marge**, had died in Atlanta on 24 Nov after a long and gallant battle with cancer. A number of classmates from the DC area attended a funeral mass at the Myer chapel, followed by burial at Arlington on 28 Nov. We offer our deep sympathy to Dick, who can be reached at their home at 93 Dunwoody Springs Dr, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Also, early in Nov, **Dave Parker** sent a local S.F. obituary quoting a Reuters dispatch from Prague, "Jaromir Vejvoda, the composer of *Beer Barrel Polka*, one of the world's most popular drinking songs, has died at age 86 . . . Vejvoda wrote 60 compositions that are widely played in Czechoslovakia, but none has achieved the popularity of *Roll Out the Barrel*." We mourn the passing of the composer of our Class song.

**Marge & I** look forward to seeing lots of you this fall at Innisbrook III.

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Here we go again against my favorite deadline, two wks before Christmas, with nothing to do but throw a party here, host our co-op party, put up the tree, write Christmas cards and prepare for the arrival of family. A piece of cake—to whoever approved the date!

Nonetheless, I can still count my blessings in the form of each and every for the warm and helpful support you have given to these efforts in 88! May 89 bring you health and happiness—plus a wealth of adventure and the stationery, stamps and will power to keep my in-basket full!

**Jeff Davis** provided no after-action report on their cruise and UK visit, but he did send a snap of him & **Dottie** aboard the *Crown Odyssey*, which he described as "a true floating luxury hotel." Look closely and you'll note that Jeff is preparing for the next Class election by cleaving to the flag!



1942: Dottie & Jeff enjoying the life of the idle rich

**Paul & Eileen Cerar** paid an Oct visit to **Dale & Orpha Buchanan**, thoroughly enjoying their special brand of hospitality. Paul was wise enough to golf with Dale instead of Orpha, thereby maintaining his male self-respect! The Cerars' son Jeff, his daughter and his new bride were expected to join them and son Bob for the holidays.

Although I'm advised that there'll be a feature article in *ASSEMBLY* on the subject, I must brag about '42's leadership in the presentation of a plaque at the TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS in honor of USMA graduates who gave their lives fighting for their country. The proposal arose at a small lunch gathering, with the DC contingent adopting it. **Dave Claggett**

designed the plaque. **Bob Claggett** and **Charlie Mizell** selected the marble base and ensured proper lettering thereon. **Crit Crittenberger** sold it to the AOG and was the main man in arranging the ceremony, as well as having a big hand in preparing Mike Davison's effective remarks at the wreath laying. **Floyd Robinson** was our proud rep for that part of the ceremony. And thoughtfully, the flowers were placed on **Garrard Foster's** grave the following day. Hooray for all who converted a luncheon dream to such a marvelous conclusion!

**Phil Wyman** continued his labors as chm of the '42 WASHAHAND (Washington Area Handicap) Golf Tourney. Effort #7 had 20 entries and all new winners. Special prizes on the first day went to **Charlie Mizell** for low net, and **Phil Wyman** for low gross. Phil obviously figured out a way for the laborer to be rewarded! **Ed Farrington** won the Black Flight, **Sam Koster** the consolation. **Jerry Snow** took the Gold Flight, **John Sheffey** the consolation. And **Larry Vogel** led the Gray Flight, **Chuck Bortell** the consolation. The event continues to grow in popularity, and all the credit is due to Phil—assuming he doesn't somehow have a tie-in with the club!



1942: Larry & Ed—a mutual admiration soc

**George Allin** was off to England in mid-Nov to deliver more of his family histories to kinfolk. His previous visit made the *North Devon Journal* when more than 80 of his relatives—some meeting each other for the first time—attended a party to make the acquaintance of their Yank cousin! Obviously, his 8 trips and 7 yrs of research and writing had a warm and wonderful culmination. George passed along a couple of lates for the Newsletter. **Stan & Polly Josephson** wished all a Merry and a Happy. **Mark & Elaine Terrel** ventured to Philly for the Rotary Intl Convention and thence to Nova Scotia and PEI for her to look up members of the Felton family, present and past. Mark's observation that the gravestones represented Tories who fled North to avoid fighting against King George met with the chilliest of receptions from Elaine! Also from George were several clippings from the DC press about service families, citing

one of Crit's nieces and Allie Clagett's mother, who looked very spiffy in the accompanying photo! Another was a fine example of today's investigative journalism. In search of incriminating evidence against Dan Quayle, a fearless reporter called the Congressional CC and was advised by a "COL Slayton"—our Howard—that the suspect had teed off at 1:30 pm. And I'll bet he makes more than the minimum wage for such sleuthing!

Bob Clagett came through with photos from the aforementioned Arlington ceremony. I shortstop only two from the anticipated article.



1942: Crit and Chuck flank Mike Davison and Abe Lincoln after the ceremony



1942: Johnny, Bob and Charlie add a certain "je ne sais quoi" to the Class effort

Bill & Kitty Shedd far outdid our 83 trek with a 9,900 mi auto odyssey, including Niagara Falls, Vancouver, San Diego and San Antone. A day with Roy & Peg Johnson included a spin on the lake in Roy's vintage wooden Chris Craft. They visited Jeanne Schmidt and found her hale and hearty—at least upon their arrival! They hit Yellowstone during the worst of the fires and found it chaos. In San Antone, Don & Margaret Bolton had the gang in for tea—or other stimulants—prior to ad-journing to their favorite Mexican restaurant. John Murphy was recuping from abdominal surgery and complications; Sue O'Neal from foot surgery with none. (Ain't it hell to learn that all those bodily parts are beginning to need more than first echelon maintenance?!?!) Brad Lundberg of Jan '43 told Bill that he had a couple of '42 Howitzers for anyone in need. Bill recently looked up our godson—COL Jay Jaynes—who is cmdr of AFTAC at Patrick



1942: The Boltons, John Murphys, Gateses, Markses and O'Neals (Ray behind the camera) have a practice mini with the Shedd's

AFB. Rita had been down for Thanksgiving. A news photo pictured Jay with the Commander's Trophy and some of the pers responsible for it. A PS to Bill's letter prevented a major boo-boo. On their stop at Ft Bliss, he visited Shedd Hall, named for his father and home of the Air Def Board, to ask if they could use a portrait of his dad. The exec who allowed as how they'd be most pleased was a maj by the name of Urrutia, Hank & Gen's son! Coincidentally, Bill had just attended a reunion of the 14th AD in which he and Hank served in WWII!

Joan Michel had a shindig in her new surroundings in USAA Towers. In case you can't figure out the participants, my deduction is the following: Boltons, Fer-gussons, Gateses, Hanleys, Koischs, Markses, J Murphys, O'Neals, Ryders, Stapletons and Wards.

Floyd Robinson passed along the invitation to the dedication of TATE RINK, set for 27 Jan. I hope that a goodly number of '41 and '42 were able to share in the occasion.

Carl Ulsaker sent a blow-by-blow of the Emerald Isle Classic. He & Pat



1942: Joan Michel entertains her rowdy friends

toured in the same bus with **Larry & Jane Adams**, **Fly & Dimi Ely**, and **Andy & Helen Low**. On the mandatory shopping stops during the wk of touring, the lads researched the local pubs while the lassies did their best to shore up the local economy! Carl did acquire an Irish tweed hat and a shillelagh, as well as a case of Irish flu; Pat apparently did better in all respects! They had but a modicum of visiting with **Ted & Millie Marks** who were on a different bus and different schedule. The game with BC was not a highlight—BC's best and Army's worst. However, the Irish cheered everything madly and were enchanted by the introduction of "the wave" by BC adherents. The enclosed snap is courtesy of Jane Adams.



1942: The Army team's the pride and dream—but this gp?!

At our recent party, we had the pleasure of **Larry Galloway's** company. Not much time to visit as he was busy charming all the widows present!

I hope that the laggards are getting in their reservations for the Oct mini and that those who have not yet responded to the pleas of the co reps regarding the 50th gift, will respond handsomely. Let's do our best.

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'43

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Although our Jan-in-Sep 45th reunion at USMA "has," the "feedback" in the form of notes/cards/snapshots continues—like "pennies from heaven" for your scribe. For example, most of the snapshots that appear in these and our last Class notes were provided by **Hal Barber**, **Bob Fiss**, **Bud Hood**, **Hank Sayler**, **Frank Shaw** and **Jack Upchurch**. Unfortunately, some of the "feedback" has been tragic, for **Bill Neale** (who was with us at our 45th) and **Jonathan (Tibbie) Anderson** (who, as reported in the Jul 88 edition of our Class notes, "sent his regrets that he would be unable to attend our 45th reunion due to an ongoing battle with cancer, but promised to make our 50th") are no longer with us. Tibbie lost his agonizing battle with



Jan '43: Our late Bill Neale (left) with I Co-mates Flanagan, Greenberg and Fiss at our 45th

cancer and died in Atlanta, GA on 19 Nov. Funeral services for Tibbie were conducted in the new Ft Myer Memorial Chapel with interment in the Arlington Natl Cemetery beside his folks on 23 Nov. In addition to his wife (**Rosalind**), daughter (**Rosalind Callaghan**) and her husband, the **Andrew Goodpasters** (sister and brother-in-law '39), **Sally Bowley** (sister and widow of **Freeman Bowley** ex-Jan '43 who graduated in Jun '43) and **Ed Rowney** ('41, Ambassador and Presidential Adviser on Arms Negotiations), some 17 of us were also present and served as honorary pallbearers—marching behind the caisson bearing Tibbie's casket to the grave site. **Bill Neale**, on the other hand, died very suddenly as the result of a blood clot in a CO Springs hosp on 27 Nov. Memorial services were conducted at the AF Academy Chapel, and **Dollie** has requested that expressions of sympathy be sent to the Cadet Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity at USMA, West Point, NY 10996. Since his ret from the Army in 73, **Bill** had been mgr of the **Golden Hills Homeowners Assoc** in the CO Springs area where he & **Dolly** lived.



Jan '43: Reminiscing with Henry, Dannacher, Frakes and Wehrle

The best news among our Washington contingent was that **Jack Armstrong** has been released from the Fairfax Hosp and will be home for Christmas. It's complications from last Jul, but he stoically observed, "If you've got problems like I do, just keep hanging in there and you'll make it!" Also cause for celebration was



Jan '43: "Present and accounted for" are DeGruchy, Walker, Cook, Heltzel, Bevan, Hood and Nygard

**Charlie Heltzel's** concurrent release from the Arlington Hosp following a severe asthma/heart related attack toward the end of Nov.

In the media spotlight were

- **Marjorie Lawrence (Bob's wife)**, who was featured in an article in the 11 Nov edition of the NYT as "the owner of the Pillowry on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and the self-proclaimed Mother of Pillows. In business since 1971, Mrs Lawrence makes pillows using textiles she has collected from all over the world." Are you ever commandeered to lend a hand around the shop, Bob?



Jan '43: Art Sebesta and Jack Upchurch at our 45th

- **Sam Karrick**, who was cited in an article in the Nov issue of the *Regardie's* magazine on **Ed Lansdale** of **Magsaysay** and **VN** fame. Sam was a member of **Ed's** team and conducted his funeral service.

- **Frank Kajencki**, who wrote a special article for the 30 Oct edition of the *El Paso Times* on the "Polish Surveyor Who Set the Boundary of US/Mexico." The article was spotted by **Hal Roach** when he was visiting his mother in NM, was based upon **Frank's** recent historical essay on "Charlie Radzminski and the US-Mexican Boundary Survey." As **Hal** commented, "I was born on a farm near **Dona Ana** (along the Rio Grande north of **Las Cruces**), so if it were not for **Frank's Pole**, I might have been a Mexican!"

- **Fly Flanagan**, whose continuing series of articles entitled "Before the Battle" in the *Army* magazine, highlighted the art of communicating by being a



Jan '43: Vic Cherbak and Betty & Rex Dettre enjoying our cruise on the Hudson

good listener, and he cited a "quotable remark" by Creighton Abrams '36 that "Generals should never miss the opportunity to remain silent" and listen.

● **Bill Knowlton**, who was featured in a full-page article in the 89 *Jahrbuch* for Lankreis Kassel in Ger on the subject of the 145th birthday dinner that Bill organized in Boston in honor of his German grandfather. The article relates the story of his grandfather who came to America at the age of 16 and became a professional soldier in the 4th US Artillery, was wounded at Shiloh and cited for bravery at Chickamauga during the Civil War (and again during the Modoc War). The article also sketched the mil careers of Bill and his son, Bill Jr '70.



Jan '43: The I Co contingent at our Jan-in-Sep 45th reunion at USMA

● **John Wheeler** ('66, chm of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial gp, and son of our classmate, **Jack**), who was quoted in an article in the 3 Dec edition of the *Washington Post* that he "didn't know whether to laugh or yell at the midshipmen who hung 'Navy Beat Army' banners on the Jefferson Memorial, Memorial Bridge and Mall Dinosaur" just before the Army-Navy football game. As he remarked, "I was a cadet at WP in the class of '66, the one that stole the Navy's goat. We had him for a wk, and it caused a furor. We wondered where everyone's sense of humor was."

According to **John Norris** (our Class secy), we are still lacking up-to-date addresses for the following classmates in our "Roster of Classmates and Their Wives:" **Robert L Edwards**, **John Healy**,

**Jim Kelleher** and **Bill Talbott**. However, we do have the following new/corrected addresses for

● **Knobby Holt**, 1815 Winston Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Knobby ret as a teacher in the Electrical Engring Dept of VPI 3 yrs ago and moved to Charlottesville.

● **Elvy Roberts**, Golden Gate Apts, 440 Davis Court #805, San Francisco, CA 94111.

● **Phil Bischoff**, 6580 Delmonico Drive #401, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

● **Jeb/Marge Stuart**, 2026 (not 2066) Elkins Place, Arcadia, CA 91006.

● **Mike/Phyllis Robinson**, 784 Brookside (not Brooks) Drive, Eugene, OR 97405. According to Mike, "the two of them are volunteers with the Lane County Literacy Council and teach adult illiterates (or near illiterates) to read and write on a one-to-one basis." They are also designing a 75"x33" stained-glass window for their home, while Mike is "trying to keep up with the PC world by taking a night course on IBM clones and MS-DOS at the local community college."

In other letters/notes from here and there,

● **Russ Herrington** reported that his "latest adventure is heart bypass surgery, but that he is doing well."

● **Pappy Doyle**, pres-elect of the USAF OSI Assoc, made a "flying trip to DC to present a scholarship check to the daughter of an active-duty OSI agent who is attending Howard Univ."

**Clarence Davenport**, who ret from Howard U as a sr research associate, joined Pappy for the ceremony at Bolling AFB.

● **Don Vlcek** has designed/reproduced his own "primitive school of art" Christmas cards since 71 when his wife (**Betty**) gave him a beginner's paint set while he was recovering from an op in a hosp. The result is a most interesting, illustrated, cryptic form of the "annual Christmas letter." Incidentally, Don is a "fatalist who has missed 3 aircraft flights that have crashed, killing all aboard." According to Don, "he never complains when he misses a plane, train, bus or anything anymore!"

● **Hal Barber** is "teaching mgt at Azusa Pacific Univ, preparing a course for the Intl Dept of Claremont-McKenna College, and consulting periodically with World Vision (from which he recently ret) and the A.G. Lunsford Intl Corp. His younger son (**Bill**) & wife (**Karie**), both '84, are the proud parents of **Katherine Leigh Barber**, who was born in Mannheim, Ger on 24 Jun.

● Having spent a good bit of the summer selling her home and moving into an apt in Columbia, SC, **Julie Burr** (**Charlie's** widow) is spending Christmas with her oldest daughter (**Martha**) and family at Schofield Barracks in HI.

● **Stuart MacVeigh** just completed a 2-yr term as the pres of the Puget Sound WP Soc.



Jan '43: Bob & Libby Bullard with Hal & Mary Walker

● **Hal Walker** ret as exec dir of the NY Gas Gp on 30 Sep 86 and as the chm of the Career Advisory Board (CAB) of the WP Soc of NY. In retrospect, Hal feels that his most valuable contribution as chm of the CAB was the dev/application of a self-administered pers analysis entitled "A System for Identifying Motivated Abilities (SIMA)."

● **Ed/Ginny Faust** announced the wedding of their daughter, **Betsy**, to **Stanley Rankin** in Daphne, AL on 6 Nov.

● **Ralph Hofmann** underwent a knee replacement op at Ft Gordon, GA and is "progressing very well," but he'll have a hard time upstaging **Walt Nygard's** double-knee replacements which we saw on display during our 45th at USMA.

● **Phyllis Berry** (**Kearie's** widow) reported that she is now the great-grandmother of **Grace Elizabeth Schearer** via her son, **Kearie III's**, daughter. Do we have any other great-grandchildren out there?

Meanwhile, back here among our Wash contingent,

● **Bob/Robin Baden** had a most enjoyable, AOG-sponsored cruise on the Danube from Vienna to the Black Sea aboard the Soviet Ship *M S Ukraina* during the latter portion of Oct and early Nov. While



Jan '43: Robin & Bob Baden cruising the Danube aboard the Soviet ship

in Vienna, they were wined/dined/hosted by **Adrian St John**, our venerable Sr Mil Rep to the long-standing MBFR negotia-

tions and evolving Atlantic-to-the Urals talks. Aside from the Soviet Ambassador to these negotiations, "the Saint" has the longest tenure among all of the participants and, according to the Badens (who were able to attend a plenary session of the MBFR negotiations at the Hofburg Palace), "he seems to have everything well under control."

• **George Rebh** is doing "extremely well" in his racing horse partnerships—the latest of which includes a string of 7 yearlings who are in tng to race at tracks from NY to FL. According to George, his "four-legged hay-burning investments" are really beginning to "pay off."

• **Pete Grimm** reported that he enjoyed the Army-BC football game in Dublin, Ireland and spent a bit of time looking up his "family tree" in Counties Clare and Tipperary. Also present for the game were **Fly/Peg Flanagan**, who were wearing not black/gray/gold, but green, Notre Dame baseball caps—mercy!



Jan '43: Old M Co classmates and wives assemble for our "photo-taking formation"

• **Frank Shaw** announced that he & **Billie** are "migrating" to Sante Fe, NM in 89. They have already had a ranch-style home designed for themselves and will have plenty of help from their 2 CA-based, developer sons and their daughter in Albuquerque when they actually start "stacking those adobe bricks." Frank is looking forward to using his **Jack Wood H&K** guns on those "critters" out there in the sagebrush.



Jan '43: A rugged trio: Jack Wood, George Maertens and George Weart

• **Bill Knowlton** (chm of our 50th Anniversary Gift Fund Committee) is



Jan '43: Dottie & Russ Smith at the Ramada Inn during our 45th

pleased to announce that **Bob Beighter** and **Bill Kyle** have joined our 15 classmates who have already contributed \$1000 or more to the fund and that **Jim Schofield** is now a member of the \$500-plus club." Bill himself was recently inducted into the newly established Attaché Hall of Fame at DIA. The objective of the Hall is to serve as a memorial to distinguished attachés and as an inspiration to attachés worldwide.



Jan '43: Al Freer, Flip Fenili and Jim Huddleston

So for now, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

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Early last fall **Arch Hamblen** initiated a request to the White House for a letter of greeting from Pres Reagan to our Class in recognition of our 45th anniv. In time, Arch's request was approved and acted upon, and I am happy and proud to present here this message from the Pres of the US. We thank him for his inspiring words and his leadership during the past 8 yrs, and wish him well on his ret from the highest office in the world.

As this column is written, there is a skimmer of snow on the ground in Fairfax and Christmas is fast approaching. Looking back, what a yr it was! We *did* "present the Gate in 88," our reunion was the greatest, and Army beat Navy again. I said last time that more pictures from the reunion would follow, and you

will see them interspersed among the current news items below. Photo credits and thanks go to **Quint Atkinson**, **Betty Anne Childs**, **Tim Ireland**, **Keith Pigg**, and to Mr Photri himself—**Jack**, the Duke of Novak.



Jun '43: Morris, the Supe, Hogan and plaque



Jun '43: Hogan faces the media. Background—KB & Nancy Smith

**Lee Hogan's** most recent Class letter has well-covered post-reunion developments thus far regarding the west wall addition needed to complete the Thayer Gate gift, so I will eschew repetition. The design process is in an advanced stage already, and the comm is not resting on its laurels. A point of interest: research by **Morris** and **Glasgow** has revealed that the pillar on the west side of the roadway at Thayer Gate is a genuine, surviving remnant of a long-gone 19th century entrance structure. **Wickert** immediately dubbed this remnant "the sacred pillar." It *will* be preserved, moved, and integrated into our west wall addition. On the east side, the concrete wall bearing our plaque has now been encased in granite, and I hope to have a picture for you next time.

**Ray & Barbara Blatt** had hoped to attend the reunion, but Ray had to enter Letterman Gen in mid-Sep for serious lower back surgery. Most unfortunately, complications then set in necessitating further surgery that left Ray almost wholly paralyzed below the waist. By Dec, he was back home and undergoing therapy treatments. **Hank Romanek** tells me that some progress has been attained, and that Ray's spirits are good. We earnestly wish for him continued progress and recovery. . . . **Keith Pigg** had a hip re-

November 4, 1988

I am proud to send warm greetings and congratulations to the members of the United States Military Academy, Class of June 1943, on the occasion of your 45th anniversary.

Nearly half a century ago, in the midst of a world at war, you left West Point to put into practice the stirring words that are your motto -- "Duty, Honor, Country." You took your place in a tradition of courage and loyalty that has continued without break from your founding during the time of Jefferson -- to stand in the "long gray line" that MacArthur said "has never failed us."

You were called upon to make a special sacrifice. Your class lost more members during World War II than any class in the history of West Point. Your classmates gave the last full measure of devotion, and all Americans owe you a debt of gratitude we can never repay. I salute you for your devoted service to our Nation, and I am prouder of you than words can say.

Again, congratulations, and best wishes for the future. God bless you, and God bless America!

Ronald Reagan



Jun '43: Friar Tuck in the Tower



Jun '43: Karl Wolf, Ruth & Norm Pehrson and Lola Wolf



Jun '43: The "sacred pillar"

placed at Walter Reed, and presently is recuperating at home. Thus he joins the ranks of the metal men, including Warren Rogers and Norm Pehrson. When I told Keith in jest that he would now be easy to pick up on radar, he replied, "Are you kidding? The hosp has already given me a special card so I can get through airport security checks."

Early Nov brought me a much-appreciated letter from Jep Tanksley, handwritten—by himself. He wrote (in part), "I think we had a great reunion. Bill Malone & Nancy have always done a lot



Jun '43: Dave Galas outmaneuvers flankers Dave Davenport, H Wickert and Snuffy Rhea

for our Class at the reunions. . . . I am glad that Jack Morris and the others are going to finish the west wall. It will be there long after we are gone. . . . I had a very nice letter from the Supe the other day, and he said he had had a lot of favorable comments about the Gate already. . . . Yesterday I had a good visit from Tommy Tomlinson, and we spent Sun afternoon talking about WP. . . . It looks as if Francis is going to nurse me back to health. I am fine, but it is slow

going." Many people (including yours truly) have told Jep that he is an inspiration. He insists that he is not, but—who else have you heard of who suffered a crippling stroke and then came back to write his own letters?



Jun '43: Suzie Cassidy and Deke Childs



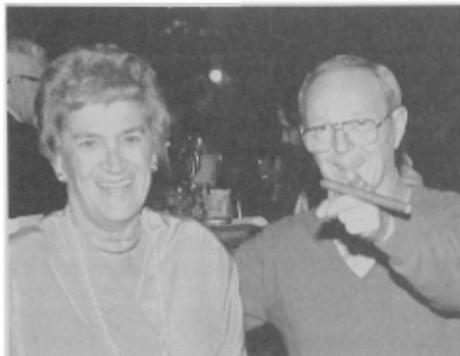
Jun '43: Jim Walker, Luke Wright and Jim Keck

Lee Hogan has forwarded a letter from Zoo (AKA "Sonny") Gorelangton, whose wife Verne is much improved after serious illness. He included a copy of a special issue called "Air Aces of the Vietnam War," published by *Air Combat Magazine*, Summer 87. This issue contains an article by Joe Patrick titled "Batman, Robin, and Operation Bolo," featuring the air ops and strikes by—who else?—Robin Olds, of course. Copy on request. Zoo added that he has been a ham radio operator since 52, and wonders if any other classmates are on the air? (Ned Burr?) If so, send him your call signs: 2425 Van Buren Dr, Reno, NV 89503. (I don't have his.) He wrote also, "Received the poop on the Gate. I'm really astounded at what you folks accomplished."

Mark Boatner, my old roomie, has sent me a copy of his article "How the Civil War Dictionary Came Into Being," from the scholarly quarterly *Civil War History* for Sep 88. Mark's famous *Civil War Dictionary* has been in print for 30 yrs and has sold some 40,000 copies. An extensively revised edition is now available. His *Encyclopedia of the American Revolution* is to be reissued also. Additionally, he has in work a biographical dictionary of WWII. When not buried in his books and computers, Mark circu-

lates as *le premier boulevardier* of New Roads, LA.

I have from **Walt Mitchell** a copy of a notice from the US Natl Sr Olympics org inviting him to compete at the 89 natl matches in St Louis, MO 19–24 Jun. He qualified by winning gold and silver medals at the PA Sr Games in 87 and 88. Now, he takes on the Natls. Good luck, Walt.



Jun '43: Cobe Hurley with either George Burns or Clare Farley



Jun '43: Betty & Charley Benson

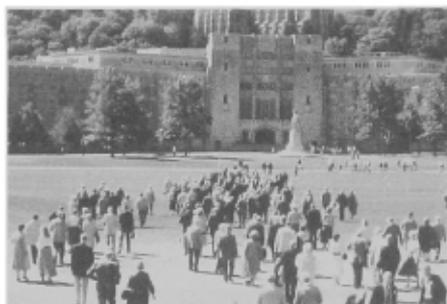
How often have you heard it told, "There is no such thing as a free lunch?" Wrong. **Bud Bolling** wishes to announce that "Any classmate in Dallas, TX on the third Thur of any mo is invited to a free lunch with Bolling, Coffman, Parfit, Spieth and Wade." (Wonder if I could work up a simultaneous trip to Dallas for the whole Wash contingent?) . . . MG (Ret) James E Landrum, whom many will recall was a Tac in "our day," writes that he has a Jun '43 *Howitzer* that he will give to anyone for shipping costs. Contact him at 3003 Kalakaua Ave, No 5a, Honolulu, HI 96815.

Small world dept: **Jake Brier** sends a reunion note. At the football game on 24 Sep, wherein Army demolished Northwestern, were **Bob & Betty Lou Bukowski**, of 219 Country Club Dr, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. Bob, a classmate of ours who left our midst before 1 Jun 43, is a graduate of Northwestern (as is **Ginny Brier**). When the Bukowskis learned at the game that Jun '43 was on hand, they looked us up at Suffern and had a congenial meeting with the Briers, **Bill DeBrocke**, and Bukowski's one-time roommate, **George Newman**. Bob served



Jun '43: Jun '43 wives at the parade. Photo by Photri Inc

in Europe during WWII, and currently has been VP of the Continental IL Bank.



Jun '43: The Class marches to "dinner," 24 Sep

Many noted, I'm sure, that **Ralph & Shirley Hill** were not at the 45th, but few knew the reason. Shirley was suffering from pancreatic cancer, a development of the preceding 6 mos, from which she then died on 22 Nov. Services were held at St Margaret's Episcopal Church in Annapolis, MD on 25 Nov, followed later that day by private graveside services and interment at Arlington Natl Cemetery. . . . And the number of our living classmates has fallen to 337. The AOG has been notified that **Ed Kreml** died on 5 Nov at Hazelhurst, WI. He was buried there with his wife, who had preceded him in death by 5 yrs. His son Edward J Kreml Jr is at PO Box 394, Balboa Island, CA 92662. His daughter Claudia (Mrs Richard French) lives at 1012 Langley Hill Drive, McLean, VA 22101. From her we learned that Ed passed away in his sleep of an unexpected heart failure. Similarly **Bill Deekle** died of an unexpected and severe heart

attack on 23 Dec. Services followed on 26 Dec. Bill is interred at Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, RI. **Marion** resides at 11 Division St., East Greenwich, RI 02818. To the Kreml, Hill, and Deekle families the Class extends its sincere sympathy.

Finally a notice of correction. The list of supporting contributors on pp 14–15 of your reunion souvenir program should include the name of Mrs Marjorie B Moses, the mother of **Johnny Moses**, of South Sutton, NH. Mrs Moses contributed generously to our Gate fund, and may feel well-assured of our thanks. That her name did not appear was the result of a clerical error on my part. I apologize for this and any other such errors, and if confined to the Tower, I can only hope that Friar Tuck will come along to console me. So long for now!

'44

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It's been right hard to swallow lately; "Time" was called on 4 among us and they were taken to Greater Things:

- On 11 Nov, **Betty Desmond** succumbed to cancer diagnosed in Aug and battled with radiation, chemicals and courage. **Johnny** was with her at the end. We cherish the memory of a visit with the Desmonds in their charming NH home on "Golden Pond" 4 yrs ago. Following memorial services in Meredith, NH, Betty was buried at WP on 16 Nov, leaving us memories of a wonderful life. Our sympathy goes to Johnny and their fine family.

- On 24 Nov, **Mary Lou Weston**, wife of **Alan Weston** and sister of **Dick McPherson**, was taken by a heart attack

while visiting Houston. Services were held in Little Rock, with interment in Aurora, MO. Our sincere condolences go to the families of a gracious and lovely lady who has held a double claim on our affectionate regard.

• Again that day, on 24 Nov, **Paul W (Joe) Phillips** was taken in San Ant, to join the Long Gray Line. Taps for Joe sounded at Ft Sam Houston. On behalf of all, we again convey our sincere sympathy to those who held him in their hearts.

• And yesterday, 11 Dec, **Frank E Moore** answered The Last Muster from a sudden illness at Bethesda Naval Hosp. Services were scheduled for 14 Dec at Ft Myer Chapel and burial in Arlington Cemetery with full mil honors. We have only admiration for the strength and grace with which **Helen** has received this sudden blow; we grip her hand.

Dr **Kay Susott** thought she had ret from med practice until **John** had a stroke on 8-8-88, a good-luck day in Chinese lore! Certainly Johnny is lucky; how many guys have a medic who will stay with him 24 hrs daily, wait on him hand and foot, put up with his cantankerousness and, if he's halfway civil, maybe give him a hug before bedtime? We are glad to learn John is making progress—he's walking better, his mind is clear "and his disposition is sweet as ever"!!! Kay reports a stream of visitors: **Bill & Akemi McGlothlin, Fran & Bruce Deakin, Curly Jackson** and son CPT Harry, and **Betty Bottomly**, en route home from an inter-cruise, all well and with droll tales to troll. Among the visitors was **Vicente Lim**, here volunteering—or dra-gooned—to make one of his famous om-lettes for the Susotts to pay for bed and bottle. Their son, John Jr, and family



1944: Vic Lim at Susott griddle

moved to Carmel, where they were welcomed and much helped by Bob & Betty Rodden.

The peripatetic **Curly Jackson** has wandered far afield from Long Isl. He was spotted at Schofield Barracks overseeing son Harry's change of battery cmd where Curly took cmd of his own bn a few decades ago. He was with **Doug & Leva Mae Harris** at Homecoming, assigned **Charlie Johnson** to replace a squad of rooters at the AF game, and is

reported by **Hi Ely** to have seen every game of the Black Knights this football season, to include the Boston College game played in Ireland (now there's a strange turn on the Autobahn!) and the Chili Bowl for the game with 'Bama.

Meanwhile, the coach read **Bev Snow's** letter to the Big Team before the Navy game, which reminded them of unbeaten-untied Army's over-confidence against a dead-last Navy team 40 yrs ago and a 21-21 result! Success has a thousand fathers. Thanks, dad! The Snows are grandparents lately and daughter Nancy is now the co pres, to epilogue Encore '44. Grandpa doffed his several mantles of civ service on Fripp Isl, sold the boat, bought a golf cart and is hacking at his handicap. In Oct, the Snows returned to the Orient for the 8th time.

**Dick & Jeanette Creed** sent a Nov card from their 7th New Zealand holiday, which offers all of Europe's charm without the crowds, they aver, and still no tipping!

**Dave & Polly Henderson** in West FL attend Polly's mother in a nearby nursing home. The lady gets daily visits and reports on Dave's deportment and conduct, sustained unto her 99th birthday (next Mar) by a compelling need to keep checking up on that crazy fighter pilot Polly married. A guy like that requires a mother-in-law with a clear head. Sure, she trusts him; but she cuts the cards! Son Bob, with his, hers and their (grandchildren), paid the Hendersons a wonderful visit—great to see 'em arrive; great to see 'em go!

**Norm Shepard** wrote from Beaufort, SC to let us know he's still on the roster. **Hi Ely** sez '44 made a bit of noise at the Navy game: familie Cyr, **Dave Zillmer**, **Ed O'Donnell**, **John Tkacik**, **Curly Jackson** (of course) and **Bob Wessel's** son.

The Elys call all skiers and would-beers to Waterville Valley, NH to arrive Sat, 25 Feb and to get out of the Valley on Fri, 3 Mar. Twixt times there's a lot of skiing and probably more martinis than are good for you big guys. I also warn that Peggy makes a mean breakfast that will sustain all your skills and waistlines unless you're very shy at table and a tiger on the slopes.

I'm happy to report some more cheer ere this disc of mine o'er flows. **Pat O'Donnell** put on a fine dinner dance on Pearl Harbor Day. The orchestra had '44 era music while the Army-Navy Country Club chef was charmed to rare heights. We drank modestly, ate well, danced almost enuf to please the ladies and talked probably too much. Thankfully, we now have ret most of our tales of derring-do before the flag to talk about this other world to which we are ever more bound by a thickening skein of 'speriences. **Alicia Francis** directed traffic to steer us to our places, **Ed O'Donnell** helped Pat. Any others helping were so modest that I didn't discover the

credit lines. Pat, Alicia and all: thank you for a fine evening. The long dresses were beautiful, and the black (and red, and green plaid) ties looked rather pukka, too. O'Donnell house guests **Dave & Betsy Blake**, **Jean & Pat LaMarre** joined, but won't try to do the roster from memory. GSOYP. A!

'45

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Hope to see all of you at the Orlando mini-reunion 25-27 Apr. I talked to **Bob Lutz** in late Nov and he said the response has been great. Over 200 people are expected. **Bob Guthrie** and his comm did a great job in scheduling events. If you haven't made a reservation and want to attend, contact Bob Guthrie right away. Phone: (813) 324-1356.

**Andy Carhartt** completed a one-yr stint as interim pastor at Highlands Presbyterian Church in Cheyenne, WY on 30 Sep. This church has a bilingual congregation (Korean and English). Andy is now interim campus minister at U of SC. He has the additional duty of helping conduct a study of campus ministries within the Trinity Presbytery—the area surrounding that part of SC. Andy's new address—Presbyterian Student Center, 1702 Greene St, Columbia, SC 29201.

Our classmate **Ran Preston** died on 18 Oct. **Nelle** wrote me that a memorial service was held at the Army Resident Community auditorium on 20 Oct with burial at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Nelle and other family members. I also received word of **CC (Sully) Sullivan's** death on 8 Oct in Hattiesburg, MS. No other details were available. Our thoughts are with his family and friends also.

Two more of our classmates who have been widowed have remarried. **John MacWherter's** new wife's name is **Caroline**. **Dave Thomas's** new wife's name is **Alice**.

**Mary Louise Byrd** sent me a picture of '45ers taken at the annual Austin, TX WP Picnic.



1945: LaBoons, Cranes and Byrds; WP picnic, Austin, TX



1945: Malee Hearin, Spann, Nan Heilbronner, Post, Merle Spann, Hearin, Fran Post and Heilbronner

Despite the hopeless look that our English P's had when we were plebes, a surprisingly large number of classmates have written published works. **Jack Burke** is a regular contributor to *Army* magazine. The Nov issue includes his article "The Firepower Revolution." **Ed Mason** wrote that **Boots Blesse's** book, *Check Six: A Fighter Pilot Looks Back*, which I referred to in the Jul 88 issue, is now available. It was published by Champlin Fighter Museum Press, Mesa, AZ. Ed says the book tells of many yrs of hairy fighter aircraft flying by our double-ace of Korean War. Sounds like a book we'd all enjoy reading.

The DC area classmates have had their usual autumn parties. On 29 Oct they met at the Natl Avn Club at Amelia's in the Underground for a dinner party. The **Bensons** hosted the annual Christmas dinner party on 18 Dec at the party room of the Promenade Apts. My informant, **Hap Argo**, also included the schedule of the 89 men's luncheons to be held in SecArmy's dining room, 3C668 Pentagon at noon. Call Hap at (Off) (703) 823-8420 or (Home) (703) 780-5895 NLT 0900 on the day of the luncheon for reservations if you can attend. The dates are 8 Mar, 12 Apr, 10 May, 14 Jun, 12 Jul, 16 Aug, 13 Sep, 11 Oct, 8 Nov, 13 Dec. The annual DC area Washington's Birthday Brunch is scheduled for 20 Nov.

**Nan & Rusty Heilbronner** met with **Fran & Orv Post** at Diamondhead—near Bay St Louis, MS—the 1<sup>st</sup> wk of Oct. The Posts drove from Austin, TX, and the Heilbronners from Kosciusko, MS. As Rusty turned onto I-10 there was a wave, a flash of lights, and there were the Posts who then followed them to their

condo. Rusty said that Orv and he golfed at Diamondhead Cardinal Course on Tue, and joined **Jesse Hearin** on his home course at Pass Christian on Wed. Orv sank putts in every direction to beat them. Rusty bought the beer. That evening they had a '45 micro-mini-reunion dinner at the country club with Posts, Hearins, and Heilbronners joined by **Charlie & Merle Spann**. The Posts



1945: Post, Hearin, Spann and Heilbronner

and Heilbronners toured the coast one afternoon and spent another day seeing out-of-the-way places in New Orleans. Casamento's was found to be a great place for lunch of oysters or shrimp, but forget any formal attire. They returned to their respective homes Fri. The following wkend **Tom & Lorece Marriott** stopped by Kosciusko for a couple of days on their eastbound leg of their OK-GA trip.

An old friend, **Bob Kren '46**, sent me a picture of **Ted Halligan** and his guests at Ted's tailgate site across Lusk Reservoir from the stadium. It was just before the Lafayette game.



1945: WP—before Lafayette game; Ted Halligan and guests

**Larry Fox** finished the Ironman triathlon on 22 Oct for the 7th time. Larry said that he had problems this yr. He didn't swim properly in a crosscurrent and just barely made the 2 hr, 15 min cutoff for the 2.4-mi swim, but was the last qualifier. A hip injury from a bicycle fall 5 days before the event slowed his time on the 26.2-mi marathon run. His 7 hr, 53 min time on the 112-mi bike race helped his overall total, however, so that he finished 1182 out of 1275 entries. Keep it up, Larry!



1945: 88 Ironman, Kona, HI—Larry Fox, "Look, I made it!"

**Tom Maertens** wrote that **CB** & he met three classmates while on their recent trip to Australia, New Zealand, and HI. **Ted McLendon**, our only classmate who makes his home in Australia, invited them to a delightful dinner at his home on Melbourne Bay. Ted is the ret CEO of McCormick Corp (Pacific). Later on, just to prove it really is a small world, they were in a hotel in Cairns and happened to see **Jack Truby**. Jack promptly arranged for **Jim Edwards** to join them. Both Jack and Jim were swimming in an intl meet at Brisbane where they'd won lots of medals and had come north to the Great Barrier Reef area for a visit. They both looked great. Tom said that his mother died after their return home. They took her to Arlington to be buried with his father and stepfather. **Bill Ochs**, **Barney & Roseanne Broughton** and **Jim Elkey** were there for the burial.

It looks as if **Sam Lessey** still has his work cut out for himself. In a recent report to Congress, Dir of Selective Ser-



1945: Edwards, Truby and Maertens in Cairns, Australia

vice Sam said that here were 13.2 draft-eligible men registered—96.5% of estimated number required to register. However, only 80% of those turning 18 were registering during that calendar yr as required. I'm sure Sam will try to improve that compliance figure.

Jim Elkey told me that there were 63 people at the micro-reunion dinner Fri evening before the A-N game. Everybody was overjoyed at the outcome and over 70 participated at the Sat functions. Great game!

See you in Orlando!

'46

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(170)Army has just finished one of its most successful football seasons in a long time. (Alabama yet to be played in Sun Bowl as I write.) A small gp of classmates went to the BC game and enjoyed touring Ireland beforehand. You'll find a photo taken in front of the Blarney Woolen Mills (note the shopping bags) on Tue (15 Nov) before the game. In the photo from L to R: Jane Bryant Forsythe (Dumbo's daughter), her husband LTC Barney Forsythe '70, Ethel & Sam France, GC & Anita Zeidman (ex-'46, Co E-2), Brick & Pat Bentz and Dick Gruenther. Sue was in the area but not when the pic was taken. This also turned out to be the only time we were all together. Jane & Barney were on the same flight east with us as well as the same bus for the tour. We thoroughly enjoyed their company, and Barney will long be remembered for being able to read his book on the bus while all around him were trying to kid him.

Another photo of touring classmates is shown of those that made the AOG sponsored Danube cruise this past yr. In the photo from L to R: Bob & Miriam Lamb, Lou & Jane Elsaesser, Jerry & Carolyn Collins, Jack & Val Dayton, and Bill & Anne Lincoln.

Two interesting commission asgmts have come to light. On 14 Oct Bryce Poe wrote to state he is now on the Commission for Base Realignment and Closure.



1946: BC game tour, Ireland

He is sharing that duty with Don Starry '48. As Bryce states—we finally got enabling legislation, which was a bit of a surprise since the action could threaten individual members of Congress. He also said he may leave the country once the list comes out. The other appt, as chm, is Wes Posvar to the C/S's special commission to review USMA Honor Code and Honor System. The panel will have 12 other members and includes 6 other grads: Araskog '53, Graves '61, Lupfer '72, Ridgway Apr '17, Robinson '51, and Sullivan '64. This data extracted from *Army Times* issue of 24 Oct.

I have the sad news that Mary Rumney (62), Mase's wife, died on 22 Nov in the Presbyterian Denver Hosp. Services were held in St Paul's Episcopal Church, Steamboat Springs, CO, their hometown. Mary was a MI native. Besides Mase, she is survived by two sons, a daughter, a brother, and 4 grandchildren. To Mase and his family, I wish to extend the sympathies of the Class. This data was forwarded by George MacDonald, who sent a clipping from the *Rocky Mountain News* of 26 Nov.

Harl Koch competed in the 6 Nov NY Marathon once again. He was in the



1946: Danube cruise gp

60-64 age gp. When he got home he knew where every muscle fiber was resting and aching. He also penned a note to say **Betty Hearnes** is going to run for governor of MO and, of course, will be trying to follow in **Warren's** footsteps. In his letter he wrote the following: "What are the odds when, in 73, **Judy & I** walked down what we considered to be our secret Maui Beach and a mile in the distance we saw two dots of human interlopers walking over the sand toward us? As we approached, it was a bearded **Mase Rumney & Mary**. I had not seen Mase for 27 yrs. What were the odds when, in 75, **Judy & I** were flying Lufthansa from Frankfurt to London and down the aisle came **Jim McGarity**? What were the odds in 81 when I met with a Hong Kong Chinese contact in his 3d fl off and in walked **Tom Constant**? What were the odds the other night, when I arrived at JFK in NY on United and on the way to the taxi stand, I see **Jack Sadler**, who had just arrived from Egypt?" I don't know the odds. By the way, Harl wrote this on 9 Nov.

**Kent Berge** continues his worldwide travels, having been in New Zealand and Australia, spending Christmas 87 in Esperance along Western Australia's southern shore and then New Year 88 in Albany, west of Esperance and also on the shore. He came back to the States and then headed for Hungary and France. He was also in Iceland and Poland, as well as Greece. He's now planning to winter in Tasmania and Europe.

**Kibbey & Peggy Horne's** Christmas card just arrived. He ret in Jul after 16 yrs as dir of intl programs for the CA State Univ system. However, after 1 Jan 89 he'll go to London and Nairobi with the accreditation team looking into overseas programs. In Mar they plan a trip to Egypt.

More notes from **Jim Loome**: **Ed & Pat Jones'** son Chris married Pamela Dawe on 17 Sep in Andover, MA. Both work for Apollo Computer, Chris as an instructor, and Pam as a programmer. **Dick & Beverly Bacon** came from MT for the wedding. Dick was Ed's best man when Ed & Pat were married in 49. **Frank & Queene Lester** were in Australia last May. Frank was there as a MSG when he was appointed to WP in 43. Frank III is on the latest Army maj list; Navy LT daughter Lindsey transferred to Minneapolis and is recruiting. **Bill & Patti Schneider** took the whole family to Nassau Jan 88 and then Bill & Patti went off to see Punta Arenas, Chile, Cape Horn, and the Falklands. Patti was slowed down by a broken nose and wrist, but still had a wonderful trip. Didn't say how she got the breaks. **Lou Elsaesser** moved from CA to VA last Oct and ret again. **Bob & Cynthia Lee** returned on

30 Sep from Greek Isl hopping with **Hap & Ann Hazzard**. **Charley Simmons** has joined the Lees in Williamsburg along with the **Edwards, Crizers, Janks, and Babcocks**.



1946: Blum and Stanfields—Armor



1946: Frantzes and Blum

**Bob Kren** mailed photo he took of '46 at Lafayette game this past season. L to R: **Betty Jane Kren, Babs & Tom McBryde, Jeanne & Dan Mahony**, your author in hat, then behind McBrydes with head turned to his right is **Jim Hughes** and in front of us all is **Hank Bolz**. Krens then went to Betty Jane's class reunion in Glen Ridge, NJ.



1946: Lafayette game, Michie

**Marie Parmly** writes to bring us up to date on her activities. She now has 10 grandchildren. She is still in Mexico with Maryknoll and has renewed her contract for 3 more yrs. This coming Jun she'll be in Ossining, NY area at Bethany, Maryknoll, NY 10545. Marie's family is all over the world and she has visited them this past yr. From Putnam Valley, NY she went to FL, Romania,

southern France, and Ft Polk, LA. She had a busy yr and one to come.

**Guy & Wynne Troy** wrote in early Nov to advise that **Armor '46** had a reunion at Knox 28-30 Apr. **Jim Day** was the main honcho and did a super job. Those that



1946: Lockrie and Patton—Armor

made it were **Russ & Mary Burn, Leon & Jan Musser, Dick & Sue Fuller, Art & Karma Lochrie, Norm & Ann Stanfield, Wilt & Chris Persons, Jack & Mary Burney, Frank & Joy Conant, John & Connie Treadwell** (now at 105 Burnham Court, Aiken, SC 29801), **Jack & Donna Kopald, Stan & Winelda Blum, Bob & Sue Knapp, Harry & Marie Smythe, Andy & Jule Lamar, George & Joan Patton, Mint & Hope Wilson, Frank & Barbara Richter, Phil & Dado Rogers, Jack & Ann Gilham, Bob & Sue Frantz, Mase & Mary Rumney, Dick & Donna Beckner, Fee Hardin, Roger Nye, Ed Roxbury, Phyllis Tixier, Dick & Phyllis Streiff, Gina Sinclair Crane & her new husband Dick '45**, and of course, the Troys. The first day the gp tried to locate where their first barracks were located. They visited the



1946: Armor—where's 005?

**Armor School**, observed **Simnet** exercise, saw **Mammoth Cave**, **Old KY Home**, and the **Patton Museum** with host **George**. There was also a golf competition. **Phyllis Tixier** gave a great rendition of *Flaming Mame*. They plan another reunion in **Sante Fe** in 90. I've included all the photos mailed to me and AOG will include what space will allow.

Now an update on **Jack McWhorter's** memorial article project. Jack wants ev-



1946: Armor at Knox



1946: Day and Hardin—Armor

everyone to know that the time lag between receipt of an article by AOG and publication is 18 mos. In the meantime, Jack has received articles for **Gene Melo**, **Tom Gatch**, **Lou Roberts**, **Bobby Dobbs**, **Bob Montgomery** (Al Wedemeyer had input here) and **Bob Waggener**. So things are really humming along. Jack has located **George Dorman's** widow **Petie** and **Peter Arend's** widow **Roberta** (now Ryan). Roberta was located via a blind letter through the VA. Another widow via VA has checked in and that is **Lucy Conger** (now Bohaty). **Bill Bamber** found **Steve Pagano's** widow **Gloria**, and Jack is in touch with **Mary Matejoy**. **Dick Gruenther** sent in B-1 names, and Dick stated that **John Nance's** widow has also died. **Si Hunt** mailed Jack data on **Ben Evans**, and again via VA, **Ray Wagoner's** widow **Doris** wrote Jack.

Jack asks if anyone can help with info about **Beryl Leve D-1**, **Charles Hauenstein H-1**, or **William C Powers G-1**. Remember, Jack will write the article if you can supply info. Jack feels the project is moving along well, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for taking on such a big job.

**Jim Carbine** has also volunteered to help Jack and has written a letter to a number of classmates, mainly those in the DC area. Jim's letter included a list of classmates whose obits need to be done. Jim's letter resulted in a reply from **Bryce Poe** on **Ben Logan** and **Al Bottoms**, ex-'46 and C-2, will help on **Jim Egan** and **Matejoy**. **Bill Gavin** has located **Gil Perry's** mother. Jack was doubtful he would ever find any of Gil's relatives, so that is a real break.

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I am trying to write this column on the plane up to Rochester, MN (the Mayo Clinic) where hopefully my urology problem will be resolved and I will then be completely rejuvenated. If the column doesn't make it, then of course, you will know that I have been retained, restricted in the hosp thru 10 Dec, and you will read all this that follows in the next issue. Don't expect order of composition to be appropriate.

Much of the news comes from cards or letters of those who kindly offered me good wishes after my recent "heart incident" stays at hosps in Little Rock and Lubbock.

**Bernie Abrams** wrote a long letter from Atlanta, GA. He went back for alumni p-rade, homecoming 15 Oct. Apparently, **Doc Blanchard** and **Glenn Davis** were up there to receive a proclamation honoring them for bringing fame and respect to WP. "Ike & Mary Ickler didn't know that their short visit to Atlanta might stir up '47-'48 Class spirit. Bernie and Ike were roommates in Ger in the 26th Inf, 48-50. Both dated Mary, whose father was Provost Marshal COL Simmons. But Ike won the lady, primarily because Ike had a red Ford convertible and Bernie had some lightweight, gas-conserving European model. . . . **Patt & Duke Duquemin**, with **Helen & Harry Ball** down from VA; **Doris & Bob Peckham** from Athens, GA; **Polly & Sam Wellborn** from Gainesville, GA; **Mimi & Allan Gould**, who is a member of Robert Shaw's Atlantic Symphony Chorus of worldwide fame, added their charm and beauty. And so did **Annabelle & Bill Smith**, who very recently settled in Atlanta (address unk) after 13 yrs in Belgium and other "garden" spots in Europe. . . . Other contingents present: '48—**Pat & Rick Berry**, **Lois & Jay Hatch**, **Jackie & Odel Williamson**, **Ann & Irv Schoenberg**; '50—**Alice & Chuck Graham**; '54—**Anne & Joe Palastra**. And to add a touch of 'ecumenicalism,' some of Bernie's family members joined in the merry-making!"

Many thanks to **Patt & Duke Duquemin** for their many get-well cards and good wishes. They had a great trip to Argentina. . . . **Mary & Hap Beuhler** met **June & Jean Burner** halfway between Ann Arbor and Lansing in Nov for dinner. I believe they do this as an annual custom. Beuhlers have been traveling on African safari and lately to Chicago to visit their first grandchild. **Burners** report also that **Meade Wildrick** visited the **Webbs** in Oct (more later); and the **Burners** say their 6-wk trip to Europe was fantastic. Natch!

I appreciate **Betty & Pete Boerger's** letter. Glad that **Muriel & Bill Webb** w/ daughter 'Licia had a grand visit with them for several days. I did take Pete's advice and "wore" the Army banner on front of my overcoat as I walked along main boulevard in Dublin to game stadium. Everyone stopped and talked. **Bobbi & I** had a tremendous "successful" trip, apparently the only '47 reps there. Luckily we sat over one of the biggest and nicest urinal toilets in Ireland. I trust that someone will write a full eventful story of the A-BC game episode in an article in beginning of **ASSEMBLY**.

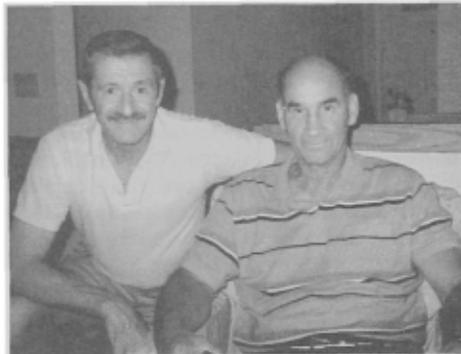
**Pat & Doc Haskin's** world trip was doubly fantastic, far beyond their expectations to Kremlin, Great Wall, Hong Kong (liked best). Doc returned home to El Paso while Pat stayed in CA babysitting grandkids for 10 days. . . . **Mike Maloney** says that he & **Mockie** expected to be in Naples, FL by early Nov, but **Mockie** came up with a herniated disc in Oct. I hope it doesn't require surgery, **Mockie**. Take care. . . . A delightful letter from **Mary & Ike Ickler** suggests that I follow the advice in the comment of the Prince of Wales, while **Bobbi & I** go to Ireland. When the Prince of Wales was questioned, "What have you learned in all your guided VIP tours?", he answered, "Never pass up an opportunity to use the bathroom!" . . . **Dolores & John Novomesky** are spending more time at WP now, recently having attended the Thayer Award ceremonies for former Chief Justice Warren Burger. They have declared themselves the Class reps closest to the Thayer gate. Apparently, the **Tullys** and **Novomeskys** meet at many of the home football games at Michie Stadium. . . . I hope that the **Lynns** continue to live at their home at Surfside Beach, SC. Close by, at the Myrtle Beach Tennis Club, the 75, 80 and 85 yr old bracket natl players hold their natl tennis tournaments. It may take me 10 yrs to recoup my recent physical losses. Perhaps, less time if I eat more "Key Lime Pie," recipe sent to me by **Patt Duquemin**. "Mix together 1 can of sweetened condensed milk, 4 egg yolks and 1/2 cup Key Lime juice. Beat 1 egg white stiff. Fold into above mixture. Pour into baked pie shell. Beat 3 egg whites and gradually add 6 tablespoons sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar. Spread over filling, forming peaks, and bake until egg whites are golden brown (350 deg).

**Gerry & Bill Coghill** report that **Madeline & Roger Bate** were in AK in late Aug and were only able to talk to them shortly on the phone when the **Bates** passed thru Anchorage. **Bill** has been dedicated to maintaining himself in excellent health over the yrs despite losing his leg 38 yrs ago. See youthful pool pose. In Oct, apparently **Bill** w/o **Gerry** attended the first reunion of 200 ret Army Finance offs in Indianapolis



1947: Bill Coghill at poolside

where he also visited with **Jeanne & Kasey Kaericher**. Bill noted some amazing changes in downtown Indianapolis rebuilding in the last 30 yrs. Bill was also able to stay with **Dorothy & Willy Knipe**, his old plebe-yr roommate, for a few days in Kokomo, IN. . . . I have heard from **June & Jean Burner** by phone, that recently **Bill Reckmeyer**, in Bermuda, developed a blood clot and had to be medically flown back to the States. We hope by now, all may be well again. . . .



1947: Bill West, the one w/o the moustache, and Jean Burner

We commend **Brent Scowcroft**, old B-2 file, on becoming our country's "Sentinel of Security." I'm sure that many of you saw the many write-ups in the *NY Times* and other media discussing Brent's asgmt to the post—Natl Security Adviser. . . . It was nice to receive **Mockie & Mike Maloney's** Christmas letter written on Thanksgiving Day, one page. Anyone desiring the full 6-p version, drop Mike a card. He will probably be delighted to place an IBM computer address label on the envelope, hopefully with your name on it. . . . Don't ever expect to find the **Mastins** at home (Roswell). Now that **John** is pres of NM Airstream Club, they have been covering areas from Yucatan and Cancun north to all points USA. During early Jul, in Huntsville, AL nearly 3000 trailers assembled. Apparently the **Rachmelers** had a cook-out at their lovely home for **Jane & John** and some of the other Airstream devotees. We should see the **Mastins** in mid-Dec here in Lubbock. . . . **Meade Wildrick** reports that he traveled 10,000 mi to see the East Coast

contingent friends and to travel up to WP to a fall football game. **Bob Beckelman**



1947: Joneses '48, Muriel Webb, McAdoo, Pat Haig, Wildrick, Webb and Johnson

sat next to him. The **Steinborns** gave us a call on their way home from Houston after visiting son Jim. They have been to both Coasts recently. Apparently, they are experiencing better health now, if being able to drive that tremendous distance. . . . Further news of Denver/CO Springs contingent comes from **Bob White** (head whipper) who is whipping up the 42 1/2! Plans for the 42 1/2 are moving along smoothly. Seventy-one have indicated attending; 101, no firm commitment; 34 cannot attend; 55 no response. You should have received the next informative letter by the time you read this column. If not, get in touch with **Bob White** (USMA 42 1/2 Reunion Comm, PO Box 62058, Colorado Springs, CO 80962). All those on the fence, respond now! **Mark Kinevan** has ret from USAFA, achieving promotion to BG; he was the last one of the "active duty." **Sue Biggs, Mil & Dick Steinborn, Neva & Hank Hill, Ginny & Bob White** were at the ceremony.

I must go to press. The Christmas cards are starting to roll in but will be reported by including in 13 Feb 89 deadline issue. **Meg & Howie Sargent** continue to stay the busiest of all on the West Coast with videos, films, pics, portraits, etc. A family tradition of "baby in punch bowl" has been established with pic of granddaughter, **Erin Paige** (daughter **Karen & Chris Sargent**) in Dec 88, **Christopher Lee Sargent** (Dec 51) and **Margaret Holland Sargent** (Jun 28).

Stay healthy. Keep in mind that 90% of men our age develop some sort of prostate problem. Consult **Andy Anderson** or me for all the gruesome details.

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This issue of *ASSEMBLY* is the first chance to write about our 40th Reunion. You will find pictures and short, reunion highlights written up elsewhere in this issue; so, rather than reporting a dry

dissertation on who was there and what we did, I thought that a compendium of little, not so forgettable vignettes that happened during our get-together would help us remember the true highlights of our 40th. We did actually conduct some business; **Jim Dingeman** passed the flag symbolic of the Class Presidency to **Bob Pomeroy** who made the longest acceptance speech since the Democratic Convention—we all listened in good humor until it cut too dramatically into our drinking, dancing, and socializing. We did a lot of all these; it got so bad that **John Edwards** fell off his chair at the noon meal in the Cadet Mess where the strongest drink in sight was iced tea—John maintained it was the small seat and slippery tile.

It has always been a truism that '48 has a reputation as being very law abiding and "squeaky clean," so it was a surprise when **CID** nailed **Flick Fleming** outside Michie Stadium for trying to sell some of his leftover football tickets. Fortunately, he was not scalping or extorting the unsuspecting, just trying to recoup his costs. It is reliably reported that the conversation went something like this—**Flick**: "Hey, anybody need extra tickets?" **CID** (flipping out credentials): "Sir, you can't do that within 500 yards of the stadium." **Flick**: "That makes sense." You should know that at this point we were watching the Army-AF game in a full "Noreaster"—it rained, rained, and rained some more. It was so bad that **Millie Whitely's** shoe soles dissolved; yes, I said dissolved, and separated from the lasts (they don't make them very well in Brazil and Taiwan). That football game furnished more amusing events. As we all get older, we do tend to be forgetful, and more than a little preoccupied. Just because of that, as our buses were leaving from the motel for the 45 min ride to the stadium, good old **Ennis Whitehead**, our reunion chm doing his usual thorough job, asked if everyone had his football tickets. **Jim Tuthill** had to leave quickly and go back to the room to get his. This is excusable because, after all, Jim didn't serve a full Army career and have all the necessary character building. So, while we were waiting for Jim, laughing and joking at his forgetfulness, suddenly it dawned on **Bill Patch** what we were all broken up about—whereupon Bill got up suddenly to retrieve his forgotten tickets.

Who can forget **Jim Macklin's** question of the Com. After an extremely detailed briefing on the changes completed and programmed for the Corps, Jim asks, "Who types the cadet duty roster these days?" Jim, old classmate—who cares? Then there was **Jack Osteen** trying to visit his old boss Gen Stilwell in the "Supe's Loge" during the football game. Using all his charm, some little guile, and a lot of rank-pulling built up

over 44 yrs of service, Jack says to the cadet on guard at the Pearly Gates of the Supe's Loge, "... son, I'm General Osteen and I would like to say hello to my old friend Gen Stilwell..." The cadet didn't buy that story and Jack was turned away. It's a shame, Jack, but one classmate was heard to say that you too closely fit the physical profile of a suspected terrorist; otherwise your story does sound compelling.

It was a wonderful 4 days; which of us didn't get a tightening in the throat when we heard the "Corps" and "Alma Mater" sung by the Glee Club at our memorial service? Even though they don't march as well as we did, who could remain dry eyed when his old cadet co marched by during our review? We all owe heartfelt thanks to those great Class aides—Jay Hatch, Carl Horn and Robert Sanders—who did so much to assist us; what was doubly satisfying is that they were sons of our classmates Jay Hatch and Charlie Horn and son-in-law of Jack Osteen. We hope Beany Livesay gets well quickly after her nasty spill at the football game, resulting in a wrenched knee. But to top it all off, after a wonderful reception and dinner at Cullum Hall, 4 buses got lost coming home. How does this happen—simple—Bob Ward says to the bus driver, "turn right." Who can refuse such an imperious cmd from such a deep voice? It shortly became obvious in the rain and dark of the night that we were not on the same road that we came down. Indeed, we were on the Palisades Parkway where buses are not allowed. Bob was uncharacteristically quiet at this point, but Lee Doyle rose to the occasion and got us on the right track.

Much has been said in this column over the last several yrs concerning the Class 40th Reunion gift of a renovated and expanded ski lodge that we first dedicated on our 25th reunion. The Class responded magnificently to our appeal—as of this writing over \$165,000 has been raised from classmates, adopted classmates, our widows, and corporate matching gifts. 92% of our members responded. This sum was added to monies in our existing Class account to meet our commitment of \$235,000 to the Academy. We have approximately \$40,000 remaining in our account. Many thanks to you all for making this such a successful effort. Ennis Whitehead reports that through good mgt, the reunion comm's estimate of expenses and charges was almost exactly in sync, with a small surplus which will be credited to the Class Yearbook account to reduce the cost to you of that enterprise. John Egbert also reports that the '48 reunion bar came out in the black, and despite ridiculously low charges per drink, due to very high consumption rates, a surplus of about \$300 was achieved, which will also be credited to our yearbook account.

Despite these successes, don't assume that you will be getting the yearbook for nothing; it will just be at less cost than it might otherwise have been.

Irv Schoenberg wrote a nice note shortly before the reunion to bring everyone up-to-date on '48ers whom he had come into contact with recently in the Atlanta area. Irv reported that Jay Hatch is teaching HS math at Stone Mountain HS; Dick Berry is engr for Atlanta's Rapid Transit System and continues '48's lock on the subway business on the East Coast with John Egbert as dep dir of Wash DC's system (actually this is another example of the Engr Corps mafia in op even after graduation); Jay & Naomi Joseph saw the Schoenbergs in early Oct while visiting their son Matthew, who is a student at Emory U—the Josephs' daughter, Meredith, is on a post-graduate fellowship in CA; Irv believes it is in bio-engring. '48rs in the Atlanta area mustered recently to welcome the Icklers '47, in town for a short visit.

Had a lovely note from Babs Wadsworth (Nelson) catching up on the news of her & husband John Nelson's extensive travels this fall—3 days at Southern Pines, 3 days at Myrtle Beach with lots of golf liberally mixed in; then they were off to KY to spend turkey wk with some of the Nelsons while looking forward to a Christmas trip to Seattle to see more family. Babs was pleased to have sons Todd and John Wadsworth with wife Karen visit with their twins; Babs happily reports that Todd is engaged to be married soon—Todd's sister-in-law Karen is responsible for the introductions which led to all this.

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Norman Hopkins died on 21 Oct in Monument, CO. Norm ret with disability in 75 as a col (Arty). He had Parkinson's disease and for the last several yrs of his life had been nursed at home by his wife Jana. The Hopkinses have two children, a son living in Denver and a daughter in Phoenix. Jana plans to stay in their home and to become active in Silver Key, a volunteer org providing meals on wheels and care for the elderly.

Goble Bryant writes from Atlanta to report a coincidence worthy of the Class Record Book. In Sep he & Barbara were touring a castle in Ireland. There they unexpectedly encountered Jim & Ruth Scholtz. Bryant comments, "What a place to see a great old friend." Jim has sold his car business in upstate NY, and is "taking it easy." Goble reports that he and #2 son, Roger, continue to run a business developing apts, offices, and housing on 5-15 acre lots. They build only for their own account—no contracts. After some prod-

ding, Goble sent a photo taken last yr at Pawleys Isl, just south of Myrtle Beach AFB, where the Bryants and Joe & Ann Steffy have condos. That's Goble on the



1949: Barbara Bryant and friends who have given up football for golf

left, Barbara in front, Tom Bullock in the middle, and Joe Steffy on the right. Tom & Bea Bullock come in about twice a yr for tennis and golf. Goble says Tom whips him and Joe at golf, then beats Joe at tennis. (Are you reading this, Frank Wolak?) Goble reports that Tom "is tough even at 60."

The Wash DC bunch met at the Pentagon on 7 Nov. Present were Bob Black, Ted Boland, Dick Bowman, Bill Bumpus, Jud Connor, Hill Dickinson, Bob Ennis, Al Fagg, Phil Feir, Dick Gillespie, Don Gower, Bill Hoffman, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, "Tiger" Howell, Web Ivy, Art Kingdom, Wes Knapp, Bob Liichow (from Hagerstown, MD), Gene Marder, "Rigor" Morton (from Carlisle, PA), Clay Moran, Bob Nulsen, Larry Ogden, Chuck Olentine, Bob Pfeiffer, George Pollin, Duane Smith, Orton Spencer, Lee Surut, John Vander Voort, Ed Townsley, and your scribe. In honor of the next day being the natl election, the following joke was offered. Q. Who was the first American politician? A. Christopher Columbus. Why? When he set out he didn't know where he was going. When he got here he didn't know where he was. When he returned home he didn't know where he had been. —And he did it all on borrowed money.

The coincidence book is not yet closed. Duane & Jean Smith, sitting at Heathrow Airport, near London, waiting for a return flight were spotted by Al & Doreen Fagg. The Smiths had spent two wks in England and Scotland. The Faggs had spent a mo in Ger and England; he working, she vacationing—so he says. Dick Gillespie was seen wearing a campaign button with a photo of Charles E Hughes. Remember him? Lost to Woodrow Wilson in 16. Web Ivy, at MITRE, is involved in work concerning the communication system for the planned space station. Bob Pfeiffer brought back a beach photo, taken near Nice. It featured attractive young ladies without a whole lot of clothing. Perhaps the scenery has

something to do with his choice of Nice for his condo?

**Hill Dickinson** is still with Jaycor in Vienna, VA. His card reads VP, C3 System Technology. **Orton Spencer** reports he & **Gwen** expect to be grandparents for the first time in Feb. **Lee & Trudy Surut** and **Hal & Adele Lombard** planned to be in Dublin to attend the Army-Boston College football game. **Bob Liichow**, ret last fall from the MD Civil Def & Emergency Mgt Dept. **Phil Feir** reported on the reunion plans. We now have 380 people signed up for the ship. We would like to have 20 more. Phil asked for volunteers for subcomms to help work out all the logistics. **Duane Smith**, treas, reported that \$3500 surplus from the 35th Reunion had been transferred as seed money to the 40th Reunion comm.

"**Rigor**" **Morton** offers advice for those with artificial hip replacements: listen to your doctor. Seems **Rigor** did too much physical activity and got into trouble. (He was sporting a cane at the luncheon.) He had visited **Ed Hesacker**, on the West Coast, in Oct. **Rigor** also sees **Dick Stauffer** at his convalescent home where he reports **Dick** is one of the youngest patients. **George Sylvester** also dropped by to see **Dick** recently. **Bob Nulsen** reports he has ret from the Nuclear Regulatory Agency and now works as a consultant in nuke safety for ERC Intl. **Bob** has been spending some time looking into the situation at Savannah River. **Charlie Smith**, in Rio, wrote to ask for Army football scores. **George Hoffmaster**, who keeps close tabs on these matters, provided full data. **Ted Boland** reported that **Gil Kirby** will ret on 31 Jan 89 and leave WP. **Gil** expects the improvements to the '49 Lodge (heating and landscaping) to be completed before he goes.

Pres **Ted Boland** announced the annual meeting of the USMA Class of '49 Assoc will be held on 10 Jan 89 in the Secy of the Army's Mess at the Pentagon. Subsequently the nominating comm proposed the following slate: Pres, **Tom Marsh**; VP, **Ted Swett**; Treas, **Duane Smith**; and Secy, your scribe. Nominees for dir are **Ted Boland**, **Jack Carr**, and **Bob Ennis**. In addition, **Ted** proposes certain changes to the by-laws to bring them into conformance with actual practice, specifically terms of office and approval for the treas and secy to serve more than a single one-yr term. Voting will be at the meeting. The date of the March 89 Wash luncheon is not fixed yet. If you'd like more info or to sign up, call **Art Kingdom** at (703) 569-9360.

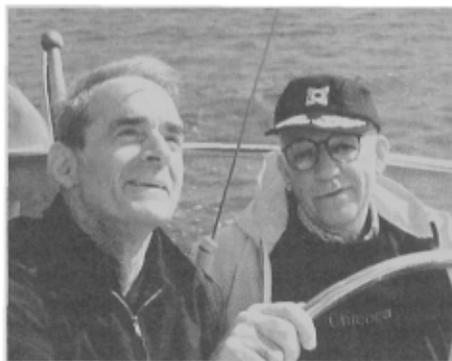
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The one thing that seems to characterize the news for this issue is the number

of classmates who "reunion"—in big gps or little. Although we have had longer columns, the correspondents represent most areas of the country.

By the time you read this, the lucky ones will be packing their bags for the 17-20 Mar Class cruise sponsored by **Dick Leavitt**, **Drew Rutherford**, and **Joe Shankle**. If you have any questions about what to pack, call **Dick** (213-519-0608). In the same vein, plans are still moving forward for the cruise for our 40th Reunion. Stay tuned. . . . Tuning up for the 40th were **Bill Davis** and **Jim Barnes**, shown on **Bill's** boat on the Chesapeake.



1950: Barnes and Davis on the Chesapeake

On a smaller scale, **Win Skelton** met **Art Porcher** at **Blackie Bolduc's** in San Ant for their 7th roommate reunion. **Blackie** planned a full schedule, including an early morning balloon ride with 5 in a basket, a tour of the TX vineyards, an overnight in Laredo and shopping in Nuevo Laredo. Speaking of San Ant, **Robin & Bill DeGraf** spent several days with **Mary & Blackie Bolduc**, seeing all the sights there from the Alamo and River Walk to the Sea World. The weather was gorgeous in Oct, complete with swimming and canoeing. The highlight, though, was a gathering of nearby classmates (some coming as much as 200 mi—"close" for TX, I guess) at the **Bolducs'**: **Tom Ball** (**Bev** was home, having just had a cast removed from her leg), **Lila & Buz Baxter**, **Tess & Phil Donahue**, **Mary & Al Jennings**, **Bill Mistoris**, **Pat & Jim Mitcham**, **Art Trompeter**, **Mary & Mike Walsh**, and **Marion & Bob Whiting**. By the reports the most universal activity down there is golf. Everyone seemed happy and healthy.

Last Oct **Herta & John McCleary**, from the Los Angeles area, and **Marion & Marshall Talbott**, from the Wash, DC area, converged on **Myra Lee & Bud Pritchett** for a 3-day, very mini, reunion near Little Rock. **Bud & Myra Lee** settled there on a few acres after ret, and built a home right out of *Country Living* Magazine. The city slickers wanted to see what lured them to such a remote place. It is beautiful country, and quite laid back, and homes are affordable. **Bud** calls his place, "Debtor's Hill." The **McClearys** go up to Monterey about

twice a yr to see our classmates there: **McFarland**, **Grow**, **Wegner**, and **Rutherford**. **John** is looking to join them in a couple of yrs, when he ret from **Hughes Aircraft**, having spent 6 consecutive yrs at Ft Ord before ret from the Army. Those who attended the "tailgate" party in Rosslyn, VA for the Army-Navy game take full credit for the great victory. **Lee & Tom Lobe** left their farm in western VA to cheer the Rabble on. **Gloria & Bob McBride** can no longer be called "out-of-towners." They are in the process of moving into their new house in DC; the address is 4800 Foxhall Crescents, NW, Washington, DC 20007. **Mimi & Ty Tandler** made the arrangements with the help of **Marj & Chuck Hammond**. Their problems were eased by **Tandler's** son, who is mgr of the restaurant where the party was held. **Joan & Terry Parsons** sponsored Wash area dinner-theater party, which some 15 couples attended and enjoyed. The photos capture the spirit of the outing.



1950: Laurie Eek, Joan Parsons and Jean Eek discuss the show

From Marion Mil Inst, **Marilyn & Clyde Spence** connect western AL with the rest of the world. **Clyde** described **Bill Ward's** visit to Marion 4-5 Oct. **Bill** gave an excellent presentation on leadership to the cadets during assembly at 0720 in the morning. The photo shows the two of them trooping the line at a parade. **Clyde** visited the AF Academy a few days later to witness the honoring of one of the Marion alumni. While there he saw **Skip Scott**, who is ret in the CO Springs area, and **Dick Newton**, who was visiting from Orlando, FL.

**Ken Ebner** sent along the news that **Sally & Skip Scott** traveled with the AF Academy football team to WP for the Army-AF game 5 Nov. Before the game **Skip** visited with the '50 tailgaters: **Doris & Andy Byers**, **Barbara & Kent Cooley**, **Loris & Ken Ebner**, **Bo & Nat Gallagher**, and **Penny & Wendy Phillips**. **Skip** stated that he never saw Army lose a game in Michie Stadium, but he felt mixed emotions when Army kept his experience intact with a rather easy 28-15 win. Any and all classmates who come to an Army home game should check in with the '50 tailgaters on the



1950: Spence and Ward troop the line at Marion

A-B Parking Lot behind the Corps side of Michie Stadium. The Class of '50 banners will be flying.

On 19 Nov, **Beth & Sandy Oliver**, and their daughter and son-in-law Kim & Jeff Smith, sponsored an evening of professional karate as a fund-raiser for the Karate Helps Kick Diabetes Foundation, which they have established. The family is only too familiar with the disease. Son Dusty was diagnosed diabetic at age 13, and Kim & Jeff's son, Sean, is also a diabetic. Several members of the Class attended the Northern VA affair: **Marge Ritter, Sally & George Tilson, Jeannie & Sid Steele, Evelyn McCoy, and Mimi & Ty Tandler.**

As the old saying goes, the next best thing to a classmate is your family.

**Mary Ann & Blair Ross** attended the christening of Blair III, their second grandchild, son of Linda & Blair Jr. The ceremony was held 20 Nov in Fayetteville, NC. The photo shows the 3 Blairs. Blair Jr is S-3, 2d Bn, SOS Abn Inf. Earlier in Nov, Blair went to Denver, CO, where he delivered a paper to the Annual Western Coal Marketing Conference. **Don Bohn**, his old roommate, met him from Ft Collins. They had not seen each other or kept in touch since their days at the AAA Radar School at Ft Bliss, TX in 51; so, they had a lot to catch up on, captured in the photo.



1950: Christening of Blair Ross III.

**Lois & John Rutledge** proudly announce the arrival of their second grandchild; Rebecca Parks Rutledge was born to their son Randy & his wife on 29 Apr. **Ann & Jake Jacobsen** also have a new



1950: Blair and Bohn in Denver

grandson, **Thomas Johnston**, born to daughter Marie & husband 18 Nov. **Jean & Phil Harper** rotate between their "straight" home in Montgomery, AL and their beach house in Panama City, FL, where they walk the beaches, feed bait to smart fish, and swim. Daughter Chi-Chi & her husband Randy visited from HI in Jul. Daughter Kim & her husband Chip also flew in from CA. Son Harry, Susan, and their 4 added a dimension of joy and fun. Harry received the Outstanding Doctoral Level Student Award from the Chi Sigma Iota professional fraternity (Counselling Soc Intl) for grades, service to the chapter, evidence of excellence and professional credentials. He is a doctoral student at the U of FL.

From Atlanta **Pris & Russ Glenn** sent word of two new grandchildren: Kendall Marie, born 28 May to Randy & Joyce; and Michelle Christine, born 23 Sep to Robert & Phyllis. As you can see from the picture, they have a very handsome family; l to r, they are Randy, Drew, Russell, Russ, Dee, Joyce, Russ, Pris, Rob, Phyllis, and Jessica. Other son Russ & Dee are in Ger, where Russ is a maj

with Hq, 3rd AD. The sr Glenns continue to enjoy tennis, skiing, and travel, not necessarily in that order.



1950: The Glenns

Also doing a lot of traveling are **Ann & John Wickham**. In his work with AFCEA he spends a lot of time visiting local chapters, as well as the offices in such places as Brussels, Ottawa, Seoul and Manila. In addition, he & Ann took a 3-wk trip in their RV throughout the West. Their daughter Lindsley is now living at WP where her husband Bill is now a Tac and awaiting promotion to maj. Son John is nearing completion of law school, while Matt is working on his master's.

Always in a large-scale "family way," **Betty & Pat Tisdale** collected their family for the first time on the occasion of the wedding of son Neal to Vici, shown in the photo. L to R, boys: Danny, Patrick, Neal, James, and Sean; the girls, Kim, Mai Lara, Xuan, Thuvan, and Lien, and, of course Pat & Betty. The 10 children are spread from HI to NJ, from Los Angeles to WA State. All but Neal made it home for Christmas.

In other family adventures, **Elaine &**



1950: The Tisdales

Pat Wilson stay in NM most of the time. Pat has continued his devotion to showing guns and, now, even crafting them. Showing them outside the state, however, becomes complicated because of the interstate laws governing firearms. They helped **Dahl & Norm Hubbard** celebrate his birthday. **Patty & Tug Greer** checked into the net from Kiawah Isl, SC. Son Tom & his wife Karen are expecting another Greer grandchild in Jan. The "old folks" spent Christmas in Winston-Salem with daughter Cathy & Billy and their family, Maggie and John, and son Tim. As Tug said, "It has been a great yr." They saw the Army-Navy game at **Gladys & Ray Maladowitz** home in Charleston, together with **Bev & Jack MacMull**.

**Jeannie & Sid Steele** are busier than ever. Sid has been put in charge of overall planning for his firm Webb/Sequoia, a big job considering how active that firm is. Jeannie continues work on her thesis but has joined the Vienna Family Therapy Center as a counselor. **Woodie & Bill Aman** left the DC area to join **Joy Viskochil** and others in the ret center at Melbourne. Those avid golfers will be living right on the fairways.

For those of you who like good wines, keep your eyes out for those of Dominion Wineries, one of the new entrants in the VA wine field. **Ruth & Paul Gorman** are part of that cooperative with their vineyard down near Charlottesville. How the two of them find time to take care of the vines, maintain the house, do consulting work, and now add a few head of cattle, I don't know, but I do know the wine is great!

**Marge Ritter** spent Sep with her older daughter Carol and family in Vienna, Austria. Her mom, Mrs Coche—86 yrs young—is still living with her. The house will be alive during the holidays with the 3 Ritter grandchildren: Evan, 6; Christopher, 5; and Julia, 1-1/2. Marge wanted the Class to know that she deeply appreciates all that was done for **Tex** before his death a yr ago and the continued remembrances, concerns and love shown by so many from the Class of '50. It is heartwarming for her to be able to stay in touch.

Some late news that finally caught up with us. **Ardath Wilson** reports adding a new granddaughter—daughter Kelly had Lauren Marie on 16 Mar. Ardath also tells of her trip with daughter Tracy over much of the US, including a visit to San Ant to see **Gail's** mother, who is still living there. Ardath and Tracy hit every state west of the Rockies and several east.

The *Washington Post* printed an article on 12 Nov about Veterans Day and mil families, entitled "Bittersweet Memories Bind Mil Families." Featured were the views of the **Pookie & Dale Crittenberger** family, especially Judith and Bill. Judith said, "There is a sense of

community and taking care of your own." Bill described the mil as "one big family in many ways. . . . There is definitely a common link that binds people in the Army." We add, "Amen," and swell with pride with this family and the other widows and children of departed classmates. They remain important members of our Family of Fifty.

**Bill Lynes** ex-'50, wrote of his total immersion in civic affairs in Plainfield, IA. His list of offices made me wonder if anyone else was in town: pres of the Bremer County Historical Soc, secy of the local 3-exchange phone co, bulletin ed of the Waverly Lions Club, mayor pro-tem of Plainfield, and a member of the city council. He still finds time to write the story of the local football games for the Waverly newspapers, operate the time clock and scoreboard at the basketball games, and serve as service off for the Plainfield American Legion. Son Jim Jr was valedictorian of the Wartburg College, Class of '88, with a double major in history and English, and is now in grad school at IA Univ.

**Dwayne Milburn**, the new dir of the Cadet Glee Club, asked that ex-members remember the member reunion to take place at the graduation concert in 90. If you were a member and plan to be with us for the 40th, anyway, you might be interested in supporting this occasion. His phone is 914-938-3913.

We have the sad duty to report the death of **Neal B Kindig** on 7 Oct of a heart attack while vacationing in ME. We extend our deepest condolence and concern to **Jean** and children, Susan and David.

All things considered, the vital signs of the Class are good. May all of you enjoy continuing rich lives in 89—and share the news.

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**CLASS ACTIVITIES:** '51 Luncheons, 11:30 a.m. each Thur monthly at the A/N Club, Arlington, VA have great attendance—32-in Nov to incl Pfautz '53 guest of **Jim Rockwell** who said he takes pleasure in looking after the AF. Scheduled luncheons: 16 Feb, 16 Mar and 20 Apr. Info call **Bob** or **Tinky Hyatt**—703-425-4839. '51 PARTY—Founders Day at Ft Belvoir 3 Mar provides '51ers the opportunity to get together at one of the finest affairs of its type which includes spouses/escorts. '51 meets for cocktails in Alexandria Rm, Ft Belvoir Off Club at 6:30 p.m. w/ formal Founders Day activities beginning at 8 p.m., in the Main Ballroom. Each yr ticket demand exceeds capacity; questions/info contact **Leffler** (info above) or **Peixotto**—703-979-3430. Mini-reunion: 13-16 Apr 89, Pinehurst,



1951: Oct party courtesy Prince Royal Gallery—Peixottos, Boatners, Lynch, Helene Ryan

NC, hosted by **Ed & Herma Matney**.



1951: More Oct party—Cunys and Jorstads also enjoyed

Hilited by attendance at the annual Stonybrook Steeple Chase on Sat at Southern Pines, other activities will include golf, tennis, sightseeing, shopping and related tourist activities. Accommodations arranged at Holly Inn, PO Box 3610, Pinehurst, NC 28374, tel: 1-800-533-0041 ('51 pt of contact—Jane Henegan). Questions/info contact Ed or Herma Matney: 485 Hill Road, Southern Pines, NC 28387, tel: 919-692-9777 or O: 919-692-3000. Ed's recent promotion to VP, Wheat First Securities will help him to defray some of the exorbitant costs that will be heaped on him by his very close friends **Meighen, Bradley, Pendleton, Russell, Clemons** etc. But then—Ed is rich!!! A/N game party: Once again **Ab Webber**, very ably aided by wondrous **Marge**, hosted his usual victory bash at the Airport Hilton immediately after the game. Both looked great and the party was the same. Attendees at the game included the **Barbers, Cortners, Charlie Crowes** (he's now fully ret in PA), **Detars, Dickens, Fischls, Fosses, Giordanos, Buddy Hoffs, Hyatt daughters, Camilla Kuhn Quinn** and family, **Lefflers, McMullens, Peixottos, Pendletons, Peltz daughter, Roberges, Prehn, Psihases, Quinn, Roscoe Robinsons, the Joe Rogers, Sines, Joe Smiths, Stanwards, Webber, Weyand, and the Tom Williams**.

**VERY SAD NEWS:** **Karl Peltz** died of cancer 11 Nov in Fayetteville, NC. Fu-



1951: Another Webber victory party! Clara McMullen, Giordano, McMullen, Dickens

neral services and burial took place at Ft Bragg—**Ernie & Libby Peixotto** and **Ed Matney** were among attendees at the services. Karl is survived by his wife, **Marthell**, 2 sons and 4 daughters.

**REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT-FAR WEST AND PAC:** (CA—**Roy Herte**, Rep; **Sully Johnson**, Dep Rep.) Roy says that contrary to all reports **Bob Janssen** is alive and well and living in Woodland Hills, CA. He & **Meredith** look forward to ret in about 6 yrs; he works for Litton Industries while she is w/Burbank Studios. **Bob Lerner**, who continues to work for Northrop on star tracking, inertial navigation systems, lives in Redondo Beach, while his 2 children are located in the San Fran area. **Bob Simpson** acknowledges that age has taken its toll—and the “White Fox” is more descriptive. In process of building a home next to Sequoia Natl Prk, he & **Denise** hope to move in early 89. During the summer, they “roughed it” in their Ger villa overlooking the Nekkar River. **Frank Winfield** is feeling fine after his bout w/open heart surgery. While he & **Ann** are in San Diego with their flooring bus, 3 of 6 progeny are in “Sam’s Service:” 2 sons are Navy pilots while daughter **Elizabeth**, an Army LT, is in med sch. In Monterey, **Norm Dunlop** still instructs at the Def Lang Sch; he and **Roy Herte** attempt “to slow up the ravages of time” by visits to the Navy PG swimming pool—but to date we haven’t heard they’ve found any “fountain of youth.” In Aug **Fred Miller** visited Roy for a wkend of baseball; also forwarded via **Joe Knittle** word of Roy’s promotion to city mgr of Salinas—a position Roy did not apply for but to which he was elected unanimously by City Council. In his input, Roy modestly acknowledged that he had “recently been promoted to city mgr.” **Gerry Dingman** reported that last Jun **Paula & Arlie Sherman** hosted a gala bash w/ **Ruth & Stan Sheridan** as guests of honor; attending were **Jamie & Sully Johnson**, **John Glossbrenner**, **Frances & Gerry Dingman**, **Effie & Mert Bangerter**, **Betty & Bill Depew**, **Jean & Al Esser**, **Sara & Don Leehey**, and **Pattee & Dave Schlatter**. **Ed Zuver**, San Diego, is studying both elec and mech engrg w/the



1951: '51's invited to Salinas—Mary Ann & Roy Herte

possibility of a teaching career in his future. **Bill Depew**, a bus mgr for a reg occupational prog in Anaheim, spends his spare time on the golf course at El Toro Marine Base—also plays in ret mil golf tournaments in the area. **Bill Stockdale** now in N CA working w/Kaiser in Oakland as principal design engr on basalt, nuc waste, disp proj. He & **Alice** are well and happy enjoying CA life. **Al Esser** reports being on the mend from surgery for a detached retina—his major frustration was the inability to drive.



1951: The Clemons left paradise—Clemons, Anne Meighen

(HI—**Bill Quinn**, rep; **Jim Hackleman**, dep) With **Joe Clemons’** departure for NC, '51's Hawaiian contingent is down to 4: **Jim Kintz** in Kaneohe where he manages a condo; **Danny Myers** in Honolulu where he is a very successful acct exec w/ Merrill-Lynch. As expected, **Jim Hackleman's** life is very active: senior editor w/ HI's largest PR firm, Comm Pacifica; does an early AM radio sports show; covers sports on 6 and 10 p.m. wkly news programs and on wkends. Also has a son in L.A. and daughter nearby in Honolulu. The Quinns stay busy also. **Bill** schedules his work in real estate so he can enjoy his travels—to the A/N game for instance; at the same time **Shay** is enjoying the beach and her “life in paradise.” Son is maj USAF in Pentagon; one daughter also maj USAF, at Nellis; and a 2d daughter a supervisor of a poker game at Harvey's in Tahoe.

**NORTHWEST:** (AK, ID, MT, OR, UT—**Dan Sharp**, Rep; **John Hemphill**, Dep). **Dan** said 2 of their gp departed for

hotter regions—the **Stockdales** to pay CA state income taxes, and the **Pete Thomases** to FL to develop a scenic background like Mt Ranier for that state. However, a recent reg area change mollified **Dan** when **Howie Steele** transferred UT and its reporting to him. **Gerry & Janice Dickson** are loc in Layton between Ogden and Salt Lake City; from which he travels extensively on a circuit of well-attended gun shows, practicing an avocation of dealing in antique guns. Very successfully, **Dan** adds—leading to speculation that **Gerry** may have supplied **Dan!!!** **Gerry**, a past pres of the Inter-mountain Reg WP Soc, passed his gavel to **Rocky Milburn** from **Sandy, UT** 2 yrs ago. Both **Milburns** are wild ski



1951: Rocky discussed WP Soc business

enthusiasts—**Joyce** is UT's reigning champ in Sr Women's Alpine Skiing competition. This season she hopes to take the trophy home for the 3d consecutive yr. One son **Abn/Rgr**, CPT, USA; 5 others live nearby and probably are on the hill cheering **Joyce** down the course. Since ret **Bob & Janet Welch**, Cora, WY, are not only in splendid isolation but are “the remotest of the remote.” They are located in w central WY surrounded on 3 sides by the Bridger-Teton Natl Forest. Only downside is the 7 **Welch** children have elected to seek fame and fortune in CA and AZ. **Dan** recommends that '51ers visiting the area should check out a smaller version of the **Thayer** loc in Steilacoom, WA—ex kitchen, well-stocked bar, a gracious and accommodating staff w/wonderful prices. Not to be outdone by its E model, many beautiful girls passing thru; for reservations call **Peg** or **John Hemphill**. In addition, despite much traveling, **John** managed to terrace a precipitous backyard and under **Peg's** supervision plant and sustain life in several fruit trees. With the departure of **Pete Thomas** to warmer areas, **John** has agreed to be dep rep for **Dan**; as has **Jim Hackleman** in HI. **Dan & Marilyn Sharp** are doing well in Boise; while the children are scattered as far as AK, they remain close in heart and commo—that includes a grandchild. They've committed to attend the 40th: “. . . the real driving force for the trip is **Marilyn**—that close to the city she plans on fire bomb-

ing the NYSE for what it did to her on 19 Oct 87 . . . considers the events of that day a personal affront to her investment strategy." Marilyn, Bill Bradley will make the bombs!!



1951: "T's" always nice to big cats!

WEST: (AZ, CO, NV, NM—Don McGann, Rep; Hank Evans, Dep). Don says "T" Nance, back in Frisco, CO, and Don got together in Nov. "T" enjoys traveling in the summer and skiing in the winter. Don claims CO skiing is the world's best "despite Rocky Milburn's comments." All is well w/ the McGann clan—Don plans to ret from UAL in Jul and is preparing now for another challenge. Don and others in the area are planning for a '51 get-together in conjunction w/ the 89 A/AF football game. **Lew & Marilyn Casbon** live in Golden, CO but spend as much of their time as practicable in their retreat high in the Rockies. Four children loc from Japan (AF MD) to SC (son-in-law LTC, USAF) along w/ grandchildren. Lew guarantees visitors fresh trout from their lake!! **Walt Phillips** in Evergreen, CO has ret for the 3d time and assures us he means it. However, this does not mean inactivity—Polly's photo bus requires much travel such as a safari in Kenya, scuba diving in the Seychell Is (Indian Ocean), trip to Figi, etc. Very tough! The Cecil Nists are loc in Sierra Vista, AZ near **Lane & Virginia Holman**. Cece is now the elder statesman of real estate w/in that community; ret as pres, Realtors Assoc back to realty bus and enjoying life more—particularly w/ new grandson Michael Steven Nist, born 31 Jul. Incidentally, Cece recently listed a house owned by **Jim Phillips** also living in that area. Jim is dir for quality assurance, Emhart Planning Research. Daughter Karen lives w/Jim; **Ruth**, his wife of 25 yrs, died 5 yrs ago. Tucson claims **Sandy & Sue Vandenberg**, fully ret but traveling often, particularly to the OH and MI areas; and **Wally & Norma Steiger**—who enjoy a very active ret. Wally is ops mgr for a co erect-tv broadcast towers w/a combination G3/G4 responsibilities. Also in Tucson are **Joe & Virginia Knittle**. She's a recent recipient of an MS from AZ, and very happy to be away from the 4 a.m. computer labs, word processor activities and practical

work necessary to complete her thesis. Time available may now permit the Knittles to visit their son & his wife in Ger in the near future. Others '51ers in AZ include **Larry & Vivian Eppley** in Glendale and the **Fred Millers** in Flagstaff. Fred & Pat enjoyed Ireland and N Ireland so much during the A/BC game visit, they want to return to visit the southern part of Ireland.

From Albuquerque, NM **John Ballard** reports that **John Hemler** says he is not getting any older and hopes that **Margie** agrees. After a Jun trip along AK's inland passage, the Hemlers are ready to go again. They thoroughly enjoyed the USMA '45 and '48 grads on the same trip. While the latest of 4 Hemler grandchildren arrived in Nov, we can be sure all 4 are loyal Republicans—John's enthusiasm, support and super-active participation for Bush would permit nothing less. The Ballards enjoyed recent visits to DC on business and also to see their daughter Amy; also took a cruise to Scandinavian countries, Leningrad, Amsterdam, and London. Since the cruise included UNM (Ann's Alma Mater) and AOG scheduling, the Ballards had a wonderful time being included in both USMA and UNM festivities. As John said, "Thanks, Morris Herbert '50," AOG coordinator. With the hunting season in full swing John happily managed to get in some fall hunting with both of his sons, John and Bill; Ann stays busier than ever w/her wide-ranging volunteer work. The **Pat Corrigan's** continue to



1951: Corrigan's celebrate new MD—Eleanor's father, Pat and Paula

travel fast and often—most recently to San Juan and St Thomas. Their restful trip changed abruptly when their luggage was stolen; so Eleanor said they "kind" of had a good time. The Corrigan's are particularly pleased w/their children's accomplishments both academically and in the business world: youngest in systems, daughter an internal med resident in CT, and older son a lead chem w/P&G.

40th REUNION—23–26 May 91. The '51 Reunion Comm headed by **Gary Sanderson**, **Gerry Hendricks**, and **Chuck Ewing** has initiated planning for '51's 40th Reunion. Major considerations now



1951: Ernie's helpers—'51 Exec Comm meeting: Steele, Peixotto, Sanderson, Barber, Sheridan, Byers, Ewing, Quinn, Hendricks

being addressed include housing, schedule of events, transportation requirements, memorial services, alumni parade. Activities to include '51 cocktail party and buffet, dinner-dance in Cadet Mess, picnic/boat ride/tours, and other activities. A questionnaire will be forwarded by the Reunion Comm to solicit '51 views on proposed activities and events.



1951: Active '51ers—Mulder, Van Matre, Dick Ryan

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT NEXT ASSEMBLY—MID-ATLANTIC: MD, DE—**Earl Keesling**, Rep, **Dean Mulder**, Dep; VA (N VA)—**Dan Wardrop**, Rep, **Tom Aaron**, Dep; N VA—(Mclean+) **Chuck Ewing**, Rep, **Pat Lynch**, Dep; (Alexandria) **Bob McDonald**, Rep, **Wally Klein**, Dep; (Arlington+) **Ken Holle**, Rep, **Godfrey Crowe**, Dep; (Annandale+) **Don Van Matre**, Rep, **Pete Beczkiewicz**, Dep.

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A number of you have written or called to cheer and commend me for taking on the scribe duties. Better yet, as this column reflects, several items were provided to help with the transition. In particular, **Ollie Oliphant** sent in a note of congratulations and, for **Ralph Garver**, "Well done, I-1 buddy—see you in 92." Ollie writes from The Hilltop, his Greek Revival (1824) home in Bloomfield, IN.

Sadly, I report news of **Dave Ahearn's** death in El Paso 9 Nov due to cancer. Dave had known about his condition since last spring and maintained to all outward appearances the calm, steady bearing that won him so many friends and admirers throughout his life. Our hearts go out to **Carol**, who will remain at their home in El Paso.

Also, news of **George Beiser's** death has been reported. I don't have any additional info, but will relay any news sent in.



1952: Keeley makes two points to Sell



1952: Larkin, Moran and Malone

As the accompanying photos show, the fall barbecue at the estate of **Chuck & Inez Youree** drew a large, happy crowd. **Bill Moore** arranged the affair and the Yourees, as so often, put on a superb spread of chicken, ribs, and the usual extras. Attending were **Craig & Ronnie Alderman**, **George & Kay Bartel**, **Frank Benedict**, **Al Bracy**, **Ralph & Carol Cline**, **Art & Kim Deverill**, **Al & Cathy Griffin**, **Sam & Charly Hubbard**, **John & Catherine Keeley**, **John Kenney**, and **Dick & Donna Larkin**.

Also, **Al & Nancy Lawrence**, **Paul & Ann Malone**, **Mac & Barbara McKnight**, **Bill & Jackie Moore**, **Otis & Emilia Moran**, **Joe & Kay Paluh**, **Frank Pimentel**, **Larry & Barbara Putnam**, **Harry & Nancy Roper**, **Charley & Jane Sell**, **Bert & Gerry Stubblebine**, **Don & Betty Swygart**, and **Don & Suzi Weinert**.

Our absence from the fall party was due to another commitment—a cruise to Bermuda with **Tom & Jan Ayers**. We sailed out of Charleston, SC, using the Ayers' lovely home in Columbia, SC, as a staging point. Tom and I got in several



1952: Roper, Youree, McKnight and Moore at Chuck's hearth



1952: Moore, Stubblebine, Nancy Lawrence, McKnight and Jackie Moore



1952: Keeley, Stubblebine, Bracy, Gerry Stubblebine, Barbara McKnight and Moore

satisfying rounds of golf at both ends of the cruise. Planning is under way for the next adventure.



1952: Ayerses and Witherells in Bermuda

A welcome letter from **Phil Coleman** reports on the trip he & **Johanne** took to **Fairfield Harbor** in **New Bern, NC**, last Oct. They visited their B-2 classmates

**Cecil & Marleen Sykes**, who live in nearby **Oriental, NC**. Cecil is in the home construction bus in Oriental with his son **Paul**. Phil goes on to report that, "Cecil took us out to his boat and showed us the water view of some of the homes he has built there in Oriental. His present big job is the construction of the **Episcopal Church**." Meanwhile, "Marleen is one of the guiding lights in the local art league, and was just getting ready to have a one-person show at the local Oriental gallery. We had an opportunity to see the art she will be displaying at the gallery, and were very impressed with her artistic talent. We understand Marleen teaches art locally."



1952: Colemans and Sykeses in NC

Phil went on to recommend **Christmas wk** at **Williamsburg, VA**, for its reenactment of our American heritage and for a deeper understanding of early American life.

**Hank Lowder** recently saw two classmates on the fields of friendly strife. First, **Cecil Sykes** (again) was in town visiting and ran into **Hank** at the **Pentagon Athletic Center**. They renewed a rivalry on the squash court after an absence of 8 yrs. Both are reported to be very fit. In mid-Oct, **Hank** returned to **NC** to attend his 40th HS reunion, including a mandatory (for **Hank**) golf outing. There he saw **Dick DeBoalt** ready to tee off. They had about 5 mins to catch up on the past 36 yrs. **Dick** was visiting his father, a ret **ALCOA** exec who lives on the golf course there at **Badin, NC**. **Dick** is reported to have a smooth golf swing. (So does **Hank**.)

**John Kenney** saw **Luddy Harrison** and **Bill Walker** at the annual **AUSA** convention in **Wash** in **Oct**. **Bill** was there as an exhibiter for **Raytheon**. **Poppy** was there also, accompanying **Bill** from their home in **Sudbury, MA**. **Luddy** is with the **AOG**. He and **Joe Hannan** attended the homecoming game 15 Oct, finding themselves the only '52ers there, and, more ominously, "well forward in the line of march." By the way, **John** was tending the **Korean War Veterans Memorial** booth at the **AUSA** convention. He is exec dir, **Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board**.

**Bill Moore** attended **Army's** dominat-

ing victory over AF at WP, where he sat with **Swede Ericson** in a driving rain. He saw **Bob Leach** at a distance, but no other classmates, possibly due to reduced visibility.

**Tom Cole** sent out his final DA Form 3955, announcing that he & **Dottie** will settle in at 2806 Nisqually View Loop, Olympia, WA 98506, effective 1 Dec 88.

The Lunch Bunch convened at a local watering hole in early Nov to swap stories and exchange news. An item of interest to classmates all across the country is the upcoming Second Annual Ski Trip. (**Homer Kieffer** ran the first trip.) **Loyd Rhiddlehoover** is in charge this time and has sent to some a flyer providing all the details. The event will be held in Summit County, CO, where you will be able to ski a number of slopes while staying at The Mountainside condos in Frisco, CO. Ski lift tickets will be arranged separately by classmates in the area. Come anytime during the period 19 Feb-5 Mar 89, but try to be there 25 Feb, the target date for a mid-winter reunion. Info on accommodations, costs, travel, and activities can be obtained from Great Escape Travel (1-800-445-9855, in CO 1-800-525-3402). Just ask for Lynda and identify yourself as Class of '52. Loyd's number in CO Springs is 578-5452.

A late report from Philadelphia relates that 18 classmates, many with wives and families, attended the very well played Navy game: **Vince Bailey**, **Bill Boyles**, **John Carlson**, **Robert Craine**, **Art Deverill**, **Harry Dutchyshyn**, **Birt Kidwell**, **Dick Larkin**, **Jim Maloney**, **Mac McKnight**, **Bill Moore**, **Otis Moran**, **Ron Obach**, **Larry Putnam**, **Bill Reilly**, **Dick Russomano**, **Deryle Whipple**, and **Clint Winne**.

The Exec Comm is concerned that news of the death or serious illness of a classmate or his wife will not be made known promptly. Please make a note to phone or write such news to the Comm or someone here in the Wash area, including me, so that **Dick Larkin** can be informed. In this regard, **Skip Wensyel** and **Paul Child** advise that, both as classmates and AOG officials, they should be informed of classmate deaths. The intent is to assure that appropriate, timely responses are undertaken by class offs and the AOG.

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Several items of business were accomplished at the Class meeting, Sun morning, 13 Nov, during our reunion weekend. The new slate of Class offs was installed for 88-89: **Bob Bartlett**, pres; **Bill Harris**, VP; **Bob Blastos**, treas; **Russ Groshans**, secy; **Bill Sutton**, scribe. Bill

Sutton asks that classmates send news and photos for the ASSEMBLY Class news section to him at the address above. After discussion by the out-going Class pres, **Art Brown**, who led us over the past yr with his personal style and warmth, the Class adopted a goal of \$25,000 to support the WP Preparatory Scholarship Program. **Neal Creighton** agreed to chair this worthy fund-raising effort. Look for Neal's letter to give us more info.



1953: Groshans, Bartlett and Harris

**John Haskell** reports that the Library Endowment Fund now totals \$153,905 to support continued dev of the Class of 1953 Cadet Reading Room at the WP Library. **Bob Kaplan**, the Class curator, invites the Class to send memorabilia to him for display in the reading room cabinets and exhibit cases. His address is PO Box 1943, Middleburg, VA 22771-1273.

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On 2 Nov **Bob & Liz Morris** notified us from Tallahassee that **Joan Robinson Lieber** died that morning at WRAMC after a brave bout with cancer. Viewing was at **Hap's** home in Chestertown, MD, with service and burial at St Paul's of Kent Episcopal Church, Chestertown. **Bill Barnes**, **Mark Reese** and **Dan Tobin** did nobly by driving up for the wake and service. Loyal **Bob Morris** also came up for the service. **Joan & Hap** have 3 children: **Albert IV** lives in Alexandria and is with DC Metro; **Caroline** also lives in Alexandria; and **Jeramie** & her husband **Neal Bruce** live in Springfield with their 2 daughters. **Joan's** brother **Bill** is Class of '55 and a ret 0-6. Our Class shares the deep sorrow of **Hap** and their family.

**Janice Pawlowski** died suddenly of cancer on 8 Nov in Fairfax, VA. Classmates conveyed their sympathy to **Ed** and their family at services on 10 Nov at Arlington Natl Cemetery and at St Mark's RC Church, their parish in Vienna. Daughter **Edleen**, husband **Keith Bergelt** and their son **Evan** live in

San Fran, CA, where **Ed** spent Thanksgiving and observed **Evan's** first birthday. Son **Ed, Jr** & wife **Lauren** live in Wash DC and presented **Ed** with his second grandson, **Ryan Richard**, born in Fairfax Hosp on 14 Dec. The Class grieves **Jan's** passing and the cruel series of our Class' untimely deaths.

**Paul & Carolyn Jenkins** report from Annandale, VA, that on 28 Oct, son CPT **Eric R** graduated from the EURO-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Tng Class at Sheppard AFB, TX, and received his wings. **Eric** was a Distinguished Graduate and also received the Air Tng Cmdr's Trophy recognizing the top graduate in the combined areas of flying, mil leadership and academics. **Eric** was further honored with a plaque from the Order of Daedalians for receiving a perfect 100% in formation flying. He reports to an F-15 sq at Bitburg AFB, FRG, in Jul 89. Congratulations to **Eric** and his proud parents. **Paul**, tell **Eric** to fly low and slow. It's easier on the arms.

Our son **Chet & Julie Volenick** were wed on 22 Oct at St Augustine's Church in Elkridge, MD. Reception was held at International Hotel, Balt-Wash Airport. **Roy & Fay Muth** were present to help us celebrate. **Chet** is a CPT/pilot with PanAm Express, and **Julie** is a phys security ops specialist with GE, both in Phila. After honeymooning in St Lucia, they live in Blue Bell, PA.

**Tiny & Dorothy Tomsen** write that our Class godson, **Chris**, is on the list for promotion to maj. They often see **Jack & Joan Beringer** of Ft Collins, CO, and **George & Jane Calhoun** in CO Springs. **Tiny, Draper Gregory** and **Bob Guidera** met in Jul for salmon fishing on the Kenai River, AK. How do they get such big fish into those small tin cans? **Tiny** is also busy as pres of **Tomsen Construction Inc** in Tulsa and campaigning for 100% attendance of the 32 M-2 files at our 35th Reunion.



1954: Tomsen, Guidera and Gregory with other big fish at the Kenai River, AK, Jul

D-1 files **Ed & Carolyn Roderick** heard our plea and write that they made their last address change in Jul when **Ed** ret as VP of Bell Technical Ops in Tucson and moved back home to Kimberling City, MO. **Ed** swapped his briefcase for

a ladder as they add rooms and a bath to their new house that overlooks Table Rock Lake, the premier bass fishing lake in the country. Ed's folks live nearby, while Carolyn's mother is in Columbia. Children and 4 grandsons live in Dallas. When the joys of rebuilding and wiring wear off, Ed plans to do consulting and Carolyn will resume designing, sewing and needlework.

From Spring Grove, PA, Class Pres **Jack Miller** reports meeting **Russ Parker** of El Paso, and **Bob Reed** from Littleton, CO, at the AUSA convention here. **Russ & Ann** enjoy their home on a mountain-side overlooking the entire Southwest, and their car payments. Bob is with **Martin Marietta** in Denver, runs his software co and is working on a realty license. **Carol Reed** runs her own realty co. **Jack & Barbara** on 5 Oct became grandparents of **Bryan Thomas Miller**, born to **Robin & son Steven Miller** at Germantown, MD. Daughters **Ann Partlow** and **Lynn Davis** live in Dale City and Burke, VA, respectively. Jack is quoted here:

"The Class desires that no death of a classmate or wife go unnoticed. I rely primarily on the AOG to notify me of a classmate's death. They, in turn, rely heavily on Army-AF Mutual Aid. These notifications do not always arrive in a timely manner, and a wife's death is not reported through these channels. The best method of getting classmates notified of a death is to have someone in the family call someone they know and ask them to call me or **Jim Henry**, or better, call either or both of us direct. In cases outside DC area, I try to locate and call classmates in the appropriate area.

"The Reunion is set for the wkend of the Army-Rutgers game, the last wkend in Oct 89. Since an arrival late Fri/game on Sat/depart Sun sched does not provide time to socialize and visit, I hope most can arrive on Thurs eve (26th), when we would plan to have an informal buffet at the motel. On Fri (27th) after breakfast we would bus to WP to tour new facilities such as the sports complex, Jewish Chapel, etc. I believe we can meet with the Supe, Comm and DIA to discuss current and future WP activities. On Fri eve a business dinner at the motel would provide a welcome for late arrivals. On Sat (28th) we would bus to WP for a memorial svc, get our picture taken in our reviewing stand and take the review. This would be followed by lunch in Wash Hall, bus to the game and a party at WP. Sun the 29th will feature recovery, breakfast, goodbyes and departure. We have reserved the Newburgh Ramada Inn. There are also 51 rooms at the Thayer, but I hope everyone will want to be at the Ramada, 1055 Union Ave, Newburgh, NY 12550, at intersection of I-87 and I-84, phone (914) 564-4500. I would appreciate feedback

from the Class on this plan, specifically: 1. Is there enough interest in a Thur arrival to make it worth planning a day's activities on Fri at WP? 2. Are there things other than those mentioned that should be scheduled? 3. Give me ideas for mementos for the men and women, or state if none desired." Jack's CP: R.D. 3, Box 3305L, Spring Grove, PA 17362, ph (717) 632-2656; ofc (717) 843-9821.

Shorts: **MG Ed Aguanno** has ret; **GEN Joe Palastra** ret soon; **Ben Schemmer** is ret from his *Armed Forces Journal Intl*; and **John Broumas** underwent an angioplastic heart op, but is not ret.

A Glee Club reunion is planned at the graduation concert in 1990. If interested, contact **Dwayne S Milburn**, Dir of Cadet Music, Eisenhower Hall, West Point, 10996, ph (914) 938-3913. (The Corps has not!)

Stay well, folks. As the researcher said, things are looking up.

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I'm putting this edition together in the two wks just before Christmas, so I have been blessed with some cards and notes from several folks that give me no end of help in wrapping up this yr's news status.

As one who was privileged to have been the dir of the Cadet Glee Club first class yr, I'm pleased to announce that the current dir of Cadet Music, Mr Dwayne S Milburn, is planning a Glee Club reunion to coincide with the Graduation concert in May of 90. That date will be in advance of our planned '55 35th yr reunion, which is now targeted for the wkend of the Army-AF football game in the fall of 90. However, if you're an old Glee Clubber (who can forget Skippers and those NYC concerts?) and are interested in participating in a reunion, please contact Mr Milburn at Eisenhower Hall, WP, NY 10996. You might also start getting the gravel worked out of your baritone!

To celebrate yet another Army win over the Mids, the DC area Class of '55 Christmas brunch was held again this yr at the home of **Marcia & Carl Cathey** and co-hosted by the **Wargowskys**, the **McJoynts**, the **Carpenters**, and the **Edwards**. Another smash gathering that brought about 35 classmates and ladies, friends and old colleagues together for midday memories and a holiday greeting session, this yr's event was attended by the following: **Bill & Anita Anderson**, up from Charlottesville, VA, where Bill is a busy man as practicing atty, cmdr of the CAP Sq, and heavy into AF Assoc and civic events; **Bill & Anita** were preparing to travel to ALA for the holidays; **Ed Anderson**, looking hale and relaxed from

his many chores with **Anser Corp**; **Dick & Carol Baker**, freshly moved into their new Falls Church home; **Jim Bergen**; **Ted & Nancy Bishop**; **Al & Val Bundren**; **Norm & Barb Blahuta**—Norm is now the Numero Uno of the Pentagon Credit Union, so our money is in good hands; **Bob & Marly Carpenter**, who graciously co-hosted; **Jim & Nancy Cutchin**; our super hosts, **Carl & Marcia Cathey**, who made their lovely home ours for the gathering, even with Carl nursing a bum knee, which he later had orthopedic and now reports is mending well; **Jim Eddins** and his lovely guest; **Al & Edie Edwards**, who are really ecstatic with their water's edge Annapolis, MD home—we saw Al & Edie a few days later during which time he had unhappily managed a couple of broken fingers in hand-to-hand combat with a chain saw; **Ray & Ann Gunderson**; **Zach Hagedorn** and his lovely guest, **Ann Buechel**; **Tom & Peggy Herren**; **Dan & Ann Malone** from out Leesburg way; **Dick & Greta Masson**, Dick reporting that he has become the mgt and bus consultant for his son Rick's burgeoning cabinetry bus; **Joan Matteson**, looking very lovely; **Durf & Barb McJoynt** also our hosts for the brunch; **Carl & JoAnn McNair**, just settling into ret now—Carl is with **Burdeshaw, Inc**; **Bob & Linda Newton**, who are kept much occupied with managing their trailer court bus; **Ed Nidever**; **Joan O'Brien**, who has recently begun an extensive graduate program focusing on the study of marriage, which is a continuation of her just-completed seminary studies; **John & Linda Passafiume**, just recently arrived from GA, where John was on the faculty of the Univ of GA—he's now with a new initiative undertaken by Contel here in DC; **John & Mary Pickitt**, both looking super; **Hugh & Ann Quinn**, also new to ret in 88 and adjusting well; **Bill Roth**, really looking sharp and fit as a consequence of his dedicated marathon running; **Matt & Betty Schepps**, both thoroughly enjoying teaching HS in Fairfax Cty, VA, where Matt now has teaching tenure; **Murphy Shimunek**, who enjoyed the get-together and the chance to visit with old friends; **John & Ruth Sloan**; **Howie & Helen Stone**, came all the way from WA state to see the game and family—both looking like ret is wholly agreeable; **Dan & Yvette Troyan**; **Dick & Sandy Wargowsky**, also hosting and helping everyone enjoy the day; and **Tom & Elaine West**. You couldn't ask for a better way to kick off a holiday season than a Big Rabble win and a well-attended mini-reunion such as this. This is becoming a very warm and wonderful post-game event here—think about planning to attend next yr. The flyers will be out in early Nov; drop a line and I'll keep you informed.

Just a few days after the brunch, on 10



1955: Zach Hagedorn, Ann Buechnel



1955: Ed Anderson, Marcia Cathey, Vicki Roades and Carl McNair



1955: The Dados, Phillipses, Cassellses and Vineys



1955: Durf McJoynt, Ed Anderson

classmates and WP friends from other classes. This yr, Vicki & I thoroughly enjoyed the theatrical presentation by the Army Chorus accompanied by the great band, and had the chance to see **Bud & Dotty Goldstein, Dick & Greta Masson, Joan O'Brein, Al & Edie Edwards, Carl & Marcia Cathey, and Carl & JoAnn McNair** among those invited. Don & Chickie have, to the great pride of '55, been outstanding in their demanding roles as the first family of the MDW; theirs is a rugged, demanding schedule that puts them constantly in the ceremonial forefront here in the capital, and the challenges could not be more artfully, thoroughly, and gracefully answered. This great couple has served country, service, and Class with premier dignity and success.



1955: Howie Stone and Ted Vitori

**Jack & Marlowe Viney** dropped a short note from CA to report a small gathering hosted by **Tom & Harriet Phillips** in their Granada Hills home to honor **Joe & Pauline Dado** during their recent visit from the P.I. Also attending were **Cy Cassells** and his lovely bride. As Jack reports, the Dados were in the US for the first time since 55. Joe was commissioned after graduation in the Philippine Army and went almost immediately into combat against the Communist Huk Balahaps. He then taught at the Philippine Mil Academy before going into Special Forces tng. Badly injured, he was invalided out of service and became a successful lawyer before the Dole Pineapple Co had the good fortune to recruit him. He is now their pers mgr for the P.I, and thoroughly enjoys himself in this challenging role.



1955: Al Edwards, Dick Masson and Hugh Quinn

Dec, **Don & Chickie Hilbert**, in their capacity as Cmdr and Mrs of the Mil Dist of Wash were the hosts of the Army Band's Christmas concert at Constitution Hall. Don is gracious enough to invite classmates to attend these regular concerts and special presentations, and they have been superb opportunities to savor the great talent of the Army's Band and Chorus, as well as link up with

**Al & Mary Coleman** advised in their Christmas letter that they have relocated to Conyers, GA from Stone Mt. Their two daughters, Sharon and Cindy, are in college in VA and TX respectively and doing very well. Al Jr is in USN flight tng in TX with his first carrier landing just under his belt. Al & Mary are kept manifestly busy with church, civic, and charitable activities and are looking ahead to a bigger and better vegetable garden this summer. Thanks for your very nice letter, Al & Mary.

**Bill & Sue Carrington** sent their seasonal note to inform that they are doing



1955: Morris Herbert '50, Joe Dado and Bob Strati during Joe's recent visit to the AOG

some holiday traveling from their home base in Oberammergau, FRG. They plan to visit family in a couple of locations and recon a site for stateside ret in 91. Their lives have been filled with Bill's teaching for the Univ of MD in Munich, and Sue's woodcrafts and carving in Oberammergau. Their 6 youngsters are all busy professionally in the States and have honored Bill & Sue with 10 grandchildren thus far, which may be a Class high. They have traveled widely in Europe, but are now on a wide downwind leg for home. Sorry I missed you in Munich in Nov, Bill, thanks for the letter.



1955: Sue & Dr Bill Carrington

**Dave Pettet** sent a really memorable letter about his dog breeding bus and the very busy and demanding schedules it invokes on him. Dave's bus focuses on the Drahthaar, a very courageous and loyal bird hunting dog native to Ger that is sought after by the most serious and accomplished hunters. As a breeder,

raiser and trainer (and there's the biggest investment of time and energy) as well as judge of this rare breed, Dave travels extensively to satisfy the growing demand for this amazing breed of hunters. From his ranch outside of Oaxdale, WA, he keeps a work and travel schedule that is eye-watering. Interspersed with that is a little political caucus activity, which although on the winning side this time, held some frustrations by the very nature of WA politics. Dave hosts a foreign exchange student from Hanover in his home, and the young lad is getting a superb education on the ranch as well as in the local schools. Very much appreciated the long and informative letter, Pilgrim.

**Tom Wilkinson**, the longest serving AF O-6 in '55, advises that he's in love with his Registrar's work at USAFA, and inclined to stay forever. He & Mary have all their youngsters nearby in CO, as well as Tom's parents. We look forward to seeing TC during one of his rare trips here. Hang in there, two!

Another Coloradoan, **Bob Camp**, writes from Littleton that a long bout with bronchitis backed him off a couple of paces this last yr, but he's determined to make up the lost skiing this yr at a special area called Vermillion Hills, in NW CO. Bob says that it puts the Painted Desert in second place for beauty. Add to that a little antelope hunting and he's been fairly busy—busy enough to plan full ret from Martin-M in Dec. Now you can get serious, Bob.

Finally, I received a very gracious and informative letter from Rev **Walt & Nancy McCrillis** from Moss Point, MS, where they have spent a yr lovingly caring for both their mothers and seeing to their welfare and comfort. During a FL trip they were thrilled to be able to watch the launch of *Discovery* and, I'm sure, offer a few prayers for success. Nancy continues with her music teaching in spite of an ankle break that slowed her a tad. Walt's ministry keeps him active, challenged and involved. Happily, they were missed by Hurricane Florence this yr. As always, the McCrillis' invitation to those visiting Southern MS stands open.

So much for now, '55ers. Let me apprise you of this: in order to meet the *ASSEMBLY* publishing suspenses, I need your news items in 89 by the first of Feb, May, Aug, and Oct. As always, I appreciate your cards, letters, and snapshots—Vicki & I wish you all a happy and peaceful 89. Take care.

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As I prepare this report, the Christmas-New Year holidays are just a few

wks away, I am blessed with a full bag of mail to draw from, thanks to many of you, and there are many '56er events, both recent and future, to share with one and all.

I owe a special thanks to **Mike Conrad**, **Perry Smith** and **Pete Verfurth** for their excellent descriptions of the 1 Oct ceremonies at USMA honoring the late **Don Holleder** and dedicating the largest athletic building at the Academy (the Holleder Center) in his name. The Supe, our own **Dave Palmer**, opened the formal ceremony by welcoming the approximately 175 people who attended, including about 40 from the Ruffner-Holleder family, many of Don's friends from upstate NY, around 80 of Don's classmates, as well as many Holleder well-wishers and members of the WP staff and faculty. Mike Conrad and Perry Smith offered appropriate remarks regarding this memorable occasion, then Dave Palmer officiated at the unveiling ceremony. All who described this event to me were in complete agreement that it was splendid. Perry Smith was kind enough to send me a copy of his remarks. I would like to share all of them with you; however, my allotted space does not permit this. Perhaps these few words from those remarks capture the essence of what this event was all about and what it meant to this nation, the US Army, WP, his family, his classmates, and all others whose lives he touched at one time or another. Perry said, "The quality of society and its institutions can be measured to a very considerable degree by how well they honor their heroes." Don was a superb human being, and I think all of us can be justly proud of what was done to honor him.

Most of the '56ers attending the ceremony stayed at the Pearl River Hilton just south of WP. **Farrell Patrick** did most of the work for the Class in arranging for this, assisted by **Gerry Richardson** and **Jim Anderson**. **Dave & Lu Palmer** hosted a cocktail party for the gp following the football game with Bucknell that wkend. **Mike Conrad** tells me that all classmates can take pride in the Holleder Center. The lettering on the side of the building can easily be seen from a distance away. An impressive plaque on one of the outside pillars was unveiled by **Caroline Ruffner** (Don's widow). Inside, there is a significant collection of some of Don's memorabilia including a portrait of Don by **Al Thelin**. Mike believes the following classmates attended: **Abell, Alexander, Alward, Jim Anderson, Amlong, Bahnsen, Reid Barrett, Beyer, Bowes, Bowman, Burhans, Chase, Chesnauskas, Bill Cody, Conklin, Conrad, Crites, Cross, DeFrance, Densen, Dowell, Ellis, Ernst, Flory, Fogh, Foss, Fox** (Mike didn't specify which one), **Glock, Grant, Haley, Hammond, Hart, Hattler, Hoffman, Hull, Jezior, Kannapel, Keating, Kime, Lorey, Lueders, McGinn, Jack Nicholson, Nicolais, Oakes, Ogren, Patrick, Prather, Quackenbush, Rall, Renshaw, Rhodes, Richardson, Ruffner, Saferstein, Salamone, Satterfield, Schrage, Sheehan, Sheridan, Sharkey, Sorley, Sullivan, Thelin, Vann, Verfurth, Wagenheim, Wall, Wilson, Wold, George Woods and Young**. I also received a nice note from **Ted Grant** along with some photos of the F-2 clan and their wives who attended the dedication.

Thanks to **Mike Conrad**, I also have an excellent run-down on the Class's sec-



1956: Rhodes, Grants, Conklins, Ogrens, Boweses and Crosses

ond annual ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial in Wash DC on Veteran's Day. There was great weather as compared to the freak snowstorm experienced at the first ceremony in 87. **Bob Hammond** and **Bill Schrage** arranged for an excellent wreath. **Harry Crandall** said a prayer for those honored and attendees, and Mike spoke briefly about the significance of the occasion. Others present included **Maury Cralle**, **Harry & Kitty Crandall**, **Dick Curl**, **Don & Mary Ernst**, **Bob Flory**, both **Gene Foxes**, **Pat Haley**, **Ward & Judy LeHardy**, **Dirk Lueders**, **John McGinn** (John brought Rita Clark, widow of **JJ Clark**, KIA in Vietnam), **Jack Nicholson**, **George Rostine**, **Ernie & Caroline Ruffner**, **Soup Saferstein**, **Jack Sharkey**, **Mark Smith**, **Bob St Louis** and **Marty Zimmerman**.

**Mike Conrad** also mentioned that **Dick Curl** arrived in Wash DC last Jul and has opened an area office for **Morris/ Knudsen Engring**. Mike also asked that all contributions to WP be made to the Class of '56 Fund. This will sustain the upkeep of the '56 Reception Room which was dedicated during our 30th Reunion. Speaking of reunions, Mike is also beginning to examine the possibilities for our 35th Reunion in 91. He will form a comm soon to examine alternatives. He has already received some suggestions that we meet at the AFA while **Charlie Hamm** is the Supe there. He will be discussing this possibility with Charlie and would also appreciate any other thoughts or suggestions. Please send them to Mike's home address: 6829 Brimstone Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. His home phone is (703) 239-2662; his off number is (703) 761-3756.

Here is other news from the DC area. **Ward LeHardy** ret from the Army 1 Oct as a BG. He expects to be fully reemployed soon; however, he is currently helping as a coach of the sailing team at the Naval Academy where his youngest son, Peter, is a sr and skipper of his own 39' sailboat. Ward's present plans include a sail around the world using a 40' boat and he's looking for a crew. Any volunteers? He hopes to be ready for this adventure in 3-4 yrs and take about 3 yrs to complete the round trip.

It was great to receive the news from 4 different sources that **Norm Schwarzkopf** is now sporting 4 stars and is leading the Army Central Cmd. **Maury Cralle**, **Mike Conrad**, and **Ward LeHardy** gave me the word, and **Carl Coulter** told me all about the promotion ceremony at McDill AFB and sent me some good photos to share with you. Both SecDef **Frank Carlucci** and Chm of the JCS, **ADM William J. Crowe, Jr**, wished Norm well at the promotion ceremony, and there was a good contingent of '56ers from the Tampa region on hand to also cheer Norm. Among these were **Chuck Torrey**, mil



1956: Schwarzkopf promotion party—  
Haponski, Coulter, Schwarzkopf

marketing dir, **Sperry Systems**; **Bill Haponski**, business prof, **St Peters College**; **Milt Shattuck**, mgr of a van lines in FL; **Tony Ortner**, practicing estate law in **Maitland, FL**; **Gene Eastburn**, dir of civ engring; **Al Hoffman**, pres of **Sun City Corp** and **Walden Lake**; **Leroy Sudduth**, ret MG and living in **Savannah, GA**; and **Bob Beyer**, ret BG and living in **Tampa**. The Army also had the very good sense to name **John Foss** as Norm's replacement as the Army's DCSOPS. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to both of these very deserving guys.

When **Maury Cralle** visited the Army's Strategic Def Cmd last Oct to talk to them about the Combined Federal Campaign for 88-89, he noted with pride that the leadership of this cmd has been and is still dominated with '56ers: specifically MG **Eugene Fox** from 14 Sep 84-30 Jun 85; LTG **John Wall** from 1 Jul 85-30 Jun 88; and LTG **Bob Hammond** from 1 Jul 88 to the present. It is very obvious that our Class has made a significant contribution to the strategic def of our nation in this and many other important respects. Maury also reported a good turnout of 30 at the 19 Oct Class luncheon at Ft McNair organized by **Pete Verfurth**. Those attending in addition to Maury and Pete were **Doc & Peggy Bahnsen**, **Conrad**, **Crandall**, **Dantos**, **Denson**, **Diez**, **Dowell**, **Flory**, **Eugene A Fox**, **Hammond**, **Holmes**, **Jasper**, **LeHardy**, **McConnell**, **McNulty**, **Jack Nicholson**, **Quackenbush**, **Ruffner**, **Schrage**, **Sisinyak**, **Perry Smith**, **Sorley**, **St Louis**, **West**, **Winkel**, **Withers**, and **Zimmerman**.

**Paul Winkel**, who lives in **Springfield, VA**, tells me that he and **Art Boudreau** are still doing well with the **Grumman Corp**. Both Paul and Art have been with **Grumman's Space Station Support Div** since Sep 86. Art started as project leader for **Japanese Program Coordination**, and Paul started as project leader for **European Space Agency Coordination**. Art is now mgr, **Intl Coordination for Space Station Utilization**; Paul is now mgr, **System Engring and Integration Coordination**. Paul's son, **Paul III**, 27, graduated from **VA Tech** in 86 and is an Army 2LT assigned to the **Med Service Corps**

as a medics platoon leader. Paul's daughter, **Heather**, 24, is a legal secy with a firm in Wash DC. Paul is still single, playing volleyball and, he says, escorting a lovely blonde nurse named **Caroline** about town.

In addition to reporting on **Norm Schwarzkopf's** promotion ceremony and sending me some good photos of this event, **Carleton Coulter** also mentioned that he & **Jill** worked for 7 wks in Italy this past summer and are back running their construction consulting, seminar, publishing bus. We were pleased to read that **Carleton** got a good report from the **Brook AFB** flight surgeons on his cardiac condition. **Carleton** also learned from **Dr Dale Clark** at **Brook AFB** that 17 of our classmates have gone through the 3-day cardiac evaluation program. This gp included **Pete Judson**, **Mel Wuest**, as well as **Carleton** last Oct. **Pete** manages one of the largest **Waldenbooks** stores in the nation in **Phoenix**. **Mel** is VP corporate finance, **Prudential Capital Corp**, **Chicago**, where he must invest about \$25 million a wk.

We were pleased to receive a very interesting photo from CPT **Robert Woodmansee** taken at the 4/67 Ar Hq, **Friedberg, West Ger**. He proudly mentions in an accompanying note that soldiers rarely get the opportunity to have the corps cmdr and his wife promote them. He added that having his dad, **Jack**, and mother, **Patty**, promote him will undoubtedly be one of the most memorable moments of his life. **Robert**, I feel certain that your promotion will be one of the most unforgettable events in **Jack's & Patty's** lives also. We all hope that you will experience many more promotions and your parents will be on hand to enjoy them.



1956: Patty & Jack Woodmansee officiate at son Rob's promotion

**Gene Dewey** wrote me a very diplomatic note indicating that one of my recent columns may have confused some people as to his whereabouts. To set the record straight, I am pleased to report that **Gene** is **Dep UN High Commissioner for Refugees**. He & **Priscilla** are residing in **Geneva**. Their daughter, **Elizabeth**, 21, is in college. Prior to his current apt with the **UN**, **Gene** served

as dep asst Secy of State, Bureau for Refugee Programs.

Locally around Los Angeles, I saw **Les McChristian** at an AF Assoc meeting in this area. Les is moving ahead very nicely with the McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co in Huntington Beach, CA, and is now VP, gen mgr, CCCI Systems. **George Stapleton** sent me a snapshot of himself & **Lynell** as well as **Pete & Ginger Lash** taken in Bangkok, Thailand. Pete is the JUSMAGTHAI. The



1956: '56ers meet at Bangkok—George & Lynell Stapleton with Ginger & Pete Lash

photo was taken by Pete & Ginger's son, Pete Jr, who joined them from Korea en route to the US. George & Lynell also spent a few days with **Jim & Judy Dozier** in the Fort Myers, FL area when Jim was running in the primaries for Congress to represent that area. Jim made a very good showing, all factors considered, and we are proud of him for taking a good run at it.

Here is an item for those of you who like to travel. **Bob & Joan Stein**, who live in nearby Rolling Hills Estates, CA, have booked 15 double rooms at the Hilton of Santa FE, NM for the 3-day wkend of the annual, highly touted "Indian Market," 18-21 Aug 89, for an informal reunion of those who are interested. The Steins will handle the rooms, arrange a dinner and a welcoming reception; however, everything else will be self help. The room cost is \$158.96 (double) per night. Three nights are required by the hotel because of the popularity of the event. Let Bob & Joan know if you are interested by mail at 31 Cottonwood Circle, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 or phone them at (213) 541-7316. First night's deposit will be required by 30 Apr 89 with payment in full for the 3 days due 30 Jun 89. This is a requirement of the hotel and will not be refundable. **Betty & I** will be joining Bob & Joan for what promises to be a very entertaining event. We understand that many of the Albuquerque contingent will be making day trips to join in the fun.

Last Nov, **Betty & I** visited Kingman and Prescott, AZ for a few delightful days and will be traveling to El Paso over the Christmas holidays to visit with Betty's mother, 85. While there, we will

see Army play AL in the Sun Bowl, then return to CA after doing some additional sightseeing around Flagstaff and Sedona, AZ. Hope all of you will have a very safe and enjoyable holiday season and continue dropping me cards and letters as the spirit moves you.

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It is always sad to start the column with news of the death of a classmate, but we are all growing older and that news is to be expected. It is even harder to report the death of classmates' children, because that is not expected. I regret that I must now report two such events.

**Jim Jameison** called from CO Springs, where he & **Barbara** are currently residing, to report the death of his son, James C III. James and his classmate, Mark Schweigert, were killed by a drunk driver on 3 Jan 88 near Reese AFB, TX. The two boys, who had graduated from the AFA in May 87, were at flight school at Reese. Prior to going to the AFA, James took flying lessons and really enjoyed flying over the CO mtns. Jim received his son's Wings at the graduation of his son's class on 23 Sep. His son was cremated and the ashes were spread over Pikes Peak, where he loved to fly. Jim & Barbara have a strong belief in the Lord and that belief has helped to sustain them. Jim said that his son also shared that belief, and is now home with the Lord. As a postscript, the driver, who was a chronic drunk and had a .35 blood alcohol content, received a 20 yr sentence.

On 30 Nov, Paula, age 25, the oldest daughter of **Ed & Carol Hickey** passed away in her sleep. She was an RN at the Natl Orthopedic Rehabilitation Hosp in Arlington, VA, and an inspiration to all who knew her. The hosp has established a scholarship fund at the N VA Community College in her name, and contributions may be sent to The Paula Hickey Scholarship Fund, 4001 Wakefield Chapel Rd, Annandale, VA 22003. Checks should be made out to the NVCC Educational Foundation, Inc. Ed & Carol are very appreciative of the strong support his family has been receiving from classmates throughout their bereavement. Ed said it makes him proud to be a member of Black '57.

I know I speak for the entire Class in expressing our condolences, and hope that the strong faith of both families will help to ease their pain.

A goodly number of the Class went to that exciting A/N game, and obviously enjoyed what happened on the field. However, according to those who went, they did not enjoy where they sat in the

stands, which was on the goal line. It seems that a change has taken place in the AAA's seating policy and being an old grad doesn't count as much as buying a lot of tickets, whether you are a grad or not. The general reaction at the last luncheon was that it may be time to start watching the game on TV, and to reduce our support to the AAA. It was also suggested that we start a campaign to let the AAA know exactly how we feel. Speaking of luncheons, starting in Jan we will return to our normal schedule of having them on the first Thur of every mo. Also, we will have a party at the **Hatch's** quarters at the end of Jan. Now for the mailbox. This was such a good mo that I will probably save some of the letters for the next column, which is due 13 Feb, which means you'll be reading it sometime in Apr.

My old roomie, **Cliff Goodson**, sent a Channukah card, newsletter and two pictures, one of him & **Sue** enjoying the sun while sailing off Waikiki Beach last Feb, and the other of his good-looking granddaughter, **Bethany**. It seems that they've both regained their health in 88 and, with the stock market recovery, enough wealth to continue enjoying life without working. Sue has entered a large number of 5 km races and has won (in her age gp) all but two. Great. Cliff has tried to do the same, but alas he's a jogger not a runner. Both of them play lots of tennis and do a lot of recreational walking. **Bethany**, at 17 mos, is keeping



1957: It's a tough life, but somebody has to keep the HI economy going! Sue & Cliff Goodson sailing off Waikiki beach, Feb 88

them young and happy, and they are "spoiling her rotten." Son **Rich** & his wife **Isabel** both work for the Sandia Corp, and Rich is in to competitive mountain bike racing. Cliff's main worry is that Rich is going to break his neck, and I know just how he feels. My daughter **Sarah** has taken up bike racing and periodically calls to tell us that her helmet still works. Cliff's son **Robert** & his wife **Susann** are living in Kearney, MO, and he's completing the last few mos of a 3-yr Linesman Apprenticeship Program with the MO Public Service. Son **Craig** continues to do well as a business major at NM State U and has even joined

AF ROTC. He's also working part-time as a teller at one of the banks in Las Cruces. Thanks for the card, Cliff. I received a lovely Thanksgiving card from Kamden Leigh Huckabee, which said that her granddad and she, and all of their family wished us a happy one. If I had realized that I could turn my correspondence over to my grandchildren, I would have been pushing a lot harder on my kids to get married. Thank you, Kamden, and you look very pretty in your picture. Got a long letter from **Dick & Joyce Mollicone**, with an interesting idea. In fact, I'm going to quote directly from it since I couldn't do it justice.

"Listening to the puny B-ache' in **Max's** Oct column (which I just got around to reading; too busy???) started a dangerous process—thinking! What would happen if we could enlist the support of 2 or 3 guest (ghost?) writers during the yr? This *might* get us some extra communications from people 'out there' and alleviate some of the pressures on you, Max. If folks would volunteer on an advance schedule, you could then plan your time to meet personal and **ASSEMBLY** deadlines. In addition to contributed 'special' stories, happenings, reminiscences, or just short chatty conversations, you could still catch up on all the news and gossip in your inimitable style. I'll even offer to participate . . . for both **Joyce & me!!!** More later.

"Some ideas for guest columns—fall parties, other parties, a football weekend (now, or an 'old' one), an anecdote about a classmate or family, tales of cadet days before they get lost to history, tales of deeds and accomplishments during our careers before they get lost, tributes to those who have gone before us. There are myriad possibilities. The guest columns do not have to be lengthy, or grand prose, but they should be 'us.' If we get enough of these 'anecdotes' between now and our 35th, I might even volunteer to put them together as part of a Class memento."

I must say that **Dick** has some good ideas, but I don't believe the AOG would like to turn the column into an anthology of '57, although it certainly wouldn't hurt. Besides, writing the column is something like writing a term paper or submitting a business proposal. You know you should get started as early as possible and really have time to review it very carefully, but you seldom get to it until just before it's too late, and never finish it before the deadline. However, I would certainly appreciate getting news in a form that I could simply quote, and would be happy to act as a collecting point for stories/anecdotes that could be bound into a book for the next reunion. Of course, I'm still waiting for all the pictures from the last reunion and think it would be great if we could put together a reunion book similar to

the one that '58 published. Your thoughts, please. In addition to his suggestions, **Dick** also sent some news. He & **Joyce**, with his mother, dad and some friends, managed to get ringside seats to a unique happening of the 20th century. They survived Hurricane Gilbert in all its fury as the "eye" coincided with their vacation in Cancun. To celebrate the event, they authored an article titled "Reflections on Cancun and Gilbert," and offered it for publication in the column. Unfortunately, it's 17 pp long and I can't fit it. But one of these days. . . . Next yr, according to **Dick**, they're going to look for a volcanic eruption or a revolution, or some other "happening."

The **Mollicones** moved to the San Fran area in Sep 87, and actually live in Saratoga (their phone no is 408-741-3414.) **Dick** works for ESL, Inc, a subsidiary of TRW in Sunnyvale, CA. He's the corporate dir of strategic bus development for tactical surveillance and reconnaissance programs. A bunch of grads, including some of the newer female ones, have just formed a newly chartered WP Soc of Silicon Valley, and one of them turned out to be **Mike O'Neal**. In fact, **Mike & Mim** are their neighbors and they all try to keep in shape with some serious bike riding. **Joyce & Dick** also visited with **Jack & Nina Farris** at the AF Ball in L.A. this fall. **Jack** is stationed in Riverside and is enjoying his cmd tour. Apparently he was supposed to write and tell me about the visit, but you all know how that goes. I'm waiting, **Jack**. And thanks to you, **Dick**, for an interesting and thought-provoking letter. At least it provoked my thoughts. An ex-classmate, **Jim Morgan** (L-2) sent me a copy of a letter he wrote to Gen James Van Fleet about an evening we all shared in Wash Hall before the 53 A/N game. I wish I remembered all the things **Jim** did. Just in case you may have forgotten, the Gen was our speaker on the Poop Deck, and over a 60 min period stripped down to a Beat Navy T-shirt and really roused up the Rabble. It was also the yr that **Ben Schemmer**, who was **Jim's** platoon leader, engineered the capture of the Navy goat and paraded it through the Mess Hall. The letter is great, and I'm going to quote from it the next time I'm short of mail—just the way **Dick** said I should. Thank you, **Jim**.

**Priscilla & Charlie Quinn** sent a lovely seasons greeting and enclosed a newsletter, saying it was a great yr. Seems that **Charlie** will ret as of the first of the yr and will become a man of leisure. The **Quinns** hope to move south and are thinking of Williamsburg. It will bring them closer to their children and it really is a lovely area. In fact, I just invested in a timesharing deal there. Son **Chuck & his wife Carol** just bought a house in

Annandale and are in the process of fixing it up. **Chuck** is a systems engr with IBM, and **Carol** is a supervisor of fixed assets with Gannett. Son **Jed & his wife Lisa** have a condo in Derby, CT. **Lisa** is with **Robby Len** in New Haven and has had several bathing suit designs accepted for production. **Jed** is a telecommunications specialist with IBM. Daughter **Jane** grad from VA Tech in May, is living in Charlotte, NC and is an internal auditor for the Belk Dept Store chain. According to **Priscilla**, it was her grad and finding a good job that convinced **Charlie** to ret. The "last of the Mohicans" has left the nest. **Priscilla** is working at Temple Beth El in Chappaqua and will continue to do so for awhile. They hope to have most of the family home for the holidays and I'm sure it'll be a grand celebration.

**Russ Ramsey** sent a note, a swim meet score sheet, and a picture of him and **Brian Head** at the swim meet. It seems



1957: **Brian Head** and **Russ Ramsey**, Cobb County Pool, Atlanta, 18 Sep

that he and **Brian** swam the backstroke together every day during cadet yrs, but hadn't seen each other since Jun 57. They both turned up at the Cobb County pool in Atlanta, in adjacent lanes for 4 events, on 18 Sep, and both did extremely well. Talk about coincidences. They both left the Army to become college professors; both are Latin American specialists (**Brian** on Brazil and **Russ** on Columbia); and are both married to college professors (**Brian's** wife teaches at Albany U in NY and **Roberta** teaches at Albany State in GA). The ladies even exchanged T-shirts with school logos. **Brian** was in Atlanta to visit his mother and decided to enter the meet. Back to the results. **Russ** won the 50m backstroke (41.02), the 100m (1:31.24), the 200m (3:18.90), and the 100m Individual Medley (1:34.85). **Brian** won the 200m Freestyle (3:28.64), and was second to **Russ** in all of the other events. **Russ's** 4 times are a GA record in his age gp, and both **Russ's** and **Brian's** times in the 100m and 200m backstroke will be natl "top Ten" category (US Masters Swimming) for 88. Congrats to both of you.

**Wade & Missy Shaddock** wrote to tell about their visit with **Leo & Jan McEvoy**

in Boston during Sep. Leo is with the Foxboro Corp and Jan has one of the exec jobs at Cardinal Cushing Hosp. According to Wade, Leo frequently entertains VIPs from around the world and really has the guide business down pat. They went to Fenway Park for a Red Sox-Yankee game and had seats a few rows behind home plate, even though there was standing room only left. **Joe & Jeri Masterson** were at one of the meals hosted for them by Leo, but **Jimmie & Barb O'Conner** were unable to make it. Joe is exec VP at N Shore Comm College and a big BC sports fan. Jerri is an administrator for a doctor. The O'Connors live in Chatham, where Jimmie has a law practice, is involved in real estate, and runs lobster pots on the Cape. Wade said that **Don & Peggy Miller** live in Victoria, TX and the 4 of them get together several times a yr in Houston or San Ant. Don has a thriving financial consulting bus, and Peggy is with the univ in Victoria. This letter was written right after Wade went fishing on Lake Charles and caught a 6 lb, a 12 lb, and a 15 lb redfish. I think he just wanted to brag, but I appreciate it. He also mentioned that **Carl Vuono** and **Hank Hatch** may be able to arrange to speak to the Kiwanis Club in Lake Charles. Do you suppose they want to go fishing? Missy was kind enough to follow up Wade's letter with a picture of Wade, Leo and Joe taken in Boston. Thanks for all the



1957: McEvoy, Shaddock and Masterson

good info. **Fred Smith** sent a newspaper clipping and some notes describing his new job in Bethlehem, CT. He is the business mgr of the CT Region 14 school district, and works out of Mitchell School, which is close to his home. The newspaper article describes Fred's last asgmt in the Pentagon as "a COL in charge of ops at the AF's Pentagon hq," and says lots of nice things about him. Most important, it says he was the top candidate out of the 8 who applied for the job. As Fred points out, "You never know what you've really done until you get a . . . reporter to interpret your career for you." Fred is still on the steep part of the learning curve, but he's really enjoying the job. Nancy and her brother-in-law are operating her grandfather's pre-

revolutionary farmhouse as a bed and breakfast and are having a very successful yr. They were expecting the **Leards, Stokes and Gordie & Marge Williams** to visit over Veterans Day, and were planning on seeing the A-Villanova game. Fred was also planning to meet **Charlie & Wilda Erb** for the A-AF game. Assuming all these meetings took place, I expect to see some pictures in the near future.

I'm going to close this column with a press release I received from the Corps of Engrs. "Pres Reagan has appointed **COL Gerald E Galloway Jr**, a prof at the USMA, to the Mississippi River Commission. The 7-member commission, created in 1879, oversees flood control and navigation work within the Lower Mississippi's alluvial valley. Galloway has written extensively in the field of water resources mgt with emphasis on flood control and policy. He is a permanent prof at the USMA, where he teaches courses in civ engring, geography and computer science. . . ." The announcement continues, but I believe you probably know of his many accomplishments, and they are many. I have also heard that he has been selected to become a dept head, but haven't had a chance to get all the details.

Congratulations to both **Gerry & Diane**, and their 6 children. I can't think of any more deserving people. Since Gerry has been associated with the Glee Club these many yrs I'll run a Glee Club commercial here. This is from **Dwayne S Milburn**, who is the dir of the Cadet Glee Club. They are planning to have a reunion at the Graduation concert in 90, and would appreciate some response from some of the earlier classes in Glee Club history. I think that means us. If you are interested, please write to **Dwayne S Milburn**, Dir of Cadet Music, Eisenhower Hall, West Point, NY 10996; or call (914) 938-3913.

I do have a few more letters, but I'll save them for the next column. I hope you all had a very happy holiday season, and wish you all a great new year.

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*51st Column.* Last summer when I was young, happiness was giving the Reunion Book to the printer. That was then, this is now. Now that I am older (post-reunion euphoria) true happiness is having mailed 114 copies on Sat, 10 Dec. Then yesterday, **John Isaacson** called to check on his copy. Checked my list, he wasn't on it, so the 115th was mailed today, 12 Dec. And the 116th tomorrow on 13 Dec, because I applied the Santa Claus system and checked my list twice—discovered **Jerry Zimmer's** book hadn't been mailed yet.

**John** lives at 5214 Glazehill, Kingwood, TX 77345 (newer address than in the Book). I haven't found his check yet, but either it will clear or he can send another. The Kingwood part made me think I had solved the mystery of a check received and deposited on 8 Apr with an unintelligible signature and the following return address: FSB Co, 3526 Fawn Creek, Kingwood, TX 77339 (Kingwood is larger than one might think—range of at least 7 zip codes). But FSB didn't sound like **John Isaacson**. At least one classmate had those initials—**Frank Sayles Bowen**, so maybe I owe Frank a book. Betting that I do owe him a book, and to save Frank from further delay, #117 will be mailed also on 13 Dec.

The following is the list of books mailed 12/10 with your debt/balance due shown parenthetically (\$): **Tony Bauer, Jerry Betts, Dick Beyea, Charlie Bond, Paul Bons (5), Jack Bradshaw (5), Mary E (Brookhart) Reiss, Dick Buckalew, Bernie Card, Suzanne (Cardwell) Meehan, Nick Carlson, Jim Chapman, Troy Chappell, Ted Childress (5), Paul Ciasullo (mailed two copies), Al Claffin, Dale Cockle (thanks for your call, a first), Sam Collins (5), Bo Craddock, John Deely, Don DeJardin (5), Mrs Betty Denson (mother of Bill), John Devens (5), Bob Dey, Phil DiMauro, Joe DiTommaso (5), Bob Donovan, Stan Dus.**

**Bill Edwards (30), Brad Eliot, Lorin Farr, Lee Fay, Bob Finkenaur, Tom Forman, Bob Gall (5), Dick Garlick, Les Gibbings (5), Charley Glover (5), Fred Goodenough, Jack Gordon (5), Rudi Grimm (5), Pete Groh (5), Norm Gustitis, Wayne Hagberg, Jim Hankee, Bob Hattler (5), John Hill (5), Ron Hudson (thanks for the letter and extra \$5), George Huff, Norb Hulsman.**

**Gross Jenison, Dan Johnson (5), Don Johnson, Linc Jones (5), Mike Jones (5), Joe Katz (yes, Joe, you owe \$5, but thanks for the call), Tom Kelly, Dick Kloskowski (5), Gary Kosmider, Pete Kullavanijaya, Floyd Likins (ex-B1, thanks for your letter!), Dave Loughborough (5), Joe Luman (45, should add 15, 22 and a mo for missing the bus to the reunion), Art Mace, Jack Madigan, Duff Manges, John Manos (5), Cary Martin, Neil Mathis, Bob Matsumoto (thanks for your call, \$5 due), Joe McElroy (5), John McKillop, George Michael, Bob Miller (5), Luis Mirasol, Tom Morgan (5).**

**Joan Normington (thanks for the letter and new address), Fritz Nuffer, Dick Oberg, Jerry O'Barr, Gar O'Quinn, John Palmer, Bill Parker, Walt Patterson (was teaching in Europe in Sep, \$5), Garth Payne, Max Pearsall (45), Mil Pedersen (45), Chaz Porciello, Jerry Prochaska (5), Chuck Profilet (thanks for call from sunny FL, \$5), Phil Raign (5), Paul Rice (thanks for sending the extra \$5), Denny Rupprecht (5), Paul Ruud, John Sampson, Harry Shedd, Leo Sheehan, Leo**

Smith (5), Tom Stevens (5), Vern Stilson (5), John Stone (5), Dave Swanson, Ted Timberlake, Ron Turner (45), Paul Van-  
 ture (5), Juan Villanes, Mr & Mrs Walker  
 (parents of George who planned to come  
 in May and were sorry to miss Sep),  
 Frank Waskowicz, Wayne Weiss, Gene  
 Wilson (ret 1 Jul and moved back to  
 Tacoma), Wayne Wyatt, Pete Young (5),  
 Max Young.



1958: Roosma leading bunny hop. "Abn all the way, sir"

When you read this *ASSEMBLY* column, if you aren't listed above and you think you should be, drop a note or call me. If you are listed and didn't receive the book in the mail, get in touch with me. If you don't think you owe the amount shown, give me a call or write. And, if you owe me money, *please send it.*

The following classmates picked up books at the Reunion (I think they got books, some of the names on sign-up list were tough to decipher) but still owe me \$40 each (if they got books, am pretty sure they still owe me—time to ask an "All Right" for Reunion Books): Larry Bullis, Chuck Densford, John Nun, (these 3 got books on the DC bus en route to reunion), John Brinson, Will Collett, Jack Downing, Mel Drisko, Dick Hirata, Dale Hruby (got his book from Lawton, but George didn't pay the bill), Jody LeTowt, Dick Osborne (Glen Hall picked up his book, saving \$5 postage, but didn't pay the bill), Bill Parks (a roommate yet), Alex Pensiero, Bob Pointer, Cloin Robertson, Gene Scales (didn't find Gene's name on my sign-up list, but cannot believe he came to the reunion and didn't pick up a book), Will Roosma (another roommate, should send a letter to his boss at XVIIIth Abn Corps), Joe Shea, Jack Tierney, Ray Tomlinson, Stan Toney, Dave Turner (Dave and I have some other high finances to work out—think I may owe him more than he owes me) and Mike York.

So, your classmates owe me about \$1,315 for books delivered or mailed. Cash flow problems made me borrow from Jim Ramsden and the Class checking account. Still have some 100 or so books for sale. About 90 submitted bios but haven't ordered books; if they do (or



1958: Maria & Jerry Mitchell at 30th

if others buy their first or second copies), the Reunion Book project will move into the black and turn a profit for the Class accounts. Check it out, as did Mil Pedersen, who looked at Andy Andreson's copy and called on 12/10 to order one. His order got the quickest fulfillment—he called while George Lawton, his step-son-to-be Kevin Lindquist, and I were stuffing mailers, loading two cars, and off to the friendly post off.

More business. A reminder. At the DC Class luncheon on Fri, 10 Mar 89 at ANCC, we will elect an Exec Comm for the Class. Class Pres Jack Bradshaw will be in town for the meeting. Other reminders. DC luncheons 2d Fri of each month at ANCC. Put 13 Jan, 10 Feb, 10 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May, NONE IN JUN—PICNIC AT JOHN & MIMI NUN'S, 14 Jul, 11 Aug, NONE IN SEP—MINI-REUNION, 13 Oct, 10 Nov (the Annual Affair with USNA '58—we host in 89—Beat Navy Again!), and 8 Dec on your calendars.

Please note NONE IN JUN—PICNIC and NONE IN SEP because we'll be in Palm Springs for the first mini-reunion

from 7–11 Sep organized by Dick Groves. In keeping with the tradition set at the 30th, we have already changed the date from Apr to 7–11 Sep. However, the date change was made early enough for all to get the word. Details will be provided in separate mailings by Dick and his action off for the affair, his daughter Kelly Sagrillo. Be there!

And in Sep 90, the wkend after Labor Day, our 2d mini-reunion will be in Bar Harbor thanks to Jerry Mitchell, John Nun, Herb Puscheck, and Mark Sigmurski.

Final reminders for the DC social calendars: 25 Feb Army-Navy basketball at Canoe U in Crabtown (call for ticket info before driving to Annapolis—normally a sell-out), March Founders Days at ANCC (stag) and Ft Belvoir (drag), 19 Nov Beat Navy Rally/Potluck at Alan & Florence Salisburys'. In 87 and 88 we canceled the Dec luncheon at ANCC because of combined USNA '58 affair in Nov, the Potluck at Salisburys, and the game in Philly. Seemed too much. This yr some Pavlovian classmates showed up at ANCC on 9 Dec—so it's back on schedule for the diehards in 89. So, every month in 89 except 6 and 9. Need a math formula for Jae Stanton; let's see, 9 minus 6 equals 3 and three's a crowd, or 6 plus 9 is 15 which is good in cribbage. Jae, you're on your own, though you did get Mark confused on lunch or no-lunch 9 Dec.

A great feature of the Reunion Book has been the calls and letters to your scribe, not all of which have been irate inquiries about when it would get mailed. Two, tired of waiting for the mail, came by to pick up copies—Bill Serchak and Will Merrill (one of at least



1958: Brunner leading '58 Glee Club & Choir at 30th



1958: Co B1 at 30th

3 COLs still on AD in the Army). The other two are **Jim Ramsden**, prof of chemistry, USMA; and **Fred Goode-nough**, our presidential campaign and transition communicator. Fred and Will were ret and recalled on 1 Jul (Will is an attache in Greece, I think).

The other reason for letters was the "Nadal Challenge" for the Class Memorial Fund. **Tim McLean** wrote, "Enclosed is the first installment of the \$500 pledge. I'll send \$100 the first of each mo for the next 4 mos." And **Tony Smith** wrote, "Here's my check for the 'Nadal Pledge'—what a fund-raiser he turned out to be!" And **John Sewall**, "As I pledged at breakfast during our reunion, I enclose a check for \$500. What a marvelous rendezvous!" Letter from **Paul Johnson**, "As promised, here is my \$500. I discussed **Dodie's (Hruby)** idea of a reception/support building adjacent to the cemetery with **Paula** as we drove home yesterday. She, too, thinks it to be the best proposal yet." Many others sent \$500 checks with and without corporate matching forms. And others sent them directly to AOG. Next time **Dale Hruby** will provide a report from the Class Memorial Comm.



1958: CINC Saint and SETAF Cdr Jones in Vicenza, Italy

**Butch Saint** wrote from Heidelberg: "Thanks very much for getting me the reunion books. I want to tell you that I am very unhappy that I bought the book. After seeing all the great articles of our classmates, to discover that my entry was an official resume, an old one at that, really broke my heart for the following reasons: (1) the gaff I am going to catch

from classmates for appearing so stuffy, and (2) the hell that I have already caught from my wife that my product was so impersonal and lacked much of anything about the family. The truth of the matter is that my administrative efficiency has not improved over the yrs."

And **Butch** continued, "... the Saints' clan, or at least the family, is doing well here in Europe. **Ginny** has been working, since we arrived, in getting our new house fixed up. We expect to move in any mo now. Fred is doing well in Atlanta—it is amazing what you can earn from selling a building or two. Mary is here with us and very happy that her sr yr studies are not interfering with her social life. Me, I am trying to hold on. I hope this short note will, in a way, recover my lost status for the reunion book. All the best to **Judith & you. Linc Jones** and **Dick Reynard** join me in letting you know the Class of '58 is driving on in Europe!" Great letter, and now everyone will turn to Saint in 11 section of the book to check out his mea culpa.



1958: A few older "12th men & women" (more like "Rabble")

Tidbits from other letters. **John Sampson** sent a first letter: "The photo of my running roommate **Jerry Lewis** in the latest ASSEMBLY (Oct 88) is an inspiration for all. I've vowed to swim harder and bike farther. I have made several century and longer bike trips this past summer. ... my 86 yr old dad passed away in Sep, so **Jenny & I** are busy settling his estate and managing his multiple interests for my mom. I see **Paul Bons** and **Lorin Farr** occasionally. Paul works for LDS church. Lorin is down the valley near Salt Lake City where he helps Hercules build rocket motors. That's it for my first letter. Would appreciate some sleuth work to get a Reunion Book my way. I've been keenly anticipating what promises to be a great collection of short stories, fact and fiction."

**Buck Buckalew** wrote, "I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$45 for a copy of the Reunion Book if you still have any copies left [an aside: the book is in the mail and I still have more copies]. Last Sat **Amy & I** traveled to Plano, TX for the wedding of **Phil & Steffie Raigh's** eldest son, Mike, to Pa-

mela Bensen. **Don & Margaret Mary McCullough** came from Lubbock, and we were joined by **Chuck & Patsy Densford** from Copperas Cove. We had a mini-reunion of A-2 files. Mac brought his copy of the Reunion Book and gave us a brief recap of reunion events. My youngest daughter **Kathleen** had a congressional nomination to USMA, but even though qualified, did not get an appt. She is now attending TX A&M ... and seems to have been brainwashed into being happy as an Aggie."

About the reunion, **Chuck Cabell** wrote, "It was absolutely perfect! My sides still ache from all the laughter and my throat is still achy from nostalgia. Neither ache would I choose to Excedrinize away. We still treasure the yearbook also, having shown it to family and friends many times already."



1958: Palmer and his 3 generals

And from **Jerry Betts**, "nothing to report. But I have sent \$100 to AOG several yrs ago. Also, if you still have 30 yr reunion books, send me one." (Done, and he paid a bit extra, \$47.50, which is appreciated and helps my Reunion Book cash flow).

And from **Floyd Likens**, ex-B1, "received my Oct ASSEMBLY today and see there are copies of the Reunion Book still available. Enclosed is my check for \$45. I had intended to provide a page, but as usual, the needs of a solo law practice overtook the good intentions. But at least I will be able to check on my friends and see what's going on with the Class of '58. I'd like to send greetings from "War Eagle" Country (Auburn Univ) and would like to hear from some of the former USMAPS (Stewart AFB) members of our Class."

And to close this column with a note from Chaplain **George Bean**, "The 30th Reunion of the Class of '58 was wonderful beyond the power of words to describe, and I will cherish the memory of it for the rest of my life. I hope you will convey to our classmates my deep appreciation." There is more, but I am out of both time and space.

Send in your book orders and checks. Try to make the scene for some of the DC area Class functions, especially the 10 Mar luncheon and election of our Exec Comm (in accordance with the Class



1958: A few E1 files at 30th



1958: After memorial service—30th

Constitution and Bylaws). And do plan to attend the 7–11 Sep mini-reunion in Palm Springs!

And a very warm welcome to **Mary Jane Lindquist Lawton** who came to the 30th and to Army-Navy, but formally joins the Class Sat, 17 Dec, at the Catholic Chapel, WP. Congratulations to **George!** All of us husbands are glad to have the lecher married again. Some 117 of you would not be receiving Reunion Books in the mail if George and Kevin hadn't helped get them bagged, addressed (Nun's mailing labels), and to the post off. After all, my commitment was to have them available at the 30th and to mail them *after* the reunion, and anytime between 2 Oct 88 and the 50th in 2008 would have kept the latter promise.

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**John Grinalds** has agreed to co-chair our 30th reunion, and he met with members of the local comms (standing, programs, finance, gift, etc.) in his Pentagon off on 3 Nov. **John Mc Nerney** will be dep chm; **Frank Campbell** and **Mike Gillette** will keep track of finances; **Dave Fried** and **Phil Gibbs** will handle publicity; and **Gil Roesler** will coordinate reunion registration and hotel arrangements at the Sheraton Hotel, Mahwah, NJ, which is about a 30-min commute south of WP. **Al Rushton** will be the onsite co-chm; and **Peter Stromberg** and **Tom Russell** have agreed to handle major tasks at ground zero. A follow-up meeting was

scheduled for 12 Dec. Once again, the dates are 21–24 Sep, and the details are coming to us by mail.



1959: Gillette and Robinson with Grinalds on 3 Nov. Fried and Boyle are in the background

**Steve Hurley** completed 25 yrs with IBM this yr and is a business area mgr responsible for commercial systems integration programs primarily in the automotive and aerospace sectors. He & his wife **Audrey** live in Potomac, MD. They have 3 children, all now in their 20's. **Patricia**, a Loyola College of Baltimore speech pathologist, is married and presented the Hurleys with their first granddaughter last Jan. **John Jr**, a computer sci major from VA Tech, is a programmer with IBM in Bethesda. And **Mark**, their youngest, has graduated from William and Mary and is working on a PhD in philosophy at Catholic U.



1959: Turners and Rushtons at Lafayette game on 15 Oct

**Babs Bair** called recently to report the establishment of a fund in memory of **Mary Anderson's** son, **Peter**, who was killed in an automobile accident last summer. It is called the **Peter Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund**, and contributions may be sent c/o Sovran Bank, Williamson County, Hillsboro Road Office, Franklin, TN 37064.

**Greg & Judy Kadlec** are in Twin Falls, ID, where **Greg** is in his 10th yr as an allergist specializing in asthma. It's a great bus, he says (there are only 5 allergists in ID), and he needs a partner. He is on the board of NIH in Washington, and is now in his 9th yr on the AOG board. He promises that any classmate who visits him in ID will be taken to play on one of

the most beautiful golf courses anywhere. The Kadlecs have 3 children. **Andrea**, 18, is a college frosh and spent last yr as an exchange student in Chile. **Missy**, 16, is a soph in HS and enjoys track. **King**, 13, is another golfer in the family, and goes to his 8th grade classes on the side.



1959: Polly Coreth and the Kadlecs at Lafayette game

**Don Ingram** is in Mannheim as sr Army instructor for the jr ROTC program at American HS. He & **Ingrid** live in the little town of Bruehl, near Heidelberg, at Lilienweg 8. The best way to reach them by mail, says Don, is c/o Mannheim American HS, APO NY 09086-0005. **Ingrid** is dir of Army Community Services in Frankenthal. The Ingrams' daughter, **Sabine**, 24, is an 87 nursing grad of TCU and is married to **Todd Meyer**, 1LT, FA. The Meyers are stationed in Crailsheim.



1959: Ann Stromberg doing her best at the Steinway after the AF game on 5 Nov. Singing along are the Temples, Breens, Russells and Rushtons

**Art Bair**, **George Kleb**, **John Meloy**, **Skip Schow**, and **Bob Bowers**, 5 of our finest, ret on 29 Nov in a ceremony at Ft Myer. We seem to be getting down to a precious few left on AD. The new register shows 73, but that was before what I understand to have been a wave of rets in Nov. Well done and congratulations to all.

'60

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Bravo, well, we received company notes from some co reps so the "news"

system works in part. "Held Reports" and 2-1's going to the tardy/missing ones.

Also heard from **Charlie Otsott** confirming that divs stationed in HI still spend plenty of time in the field, and that **Jim Johnson** is the new cmdr of the 82nd Abn.

Big doings in the Pacific Northwest, and **Gates** sent along a picture taken at the Army-WA almost win of 17 Sep. **Sam Kouns**, Sixth Army Engr, and **Jack & Barbara Hug**, Sixth Army JAG, came up for the game and both are starting to think civ. **Fred Johnson** of Renton, WA was also at the game, but missed the picture.



1960: Army-WA game—Dick Gates, Sam Kouns and Jack Hug

Sadly, **Roger Ryan** wrote while on TDY in the States regarding a recent dedication in Ger:

On Sat, 1 Oct, Autobahn Kaserne, between Mannheim and Heidelberg, was renamed Stem Kaserne in honor of our classmate, and **Roger's** former roommate, **Dave Stem**. Stem Kaserne serves primarily as Hq, 2d Region, US Army Criminal Investigation Cmd which Dave cmded while there as a COL. Roger was the only classmate able to be at the ceremony and reported that the ceremony was very impressive and dignified. MG Cromartie, head of the USA-CID, and BG Jones, USAREUR Provost Marshal, paid great tribute to Dave as a true leader who cared for his people and the Army. **Margaret** and **David, Jr** were present, and Margaret gave some personal comments.

**Maria & Roger** are in Heidelberg where Roger works for the USAREUR DCSSENGR as the staff topographic off (civ). They've bought a home there and do lots of hiking, biking and skiing and enjoy Ger. **Maria** is an accomplished artist, specializing in illustrations of orchids she raises. Her paintings and greenhouse make their home very bright on many gray German days!

**Art Carey** sent in a letter bearing some sad news along with other updates. COL **Dan Campbell** died suddenly of a heart attack 16 Oct while jogging with his wife near their Atlanta home. Dan and Art knew each other at the Academy; Dave



1960: At the Dave Stem dedication



1960: Margaret Stem at the dedication

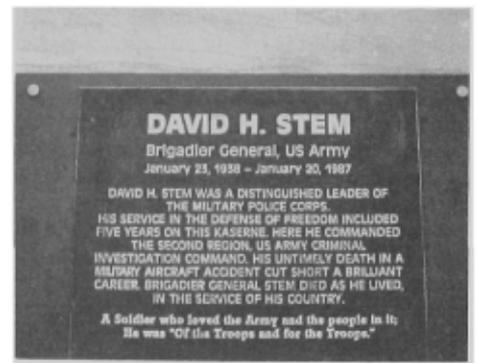


1960: The Dave Stem dedication



1960: MG Cromartie pays tribute to Dave

was a K-2 file and Art, G-2. Dan was Inf, and Art was Arm, so they rarely crossed paths until 81 when they were classmates at the AWC and celebrated making 0-6 on the same day at the same ceremony. They were again together at Ft Knox—Dan as C/S of 2d ROTC Region, and Art as DCO of the 194th Separate Arm Bde. Dan left for Korea and Art stayed on as IG. When Art was transferred to Second Army at Ft Gillem, Dan



1960: The plaque



1960: The Stem Kaserne gate

was already there cmdng the Second Army's Readiness Gp, Atlanta. **Bratschi** laid Dan to rest near her home in a small town near Ft Campbell. It was while Dan was stationed there that he courted and married her 26 yrs ago. The chapel was packed for the memorial service. MG Gerald Bethke, Dep Cmding Gen Second Army, delivered a fine, from the heart, eulogy, as Dan had served with him in Vietnam. The Class joins Art in extending our sympathies.

Further news from Art was that there are about a dozen classmates in the Atlanta area, all ret, and Art is about to follow them. With his enlisted time, and the fact that he is in over 30, he feels it is time to pass from the scene to something new. If anyone knows of anyone in the Atlanta area that needs a healthy COL, give a shout and a resume will follow. **Alice & Art**, along with their last, have a house in historic Jonesboro. Art was always a history buff and is a member of the Jonesboro/Clayton County Historical Soc. The scribe will have to swap sailing stories with Art, who owns a 26 ft sailboat on nearby Lake Lanier. Art's talked on the phone to a few of the guys in Atlanta and has had lunch with 3. A ROBUST study Art worked on for the C/S is a reorganization of a TDA Army study. Art was one of 4 team chiefs and part of his work involved automation so he called on **Ross Gagliano**, K-1, for some *pro bono* work to help make him look good, and Ross came through for his old classmate. Ross explained how the Army was out of step with the real world in living detail. Ross teaches and does all those other things college profs do at GA

Tech. Art's stationery came from the shop of **Jack Downey**, A-1, who has a printing co with his son in downtown Atlanta. (We could help with orders, no?)

**Jack** is bouncing back and forth between McDonalds and Burger King, as he works his way up the corporate ladder, and he is currently with Burger King. Naturally, Art ate lunch with Jack. (Philly cheese steaks? Not a chance Sindora!) **Frank Geiger**, G-2, has his family living in the Atlanta area, but Frank is living in FL as Frank's co recently made him pres of one of their basket cases, counting on him to turn a perennial loser into a profit maker. Frank wants to wait a while before he sells his Atlanta home and moves everything to FL. **Charlie Baker**, F-1, is working for a growing sports event promotion co in Atlanta.

**Art** talked to **John Reid**, D-1, and found out they were both at the Atlanta Federal Prison riot and didn't know it. (Well, not everyone recognizes a riot when they see one.) Art was handling DOD support to federal authorities, and John was there as an FBI agent.

**Red Seaward** replied promptly as Class rep for M-1 after looking to see what it was he had signed up to do as co rep. Red thinks every issue of the *ASSEMBLY* should make reference to the major event occurring in 90 and indicate progress and/or lack of progress towards achieving a well-supported 30th Reunion. Here goes! As "all" of the Class of '60 people know (because their co reps have been keeping them informed) there is an extremely active Reunion Comm composed of people from the Wash area. **Mike Mierau** is aggressively spearheading the effort as chm. **John Ello** is heading up the Yearbook gp. **John Hesford** is coordinating the 24 co reps. **Hank Maloney**, the program chm, has obtained a commitment from the Rye Town Hilton in Rye, NY to handle all of us attending on the Holy Cross football wkend of 13-16 Sep in 90; contact him with ideas for entertaining things to do. (No, a midnite walking tour of 11th Ave and 28th St is not appropriate.) The major activity right now is obtaining commitments from people to participate, and particularly to send the \$60 for the 30th Yearbook. At the last Class luncheon, a survey of responses was taken by co, and Red's company, M-1, was among the leaders with only 6 out of 22 responding (all positive and 5 with \$60 checks). **John Coombs** (Marshfield, MO), **Jim Pearl** (San Ant, TX), and **Paul Symonds** (Stanhope, NJ) responded promptly. **Jerry Jilbert** and **Ron Trauner** were a little more difficult to contact. Jerry has ret from the Dean's Off and Chemistry Dept at WP, but he & **Marilou** are staying in that area (45 Washington St, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520). Ron ret in Oct from the US Army Engr South Pacific Div, but he & wife **Evelyn** are staying in

that area (114 Manchester St, San Francisco, CA 94110). Ron teaches "Juice" at San Fran State U. Red believes he has good addresses on other co-mates (their mail is not returned) except for **Jimmy Carver**. Red believes Jimmy ret from the AF at Kirkland, and now his Albuquerque, NM address does not work. **Bill Squire** is a civ servant at Ft Bragg and has telephonically checked in with Red (a civ servant with DIA) several times. Red also has contact with the DC area folks—**Charlie Watkins**, **Les Beavers**, and **Manuco Hidalgo**. **Nick Rowe** phoned in just prior to his departure to influence counterinsurgency ops in the Philippines (JUSMAAG Philippines, APO SF 96529). Nick's wife **Susan** and their son will wait this one out in the Z.I.

**Red** also heard on the street (but not related to M-1) that **Frank Parlow** has finished up his work as the JCS rep on the INF treaty, and is now the assistant dep dir for DIA for Estimates. **Hank Drewfs** (whom Frank replaced) is now the CENTCOM J2. Speaking of McDill AFB, FL, on a recent trip there, Red had the pleasure of being treated to lunch by the former SOCOM comptroller who is the present comptroller of the TAMPA BAY BUCs, **Joe Lucas**.

**Red** emphasized the need for all classmates to check in with their co reps by replying to the questionnaire for the 30th reunion. Sep 90 provides an extremely short time period in which to plan and execute; mostly because of the difficulty in contacting and maintaining contact with the full Class membership.

Baronet **Mark Lowrey** followed up with a fund appeal and UK news. If you've never given, your name is still on the "All Time Cheap Charlie List." To divest yourself of that ignoble distinction, follow the instructions carefully and send a check to the Class of '60 Account in the WP Fund. Watch for advance notice in the column.

**Mark's** mother, **Helen Rabb Lowrey**, aged 77 yrs, succumbed to cancer last Jul. She knew and always enjoyed seeing many of the classmates. During the 60's, Mark's parent's home in Fayetteville, NC was often venue for Class gatherings of offs serving at or visiting Ft Bragg. Mark's oldest daughter, **Katherine Rabb Lowrey Henninger** (aged 26) was discovered to have Hodgkins Disease in early Aug. She lives in Goepingen, Ger, with her husband, CPT **Kermit Peter Henninger '81** and their two daughters, **Mary Kate** (two yrs, 11 mos) and **Meaghin** (10 mos). Katie's condition was discovered early in stage one of the disease, and her radiation treatments were completed in mid-Oct. **Mark & Sally** are guardedly optimistic that she will be free of a recurrence for the remainder of a normal life expectancy. **Mark & his wife** have kept Katie's two daughters at "Brookfield" during Katie's

long hospitalization. It was like turning the clock back 25 yrs—only this time **Mark** had a nanny! **Mark's** younger daughter, **Elizabeth Winn Lowrey**—alias "Whizzie"—graduated from Pace Univ in Sep with a double major—language and intl marketing. She will start work in Madrid in Jan 89 with a Spanish public relations firm. **Sally** recovered from her surgery mentioned in the Oct notes just in time to take over the duties as surrogate mother to their granddaughters for two mos plus. **Sally** emerged looking substantially younger and prettier.

**Fyfe** and **Hesford** came up to see the **Lowreys** one Sat afternoon recently and went through enough bottles of wine to ensure that no chores were done on Sun. **Hesford** was in England on KGB business, **Mark** jokingly reports. **Mark** ran into **Fred Hall** one day not too long ago at the British Air check-in desk at Heathrow. **Fred** is now living south of London. **Mark** also bumped into **Bruce Nevins** in the bar of the Breidenbacher Hotel in Dusseldorf one night recently. **Bruce** was surrounded by beautiful young girls 30 yrs his junior and didn't have time to chat. **Bruce** was then with **Marjanni**, and as **Dusseldorf** is now one of Europe's high fashion capitals (amen), he had come to the right spot.

**John & Sheila Fyfe** and **Mark & Sally Lowrey** were '60's only known reps in Dublin, as BC handed Army a defeat on the gridiron. Apart from the game, all had a super wkend.

All you Glee Club files listen up—there's a tentative club reunion scheduled for Graduation concert in 90. For those interested, contact **Dwayne S Milburn**, Dir of Cadet Music, Eisenhower Hall, West Point, NY 10996, (914) 938-3913

Let's hope all the designated Class reps hit the next deadline, write your reunion rep, send a donation, etc. You get the point.

That's all for now folks!

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The holidays, elections, and the inauguration are behind us, and an even greater yr stretches out ahead. 1988 wound up on some high notes: Army 20-Navy 15!! The game was especially fitting for the 30th Reunion of the 1958 team that crushed Navy 22-6. **Buckner**, **Gibson**, **Adams** and **Vanderbush** were there. Also among the throng were **Valley** and **Kewley**.

A few wks earlier **Bob & Dawn Glass** and **Paul & Sue DeVries** organized a superduper bash; **Phil & Sharon Mallory** provided the perfect setting and everyone had a stupendous evening! For



1961: Blesse, Budge, Armstrong . . . this Bud's for you

those who were unable to make it—do not miss the next one. The enormous



1961: Bruner, Berra, Xenos and Vay

crowd included **Chuck & Bunny Armstrong**; **Berras**; **Blesses**; **Ed & Rena Brown**; **Bruners**; **Budges**; **Dreesbachs**; **Nancy Evetts**; **Gleichenhauses** and **Valley** (who took the trophy for traveling from CA); **Goodells**; **Hathaways**; **Heibergs**; **Herrick**; **Hilliers**; **Holmbergs**; **Kennys**; **Legges**; **Lilienthals**; **Magnesses**; **McConnells**; **McCrearys**; **Nevinsses**; **Offringas**; **Paones**; **Peters**; **Plogers**; **Rauches**; **Shearers**; **Veatches**; **Xenoses**; **Zimmermans**. Everyone had exciting bits and pieces of news—flourishing new careers, exciting trips and the like; one bit was that **Jim Altmeyer**, who did not make the journey from WV, had a major role in the Bush presidential campaign (do we look for Jim in DC soon?). **Dick Clarke** writes from Tullahoma, TN that he is in his 4th yr as the mgr for design engring at the AF's Arnold Engr Dev Center; son **Scott '88** wrapped up IOBC and Abn, and is at Ft Riley; son **Richard '84** did IOAC and is at Campbell; he is also getting married in late Dec 88 at Ft Myer. Dick also reports that **Dan Halpin** is a prof at Purdue U; **Mike Ekman** cmds the Army Tng Support Center at Ft Eustis; Mike's oldest daughter is a TC LT in Brussels and is—of course—Abn (Mike did #5 with her!)

One last note—musical that is—**Dwayne Milburn**, dir of Cadet Music, is working on a Glee Club reunion in 90; now is the time to let him know you will be there, c/o Eisenhower Hall, USMA, 10996, ph 914-938-3913.



1961: McConnell, Nevins and Rauch

'62

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HELLO '62!

It's terrible cold here in Scottsdale . . . got down to 52 one night, after the Navy game! Of course it gets back into the '70's by midday. Enough on our suffering. **Chuck Ivy** wrote that 12 of the 15 classmates living in Atlanta got together for lunch in Oct. Judging by the polish on the table in Ivy's off (AC 404-659-1000), legal bus in GA is OK. Good looking gp.

We did a mini-reunion here in Scottsdale at Julio's Barrio for Mexican snacks and beer a few wks ago. **Will Worthington**, **Jerry Lape**, **Duane Slater** and I spent a couple hrs and generated an extra \$20 for the next time.

**Bob Tarbet** writes from Rt 1, Box 11, Mighty Oak Lane, Killeen, TX 76542 that he will ret in Jun 89. He indicates he will consider any honest offer. **Bill Kosco** ret in Oct and is the dir of the bureau of Engr and Architecture. (AC 717-787-1867)

**Dave Garvin** wrote (with photos) from 4546 Croft Pl, Ft Meade, MD 20755 that he attended the Jul promotion to BG, USAR of **Dick Storat**. During the wk, Dick is VP for econ and financial services for the American Paper Inst. Dave is the First Army engr at Meade and has son **Scott**, a sr at FL St Univ, and daughter **Kathryn**, a frosh at Univ of MD. **Tom Kilmartin** is city dir for Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Phila. His ASAR asgmt is cmdr of 315th Engr Gp. Dave continued with contact reports of **Dick Kent**, sr advisor to CT Guard, and **Bill Scherr**, sr advisor to the VT Guard. That sounds like a good deal to me.



1962: Storat promotion—Garvins, Storats and Kilmartins

**Duane Slater** hosted an A-N get-together for **Jerry Lape** and myself at his lovely home in Tempe, AZ. Duane's son, a yearling, gave us a blow-by-blow by name on every play. Next yr looks pretty good, too.

**Seth Hudak** reported that he made 0-5 in Oct, and that he got married! He & **Juanita Annett Deliz** tied the knot in Ft



1962: '62 lunch bunch

Lauderdale. Good luck on the new adventure . . . Doc. On homecoming wkend he returned to the Academy and saw **Fred Gorden**, **Chris Stanat**, **Bill Diehl** and **Dave Phillips**. Phillips went to Mercer Univ to a post-ret slot of dir of inst research.

I have added the photo submitted by **Ted Stroup** from his recent trip to China where he ran into ex-Com GEN Richard Stilwell. Ted reports the Class contingent at Ft Monroe continues to grow.



1962: Stilwell, Chinese tanker and Stroup on location

**Larry Mengal** wrote from 1420A 4th Ave, Ft Knox, KY 40121, that he & **Martha** are enjoying life in the Blue Grass state. As TSM for SIMNET, Larry is working up new hi-tech tng systems, and having a great time. (Home 502-942-7487)

**Marsh Carter** wrote from Chase Manhattan, 1211 Ave of Americas, New York, NY 10036 where he is sr VP, that he had seen his plebe yr roommate **Denny Reimer** in CO. Marsh says Denny has bucked up considerably from their earlier encounters.

I hope this finds everyone well, after the Army-Navy win. We had a combined Army/Navy gp at a joint called Max's in West Phoenix. It was a boost after the Cardinal decline, late in their first Phoenix based season.

'63

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By the time you read this you will have finished your Mele Kalikimaka so I shall be content with hoping you have a Hauoli Makahiki. Hou.

From WP comes word that **Tom Cunningham** did such a good job as DCSOPS that he was selected as Com of USMA Prep at Ft Monmouth. The future of the Corps is now partially in Ted's good hands. The photo came from PAO.



1964: Tom Cunningham

**Denny O'Block**, always a braggart, announces that he & **Barbara** produced their third child in the last 5 yrs, on the 13th of Nov. While awaiting that happy event they managed to travel to Seattle for the WP-WA game. The Class gathered in some number and was recorded for posterity. Those in attendance were (l to r) **Jay & Barbara Armstrong** with sons **Mark** and **Mike** in between, **Sharon & Al Ziegler** with son **Kip**, **Marty & Mary Ryan**, and **Dennis & Barbara**. Present, but not pictured were **Bob & Bonnie Gregson**, and **Bill Murdy**, just passing through. I'd like to have Murdy's frequent flyer milage—he seems to turn up everywhere these days.



1964: At the Army-WA game

Received a nice letter from **Phil & Ruby Galton**, **Mark Galton's** parents. They now live in San Diego and in Sep visited WP with their former daughter-in-law, who now resides in Marblehead, MA. They plan to drop in on the 25th.

Reports on **Jeff Kleb's** asgmt to Carlisle were premature. He was diverted to JCS and is sr presidential translator and chief of the Moscow-Washington hotline. He notes **Mike Davison** is doing penance in DCSOPS, and that **Dan Evans** toils at trying to organize the 94 classmates in the DC area. Truly a thankless task—they are an unruly lot!

That's it for this session. Last Sat watched Army win the Commander's trophy in the company of **Bill & Ann Reynolds** (who could only talk about how cold it was at the game last yr—I think they kind of like it out here), and **Bob Matsumoto**, who is a prosperous atty

operating out of downtown Honolulu. Maybe that's what I should be when I grow up. . . .

'65

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Greetings once again from Chicago. Here's what is going on in the '65 world. After seeing **Joe Sanchez** at Homecoming, we decided to get together the next wk in Chicago. Joining **Judy & me** (see photo) were **Chuck & Rosemary McCloskey**, **Frank & Donna Reller** and **Bob Bradley**. Joe is the head purchasing



1965: Rellers, Colls, Sanchez, Bradley and McCloskeys

honcho for NL Chemicals, a huge intl chemical co located in Hightstown, NJ. He was in town for a convention. **Chuck** just recently arrived at Ft Sheridan where he is the equivalent of the VP of marketing for the USAREC. **Frank** is the Fourth Army Engr, and he & **Donna** have been here for a little over a yr. We had a great time talking about old times and, as you might expect, old war stories get better with yrs. Here's an update on what everyone seemed to know at dinner. **Jim Tomaswick** is still with Polaroid in Boston, but lives in Londonderry, NH. **Tommy Abraham** is in DC and has his own consulting firm. The gp was wondering about the whereabouts of **Preston Motes**, last heard from in Salt Lake City; **DJ Mogan**, last heard from in Springfield, VA; and **Bill McKemey**, last heard from in El Paso, TX. If you guys are out there, drop me a line. **Sonny Arkangel**, or rather Doctor Sonny, is still in Victoria, TX where he is an emergency room MD. **Art Mark** is still here at Ft Sheridan, although he is now a PMS at a local univ. They are apparently now on child #10 and, as someone said at dinner, I wonder if he ever heard the remark about which Groucho had so much trouble on TV.

After our dinner at Ft Sheridan, **Bob Bradley** took **Dorthea** back to Berlin to celebrate their 20th where they met. They were joined after dinner by **John Pickler** who is Divarty CO, 8th Infantry at Baumholder. Their picture shows **Bob** and **BG Miller**.



1965: Bob Bradley with BG Miller, Berlin, WGer

Also mentioned during dinner were **Frank & Susan Arnall**, who are in Orlando, FL where he has a very successful insurance bus and is thinking of retiring. **Walt Oerhleim** is still in Detroit. **Glen Nenninger** is still working for Ford, while **Joanmary** is teaching in Livonia, MI. **Ed Winstead** is also in the MI area in the real estate bus. **Ronnie Westpheling** and **John Knowles** are now at Ft Dix. They were also wondering where **Bruce Marshall** is, although our records show his last address in Columbia, MD.

Some really interesting stories came out during the evening. **Art Mark's** daughter is now at USMA and was a good friend of the **Rellers'** son, **Chip**, who is also in college—a civ school in southern IL where he has joined the USAR. The bottom line is that if they both get out as offs, **Chip** will have a yr of TIG on his former HS girlfriend. The other three **Reller** offspring, all girls, are all in school near Ft Sheridan.

The **Sanchezs** and **McCloskeys** met in a most unusual way. While they were going to flight school, they decided to have dinner together, but then it was determined that **Joe & his wife** had forgotten their silverware, so the **McCloskeys** brought over the silverware and dined on the china that the **Sanchezs** had, since the **McCloskeys** had forgotten to unpack theirs. Also in the small world dept, **Joe Anderson's** new love interest, **Jane Smith**, turns out to be the best friend of a **Denise Goodman**, whom **Joe Sanchez** knows from the chemical business.

**John Harrington** is at the Pentagon working on the future of the Army and something to do with the anti-armor study. **John Longhouser** is a PM for the M-1 Main Battle Tank. **Dick Wirth** is still flying for Eastern and apparently lives in Amherst, NH. **Gunner Hennig** is still in northern MI where he runs a paper mill.

Other interesting tidbits: **Bob Bradley** thinks that women are good at WP—good at least for the men so they can get used to taking orders when they get married (an exact quote). We also heard many funny stories about the world class ability of **Don Phillipotts** and his ability to sleepwalk on Ranger patrol. And fi-

nally, **Ranger Bradley** told us of leading his first patrol as an infantryman in Vietnam. Because of his Ranger qualifications, he led the patrol which went out and did a gigantic circle in 12 hrs. All in all, I don't think the 8 of us have laughed so hard for so long. The evening was capped off with cocktails at **McCloskey's**, and a good time was had by all.

**Judy & I** watched a great Army team hold the top-ranked USAFA rushing offense to about 1/2 their normal yardage and gain a fantastic 28-15 victory. The weather was terrible, but our Class stalwarts were there in force. Located on the upper deck on the windward side of the storm gale were the **Buchas**, the **Barbers** and the **Reeds**. Taking shelter down below were the **McElieces** and the **Goldens**, with **Julie** playing host to some of her business clients.

It is still strange to see yearlings with corporal stripes on and cows with firstie sergeant chevrons on. It's even stranger to see plebes walking around Highland Falls and cadets walking hand-in-hand with members of the opposite sex, sometimes also cadets. Oh well, as Mr Dylan sang, "These times they are changing!"

We were sorry to have to miss the promotion party that **Dan & Susan Christman** had on 19 Nov (see picture).



1965: Gen Art Brown promoting BG Dan Christman with Catherine, Susan and Carin

In attendance were **Tom Barron**, **Johnny Johnson**, **Dave Bodde**, **Fred Laughlin**, **John Knowles**, **Pat** (Coll doesn't know where I am) **Kenny**, **Sandy** (who, me EVER WRITE the scribe?) **Hallenbeck** and **Curt Adams**. The promotion was handled by our good friend, the VCA, **Art Brown**, in a very "emotional" event, according to the recipient. All pix of the actual party have been rated XX because of the events of this "ribald affair," according to one participant. All in all, a great way to get '65 up into the stars, led by 2 very nice people. Congrats to you both, **Dan & Susan**, from all of us!

**Lee Hewitt** wrote from Alexandria to report on the joyful birth of **Brett David** in Oct. **Lee** is at the Def System's Mgt College and will go to Ft Monmouth in Dec to become PM of PLRS. **Lee** reports

that **Rocco McGurk** is also on the faculty there. **Don Exelby** dropped me a note from Grand Rapids, MI about **Charlie Shaw's** 1988 GAMA BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU, which received a big play there!

**Zig & Linda Roebuck** are changing over their cmd of the 31st ADA Bde in Nov at Ft Lewis but, as of the date of this writing, they still don't know where they'll be going. Stay tuned. And low and behold, what the mails bring in. My old buddy **Ron Floto** is up to it again down in FL where he has led a mgt team LBO to buy **Kash 'N Karry** for \$305 mil. They are listed at number 134 on Forbes 400 largest private companies. The hqs are in Tampa. Good luck, **Ron**. **Dave Kuhn** reports that the **Arvin Gym** is moving along. It's a definite for 25 Feb, 10:30 a.m. followed by the Army/Navy wrestling match. A letter will follow. Incidentally, we still have less than half of the Class who have made any contribution to USMA. Why don't we all pay a special honor to our first cpt by making a contribution? The Glee Club should be there for 20 mins or so, and Mr & Mrs **Arvin** are planning to attend, as well as **Bob's** widow, **Lindsay**. A plaque for the recipients of the **Arvin** award will be installed inside the gym door. Stay tuned for more details.

A great picture of **Norm Boyter**, who was just promoted by Westinghouse at Hanford in Richland, WA where he will now oversee facilities maintenance, craft support, utility ops, etc. Congratulations,



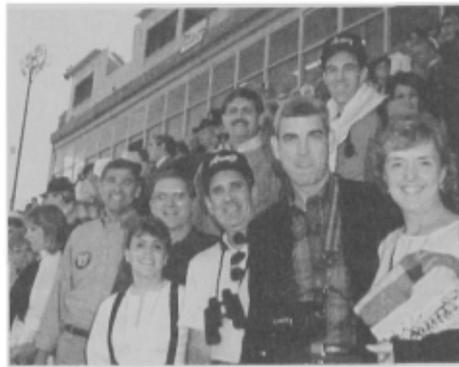
1965: Norm Boyter

Norm, but try smiling for the next picture!

We saw a lot of '65 at the Army/Navy game in Philly. Sitting in our section were **John Knowles** and his attractive young daughter, as well as **Walt & Cathy Kulbacki**, **Fred & Mary Ellen Smith**, along with son **Andy**, **Chuck Boohar**, whom we haven't heard from in a long time, **Oleh & Roma Koropey**, **Howie & Betsy Reed**, **Jim & Carol Tomaswick** (aka The Swick, of C Squad football fame), and **Tom Abraham** (also of C Squad fame, with his everpresent stogie). **Joe Sanchez** was there with **Chuck McCloskey's** son, who goes to Princeton. Up in the box, we also saw **Ross Wollen**,



1965: Abraham, Tomaswick, Smiths and Reeds; A/N game



1965: Ruggles, Tomaswick, Bumpass, Kellys, O'Donnell and Vanns; Northwestern game

who is the only "Office of the CEO" person that this scribe knows, as well as formerly "lost" classmate **Reg Dryzga**, who came over from Newtown, PA. Reg, good luck to you on your latest personal endeavor!

Over a few beers, we started to talk about Army/Navy in 89 at the Meadowlands. Ross is cooking up some idea of having '65 march, en masse, across the GW Bridge to the Meadowlands. Good idea, Ross, but wear some comfortable walking boots! Seriously though, how about some of you NY/NJ guys putting something together, preferably at the game. How about: rent a sky box or other private digs? Rent a large Winnebago and have a cookout in the parking lot? As **Carl Letterie** and the boys found out, to get anyone to attend we have to advertise it a lot and make it easy to get to. Over 40 showed up for Letterie's bash in NJ. I'll have more on that next time. If you guys will give me the poop, I'll publicize it. My deadline to get it into the Oct 89 ASSEMBLY is 1 Aug, so let's get humping.

I received another great letter from **Skip O'Donnell**. Skip spent two wks at the Pentagon and saw a number of our classmates. **Frank Meier**, who works on the JCS staff in the natl mil cmd center. **Leo Kennedy** is on the DA staff where he watches how appropriated money is used. **Rick Wetherill** is a principal dir in the planning and resources offs under the SEC DEF. **Curt Adams** is on the DA staff and the manpower officer. Skip also saw **Bill Hecker** and **Oleh Korbey**. Bill is the PM, MRLS. Oleh is the PM, non-linus site system. Both are stationed in Huntsville, AL. **Tony Gamboa** is in the Gen Counsel's off at the OD. As you can see by the picture, Skip is shown at the Northwestern game in Sep with (L to R) **Sue & George Ruggles**, **Jim Tomaswick**, **Merritt Bumpass** (nice hat), **TJ & Linda Kelley** and **Dave & Eleanor Vann**. Skip also ran into **Paul & Ann Barber** at halftime. And Skip finally found out why he was having trouble with his camera—he took the cover off and found an inscription that said "for hives only!" Speaking of "Skip," it didn't surprise me to see his son "Chip" attending as MC

during the '92 show during Beast at Lake Frederick. This bud's got some talent! You can see it all on the "made for prime time" video that USMA had made of Beast Barracks!

I got a list from the AOG of our "lost" classmates, and I thought it might be a good idea to put out the APB if anybody knows their whereabouts. Speaking of "lost souls," I received a nice letter from **Russ Dornier** indicating that he was not, in fact, lost and is still in Baton Rouge where he is a lawyer. He doesn't see any classmates down there, but he did run into **Bob Axley** while teeing off in CA at Carmel last yr. Russ remembers a bet he had with **Buckosky** that if anybody in our Class became a movie star, it would be **Pfeifer**. A **Charles Hayward** is looking for **Lance Stewart**, with whom he served in VN. Lance, if you're out there, please let us know where you are or call Hayward at 404/355-4213. According to the AOG computer, the following guys are lost and must either report to the clock tower in Central Area or drop a line to your friendly scribe: **Loren Albright**, **Ballard Barker**, **Peter Becker**, **Bobby Berdan** (Bobby, I know you're out there—you're too big to hide from me), **Paul Bergmann**, **Jack Blau**, **John Bohannon**, **Burke Buntz**, **Chuck Burgardt**, **Rob Butterfield**, **Dennis Chudoba**, and **Charles Cook**. **Tom Croak** was officially listed as "missing" but my spies here in Chicago have tracked him down. I'll give you more names next time but please, if you guys are out there, let me know. If any of you know where these guys may be, even a city or a phone number, drop that line to me also.

Well folks, that's about it for now. Thanks to all of you who inquired as to daughter Shannon. She has recuperated completely now from her accident and is back in the full swing of things. She has decided to apply to WP, as well as an ROTC scholarship at Tulane and James Madison, and wants to become a mil psychologist (I've asked her to look up the word oxymoron!). One late note—all you Glee Clubbers—they are planning a big reunion during graduation for '90. Call **Dwayne Milburn** (914/938-3913) for details.

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**Jerry Sands** decided to write, as he does "every 10 yrs whether I need to or not." He writes, "I ret tomorrow (31 Oct) and begin work the next day with Advanced Information Mgt Inc, a computer security consulting firm located in Woodbridge, VA . . . (a non-def contractor)! I have one son at VA Tech, one at the U of AK (Fairbanks), and one at James Madison U. The other two boys are in HS (sr and soph). Now you know why I had to ret." Jerry's wife **Pat** is planning to go back to school to get her master's in social work starting in Jan 89. Jerry & Pat live in Springfield, VA. Jerry also writes that participating in the same ret ceremony (29 Sep) were **George Alexander** and **Al Nason**, who are ret about 1 Oct or 1 Nov. Thanks for the update, Jerry.

I spoke with **Rick Gorski** a few days ago. He & **Linda** are leaving DC after 3 1/2 yrs, going to the New Orleans Engr District in (where else) New Orleans. He invites us all to the Mardi Gras. (Let's all show up and suprise him!) Rick is looking for someone to take over the arrangements of the quarterly DC luncheon which I mentioned last time. He & Linda were leaving the next morning for a several day cruise in the Bahamas, but he was kind enough to find time (at 11 p.m., while packing!) to pass on a few bits of info: recently seen were **Steve Hanau** and **Bill Harvey**, who were in the DC area. **George Utter** is no longer a "spook"—he's gone to the DA IG Corps. **John Tillson** is also in DC, serving as a staff member for the House Armed Services Comm. **Tom & Lucy Farewell** (married last summer) have moved to the Huntington Engr District in Huntington, WV. **Dave Kelley** had his stars pinned on officially; **Wes Clark** is next, if he hasn't already got them. **Hilton Dunn** is on another special study gp at Carlisle Barracks for the C/S. **Jim Hallums** is working for **Jouni Keravuori** at DCSOPS on the inaugural comm. **Mike Fellenz** recently ret, and is a financial consultant for USPAIRA. **Bill Whelihan** is working for FMC Corp, building the ACE (Armored Combat Earthmover) for DOD. **Karl Snyder** is now the cmdr of the hosp at Redstone Arsenal, AL. His wife, **Pat**, just received her PhD in statistical systems analysis (I hope that's right!). **Rusty Correia** is in Huntington Beach, CA working for Datsun. He was in DC for a promotional tour for Datsun's new sports car. He & his wife **Carol** have been "raisin' kids and sellin' cars" (Gorski). Thanks, Rick!

**Roz White** writes that **Jim** is in procurement at Ft Belvoir, and she keeps

busy doing a lot of Army Res work at Ft Meade. It seems Jim got a little out of shape since our reunion in 86, but has whipped himself back into shape, completing the Marine Corps Marathon in 3:28. I wish I could say my "running" was going that well!

**MG & Janie Williams** write from Ger that they've got "2 down and 1 to go." They've moved from a "lovely Ger village on a hill above Heidelberg to an American Army housing area in the valley, closer to Heidelberg. . . . Amy began college in Aug at James Madison Univ, Harrisonburg, VA. . . . MG is working for CENTAG NATO," working with "other Americans as well as German and Canadian soldiers." Jane is working for the Army Field Services dir for the Army libraries in Europe.

This has been rather short. One hint—if you do write, send a photo if you can. I didn't get any for this time. In closing, Dwayne Milburn, Dir of the Cadet Glee Club, asked me to remind all ex-Glee Club members that he is planning a reunion at the 90 Graduation concert. If any of you are interested, please write to him at Eisenhower Hall, West Point, NY 10996. Phone (914) 938-3913.

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23 Oct: Today brought a very pleasant surprise in the form of an unexpected visit by **Dick Waterman**. Dick was down here in the Tidewater area visiting an old, old friend, who happens to be in the Navy, and realizing he needed some intellectual balance to his wkend, decided to drop in on his Class quidnunc for a couple of hrs and clear his head. Actually, I suspect there were several other motives behind his visit. First, and foremost I'm sure, is it gave him the opportunity to drop off the picture of him being promoted to **FULL COL**. I have devel-



1967: Dick Waterman being promoted to O-6 with the help of sons Rick and Dick

oped a special feeling for people who like to rub salt in open wounds. Helping with Dick's promotion are his sons, Rick and Dick, and some great mil leader (you

can always tell the great mil ldrs because they have two stripes on their trou) for whom Dick works. The other reason for Dick's visit was it gave him the opportunity to slander lots of people in the DC area with whom he comes in regular contact. This was the best part of the whole day. One of the things we had a lot of fun doing was trying to predict who the next gen off in the Class would be, now that **Tom White** has broken the code. Quite a few names were quickly rejected and we developed some interesting theories. It is gratifying to note that one name that never came up was **Ed Dewey's**, although I have it on good authority that Ed was seen at least once at the Class luncheon in the Pentagon earlier this mo genuflecting and kissing Tom White's ring. Dick really did come armed with a lot of good poop. Some samples: **Joe Visconti** was last seen living in Melbourne, FL, where he was working as a consultant off for either Grumman or Harris Corp; **Mark & Patti Hamilton** are now in AK where he is the Divarty cmdr in the 6th ID(L)—some guys have all the luck. Mark, for a small stipend, I will clue you in on a few good fishing holes that **Dave Hale** never found out about. With any luck they are still environmentally pure, since they were never subjected to Hale's abuse. **Chuck Sutton** is emding a sig bde at Ft Huachuca, AZ; **Tom Blaney** has forsaken the Green Suit and is now in private dental practice in Atlanta; and keeping pace is another tooth fairy, **Bill Freccia**, who is in private practice in Fayetteville, NC. Bill only does root canals. Another guy in Fayetteville is **Bill Politt**, who runs a very successful framing business—in fact, at last count he had at least two stores in op, which is a good thing, because he is now living out every parent's Halloween fantasy of having 3 kids in college at the same time. **John Thiltgen** has one son who is a Marine Corps MP, and another who took his life into his own hands and allowed **Al Seyfer** to do corrective surgery on his ears. (For those of you with very short memories, which includes about 99% of you, Seyfer is the ch of plastic surgery at Walter Reed. A guy with those credentials could probably even help the likes of **Dean Risseeuw**.) Thiltgen, by the way, ret from the Army in 87, and is now working for Computer Science Corp in the DC area. His daughter does some modeling, and his wife **Barbara** has been very active in the anti-drug campaign, which is about as good a cause as anyone can get involved in. **Paul Cline** has a daughter who is a cow at Canoe U; and **Dick Releford** has a son at the USAFA Poop School—my understanding is that he was actively recruited because of his pole vaulting skills; **Dave Peixotto** is back in the DC area, where Waterman thinks he may or may not be possibly for

sure working in the Off of the Ch of Engrs, or something like that. What the hell, at least we got him pinned down to a continent. **Bert Hutchison** is now in OB-GYN practice in SC; and another doc who has left the Army is **Carl Savory**, who is now working with the Houston Orthopedic Clinic in Columbus, GA. The Houston Clinic has a reputation as one of the very best carpenter shops in the country. My source tells me that Carl ret with a DSM, making him the only guy in our Class to be so bejeweled. I don't know any of the details (this quidnunc doesn't sweat details), but I am told that Carl was the med off involved with the Iran hostage rescue attempt. And that's all the news fit to print, courtesy of Dick Waterman. One more source like this and I can wrap this sucker up a mo early.

26 Oct: **Bill Freccia's** ears must have been burning the other day when **Dick Waterman** and I were talking about him, cause today's mailbag produced a nice letter from him. Thank God it was typed; I dread getting handwritten letters from anyone in the med profession (I guess you can include tooth fairies in that gp. They certainly charge as much as other doctors for their services.) Of course, there's always **Randy Pais**. His letters are always in a class unto themselves, and the only brand of medicine he practices is an occasional bit of voodoo. Anyway, back to the Freccias: his endodontic practice is going very well, thank you. I can verify that, as I ran into him & **Millie** at the Highland Country Club in Fayetteville a couple of mos ago, and he had that look about him that successful dentists have. Relaxed. Comfortable. Professional. Smug. Their eldest daughter **Kristin** will turn 18 on 10 Nov; she's a frosh (freshwoman? freshperson?) at UNC, is a Phi Mu sister, and is generally having a good time. It doesn't sound as if her life has been interrupted by the inconvenience of academics yet. Their other daughter, **Stephanie**, 14, is ranked second academically in her 9th grade class and still has time to be a cheerleader. Bill has trouble believing the two activities are compatible—but one only has to look at the example of **Tom White** to realize that in this life all things are possible, regardless of how little sense they make. **Stephanie** also managed to attend the NASA Space Camp last spring. The Freccias' son **Colin** is busy just being a 9 yr old. That's busy enough. Bill sent along a copy of a neat article that appeared in *Newsday* a few wks back, about **Bob & Gaynel Whaley's** son, **Bob Jr** (Bill got the article from **Mike Lascher**, who got it from his sister, who got it from. . . . Now you get some small idea of what one must go through to put together a piece of great literature like this. **Lascher**, by the way, is the chief of oral surgery at Ft Knox.) According to the article, young **Bob Whaley** has emerged

as a bona fide football star as a running back at Hofstra U. He was recruited by none other than our own **Doc Blanchard**, who is Hofstra's associate dir of alumni affairs. Seems **Nancy Blanchard** was talking to **Gaynel Whaley** on the phone one night and the subject got around to kids. One thing leads to another, and bingo, Hofstra gets a Whale of its own. After 4 games, Hofstra was unbeaten, and the younger Whale was averaging 95 1/2 yds per game. Not shabby, but does the kid have a good left hook?

31 Oct: You folks are really on a roll; two letters and a drop-in in a wk. Today's entry in the show-and-tell sweepstakes comes from **Don Nelson**, whose primary purpose in writing was to proudly announce that one yr after THE CRASH he's still alive and well and bilking the public as a stock broker. Don is the Veep of the Merrill Lynch off in Merrillville, IN, right outside Chicago. He & **Leslie** are still living in Valparaiso, where Leslie is pres of the local Women's Club. He sent along the photo of the two of them doing field research in fluid mechanics in their hot tub. To make sure they didn't miss any of the more intricate theoretical points, they were joined therein by **Ray & Sally Winkel**. Ray, as I'm sure you all remember, is head of the Dept of Physics at WP. I must say that in this photo he looks quintessentially professorial. Must be all the hair. Other news courtesy of



1967: The Winkels and Nelsons doing research in applied fluid mechanics

Don: **Bill Cates** & his wife **Carla** recently hosted a get-together of classmates in the financial svcs bus at their place in Albuquerque. The excuse for this coven of financial whiz kids was ostensibly the Intl Hot Air Balloon Festival. One would have to assume that **Hank Uberecken** was there—regardless of what line of work Hank is in. When it comes to hot air, no one can hold a candle to Hank. A guy who continues in the fast track is **Tom Petrie**, who for the 8th straight yr was named to the All America Research Team in his field of oil/exploration cos. I'm so proud of Tom. He was my Beast Bks roommate, along with **Steve Sears**. And I knew in my heart of hearts that if I worked hard enough with these guys I could turn them into something produc-

tive and worthwhile, despite their natural and strong proclivity to be otherwise. It just goes to show the rewards of never giving up hope. Tom, by the way, continues as a managing dir for the First Boston Corp. Other guys in the funny money bus: **Karl Jacobs**, who has ret from the Army and is now with Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant in Indianapolis; **John Severson**, who also ret and is now a portfolio mgr with NM Capital Mgt in Albuquerque; and **Mike Hood**, who continues to provide financial advice to the few remaining oil barons in TX, as a money guru with Goldman Sachs.

2 Nov: This really hurts. Time for this mo's installment of High Roller Roll Call, and there is no way to avoid mentioning the baffling calumny that **Ed Dewey** is included among this motley crew of recognized overachievers. Were it not for the fact that **Bob Metzger**, **Bill Stone**, and **Mike Kush** were also on this yr's War College list, I would be forced to assume that this time the Army was engaging in a caprice of some sort that involved trying to salvage some of its 20+ yr investment in time and money by making one last attempt at licking into shape some of its less nimble-witted servantry. But as I said, the presence of the other names on the list casts doubts on that theory.

7 Nov: This wkend **Suzi** was out of town, so I was left alone with the kids. In a brief lapse of mental acuity, I decided it would be a neat thing to take the little buggers out to dinner. I'm not talking about your basic Burger Noodle experience here; I'm talking real restaurant, with live waitresses, metal knives and forks, menus, real glasses—the whole kettle of fish. Having now survived that experience, I'm hard pressed to decide which is more fun—taking my kids out to dinner, or having a vasectomy performed by an intern.

8 Nov: Macho men update. It's been quite a while since we've had this little feature; we must be getting soft in our dotage. My partner in pedagogy here at AFSC, **Jim Saine**, ran the Marine Corps Marathon in DC this past wkend in a very reasonable time of 3:11, which is more than fast enough to qualify him once again for the Boston Marathon. He claims he would have run faster, but kept tripping over all the ragged depressions gouged out of the course. I had to explain to him that those were caused by **Dave Hale's** tongue dragging along the pavement the last time he ran the race. That's why Hale no longer has any taste. For food, that is; it has been said in various circles that he never had any taste otherwise. Of course, that doesn't apply to his choice of brides. That was just pure, dumb luck. **Jim Saine** mentioned that he ran into **Malcolm Philips** while in DC. Malcolm is now some kind of high speed

atty in the nuclear arena in Wash. One other bit of good news from the Saine tribe: their oldest boy **Sam** was just named to the All-District All Star football team for this part of VA. In fact, he was doubly honored, being named to the first team on offense and second team defense, as an interior lineman. This won't hurt his chances of getting into USMA, which his dad says is high on Sam's list.

21 Nov: Our world renowned mil historian **Bob Griffith** dropped a line to bring us up to speed on his new life as a ret Army off. He spent his first yr and 3 wks after ret as the legislative asst for natl security, foreign affairs and veterans issues for Senator **Tim Wirth**; then in Sep he moved to RI to become the dep dir of the Gov's Policy Off. Bob's boss won the recent election so Bob & **Jo** are able to resume their house hunt with some degree of confidence. As of this writing, they're still looking, and living with Jo's parents. And don't you know they're all having lots of fun. Their 3 kids, **Maria** (14), **Rob** (11), and **Anne** (6) are having lots of fun telling all their new schoolmates that they are homeless waifs.

28 Nov: For all of you who believe everything you read (and I can't imagine there are too many of you out there, if you've been reading this stuff for any length of time) this picture proves the folly of your ways. Way back during our



1967: Ray Jones and Aaron Coe with their day's pillage and plunder

ill conceived escapade in VN, the ARMY TIMES reported the sad news that **Aaron Coe** had been KIA. This picture has a guy in it that looks remarkably like an older, and somewhat heavier, **Aaron Coe**, and the only thing that appears to be KIA are a few hapless pheasants. The picture came courtesy of **Ray Jones**, the other grinning bird murderer and ecology raper in the photo. Ray and Aaron get together for one of these macho blood fests every yr on Aaron's farm near Mount Pleasant, IA.

5 Dec: My regular bi-wkly phone call from **Ed Dewey** this morning was to report that he had gone to the Navy game and saw a fair number of our brethren there. Those of you who were there

already know that you were there, and those of you who weren't don't really care about who was, so I won't bore you with the laundry list of names. It is worth mentioning that after 21 and a butt yrs we are beginning to reap some benefits of being Old Grads. The Class seats have moved all the way out to the corner of the end zone, at ground level. Aren't you glad you watched it on the tube? Of course, there were some who had seats on the 50 yd line, but then there are some perks that come with donating \$100K to the AOG, and a Humminbird to the scribe.

8 Dec: Last night the Army basketball team was in the area to play William and Mary, so I had an opportunity to escape the house and the noxious chore of addressing Christmas cards and doing other menial tasks on Suzi's unending list of menial husband tasks. In addition to enjoying the game, which we won, I also ran into some classmates. The big surprise was **Jocko Mikula**, who had driven down from Annapolis, where he now lives, for the game. Jocko ret from the Army last Feb and took 6 mos off from life, during which time he traveled around the world with his wife and daughter. Not bad work if you can get it. He's now doing something (he was a little vague here) in Annapolis that lets him work out of his home, and I assume bring in a buck or two. Other guys I saw at the game were **Doug Brown**, who's still working for the CG, TRADOC at Ft Monroe, and **Gary Downs**, who's stationed at Ft Eustis.

10 Dec: Okie doke, kids, that's all the prattle you get for this edition. I did get a letter the other day from the dir of the Cadet Glee Club, asking me to plug his plans for a Glee Club reunion to take place at the graduation concert in 90. He said that he had advertised this in an earlier *ASSEMBLY*, but, and get this, the response from the "earlier classes in glee club history" had not been all he had hoped for. Give me a break. If you're a former golden throat, and not too old to carry a tune, write to Mr Dwayne S Milburn, Dir of Cadet Music, and let him know what you think. Your Christmas cards are starting to trickle in, but so far the UPS man hasn't arrived with your presents. Take care, guys. Have a blessed holiday, and keep in touch. BEAT NAVY. Again.

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In the off chance that you haven't heard it from a classmate in the last 3 1/2 mos, those of you who didn't attend our reunion in Oct, YEEEEW really missed the most fun event since beating Navy our plebe yr. Honestly Rabble, every-

thing we did and were subjected to during those 4 yrs—20 and a butt yrs ago—from being in the peanut gallery up on the track in the gym during plebe yr movies to branch and post selection—prepared us for those 4 days in Oct. It's going to take more than a yr to report on the entire reunion—so I'll need your help through your personal reflections and pictures of this momentous event. In the meantime, please keep us informed of other events such as Army-Navy football, **Dick Steiner's** wedding, yr-end holiday letters, Founders Day get-togethers, PCSs, and such.



1968: Mulvey, Reynolds, Petcu, Vehlo, Toffler and Raines more than half way through AWC 89 Corresponding studies

First of all, profound thanks again to **Dan Kaufman, John Calabro, Jack Cochran, Andy Dull, Mike Fellows, Steve Harper, Gary Halstead, Bill Schutsky, Jim Thome, John Throckmorton, and Pat Toffler** for planning and executing the superlative reunion, and for staying the course. **John Dallen**, now the dir of resource mgt with McDonnell Douglas

in St Louis; **Fred Johnson**, now a sr associate with Katz and Assoc; and **Jude Rolfes** also had a big hand in the reunion plans prior to each of their rets. Even the Class aides were properly picked—they were fun to party with, were happy that they were aides to grads not so old so that they had to learn CPR, and saw some humor to our classmates parking in the Com's and Supe's parking places. Everything was planned down to a gnat's eyelash; however, there are a few hats, T-shirts (M-XL), and autobio books available through **Dan** c/o the Dept of Soc Sci. One of the many pieces of fallout from the superb job the reunion comm did was to produce the most up-to-date list of addresses of the Class since they all ended in "USCC, West Point, NY 10996." The autobio book is well worth the \$22 (includes shipping and handling)—lots of hrs of fun, reminiscing, and war stories.

Needless to say, **John Wing** deserves his own paragraph and special thanks from the entire Class for sharing his "hobby" with us. Aside from his chm and CEO duties at the Enron Cogeneration Co in Houston, John is co-owner of Boston Beer Co, and provided Samuel Adams beer throughout the reunion for its attendees. John's magnanimous gesture taught us all that Samuel Adams was more than a patriot.

**John's** donation certainly helped kick off the initial Class get-together at Ike Hall on Thurs night, which also showed us we didn't have to be in old surroundings to bring up old and good times. Once we found our way into the building that now covers the station where we used to gas up our vettes and GTOs, we



1968: F1/H1 20 yrs later—Adams, DeCoursey, Shahid, Morand, Tillery, Millson, O'Meara, Johnson, Hanson, Farrugia and Raines

found other new surprises. To underscore that no task is too late, we learned that **Fred & Linda Johnson**, **Ed & Betty Lorentzen**, and **Hank & Deborah Toczylowski** are still busy adding to the population explosion. **Hank Gregor** and **Bob Echols** have volunteered to attend to the wives—which is good for Hank because he's an accomplished and professional Ob/Gyn MD in VA, but not so good for Bob since he's a lawyer and dirty old man in AL. At the reception, it was good to meet **Virginia**, **Lamar Ratcliffe's** new bride; **Frances**, the lady who now keeps **John O'Neal** on the straight and narrow; **Linda**, **Norm O'Meara's** first wife; and **Debbie**, who recently married **Chris Ohlinger** to try to bring some class into his life and who Chris subsequently introduced throughout the reunion as **Renata Price**.



1968: John & Frances O'Neal at the Homecoming game

The business meeting the day after the Thur night bash brought even more surprises and classmates. We can all be proud that we have such a strong Class pres as **Dave Ohle**—a lesser man would have crumbled within a minute of standing before such a bunch of wise, witty, indifferent, and irreverent peers. It was evident that you came to party with old friends. In spite of the strong and facetious shots and jokes hurled and ineffectual parries offered, Dave managed to get some business accomplished. Dave will remain our Class pres for as long as he can stomach us. As VP, **Fred Johnson** (201-464-7048) could be spending more time trying to organize the Class than with his clients since Dave will be departing in Jul to cmd a bde of the 25th ID in HI. To maintain ln between our Class and the Academy, **Dan Kaufman** was elected to be the new Class secy, and was given as his first duty to keep an eye on **Jim Thome** who was elected treas. These jobs will become more demanding now that you are becoming more affluent, and we will be asked in the not-too-distant future to start contributing about \$100/yr to the Class fund so we can afford a meaningful Class gift while we're still mobile enough to present it. **Gary Halstead** should be getting more Class gift info out to you soon—so when you see a letter from WP, don't toss it figuring it's

just another offer for all volumes of the *Green Death* bound in leather and gold, or another fun-filled fjord fiesta with a bunch of much older grads—it could be important to our Class. No one would do this for the pay—but the neat stuff that I hear, but can't print, makes this job more than worth it. In addition to the above business, **Dan Kaufman** gave us a quick run-down on when and where to meet for future reunion events. Most changes to event locations were made for the same reason we had to change our wardrobes since the last reunion—we had "outgrown" what we used before.



1968: D1/G1/H1—Vinton, Moran, Fabrey, MacDonald, Kendall and Hansen

Our irreverence at the business meeting quickly disappeared when we set out to the Cadet Chapel for our Class memorial service. During my journey, I met up with **Juaquin Perez** and learned that he had never returned to Chile after graduation, although he's rumored now to be #2 in line for the presidency. After WP, he attended LSU for his MS and then spent some time in Chicago to get a taste of big business and high wind-chill factors. He's now wheeling and dealing in construction in So CA, and wouldn't tell me where he's working because he may not be there for long since a couple of other firms were trading draft choices for him during the reunion. Along the way, we met **Walt Meinshausen** who succinctly caught us up on his spiritual adventures from cadet candidate in Nutley, NJ to combat dev equip spec and NG tng bn cmdr at Ft Knox, KY. The memorial service itself was made even more special than it was already by keeping it a "family affair." Fr **Mike Cerrone** led the service, with **Gary Halstead** reading the scriptures, and **John Throckmorton** reading the roll of departed classmates. Taps, our Alma Mater, and a private remembrance of the Cadet Prayer really did me in and made me wish even more for volunteers to chip in and help clear off the '68 slate by writing *ASSEMBLY* obituaries for **Dave Alexander**, **Pete Connor**, **Don Darmody**, **Mike Dibenedetto**, **Ernie Flowers**, **Jim Gaiser**, **Jim Kelly**, **Bill Little**, **Dave Maddux**, **John Martin**, **Jeff Riek**, **Henry Spengler**, **Don Van Cook**, and **Don Workman**.



1968: Liz & Ray Vinton with Luella & Monte Anderson at our 20th

Old times and new surroundings were continued at the new sports complex that turned Smith Rink into what **Stott & Bobbie Carleton** always thought it should be—an exciting parking lot under Lusk Reservoir. As we were going through the lunch line, I met **Charlie & Jane Adkins** and congratulated Charlie on his new VP position with Schaar Assoc—figuring I could butter him up and get a good price on the house he was selling just outside of Annapolis since his co was building him a new one in the Mt Vernon area of VA. The classmate-good-deal price was still high enough to give me a nose bleed. It was during lunch at the complex that **Larry & Barbara Rapisarda** recommended that our Class gift could be to move the Cadet Chapel in line with the Supe's reviewing stand, the Washington Monument, and Washington Hall. Barbara subsequently valiantly attempted to organize classmates' guests for a tour of WP—since we had "outgrown" the Supe's yacht—only to discover that the guests were almost as unwieldy as our classmates. In the meantime, we were to go down to So Aud for what we thought was an update by our classmates on USMA—and a little talk by the new Supe.

Two hours later, **Bill Schutsky** led off the classmate portion of the presentation by telling us all he knew about the Dean's Office. **Gary Halstead** hurried us through a few new innovations and traditions when the PA system blew up from overuse, and we had to board our buses to return to hotels and prepare for the dinner party and dance at the Thayer Hotel. Basically, we learned that Bill knows as much about the Dean's Office as he ever did; Gary still pulls all-nighters to prepare for important presentations; Bill and Gary still get preempted a lot; there are now yearling cpls, cow sgts, all firsties are at least lts and live together away from their cos; and that all who attended the classmate-to-classmate meeting now have a high frequency loss. All **Pat Toffler** got to do was to announce the bus locations prior to **Stott & Bobbie Carleton** bidding a fond adieu. Pat's research on how our Class stacks up against those who have followed was

presented on boards at the Sun brunch, and will be discussed in a later article—as soon as I figure out why nobody went AR in 68.



1968: Ray MacDonald with Linda & Ken Moran and Ray Vinton

The Fri night dinner and party at the Thayer continued to be a collage of remembrances. **Monte Anderson** brought the videotape he made at our 5 Jun Remembrance Service at the Vietnam Memorial on the Wash DC Mall, and **Jack Reed** continued to chastise me for not repeating **Dutch Hostler's** remarks and poetry from that event in this column. After explaining to **Debbie Ohlinger** why West Pointers call *The Scarlet Letter* "How Hester Won Her 'A'," she said that she now understood why our mules have A's bleached on their flanks, and **Chris** maintained that he had only a nodding acquaintance with the mules. It was great to see **Larry Main** get back with the Class after a lot of yrs, to hear that he's back with def as a staff engr with LTV Missiles and Elec, and to agree that classmates shouldn't be punished for what others do to us. **Bob Gora** threw in the towel on judging who had changed the least since graduation—he said we all looked the same.

He was right. As time passed, we all did look the same. By Sat a.m., we even acted the same as we took at least an hour to form up for the alumni p-rade and review. As we started off, it was evident that we took most of our marching pointers from the US Olympic team. **Mike Noonan**, **Dick Shipley**, and **Carl Woessner** all echoed the feelings that if they had known marching was this easy, they'd have done more of it as cadets. With all the talking in ranks, I learned that the C of S of the Army has a heavy hitting back room with **Bill McCauley** as his speech writer, and **Charlie Mahan** and **Steve Winsor** as area specialists. As we took the review and wondered where the Corps had gone to have a "spirit officer," we KNEW that the helicopter circling overhead HAD to be piloted by **Bruce Erion**.

By the time we hobbled into the Mess Hall for our tailgate party, we were firsties in mostly civ clothes. Some, like NWC attendee **Jesse Gatlin**, who just



1968: Kimball, Tores, Brennan and Trauner in ranks at the alumni review

gave up the 79th Engr Cbt Bn (Heavy), and **Bob Hensler**, cmdr of the 3d Rngr Bn, wore greens. But we were all firsties! There were other cadets around that weren't firsties but wore cadet uniforms. As a firstie, I figured they were party crashers, but **Barbara** told me that they were sons and daughters of classmates like **Gary Halstead**, **Mark Hansen**, **Fred Johnson**, **John Kruger**, **Jeff Rogers**, and **John Throckmorton**. This was so startling and sobering a revelation that I couldn't even go to the game, and had to retire to the old Army Proving Grounds with **Stott & Bobbie Carleton**, **Jack & Kathleen Mayer**, **Henry & Karen Riser**, **Barbara**, **Samuel Adams**, and **Carlo Rossi** to contemplate the last 20 and a butt yrs and analyze where I went wrong. Out there, we wondered if **Bruce Erion** was flying the Fuji Blimp, wished that syndicated publishing Pres **Sandy Cohn**, MIS dir **Chuck Steel**, and Army staffer **Ken Nicholson** could be at the reunion, and wondered what it would be like to sail up the Hudson from the Caribbean with the Class for our 25th reunion. Not much went wrong that day as evidenced by an Army win over Lafayette—without us—and my favorite reunion souvenir—a piece of kissing rock acquired during a memorable stroll through time and down flirty.



1968: Cathy & Dick Shipley at the Homecoming game

Sat Night was sponsored by Alumni Affairs—not your Class comm or the AOG. I want to fix sponsorship/blame for **Skip & Joan Greeby**, **Bill & Jane Bachman**, and 3 other classmate couples who

had to eat at **Toni's** in the basement of the 1st Div because there weren't enough tables available to seat them as a gp; and for **Jay Johnson's** wife, **Pat**, who resorted to lobbing dinner rolls like grenades at the "Big Band" that knew no rock 'n roll. Again, the Class came through to make the dinner in Wash Hall fun and memorable.

A final thanks to all of the wives, sons, daughters, and guests who attended the reunion and had to endure the nauseating "remember when" stories. You all handled the situation very well as evidenced by no reports of murder or divorce of classmates since the reunion. Thanks also for all the nice things you've said to **Barbara & me** about the column—we even got a much appreciated attaboy from the '67 scribe. As you can see, it wouldn't be the same without you. Therefore—as I've pleaded with more raters at hails and farewells than I care to publish—please put your nice spoken words in writing. My low academic standing is not a quirk of fate—my span of attention and memory are measured in nanoseconds—and I need all the help you can provide in keeping info straight and coming back to you. You can REALLY say thanks for the column by chipping in on classmate obituaries too. I've used up more than my allotted space this issue, but I'm not through with the reunion—too many good memories and good times. Please share your favorite classmate and reunion memories with us to make this yr really special because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—DAVE

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This col is being written on 15 Dec, covering news received since 13 Oct. My next deadline is 13 Feb and news received by then will be included in the Apr issue.

Please note the following admin info and pass it to others you see. First, the 20th Reunion is set for 12–15 Oct 89 at WP. The Reunion Comm will be sending out a letter in the near future, but for now mark the dates and pass your suggestions on the wkend's activities to **Bob Baldwin** in the Social Sciences Dept at WP.

Second, we will be holding a memorial service at the Vietnam Memorial in Wash beginning at 0900 hrs on Sunday, 4 Jun 89, our actual 20th anniv. The ceremony will be followed by a brunch at the Pawnshop Restaurant, which is 5 mins away in Rosslyn, VA. A block of rooms (\$89 per night) for out-of-town classmates and families will be held until 14 May at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel in Rosslyn (703-524-6400).

Third, the classmates listed below do

not have current addresses on file at the AOG. We need good addresses for our important mailings in 89. If you have any of these addresses, please send or call them in either to me or to the AOG Address Dept (914-446-5860). A lot of us are working very hard to make 89 a great yr, and this request is the one important area where we really need your help.

The missing roster includes Larry Anderson, Ballenberger, Barnett, Beard, Bible, Brundage, Caranto, Church, Cooper, Dalum, Davis, DiNicola, Dupere, Fahl, Ferraro, Fitz-Henry, Frey, Funderburke, Furneaux, Goff, Gray, Groves, Hagan, Halloran, Hanson, Hatch, Hawking, Helmich, Hilburn, Bob Hoffman, Steve Hunt, Illingworth, Kerr, Ron King, Kithcart, Knabb, Knickerbocker, Kopp, Logan, Lynch, Male, Maxson, Mc-Minn, Minor, Wayne Murphy, Nigro, Noreen, Nosal, Ploss, Rohacik, Ruwet, Schiraldi, Schoville, Shafe, Don Smith, Stevenson, Stewart, Stoutner, Tabela, Thompson, Truscott, Van Atta, Vequist, Scott Wallace, Welsh, West, Westerhoff, Wielkoszewski, Wilber, Mike Williams, and Woodbury.

Lastly, Jeff Kimball and Phil Clark are combining to write an obituary for John Woodrum. That leaves only the following deceased classmates without authors: Glen Ivey, Karstens, Kirby, McGee, Nabben, Rose, Sowa, Tinker and Yonan. Ken Yonan's remains were returned from Vietnam this yr and were laid to rest at WP on 22 Nov, with 6 classmates in attendance.

We had a great turnout for the big win in Philly on 3 Dec. Among those attending were Allardice (from Dallas), Andrews, Blake, Blumer, KC Brown, Coan, Clark, Dencker, Drower, Guernsey, Hahn, Hofstetter, Hoopengardner, Hunkele, Jarvis, Jenkins, Ken Johnson, Kedrow (from Knoxville), Kimball, Kimmitt, Kransdorf, Leone, Metcalf, McCaslin, Moen, Nesbitt, O'Connell, O'Toole, Pitz, Prosch, Richards, Ricker (from CO Springs), Riddell, Robella, Schatz (from San Fran), Bill Schroeder, Schwabe, Slack, Tom Smith, Spann, Sparks (newly arrived in DC with MCI), Stafford (from Dallas), Syjuco (from CA), Venard, Wanless, Wilber (from FL), and Yarnell. Charlie Jarvis and Ken Johnson arranged the pre-game tailgate and post-game cocktail party at the Hilton, which were both well attended and much appreciated.

Earlier in the Navy wk, KC Brown and Jim O'Toole put together a pre-game luncheon at the Pentagon that included Ahlbrecht, Alexander, Anstrom, Brittenham, Brown, Clark, Coyle, DiBella, Egan, Foss, Friese, Hall, Hudak, Hunkele, Ken Johnson, Levy, Moen, Molter, Morris, Neeley, O'Toole, Prosch, Quinn, Reams, Robella, Schibetta, Seitz, Spann, Bill Taylor (E-4), Von Kaenel and Wanless.

Sharon & Red Taylor opened the active duty correspondence with a card from the Naval War Coll in Newport. Scott Wallace and Jack Ellertson are in the same class. Son Doug Taylor has been accepted for the Class of '93, and Red saw Rich Ashley, who is the Academy IG, on a recent admissions trip to WP. Looks like JCS for Red this summer.

Pam & George Coan are at Carlisle, as are Gloriod, Lobdell, and Sadoff. On next yr's sr service college list are Bornhoft, Carlson, Carter, John Casey, Cornelison, Furbank, Garrett, Glacel, Tom Hayes, Ivany, Landrum, Lee, Porter, Scull, and Zais. Zais is now in Korea cnding 1/506 Inf on the DMZ.



1969: E-4 reunion in Wash—Albrecht, Craft, Carlini and Bryant

Joan & George Albrecht sent their annual holiday missive, with photos. George said Johnnie Grant is now at Ft Belvoir en route to the Energy Dept and Jim Adams is now district mgr of Network Systems in Mainz.



1969: Jim & Maria Adams and family in Mainz

Beth & Stew Bornhoft are in SC, en route to War Coll this summer. Lynne & Harry Dolton wrote from Ft Sill, where Harry cmds a bn. Craig Schwender is now SJA at the Presidio in San Fran.

Overseas, Bob St Onge cmds 1/48 Inf in Ger, while Peggy & Jim Love wrote from Hamburg, where Jim is with the German Staff College.

Randy Bryant sent the opening letter from the civ side of the Class to report on Nell & John McBeth's wedding in San Fran on 8 Oct. In attendance were Dan Balough, Steve Brown, Steve Metcalf, and Joe Schatz.

Maggie & Mike Kelly sent a long letter from Minneapolis. They had seen the Hammonds this summer and son Michael began at Villanova in the fall. Al Erb sent a note from Nashville, where he is with the JC Bradford investment firm. Leslie & Dave Hill wrote from Tokyo with word they will return to DC this summer.

Mike Landrum stopped by in Nov and reported on the gp in the Ft Carson area. Mike, Dan Cox, Tom Hayes, and Dick Wallace are in cmds, while George Demetriou and Gary Steele are on div staff. Also in the area, in the private sector, are Dave Krall, Guy Nanney, and Rick Ricker, and former classmate Paul Soucek. Ed Mayer had recently left Carson en route to the Chemistry Dept at WP.

That is it for this issue, except for one last admin matter. We had a cloth Class banner made for the 10th Reunion, and it is currently AWOL. It has a black background with a border and the numerals 1969 sewn in gold. Will the possessor please drop me a note?

Holly and the children join me in sending our best from Wash. Please do give whatever help you can on the lost address list; it is important.

God bless to all in '69.

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The bean counters and high-paid financial wizards have determined that last yr our class, with 249 separate donations, was tops in the total number of contributors in support of the WP AOG fund drive. It has yielded a sum of over \$45K which we can use to the benefit of our Alma Mater. While the AOG solicits unrestricted donations, we can build the fund for our Class gift by making contributions to the "1970 Class Fund." During the next reunion, coming right up in 90, only one and a butt yrs away, we will be attempting to determine an appropriate use for these funds. Consider ideas for this for presentation at that time, or convey them to any of the Class offs—Joe Reeder, Les Sumner, or myself. Joe Reeder has been instrumental in rallying support for the fund, and Les Sumner has recently volunteered to serve on whatever selection comm might be created to study options, coordinate with the USMA and AOG bureaucracies, and make recommendations to the Class. We appreciate your past donations to our fund, and hope that you will continue your support with whatever you are able to contribute.

And speaking of Joe Reeder: special thanks to him for the recent mailing, and all those who helped him in the envelope stuffing party. The dedicated gp included Steve Westbrook, Dale Marvin,

John Beasley, Rich Gasperini, Bill Vogt, Bill Knowlton, Mike Schneider, and Bill Taylor. I wonder who the unlucky guy was who had to lick all the flaps. . . . Joe & Kate also hosted their now traditional Army-Navy game eve warm-up for virtually all '70-ites in the DC area. The guest list included Jim Avery, Ron Boggs, Larry & Bebe Clark, Tom & Kathy Costello, Bill & Terry Coy, Jon & Lisa Deason, Dave Desannoy, Matt & Jan Fleumer, Rich & Kathy Gasperini, Don & Pam Goff, Joe & Anne Henn, Chuck & Betty Carr Hicks, Nelson & Lillian Johnson, Ross Kelly, Bill Knowlton, Skip & Peggy Lane, Dale & Jody Marvin, Kurt Reineke, John Reitz, Mike & Lynn Ryan, Mike & Colleen Schneider, Nick Sebastian, Dave & Susan Selby, Tony & Sherri Sobul, Bill Vogt, Steve & Sharon Westbrook, and Steve & Joyce Wood. Joe claims that Bill Knowlton embarrassed everyone but himself again with his Second Annual Rocket, and that, frankly, his neighbors are quite concerned.

I have received two lists of folks with whom we seem to have lost touch. Through some initial culling, I present them to you and ask that if you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of these classmates, please send me their current address. (Note that you could also send me some news, too!) They include Walter J Ambrose, Stephen R Baribeau, Anthony G Barre, Wayne M Barth, Eric Van Benham, Paul J Bisulca, Michael A Boies, Thomas A Brandtner, Richard H Bronder, Willard D Brown, Martin R Burns, Timothy R Carman, James A Chandler, Kenneth H Clow, Kevin C Connolly, James C Cooper, Brian C Davis, David D Dawson, Edward M DeCa-

stro, Donald P DeCort, Winston E Diesto, Douglas J Drake (Ann Arbor, MI?), Donald R Edmonston, John A Fenili, William K Fisher, John M Forbes, Thomas P G Franklin, Dale R Frederick, Bruce R Galton, Raymond W Gibbons, Mark C Gilbert, William A Haislip, Thomas R Hall, Larry K Hartman, William A Hedberg, John J Hennessey, Robert E Hilliard, Larry B Horacek, John S Howell, Russell B Jones, Richard H Kelley, Christopher Kuehne, Stephen R Kupec, Charles J Lauckhardt (NYC?), James J Lovelace, William W McBeth, Thomas S McChesney, Kurtis A Meyer, Michael P Mullady, Peter A Nell, John A Norris, Joseph P O'Connell, Patrick M O'Hara, David M Peters, Gregory R Pohl, David M Porreca (Pittsburg?), Steven A Rank, James N Roland, Kurt Rorick, Giacomo R Sabia, Francis A Santangelo, Thomas C Schmidt, Patrick E Sculley, Edwin K Smith, Gregory E Smith, Christopher M Stall, Steven J Swain (NYC?), William N Vann, Larry D Walrod, James R Ward, Frank P Whitlock, Richard L Williams, Ross C Williams, and Richard W Wise (Pensacola?).

I received a note from Bob Hales, who, with Dianne, has finally escaped from the DC area. He got promoted to COL, and reassigned to Letterman Army Hosp as the chief of the Dept of Clinical Investigation. Bob & Dianne are living in Mill Valley, but spend much of the time out of the house and on their new 36' sailboat. Bob had the honor to present the William C Porter Lecture at the annual meeting of the Assoc of Mil Surgeons of the US, which is an award lecture series to recognize outstanding achievement of a psychiatrist. Bob has also added two tomes to his growing list

of co-editorial coups, *Textbook of Psychiatry*, and *The Textbook of Neuropsychiatry*. Not to let the typewriter cool, Dianne has also added to her potential bibliographical credits with the 4th ed of *An Invitation to Health*, and has another project going with Dr Tim Johnson on high risk pregnancy.

Another dr has made the news, too. Dave Brown of Underwood and Brown Cardiology in Dallas recently joined the geriatric set with the celebration of his 40th birthday. And what a celebration it was, as Debbie got the whole state of TX involved. She rented Herschel Walker for a touch football game at Texas Stadium in Dallas. Family came in from all over. Joe Reeder was unable to attend so Deena the chimpanzee was sent as an emissary from the capital to make appropriate remarks. And if you don't believe me, just ask John Bickel or Chach Morris who were there to join in the festivities.

Only a limited amount of news has filtered back about the parties and visits that occurred during the outstanding win over Navy. I have discovered that the DC to Philly game train, under the able hands of Skip Lane was a rousing success. Travelers included Larry & Bebe Clark, Dorn & Kate Crawford, Rich & Kathy, Geoff (10) and Chris (7) Gasperini, Nelson & Lillian Johnson, Joe & Kate Reeder, John Reitz, and Dave Selby. Lou DeScioli decided this year to make the trip in a camper with indoor plumbing so he wouldn't have to trek to the Sheraton for comfort facilities. Lou & Susan celebrated the birth of their first child, Patricia Jean, last Apr. Other folks, no doubt, have interesting tales to tell of their gatherings, so send your reports in for all of us to share.

Dennis & Libby Fadden have announced their move to London, England for a yr since Dennis is working in the intl and suppl div of the Inst of Nuclear Power Ops. They anticipate being there through the fall of 89 when they return to Atlanta. So if you need a cheap bunk next summer while on vacation, the Faddens have announced, "all Woops welcome!"

One of our Class has recently added to the accumulated wisdom of Army lore. Barney Forsythe has become a lettered member of the Class with the publication of the article "A Framework for Leader Development," published in the *Nov Military Review*. Barney was the co-author with about 3 other guys, but he got top billing since he won the arm-wrestling match at the ed's office.

Gonzaga U, Spokane, WA, now brags about the fine new PMS on station, Jim Crawford. Jim, Jo Ann and Sarah made the move out west last summer, and all are highly pleased with the asgmt. Once Jim can talk Sarah into taking some skiing lessons, he anticipates that the family will spend lots of time on the slopes. He and a whole crowd of folks



1970: Reeder's Army-Navy game eve warm-up, Arlington, Dec

were at the Army-WA football game. Jack Ryan was there, as were Tom O'Meara, Bruce Michalowski, Bob Conte, Rich Castleman, Gene Studer, and Mike Meuleners. Tom had just resigned to take up a practice in Olympia. Bruce had come up from Portland, OR. Bob is an Army lawyer, as is Gene, who is still helping on the Army's court case with Madigan Army Hosp. Mike had come up from Ft Ord, where he is an EN bn cmdr, for an exercise at Ft Lewis. When Jim



1970: Jack Ryan, Hirsch, Opatovsky, Jim Crawford and Connors; alumni lacrosse, Oct 85

was cleaning out his boxes, he found an old snap from the alumni lacrosse game from Oct 85, which is presented for your viewing pleasure. Presumably Jack was just searching for some potential knee injuries.

Jim adds that he has been able to connect with several other folks who have assumed PMS duties. Jon Goodman is at the U of S CO; Tom Oettinger is at Tulane; and John Norton is at BYU. Jim Hunn is now ch of the HS div, 4th Reg ROTC at Ft Lewis. Larry Henly is at UCLA, and complains that the \$1500/mo rent there would go a long way in buying a \$90K house almost anywhere else, but says location can balance it out.

Ron Boggs has picked up a new job at the same place, working in PA&E at HQDA at the Pentagon. Both Ron & Nancy have been working at real estate mgt, handling rentals for folks in the area. Ron has been at it for 8 yrs part-time, and now Nancy is doing it full-time. Their business is so successful that they hired extra help, and can look forward to a comfortable occupation, as Ron looks forward to ret from the Army.

Bill Knowlton has received a warning order to expect a move next summer to Ft Leavenworth, where he is expected to get into the Ctr for Army Leadership. He looks forward to continue to work on some aspect of leader dev there. Bill is now an experienced tri-and bi-athlete having competed in about 5 biathlons and 2 triathlons last yr. He's looking forward to the new season this spring, but does not expect that we will see his prowess on the next televised Ironman competition.

Those of us in the IN ARNG had the opportunity to go to a mobilization conference put on by the Camp Grayling, MI staff. The conference, however, was held in Lansing, so it gave me a good opportunity to make a local call to the classmates in the area. As it turned out, Gerry & Ann Wood invited me and Francie Herring (Dave was out of town) over for dinner, so on a Sat evening last Oct, we had a very nice visit, exchanging war stories and reminiscing.

What started out as a bridge club at Ft Benning for Francie and Ann turned into a close friendship for them all and an effective professional relationship in new civ careers for Dave and Gerry. Dave is a production supe for GM's Buick-Oldsmobile-Cadillac plant in Lansing. Gerry is the engring supervisor at the same place. Between them, they have done a very effective job of improving the ops within the plant. Dave is a MAJ USAR, and aspires to cmd the 5089th Reception Bn of the 70th Div. He enjoys hiking and fishing and claims that the coho, steelhead and lake trout in the MI lakes make any aspiring fisherman a catcherman. Francie, who met Steve yearling yr, is taking classes at MSU in history and political science, and is holding a jr status. The Herrings have 4 kids. Micha (16) plays flute in the school band, is a miler on the girl's spring track team, and has spent some time in Ger on a student exchange program. David Jr (14), with an altitude of 5'11" in 8th grade is a natural basketball player. Mason (8) plays soccer, basketball, and swims, and Ben (6) joins Mason in the pool. A temporary new member of the family, Diane Schwalger (16), is joining them for a yr as a German exchange student.

Gerry enjoys the outdoors and often brings back duck, pheasant, and deer from his hunting excursions. Ann has been developing considerable skill at the computer. The Woods have a batch of their own kids—when the Herring tribe joins them, Ingham County is depopulated. Sheri (16) is an outstanding student who reads an avg of 3 books/wk, plays tennis, and if she keeps up her grades and her room's appearance, can occasionally be permitted the use of the car. Craig (15) plays tennis and golf. Jackie (14) runs on the HS cross country team. John (9) aka 'Plug' is a gymnast and wrestler, but eschews schoolwork for the outdoor activities of hunting and fishing.

Since Francie Herring is first cousin to Steve Wood, she is highly qualified to report on his activities. Steve & Joyce are living in Fairfax, VA. Steve had been in the Navy, and remains in the USNR. He and his dad own a co which sells industrial air cleaners, dishwashers, and the like. Heather (9) and Brian (3) complete their family gp.

In the Indianapolis area, Bruce Spear

continues to work on his golf game. He has recently moved into a new home in Noblesville, IN, on Indy's north side. His recent activities as a neighborhood association leader which questions the planning of some local developers has landed his name in the local papers recently. Who knows, neighborhood assoc today, Congress tomorrow?

Rapid fire, found ground up with the shavings from the pencil sharpener: John Greenwalt has assumed cmd of his tng bn at Ft Benning. Jim Henderson and Steve Starnier each have an arty bn in Ger. Ralph Churchill also has an arty bn, his with the 25th Div. Rich Rutledge was not looking forward to cmd of the tng bn at Ft Dix, but now he & Sue love it there. Jim Etchechury has cmd of the tank bn for the OPFOR at the NTC, Ft Irwin, CA. Bill Taylor is a VP of ops for a start up venture capital co in the DC area. John Hennessey is working at HQ TRADOC at Ft Monroe, and is dealing with women in the Army issues. Ralph "Bullet" Zy-chowicz, like Klinger from M.A.S.H., makes his home in Toledo, and may be grinding out the sausages, just like his daddy did. Skip Pease is a lawyer in Rockland, ME. Ask him about his sideburns at the wedding. Rick & Mary Ellen Thibodeau are both lawyers, living in West Hartford, CT.

That just about establishes the base for the cat litter box for this time. But if we could just hear from any of those guys in that long list at the front of this column, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print next Apr, in an internationally distributed magazine not available on newsstands, then send a letter (with a picture), or make a call, or send out a Memorial Day missive, and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

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It was terrible. There I was, not suspecting nothin' while attempting to deposit my Dec ASSEMBLY notes at the local postal suppository. Wham. Out of nowhere, some Commie liberal, or at least someone from CA, absconded with my literary fortune. Thus, no drivell for the last issue. Now let me put my ring back on . . . fact of the matter was that I simply did not have enough material to justify putting pen to paper. Being the altruistic wonder that I am, I gave my space to another unsuspecting scribe. Remember that the ASSEMBLY is now published 5 times a yr. My upcoming suspenses are 13 Feb, 12 May, 14 Aug, and 13 Oct.

Boy, am I having fun here. Uncle Sam

works his magic in special ways. Just when I was starting to appreciate crisp autumn days and cold winter nights, he sends me to this Midwestern outpost at the edge of the weather envelope. Now I'm ready to ret on the equator. Just when I was infiltrating into my son's gray matter about the high standards of service people, old Sammie sends me to the home of over 1,000 murderers, rapists, thieves, druggies, and other people. . . . But there is a master plan. Every other mo, our Class heroes and their lovely and vivacious wives come through town for a little shock therapy called the Precommand Course. What a great opportunity to swap lies and impress the spouses with fading virility and increased alcoholic stamina. Those paving the way to generalship that I've run into, and their cmd locations, include **Dave Hardin** (Ft Jackson), **Bob Holcombe** (Ft Bragg), **Scott Hutchison** (Ft Ord), **Bill Jones** (Ft Knox), **Mike Kendall** (Ft Lewis), **Mike Maples** (Ft Sill), **Steve Marshman** (Garlstadt, Ger), **Pat McDonald** (Ft Benning), **Ray Pawlicki** (Lima, OH), **Tom Suermann** (Wilmington, NC), and **Bill Tetu** (Korea). All are either in cmd or will be so in 4 mos.

Discovered 5 more classmates skulking around the installation here: **Oscar Chappel** is in Combat Devs; **Tom Lujan** is the Dep SJA; **Rick McKenney** is on the CGSC Staff and Faculty; **Ray Rasmussen** is the XO of the Center for Army Lessons Learned; and **Cliff Lindstrom** is in the Tng Activity. Does my heart proud knowing that these former beanheads are shaping the US Army of the future. Cliff has taken himself a bride. Figuring that age 40 might be a good time to share all his ill-gotten gains, he & beautiful **Helen Funk** were married in Jul.

From the mailbag (my suspense to AOG does not allow me to include Christmas cards) come the following voices from the past. Little **Dwayne Aaron** (the only classmate for whom I can say that) reports out from Ft Bragg where he & **Glo** have been hunkerin' down for over two yrs (this time!). Figuring he can't lose if it's in the south and abn, Dwayne is the XO of the 1st Special Warfare Tng Bn. Maybe it's those 115 jumps that have stunted his growth. Others enjoying the fine hospitality of Fayetteville include **Gerry Cummins**, **Pat Finnegan**, **Ray Drummond**, and **Lloyd Sherfey**. Gerry is doing yeoman's work (I could fit in a Navy joke right here) in JSOC, Pat works in the XVIII Corps JAG off, and Ray and Lloyd are bn XOs in the 82nd. Ray takes cmd of the 2/505 PIR in Apr and moves out for a 6-mo rotation in the Sinai in Oct.

The **Drummonds** had a mini-D1 reunion recently with **Jim & Jo Eberle** and **Chris & Cindy Timmers**. The Eberles passed through Bragg on their way back to NY where Jim is an exec with a



1971: The Timmers, Eberles and Drummonds

subsidiary of Control Data. The Timmers were in from Charlotte, where Chris is an independent market rep working for several large extra-natl concerns desiring to market their wares in the US. Ray mentioned seeing **Al Fox**, who is finishing up his artillery bn cmd at Ft Stewart and moving on to the Army War College next summer. The Foxes will join **Tim Wray** who is finishing infantry cmd at Ft Ord as our only other SSC selectee this yr. Remember that the **Shoemakers** will complete the course this spring.

**Carl Dragstedt** dropped a note. He hasn't talked to me since that night 10 yrs ago when I asked him if he wanted the scribe job! Still no sale. Carl & Pat moved to Agoura Hills, outside L.A., in Feb. Drags is a branch mgr for IBM while Pat continues as a flight attendant for Delta. The **Dragstedt-Andreini** connection was seen at the Army-Northwestern game last fall. **John, Pat** and the 4 kids call Hartford, where John owns his own law firm, home.

Always the organizer, I received an early Christmas card from **Dick & Sabine Bridges**. Dick has made a lateral move in the Army Public Affairs hierarchy. He is now one of 4 official Army spokesmen assigned the arduous and rather risky task of feeding info to the media (that's a direct quote from his letter . . . I don't take any chances with the press!) Sabine continues teaching German and doing volunteer work, which I have come to realize is a terminal disease that afflicts the good-natured.

Received my quarterly update from **Jeff Rock** from DC. God (or Uncle Sam, or Son of Sam, or somebody) bless that man. This guy has kept me posted on goings-on as long as I can remember. Saint Jeff, the informant. Hmmm, not a good title for someone in legislative In. Anyway, he tells me that we had a Professionally Done baby last summer from **Ed & Bernadette Pogue**. Also, **Hank Schrader** has married a super lady named **Ann** out at Ft Ord. Hank serves as a 7ID IG, but may be moving to the Soldier Physical Fitness School in Indianapolis this summer. Congratulations to all.

A great note from **Neal Jensen**. After 4 yrs with the Test and Evaluation Cmd at

Aberdeen, **Neal & Molly** have joined the increasing number of DC-ites (about 80 now). Neal started work at the Operational Test and Evaluation Agency in Falls Church in Jul. On the first day on the job, he ran into **Hugh Bracey** working in the plans and ops div, and **Joy Curry** holding down the Bradley Evaluator job in the Combat Arms Div. Hugh had a one-yr overlap with brother **Steve** at the Agency, much to the consternation of many of the civs who never did figure out there were two of them. The Jensens have seen a lot of **John & Linda Doyle**. The Doyles live in Burke while John works at DIA at Bolling AFB. Neal



1971: Hegenbeck, Klevecz and Yakovac—Pentagon luncheon

speaks quite highly of the periodic '71 luncheons at the Pentagon. Organized by **Jeff Rock**, but executed by **Gordy Schnabel** in Jeff's absence, that last fete was held in Nov. Some folks that Neal remembered include **Ed Hale**, a systems integrator in Oakton, VA; **Wes Blaine**, a space mgt guru in the Pentagon; **Charlie Taylor**, an intel analyst at DIA; **Chris Cardine**, an action off on the Anti-Armor Task Force; and **Frank Wyman**, a student preparing for an attache job in Israel.

And hot off the news release wires . . . **Tony Lentini** has been named VP-communications for Mitchell Energy and Dev Corp. Mitchell is a large energy independent and major real estate developer in the Houston area. **Mike Heller**, like Tony from my first alma mater, H3 (before I was rudely reassigned . . . something about trying to salvage an otherwise worthless cadet career), was named as an asst prof of English at Roanoke College. Mike is working on his PhD in English from AZ State.

Heads up. There have been some rumblings from those of us that meddle in Class affairs about a Class gift to the Academy . . . what to give, how to finance it, when to present it. Until a comm is formed to give the project some structure, start thinking about it. For example, **Steve Rucker** sent me a short note which pointed out an idea that has been successful at the Univ of AR. They have a tradition at Fayetteville that the names of all graduating srs are cast in

metal and imbedded in the sidewalks on campus. Diagonal Walk? The area?

I'm outta here. Don't worry, be Professionally Done.

# '72

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Hope everyone had a wonderful 88 and that 89 has started off even better. After the past super football season, I'm sure many are looking forward to this season as so many outstanding players return. I also note a large and expanding number of silver oak leaves as time creeps closer to that 17-yr service mark. That makes for some interesting and rewarding bn cmd and div/corps staff asgmts.

A handful of notes made it to SC in time for the publication, including one from **Jim Morgan** that I missed in the last issue. Seems Jim waited 16 yrs to let us know what he's been doing, and when he did I left him out! OK, Jim, you get the VIP treatment this time. Even though he started his career in the old Chemical Corps, Jim has been in Armor since 73. After going to flight school and getting a Cobra rating, he has had numerous avn asgmts including the 11th ACR and V Corps 11th Avn Bn (both in Europe), and 3d ACR Air Cav Troop (Ft Bliss). Jim has spent the past 5 yrs as OIC of the Radford Univ Extension Center (ROTC). He presently has orders for a PCS to Korea this summer. He & **Brenda** were married 4 yrs ago. Jim reported that **Danny Mension** is living in Slydell, LA, and **Barry Jenkins** is a lawyer in private practice in Milwaukee. Jim attended a '72 gathering for classmates in the DC area last summer. The event was set up by **Ty Hughes**. Out of more than 100 in the MD, VA, DC area, several were able to attend including **Albers, Breitenbach, Hamlin, Hughes, Juric, Lupfer, Minutoli, Morgan, North, Pangman, Smalley, and Stafford**. Fleumer was accused of stealing some of Dick Clark's secret youth formula. The rest had some tell-tale signs of, shall we say, "maturing." Thanks for the update and the DC list, Jim.

One of those "interesting asgmts" I mentioned at the outset belongs to **Mike Toler**. He is presently on a Training with Industry job with General Electric Aerospace in Burlington, MA. **Dean Ertwine** (Alcoa, San Diego) and **Dale Babington** were also selected on the program. The Tolers long to be back in warm sunny HI about this time of the yr. They spent 4 yrs there and served with several other '72ers at Schofield. Mike traveled regularly to many different countries as asst IG, WESTCOM, and then as S3 of the 25th Inf Div Support Bde. He says he had his own fleet of landing craft and the

Army's only ship. (How many Navy "Swabjockeys" have their own tank!?) In between HI and MA, Toler attended the Program Mgr's Course at Belvoir. **Jack Shafer** and **Chris Fornecker** were there prior to Mike's arrival. Mike, **Beth**, and boys don't know where they'll be headed after Burlington.

**Wayne Kirkbride** had an Oct update forwarded with notes on his subscribers. **Dave & Marge Barnhart** had a baby girl last 10 Jul. Alexandria Helen Barnhart weighed in at 7 lbs 3 oz and 20 in long. **Bill Pavlick** is still in Turkey where his engring office plans, coordinates, and monitors the land infrastructure projects funded by NATO. Their biggest family change recently is that son Eric is driving. Wonder what the teen driver insurance rates are in Turkey?

The latest on **Brad Holtz** is that I don't have the latest. Is it AMC HZ in Washington, or is it HI, Brad? Come on guys, get it together so some others can make vacation plans! **Tec Cahill** is still at Leavenworth with the TRADOC Analysis Cmd. Tec visited with **Bill Saylor** while he was there on business. Cahill also reported that **Joe Ergenes** got married (**Linda**), and then they moved without a forwarding address. If you're out there, Joe, please let us know where. **Butch Stedje** is also at Heavenworth. **Kirkbride** is leaving Panama very soon for Indianapolis (Public Affairs Off School) and then on to Korea. He'll have a 2-yr start in Taegu, and then who knows.

If you're planning to send pictures for the column, please remember that only ones with Class members or wives in them can be printed. That's all for this issue. Get those holiday notes in for next time.

# '73

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Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. I enter a time warp every time I write this never ending column. As I write, I'm in a total panic about Christmas which is only—days away (can't tell you the exact date or the ed would discover how late I started the column). Things at Casa Baker have been unusually chaotic. For anyone who has seen us operate under our usual abnormal condition, you know "unusual" here is approaching "Dooms Day." Attempting to work our way out of the serious mid-life crisis we're in, **Kath** & I have become Mr and Mrs "all round good guy volunteers" (A'RGGUV's). I am Baloo of a cub scout den; yes, I too always thought they were mothers, and maybe I am after all. We tag-teach a 7th grade Catholic religion class. You remember 7th grade, when anyone old

enough to be a parent was old enough to die. They all think Elvis stole "Don't Be Cruel" from "Cheap Trick" (thanks to my daughter here, who indignantly told me it wasn't . . . "Tricks" as I had originally written). When all votes are in, we don't understand, we're not fair, and who needs the sacraments of Mother Church when we have **George Micheal** and **Madonna**. BUT . . . the priest has assured us that this, coupled with the HS class taught a couple of yrs ago, will guarantee our beatification only hrs after our death, and we'll take the "A" train straight through purgatory, no stops. Two piano lessons, one guitar, one ballet, one voice, one cub meeting, one tiger cub, and a perpetually postponed meeting with a therapist who would have sent me to a priest who would have told me getting old is not a sin but a journey (I'm not even going to grace this word group with a verb, you figure it out). So how come when I recently re-read *The Education of Henry Adams* after 17 yrs I still don't understand it???? Okay, since you're all a bunch smarter than I, I suppose you aren't at all fooled by my using this column for the therapy I can't afford and the meditation I haven't time for.

So . . . (using a slick writer's transition) . . . how things been goin with you all? Glad you asked. Good news is never too late, and I hope **Terry Wiese** believes that 'cause I received his letter the day I sent the last article . . . no you are all wrong, it wasn't the article that missed the suspense and was never published. Back to Terry (boy, is that English degree paying off; did ya see how I shot another smooth transition by you at the speed of light?). Terry was always the kind of guy I thought I should be when I grew up. Really, he always seemed to me like the person who knew what life was about and where he was going. Well, he writes that he finally got there. (I'll disregard his comment about my life having been "prolific" thus far.) Terry remarried on 22 Apr last yr, and there is a fairytale tale behind the marriage. I immediately recognized the photo of **Janet**, his new bride, but I could not place her. Terry explains that she is the same lady he dated for the 4 yrs we were at WP. Terry finally came to his senses and married the girl of his dreams. Daughters **Meghan** (7) and **Kristen** (4) are as beautiful as all daughters are, and I am challenging Terry to a prolific contest (oops, said I wouldn't mention that, sorry). Terry is a VP at Northern TELECOM, a Canadian co. Terry often sees **Mike Van Zetta** who's in the DC area working with MCI (doesn't "working with" sound so much better than "working for?"). Terry also wants to locate **Glen Hawkins**. I'll do my best; the last time I saw Glen was as a neighbor at WP (Stewart). Terry closes by making



1973: Terry & Janet Wiese

more out of character apologies for this having been his first letter to a scribe. Pleeeaaase all of you stop your apologetics if this is your first time. I promise I'll be gentle. You're all starting to make me feel like a seducer; when really, I'm more like the guy at Christmas outside Macy's ringing a bell and stomping his feet.

Actually, I think I'm receiving much of my first-timer sympathy mail as a result of the column that I missed because it spent 3 wks in the mail. Many thought I had no news so I wrote no article. I may try that ploy next time business is slow. But for now I'm happy to induct another first-timer. **Mike & Dana McKeeman** and lovely daughters Jenna (5) and Katie (1) from beautiful Ft "chopper taxi" Campbell, Come oooooon down!!!! Mike is an XO in a bn that in better days was "all American" and "all Abn" (bow your head in reverence), 1/320 FA. I know, I used to be "abn," but now I'm a cone-head in LANSE missiles, a system I can't even spell.

Mike sends some encouraging news for all of us. **Steve "Buck" Owens** is at the Pentagon with the USAF as a LTC since Jul 88. "Buck," **Betsy** and son **Jake** (13) are doing well even though they have never defended freedom, democracy, AAFES or DODDS overseas. (Please note how mellow I'm becoming by not mentioning the fact the we "Cold, wet, muddy guys in tree suits" won't be considered in the primary zone for LTC until Jul 89. Of course, I take nothing away from "Buck;" I'm sure those early promotions came as a direct result of many yrs of working and missing AF clubs' happy hrs, 15-1600 hrs daily.) Congrats, Buck, I mean that. In your case the system worked. That last comment was based entirely on seeing your picture in the '73 *Howitzer*, a guy with a smile that big and only one eyebrow, and with a girl like "Bets" all these yrs, is my kind of guy.

**Chuck & Tommie Sacrison** are in Port Orchard, WA with their lovely children **Kate** (3d grd) and **Douglas** (pre-school). As with most of us, the children keep them busy all the time, but Tommie keeps even busier with aerobics and teaching religious education, a situation

resembling Casa Baker. Chuck has done many wonderful things over the past yr, but they all seem trivial in comparison to his catching a 21" rainbow trout!! We Pac N Westerners are proud of ya Chuck.

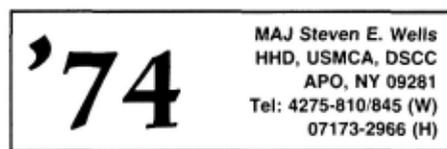
Chuck also sends word that "**Hank**" & **Debbie Allen** are back at Ft Lewis where Hank is G-3 Ops, 9th ID. Daughters **Courtney** and **Jeanne** are back in the same house their parents lived in 7 yrs ago.

Next comes word from the "old grad" scribe of '67, Christmas Past. LTC **Lowrey** reports that **Murray Ritter** is still at TRADOC and that **John Nolen** is one of LTC **Lowrey's** students at the Armed Forces Staff College.

Finally, on his raised stationery from MSA "The software company," **Doug**, Exec VP, **MacIntyre** asked me to pass on a few words of Class bus. During the reunion activities, they (those at WP for the 15th reunion) held a Class meeting and formed a standing comm consisting of **Bill Pokorny** (chm), **Walt Olsen**, **Chuck Kaylor**, and **Marty Moekler**. The comm voted to begin our campaign to raise money for a Class gift to the Academy.

A quick word from **Dwayne Milburn**, dir of Cadet Music; those interested in a tentative **Glee Club** reunion in 90, please call or write **Dwayne** at (914)-938-3913 or **Eisenhower Hall**, West Point, NY 10996. Thanks.

That's all. Again thank you, thank you, thank you, for all of the news and your kind letters. GOD BLESS.



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Greetings from D-Land and wie gehts! What a great country: it is now the first wk of Dec, enduring the season's 3d snowfall, saw the sun a wk or so ago, but **Weihnachten** season is a pretty time of yr regardless. I recently received my Oct issue (slow APO) and it seems I just wrote for the Dec issue. Since Christmas cards have yet to arrive, I'll print what's available and wing it awhile. Here goes.

**John Blanco** writes from 'Hum-drum' Las Vegas. Right! John works for a def contractor that is involved with the nuke testing nearby. He had the occasion to attend the 2d meeting ever of the WP Soc of Las Vegas in Oct and discovered other classmates. **Jim Koenig** is assigned at the NTC in Irwin but works in the blue suiters at **Nellis AFB** in NV. He was also a new daddy in Sep. Congrats! Also there is **Steve Geraci** who is working for the NV State DOT. Still bach'ing it, Steve sports a beard and could pass for **Richard Dreyfuss's** brother.

**Doug "Shawdog" Shaw** sent a warning order to Ger that he is inbound. Deterrence is now assured. Doug was in

NH at the time finishing a tour with Recruiting I think. He's headed for **Frankfurt, V Corps**, where he's to be the pers off for the **Mobile Subscriber Eqmt (MSE) Team**. That probably means he'll be traveling throughout Europe fielding the new radio eqmt. Whatever, it's good to have a **B-2 Bulldog** come over.

A note on **Jim Mitcham** has him with **TF160** at **Ft Campbell**. He had been the **S-3**, and now just finishing 18 mos cmd'ing a **Blackhawk** co. His **TDY** was extensive: **England, Thailand, Cent America**, and the **Persian Gulf**. **Julie** taught biology at **Ft Campbell High**, but now has returned to school herself.

Ran into some '74 folks while vacationing in the Alps this fall. At **Neuschwanstein**, I recognized a fellow abn stick-mate, **Craig Wittman**. He and **Harry Williams** had come over from the **JAG Sch** at **Charlottesville, VA** to attend a conference at **Garmisch**. Also attending that conference was **Milt Spaulding**, who's with the **JAG** folks in **Heidelberg**.

Saw **Steve & Heidi Trauth**—they've been at **Wurzburg** over 2 yrs now, **Steve** being the **G-2 Ops** and now the **Dep G-2** for **3d ID**. They're due to rotate to **Leavenworth** this summer.

**Pat & Mary Jane Armstrong** will soon close out a tour with the **3d AD**. Pat was a **bn XO** of an armor bn at **Kirchgoens** and is now the **Canadian Army Trophy** project off. They're due to rotate this summer. Also at **3d AD Hqs** is **Tony Stamilio** and **Marty Svoboda**.

**Dave & Geni Williamson** with three- some are living in the **Giessen** area, **Dave** the **bde S-4** at **Kirchgoens**. **Dave** spent his last tour at **Ft Monmouth** as a project off delivering and installing radars all over the world—big time **TDY**.

**Todd Bacastow** called from **Heidelberg** where he is **XO** of the **649th Engr Bn (Topo)** in nearby **Schwetzingen**. He had worked in the topo business on **USAREUR** staff previously. And it looks like he'll continue in maps and geography because next summer he's returning to grad sch at **Penn State** and then a 2d tour at **WP** to teach geography. (**COL Kirby** loves you, **Todd**). Also **Bob Bassler** left **USAREUR** staff to be a **bn XO** in the **18th Engr Bde**.

**Cathy & I** had a delightful visit with **Marv, Carol** and **Stuart (3) Searle** in **Frankfurt**. **Marv** worked with **V Corps** exercises and now is with the **Frankfurt MILCOM Chief of Staff**. Another classmate doing the same subcommunity job as I is **Mark Jensen**, who is in **Babenhausen**. **Mark** took a break in service, and then rejoined, came back with the arty in **Ger**. Speaking of breaks in service, I ran across **Bob Impellizzeri** right here in **Schwaebisch-Gmuend**. Hey '74 Reunion, all 2 of us. He took a break back at **Ft Sill**, came back **AD** and is now with the **2/9 FA (Pershing)**—the unit that's going away **IAW** the **INF Treaty**.

Time to mention the water walkers that came out on the 0-5 list recently, and if the names sound familiar, it's because they made 0-4 below the zone too. We salute **Larry Adair, Guy Bourn, Mike Kirby, Skip Sharp, Steve Speakes** and **Tom Turner**. Well Done! You guys are still edged out by **Doc Hopkinson**, LTC for a while now, and rumor has it that after 5 yrs of cadet knee op's, he's now at Walter Reed.

AOG has asked our assistance in locating some long lost folks—so lost that nary an address (or forwarding one) exists for them! They obviously don't get this magazine, so I'm requesting readers to notify AOG of the lost folks' address so they can be kept abreast of Class functions, etc. **Barclay, Bingham, Blasko, Bull, Butson, Callahan, Clarke, Coffelt, Cooley, D Dlugolenski, Egrid, Fetter, R Fierro, Frank, Harlin, Hedberg, Martz, Maus, McCaffrey, Pasini, Paternoster, Peters, Pinson, Rappold, G Roberts, Rynd, Sanders, Stone, Svoboda, Trompak, Wilcox.**

The current *Register* had WP Soc offs of which we had several. **Steve Peer** is sec/treas in S AZ; **Ted Taylor** (previously Krawczyk) is pres in L.A.—Ted is also our AOG trustee-at-large serving till Jul 91. Send us some info Ted. **Jim Rossi** is pres of Atlanta Soc; **Jon Dickerson** is pres of MI Soc; **Frank Janoski** is secy in St Louis; **Rich Kornacki** is treas in Upstate SC; and **Al Lokey** is secy/treas in E TN.

**Gary Coleman** called from WP to inform on 15 Yr Reunion planning. His ad hoc comm consists of himself, **Buddy Blackman, Paul Lemley, Tom Daula** and **Jim Loy**. Buddy is the only one of the 5 that'll still be there for the 13-15 Oct 89 affair, so he gets to execute what the other 4 plan. Thayer Hotel goes to '69, so we'll locate in nearby hotels. Gary is planning a winter mailing for info, and then another in late spring with all the final details, deposits needed, etc. Anyone in the WP area willing to lend a hand, pls contact Gary at the Dept of English or home address: 3043A Stony Lonesome, West Point, NY 10996; ph: 914-446-5264 (H), 914-938-3410 (W), Avn 688.

I'll close with a summary of the 88 *Register* stats on our Class: Active (Army 373, AF 19, MC 3, Navy 2); Retired 7; Civil Life 415; Deceased 8; Foreign 6; for a total of 833. Could sure use some pictures for the column. Hint. The coming deadlines for info to me are 5 May for the Jul issue, and 5 Aug for the Oct one. God Bless!

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Greetings to all members of "Courage and Drive '75." This column is being written as the holiday season draws near.

I hope that this finds you all in the beginnings of the happiest of New Years.

I hope spirits are still lifted from the great results of the Navy game. More on this later, but what a great Army team! I'm sure the entire Class joins me in wishing them success as they head to El Paso and the Sun Bowl. Come Jan, I'm looking forward to doing whatever I can to help Army football in their recruiting endeavors. I've taken part in this activity since my arrival at WP, and it's always been an enjoyable experience for me.

On to the mail. . . Received an envelope with a White House return address from **Mark Readinger** who is currently serving as a White House Fellow on the Economic Policy Council. Congratulations, Mark. We'd appreciate an update of your experiences when you find the time to send us a note. Received a great letter from **Brian Fitzpatrick**, who is currently serving with HHC, 93rd Signal Bde in Stuttgart (APO, NY 09279, if you care to drop him a line). **Brian & Celeste** have extended in FRG until Jun 89, at which time they will go to Ft Gordon where Brian will work in a periodontic residency for two yrs. Brian has been a dentist since 84. **Brian & Celeste** are the proud parents of **Diana (5), Shannon (3),** and **Kelly Nicole (1)**. Seems **Celeste** has a brother-in-law, LTC **Greg Wade**, who is the 4th Regt RTO here at WP. **Brian & Celeste**, when you're in the area, I hope you'll drop by.

**Edith & Bob (LT) McConnell** wrote from NAS Fallon, NV where Bob is serving with the Navy. Bob assures us that he did root for (and win several bets on) the Navy game. Bob made a quick run through WP when he had to return a car he had borrowed to drive across the country. Seems Bob has done his share of traveling. . . While stationed in Guam he traveled to Africa, Pakistan (Khyber Pass), Oman, and Australia. Great letter, Bob. Keep in touch.

Received a great early Christmas letter from **Raymond & Ursula Johnson** who are living in Munchengladbach, FRG. Raymond is still working at MARS Co and has been a trade mkt mgr for nearly a yr. He was able to push through a needed reorganization and says his



1975: Raymond Johnson and family

dept is developing excellent systems and programs which will have a tremendous impact on the German business. **Ursula** is one of the first doctors to be working in the AIDS prevention program, new in Ger. Our best wishes are sent to **Ursula** as she works in this very important field. **Raymond's** children are being very well taken care of by family friend **Irene**, who came from Poland to help out. **Elisabeth (8)** is doing well in school and stays busy with piano, karate, and "correcting Daddy's German grammar!" **Robert (6)** started his first day of school on his 6th birthday. **Robert** enjoys piano and ballet. The twins, **Victoria** and **Frederick (3)** have left the baby stage. **Raymond** says **Victoria** is intelligent, fragile, and cute, while **Frederick** is a huggable teddy bear. **Raymond** does have one word of warning for all parent-classmates. Seems the **Johnson** household had quite a time with colds and respiratory infections being passed around. In the midst of this, **Victoria** managed to drink an entire bottle of cough suppressant and was very ill. **Raymond & Ursula** are hoping that no permanent damage has taken place. Your classmates are hoping so, too. **Raymond's** strong words of advice: *Keep medication out of the reach of children!!!* Thanks for a great letter. Write us again soon.

**Greg Holder** wrote from Tampa, FL.



1975: Holder, McDermott and Gourley, 4 Jun

**Greg** resigned his commission in the AF and is now in private practice in downtown Tampa. His resignation is effective on the last day of his commitment following law school. **Greg** has spoken with **Pete Ramsberger** (one of my Beast Barracks roommates in the 8th Co), who is practicing law in St Petersburg. **Greg** also attended **Dr Glenn McDermott's** graduation from U/WA Med Sch on 4 Jun. **Glenn** and **Greg** attempted to climb Mt Ranier, but snow made the climb too difficult. **Dick Gourley** also attended the graduation ceremony. **Greg** enclosed a photo of **Kris McDermott's** graduation gift to **Glenn**. Since there is not a grad or a spouse in the picture, *ASSEMBLY* won't print it; however, it is one big motorcycle. **Greg** is in the process of moving to Tampa and is purchasing a

large home with pool and spa . . . and quoting from his letter . . . "Come visit." Greg says he'll be happy to help any classmate who needs legal representation in FL and sends his best to those of us who still remain in uniform. Thanks for a great letter, Greg. Write again soon.

The picture of **John McMullen** and **Bill Chadwick '74** was unfortunately edited out of the last issue. The McMullens



1975: McMullen and Chadwick '74

are in the midst of a move and promised a letter with their change of address when they're settled.

Great letter and beautiful photo from **Al & Carol Fehlings**. Unfortunately, another photo that *ASSEMBLY* won't publish, but I found it hard to believe that the beautiful Kristina in this picture is the same baby who visited us last Dec! Al & Carol are still enjoying Ft Benning. Carol has gone back to work full-time and Kristina is attending preschool. We also received a great letter from Al's dad, COL (Ret) Don Fehlings, who resides in CA. COL & Mrs Fehlings never forget **Kathy & me** at Christmas time, and we always enjoy hearing how their family has grown. COL Fehlings is doing some work for USMA Admissions and expects to be at WP sometime this summer. We're hoping for a chance to visit with him while he's here.

**Steve, Mary** and the 5 little **Hetz**es are in Fayetteville, NC. Steve is currently serving as a staff gen surgeon at Womach Army Hosp. He spends his spare (?) time coaching soccer, basketball, and baseball. Mary's daily activities include caring for Chris, who is in 4th grade and plays soccer, basketball, baseball, golf (definitely a Dr's kid!) and piano; Bobby, who is in second grade and keeps busy with Cub Scouts, soccer, basketball, and baseball; Katie who is in first grade and is into piano, gymnastics, cheerleading, coach-pitch baseball, and teaching Timmy his numbers and letters; Timmy, who goes to preschool 5 days a wk and also attends a gymnastics class; and Patsy, born Dec 86, who is learning to talk and tear up the house. Mary keeps busy looking after everyone else and says they have plenty of room if you're traveling through Fayetteville.

**John & Betsy Talbot** are still at Ft



1975: The Hetz family

Riley. John spent a busy fall at REFORGER, where he ran into **Fred Dierksmeier**. Betsy attempted to drive from KS to ME with two small boys. (Some people are very brave!) John should be heading to Leavenworth this summer.

**Fred, Liz, and Ben Dierksmeier** are in DeRidder, LA where he is serving as div signal off, and controller of automation on post. He's been doing quite a bit of



1975: Fred, Ben and dog Dierksmeier

TDY in mostly southern areas, so if you're down south, he may show up on your doorstep. Liz is attending Northwestern State full-time and working in Student Personnel Services, a counseling and guidance program. Liz is hoping for a graduate assistantship next spring with Student Life. She hopes to graduate in the spring of 90, about 7 mos prior to their anticipated PCS. Ben gets cuter with each photo that comes my way.

**Steve Montgomery's** widow, **Trudy**, is living in Norman, OK and is doing very well. She married Dawcett Middleton this past summer and says Alex and Alison are adjusting nicely. We send congratulations on your marriage and wish you all the best. **Kathy** keeps in close touch with Steve's mom in Dexter, MO. She'd probably appreciate Steve's friends dropping her a line from time to time.

New neighbors here in Stony. **Mike & Lori Genetti** arrived the wk before Christmas with the 3 little Genettis. They are in the midst of unpacking and trying to have a real Christmas for the kids. **Kathy & I** had a Dec 23rd move once, and it's not fun. We're looking forward to having Mike & Lori close by.

They're at 3032-A Stony Lonesome.

**Dempsey Darrow** called on a Wed from Dallas, TX to tell us that he needed 30 WP shirts, sizes L and XL, all matching, for a WP Soc football game against Navy. **Kathy**, being an expert on shopping in this area, did manage to find what Demps needed. And \$25 worth of postage in the overnight mail got them there on time. Unfortunately, the game didn't quite go as planned . . . very foggy night where you couldn't see the length of the field and a final score of 26-25 Navy. . . . But as Demps pointed out, we didn't have Roger Staubach! Demps sent us a great tape that he'd made during his visit with us a few yrs back. Great memories watching the tape! Demps & **Darla** are doing very well and keeping busy in Dallas.

Received a letter from Dwayne S Milburn, dir of Cadet Music. There is a Glee Club reunion planned for the Graduation 90 concert, if you'd like to participate. Contact him at Ike Hall, WP 10996, 914-938-3913.

Back to the Navy game. . . . In the "Best Laid Plans Dept. . ." **Kathy & I** had a very busy Navy Sat planned. It should have started with taking LT and new aviator Mike Francesconi '87 to JFK for a champagne and confetti (**Kathy's** idea) send off as Mike was heading to his first PCS in FRG. That should have been followed with a quick run down to the Navy game, clipboard in hand for as many classmates, spouses, parents as I could find to write me a few notes for the column. That should have been followed by a dinner-dance-cruise on the *Spirit of Philadelphia* for the Christmas dinner of the teachers **Kathy** worked with 12 yrs ago. OK—Fri night we pack all the stuff to take the kids to the sitter the next morning. We make separate piles of game clothes and cruise clothes, and also bags of WP souvenirs for the 6 Philly friends who were to attend the game with us. Then Mike gets an upset stomach . . . following which, **Kathy** decides he shouldn't suffer alone. **Kathy** and Mike end up with one horrendous case of a flu making the rounds at WP. Instead of champagne, Mike goes to the airport with half a bottle of Pepto Bismol. (**Kathy** is clinging for dear life to the other half!) Since the tickets were mailed to us, and there were 6 excited people in Philly, I drop Mike off, then head to Philly to drop off the tickets, and make it back to WP to watch the game on TV. (**Kathy** would've seen more of it if she hadn't spent so much time in the bathroom.) Two good things came out of all this. Our friend Mel Drew was able to sell our tickets and recoup our cash before the Philly cops caught him scalping outside the stadium. And Barbara Drew went to the game, ensuring a Navy defeat. Barb is an old and dear friend of **Kath's** who has gone to several football

games with us. Whenever Barb goes to the game, Army wins. . . . Anyone care to start a fund to buy her a lifetime season ticket?!

That's it for now. If you have an extra copy of your Christmas newsletter, send it to your scribe. I can't write this column without your input.

Kathy & I send you our best wishes for the New Year.

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Greetings from San Ant. Hope this late winter ms finds all healthy and happy. Again, a paucity of letters has come in. It makes my job considerably easier, but somehow I get more enjoyment out of it if it takes me several hrs to write the notes.

Donna & I had the opportunity to see Dick Jackson last wkend. Dick & Gloria are back in Panama where Dick's the chief Def Counsel. He, Gloria, and the kids are enjoying the stay but he also had a good time visiting San Ant, TDY for a couple of days. I also had the chance to see Kip & Sally Edwards in early Dec up in Ann Arbor. If any of you are in the area, I would encourage you to go by the new U MI hosp complex (built under Kip's supervision). It's really state-of-the-art—they even have a hotel built into the building. Kip's taken up platform tennis and plays several times each wk. At the reunion, Kip found out that just down the street, Bob Chase is living. Talk about small worlds!!

Got a nice note from Jane & Glenn Lesniak. As you remember, they moved

last yr up to NJ after living in San Ant for a while. Brett turned 7 this past yr and, like all kids with so much energy, manages to go to school, Tiger Scouts, and gymnastics. Glenn really enjoys his work with NY Telephone and has stayed in the Res. Jane's working with a 19th Century museum—it's a restored village and Jane does craft demonstrations or acts as an interpreter. Brett is learning history firsthand as he gets to come to work at the museum occasionally. A few wks ago, he was Jane's apprentice in the shop.

A note from Melanie & Guy Swan finds them staying at Leavenworth after CGSC for the Advanced Mil Studies Program. Other '76'ers there include Mike Barbero, John Carmichael, Darrell Crawford, Danny Davis, Jim Diehl, Joe Drelling, Steve Fondacaro, Mark Kimmitt, Rich Marchant, Dave Rodriguez, and Matt Smith. In the same vein, Skip House sent the great picture of the '76 crew of the short course (88-89) at CGSC. Skip included several sayings from the gp but my favorite is, "Don't worry—Be Happy!"

Dave Melcher sent a nice note from a very impressive off—the White House. Dave & Marla just finished a yr in DC where Dave was a White House Fellow as exec asst to the dir of the Office of Mgt and Budget. Dave says it was a terrific asgmt with an opportunity to see how the White House, agencies, and the Congress function/compromise, etc. They hope to return to DC in a few yrs to apply what he's learned for the Army. As for now, they find themselves again heading back to Ft Ord. Other news, courtesy of Dave, includes that Mark Coomer is currently in Honduras as the mil ln to the

Honduran Army. That, as you may recall, follows a tour in Argentina. Next stop, either Fts Campbell or Ord. Dave also saw Kevin Kelley working at HQ, Marine Corps in DC, and heard from Frank Williams who is in GA finishing a PhD in history.

Last note's from Bob & Teresa Dalton who had a terrific yr in Monterey where they got used to the weather after 4 dreary yrs in Ger. Living in a real house was great after stairwell life. Nevertheless, they're back in Mainz and back in another stairwell, living out of suitcases until they get their hoped-for permanent quarters. They haven't had much time to travel as school (FAO tng at the univ) keeps Bob busy. David is growing like a weed, now 2 1/2. They all hope to get a chance to travel over spring break.

That's about it from here. Despite what you might think, there are people out there who'd love to hear how you're doing. Right now, pick up an old Christmas card, put down some domestic info, and send it to me! Get your money's worth out of your scribe!! Till then, all the best.

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It is 12 Dec and news on classmates is at an all-time low. I did not receive any letters (not even Christmas cards) from any of you. The extent of my input was a couple requests and some news from the WP Soc of North TX. Kevin Hayes was promoted to VP in the corp services div of the Staubach Co. Kevin started with Trammel Crow in Dallas and was quickly recognized as one of the rising young stars in the commercial real estate bus. He joined the Staubach co about 2 1/2 yrs ago.

My first request came from Dwayne Milburn, dir of the Cadet Glee Club. There is a plan to have a Glee Club reunion at the 1990 graduation concert. At this point, response has been steady, but not quite as strong as had been hoped. Mr Milburn would like to hear from those of you who might be interested in the reunion. His phone no is (914) 938-3913, and mailing address is Eisenhower Hall, West Point, NY 10996.

The last request came from Leo Cullinan who wanted to give you an update on the efforts to restore our GI Bill benefits which I found very interesting.

In May 88, Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) introduced legislation that would have restored the GI Bill to most members of the classes of '77 and '78. The Cranston bill eventually passed the Senate without opposition, but House acceptance of the Cranston bill faltered in the waning days of the 100th Congress. Ironically, the fatal issue was the



1976: Class of '76 at Leavenworth

failure of the bill to address ALL members of the classes of '77 and '78.

Academy graduates have always been eligible for GI Bill education benefits. Members of the classes of '77 and '78 made their binding active duty commitments prior to the repeal of the Vietnam Era GI Bill. In '76, after members of both classes had made these commitments, Congress passed the Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), a "new GI Bill" that required individual contributions while on active duty. An apparent oversight in this legislation effectively denied the classes of '77 and '78 the superior provisions of the old GI Bill. Various lobbying efforts over the past 10 yrs have sought rectification of this oversight, the latest attempt being the most successful bid yet. At the insistence of the Senate Veterans Affairs Comm, last yr's Senate bill included an added requirement that beneficiaries must have contributed to VEAP during their period of active service. This test was intended as an objective measure of reliance.

After Senate approval, on 12 Oct 88, the chm of the House VA Comm, Sonny Montgomery, inserted the following language into the Congressional Record:

"The eligibility restriction proposed by the Senate is unacceptable. If, as a matter of right and equity Vietnam era GI bill eligibility should be extended to the '77 and '78 service Academy graduates, that eligibility should be granted to all members of those graduating classes, not just those who participated in VEAP. Accordingly, we have offered to accept the Senate provision but with the elimination of the VEAP restriction."

Notwithstanding an intensive 11th hr lobbying effort, the two houses were unable to resolve this difference and the legislation died.

Activity to reintroduce legislation in the 101st Congress has already begun. Interested alumni should: (1) contact the chm of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Comm, Sen Alan Cranston (D-CA), and their local senators asking them to support reintroduction of Senate Resolution 2011, Section 336; and (2) contact the chm of the House Veterans' Affairs Comm, Rep GV (Sonny) Montgomery (D-MS), and local congressmen asking them to support reintroduction of HR 3485. Even though the reintroduction of the bill might happen prior to this article being published, it is NEVER TOO LATE to write your legislator. Also, Leo would like to hear from those of you who have written, as this info can be very valuable in influencing Congress. For further info you can call Leo at (813) 434-0030 or Joe Schmitz (USNA '78) at (202) 457-9470 or (800) 323-8133. Joe is an atty in the Wash, DC off of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker.

I am hoping that the Christmas cards

and news are in the mail. As you know the last few articles have had very little news. . . . Please take a few mins and drop me a line. Please note the following dates; they are the deadlines for the respective ASSEMBLY issues: deadline to me—3 Feb 88 for Apr issue (already too late); 5 May for Jul issue; 4 Aug for Oct issue; 6 Oct for Dec issue.

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Greetings,

The plans for the 10 yr reunion are progressing along just fine. A few more volunteers are needed in certain areas, but more on that at the end of the column. Now, on with the news.

Dave Parker sent an update with a Christmas card. He is now out of the S-3 shop of the 106th Special Ops Gp and is into cmd of C/4/101 (UH-60). He has finished CAS3 and saw many classmates there. Mark Little was working but has since PCSed to Ger as an aide. Tom Hayden was en route to WP to become a Tac. Well Tom is here and is one of the gp of 4 offs going through the WP graduate school which will lead to a master's in leadership. Dave saw Mike Zonfrelli who replaced him in the S-3 shop. Frank Wersinski is at Ft Benning where he is cmding the 3/75th Ranger along with Leo Brooks cmdr 1/75th, and Chuck Waggoner cmdr 2/75th. Earnie Forrest is HHC 57th Regt. Dave's future plans include going to the PAX River Test Pilot course. Thanks Dave for the update.

Here at WP I received a letter from Dwayne S Milburn, the dir of the Cadet Glee Club. He is organizing a Cadet Glee Club reunion which is to take place during graduation wk of 1990. For anyone interested they can contact Dwayne at Dir of Cadet Music, Eisenhower Hall, West Point, New York 10996, (914) 938-3913

Francisco Gonzalez wrote a quick note to say Merry Christmas. It seems that an ASSEMBLY message worked for him. After an Oct announcement Francisco heard from Steve Seybert. It seems that Steve is cmdr of an MI unit in Munich. Francisco is hoping to attend next yr's 10 yr reunion.

Curt Hill wrote with the latest poop from Ft Lee. Curt is again in cmd after two yrs of tng riggers and CAS3. Curt & his wife Roberta attended the Army-Navy game with Greg Jordan and his fiancée Jo Renshaw. After they both finished their MBA's at Georgetown,



1979: Curt & Roberta Hill, Jo Renshaw and Greg Jordan

they decided that DC was the place to be. Now they are working for private industry and living in Rockville, MD. At the upcoming wedding Curt is hoping to see Mike & Patricia Boatner, and Erik Ericksen. A little closer to home, Roberta just gave up cmd for a ln off job between the US Army Logistics Center and her AG Branch back home (Soldier Support Center and School at Ft Ben Harrison). Thanks Curt, for the letter, and hope to see you at the 10 yr reunion.

During Homecoming 88 I had the opportunity to meet with both Jim McGorry and Dan Knowles. We had many things to discuss for the reunion, and the meetings were almost business like. In fact, Dan even came over to the house to discuss in detail the plans for the wkend, and we never got around to socializing. Thus, Dan had to write a letter to get an update to the Class. Here's the news from Dan. After graduation and the usual schools, Dan was off to New Ulm, Ger with the 2/33 FA 155mm DS for 1st ID foward. Six mos before returning to the states for the Advanced Course, Dan & Lisa were married at the Cadet Chapel and then returned to Europe to finish their tour. Then came a yr in the "garden spot of the Southwest" Ft Sill for OAC. Then it was off to Ft Campbell in Dec 83. Following an S-3 Ops job, Dan took cmd of a btry in Nov 84. Immediately after giving up cmd in Apr 86 Dan started interviewing for jobs. Lisa & Dan then moved to Cincinnati in Jun 86 where Dan began working in brand mgt for Procter and Gamble. They were blessed with the birth of their son Ryan Daniel in Sep 87. Since moving to Cincinnati Dan & Lisa have seen many classmates and WP alumni. Dave Clark and Bob Fogg both work for P&G in brand mgt. Dave was recently promoted and moved to Toronto, Canada last Aug. Bob & his wife Gale both work for P&G, in fact Gale works right next door to Dan. Barry Jacobsen is a diaper manufacturing mgr in Albany, GA. After leaving the Army from Ft Campbell, Barry worked for a short time in the restaurant bus before working for P&G. Dan also saw JB Dullison while on a business trip in Houston, TX. JB is one of several classmates



1979: Lisa, Ryan and Dan Knowles

now working for Exxon. Dan & Lisa have had the opportunity to get together several times with Charlie Konz '80 for Reds games and horse racing at Keeneland. Charlie works for Corning Glass in Harrodsburg, KY (just outside Lexington). He has been seen recently in both Japan and China—while on business trips. Others that Dan has seen include Dave Reeves who works for Pfizer in Atlanta; Rowland Smith '78 who is working for Pepsi Intl in Toronto; and Ken Howe '80 who is working for Pizza Hut in Wichita, KS. Thanks Dan, for the update and the help with the upcoming reunion.

This last Oct the Class of '78 had their 10 yr reunion. By all possible measurements it was a total success. It was this success that motivated us to kick off a comm effort to organize our reunion for next yr. All the info will be mailed thru the AOG, so when you get some mail be sure to look at it closely. The basic plan includes the following: Thur—informal gathering, Golf Course Club House; Fri—memorial service, Class meeting, formal dinner at the Holidome in Suffern; Sat—parade to Thayer Monument, pre-football game tailgate, Army defeats Holy Cross, post-football game tailgate, dinner in the Mess Hall (Rally!); Sun—chapel of your choice, depart for home. To enable the Class to maximize the time available to spend together, we have contacted the Holidome (Holiday Inn) in Suffern, NY to be used as our hotel for the Class. Of the 240 rooms in the hotel we have blocked out 200 for the reunion. Due to our large usage, we have received a cut rate price of \$82 per night. I am excited about the reunion and I hope everyone else is also excited. But to get everyone ready we need to have current addresses. Many classmates were listed as "lost," meaning AOG mail was returned as nondeliverable. If anyone knows the address of any of these classmates, please let me know so they can get on the mailing list: William Adams, Marc Alderman, Thomas Alfonzo, Michael Alimpich, Robert Amster, Louis Anderson, Harry Argo, Thomas Armstrong, Stuart Artmen, Kent Bauer, Larry Besterman, Marvin C Blackburn, Antonius Bom, John Bone, Brent Boyles, Clennie Brundidge, Paul Buckout, Michael Caddle, Michael Clark,

Donald Chrans, Jack Cleland, Thomas Cole, Liam Corballis, Richard Dalzell, Richard Davis, James Dedmon, Paul Diorio, Herbert Dixon, Kenneth Dixon, Douglas Doan, Edmund Dowling, Ernest Drott, William Drummond Jr, Richard Duncan, Raymond Entringer, Mark Estep, Paul Fenstermacher, Dennis Filler, Kevin Franz, Duane Fuller, Timothy Gannon, David Garcia, Thomas Gargiullo, Charles Gesecke, Michael Goblirish, George Godette, Edward Hildebrand, Marc Howard, David Huff, Brian Hunt, Steven Hutek, Jeffrey Johnson, Arthur Kaub, Brian Keller, Gregory Kogut, Kevin Kyzer, Ronald Lardie, Leslie Leonard, Stephen Lowe, Michael MacDonald, Russell MacInnes, Daniel Mahony, Steven Mahoney, Rolf Mann, John Marin, Robert Mathis, Mark McElera, Sean McGinn, Joseph McKeon, Ralph Meoni, James Merriken, Chris Mitchell, Bert Mizusawa, William Montgomery, Lance Motley, Michael Myers, Lennie Nayert, Patrick O'Brien, Joseph Oliver, Gregory Palmer, Richard Pederson, Patrick Penland, Brian Perkins, Charles Petrie, Bryon Powlus, Michael Rayder, Paul Riddle, William Rieger, Christopher Riley, James Rodgers, Rodney Roeber, Ernest Rodgers, John Rotter, William Sander, Martin Scanlan, Arthur Scharein, Wade Schieber, Charles Schott, Fred Schwiens, Steven Seybert, Jeffery Shea, Martin Schubert, Mark Sims, Douglas Slater, Nicholas Smith, Deryl Smoak, Steven Spaay, Mark Spruill, Michael Statten, John Stawasz, Edward Sullivan, Eric Sundt, Douglas Swartz, William Taylor, Frankie Thibedeau, Michael Toner, John Towey, Jimmie Traylor, Brooks Truop, William Trowbridge, Robert Troxel, Bruce Uphoff, David VanCleve, Ross Vanderhye, Karl Vanzant, James Vaughn, Michael Vervoort, Gordon Wales, Clifford Walter, Christopher Wegmann, Peter Wieland, Davis Welch, Nicholas Wierling, Allan Westerfield, Stephen Whittey, Ward Whyte, Scott Williams, Terry Wolfe, Michael Woodworth, Mario Wozniak, Kevin Zener, John Davis, and Ernest Sullivent. If you know the current address of any of these classmates please either call me or drop me a quick note. The only way we can get the word out about the reunion is if we have everyone's current address. Thanks so much and GOD BLESS.

'80

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I knew there was some reason why Scott & Kate (Gerard) Snook weren't returning my calls or sending me letters with their news. They were holding out for a cover story of their own (see Oct issue). Ever since Scott was my Beast roommate, and got mad because I told

him he was harmonizing off-key when we were singing *Army Blue* for our squad leader, he's had little to do with me. Scott, if it's any consolation, our other Beast roomie—John Qualls, of fencing fame—sang even worse than you did. (Now Scott won't write until he gets to be Chief of Engrs and gets another cover story.)

You may be saying to yourself, "Enough of these personal anecdotes, Bill—tell us what's going on." I'm stalling—few of you wrote this time, and I don't have much news.

Wally Walters wrote from Ger. He & Terry (Tepper) live 100 mi apart, but manage to be together most weekends when their busy careers allow. Wally is involved in Soviet/Russian studies in Garmisch, and Terry is with MEDDAC in Augsburg. They traveled to London together in Jun of this yr, where Terry won the World Championship in drug-free powerlifting and set several records. In the course of his studies Wally has visited Moscow and Leningrad, as well as several Eastern European countries. This personal perspective on life behind the Iron Curtain has heightened Wally's appreciation for the liberty and prosperity we take for granted in the West. Thanks for the card, Wally.

George Woods wrote from WP, where he teaches in the Dept of BS&L. He and family are doing well. George writes that he is constantly astonished to find himself giving AI to cadets, when not so long ago he was getting lots of it himself. We are astonished, too, George, but you fooled the Dean and I'll bet you're fooling your students as well. Keep up the good work.

Jim & Beth Arsenal, in WI with the Recruiting Cmd, have had their 4th boy, Jonathan Duncan, born 23 Nov and weighing 5 lbs, 8 oz. When we were all at Leonard Wood together many moons ago, Beth and my wife Nancy commiserated daily over Life with Young Children. Now that Jim & Beth are back in CONUS after a long tour in Ger, Beth and Nancy have picked up right where they left off in 83, discussing maternal issues such as the best way to gag screaming children, how to run away to escape the drudgery, and so on.

That's all—a few of you sent pictures which will be in the next issue. God bless you as the New Year begins—may it be a good one for all of us. Keep in touch—Bill.

'81

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Due to my participation in REFORGER last fall, my column was absent from last issue. Thus, some of the news may be a little dated, but good gossip nevertheless.

I saw George Baker while on REFORGER at the Grafenwoehr O Club. He



1981: Founders Day 1988, Ft Lewis

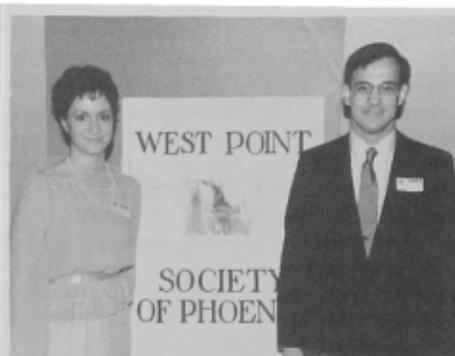
and I attended a regimental dinner for the 34th Armor. George is currently the CO in Mainz for B Co 4/34th Armor. He will change cmd this summer and be the new HHC cmdr. He expects his next tour to be as a Soviet FAO; perhaps the Garmish route. George also has contact with **Russ Boling** in HI. Russ is doing well as an HHT CO, unit unknown. George reports **Tom Freeman** served as a Mech CO in Mainz and is now at Lee Barracks as the asst installation coordinator.



1981: Bob Fix and Stan March

to Knox for the Adv Course. Upon graduation he returned to 2/11th as maintenance off. And, you guessed it, he returned again to the same unit, G-Troop, this time as cmdr. He is currently slated to take cmd of HHT Regt this winter. His personal interests remain fast cars, traveling, and dabbling in motorcycle racing. He is very happy with his marriage to wife **Eveline**, a wonderful German girl whom he met on his first FRG tour. Eveline works in a hosp lab as a tech for a local Ger hosp. Good news is Eveline is now pregnant and Dan will be expecting a new Z-man for duty soon. Dan believes that he too will be shipped to CAS3 soon. Dan also reports **Dana Pittard** is in Berlin cmding a tank co, and that **Russ Berkoff** is heading back to the States for Special Forces. Dan is looking to hear from **Mike Bacevich** and **Mark Ritter**. Any news from them?

**Judy Baum** sent me a Christmas card from Ft Rucker where she, husband **Frank**, and son **Trey** are enjoying the aviator homestead. The family spent Christmas in El Paso. Hope to see you when I drive to Ft Walton, Judy!



1981: Kim & Tom Rader; Founders Day 1988, Phoenix

**Keith Walker** is the cmdr of C Battery 4/12th FA in Crailsheim, FRG. He reports that last summer he flew his battery by C-130 to Crete for their annual Lance missile firing. Keith had to wait 13 mos just to see his first missile firing. His soldiers especially enjoyed the Scandinavian scenery on the beaches. Last fall he participated in the 20th and largest REFORGER yet; over 125,000 soldiers. Crailsheim's barracks were so crowded a German 2-star inherited Keith's old office. Keith's home life is very happy with wife **Andrea** and one yr old daughter, **Michelle**. Keith's 18 mos of cmd will expire this winter but the future is not certain yet. CAS3 looks like a good possibility for Apr. **Mike & Sherry Florio** were also in Crailsheim. Mike served as HHT CO for 27 mos, then S4, and should be headed for Sill now to serve in his functional area, research and dev.

**Bill Buck** called me from the firm of Kidder and Peabody (1-800-521-0561). The co is a General Electric investing firm specializing in direct investing. Bill works here and is also in the local Natl



1981: Sheely, McElroy and Siegrists; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bliss

**Debra (Lopez) Fix** wrote from Leavenworth, the 9-wk stop for all CPTs. She & her husband **Bob Fix** will be there for another 2 yrs and welcome all CAS3 students to call them at (913) 682-4199. Bob is the XO to the dir of the Battle Cmd Tng Program (BCTP). This new organization is designed to be the NTC for div and corps level staffs. Debra is the dep AG for the installation. Last summer the Fixes were paid a special visit by Bob's brother-in-law, **Stan March**. The former first cpt is married to Bob's sister **Holly** and is living in Nashville, TN. Attending Vanderbilt Univ for chemical engring, he plans to be an instructor in the WP Chemistry Dept. Debra has seen quite a few grads come by for CAS3 and enjoyed seeing **Kathy (Freely) Browning** recently.

**Dan Zajac** wrote to update me on his Blackhorse life. Back in cadet CTLT in 80 he was assigned to a plt in G-Troop 2/11 ACR. After Armor Basic, Ranger, and IMPOC in 82 he was assigned as plt ldr for the same plt. After Cav plt ldr, spt plt ldr, XO, and border off, he was sent back



1981: Founders Day 1988, Ft Carson



1981: The Walkers

Guard. He is the CO for one of only two Ranger NG cos in the US. Recently the co left MI, jumped into Ft Lewis, participated in 30 hrs of tactics, and then jumped back into MI. The Bucks live just north of Detroit, in Troy, with two daughters. Bill has a hodgepodge of contacts: **Pete DeFluri** is at GA Tech gaining some mathematical degree. At Ft Lewis are **Bill Rice** and **Joe Anderson**. Both in the 2nd Ranger Bn, Bill is an S1 and Joe is an S3 Air. **Ken Fleischer** is in NYC working for Merrill Lynch as an investment banker. **Doug Pauley** is getting his MBA from Harvard and will be teaching in the WP Sosh Dept. **Matt Green** is in Monterey completing some tng but undoubtedly having a good time.

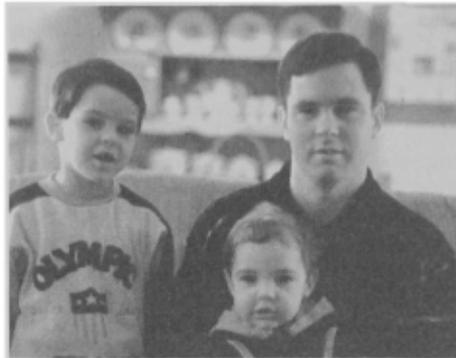
The AOG has contacted me for the addresses of several "lost" classmates. If anyone has an address for the following, please update the Association of Graduates: **Aaron, Ager, Alexander, Anderson, Bacevich, Baker, Bischoff, Blyth, Bond, Cadigan, Case, Casro, Cerny, Ceruti, Cochran, Daly, Dolan, Dombkowski, Fallon, Freeman, Gates, Grant, Guyll, Hanauer, Hansen, Harrison, Hein, Hildreth, Hill, Hillebrand, Hines, Hudachek, Hustleby, Kirby, Knurowski, Liberatore, Lowe, Ludemann, Lyons, Madrid, Mageruth, Marshall, McConville, Mead, Mertz, Nishimura, Palmer, Perry, Petro, Rappold, Reid, Robertson, Rogers, Schwelnus, Sellner, Shinego, Smith J, Smith K, Stearns, Suddath, Susie, Tierney, Toomey, Visser, Vydra, Wa-beke, Wilhelm, Woolen, and Wright.**

**Penni Harrison** sends greetings from Syracuse, NY. 1988 has been a great yr



1981: Wood and Brotherton; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

for the Harrisons. Husband **Jim** was selected as a recipient for the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. Receiving the red carpet treatment from the Pentagon, the award was presented last May. A special plus was the luncheon with General Vuono, Mrs Douglas MacArthur, and General Haig. Jim was also sent to grad school under the Army Comptrollership Program. Attending Syracuse Univ, Jim will graduate in Aug 89. The Harrisons are hoping for a future asgmt in Ger, but have no orders yet. Penni spent 88 teaching kindergarten and also working with 2 yr olds in a day care center. Their children, Braden is 4 and Ross Thomas is 2.



1981: Jim Harrison with Braden and Ross

This has been short and sweet, not much being reported. It looks like the new rendezvous site for our Class is CAS3. In time, I'll see you there also.

'82

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Happy 1989, Select Few. Hope all is well in your part of the world.

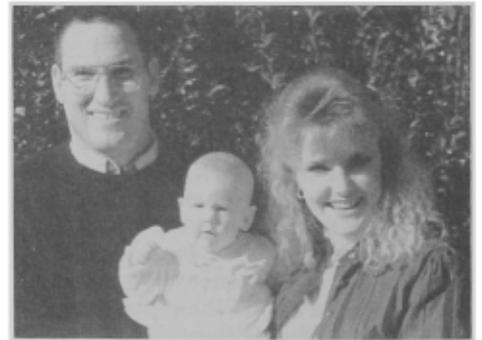
**Ed Bator** & his wife **Bozena** stopped by just before Christmas. They are beginning a tour at Ft Polk. Their relationship has taken an odd turn or two. While Ed was assigned to 1/32 Ar in Ger in 85, he visited Poland. His parents are native Poles and Ed speaks Polish fluently. He met Bozena on his trip and they decided to get married. Not so fast, said the bureaucracy. It took 3 yrs of waiting and eventually intervention by NC Sen Helms before they could get hitched. **Bryan Eckstein** was bumming a ride with the Bators when they visited. He was going back to Fayetteville, NC to pick up his wife **Theresa** and their 3 boys. They're now at Polk also, as Bryan is cmdr of D Trp, 4/12 Cav, an air cav troop.

Polk's I3 grads had a get-together for the Army-Navy game. Ed, **Bryan**, **Archie Wilmer** and **Frank Warner** watched us pound Navy. Arch was S3 of 105 FSB and was to take cmd of its missile ord co. Frank & wife **Joyce** are nearby, as Frank is in the 7 EN Bde.

**Lisa Scroggins** writes from Ft Bragg. Husband **Paul**, cmdr of B Co, 2/82 Avn Regt, is in Honduras from Oct 88 to Mar 89. She and daughters **Amanda** and **Diana** have been traveling the US, spending the holidays in Nov and Dec with both sets of grandparents. **Jeff & Janet Humphrey** are also in 2/82 Avn Regt. Jeff is S1. They celebrated the birth of son **Robert** in Jun. **Kevin & Heather McPoyle** stopped to see the Scrogginses before Paul's departure. Kevin now works for Air Products and they reside in PA. **Paul Mooradian** also resides in PA. He & wife **Tammy** live in Harrisburg, as Paul is a sales rep for Baxter Health Care.

**John Taylor** checks in to tell us what he's been up to. John worked in 2 AD in Garlstedt and as DEH ops off in Bremerhaven during his first few yrs. **John Naccarelli** was also in Bremerhaven during his stay. On to EOAC where **Randy Fofi**, **Chris Estey**, **Tim Gallagher** and **Bob Steinrauf** were in his class. John then opted to go back to Ger to serve as S4 of 565 En Bn in Karlsruhe. **Charlie Baldwin** and **Kevin Dodson** were there. Kevin is currently 93 En Co cmdr. John liked the S4 role so much he transferred to QM. Now he & his wife **Katja** and two children live in the Netherlands, as John is the S3 of a cbt equipment bn (POMCUS REFORGER storage).

**Pete Mansoor** is also in Ger and recently took cmd of M Co, 3/11 ACR in Bad Hersfeld. Down the pike in Karlsruhe, **Scott Torgerson** cmds 66 MP Co. He & wife **Holly** and daughter **Jessica Rose** enjoy Ger. Scott has seen **Frank**



1982: Scott, Jessica and Holly Torgerson

**Ascensio** and **Tim Wright** in recent mos, and **John Monger** is on post in Karlsruhe.

**Jeff & Manrica Scott** are celebrating the birth of their first child. **Ilaria Ada** was born on 6 Nov and weighed 10 lbs, 6 oz.

**Lonnie & Kathy Imlay** welcomed son **Jacob** into the world in the spring of 88. Big changes for Lonnie. A former AH-1 Cobra maint co cmdr, Lonnie pinned on 2LT bars when he began med school last yr. He's now begun his second yr of school. The Imlays have moved up to Silver Spring, MD as well.

That's all for the first column of 89. Good luck this yr, Select Few.

# '83

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I understand that everyone who made it to our 5 yr reunion really had a great time and it was worth the trip. Well, I keep running into a lot of you who have decided to leave the service and then I still hear from a lot who elected to stay in. Please send me the scoop so I can give all of us a more accurate picture of where our Class stands.

While I was in Atlanta for Thanksgiving I stopped by **Jim & Deb Clawson's** house. Jim got his second master of science in info systems, and later taught undergrad math at Embry Riddle. He's left the service to become the asst dir of ops of Lembrook Square. If you're around the Atlanta area give him a call at (404) 433-0968. Deb is a regional controller for the March of Dimes. Jim told



1983: Jim & Deb Clawson in Atlanta

me that **Jody Lail** was working for Trust Co Bank in Atlanta.

**Chuck & Deanna Hoppe** appear to be enjoying the Army life or maybe it's just the pleasure of having a little girl. I



1983: Chuck, Ashley and Deanna at Riley

talked with **Laura Myers** the other day as she's spending the winter in NY in a process engr tng program with Mobil.

**Pete Brual** and **Chris Bezick** are both going to Northwestern Univ's business school. **Mark Hiatt '82** is in his second yr there. **Chris** enjoyed the Army-Navy game at the WP Soc of Chicago with **Brian Trueblood**, **Tommy Morgan**, and **Dale**

**Hruby**, who is working for Leo Burnett, an ad agency. **Chris** had been with the 24th



1983: Their smiles say it all

**ID**, was a maint off, and finished his tour as the bde S-4. "Pete did the Inf thing at Ft Stewart, GA. So other than basic courses, et al, he and I have been in the same locale since prep school, and are continuing the trend. As a side note, he is going women crazy while up here!" If you're up the Chicago way and need a place to stay give him a call (312) 864-0840.

**Ron & Barbara Costella** are in Schweinfurt with their son, Brad. Ron is cmding B Battery, 5/41 FA. **Bill & Renee Selman** had an eventful last few mos before leaving the service. Renee had Brad in Jul while Bill was at Graf. He's now working with Mobil Oil in Manhattan, NY, but they're living in Jersey. It's only an hr and a half to work. "John Monk got married in Jun to **Gloria**, an Army nurse. He is cmding a Lance Battery in Crailsheim while she is stationed in Augsburg. They will be together in Augsburg after he gives up cmd. **Curt Nutbrown** finally got married to **Sylvia** in Oct, and he is stationed in Augsburg with 1/36 FA. I hear from **Mark Murtagh** when he decides to write. He & **Patty** left Korea in Oct and are heading to Ft Stewart."



1983: The Selmans and the Costellas, Aug, Idar Oberstein

I have run into **Marty Garrity** a few times here as he's busy with cmding A Co, 13th Sig Bn at Hood.

Since I was not able to attend the Class reunion, I want to thank all those who helped me enjoy it vicariously—**Dallas Jones**, **Ray Royalty**, **Gary Pieringer**, and **John Gorske**. John sent us the pictures

from the reunion. Dallas is working as a financial consultant with Peter Beronio here in Killeen. Ray Royalty was scouting out the job market in FL the last time he called me. Gary is going to grad school in Boston, MA. And now for your entertainment from a friend and classmate who wishes to remain anonymous:

"We had a great turnout for our 5th Reunion at Homecoming in Oct. Over 150 classmates and their spouses returned to WP to find out what alumni really do at class reunions. Class pres **Ray Royalty** set up our activities. On Fri night we had a social at the old train station near South Dock. Every few mins, as new people arrived, you could hear the excited, 'I haven't seen you since graduation.' Having completed his cmd of an ADA battery in Korea, **Jim Benningfield** is at the Marine Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico. **Wayne Richardson** is married and is a mgr for a real estate op in Poughkeepsie. Some of those in attendance were **Greg Salata**, **Steve Root**, **Kathy Schonscheck**, **Mark Wiltse**, **Bob Domkowski**, **Russ Hall**, **Guy Harris**, **Bob Maier**, **Joe Bassil** and **Bob & Kathy Widmer**.

"On Sat morning we walked with the alumni to Thayer Monument and then took our positions for the Alumni Review. **Daryl Overcash**, **Joe Garrison** and **John Dumolin** were among those standing tall in their greens. **Joe Tenuta** has graduated from med school and is now a dr at WP. Dr **Bob Harris** is married and is practicing at Ft Hood. Others watching the review included **Reynold Hoover**, **Brad Elrod** (Ft Dix), **Andre Frette** (Ft Bragg), **Glenn Wittpen** and **Brian Cotter** (Schofield Bks).



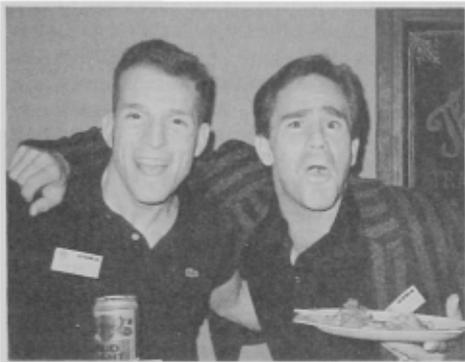
1983: Bolands, Batys and Gorskes

"Has WP changed since we left? Except for reorienting the reviewing stand of the Plain, it looks the same. The firstie club has moved to Ike Hall and is open during the wk. Regardless of your age, only the first class can drink alcohol anywhere at WP. No regular classes are held on Sat morning, but WPR's may be held then for core courses. All firsties are offs and the cows hold the NCO positions. And on a trial basis, one regiment has its first class living separately from the underclass in the barracks.

"Sat was a beautiful day for a football

game. In the upper deck of Michie Stadium, more classmates appeared. **Brendan O'Shea** & his wife each had a toddler in their backpacks. **Mark & Patty Murtaugh** (Ft Stewart), **Todd Arnold**, **John Agostini**, **Bryan Bear**, **Pete Foster**, **Tim Rushatz**, **Phil Battaglia**, **John Lennon**, **Brian Baker**, **Amy Maier**, **Brian Ferguson**, and **Dayne Dilkes** were among the crowd. **Mark Pisko** was with his recent bride.

"**Mike Devereaux** and his parents had a tailgate party in A Lot after the game. Mike now lives in Dallas where he is a recruiter with Lucas Associates. **John & Vicki Gorske** also live in Dallas where John is with Trammel Crow Real Estate Corp. **Adi Toth** has settled in Tampa where he is in sales with Air Products. **Kevin Heller** is remarried and is living in CT.



1983: Wayne Detwiler and Adi Toth

"The alumni dinner dance was held Sat evening in the Mess Hall. **Eric & Deborah Williams** (Ft Belvoir) are expecting a baby this spring. **Steve & Sissy Jones** have moved to OH to work for General Electric. **Joe O'Connell** is with GE Aerospace in Pittsfield, MA. **Joe Fitzhenry** is running Mayflower Movers ops in central MA. **Tommy Morgan** now works for Kraft in IL. **Wayne Detwiler** flew back from Europe where he cmds a FA detachment. **Buddy Andrews** has managed to get the Provost Marshal job at Letterman Army Hosp, Presidio of S.F.

"The Class has its share of people in bus school. In Boston are **Paul Husar** (U of Boston), **Tim & Lori (Good) Loucks** and **Pete & Missy Barsotti** (Sloan at MIT), and **Rex & Ritsuko Adams**, **Bud Figliola**, **Larry & Ann Laseter**, **Mark & Cheryl (Ziwicki) Connors**, **Joe Rusbarsky**, **Jim & Heidi Wallace**, and **Gary Pieringer** who is getting married in Jun (Harvard). **Tom Weikert** is at Duke in NC.

"The best news about the Class is that contrary to popular belief, everybody is *not* getting out. As of Oct, 669 grads (624 men and 45 women) are still on AD. A total of 788 were on AD in Oct 87, so only 15% have decided to get out after completing 5 yrs.

"Our Class should be cmdng many units, so write to **Tom Kirkland** and we'll let everyone know. Have a good time at Founders Day. The Class brought the



1983: The Harrises from Ft Hood

roof down at Founders Day in Korea last yr; do the same at your post this yr."

'84

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How about that Army team?! I'm still reveling in that resounding victory over the squids! It carried me all the way through the holidays and is helping me through gloom period. Well, I'm writing this just before my first ever law school exams, so I'm going to get down to business and keep this short and sweet!

**Randy "Smitty" Smith** wrote from his new home in CO Springs which is quite a change from the rice paddies of ROK! Smitty bought a house but rarely sees it because they had a co waiting for him! He has a forward support maintenance co with 229 troops! Obviously he has his hands full! Best of luck Smitty.

As you may recall, our doctors graduated last May, and I heard from one of them recently—**Darrell Scales** from George Washington U on 27 May. But the real reason we have to congratulate him is what happened two days later. Darrell traveled to our rockbound highland home and tied the knot!! He & his bride, **Russella**, were married at Most Holy Trinity Chapel. There to witness the event were **Craig Billman**, **Jack Dougherty**, **Jeff Paull**, and **Glen Goldman**. Darrell & Russella are currently at



1984: Russella & Darrell Scales pass under the traditional saber arch

Ft Bliss where Darrell is an intern. Also there is **Alex Lambert** who graduated

from Howard U Med Sch. Darrell also passed along some news of other classmates, both of whom have decided to hang up their BDU's. **Craig Billman** is in the civ world and is attending Harvard Business Sch. **Jeff Paull** has been out for over a yr and is working in Wappingers Falls, NY. Congratulations to you & Russella, Darrell, and thanks for the letter!!

**Pat Wray**, a fellow engr, wrote from Ft Dix. How did he get to Ft Dix you might ask? Well, Pat was fortunate enough to get the Army to send him to grad sch at Lehigh where he earned his MS in Dec 85. So, the Army figured he got one good deal so they'd send him to Ft Dix! Pretty simple! Seriously, Pat said Dix hasn't been bad except that he was in a separate co with the bn at Ft Devens, so moving up hasn't been all too easy. He is now the facility engr in the DEH at Dix. Between all of this, Pat found time to get hitched to his wife, **Sharon**, in June 86, with **George Willis** and **Mike Poel** in attendance. Belated congrats!

Well, Pat included news of other classmates. He had met **Mike Poel** at Dix where they were both plit ldrs. Mike is now in the DEH in Sinop, Turkey where he is enjoying the benefits of a powerful US dollar! I knew it was powerful somewhere!! **George Willis** has decided to change the green suit for gray pinstripes, and Pat thinks he's in FL. Can you help us out with that, George? Pat also ran into **Jon Carrington** at Ft Devens while up visiting bn hq. He thought Jon might be getting married soon but wasn't sure. Do you want to confirm/deny that Jon? Pat heard rumor of **Jay Johnson** from some of his friends in his old unit. It appears that Jay made a great impression on those guys at the demanding sapper ldr school. I have some more info on Jay later in the column. **Darin Meeks** was the cdr of an ordnance det for quite some time, but he's probably on his way to the adv cse and beyond by now. **Colby Fisher** decided to give civ life a try in sunny Miami. Finally, Pat had heard from **Phil Alibrandi** who is with the cav at Ft Riley. Thanks for all the info, Pat!

I got a note from **Dee (Painter) Cozzens** who is still down at Ft Bragg with husband **Randy '85**. Dee sent news of **Joe Malloy** who smoked the Marine Corps Marathon, finishing first for the Army and 6th overall just 21 seconds behind the winner!! Way to go, Joe!! Dee was there also and saw **Laura (Schmidt) Moore** and **Brian Patton**. She also ran into **Dave Breuhan** who was down in DC from Canada to receive an award from the AUSA. You'll remember from the last column that Dave is attending the adv cse as an exchange in Canada. With Dee & Randy at Bragg are **Brent & Pam (Prentiss) Johnson**, who should be enjoying the challenge of parenting by the time this is published; and **Charlie & Maura Millar**, who went with

Dee & Randy to watch Army whip Navy this past Dec. Also, **Barb (Henneike) Melendey** (Barb, I hope I spelled your name right! I apologize in advance if I didn't!!) just arrived at Bragg with her husband. Finally, Dee sent news of another FLEPer. **Kathy Spaulding** is attending William & Mary Law School. How about dropping me a line and letting me know how first yr is treating you, Kathy? Thanks for all the info, Dee!!

Well, I mentioned **Jay Johnson** awhile back and promised more news. He, wife **Fran**, and daughter **Kelly** are doing great up at Ft Devens. As a matter of fact, they should be having a new addition to the family as I type this! That's a great Christmas present! Jay walked right into a co at Devens, and is already 6 mos into it! Good luck with your new bundle of joy, Jay, and I'm sure we'll see you guys soon.

Finally, I've heard through the grapevine that **Jim Mitroka** is at Ft Devens also. **Lance & Karen Lawson** should be at Bragg now where Lance was just dying to get into that maroon beret. I hope you're loving it, Lance!

Well, that's all I've got for now. I've got to get back to the books for exams. I hope you all had a tremendous holiday and the new year is bringing all of your dreams to fruition!!

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Nothing could be better than to start yet another article with the perennial memory of that final score on 3 Dec in Philadelphia. Once again the "Pride and Dream" defined victory at the expense of the drowning "swashbucklers!" Hopefully, by the time you read this, the "Roll Tide" of AL will have been turned into pond water in the Sun Bowl.

The 7th ID (L) continues to work hard as things seem to change daily. Several of our classmates are now on orders to the advanced course as we approach our 4-yr mark. **John Lopes** has spent a lot of time in Panama, but as soon as he gets back, we'll be working on plans for the 5 yr reunion. We'll be talking to some of you, but if there is anyone that is particularly interested in helping on this, please let me know, and we will certainly include you in the planning process.

**Tim Leonard** was married on 3 Sep at the Catholic Chapel at WP to the former **Janna Dressel**. Tim & Janna are now at Ft Hood. **Vinnie Marchionni** and **John Malobicky** were also at the wedding.

Enclosed is a photo of **Jim Lacey** during an XVIII Abn Corps EDRE last Sep. Jim is currently assigned to 3/7 Inf (Mech) at Ft Stewart. The unit loaded on the *USS Hermitage* and sailed to some classified areas. Jim also did a great job at the NTC in Jan.



1985: Mary Ann & John Leonard



1985: Verner, Virginia and Laura



1985: Rich Gabaldon '86 and Jim Lacey

**Jim & Becky Tully** are still doing great. **Tim Isacco '88**, one of Jim's plebes, came to visit him at Ft Benning. **John Guidy** was also coming to see him at Christmas, an 'ole bud from A-1.



1985: Partying at the Tullys' Tavern in North Columbus

**Tom & Anne Wilson** were blessed with a daughter on 23 Oct. Her name is **Amanda**. Congratulations as she joins the ranks along with the other 125 babies born to our Class.

Number 127 goes to **Verner & Virginia (Walker) Kierner**. They were blessed with **Laura Beth** on 19 Jul. They are still residing in Berlin and welcome any guests.

I got the 7th edition of **Peter Everett's** "book" for the *ASSEMBLY*. I salute you, Pete, because you seem to do more than 75% of the rest of our Class! (i.e. I need more letters for all those who only use pens to sign DF's, LOI's, SOP's, and OER's). Pete is currently the S-2 off for an Apache attack helicopter sq. He spends his free time playing the piano and accordion for the children of his

local church. His parents visited at Thanksgiving where they crowned Pete "Chef Lee" of Ft Hood. He'll be traveling back home for Christmas.

Finally, I heard from a couple good friends. **Tom Magness** & his wife are doing great as they are headed back to Ft Belvoir for the advanced course in Feb, and our 'ole Honduran refugee, **Nello Tortora** is already hitting the books at Belvoir in the course. Nell says it is not as easy as everyone says and that if you thought the sociology papers were rough . . . Beware!

Well, that's all the news I have. Either you all do not receive the *ASSEMBLY* anymore or everyone thinks my articles stink! Please drop me a line and let me know what's happening going into 89.

**Dee & Hel Bryant** are renewing their vows in a few days. I'm honored to be Dee's best man as I finally get to witness the main event!

I'll leave you with this:

There once was a plebe named Wink  
 Whose brain must have been mis-  
 sin' we think,

There is one thing for certain  
 that we know he was "hurtin',"  
 But if thirsty, God would give him a  
 drink!

Hey, give me a break, it is the best I could do. Everyone has good qualities, so discover them! I trust 89 will bring everyone success and happiness. You have my best '85!

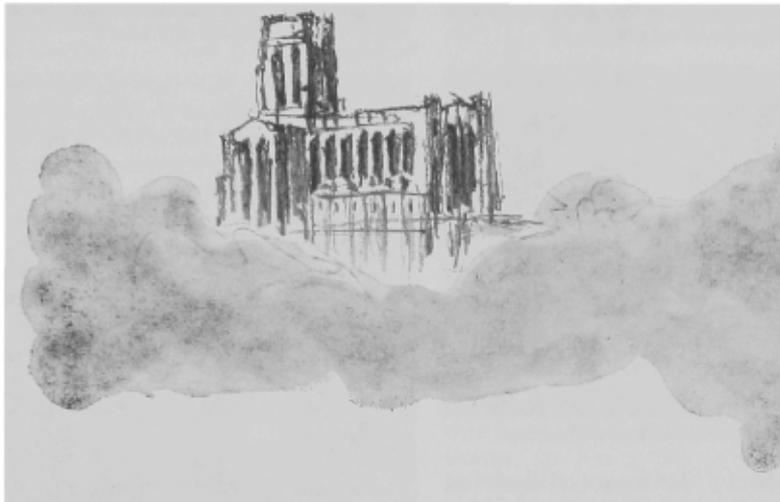
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# Be Thou At Peace

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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**Claude B. Thummel**

NO. 4772 CLASS OF 1909

Died 29 January 1977 in Fort Riley, Kansas, aged 91 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Claude B. Thummel**

I CAME TO know Colonel Claude B. Thummel in December 1968 as Granddad. I remember many an evening since spent with him reminiscing about his West Point days as a cadet with the Class of 1909. With relish he narrated the accomplishments and achievements of his classmates through the years. I was privileged to share firsthand contemporary military history from a man whose military service encompassed two World Wars. His life spanned great advancements of man from the fledgling seconds of early flight to landing on the moon in man's reach for the stars.

Claude B. Thummel was born on 17 October 1885 as the fifth son of Charles and Amanda (Wallace) Thummel on a farm near Axtell, Kansas. He began his early education in a one room schoolhouse on the Kansas prairie near Ash Point Stage and Pony Express Station. He successfully matriculated in Axtell High School in 1901 and was privileged to be one of the surviving members to attend the 75th reunion of that class.

In the fall of 1901 he entered Kansas State Agricultural College in Manhattan, Kansas, now Kansas State University. While at the college, he enlisted in National Guard Company 1, 1st Infantry where his interest in a military career grew and matured by young Claude's receiving a congressional appointment to West Point.

He departed for West Point one week prior to his graduation from college as a mechanical engineer. His academic achievements were of such note that

many years later when the academic honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi, was formed, he was one of the select few former students picked up for membership.

With a twinkle in his eyes he related his report date on 15 June 1905 to West Point. He and his classmates were met, "by a choice bunch of men who had but recently been 'plebes,' but now were yearling corporals, anxious and intense on passing to us the ways and means of being a member of the United States Corps of Cadets."

His success at the Academy was such that he graduated 23 in a class of 103 and chose Field Artillery as his branch of service.

On 30 October 1909 he married Edith Finch with whom he had three daughters: Edith, Elizabeth, and Louise.

His 40 years of dedicated service in the uniform of this country encompassed assignments in Field Artillery and the Ordnance Corps. Field Artillery assignments were in Oklahoma, Minnesota, and the Philippines between September 1909 and 1914. Ordnance Department detail began with assignment to West Point in August 1914 and lasted to October 1945. He began his instructor career at the Academy with the first year class (Class of 1915) among whose members were Eisenhower and Bradley. In 1920 the Regular Army was reorganized and enlarged by Congress. All temporary promotions were revoked including his lieutenant colonel rank. He was returned to the grade of captain, but immediately promoted to the grade of major, in which rank he remained for fourteen years.

He was selected to attend the Command & General Staff School and the War College in succession, a somewhat unusual occurrence as officers normally did not go directly from one school to the other. Upon completion of the War College, Colonel Thummel was assigned to the War Department, Office of the Chief of Staff. His duties brought him into frequent contact with the Chief of Staff, General Douglas MacArthur. From Washington he left to command Raritan Arsenal as a newly promoted lieutenant colonel, although during WWI he had achieved the same rank. His distinguished military career came to a close in October 1945 upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 60.

Upon retirement, he settled in the Washington, D.C. area. On 30 March 1950, his wife Edith passed away after a long illness and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

After his first wife's death, he became better acquainted with Dorothy Lehman. He knew the Lehman family from his early years in Kansas, and reestablished contact with Dorothy in Washington where she worked for the govern-

ment. Their relationship grew, and 25 April 1953 they were married at Fort Myer Chapel. During their years of marriage Colonel Thummel dedicated many years to the study of genealogy—especially concentrating on the research of families from whom he was descended. The Thummel family roots he was able to trace back to the eleventh century.

Upon Dorothy's retirement from government service, they returned to Manhattan, Kansas. There they reestablished many old friendships and plunged into many activities which their retirement years presented.

His life can be summarized best with his own words. "My life has covered a most interesting and worthwhile span of years with a wonderful family, and particularly two most worthy and wonderful persons to travel it with me." In the hearts of family and friends he shall always remain as a man who lived the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country!"—May he rest in peace.

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**William Rutledge Orton**

NO. 5284 CLASS OF 1914

Died 3 September 1973 in Vista, California, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**William Rutledge Orton**

WILLIAM RUTLEDGE ORTON was born on 23 December 1889 in Lincoln, Illinois to Franklin Cleveland and Caroline Rutledge Orton. His paternal grandfather was Dr. Lyman Osgood Orton and his maternal grandfather was the Reverend William J. Rutledge, the chaplain of the 14th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War. The regimental chaplain, Rutledge, and the surgeon, Dr. B.F. Stevenson, while on a march towards Vicksburg, Mississippi, gave birth to the idea of forming a Union

veterans' organization called the Grand Army of the Republic.

His father, Franklin, a banker, died unexpectedly when Pete (as he was called) was ten years old. His mother, Caroline, was left to raise her family of six children—five boys and one girl. Fortunately, Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana, was being established and provided a home for her boys for their schooling. Pete graduated from Culver in 1908 and spent a year at the University of Wisconsin, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, before entering West Point in 1910.

Pete's assignment after graduating in 1914 was with the 16th Infantry at El Paso, Texas, and in Mexico with the Punitive Expedition. He remained in El Paso and Mexico for three years, and was promoted to captain as the 16th Infantry was sent to France. He served with the 1st and 2nd Divisions in the American Expeditionary Force. When he returned to the states he was promoted to major and assigned to the Office of Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C.

In Washington, Pete called on Major General William Sidney Graves, USMA 1889, who would leave soon to command the Siberian Expedition in Vladivostok, Russia. Pete gave the general the latest news of his son, Major Sidney Carroll Graves, USMA 1915, who served with Pete in France with the 16th Infantry. Pete also met the general's daughter, Dorothy Evelyn Graves. This proved to be a meaningful event, for a short time later they were married.

His Washington, D.C. assignment was followed by tours at Fort George Wright, Washington state; and Fort Benning, Georgia for the Advanced Course.

In 1923, Pete was assigned as PMS&T at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. This was followed in 1928 by Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; 1st Infantry Brigade, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York; commanding 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry at Henry Barracks, Cayey and also duty in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In 1934 Pete was assigned to the New Jersey National Guard in Newark and lived in Summit, New Jersey. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1935. He received his second PMS&T assignment in 1939 to West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, and made full colonel in 1942 before leaving for Fort Benning in early 1943. He served for two years as director, Infantry Officer Candidate School before retiring with a disability in May 1945.

Most of Pete's duties between the two World Wars were primarily as a military instructor. One of his Army ROTC cadets at DePauw in the 1920's expressed a desire, and with Pete's help, received a Marine Corps commission at graduation. Pete had that rare feedback for a

teacher when that Marine officer later contacted him and expressed appreciation for all he had learned from Pete. It was a great personal satisfaction for Pete when the marine, General David M. Shoup (Congressional Medal of Honor at Tarawa), was made Marine Corps Commandant in 1960.

Pete's last assignment, as director, Infantry OCS, was one of the most important and demanding of his career. Pete's oldest son was in combat in the ETO as an Infantry staff sergeant, serving as a platoon leader in the 79th Division. This fact probably was never far from Pete's mind when he had to make those hard decisions to either graduate or dismiss an officer candidate. This assignment also was very frustrating at times, for the graduating percent of some OCS classes would be determined by platoon leader combat casualties and resultant replacement needs, rather than the performances of the officer candidates themselves.

Pete was a good and fair-minded man. He was a perfect gentleman with impeccable manners, an officer of the "old school" in all the best that term implies. He was tall, slim, an erect in bearing. He kept the well-being and needs of the officers and men in his command foremost in his priorities, even when he realized at times such considerations were detrimental to his own personal evaluation. He strongly believed in, and lived by, the highest standards of conduct and would never compromise his beliefs. He was a very caring person and father.

Pete died in Vista, California on 3 September 1973. He was survived by his wife Dorothy Graves; two sons, William and George, USMA 1949; two daughters, Katherine West and Barbara Brannon; and by 13 grandchildren, including his namesake, USMA 1973.

*G.S.O., his son*

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**Leo Buffington Conner**

NO. 5824 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 23 December 1983 in Washington, DC, aged 89 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ON A COLD, gray day in December 1983 we returned Leo Buffington Conner to West Point for his final rest. He had lived a long event-filled life of dedicated service to his country and family. He had always known that he would return finally to West Point—the place, the institution, and the motto that had done so much to form him and to guide him through life.

From early childhood Leo had wanted to be an officer in the US Army. He was born on his father's farm in west central



**Leo Buffington Conner**

Iowa and, at about age eight, moved with the family to another farm in northwest Nebraska. Leo later recalled that the most important event of his few years in the local elementary school occurred when, at about age nine, his teacher led the students out of the schoolhouse one day to watch some soldiers pass. Young Leo was so impressed that he knew from that time on he wanted to be a soldier when he grew up. He particularly remembered for years an officer, "... who introduced himself and shook our hands." He pursued his dream through his high school years in Mount Pleasant, Iowa and a brief period at Iowa Wesleyan College. In May 1914 Leo received word that he had been appointed to USMA which he entered on 1 July 1914.

Leo survived Beast Barracks, handled his studies without much difficulty, saw Army win every Army-Navy game during his time as a cadet and, because of the US entry into World War I, graduated several months early on 30 August 1917. The 1917-1918 *Howitzer* "... wondered how the TD could overlook, in chevron distribution, a man of his military ability (a cheap wit might say, 'one so addicted to soldiering')." His 38 months as a cadet convinced him that he had found his niche—soldier, and this is what he became in the finest traditions of the service.

Upon graduation, Leo joined a troop in the 7th Cavalry Regiment (and "Garry Owen" was in his blood from then on). From this initial assignment, Leo moved on for service with 12th Cavalry units at Columbus and Hachita, New Mexico, and Del Rio, Texas. Then in April 1921, after a brief tour of recruiting duty in Nashville, he went to the newly activated ROTC Detachment at the University of Arizona in Tucson. In his three years at Arizona, Leo established a reputation as a strict, fair disciplinarian, an expert marksman and a superior instructor—

traits which he continued to display throughout the remaining years of his career.

After this ROTC assignment Leo joined the 10th Cavalry, the "Buffalo Soldiers," at Fort Huachuca in June 1924; then to the Cavalry School at Fort Riley for the Troop Officers Course (1926-27) and on to the 14th Cavalry at Fort Des Moines for three years as plans and training officer (S-3).

During the 1930's Leo served in a variety of assignments standard for Regular Army officers of the period. He attended the Officers Advanced Course at the Infantry School (1930-31), commanded the Machine Gun Troop, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (1931-34), was assigned as executive officer of a Civilian Conservation Corps District in Santa Fe (1934-35) and, finally, back to ROTC duties, this time at Massachusetts State College in Amherst (1935-39). In later years, Leo Conner noted with considerable pride that several of his "Mass State boys" earned Regular Army commissions and at least three became general officers.

Leo Conner, a tried and proven Cavalry officer, became an early exponent of armor warfare and was instrumental in the organization, training and deployment of several such units in the early 1940's. In the summer of 1939, ordered to join the 7th Cavalry Brigade (Mechanized) at Fort Knox, he assumed command of the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized). By 1940, when the 1st Armored Division was formed, from the 7th Cavalry Brigade, Leo, now a lieutenant colonel, became its G-3. As the Armored Force expanded, new units were formed and the experienced officers were selected to organize, train and command them. In August 1942, Colonel Leo Conner became commanding officer of the 42nd Armored Regiment, 11th Armored Division at Camp Polk, Louisiana. His was the stern guidance and inspirational leadership that helped form and prepare this unit for the combat missions ahead. Though fate intervened to deny Leo's desire to accompany his command overseas, his imprint was evident in the unit's many accomplishments during the battles that brought about the final collapse of the German forces. Meanwhile, Leo was putting his talents to further use on the faculty at the Command and General Staff School (1943-46) and imparting his knowledge to many officers slated for commands throughout the World War II Army. In 1946 he went to Germany as Provost Marshal in Munich and then to command the 3rd Constabulary Regiment.

Leo Conner retired from active service in 1948, and, eventually settled in Washington, DC. He maintained his contacts with the postwar Army and the many officers and enlisted men with

whom he had served, through his family and his activities in several associations. He was secretary-treasurer of the 1st Armored Division Association, 11th Armored Division Association and 101st Airborne Division. Each year at the veterans' reunions, Leo was the center of attention as many sought him out to relive their earlier association with him and to thank him for his contributions to their lives. As the chaplain of the 1st Armored Division Association wrote after Leo's death, "We are going to miss Leo, he was the backbone of the association in its early years and much of the success of the association is due to his efforts." And one of his "Mass State boys," Lieutenant General Donald H. Cowles noted, "He was a true soldier, a real Cavalry trooper and leader, who did so very much for so many of us through the years." The secretary-treasurer of the 101st Airborne Division Association, on receiving notice of Leo's death, wrote, "Colonel Conner will long be remembered for his service to the association, and the impact of his accomplishments here is a lasting tribute to him."

No poet, playwright, composer, author or artist could do justice to the love story that was Leo Buffington Conner's and Miriam Cecilia Morony's life together. Through more than 73 years, theirs was a life of love, devotion and mutual support. When Leo first met Miriam as a high school sophomore in 1910, she was "... the beautiful girl with the big blue eyes and long black hair." After his graduation from West Point, they were married in El Paso in 1919, and for the rest of his days Miriam was the center of his life. She was the very center of his being—constant companion and confidant. Together they lived the "between the wars" Army life and raised a loving family of three daughters (one died as a toddler) and a son. These children and the subsequent ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren loved and admired Leo for the man he was, the example he set, the life he lived and the love and attention he gave them all.

The middle America farm boy who early in life decided he wanted to be an officer and serve his country did just that, and has left an indelible mark in the hearts and minds of all who knew him. Forty-nine years after the school boy had seen the soldiers on the Nebraska country road, and after he had retired from the Army, he learned that the officer who had stimulated his interest in becoming an officer himself, was now the great-grandfather of four of Leo's grandchildren. Truly a small world!

After Leo's burial at West Point, one of his daughters wrote, "In his life dad was God's presence and gift to me and our family; he continues to do so in his death. He died as sweetly, gently and

patiently as he lived. My family and I were filled with the mystery of God's love as dad quietly joined the 'long gray line' of West Point graduates who rest on the hill overlooking the Hudson River. With the Academy flag at half-mast, the roll of the drums and the fading sound of the bugle, the flag which had covered him representing his life of service—"Duty, Honor, Country"—was folded reverently and presented to my mother. He is at peace and so are we."

M.J.L.G. '41

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### Bruce Rowan King

NO. 7130 CLASS OF 1923

Died 24 November 1987 in the Bahamas, aged 86 years.

Interment: Dale Memorial Park, Chesterfield, Virginia



Bruce Rowan King

BRUCE ROWAN KING was born on 7 January 1901 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He attended Virginia Tech for one year before he received his appointment to West Point in 1919. He graduated in 1923 and was married to Nell Arnold in 1925. They had one son, Bruce, Jr., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bruce was an athlete and played baseball and basketball in his early years. He was also an accomplished horseman, playing on a championship Army polo team in California. He won many trophies for jumping and other individual competitions.

Bruce was a patriot. He lived his life by the West Point Honor Code—Duty, Honor, Country and encouraged others to do the same. He was the prime mover in establishing the West Point Society of Southwest Florida, spending money and time to ensure its success. Bruce loved West Point, and when people told him

he was too old to be organizing the society, he was not deterred. Instead, he charged ahead, doggedly contacting every graduate, parent of graduate, friend of graduate and any one else in the area who loved West Point like he did. As a result, Southwest Florida now boasts a society of over eighty members.

On Army-Navy day rally, the West Point Society of Southwest Florida designated Bruce R. King as the official founder of our society, and named the annual Duty, Honor, Country award given to the outstanding Army JROTC cadet for him.

Bruce was a member of many organizations, but he was proudest of his affiliation with the Military Order of the World Wars and the West Point society. He gave tirelessly in support of the youth in Southwest Florida, sponsoring them for trips to the Valley Forge Foundation in St. Augustine, donating to scholarship funds and promoting other noble causes.

Colonel Bruce King was an artillery officer serving in the Philippines and European Occupation Forces, among many other posts during his more than forty years on active and reserve duty. He served his country with distinction.

Last year, he married his second wife Mildred. He worked tirelessly as the membership chairman of the society; he never stopped serving his country and his fellow man. He was a vibrant, dynamic and wonderful man. He was a West Pointer! He will be sorely missed.

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**Leslie Seekell Fletcher**

NO. 7316 CLASS OF 1924

Died 1 June 1987 in McLean, Virginia, aged 88 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

LESLIE S. FLETCHER, Les to his friends and family, was born in Providence, Rhode Island on 17 February 1899 to Hattie Frances and Arthur Leslie Fletcher. As a boy he became a British Boy Scout at a time when the Boy Scouts of America had not yet been organized. His affiliation with Scouting was lifelong.

Reared in Providence, he graduated from Classical High, entered Rhode Island College and enrolled in ROTC. In World War I he joined the Infantry as a private, returning from Camp Lee in 1918 as a 2nd lieutenant. Appointed to West Point, he graduated with the Class of 1924 to begin another lifelong affiliation in which he took great pride—the United States Army.

First posted to Fort Hoyle, Maryland, Les renewed acquaintance with another Rhode Islander, Alice Tattrie. They were married in 1927 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Soon afterward he was



**Leslie Seekell Fletcher**

transferred from Field Artillery to the Ordnance Corps and assigned to the Hawaiian Ordnance Depot. Les and Alice have four children: Harriett Portrude, Elizabeth Adams, Margaret Grinder, and Allen Fletcher.

From Hawaii the Fletchers moved (1930) to Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts, where Les spent two terms at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he later received a degree in professional engineering. Transferred to Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois in 1932, he served there (four years) and later at Frankford Arsenal (seven years) until he was ordered to join Operation Spearhead (North Africa).

During World War II Les served with distinction. He commanded the 5th Ordnance Battalion, then was Ordnance Officer VI Corps (1942–43) in North Africa, Sicily and Italy (Salerno), service for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Later he served (1944–45) as Assistant Ordnance Officer, First Army (European Theater), where he participated in the Normandy invasion and the campaigns across France and Germany. For this service he again earned the BSM (Oak Leaf Cluster).

After the war he served as ordnance officer, Japan Base (1945–46), returning to the States for Pentagon duty (Commendation Ribbon). From this assignment he was retired for physical disability (hearing loss) in 1947, after proudly wearing the Army uniforms for 32 years.

In civil life Les followed a “second career” no less varied and distinguished than the first. Soon after retiring from the Army he became president of Sam Tour Company, a materials testing firm in New York City. In 1954 he joined the staff of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) in Dearborn, Michigan, as director of research. His position there continued even after his (second) retirement, when he became a consult-

ant to the Research Department and assistant to the (new) director.

During the twenty years Les was associated with SME he was instrumental in bringing into focus ideas which helped make SME a driving force in international manufacturing. William Taylor, the SME director with whom Les last worked, had this to say of him:

“Les . . . was so helpful to me when I went to SME. Even though the calendar said it was time for him to retire, we kept requesting just one more year. With the colonel’s excellent experience and his versatility, it seemed that he could take on any project, handle any challenge. The colonel truly lived a full and exemplary life—he inspired and helped so many.”

After leaving SME, Les continued working with the Service Corps of Retired Engineers (S.C.O.R.E.), Detroit office, helping small business firms get started.

In 1981 Les and Alice left Michigan to renew the association of their service life by moving into an apartment at the Navy-Marine Corps-Coast Guard retirement community, Carl Vinson Hall in McLean, Virginia, where they found other Army friends as well. Here Les remained active in assisting others and helping to make their lives happy, and here his widow Alice continues to make her home.

In addition to the honors earned during his military service and his graduate degree from MIT, Les was a registered professional engineer in New York and Michigan; a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers; the American Society of Metals; and the American Society of Testing Materials. A tribute of which he would have been especially proud occurred shortly after his death, when the Boy Scouts of Rhode Island held a special reunion at their Camp Yawgoo—a reunion at which he was to have been a guest of honor.

At the Yawgoo Reunion Les was represented by his son Allen and by his son-in-law Richard H. Grinder, Jr. (USMA '54), a Scout commissioner in Middletown, Massachusetts. The former gave to the camp the American flag presented to Alice Fletcher, to be raised on special occasions. Mr. Grinder spoke of Colonel Fletcher’s long association with Scouting and presented the colonel’s Army saber, to be displayed in a place of honor in the Scout Museum.

Over the course of his long and productive life, Les Fletcher lived by the highest standards of West Point, the military service and the American patriot—as officer, husband, father, citizen. He was above all helpful to others. In each of these capacities he excelled, and for them all we shall long remember this strong, gentle and compassionate human being.

*His family*



consistently outstanding performance in positions of great responsibility assured the successful accomplishment of any mission which he was assigned. You can be proud of his achievements."

That is a fitting summation of the career of this good and gifted man.

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**Troup Miller, Jr.**

NO. 8911 CLASS OF 1930

Died 14 May 1988 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Troup Miller, Jr.**

TROUP MILLER, JR was born on 30 August 1908 in Omaha, Nebraska, the only son of Brigadier General Troup Miller, USMA 1902, and Rosa Coffin Miller. When Troup arrived, his father was stationed at Fort Omaha, then the headquarters of the Army's Western Command. Troup's paternal ancestors were Georgians and his mother's family, the Coffins, were a well-known family from Knoxville, Tennessee. Troup was raised in the Army, but considered Georgia his home.

When Troup was two years old, the family was posted to Fort McKinley in the Philippines, and it was here that he first became infatuated with aviation. It seems that one 2nd LT Frank Lahm (MG F. P. Lahm, USMA 1901) would come by the Millers' quarters and pick up the young Troup who would then accompany the flyer down to the polo field where he would sit on the ground and watch while Lahm flew in circles in a Curtiss Pusher. Troup thus brushed the beginning of flight since Lahm was one of the Army's first two aviators and was taught to fly by Wilbur Wright.

Troup's early education involved attendance at a number of post elementary schools due to his father's many differing

assignments just prior to and during the First World War. Troup graduated from Western High School in Washington, DC at the tender age of 16. Too young to enter the Academy, he spent the next year preparing for USMA at St. Luke's School (now Valley Forge Military Academy) in Wayne, PA.

The recipient of a Senatorial alternate appointment from Georgia, Troup was successful when the principal faltered and he entered the Academy in July 1926. His winning personality, affable manner, and relative ease with academics allowed Troup to take life on the Hudson in stride. Well-liked by his classmates, highly competent but not overly serious, Troup was already demonstrating those qualities and personal traits which would make him not only an immensely capable military leader but also a highly popular individual throughout his life. Troup had a keen interest in sports, and served a stint as assistant baseball manager, but it was during his stay at West Point that Troup nurtured one of his great loves—the game of golf.

Upon graduation in June 1930, Troup was commissioned in the Cavalry but was immediately detailed into the Air Corps. After a leisurely three-month graduation leave, Troup began his primary flight training at March Field, CA in October 1930, and completed Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, TX in September 1931. It was a great thrill for him to receive his wings from General Lahm, the same individual that he watched fly the earliest of Army planes in 1914. From October 1931 through July 1936, Troup served in a variety of assignments with the 2nd Bomb Group, located at Langley Field, Virginia. These included squadron engineering officer, assistant operations officer, and temporary details to CCC duty and "flying the mail."

It was shortly after reporting to Langley, in May of 1932, that Troup married Miss Julia Lowry Meador of Atlanta, GA; a young lady that he had first met in 1926 while he was still at St. Lukes. Julia was to be Troup's one and only for the next 56 years, and there can be little doubt that few marriages contain the degree of love, compatibility, and just plain old friendship and good times that the two of them were to enjoy. Blessed with three daughters, Julia (Judy) was born at Langley in 1935; Marilyn at Kelly in 1938; and Katherine (Taffy) at Maxwell in 1943.

In July 1936, Troup returned to Kelly Field as a flying instructor, thus beginning a series of training assignments that can be viewed in retrospect as early recognition of his leadership, flying skills, and ability to work with hundreds of young men entering the Army Air Corps as World War II approached. In 1940, now a captain, Troup moved to

Maxwell Field, Alabama to command a training group at the Air Corps Advanced Flying School. In 1941, he was sent on a special project to open up the training field at Valdosta, Georgia, which ultimately became Moody AFB; sent back to Maxwell in October 1941, now Major Miller, he became the commander of the Air Corps Replacement Training Center. Next, as a lieutenant colonel, came back-to-back assignments in 1942–43 as director of training at the Army Air Forces, Combat Crew School, Smyrna, Tennessee, and assistant commandant of the Pilot School at Maxwell Field. Finally, after graduation from the Army-Navy Staff College, Colonel Troup Miller realized his fondest wish and gained assignment to an active combat theater, reporting to General MacArthur's Southwest Pacific Headquarters in Brisbane, Australia in February 1944.

He had served only a brief period in the Transportation Section of MacArthur's Hqs, when General Kenney, CG Fifth Air Force, recognized his talent and potential and made Troup his Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations. Troup's knowledge, experience, and dedication quickly reflected itself in the superior planning and coordination which resulted in the outstanding success of the Hollandia Bay operation in New Guinea. With the creation of the Far Eastern Air Forces (FEAF) in July 1944, General Kenney selected Troup for the same job with FEAF, and he repeated his Hollandia performance in the Leyte operation. In January 1945, he was named commanding officer of the 59th Air Service Group on Leyte; then in April, he became the chief of staff, XIII Bomber Command (Thirteenth Air Force) operating from Morotai Island; and in May 1945, he became the XIII's commander, conducting and participating in combat air strikes against Japanese installations on Borneo and in Indochina.

With the conclusion of the war, it seemed perfectly logical that Troup would be tapped to play an important part in the founding of the Air University at Maxwell AFB. Given his extensive staff and training experience and his even temperment and patience with students, the Air Force didn't err when they made him the Air University's first Chief of Academic Plans. Instrumental in curriculum design and in career development plans, Troup experienced his own handiwork when he attended the Air War College in 1948–49. After Maxwell came the Pentagon and successive assignments as executive officer, DCS/Material and director of Industrial Resources, DCS/Material. It was in the latter job that Troup received his first star in 1951. Dispatched to England in June 1953 as commander of Northern Air Material Area (NAMA), Troup quickly demonstrated an insight into the intricacies of

leading an organization that had supply, maintenance, and procurement responsibilities for various USAF as well as NATO commands. Despite the long hours, Troup did manage to preserve enough time to become thoroughly acquainted with the English and Scottish golf courses and do some long overdue traveling with the family on the European continent.

In 1956 Troup was promoted to major general and selected by General Tom Power of Air R&D to head up the Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC) at Tullahoma, Tennessee. AEDC, created in the early 50's, was to be the major aerodynamic test facility for the United States, but had gotten off to a stumbling start. Troup was selected not on the basis of his engineering skill but because AEDC was badly in need of a leader who could get the best out of a small Air Force contingent and a large civilian contractor staff. Troup made his presence felt quickly by delineating responsibilities, streamlining the organization and eliminating the dissension between the military and civilian staffs. He set the organization on a course that allowed it to become the top rate facility that the Air Force and nation required.

In 1960, Troup became the vice commander of the Air University, which proved to be just a brief refresher course as on 1 August 1961, Troup was named Air University commander and promoted to lieutenant general. Probably no officer before or since has ever been more destined for, or suited for, an assignment. Troup had extensive service as a young officer in Air University's predecessor organizations, and as a mid-grade officer played an important part in determining the programs, policies, and curriculum design at the creation of the Air University following World War II. But Troup was always looking forward not backward, and his tenure as Air University commander was marked by significant improvements in instructional techniques, expanded curricula, the institution of a degree completion program with George Washington University, the establishment of associate courses at bases other than Maxwell, and the introduction of tuition assistance for Air Force ROTC students.

Troup retired from the Air Force on 1 January 1964. He had proven his ability in just about every phase of Air Force activities: he was a superb aviator, an outstanding flight instructor, a natural trainer, a talented staff officer and planner, a successful combat commander, and a leader/manager of large, complex Air Force organizations be they concerned with operations, logistics, research and development, or education and career development. His real strengths lay in his love of people, his good humor, his quiet competence, and the easy manner in which he

wore his stars and shouldered large responsibility.

Troup enjoyed his retirement. He and Julia settled in Atlanta but were constant travelers. Besides frequent auto trips visiting friends and relatives throughout the United States, they also managed out-of-country trips on an annual basis. These included Mexico, Alaska, Bermuda, most of Western Europe and other parts of the globe. Both immensely enjoyed social life, not only entertaining old friends but always enjoying meeting and making new friends, particularly young people. They truly could be described as a "fun couple" and the word "retirement" really falls short because the Millers were constantly on the go! Golf was no longer a sideline for Troup but a main thrust and though his age increased, his handicap remained low. He was a participant in the Southern Seniors on several occasions and a long-time member of the well-known Peachtree Golf Club in Atlanta. While Troup loved golf, he still had room to follow all other sports, to take an active interest in national and local politics, and always to be an interesting conversationalist on a wide variety of topics.

In the summer of 1987, shortly after returning from a trip through the Panama Canal, Troup was diagnosed as having lung cancer. This seemed particularly ironic since he had quit smoking some forty years before. Despite a desperate battle on his part and a never-quit attitude, Troup passed away in his sleep on 14 May 1988. The nation lost a renowned airman and a concerned citizen, the family lost a loving leader, and a great number of people lost one of their best friends. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Julia Meador Miller; three daughters, Julia Tobin of Springfield, VA, Marilyn Emmons of Longwood, FL and Katherine Wallace of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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### Frederick Gilman Saint

NO. 9031 CLASS OF 1931

Died 24 January 1945 off the coast of Japan, aged 36 years.

Buried at sea.

FREDERICK GILMAN SAINT, in a distinguished but all too short military career, proved himself as a soldier and leader in the most difficult and trying situations. He was also a devoted husband and father. His untimely death was a great loss to both his family and his country. His son, who never had the opportunity to know him well, nevertheless loved him. Many of his comrades-in-arms knew him well in peace, in war, and in



Frederick Gilman Saint

the most trying circumstances of deprivation—and they also loved him.

Fred was born in Elmhurst, Illinois, on 8 December 1908. His boyhood was typical for a young man growing up in a small town in the Midwest at the turn of the century. He stood out as an exceptional student and football player in high school, and went on to attend Purdue University for a year before entering West Point in 1927.

After "Beast Barracks," he was assigned to K Company, then located in North Barracks. From the beginning, Fred was recognized by his peers and upperclassmen alike as a mature and highly capable cadet. In his four years at the Academy, he established an enviable academic and military record. Aside from earning numerous academic stars, he was chairman of the Honor Committee and commanded K Company in his first class year. Upon graduation in 1931, fifth in a class of 297, he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.

Fred's first assignment was to the Vicksburg Engineer District on Mississippi River flood control. Following a year at Princeton to earn a master's degree in civil engineering, he was assigned to Fort Belvoir where he established a reputation for getting things done quickly and efficiently. While there, he married the lovely Miss Jean Crosbie, whom he had met earlier as a cadet. Leaving the Engineer School and accompanied by his young wife, he went off to teach civil engineering at West Point. There his son was born, Crosbie Edgerton Saint, and Fred spent four happy years as a gifted instructor, promising young officer, and happily married family man.

Just prior to the outbreak of war, Fred was assigned to the Philippines. After Pearl Harbor, he assumed command of the 14th Engineers. His battalion supported the withdrawal into Bataan and then participated in its hard-fought de-

fense. According to some fellow officers who served with Fred in that difficult campaign, he recommended building a road through the jungle to facilitate re-supply during the defense and was told it was an impossible task. Later, when the road was under construction and he was asked what he was up to, he replied, "Doing the impossible." One classmate recalls that in the final defense of Bataan, the night before the surrender, he was able to relax slightly because for the first time in the campaign he knew one flank was secure. Freddie Saint was there with his 14th Engineers!

After being forced to surrender, Fred survived the infamous "Death March" and was held as a POW at Camp Cabanatuan until December 1944. There he played a key role in organizing his fellow prisoners to help themselves. His personal efforts in directing the engineer activities to improve the sanitation in the camp saved the lives of thousands of his colleagues and earned him their ungrudging admiration and affection.

As the United States invaded the Philippines, Fred along with many of his fellow prisoners, was sent by ship to Japan. On what can only be described as a "hell ship" of unbelievable deprivation, he continued to lead by example and organized the prisoners to help themselves survive. His prison ship was attacked by US aircraft while docked at Takao, Formosa. Wounded in the attack, and suffering from the results of mistreatment and deprivation, Fred died of his wounds a few days later. He was buried at sea by his surviving colleagues.

He died in service of his country, his life cut short before his full potential could be realized. He left behind a legacy of leadership and self-sacrifice. It was this legacy and memories of a kind, loving father that prompted his son to follow in his father's footsteps as a soldier.

*Crosbie E. Saint, son*

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**Champlin Fletcher Buck, Jr.**

NO. 9045 CLASS OF 1931

Died 18 March 1987 in Jupiter Inlet Colony, Florida, aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CHAMPLIN FLETCHER BUCK was born in Lockport, New York 16 December 1909. He attended Culver Military Academy both for the summer Naval School and for his last two years of high school. In 1927 he entered West Point. Cadet activities ranged from "C" Squad football to Sunday School teacher. During his last year he was appointed cadet captain and commanded Company F. He graduated #19 in his class and was commissioned in the Field Artillery.



**Champlin Fletcher Buck, Jr.**

Shortly after graduation he married Miss Helen Chickering of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and they moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 16th Field Artillery. They had two children, Mrs. Carolyn Buck Moore and Lieutenant Colonel Champlin Fletcher Buck III who graduated from West Point in June 1957. His grandson, Captain William H. Buck, Class of 1981, graduated just fifty years after his grandfather.

Champ was detailed in Ordnance in 1938 and later transferred to Ordnance in 1942. He was awarded a Commendation Ribbon for his duty with the Chief of Ordnance (1941-1942). He was decorated with the Legion of Merit for his duty as executive officer, Springfield Armory (1943-45). He also served in the Philippines during World War II. In later years he commanded Mount Ranier Ordnance Depot and Picatinny Arsenal.

Retirement enabled Champ and Chickie to indulge in their real love—boating. First from Washington, North Carolina, they roamed the Inland Waterway from Key West, Florida to Northeast Harbor, Maine. Their interest in boating was far greater than a diversion, it was a way of life. In fact, the story goes that they chose their present home in Jupiter, Florida, when they were held up traveling north on the Waterway by a broken draw bridge and had a little time to shop around. Champ was a past Commodore of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club. He was an active member and taught navigation for the club and for Coast Guard Auxiliary units both in Washington, North Carolina and Jupiter, Florida.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, 21 March at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Jupiter. Six past commodores of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club were present. Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla #52 were also there in uniform. He was buried on 6 April in Arlington National Cemetery

in Washington, DC with full military honors. Many classmates and friends attended the service along with members of the family.

You get to know a man pretty well in three years in the same company at West Point. Champlin Fletcher Buck wore well. He was a man of keen mind and unusual talents and interests. Who would believe that he would be proficient at needlepoint? And the installation and operation of his model railroad, which took up the space of a large room, was as efficiently managed as were his yachts—and as well piloted.

A smart, staunch, rock of a man. You could depend on Champ Buck. As he joins the Long Gray Line, we will miss him.

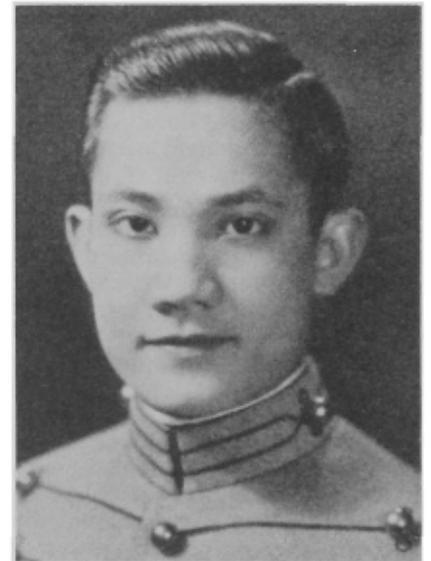
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**Mom Luang Chuan Chuen  
Kambhu**

NO. 9495 CLASS OF 1932

Died 21 April 1986 in Weston, Massachusetts, aged 76 years.

Interment: Ashes scattered over Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod, Massachusetts and placed in the family crypt in Bangkok.



**Mom Luang Chuan Chuen Kambhu**

COLONEL MOM LUANG Chuan Chuen Kambhu, or Johnny to his many American friends, was born 14 June 1909 in Bangkok, Siam, since renamed Thailand. He was the third child of Major General Phya Sursasena and Khun-Ying Pha-ob Sursasena Kambhu.

At the age of five, Johnny entered the Chulachomklao Military Academy in Bangkok. His classmates there included Bunma Prabhandhayodhin who later became his classmate at West Point. There were also future greats like Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, Prime Minister of Thailand, and General Metr Kemoyodin, the Army Chief of Staff.

Upon completion of the junior cadet course in 1924 Kambhu and Praband

received academic scholarships for further military education in the United States. Traveling by steamship and train, they made the long trip half way around the world to Washington where they went to different schools; Johnny to Shenandoah Valley Academy in Winchester, Virginia, and Bun to Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, Virginia. It was the first time in their lives that they had been separated from each other.

They had another first when they graduated from their prep schools. Kambhu entered Lehigh University and Praband the University of Pennsylvania; the first time in their educational lives that they were not required to wear uniforms.

In July of 1928 they walked up the hill together from the West Shore railroad station and entered West Point as plebes. They roomed together plebe year but then separated and roomed with other classmates to broaden their acquaintances. Johnny was a well-built young athlete, lettered on the forward line of the soccer team and was a respectable gymnast and tennis player.

Upon returning to Thailand, Johnny was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Royal Thai Corps of Engineers. After the 1934 revolution, he left the army for political reasons and joined the Thai Machinery Development Factory under the Ministry of Industry. At this time he was also general manager of the Thai Cotton Textile Fabric Company.

In 1937 Johnny married pretty little Mom Rachwong Somsorn (Noi) Chayankul.

During World War II, he was secretly recommissioned into the Royal Thai Army and worked with the OSS until the Japanese surrender. In 1945 he was transferred from the Army to the Ministry of Commerce and the following year he was appointed the commercial attaché of the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington. In 1950 he was appointed trade commissioner to the US and established the first Thai government office in New York. There he served twelve years during this important period of Southeast Asian and US relations.

In 1962 he returned to Bangkok where he was named director general of the Department of Economic Relations. While at that post, Johnny organized the first international trade fair to be held in Southeast Asia. Upon reaching the mandatory civil service retirement age in '69, he was named managing director, and later chairman of the board, of the Jalapathan Cement Company. He was also an active member of the Association of Thai Industries, and at many occasions represented the association in the international meetings, particularly those organized by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). He also participated in social functions such as acting as president of the American University

Alumni Association and president of a Rotary Club in Bangkok.

In 1977 Johnny retired from his business career. His last years were spent in extensive travel with his beloved Noi, spending six months each year in the United States with their daughter Sasiree and her husband, C. Thomas Cutter, Weston, Massachusetts and their three children: John, Jamie, and Pimsiree.

Johnny and Noi's son Tirachai in 1982 moved to Washington, DC, which allowed them to visit their grandson (Chayapat) as well as many old friends in the Washington area and be near the family.

It was while Johnny and Noi were visiting Sas and her family in Weston, Massachusetts, that a sudden stroke ended his life.

Over the years what was his contribution to West Point? Plenty! He was a team player as a cadet. When he held important Thai government positions in New York City or Washington, he and Noi always had time for the Class luncheons, the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia, or to give a pleasant little soiree in their own home.

Johnny was always a credit to both Thailand and West Point. He earned his place in the Long Gray Line.

*Tom Cutter, son-in-law  
Ken Zitzman, classmate & teammate*

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### Roscoe Constantine Huggins

NO. 9523 CLASS OF 1932

Died 17 August 1987 in Kerrville, Texas, aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



**Roscoe Constantine Huggins**

ROSCOE WAS BORN in West Frankfort, a little town in southern Illinois, and at an early age decided that he would go to West Point. In those days our classes

were small with most appointments made by direct selection of congressmen. The Regular Army, however, had a block of appointments which were filled by competition among the aspirants and that is what Roscoe went for. He enlisted and served three years in the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, then a year in the 6th Infantry Band at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, before he won his appointment to USMA. During all four years at West Point he played a hot trumpet in the cadet orchestra and was in every 100th Night Show.

After graduation Roscoe started out in the Infantry; Jefferson Barracks, the Infantry School at Fort Benning, and the Presidio of San Francisco until he took a detail in the Signal Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In October 1935 he married pretty little Josephine Harrison of Cornwall-on-Hudson whom he had dated as a cadet. They never had any children but Jo was always there with Roscoe, participating and helping him in anything he strived for.

He went to the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, then to Fort DeLessups in the Canal Zone where he transferred to the Signal Corps in 1940.

When WW II started, Roscoe was the signal officer of the Panama Mobile Force in the Canal Zone. In early 1943 he went to the 78th Division as the signal officer, then became commanding officer of the 63rd Signal Battalion of the Fifth US Army which was fighting its way up the spine of Italy.

It was there that I rejoined Roscoe after a long separation. He did a good job of commanding his battalion. He was no longer playing the hot trumpet himself, but he did organize an orchestra from among the enlisted men of his command that gave a lot of pleasure to their fellow soldiers in the odd moments of respite from the rigors of war.

His CG was Brigadier General Richard Moran, the Fifth Army Signal Officer, and I was the II Corps Signal Officer. Later I moved up to become General Moran's deputy, then his replacement when he advanced higher. An attractive US Army nurse in the supporting Army hospital at that time was Blanche Bird, Birdie to her friends. We all knew and liked her. When the war was over, she and General Moran were married.

After V E Day Roscoe served with HQ of the US Forces in Austria until he returned to the US for duty with HQ Fifth Army in San Francisco. He next attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and then went to the Army Security Agency, Pacific, for three years. The last five years of his active duty was as commanding officer of the Signal Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC for which he received his second Legion of Merit.

Roscoe retired from active duty in 1962 after thirty years of service. He next took a master of arts degree in education from George Washington University and was accepted into Phi Delta Kappa, the professional education society. For the next several years Roscoe taught in the secondary schools of northern Virginia.

In 1951 Dick & Birdie Moran visited my wife and me in Paris on their way to Dick's important job with the World Bank in Ethiopia. In 1966 there was another reunion when Jo and Roscoe visited Dick and Birdie in their Kerrville, Texas home.

In 1972 Dick Moran died in Kerrville and two years later Jo Huggins passed away at Walter Reed in Washington, DC. Jo had what was apparently an hereditary problem and spent a great deal of time in the Army Medical Center. She finally succumbed to a massive heart attack.

Roscoe and Birdie had a lot in common and on 3 September 1978 they were married at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Shortly after their marriage, Roscoe developed many physical problems. In quick succession he had his left hip replaced, then an operation on his right. Two lens implants were followed by treatment for a detached retina. His first stroke, which was caused by a ruptured blood vessel in his brain, was followed by others.

But Birdie was always in there to the end. In 1982 she took Roscoe and his wheelchair to our big 50th Class Reunion at West Point. Even though she is technically retired, she is still a major figure in the medical community at Kerrville, Texas. When Roscoe asked an important doctor how much his treatment would cost, he was told, "Take Birdie out to dinner."

Roscoe finally succumbed on 17 August 1987, and after appropriate services was buried in his Army uniform beside Jo at West Point. Birdie continues with her memories among her many friends. She is still active in the Humane Society and always has three or four friendly dogs in residence with her in her lovely home with the spacious grounds at 1319 Jackson Road, Kerrville, Texas 78028.

*Ken Zitzman,  
long-time friend and classmate*

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**David Parker Gibbs**

NO. 9819 CLASS OF 1933

Died 30 August 1987 in Fort Huachuca,  
Arizona, aged 76 years.

Interment: Fort Huachuca Cemetery, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

DAVID PARKER GIBBS was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 11 March 1911, the son of George S. Gibbs and Ruth Hobby Gibbs. His father was an Army officer, later major general and chief signal officer of the Army, so he moved with his family from one Army assign-



**David Parker Gibbs**

ment to a following one, and attended a number of secondary schools such as Cooke school in Washington, DC, Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn, New York and finally "Shadman's" preparatory school in Washington, DC. He entered the Military Academy in 1929 with the Class of 1933.

Dave completed his cadet years with cheerfulness and relative ease. He had a healthy respect for discipline but that did not stop him from a certain amount of horseplay and demerits. He graduated in the middle third of his class and made and maintained many friends. His major extracurricular activity was polo. He came to West Point with a love of horses, maintained it by being on the polo squad for four years, and was able to follow it at various times during his later years.

Upon graduation Dave chose the Signal Corps as his branch of the service and married Elizabeth Coyle Goodrich, his long-time sweetheart. This marriage lasted the rest of his life and produced three children: a daughter Patricia Anne; and two sons, David P., Jr. (USMA '57) and Paul Goodrich. At the time of his death he had nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His service in the Signal Corps was long and illustrious.

Dave's active career in the Army began as a second lieutenant assigned to a mounted organization, the 1st Signal Troop, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Texas. This was followed by Signal Corps troop assignments in Hawaii and the Continental US until World War II.

World War II took Dave to the 1st Infantry Division to command the 1st Signal Company, and then, as a major, in February 1942 to the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Custer, Michigan as division signal officer. During much of his time with the division he was concurrently commander of Special Troops. The 5th Division moved to Iceland, England,

and then in combat into France and Luxembourg. Dave was with the division until early 1945 when he was assigned to XXII Corps as signal officer. During this combat service he was awarded two Bronze Star Medals for service with the division and a third for his service with the Corps.

Between World War II and Korea, Dave commanded Signal service troops, attended the Air War College in 1947-48, and then served on the Army General Staff as executive officer to the Secretary of the General Staff. In 1952 he went to the National War College, graduating in 1953 and then went to Korea where, again back in Signal service, he was signal officer, IX Corps. Next he served as signal officer, Communications Zone Korea. In August 1954 he went to Japan as chief, Communications Branch J-3, Far East Command and received the award of the Legion of Merit for this service.

Back in the US in 1955 an assignment as signal officer, Continental Army Command was followed by command of the Signal Training Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia. At Fort Gordon, Dave had a large part in moving the Signal Corps School to that station from its former home at Fort Monmouth. Then, as a brigadier general in 1960, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff Communication and Electronics at the North American Defense Command.

In 1962, then a major general, Dave went to the Pentagon as assistant Chief Signal Officer to become Chief Signal Officer of the Army in July 1963. Because of a unit redesignation his title was changed to Chief of Communications-Electronics; however, the position was that in which his father had served in 1929-31. For his service in this latter assignment Dave was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He retired in 1966.

Upon retirement Dave's interest in horses again showed itself, and he acquired a working ranch near Rifle, Colorado where he and Betty went to live. However, Dave was again called back to active duty in 1969 for a year to assist in the Mallard Project in which he had been active before retirement. This resulted in giving up the ranch. So he and Betty built a house in Monument, Colorado and really retired to golf and riding. Again in 1976 they moved to a warmer climate and made their final move to Sierra Vista near Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Dave died in Sierra Vista in October 1987 after a long illness. He will be remembered by his friends and family for his cheerfulness, dynamic personality, and consistent example. He will be remembered by the Army for the many influences he, together with his father, had over the Signal Corps of the Army for three quarters of a century.

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**Richard Mattern Montgomery**

NO. 9921 CLASS OF 1933

Died 27 August 1987 in Bradenton, Florida, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Richard Mattern Montgomery**

RICHARD MATTERN MONTGOMERY, son of Charles W. (Senior) and Eva Mattern Montgomery, was born 15 December 1911 in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. Entering West Point in 1929, he graduated not far from the bottom of his class. How little that foretold his future achievement!

"I shan't recite Dick's fine efforts in the academics which came so hard for him," wrote his *Howitzer* biographer. "His bright side is the impressive characteristic of his nature. . . . His serious purpose and conscientiousness coupled with his cheerfulness and good common sense make him a valued companion." Significantly, he served as Scout Master throughout his four years at West Point.

Upon graduation Dick attended flying school at Randolph and Kelly Fields (1933-34). He married a San Antonio girl, and a daughter Nancy was born in '34. By a later marriage he had two sons, Richard and Thomas.

From 1935-37 he served as chief inspector/test pilot at France Field (Canal Zone), and from 1937-38 at the Air Corps Technical Training School at Chanute Field, Illinois. From 1938-42 he was instructor, then Basic Training Group CO at Randolph Field. This was followed by staff and command assignments at Enid Army Airfield, Oklahoma; Independence Army Air Field, Kansas; the Army Air Force Tactical School, Florida; and with Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training (Pentagon), culminating in command of 383d Bomb Wing (1944-46).

In 1946 Dick attended the first Air War College class, then joined General MacArthur's GHQ in Tokyo as a member of the Joint Strategic Plans & Operations Group (1947-48). In 1948-49 he commanded the 51st Jet Fighter Wing at Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa; in 1949-51 he was deputy commander of the 97th Bomb Wing, Biggs Air Force Base, Texas; then from 1952-56 he was Chief of Staff at Strategic Air Command under General Curtis Lemay. "Things move mighty fast here," he reported, "and I find myself at a full gallop most of the time. However, it is a wonderful experience and I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn from a great man."

He then became deputy commander of the Second Air Force (SAC) at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana (1956-58); commander of 3rd Air Division (SAC) at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam (1958-59); assistant Vice Chief of Staff, USAF (Washington) (1959-62); and Vice Commander-in-Chief of the US Air Forces in Europe (1962-66), the position from which he retired in the grade of lieutenant general, USAF after an unusually full and varied career.

By the time of his retirement Dick had flown over 11,000 hours in 84 different types of military aircraft, both propeller and jet, single and multi-engined, including the 8 jet engined B52 Bomber. His military awards included the DSM with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Dick promptly began a hardly less active and distinguished career in civil life. He served first for a year as executive vice president of Freedoms Foundation, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (1967-68), then moved to Florida where he continued his work with the foundation, first as regional VP, then as national trustee, and later as a member of the board. Concurrently he served (14 years) on the board of directors of the General Services Life Insurance Company (Washington, DC). Since 1984 he served on the Antique Arms Committee of the United States Historical Society (Richmond, Virginia). He was at one time president of the transatlantic council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He was elected commissioner of his new hometown (Longboat Key, Florida) (1971-73). He chaired the Longboat Key Bicentennial Committee (1975-76) for the year long celebration of our country's birth. He became co-chairman (with Postmaster Helen Holt) of the town's 25th birthday celebration in 1980, and in 1987 was named general chairman of its Bicentennial of the Constitution celebration. He was given the Patriotism Award by the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce, and Citizen of the Year by

the Kiwanis Club. In the same year he was named by the Longboat Key Historical Society as one of 12 citizens "who have contributed the most to the development of our town."

Other civilian recognition includes the Silver Beaver (1965) and Silver Antelope (1966) awards from the Boy Scouts of America, and the Gold Medal Humanitarian Award from Pennsylvania State University (1968). Dick was a Republican, a United Methodist, and a 32d Degree Mason, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Order of Daedalians, and member of the West Point Society, Air Force Association, and Retired Officers Association.

Dick died of complications following brain surgery. An editorial in the *Longboat Observer* is headed "Town Mourns Death of General Dick Montgomery." The editorial speaks of his 33 years in the Air Force and says, "he was active in all phases of [Longboat Key] political, patriotic, social and cultural life and had so many hobbies he never found time to retire. . . . [These] included antique firearms, photography, airplanes, and rebuilding a GT sports car. He was distinguished by his white handlebar moustache, his winning smile, and his robust laughter."

To this point we have described a life filled to an unusual degree with activity, achievement, and acclaim. What of the more personal life underlying all that? In the USMA Class of 1933 yearbooks, Dick speaks for himself:

—(1973) "Am enjoying happy life—have pool, boat and house near water—plus handlebar moustache and a lot of wonderful friends. . . ."

—(1983) "I've been quite busy—always rushed with activities and deadlines. . . . It appears that a year long fight with a leukemia-like blood disease has been won. . . ."

What Dick did not tell us until later is that the efforts of his friend Helen Holt were instrumental in obtaining the proper treatment in a timely manner. That assistance, and his association with her in the ensuing years, is a noteworthy chapter in his life.

The eulogy at Arlington was given by Colonel Earle E. Sweetland, USAF Retired, who said (in part), "He leaves behind a legacy of rich, warm memories for his friends and family. . . . A gifted speaker, a teller of tales, Dick was happiest when surrounded with the camaraderie of friends. He loved people, he gave unselfishly of himself, and he had a deep sense of compassion."

Dick is survived by his daughter, Nancy M. Hunter; two sons, Thomas C. and Richard M., Jr.; a brother, Charles W.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his friend, Helen Holt. His passing is deeply mourned by his loving family and his many friends.

*A classmate*

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**Reuben Henry Tucker, III**

NO. 10368 CLASS OF 1935

Died 6 January 1970 in Charleston, South Carolina, aged 58 years.

Interment: Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina



**Reuben Henry Tucker, III**

REUBEN HENRY TUCKER, III was born in Ansonia, Connecticut on 29 January 1911. He was known to his friends as "Rube" or "Tommy."

Rube entered West Point with the Class of 1934, but after losing a battle with the academic department, he returned with the Class of 1935. His straightforward manner and good humor quickly won him a high place in the hearts of his new classmates. Rube's struggles with the academic department were not over, but his persistence and determination won out. In spite of academic trials, he was able to find time to play hockey, football, and lacrosse, all of which he entered into with great enthusiasm.

Rube and Helen McAllister were married the day after graduation. The 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston was their first assignment. Their 35 years of married life were happy, exciting, and productive: they raised a family of five fine boys—one born in Panama, one at Fort Bragg, two at West Point, and one at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Rube died on 6 January 1970 in Charleston, where he had served as Commandant of Cadets at the Citadel, both before and after his retirement.

General Order #14, Hq The Citadel, 7 January 1970, expresses succinctly and with great dignity the essence of the high regard in which he was held:

"It is with deep regret that the President of the Citadel announces the death of Major General Reuben H. Tucker, III,

United States Army Retired, former Commandant of Cadets, The Citadel, on 6 January 1970.

"A native of Connecticut, General Tucker graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1935. After a distinguished career in the United States Army, he retired in 1963 to assume the position of Commandant of Cadets in September of 1963, a position which he held with similar distinction until February of 1968. He had held this position previously in an active duty status from June 1955 to November of 1956.

"General Tucker was one of the most decorated officers in the United States Army and was an outstanding combat leader during World War II, when he commanded the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82d Airborne Division in the European Theater of Operations. During this time, he was awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses, our nation's second highest medal for bravery. After World War II, he was on the staff and faculty of the Air War College, a student at the Army War College, and Chief of the Infantry Officers Branch, Department of the Army. This was followed by assignments as Commanding General, Fort Dix; Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Laos; and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, United States Army, Pacific, just prior to his retirement.

"During his two tours as Commandant of Cadets, he had a marked and lasting influence on the development and training of all members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets through his sterling traits of character, leadership ability, and unflinching sense of humor and understanding.

"Funeral services will be held in the Summerall Chapel, The Citadel at 11:00 am, Friday, 9 January 1970 with interment in Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina.

"The President, faculty and staff and the Corps of Cadets extend their profound sympathy to the bereaved family.

"As a mark of respect for this distinguished and dedicated soldier, who contributed so much to The Citadel and her graduates, the flag of The Citadel will be flown at half staff from reveille, 7 January 1970 until after the funeral services.

"By command of General Harris."

Rube commanded the 504th through six campaigns, including three combat jumps. His jump into Sicily almost ended his career, when our own sea and ground forces mistook his flight for enemy planes and shot up the formation.

In addition to the two DSC's mentioned above, his decorations included the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Ribbon, and Combat Infantryman Badge. His Master Parachute Badge bears three stars, indicating three com-

bat jumps. Very few paratroopers have equalled that number.

One assignment not mentioned above was a wonderful two-year tour at West Point, when Rube commanded the 1st Cadet Regiment.

While Commandant at The Citadel, Rube attracted the sons of many friends and classmates as students. Among the sons of classmates to whom he played father, cajoled, coaxed, and led through four years at The Citadel were those of Cole, Eckhardt, Ferris, Mitchell, Russ (2), Serrem (ex-'35), and two of his own. Rube's sterling character, sense of loyalty, integrity, and leadership rubbed off on them.

Rube was a fighting man from the tip of his head to the toes of his polished jump boots. His battle cry was "Dismount and prepare to fight on foot. CHARGE," and when the Charge came, Rube was at the head of the line.

*A classmate*

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**George Paul Champion**

NO. 10627 CLASS OF 1936

Died 22 March 1969 in Sacramento, California, aged 57 years.

Interment: Crestline Cemetery, Cookeville, Tennessee



**George Paul Champion**

GEORGE P. CHAMPION and his only sister were products of Marion, Illinois, a small town in the very south of the state. He was born here 12 August 1911. He attended the local high school where he was quite popular in music and theatrical events. He took important parts in the school opera, the orchestra, and school plays. After middle school he went on to State Normal University for two years. He was appointed to West Point from the 25th Congressional District.

At the Military Academy, Champ was a well-liked and personable individual.

He continued his flare for music and participated fully in cadet choir, orchestra, and glee club activities.

Immediately following graduation he joined the Army Air Corps and went to the Canal Zone where his only child, Paul, was born. In 1939 he was transferred to Langley Field, Virginia for a year and then to MacDill, Florida for two years. In 1943 he was in the Ferry Command operating from Bolling Field, Maryland, and for a short time out of Nashville, Tennessee. In 1944–45 Champ was a student, then a director at the Air Force Staff School in Washington, DC. He went to the attaché office in Mexico City in 1945 where he was unusually successful and was rewarded with a Commendation Ribbon and a Mexican decoration. This seems to indicate that his pleasing personality was at work and was recognized as a military asset. Following Mexico, Champ spent a year in the G-2 section of the War Department General Staff. For a short period in early 1947 he was CO of a bomber group in the Philippines and also in the American Embassy in Manila, after which he served almost two years in his second tour with the American Embassy in Mexico City. By 1952 he was at the Air War College. From 1953–56 Champ was in an office for Latin Affairs. Then his career drew to a close with assignment to Air Materiel Command at Wright Patterson, Ohio. He retired after 26 years active duty in the US Air Force.

Champ wanted to get into business and did so by joining Aero General Corporation, Sacramento, California. He there became a project officer for five years. But his heart was bothering him and he was given a year's medical leave. He did not improve and suffered a severe stroke. Shortly after this he succumbed 22 March 1969 at the young age of 57. He was buried in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Son Paul became a well-known musician in Florida—following the musical background of his dad, no doubt, but he died also at a very early age. It is unfortunate therefore to state that our affable and warm classmate is gone as are all of his immediate family. He was a man who left us before we could fairly share his affection, friendship, and talents.

*A classmate*

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**Thomas Ryall Davis**

NO. 10729 CLASS OF 1936

Died 7 June 1980 at San Antonio, Texas,  
aged 67 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam  
Houston, Texas

TOM WAS BORN in New York, the son of Henry L. and Margaret Davis of that city. He had three brothers and two sisters.



**Thomas Ryall Davis**

He enjoyed a loving family environment. His sister recalls that they used to go to the Adirondacks every summer where they swam and played tennis. His father was a lawyer and hoped to influence Tom in following this career; but Tom always dreamed of West Point.

In 1930 Tom graduated from Xavier High School, New York City, where several of his brothers also attended. To ensure an appointment to the Academy he went to Stanton Prep at Cornwall and then received his appointment from the 18th New York District.

His *Howitzer* profile in 1936 was quite accurate in describing this cadet: (a man) "who knows a good deal of the world . . . analytical mind (from) a great deal of reading . . . common sense, sound judgement, and spiced with humor."

Throughout his life everybody always referred to one certain characteristic—he loved to read! And his choice ranged from heavy to humorous with a lot of history included. A certain roommate has always been impressed that once when he was "turned out" in a particular subject, he applied little effort at study, but rather read an interesting novel.

Like many of his class he tried for the Air Corps but was "washed out" at Randolph Field in January 1937. He went to nearby Fort Sam Houston for a little over a year where he served with the 9th Infantry. Just before leaving this post he married Barbara Holleron in May 1938. Immediately the two of them sailed to Fort Clayton, Canal Zone where he served with the 33rd Infantry until April 1940. The young couple next was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Tom was assigned to the 24th Infantry for only four months before he was ordered to nearby Fort Jackson, South Carolina and the 13th Infantry. The following spring (April 1941) he moved over to Fort McClellan, Alabama. Here he joined an aviation-related organization called the

102 Obsn. Sqd. Until the beginning of 1942 Tom was stationed at Ontario Field, California. Between January and April of 1942, he attended a staff course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas before returning to Ontario. Then in December of 1942 he was reassigned to Camp Roberts, California with a battalion of the 84th Infantry—apparently dropping out of the "observation business."

Five months later in May of 1943, Tom arrived in combat in Italy. He joined the 15th Infantry of the famous 3rd Division and proceeded to make a not inconsiderably successful combat record until the end of the war, which lasted until Germany surrendered, and on into the occupation, that is until February 1946. With the exception of another brief visit to Fort Leavenworth (October 1944 to January 1945), Tom led several battalions of the 15th in four major campaigns from Naples, through southern France and to central Germany. Recognition of his worthiness is attested by his receipt of the Purple Heart, three BSM's, a Combat Infantryman Badge, the Presidential Unit Citation, and a French fourragere.

After the war, for the three year period May 1947 to May 1950, the Davises were in St. Louis, Missouri. He was an instructor with the Missouri National Guard. Then he was stationed at the Pentagon temporarily. In 1953 he spent a year with MAAG Ethiopia. From 1954 he served successive one year assignments with Seventh Army Training Center, CO Military District, and XVI Corps in Omaha. Next he was with Eighth Army Hq in Korea. During the following three years he was with the Fourth Army Reserve Officer Section. And finally he was retired in 1964 after 28 years service.

Tom and Barbara settled in San Antonio. He attended St. Mary's University in that city and earned an M.A. Soon after he obtained a position at Peacock Military Academy where he taught history through middle school and until the Academy closed its doors in the mid 70's.

The Davises lost their first little daughter after only five days on earth. This was 8 December 1957. Then on 29 October 1959, their first son, Thomas, Jr., arrived. Tom, Sr. was so delighted at being the father of a future "first captain of the Corps" that we don't know anyone in the class to whom he did not make this announcement! Like Tom had not, "Junior" failed to conform to his parent's dream.

After several years of heart problems, Barbara passed away in 1973. Tom appeared lonely and himself suffered health problems. He was hospital-confined almost a year before he died in San Antonio in 1980.

His loss seems premature, perhaps because he had a great deal to share with others—although he might not have admitted it. He was tremendously well-liked, but perhaps he never fully recog-

nized this. Almost a decade after he has gone, we've heard of three unrelated ladies who remember him most warmly. Two of them—one in Atlanta and one in Washington—are fond of recalling his courtliness, humor, and friendliness back when they visited West Point as cadet girls.

He was a wise man with great courage, compassion, and loyalty.

*A classmate*

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**Jack Norman Donohew**

NO. 10741 CLASS OF 1937

Died 14 May 1987 in Montgomery, Alabama, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Jack Norman Donohew**

JACK NORMAN DONOHEW was born in Slater, Missouri on 15 October 1911, the son of Edward and Myrtle (Agee) Donohew. After attending Slater High School and four years at the University of Missouri, he received a BS degree in chemical engineering and an appointment as a second lieutenant, USAR. But with the Depression and much unemployment, he accepted an appointment to the Military Academy in July 1933, resigning his Reserve commission.

His previous military training was immediately recognized as he was appointed plebe first captain during Beast Barracks, presaging his career as a leader, educator, and strategic planner. Academics were merely a review for him, as stars on his collar each of the 4 years attested. Graduating sixth in the class of 299, he opted for the Army Air Corps, finishing flight training at Kelly Field in 1938, and moving to March Field for an initial assignment with the 30th Bomb Squadron. Prior to arriving at Kelly Field he hurried back to Missouri to marry his college sweetheart, Dorothy Harman.

An avid, eager pilot, and while stationed at McChord Field in 1940, he got all eight crew members successfully bailed out of a crippled B-18—a first for that type aircraft—parachuting himself with only seconds to spare and landing in a tall tree. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for this unprecedented feat.

The start of World War II found him at Elmendorf Field, Alaska, and immediately thereafter he was designated commander, 28th Composit Group, Aleutian Islands, Alaska. Ever seeking knowledge, and with strong powers of persuasion over those having assignment jurisdiction, he attended the Naval War College in 1943, followed immediately with attendance at the Army Air Force Applied Tactics School at Orlando Field and the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth.

With the war expanding in scope, his operational planning abilities quickly led to his assignments in Operations & Plans Division, Army Air Force Headquarters, and later as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff War Plans Committee. These assignments served as excellent grooming for larger responsibilities to come. A tour in the Philippines as base commander, Clark Field, and the following year as a student at the National War College, Fort McNair, was followed with assignment to USAF Headquarters, Programming Division, and designation as director in 1959. In this position, during the fledgling days of the USAF, he was most influential in developing and structuring effective force buildup to counter the growing Communist threat.

Jack had come through the grades of colonel in 1944, brigadier general in 1957, and eventually major general in 1962.

In 1961 he began his second assignment to Maxwell Air Force Base as commandant, Air Command and Staff College. Next followed three years as chief of staff, US Southern Command, Canal Zone, and a year as director, Inter American Defense College, Fort McNair, only to return to Maxwell Air Force Base as commandant, Air War College, and vice commander, Air University. The four years on this assignment—prior to his retirement in 1972—he prized most highly because of the opportunity to influence and instill in future leaders of the Air Force his own high sense of Duty, Honor, and Leadership for the Country.

Jack and Doty had two sons—Jack Jr. born in 1941, and Kenyon born in 1944.

A command pilot, he received many military decorations including the Air Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Service Medal, plus several Central and South American decorations.

In the post retirement years of Jack and Doty and their many travels, no greater

joy could be anticipated than a visit or trip with them. Jack's spontaneous enthusiasm, wit, and keen insight was overwhelming, and outwardly projected to all around. In spite of a losing battle with cancer starting in 1986, he never lost hope, and always put forth an optimistic outlook to visitors, or over the phone.

He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, never to be forgotten by wife, sons, grandchildren, and classmates.

*Classmates, Ivan W. McElroy and George C. McDowell*

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**Edward Raymond Skinner**

NO. 11312 CLASS OF 1938

Died 31 May 1945 in Tricesino, Italy, aged 31 years.

Interment: American Cemetery, Florence, Italy



**Edward Raymond Skinner**

EDWARD RAYMOND SKINNER was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, on 12 February 1914. The information that he furnished for his personal record lists only his mother, Estella H. Skinner, but as a cadet he spoke of his father and a family dairy farm on the Ohio River in the southeastern part of the state. All his early school years and his high school were in Pomeroy.

Appointed to the Military Academy by Representative Thomas A. Jenkins, 10th District, he had no previous military background, and his interest in West Point came through a deep patriotism. His cadet nickname, "Otis," was derived in doubtful relevancy to the famous actress, Cornelia Otis Skinner. Ed had early chosen the Infantry, and he graduated 279 in a class of 301.

His first assignment was to the Air Corps Primary Flying School at then Randolph Field, Texas. In January 1939 he went to the 30th Infantry at the Presidio of San Francisco to await an Army transport to carry him to duty at Scho-

field Barracks, Hawaii. While Ed was at the Presidio, his fiancée, Joanne, flew to him from her home in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Well supported by classmates Bill Walson and J. R. Barker, Ed and Joanne were married.

In Hawaii, Ed was assigned to the 19th Infantry Regiment, Hawaiian Division. The newlyweds lived in the 1000 Block at Schofield Barracks, surrounded by young couples in like circumstances. Ed did all the things required of a second lieutenant, attending Bakers and Cooks School, Motor Officers School and serving as a company executive officer and company commander in the 19th Infantry. He also spent some time on detached service with the Hawaiian division's Military Police Detachment.

At the end of his tour of duty in Hawaii, Ed was transferred to the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, California. There he applied for the Mountain Training Center at Camp Hale, Colorado, and was sent to the 85th Mountain Infantry. At about the time of his transfer to Camp Hale, Ed and Joanne Skinner were divorced. He never remarried.

Mountain Training Center was redesignated the 10th Mountain Division in 1943. Ed served in the 85th Mountain Infantry and the division headquarters, but he was back in the 85th when the division left Camp Swift, Texas, for Italy in November 1944.

A battalion executive officer in the 2d Battalion, 85th Mountain Infantry, Ed fought gallantly in the battles for the Monte Belvedere-Monte Gorgelesco Ridge, named Operation Encore by Fifth Army, 19 February-5 March 1945. Shortly after, the division headquarters commandant was killed, and Ed succeeded him. Ed was a great commanding officer, much admired by his troops and well respected by the officers of the division headquarters. The war over, Ed Skinner went back to his old outfit, the 2d Battalion, 85th Mountain Infantry.

Ed had been assigned as the 2d's battalion commander when he died, 31 May 1945, quite unexpectedly, at Tricesino, a small town north of Udine in northeast Italy. The 85th Mountain Infantry laid him to rest in the American Cemetery, Florence, Italy. He left no family, but there are staunch friends who miss him.

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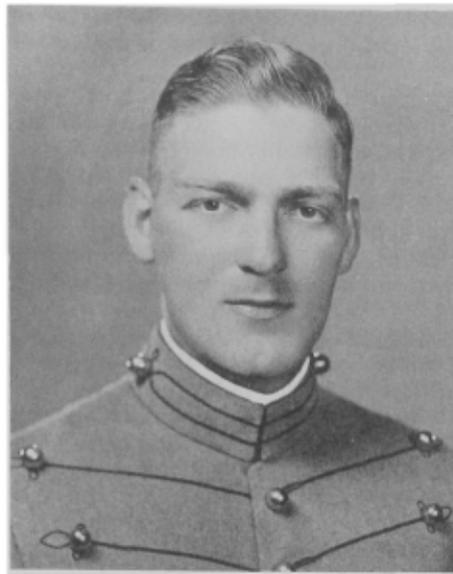
**David Seavey Woods**

NO. 12263 CLASS OF 1941

Died 24 July 1984 in Burlington, Massachusetts, aged 67 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DAVID SEAVEY WOODS, officer, husband, father and brother, a man of even disposition and great common sense, passed away in 1984. At his funeral at



**David Seavey Woods**

Hanscom Air Force Base, the members of his immediate family each spoke about him, and it was apparent that along with his dedication to his career and his country, he was a consummate family man.

David was born in Albion, New York in 1917, graduated as salutatorian of his high school class, attended Hamilton College for two years, and was appointed to West Point in 1937 by Congressman James W. Wadsworth. At West Point Dave immediately won the admiration and respect of his classmates by his industry, academic brilliance and athletic ability. He demonstrated his versatility by participating in numerous thespian productions, by being a leading bass voice for four years in the choir, and coaching other cadets less capable than he in academics.

Dave graduated 24th in his class of 424. He selected the Signal Corps as his basic branch in reflection of his long standing interest in communications as a science. His first assignment was with the Army Air Corps at March Field in California. After duty in setting up and operating radar sites on the West Coast and in Mexico, he assumed command of an aircraft early warning company. Subsequently, he took this company to New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific Theater. Rapid promotion and increased responsibilities followed, as by 1944 he was commanding the 565 Signal Bn. His industry and abilities brought him to the attention of Headquarters 5th Fighter Command in Okinawa where he was transferred in 1944 and remained for the duration of the war.

In 1946 he was requested to return to West Point as an instructor in the English Department. After three pleasant and eventful years at his alma mater, he succumbed to the insistent magnetic hum of the electronic black box and attended the University of Illinois

where he earned his master of science degree in electrical engineering. Next, the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff put Dave to good use as assistant director of Communications-Electronics.

After his two-year tour on the JCS, he was transferred to Headquarters, USAF and installed as chief of the Systems Engineering Branch in the Communication Directorate. Subsequently, he attended the War College, graduating in June 1955. Then followed three years at Elmendorf, returning to Headquarters USAF in 1958. In 1960, Dave moved back to the Joint Chiefs as chief of the division in which he had served in an earlier tour.

1963 found him as commander of the Western Communication Region (AFCS) at Hamilton Air Force Base. Two years later, still following the elusive electron, Dave was chosen to serve with the United States Strike Command at MacDill Field, Florida as J-6. After receiving the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service at the Strike Command, he was transferred to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he retired as a colonel, USAF in 1969.

David continued his career interest in electronics and after retirement from the Air Force accepted a position with Sylvania Corporation (subsequently a unit of GTE Corporation). He was a project manager with that firm at the time of his death. Although he was not a flying officer during his Air Force service, he learned to fly, and held a private pilot's license. He had always enjoyed singing, had a strong bass voice, and was a member and past president of The Sounds of Concord, a barbershop singing organization. The "Sounds" participated for several years in national competitions. David also was active in the Boy Scouts for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne Rogers; four sons, Stephen, Gregory, Robert Prater, and Christopher Prater; a daughter, Carole; five grandchildren; and two brothers, Richard and Charles, as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

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**Robert James Colleran**

NO. 12374 CLASS OF 1941

Died 30 May 1986 in Lake City, Minnesota, aged 69 years.

Interment: Marian Chapel, Lake City, Minnesota

ROBERT J. COLLERAN was born 6 January 1917, in Brownsville, Minnesota, the son of Dr. James Colleran and Mrs. Leah Colleran. Dr. Colleran was a prominent dentist in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where Bob attended elementary and high school. From 1935-37 he attended La Crosse State Teachers College. He was



Robert James Colleran

appointed to West Point from Wisconsin 8th District.

Radio communication appealed to Bob from early youth. It seemed to him that a military career would provide many opportunities in that field. Prior to West Point he belonged to a Naval Reserve unit as a radioman 3rd class. While at West Point he excelled in mathematics and science courses, and he was an avid member of the radio club. At the same time, his happy-go-lucky personality did not always please the tactical department, but after losing his second class long weekend he became a model cadet in every respect.

Upon graduation he chose the Signal Corps as his basic branch along with Air Corps flight training. He easily won his wings and was assigned to a heavy bombardment group. Promotions came rapidly and by early 1944 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

With typical thoroughness and devotion to duty, Bob was cited for extraordinary achievement during combat in World War II in the New Guinea sector of the South Pacific. The citation for his Distinguished Flying Cross tells the story:

"Major Colleran was in an aircraft engaged on a bombing mission of enemy shipping. A bombing run was made in the face of intense anti aircraft fire from ground installations and enemy vessels. During this run the aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters which shot out the tail turret and severely damaged the aircraft. The skill displayed by the pilot and copilot was responsible for the safe return of this aircraft to its home base without injury to personnel."

After graduation Bob married his childhood sweetheart Margaret Josephine Anderson. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are survivors. A son, Robert Jr., was killed in an automobile accident in 1967.

After World War II Bob resigned from the Air Corps and elected to further his scientific interest by accepting a position with the Trane Company in La Crosse, Wisconsin, as a research engineer. In the experimental laboratory he became an expert in heat transfer, and his unit contributed to the development of a heat shield used in a NASA project.

During these years he continued his hobby of ham radio operator. His station was W9JLH, and he conversed with numerous friends as far away as New Zealand and Australia. For many years he kept his station open during holidays so young military personnel could "phone patch" home for Christmas. Bob would make contact with a military base or navy vessel by radio, then contact the family from his home telephone.

Another important interest of Bob was sailing. He and his family became "sailors" starting with a Sunfish boat, then a Catamaran Phoenix 18 and finally a Morgan 28. They sailed on Lake Pepin at Lake City, Minnesota, where they maintained a summer home. In 1977 they won the coveted racing trophy.

In 1979 Bob and Peg agreed upon an amicable separation and were divorced that same year. On 30 May 1986 Bob died from a massive heart attack at his summer home in Lake City, Minnesota. His body was cremated, and memorial services were held in Marian Chapel at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in that city. Surviving family members are four sons, Michael of Olympia, Washington; James of St. Paul, Minnesota; Dennis of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Timothy of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; three daughters, Sarah Colleran of Prescott, Wisconsin; Bridgette Colleran of La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Maggie Denham of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and two grandchildren.

Throughout his life Bob welcomed technical problems. None was too difficult to study and to solve. He lived a full life with enthusiasm, intellectual interest, and an abiding love for his fellow man.

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**Walter Francis Molesky**

NO. 12416 CLASS OF 1941

Died 19 May 1987 in Clearwater, Florida, aged 70 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WALTER WAS THE fourth of six children born to Frank and Mary Molesky, in Northampton, Pennsylvania. His father was a prosperous and enterprising insurance agent. Walter acquired a fine blend of his father's competitive spirit and his mother's quiet good nature.

His fine qualities of intelligent and exemplary leadership and his unstinting and compassionate service were demon-



Walter Francis Molesky

strated throughout his career, and were exemplified by his many high school achievements. He served both as president of his senior class and of his student council. He was a member of the school debating team and of the National Honor Society. He was an avid sports enthusiast, a letter winner on the baseball, football and basketball teams.

Walter began his military career at Fort Monroe Preparatory School where he enlisted in the Army with one goal in mind—attending West Point. Walter excelled not only academically, but in basketball and football. On the gridiron he won the appellation of "Moe the mighty molecule." This nickname followed him throughout his military career.

Walter entered the Academy with the Class of 1941, known as "Black 41" because of its difficulties with the Tactical Department. He enjoyed his four years, and made many friends. One of his favorite stories was about his participation in the Hundredth Night Show as a can-can dancer. Built like a baby tank, he was the hit of the show.

On graduation, Walter was assigned to the Signal Corps. At this time the armored divisions were forming, and he was associated with many of these—moving continuously.

When World War II ended he was in Czechoslovakia, his mother's homeland. Unfortunately, he was unable to contact any of his relatives. They were in an area occupied by the Russians. Walter spent the next two years in Germany reorganizing its shattered communications system.

He returned stateside in 1947 to obtain his master of science degree at the University of Illinois. Thereafter he held many positions of great responsibility. When he retired he was chief of the Electronics Testing Directorate of the US Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Walter's illustrious military career awarded him with many commendations

and medals. His most cherished was the Legion of Merit, which he received upon retirement.

He retired on military disability in 1967. He and his wife Mary spent the next 20 years in Clearwater, Florida. They enjoyed extensive traveling, golf, deep-sea fishing and bridge. As past president of the Clearwater Country Club, he had a busy social life.

His family and many friends will miss his kindness, thoughtfulness and good humor. An example of his kindness and compassion was shown when he had his first heart attack. He said nothing to his wife Mary, but proceeded to get his affairs in order, and purchased more suitable quarters for a widow. Upon moving day he passed away.

Walter married Mary Poole, a Canadian, in January 1942. Their first daughter, Frances, was born in Palm Springs, California in March 1943. Their second daughter, Anne, was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1945 while Walter was overseas in Czechoslovakia.

Walter is survived by his wife, his two daughters, and four granddaughters.

Walter was a humble man, neither arrogant nor prepossessing. Truly a scholar and a gentleman. He has left a legacy of fond memories. His life epitomized the ideals of West Point—Duty, Honor, Country.

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**John Jacob Shultz, Jr.**

NO. 13156 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 11 September 1973 in Tacoma, Washington, aged 55 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



**John Jacob Shultz, Jr.**

GROWING UP ALONG the Susquehanna River, with summers spent at his grandparents' farm in Lancaster County, gave John his lifelong love of the outdoors.

Those who knew him at West Point and in later years can give testimony to that. He was also a meticulous and patient craftsman, from building tracks for his model trains as a youngster to woodworking.

After graduation and World War II in Europe (Ninth Army) where he won a Bronze Star, John attended Princeton University from which he received his master's degree in nuclear physics in 1948. It naturally followed that he was assigned to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. During this period in the beautiful northern New Mexico mountains, he again had time for hunting and outdoor exploration. At the start of his fourth year there (still a bachelor) he met Marian, who had newly arrived from New York state; they were married there a year later. She being a kindred spirit, the wedding trip included fishing in Idaho and Yellowstone and Glacier Parks.

Artillery School followed, and then Korea—Fort Bliss, Leavenworth, an AA battalion in Connecticut and ICAF—then NORAD in Colorado Springs, where once again there was opportunity for hunting and fishing. After that came three years in the Pentagon with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for R&D. There followed two years in Kaiserslautern, West Germany, as commander of the 94th Artillery Group. It was a busy and difficult time with the shortage of personnel because of the Vietnam conflict. In 1968 John, Marian and cat returned to Fort Bliss where he commanded the Institute for Nuclear Studies until his retirement in 1970.

Lured by the promise of the outdoor recreation in the Pacific Northwest, they moved to Washington and built a home high on a bluff overlooking Puget Sound—fir and hemlock woods to the north and east—and with deer and rabbits habitual (and sometimes unwelcome) visitors, for they found Marian's flowers tasty morsels indeed.

As fate would have it, multiple myeloma was diagnosed in the late spring of 1972, and after a gallant fight John lost the battle in September of 1973. Marian stayed in their home for a number of years, becoming involved in garden club work as a flower judge, but has now moved to Albuquerque.

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**Roderic Thomas Wriston**

NO. 13214 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 14 January 1952 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 32 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas



**Roderic Thomas Wriston**

fly in the Army Air Corps. And that he did. No aspect of West Point bothered him; he took it all in stride, standing above the middle of the Class. A swimmer who won his monogram, a four-year member of the choir and the *Pointer* staff, a rifle expert, a three-year member of the Skeet Club and the Camera Club, writer, artist, photographer—few of us matched his diversity. And yet he was not envied but widely liked and respected.

Commissioned as a pilot, he spent a year in the States learning to fly B-17's, and then teaching others to fly them. In January of 1944 it was off to the CBI as a bomber pilot in the Twentieth Air Force. As a plane commander of the 40th Bomb Group for over a year of combat, he won two Distinguished Flying Crosses and six Air Medals. He continued to fly in the Marianas until August, when he was moved up to the Twentieth Air Force Staff.

The citation for one of his DFC's shows the quality of his service and dedication. "Captain Wriston was flying as a B-29 pilot on a night incendiary attack from a base in the Marianas against Tokyo. His plane was first illuminated by eleven to thirteen searchlights about five minutes before reaching the bomb release point. Unable to get out of the cone of the lights he flew steadily ahead as intense and accurate anti aircraft fire was encountered. . . . Heavy flak fragments pierced the fuselage and wings. Medium projectiles also began to find their mark. . . . A dozen direct hits were sustained. . . . Captain Wriston exhibited inspiring determination. . . . It was reported that bombs in the front bay were on fire. . . . Simultaneously it was reported that the bombs in the rear bay were on fire. About three seconds later the load of bombs was released into the target only one second before the correct release point. . . . Ex-

ROD WRISTON, AIR CORPS brat born in Texas but appointed from Maine, joined our Class with one ambition in mind—to

hibiting exemplary coolness and flying skill while emergency repairs were made . . . Captain Wriston returned the crippled bomber to base and made a safe landing. . . The damage was so severe the aircraft had to be salvaged."

With the end of hostilities, Rod came back to training and staff assignments in the ZI. By 1949 he had begun to seek other challenges, and he resigned in February to enter training as an investment adviser. But shortly after qualifying he felt the call of the profession of law, and entered law school even while teaching high school at night. He was one of the first of the Class to settle in San Antonio.

In the spring of 1951 Rod won his LL.B. from St. Mary's University of Texas and was a member of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. He then set up his law office in the South Texas Building in San Antonio. It was in that building that death came suddenly, less than a year after he set up practice. After a service in the Porter Loring Chapel, Rod was buried with full military honors in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. And so we lost a military hero from World War II, a man whose careers, civil and military, lasted less than nine years from graduation but were full of promise.

Shortly before the first anniversary of our graduation, while he was assigned as a B-17 instructor, Rod married Grace Margerin Simpson of New York. They had one child, a daughter named Martha Simpson Wriston, who was born just before Rod graduated from law school. Both wife and child survived him, as did his father and mother and his sister. Present information is lacking on their whereabouts, but Rod's many friends and colleagues would join them in mourning his passing.

—A classmate

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**Donald Jay Kohler**

NO. 14585 CLASS OF 1945

Died 6 August 1987 in Arroyo Grande, California, aged 64 years.

Interment: Arroyo Grande, California

DON WAS BORN IN CLEVELAND, Ohio but moved to California at the age of 6 months. His dedication to Army life began at an early age—he was enrolled in a private military academy at age 7 and was active in the ROTC program in high school. He attained the rank of colonel, one of only two in the state of California.

A childhood dream was realized when he entered West Point. He served in the Army of Occupation in Germany. After earning a graduate degree in electrical engineering at Johns Hopkins University he went into the Guided Missile Program and helped establish the in-



**Donald Jay Kohler**

struction in the Corporal Missile Program at Fort Bliss, Texas. In a subsequent assignment, he considered the privilege of being a part of the Redstone Arsenal team that launched the first US rocket into space as the highlight of his career. It was there that he served under General Medaris and worked on projects directed by Werner Von Braun. While still in uniform he joined the Defense Atomic Support Agency (which later became the Defense Nuclear Agency) and served as a weapons effects specialist. He served a tour in Korea in I Corps Artillery and a second tour in Germany.

Retiring in June 1966, he worked in the aerospace industry at Lockheed for three years. He returned to government service as a "physical scientist" with the Defense Nuclear Agency where he worked until he retired in July 1981.

He began his fourth career with General Research Corporation in Santa Barbara which satisfied a strong desire to return him to his beloved California. With them, he was a member of the technical staff which involved research with the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars). Upon retirement in July 1987, he agreed to act as a consultant.

Always in search of knowledge, he was up at 5:00 am to read for a couple of hours before the work day began. He completed a second graduate degree in political science from George Washington University. He was a perfectionist, demanding as much of himself as he did of others, and while presenting a serious mean, he always had a sunny disposition, earning the nickname "sunshine" used by his closest friends.

He was devoted to his work, the service and his family. This devotion extended to his church where he served as an elder and provided a substantial contribution to his faith. He is survived by his wife, Diane, his childhood sweetheart whom he married upon gradua-

tion. Of her husband she writes, "We really had a super 42 years together. He was a very rare and special human being and a joy to live with. I thank God for his life and our years together." He leaves three children and a grandchild.

George F. Smith '45

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**Edward Francis McCue**

NO. 15518 CLASS OF 1946

Died 6 May 1987 in Tampa, Florida, aged 62 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Edward Francis McCue**

EDWARD F. MCCUE was born in Cornwall, New York on 22 June 1924. Raised in Cornwall, he attended the Cornwall High School. Ed attended Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine before accepting his appointment to enter the Military Academy in 1943. As a cadet, Ed was a member of Company E-1 and of both the track team and the cross country team, winning many meet points for his Alma Mater. Upon graduation, he attended the Quartermaster Officers Basic Course and by 1947 was on duty in the Philippines with the 246th Quartermaster Company.

While serving in the Philippines, Ed met and married Esperanza (Pat) and brought her back with him to the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee. She and their family remained at Fort Lee while Ed served with the Eighth Army Quartermaster Section in Korea, earning the Bronze Star Medal for his service. His Quartermaster service continued until 1959 when Ed and Pat moved to Syracuse, New York to continue his academic work and receive a master's in business administration in 1960. For the next few years, Ed served in a variety of comptroller positions including a tour at the Quartermaster Depot in Giessen, Germany.

In 1968, Ed retired after a distinguished 22-year career. Shortly, he took up duties as a civilian member of the Comptroller of the Army staff but retired again in 1981 and moved to Florida. For several years, he was the operations manager of a local investments firm and then died suddenly of complications following surgery in May 1987.

Ed was buried at Arlington National Cemetery and leaves his widow Pat; two daughters; a son and 11 grandchildren. Ed was a good man—a patriot, a soldier, a proud father—faithful to his God, his country and his family.

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### James Walther Rawers

NO. 16985 CLASS OF 1949

Died 15 March 1987 in Bethesda, Maryland, aged 59 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



James Walther Rawers

THE SUMMER OF 1945 was not one's typical summer at West Point. Victory in Europe had already been achieved and the war in the Pacific was to come to an unexpectedly early end in August. The wartime Class of 1948 that trudged up the hill from the railroad station on 1 July became the peacetime Class of 1949 before the summer was over. Resignations occurred in such massive numbers that two additional companies of new cadets were admitted throughout July and into early August. One of those late arrivals was an 18 year old fresh out of an eastern Ohio high school. His name was Jim Rawers. With the chaos of Best Barracks in that unusual summer of 1945 reigning all about him, and in spite of his relative youth and lack of any prior military service, Jim advanced through the summer ordeal with such unflappable ease that it seemed as if there had been nothing to it. It was just one more phys-

ical and psychological challenge to conquer as far as he was concerned.

Born and raised in Bergholz, Ohio, the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Rawers, Jim was a true native son of the Midwest, endowed with so many of the characteristics one associates with that region: physical strength, love of the outdoors, strong moral values, unwavering love of family and country, grass roots common sense, and a healthy measure of personal reserve. Jim had starred in athletics at Canton McKinley High School, one of the nation's hotbeds of football supremacy. But since Jim never talked about himself, even his closest friends at the Academy didn't know the details of his earlier achievements.

Perhaps that didn't matter very much, because Jim proceeded to make such an indelible mark on the athletic history of the Corps. He starred in football as an end, in basketball as a center, and in track as a javelin thrower. All in all he won eleven Major A's and captained the Army basketball team during both his junior and senior seasons. As great an athlete as he was, Jim was no slouch in academics either, graduating well up in the top half of the class and qualifying for later entry into graduate school in nuclear engineering.

Upon graduation Jim chose the Air Force and proceeded to Waco, Texas for basic pilot training. But the bachelor life was not for him and during the Christmas break he traveled back to Bronxville, New York to marry his cadet sweetheart, Jane K. Bast.

After earning his pilot's wings, Jim was assigned to Wheelus Field in Tripoli, Libya, where he served as pilot, instructor pilot, and assistant operations officer for three years. Another two years were spent at Andrews Air Force Base in a similar capacity before the Air Force selected him to attend North Carolina State University to study for a master's degree in nuclear engineering. This assignment proved to be a turning point in Jim's career. Thereafter his assignments were to have a high degree of technical orientation.

Upon graduation the Rawers moved to Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico where Jim served a four-year tour at the Air Force Special Weapons Center as chief of the Nuclear Hazards Branch. Then it was on to the Eastern Test Range at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida as chief of the Missile Analysis Branch. After six years at Patrick, Jim was beckoned back to Washington to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces where he earned both his diploma and an MBA from George Washington University. Jim's post-ICAF "career broadening" assignment sent him to Headquarters Air Force Systems Command at Andrews Air Force Base as Director of Information.

The years 1970-71 found Jim in Vietnam as commander of Detachment 6, a unique Air Force unit in that combat theater. Its mission was to introduce new technology systems such as laser guided weapons, advanced LORAN navigation bombing, electronic countermeasure systems and the like into the combat units, and to translate combat operational requirements into research and development initiatives that could be undertaken on a quick reaction basis.

Upon his return to the States in 1971 Jim embarked on another career path that was to endure for the rest of his life. In many ways the intelligence field and Jim were made for each other. His technical background and native intellect, his uncommon good judgment and common sense, his penchant for circumspection and abhorrence of flamboyance all combined to make him an ideal selection. Jim was assigned to the Air Force's Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, an organization with preeminent credentials throughout the Free World in the field of technical intelligence. Jim's outstanding performance was soon rewarded by his being named to be vice commander and then commander of the division. It was from this position that Jim retired from active duty in August 1975 after 26 years of commissioned service. His awards and decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three Service Stars, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V."

Jim was not finished with his life's work, however. He and Jane moved to Washington where he immediately began work as a member of the Intelligence Community Staff, Central Intelligence Agency. For the next twelve years his superb work in the intelligence field resulted in successive assignments of greater responsibility. In April 1983 Jim was appointed to the Senior Executive Service, the flag officer equivalent in the federal service. The following year he was named the Department of Energy's Director of Scientific and Technological Intelligence, a position that he held until he succumbed to cancer on 15 March 1987, just a month short of his 60th birthday. In addition to his wife Jane he is survived by their four children—Linda, Robert, Scott, and Barbara; a brother, Robert K.; and a sister, Betty J. Rawers.

Jim Rawers had a lifetime of noteworthy and newsworthy achievements, but to those of us who knew him and loved him, he will remain in our memories most for the very special person that he was—a loving father and husband who cared deeply about his family and the world around them; a soft-spoken, easy-going, and private person for whom the nickname "Gentleman Jim" was a per-

fect fit; a man whose personal achievements were no more important to him than yesterday's news; a truly dedicated professional officer and public servant who had that rare capacity to see problems and situations in their larger contexts and ramifications.

Even as he fought the only losing battle of his life, his true character never wavered. As his affliction became more serious, he still maintained a cheerful and optimistic attitude and never complained or indicated the pain that he was enduring. That was the way he was. Jim Rawers was a big man.

*A classmate*

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**Thomas Bernard Luzon**

NO. 17007 CLASS OF 1949

Died 13 June 1987 in Thornwood, New York, aged 60 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



**Thomas Bernard Luzon**

THOMAS BERNARD LUZON was born on 9 May 1927 in Brooklyn, New York, to Charles and Mary Sweeney Luzon. Tom graduated from Brooklyn Preparatory, and attended Brooklyn Polytech before entering West Point.

He had such a love of life, and such a positive attitude, that the demanding routine of cadet life never seemed to get him down. Tommy had a handsome, matinee idol look of the silver screen days, and his cadet personality was strongly seasoned with plenty of old fashioned moxie. Could his always smiling, non-complaining, happy-go-lucky manner be attributed to his mother's County Mayo, Ireland birth? Whatever the reason, his charisma won him many lifelong friends.

Tommy was injured in lacrosse during his third class year but that loss was A-1's gain in intramurals. Tom was brigade

boxing champion, and who can forget "Doctor Lou" and his A-1 Seven Blocks of Granite?

This writer's memory is still so vivid of the time when my date, later my wife, and I went to West Point for Tommy's wedding to the blonde, blue-eyed Madeline Irene Kristiansen. Some of the wedding guests were from the old country and other guests had to act as interpreters to repeat the wedding stories that flowed. Madeline and Tom made a good-looking wedding couple, her fairness so contrasting with his dark coloring.

Tom went into the Air Force at graduation but never received the Ebbets Field assignment he coveted. He served in the Korean War Airlift from McChord Air Force Base, and in the 15th TC Squadron, stationed in Japan and Larson Air Force Base. He resigned from the service as a captain in 1954 and later served as a major in the Ready Reserves, 336th Troop Carrier Wing.

Tom's business resume attests to his superior intelligence, hard work, and outstanding accomplishments. Upon leaving the Air Force he started working as an installer, repairman, and switchman with New York Telephone. Thirteen years later Tom was assistant vice president, marketing. His next position was as personnel, and then operations director, AT&T. In 1974 Tom returned to New York Telephone and served as assistant vice president in the following positions: operations planning and engineering; revenue settlements; and business marketing management. When he retired from New York Telephone in 1983, he became Westchester County, New York, Director of Telecommunications, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was noted for many business accomplishments. He wrote several articles for data communications publications which helped solidify the company as a leader in the industry; designed and developed an innovative high speed data switching system, which was the first high frequency switched system in the country; saved the company millions of dollars by conceiving and implementing a hierarchical system to resolve engineering and plant data problems; negotiated a \$55 million depreciation settlement which was the best in the company history; and through Bell Laboratories, patented the Telephone Electronic Message Unit Measuring System.

He was a member of the West Point Society of New York, Army Athletic Association, the American Legion, and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Tom died unexpectedly in his sleep on 13 June 1987, at his home in Thornwood, New York. He is survived by his wife, Madeline; three daughters, Christine Parsons, Karen Quinn, and Linda LoPiccolo; four sons, Thomas,

Ronald, Robert, and Kenneth Luzon; two brothers, Jack and Al Luzon; and 13 grandchildren, all living in New York.

Tom will be greatly missed by those he touched during his lifetime. When this writer, a roommate, last spoke by phone to the family, I realized that part of Tommy from cadet days is still with us, for it was startling, hearing a mirror of his voice, expression, and laughter of long ago, from his youngest son, Kenny.

Tom was an Acolyte at the Catholic Chapel all four years at West Point, and attended the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla, New York. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at his beloved West Point. Farewell good friend, "May it be said well done, be thou at peace."

*A classmate*

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**Robert Webb Robinson**

NO. 17804 CLASS OF 1950

Died 21 September 1950 in Japan, aged 23 years.

Interment: Battle Creek, Michigan



**Robert Webb Robinson**

THE TERSE OFFICIAL caption behind the name of First Lieutenant Robert W. Robinson reads, "Died Japan, (wds. Korea) 21 September 1950." Nothing particularly unusual in announcements such as this during the late summer of 1950 as the Korean War intensified. And all too frequently did comparable releases seem to refer to members of the just graduated Class of 1950. That abbreviated heading quoted above tells us only about the conclusion, or the final chapter, of a life's story: it speaks nothing of the beginning nor does it describe anything that went beforehand. And much went on in the earlier pages even though the book of Robby's life is short.

Only slightly more than 100 days previous was it when Robby and the rest of

the Class of 1950 flung hats in joy—and pride—for having graduated from the United States Military Academy. In that 100 plus days before he was to be killed in combat Robby had enjoyed graduation leave—including a fishing excursion in Michigan—been shipped to Korea to join his unit as an infantry officer, engaged in combat, received a promotion to first lieutenant and been mortally wounded.

One of four children in the family of John and Helen Robinson, Robert Webb Robinson was born in Chester, Pennsylvania, on 24 June 1927. Later his family moved to Michigan and in 1945 Robby graduated from Battle Creek High School where he earned varsity letters in basketball and football. An Army brat—his father, USMA '15, became a general—it was inevitable that he would attend West Point. Doing so was the fulfillment of a goal long sought, and he followed the footsteps of his brother as well. It was equally certain that upon graduation he would choose the branch of his distinguished father—the Infantry. Oftentimes during his days as a cadet could Robby be overheard referring to that branch as “the Queen of Battle.”

Barely a few months passed following graduation from high school before Robby enlisted in the US Army. In those days he was but a private and he served on active duty until a few days prior to entering the Academy. During much of that time he attended the USMA Prep School where his appetite for West Point was further stimulated. He was sworn in a new cadet at West Point in July of 1946 with an at-large presidential appointment, and anxiously joined the Class of 1950.

As a cadet, Robby was active in the 100th Night Show each of his years at West Point. He also was vice-president of the Dialectic Society. He became an accomplished lacrosse player and enjoyed a wide range of sports. Perhaps most notable of his activities as a cadet was that of Company A-1 representative to the Duty Committee. There never was a doubt in anyone's mind that he was uniquely tailored to fit that role, for no one had a greater sense of responsibility than he.

From this distance, how to portray succinctly a realistic picture of this courageous and honorable friend requires reflection. Surely he was serious, but far from a bore. Robby was composed, yet rarely neutral. He was eager yet not a zealot. He was dependable but hardly demure, and quick witted but certainly not giddy. What says it all is to state he was genuine. It is no exaggeration to exclaim that Robby epitomized the concept of an officer and a gentleman, for he was universally respected.

To speculate that but for his early passing Robby would have contributed

significantly to the US Armed Forces he so loved would be easy to do. On the other hand, it also would be unnecessary and unappreciative to so conjecture. Robby rendered much to the military history—to be sure he gave his all—in the few months he was commissioned. He merely fulfilled his duty and completed his work on earth by early manhood. What he did was to establish sooner than most his niche in the Long Gray Line.

Robby was serving in combat with Company B, 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea when inflicted with wounds in the neck and face which less than two days later were to claim his life, after he was evacuated to a hospital in Japan. Interestingly enough, some three years earlier his mother also lost her life in Korea while General Robinson was on occupation duty there.

Curiously, the concluding words of the 1950 *Howitzer* narrative about him read, “We wish you luck, Robby boy.” Some would insist that his luck was to run out all too soon on that battlefield in the remote nation of Korea. But others may well pause to consider that—with his high sense of values and loyalty to cause—there truly was no misadventure at all: it was in war that this most noble soldier was destined to enter, at such a young age, eternal peace.

For solace, his classmates know full well that, to Robby, ever near was his Alma Mater dear.

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#### Adam Benjamin, Jr.

NO. 22094 CLASS OF 1958

Died 7 September 1982 in Washington, D.C.,  
aged 47 years.

Interment: Merrillville, Indiana

ADAM BENJAMIN, JR. was born in Gary, Indiana on 6 August 1935, the son of immigrant parents of Armenian and Assyrian descent. Adam's parents were the embodiment of the American dream that lured so many to our shores. Industrious individuals of high standards, they raised seven children, all of whom became well-educated professionals, successful in their chosen fields. Adam was justly proud of his heritage and served for a term in the mid-1960's as president of the American Assyrian Association, an organization of over 100,000 members who trace their ancestry back to that ancient middle eastern nation. Born minutes ahead of his twin brother, Myron, he took the role of the oldest child very seriously, and was a much loved big brother and dutiful son all his life.

After graduation from Kemper Military Academy, Adam enlisted in the Marine Corps. An appointment to the Acad-



Adam Benjamin, Jr.

emy and attendance at the USMA Prep School, then at Stewart Air Force Base in Newburgh, New York, followed.

Adam's cadet years were characterized by his acquisition of scores of friends in both regiments and a variety of nicknames. This soft-spoken, good-natured Midwesterner answered just as readily to “Sam,” “Ben,” and “Benjie” as he did to Adam. But behind his relaxed and easygoing exterior was a dynamo of energy, most of which he poured into extracurricular activities. Chief among these was the *Pointer*, and he was the natural selection for editor in chief in his first class year.

Adam was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation, and attended Basic Infantry Officers School, Jump School and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He then reported to Fort Campbell, Kentucky as a platoon leader in the 501st Airborne Battle Group, 101st Airborne Infantry Division. In 1961, Adam decided to pursue a civilian career, and he left active duty.

While working as a school teacher, and later at an insurance company, he continued his formal education and received a law degree from Valparaiso University in 1966. Of even greater significance, in that same year he married his beloved Patricia. Over the next few years Pat and Adam had three children: Adam III, born in 1968; Alison Louise in 1969; and Arianne in 1972. In this period Adam established a very successful law practice in Gary, Indiana. But the spirit of public service was firmly ingrained in his character, and after serving in an administrative capacity in the city of Gary, Adam ran for and was elected to the Indiana legislature in 1968. He quickly distinguished himself there as an outstanding representative. One of his accomplishments was a medical malpractice bill which he wrote and steered to passage which was so well crafted that

it became a model which several other states copied and adopted as their own.

Based upon his record of success in the Indiana legislature and his immense popularity with the voters in his district, Adam was elected to Congress in 1976. He brought the same capability and dedication to service in Washington that he had displayed throughout his life.

Opting to give their children a stable home life surrounded by family, Adam and Pat kept their home in Hobart, Indiana, and he became a weekend commuter for the next six years. Adam took a small apartment within walking distance from the House office building, and put in marathon hours, usually arriving well before his staff did, and working long hours into every night long after everyone else had left the building.

In Congress, Adam served on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees and was chairman of both the Congressional Steel Caucus and the House Transportation Appropriations subcommittee. He was a member of the

Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and the Democratic Caucus Committee on Party Effectiveness. He worked tirelessly for his district, the heavily industrialized northwest area of Indiana, and achieved a reputation among his peers as a hard working, extremely capable congressman of the highest integrity and dedication.

The word "politics" comes from both the Latin "politicus" and the Greek "politikos" meaning "the art of the people" and "the art of belonging to the people." Adam epitomized these meanings, and brought a dignity and respect to his profession which is too often lacking in American politics today.

Adam died of a heart attack on 7 September 1982 at the age of 47, shortly before his almost certain election to a fourth term in Congress. Commenting at the time of his untimely death, former Senator Birch Bayh captured the feelings of many when he said, "To me, Adam Benjamin was more than a congressman. He was a dear personal friend

and a dedicated self-sacrificing public servant. When John Kennedy said 'Here on earth, God's work must truly be our own,' he must have had Adam Benjamin in mind, for Adam has been doing God's work for all of us for most of his life."

Thousands of Adam's friends and constituents came to his wake. The Greek Orthodox Temple, where his body lay in state, was kept open all night at his wife Pat's suggestion so that night shift workers from Gary could visit. They did so, well into the night. Hundreds of mourners lined the street as his funeral procession passed en route to the cemetery, giving mute testimony to the affection that so many had for this man who so well demonstrated the "art of the people."

Not many men live their lives in such a way as to create hosts of friends wherever they go. Adam was a rare creation, and all of us whose lives he touched were the richer for it, and our tremendous sense of loss is offset by our joy at having known him.

—*Friend and roommate*

#### **General Lyman L. Lemnitzer Dies 12 November 1988**

General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Class of 1920, died 12 November 1988 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center; he was 89 years old. A distinguished World War II hero, he played a significant role in the organization and development of NATO and also had notable influence during the Korean War era. His final assignment was as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Early in World War II, General Lemnitzer served on General Eisenhower's staff in London as assistant chief of staff in charge of planning Operation Torch, the invasion of North Africa. He then led the 34th Anti-aircraft Brigade through the Tunisian and early Sicilian campaigns. In 1943 he participated in secret talks in Switzerland and Italy that eventually led to the surrender of the German armies in Italy and southern Austria.

In Korea, General Lemnitzer first

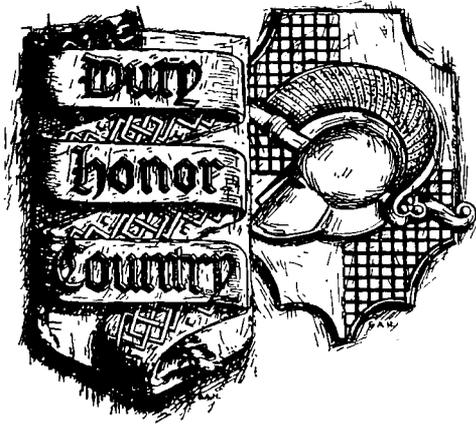


commanded the 7th Infantry Division in 1952, leading it with gallantry and skill through several very hard-fought cam-

paigns. Later he was assigned to command the Eighth Army and then in 1955 was designated commander of all US and United Nations forces in Korea and Japan.

He returned to Washington in 1957 to serve as the Army Vice Chief of Staff under General Maxwell D. Taylor. General Lemnitzer next succeeded Taylor as Army Chief of Staff and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Then President Eisenhower nominated him as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; two years later General Lemnitzer became Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. He retired in 1969.

General Lemnitzer is survived by his wife, Katherine Mead Tyron, and two children: Brigadier General (Ret) William L. Lemnitzer (USMA '51) and daughter Katherine Simpson. In a future issue ASSEMBLY anticipates publishing a full article on the distinguished career of this brilliant and dedicated graduate.



## Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of December 1988 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Sidney P. Spalding	1912 ....	21 December	1988 .... Reston, Virginia
James C. Styron	Nov-1918 ....	2 January	1989 .... Hobart, Oklahoma
Samuel P. Walker, Jr.	Nov-1918 ....	17 November	1988 .... El Paso, Texas
Raymond C. Barlow	1919 ....	9 June	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Eugene C. Johnston	1920 ....	1 December	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Lyman L. Lemnitzer	1920 ....	12 November	1988 .... Washington, D.C.
William J. D'Espinosa	1923 ....	28 November	1988 .... Washington, D.C.
Philip H. Enslow	1923 ....	3 January	1989 .... Gloucester, Virginia
Paul W. Wolf	1923 ....	20 November	1988 .... Littleton, Colorado
Benjamin P. Heiser	1926 ....	7 November	1988 .... Lexington, Kentucky
William E. Potter	1928 ....	5 December	1988 .... Orlando, Florida
Edward C. Reber	1928 ....	1 December	1988 .... Abington, Pennsylvania
LaVerne G. Saunders	1928 ....	16 November	1988 .... Aberdeen, South Dakota
Donald F. Buchwald	1931 ....	18 December	1988 .... Elkhart, Indiana
James W. Gurr	1932 ....	20 October	1988 .... Carrabelle, Florida
Charles G. Herman	1932 ....	1 December	1988 .... Temple City, California
Curtis A. Schrader	1932 ....	8 December	1988 .... Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
Maurice E. Kaiser	1933 ....	1 January	1989 .... Fairfax, Virginia
Frank H. Linnell	1941 ....	21 December	1988 .... Beaufort, South Carolina
Frederick D. Standish II	1942 ....	25 November	1988 .... Charleston, South Carolina
Jonathan W. Anderson, Jr.	Jan-1943 ....	19 November	1988 .... Atlanta, Georgia
William D. Neale	Jan-1943 ....	28 November	1988 .... Colorado Springs, Colorado
William C. Deekle, Jr.	Jun-1943 ....	23 December	1988 .... Warwick, Rhode Island
Frank E. Moore, Jr.	1944 ....	11 December	1988 .... Bethesda, Maryland
Paul W. Phillips	1944 ....	24 November	1988 .... Killeen, Texas
Norman B. Hopkins, Jr.	1949 ....	21 October	1988 .... Monument, Colorado
Neal B. Kindig	1950 ....	7 October	1988 .... Bath, Maine
Karl W. Peltz	1951 ....	8 November	1988 .... Fayetteville, North Carolina
David C. Ahearn	1952 ....	9 November	1988 .... El Paso, Texas
George A. Straus	1955 ....	20 July	1985 .... Trenton, New Jersey
Luther L. Woods	1963 ....	1 January	1989 .... Clinton, Maryland
Richard J. O'Leary	1972 ....	26 December	1988 .... Lindenhurst, New York

