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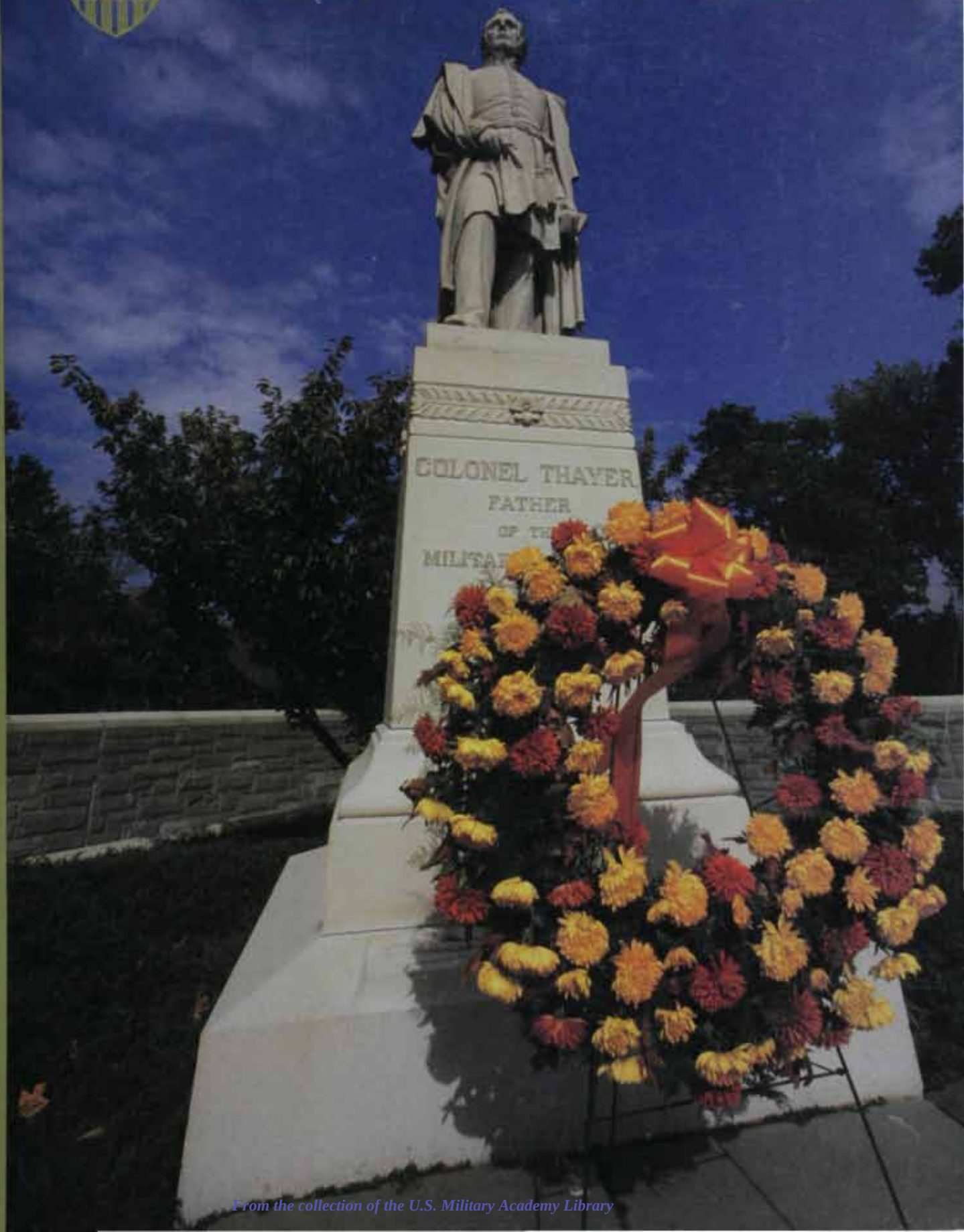

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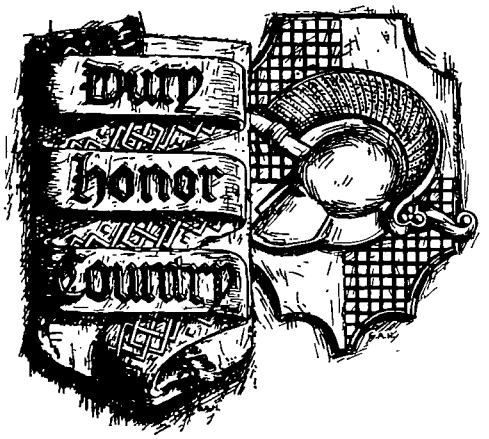

Last Roll Call

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Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
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Roland P. Shugg	1916	28 July	1989 .... Oakland, California
Julius L. Piland	Nov-1918	27 August	1989 .... San Antonio, Texas
David S. McLean	1919	16 July	1989 .... St. Petersburg, Florida
Frederick T. Manross	1923	12 June	1989 .... Hartford, Connecticut
Thomas S. Timberman	1923	2 August	1989 .... Bethesda, Maryland
Rinaldo Van Brunt	1925	18 June	1989 .... Washington, DC
George C. Willette	1928	6 June	1989 .... San Antonio, Texas
Ernest F. Heidland	1929	12 June	1989 .... San Francisco, California
Charles T. Tench	1929	24 July	1989 .... New Orleans, Louisiana
Lauris Norstad	1930	12 September	1988 .... Tucson, Arizona
Bream C. Patrick	1930	14 June	1989 .... Santa Barbara, California
John R. Skeldon	1931	2 July	1989 .... San Antonio, Texas
Lawrence T. Talcott	1931	5 July	1989 .... Olympia, Washington
Delbert A. Pryor	1932	3 August	1989 .... Lemoyne, Pennsylvania
John E. Watters	1933	8 August	1989 .... Phoenix, Arizona
John T. Hillis	1934	10 July	1989 .... Logansport, Indiana
Ronald L. Martin	1934	8 June	1989 .... Orlando, Florida
Urquhart P. Williams	1934	20 August	1989 .... Austin, Texas
James L. McCrorey, Jr.	1939	10 July	1989 .... Colorado Springs, Colorado
James D. Richardson	1939	29 June	1989 .... San Antonio, Texas
Philip M. Royce	1939	22 June	1989 .... San Francisco, California
Victor G. Conley	1940	9 July	1989 .... Ventura, California
Gwynne S. Curtis, Jr.	1941	24 May	1989 .... Las Cruces, New Mexico
Arthur L. Meyer	1941	27 June	1989 .... Bonn, Germany
Alexander F. Muzyk	1941	22 August	1989 .... Bethesda, Maryland
Clyde R. Eisenschmidt, Jr.	1942	4 June	1989 .... Biloxi, Mississippi
Carl W. Stapleton	1942	12 June	1989 .... San Antonio, Texas
Lucian D. Bogan, Jr.	Jan-1943	10 August	1989 .... San Antonio, Texas
Robert L. Edwards	Jan-1943	22 June	1989 .... Bakersfield, California
John J. Upchurch, III	Jan-1943	1 August	1989 .... New Port Richey, Florida
Robert H. Clark	Jun-1943	6 July	1989 .... Montgomery, Alabama
Albert M. Ellis	Jun-1943	23 August	1989 .... Washington, DC
Hal T. Rose	Jun-1943	14 July	1979 .... McLean, Virginia
Louis H. Boettcher	1945	22 June	1989 .... Columbus, Georgia
James A. Crowe	1945	20 July	1989 .... Lexington, Kentucky
Rayburn L. Smith	1945	14 June	1989 .... Harlingen, Texas
Rodney A. Blyth	1946	5 July	1988 .... Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Paul M. Ireland, Jr.	1946	15 June	1989 .... Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Stanley M. Prouty, Jr.	1950	4 July	1989 .... South Hadley, Massachusetts
Richard J. Buck	1951	18 July	1989 .... McLean, Virginia
Alfred C. Griffin	1952	24 June	1989 .... Arlington, Virginia
Louis J. Bahin, Jr.	1954	4 May	1989 .... Raleigh, North Carolina
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John D. Simpson	1959	21 August	1989 .... Newport Beach, California
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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, USMA, WEST POINT, N. Y., OCT., 1989

DENIS F. MULLANE

A Personal Message . . .

From The President

As I assume the challenges and responsibilities of the office of President of the Association of Graduates, I would like to take the opportunity of this, my first, *President's Newsletter* to express to you, our Association members, my wholehearted and enthusiastic commitment to achieve the Association's objectives and goals for the Military Academy. Those objectives and goals are summed up in our purpose as stated in the Constitution: "The Association shall be dedicated to furthering the ideals and promoting the welfare of the United States Military Academy." The organizational structure through which we can serve this purpose and achieve our objectives is in place—the Board of Trustees, the Association's committees, the West Point societies, our class organizations and the Association's professional staff. And, we have made great progress!

It is appropriate in this letter in the first months of my term of office to reflect upon that progress which is attributable to the extraordinary contributions which General Mike Davison made to the Academy and the Association during his presidency. During the early period of his administration, he initiated a study and consequent planning to increase graduate support for the Military Academy through our West Point societies. During the succeeding years, his leadership, the strength and dedication of members of our West Point Societies Committee and the active participation of graduates around the country—all combined to put in place a new and vigorous program through which the Association of Graduates helps West Point societies to accomplish our common goals on behalf of the Academy. It is significant that, based upon surveys made in 1983 and 1989, during that six-year period the West Point Societies Program became the most favored of the Association's programs among our graduates. Having participated in the initiation and execution of that program, I am not only delighted with its current status, but also I look forward to working with Shy Meyer '51, the new committee chairman, and his committee, in building upon the strong base which has been established.

Another major initiative of General Davison's administration has been the consolidation and expansion of the Association's fund raising program on behalf of the Academy. Under the West Point Fund Committee leadership of Johnny Jannarone '38, not only have we refined and improved our very sophisticated planned giving activity begun in the '70's but also, and importantly, we've added a strong capability for raising private funds for special projects which the Academy needs in the near term. This latter activity, significantly, will provide us with a head start on raising funds for capital projects should that become necessary. With the completion of Johnny Jannarone's term as chairman of the West Point Fund Committee, we are fortunate to have Warren Hayford '52 as our new chairman. Warren will bring to the chairmanship of the committee broad experience in fund raising and corporate management.

As this letter is being printed we are completing an important, new project begun during the last year of General Davison's presidency. In cooperation with NFL Films, Inc. the Association is producing a 1 hour TV program "The Field of Honor—100 Years of Army Football" for national coverage during the 4–6 week period prior to the 1989 Army-Navy football game. Coupling the themes of service to the nation with the history of the development of football at West Point, the film will be aired in all parts of the country and will be a major contribution of the Association in its support of the Academy.

I believe these new, dynamic initiatives, along with our highly successful and expanded Publications Program, our West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program, our modest Gift Shop Sales and Travel Programs and our supporting Finance and Services activities, place the Association in a very strong position to continue, improve, and, if necessary expand, our assistance to West Point. This is what we *should* do!

As we look forward through the next decade and into the 21st century, I see an Association of Graduates with extraordinarily talented and dedicated members who are willing to extend their support and assistance to the Academy as the need arises and is demonstrated. The role of our West Point societies and the Association of Graduates shall be to provide the organizational structure and the leadership which will make that potential support an effective resource in promoting the welfare of the Academy. A specific need which we must and will address in the near term is the development of an Alumni Center at West Point which will not only provide adequate office space for the Association but will be an attractive center for graduates when they visit West Point.

I believe that with the strong programs we have in place—our Development, West Point Societies and Publications Programs—with new initiatives as op-

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portunities are presented, and with the demonstrated willingness of our graduates to make their services available to West Point, the Association of Graduates will continue to take actions on behalf of West Point when West Point can't act for itself and when, in the view of the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees, action is necessary to assure the continuation of the traditional margin of excellence of the Military Academy experience.

Publications Looks to the Future

The recent survey (January 1989) of a cross section of our graduate body indicated in a number of ways solid support for the Publications Program. This, of course, was very gratifying to our industrious staff. The Publications Directorate keeps foremost in mind that its function is to further the ideals of West Point and promote the welfare of USMA. It endeavors to accomplish this by producing high quality publications, at reasonable cost, that are read by the majority of the graduates. Our future plans for ASSEMBLY and the REGISTER OF GRADUATES are a continuing pursuit of these goals.

Byrd Press of Richmond, Virginia has now been printing ASSEMBLY for almost three years; we initially engaged their services to help guide us through a much needed modernization of our production process. They have more than fulfilled our expectations—streamlining our procedures, giving us a more attractive appearance, and providing us a flexibility in makeup and other features that we did not enjoy before. Our staff has established a congenial and close, productive relationship with the two teams at Byrd—the typesetting team in Springfield, Virginia and the printing team in Richmond. Although our core operation is pretty much stabilized at this time, we continue to explore together ways to enhance the quality of the magazine and the efficiency and economy of our procedures. Members of the Publications staff periodically visit these two teams to be briefed on the latest technology applicable to ASSEMBLY and to engage in mutually productive discussions on other matters. Members of the Byrd Press staff have in turn visited West Point to gain a better appreciation of our needs.

In addition to our continuing efforts to improve production procedures, we also are interested in improving the magazine's quality to better serve our alumni body and West Point. That, of course, involves improving the content, makeup, and appearance. Besides the vote of confidence from the survey respondents, we also got a number of very constructive suggestions on enhancing the magazine. We are considering these suggestions and expect to initiate several of them.

The 1989 REGISTER OF GRADUATES is well underway with our usual emphasis on accuracy and detail. As in past years, it will be mailed in early November. It was clear that the respondents to the survey were interested that their own entries be accurate and up-to-date, but also made specific suggestions that the Association make a greater effort to have everyone keep his entry current; this we intend to do, but it will require the cooperation of individual graduates as they are the only ones who can make certain that their own entries are correct and current.

As you know, each ten years the Association publishes its decennial edition of the REGISTER, a volume that includes all of the classes, from 1802 forward, not only the living classes as in the annual editions. Work has already started on this REGISTER. Besides the general planning, we are keystroking the early classes into our in-house data base. We have had the living classes on our data base since late 1987, but are now anxious to complete the file. Special items and a special cover are planned for this 1990 edition.

Daryl DeBerto-Ferraiolo

A senior member of the Publications staff who is doing a commendable job with current operations, and upon whom we also depend to help us with future initiatives, is Ms. Daryl DeBerto-Ferraiolo, the Assistant Editor of ASSEMBLY. Daryl, who is a 1980 graduate of St. Lawrence University with a BA in English, now has 9 years of publishing experience. Initially she worked for a New York City publishing house and then came to the Association of Graduates in 1984. Among her many duties are the receipt, recording and monitoring of the flow of material (class notes, obituaries, columns, feature articles, and other material) through the various editing and proofing stages. She is the primary assistant to the editor in editing copy and proofing the printer's pages. Daryl was a major factor in the modernization of publishing procedures with ASSEMBLY.

The Publications staff continues into the future its dedication to serve West Point and the alumni body. We always welcome suggestions to improve our product and service.

Class Giving

For many years, USMA classes have provided gifts to the Military Academy, frequently at the time of a reunion. As part of the joint USMA/AOG goal of increasing the margin of excellence at West Point, the AOG receives, invests, accounts for, and disburses contributions for a designated class gift fund. During the past five years, classes have donated $2.5 million to their class accounts.

Contributing to the Military Academy demonstrates a sense of responsibility for the future of our institution. With class gifts, we announce our attachments—to class and to Alma Mater. This feeling was ignited on R-day, forged during Beast Barracks, reinforced through four years of shared experiences, and celebrated at graduation. We proudly wear a ring which symbolizes our twin loyalties. More than any other university in the nation, a special bond exists among classmates.

Many classes choose gifts which bear witness to their affection for West Point. Contributions to Class Gift Accounts for FY '89 were $562,459, a 16% increase over the previous year. A ranking of the classes on fund-raising activity for class projects is below (Chart I).

The Class of June '43 topped the list.

Chart I
Top Fund Raising Classes FY '89

	Class Gift Accounts	
Class	$ Raised	Project
JU43	$94,976	Thayer Gate
1942	$69,892	Undetermined
1966	$53,610	Undetermined
JA43	$40,664	Undetermined
1964	$40,304	Undetermined
1953	$33,091	Scholarship/Library
1958	$33,056	Undetermined

It presented Thayer Gate to the Academy on the occasion of its 45th reunion. At a cost of $745,000, this class has made the most significant fund-raising effort on behalf of West Point. In addition, the class has raised $100,000 for the renovation of the west wall by the Gate. Work is underway and the project is scheduled to be completed by fall. Jun '43 has shown the potential that exists when a class is organized. Its example can serve as an inspiration and a challenge for other classes to set sights higher and raise the level of giving.

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Chart II
The Top Ten Classes FY '89

IN DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS	IN DONORS	PERCENT DONORS
JUN 1943 $93,062.42	1970 229	1921 83.3%
1942 $75,422.00	1946 197	JAN 1943 72.7%
1953 $58,511.39	JAN 1943 186	1940 62.9%
1966 $57,800.00	1940 180	1942 62.7%
JAN 1943 $46,164.00	1955 159	1922 60.0%
1946 $45,633.00	1982 158	1924 54.2%
1948 $45,097.99	1945 157	1927 50.9%
1940 $42,299.39	1981 154	1937 49.7%
1964 $42,178.75	1942 151	1910–19 48.6%
1952 $40,054.24	1958 151	1926 48.5%
		1938 48.5%

Chart III
Class Gifts to West Point-Ten Year Span

Reunion Year	Class	Amount	Gift
45	JU43	$745,000	Thayer Gate
30	1954	235,910	Reviewing Stand
40	1948	230,000	Ski Lodge
40	1946	200,000	Memorial Park South
50	1931	150,000	Thayer Award Room
35	1945	137,000	South Face Ike Hall
60	1927	90,000	Chapel Book
50	1939	80,000	Medal of Honor Plaques
30	1947	79,000	Train Station
40	1939	73,000	Tower Suite Restoration

Continuing Gifts

CLASS '50 Restoration of the Thayer Collection
—USMA Library $104,365
CLASS '51 Lecture Series Endowment
—Current Value $603,664.69
CLASS '55 Army Athletic Association Endowment
—Current Value $142,572.12

Combined Gifts

CLASS '35 and CLASS '36 Statue of an American Soldier $145,000.
CLASS '60–69 Southeast Asia Memorial $49,000

Most classes are inclined to sponsor a "visible" gift—a display that is tangible evidence of class generosity and a symbol of loyalty to West Point. Without a doubt, these projects enhance the aesthetics of the reservation and make West Point attractive to visitors. Many less tangible requirements exist, such as endowing activities or teams or chairs for the academic departments.

The Class of '51 Distinguished Lecture Series represents one such project that touches everyone at West Point. The $600,000 '51 Endowment annually provides each academic department with a distinguished lecturer that otherwise the Academy could not afford. All USMA activities, cadets, staff, faculty, and families are invited to attend these events and benefit from this gift.

The members of classes that are actively fund-raising tend to be better givers overall to West Point. Chart II highlights the classes that brought in the most dollars, had the most donors, and had the highest percentage of participation for FY '89. Kudos is due to the Classes of '40, '42, and Jan '43 who are represented in all three columns. In particular, General William A. Knowlton (Ret) (USMA Jan '43) has been a persistent fund-raiser.

Chart III is a sampling of gifts by classes to the Military Academy during the last decade. You will notice that there is no consistent pattern regarding when or what classes give to West Point. Gifts are given between 30 and 60 years post-graduation for a project and at a cost deemed suitable by a class. The Association of Graduates is formulating plans to encourage classes to give at higher levels and in a more consistent fashion.

General Palmer, the Superintendent of the Academy, has developed a strategic plan for West Point's third century. *2002—A Road Map To Our Third Century* provides guidance for developing programs for the Military Academy. Based on the thinking which is summarized in this document, requirements have been identified which should serve the Academy well in the early days of the 21st century.

For many of these projects, it is unlikely that appropriated funds will become available. These then are suitable for private fund-raising and for class gifts. The AOG has commissioned a fund-raising consultant to help articulate the requirements of the Military Academy in a manner which encourages private donations. By selecting one of these projects, a class wishing to present a gift to the Academy also ensures a fit with the long-range goals of USMA.

USMA Class Accounts with AOG

When West Point's alumni affairs were reorganized in 1973, one of the services to the Academy and to West Point classes which the Association of Graduates reinforced and emphasized was the maintenance of *Class Gift Accounts*. Shortly thereafter, the Association initiated a parallel service for classes, the maintenance of *Class Administrative Accounts*. These similar yet different vehicles through which graduates could help the Academy and their classes through financial contributions have become increasingly important to both the Academy and our classes.

The *Gift Accounts* and *Administrative Accounts* are similar in a number of ways. Both types of accounts are designed to assist classes in their administration of class financial affairs. Class presidents are responsible for representing to the Academy and the Association their classes' desires with regard to use of the funds in the accounts. Contributions to both accounts are tax deductible for federal tax purposes. The funds in both accounts are invested professionally under the supervision of the Association of Graduates Investment Committee, and the accounts are administered by the Association at only a small charge to the classes. All income which accrues from the investment of the funds is added to the principal.

There are two essential and important differences between the *Gift Accounts* and the *Administrative Accounts*. These differences concern the authorized use of the funds and the ways in which decisions are made on the funds' use. Funds accruing to *Gift Accounts*, either from donations or investment income, *must* be used either for a class gift or gifts to the Military Academy or for fund raising for such gifts. These funds may not be used for other class purposes or for Academy or Association purposes. The decisions on the uses of funds in class *Gift Accounts* are made jointly by the classes, represented by the class president, and the Superintendent. Neither the classes nor the Superintendent may use the funds independently.

Funds accruing to *Administrative Accounts* are used for the administration of class affairs and official class purposes under formal agreements made between the Association of Graduates and individual classes, represented by class presidents. These agreements provide, among other things, that one of up to three class members may authorize use

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of the class monies, two of whom must be the designated class leader and the treasurer. The third person may be a class representative in the West Point area as designated by the class leader. In this context, "class leader" means the duly elected president or another individual authorized by the class to act for the class in all matters. The use of the funds in those accounts is determined by the class leaders under the terms of the agreements, provided the use is consistent with the objective of the Association of Graduates and in compliance with New York law. While these latter constraints are essential to protect the legal and tax status of the Association, the Association's practice is to assist classes in every way possible in providing this service.

In maintaining these two financial service accounts for our classes, the Association is operating in the best interests of both the Military Academy and our graduates—serving the one by serving the other.

AOG Affinity Cards

Today, affinity cards are extremely popular with members of organizations because they serve to identify the member with the organization in addition to providing the normal benefits of a credit card. The AOG now has its own affinity card which is being issued by the West Point Federal Credit Union (WPFCU). The vast majority of cadets use WPFCU credit cards and, upon joining the AOG, can easily change to the AOG affinity card.

The AOG affinity card has low interest rates and very generous credit limits for the newly commissioned officer. Further, $10.00 will be donated to the AOG each time a member renews a card. Therefore, the card not only benefits AOG members but also benefits the AOG by providing an additional source of revenue to support its operations and activities.

AOG's Preparatory Scholarship Program Begins 10th Year

1988–89 was another successful year for the Association's West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. Of the 52 candidates who began the academic year as college freshmen or post-graduate students at Eastern preparatory schools, 43 were admitted to West Point and all reported to Beast Barracks on 28 June.

Here is the final breakout for the 1988–89 program just completed:

	Recruited Athletes	Leadership Candidates
Enrolled in WPPSP	13	39
Admitted to USMA	10	33
Withdrew from Program	1	4
Rejected by USMA	1	2
Other	1*	

*One candidate was sent to USMAPS at Fort Monmouth for the 1989–90 academic year. He should be admitted to USMA in 1990 following this additional year of preparation.

Recruited athletes are limited to one-fourth of the total candidates receiving scholarships—this is an NCAA rule. The ten recruited athletes admitted to West Point from the 1988–89 program include Dan Carey and Steve Burke, hockey recruits who attended New Hampton School; Dean Wegner, a hockey recruit who attended Vermont Academy; Phil Mandry, a lacrosse recruit who attended Loomis-Chaffe School; John Orlando, a lacrosse recruit who attended Berkshire School; Jim Hubert and Jeff Thompson, wrestlers who attended Blair Academy; Phil Williams, a swimmer who attended Peddie School; John Dina, a gymnast who attended Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College; and Bob Mansell, a hockey recruit who attended the University of Buffalo.

As we go to press, the 1989–90 program will have 50 candidates, 12 recruited athletes and 38 leadership candidates. These are the recruited athletes who will be attending preparatory schools for a post-graduate year in 1989–90.

Candidate	Home	Sport	Prep School
Charles Canfield	French Creek, WV	Golf	New Mexico Military Institute
Stephen Hudak	Lake Placid, NY	Hockey	Berkshire School
Trevor Hurd	Spring, TX	Tennis	New Mexico Military Institute
Andrew Kennedy	Brockton, MA	Hockey	The Loomis-Chaffee School
James McMahon	Broad Channel, NY	Football	Mercersburg Academy
Joseph Moore	Annapolis, MD	Lacrosse	The Hill School
David Pilarski	Plymouth, MN	Hockey	Vermont Academy
Melissa Rudd	Mesa, AZ	Women's Swimming	Peddie School
Tracy Saxon	Lewisport, KY	Football	Berkshire School
Mark Stachelski	Arlington, MA	Hockey	New Hampton School
Christopher Turco	Danvers, MA	Lacrosse	The Hill School
Martin Whalen	Woodlands, TX	Tennis	Mercersburg Academy

Stephen Hudak represents a "first" for the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. Steve's brother, Mark Hudak, also participated in the WPPSP in 1984–85, attending Cushing Academy in Massachusetts. Mark lettered in hockey at West Point, and graduated this spring. We hope Steve will follow in his older brother's footsteps. Joseph Moore is the son of Bob Moore '58.

The Association of Graduates intends that the Preparatory Scholarship Program be entirely self-supporting through endowed scholarships. To date, over $1.4 million in endowments provides an income that pays for over 50% of the annual costs of the program. The balance of the annual costs is covered by unrestricted donations to the West Point Fund. Fully endowed scholarships have been sponsored by three USMA classes: 1936, 1951, and 1959. Three other classes, 1934, 1953, and 1955 are in the process of endowing a scholarship. The cost of endowing one scholarship is $25,000.

As the AOG's scholarship program enters its 10th year, a total of 362 scholarships have been awarded. The first candidates entered West Point in 1981, and since then, five classes (1985–89) that included AOG scholarship cadets have graduated. From these 5 classes, 86 program candidates were admitted to West Point, and 65 graduated. The overall attrition rate of 24.4% is slightly better than the attrition for the entire Corps during these years.

We are pleased with the success of the program, and look forward to the next decade of motivated candidates!

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AOG ELECTION 1989

MEMBERS OF THE Association of Graduates at the annual meeting at West Point on 19 May elected a slate of graduates to serve as President, Class Trustees, and Trustees-at-large.

Elected as President of the Association was Denis F. Mullane '52.

Ten Class Trustees representing the classes of '40, '44, '50, '54, '60, '64, '69, '74, '79, and '84 were selected for a one-year term. Twelve Trustees-at-large were elected to serve three years.

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

PRESIDENT

Denis F. Mullane
'52

CLASS TRUSTEES

Francis T. Devlin
'40

David E. Ott
'44

Nathaniel A. Gallagher
'50

John T. Miller
'54

Michael W. Gilmartin
'60

Daniel M. Evans
'64

F. Edward Schwabe, Jr.
'69

Thomas V. Daula
'74

James J. McGorry
'79

Jay K. Johnson
'84

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'40

John T. Morris
Jun '43

Sam S. Walker
'46

Absalom T. Webber, Jr.
'51

Arthur E. Brown, Jr.
'53

Gregory J. Kadlec
'59

Eugene R. Sullivan
'64

Dennis R. Coll
'65

David E. Peixotto
'67

George B. Forsythe
'70

Kenneth L. Topping
'81

Mary M. Finch
'83

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Alumni Survey Results

In order that the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates (AOG) and the Association's staff may evaluate certain of our programs and activities the AOG, from time to time, seeks graduates' opinions on a variety of issues through the use of a survey of a sample of our graduates. In 1983 such a survey was conducted and the results were published in March 1983 *Assembly*. We have just completed another, similar survey of 3,791 graduates. Of those, 743 were individuals selected because of their positions on the Board of Trustees and AOG committees and on the governing bodies of West Point societies and USMA classes. 3,048 surveys were sent to a random sample of each USMA class.

Of the 3,791 surveys mailed, we received responses from a total of 1,458, or 38.4%; 399, or 54% of the specifically selected individuals responded; 1,059, or 35% of those selected at random responded. This report provides the results based on the total 1,458 responses. In cases where similar questions on the 1983 and 1989 surveys permit a significant comparison of results it will be noted.

The survey was divided into 6 classes of questions. This report will be similarly divided.

I. *General Questions.* The questions in this section addressed the overall operation and administration of the AOG. Of those respondents who indicated they had an awareness of the level of the AOG's accomplishment of its objective to further the ideals of USMA and promote its welfare, over 98% believe the AOG performance to be either outstanding or adequate, about the same as in 1983. Significantly, however, the percentage of respondents who stated they have no awareness regarding the level of accomplishment dropped from 44% to 26%. This increase in awareness is probably related to another question, to which 85% of the respondents indicated that they receive enough information about West Point and the AOG.

With regard to a choice of which programs and activities the AOG should emphasize, in 1983 support of the USMA Admissions program held a slight edge over the publication of *Assembly* and *Register*. The 1989 survey indicates that the AOG should give its major emphasis to the objective of the Societies Program that projects the West Point image in local communities. It should also give emphasis (in descending order) to its publications, fund raising, preparatory scholarship, and gift shop programs.

II. *West Point Societies.* The Association's West Point Societies Program, new since the 1983 survey, and its acceptance by Association members are of continuing interest to the Board of Trustees. Over 90% of the respondents to the survey indicated they "know about" the program, with 60% adding that it is a worthwhile program. A little over 51% of the respondents consider themselves members of a West Point society, up from 48% in 1983. In response to the question: "What do you believe is the primary function of a West Point Society?" over 60% selected one of the primary activities of the West Point Societies Program. Still, 26% believe social functions and Founders Day dinners are primary. 74% said they are either helping a society or would be happy to help if asked. With regard to including cadet parents, over 90% of the respondents said West Point societies should either offer cadet parents full membership, offer them associate membership or include them in societies activities without membership—surely a signal that cadet parents are very important to the role of West Point societies and that the preferred relationship is inclusive rather than exclusive.

III. *Alumni Activities.* Class reunions are one of the oldest and perhaps most enjoyed of alumni activities. Over 53% of the survey respondents reported attending their last scheduled class reunion and 90% reported having a "great time" and looking "forward to the next one," regardless of when their reunion was held. 83% prefer the Alumni dinner dance over a Class event as an alternative, and 85% reported satisfaction with the combined Alumni luncheon and AOG business meeting.

IV. *Publications.* The objective of questions in this section was to obtain members' attitudes toward certain aspects of the AOG Publications Program.

A question of major importance in both the 1983 and 1989 surveys concerned the effectiveness of *Assembly*. In response a large 87% reported that *Assembly* is either very effective or moderately effective, up slightly from 85% in 1983.

Of the various sections in *Assembly* by far the most widely read is the Class Notes section, with 88% reporting "regular" reading. The Superintendent's letter and the obituaries were next in popularity, and this was the same order of favor as reported in 1983. With regard to advertising in *Assembly*, 75% would agree to advertising if it would help pay the cost of publication and thus help restrain subscription price increases.

V. *Fund Raising.* The Association's fund raising program is an important channel through which graduates and friends of West Point may contribute to insuring that the Academy maintains a margin of excellence. The Association has implemented its fund raising program through low-key appeals for funds to assist the AOG and to support USMA projects and activities for which Government funds are not available.

In response to a survey question concerning the fund raising program respondents gave the program a strong vote of confidence, with 79% expressing an attitude agreeing with the approach to fund raising—up from 75% in 1983. In looking to the future a majority of the respondents agreed that in observing USMA's 200th birthday in 2002, the AOG should play a major role, including a major fund raising campaign for USMA.

VI. *Explanatory Questions.* Under "Explanatory Questions" in the 1983 survey the following 3 ideas were most often expressed in one way or another:

- Readers of *Assembly* or the *Register of Graduates* were quite satisfied with the Association's Publications Program.
- Survey respondent's believed the Association should participate more actively in support of the USMA Admissions Program.
- Survey respondents believed there should be a more active interrelationship between the Military Academy, the Association of Graduates and the West Point societies.

In the more recent survey the following 3 ideas were most often expressed:

- Readers of *Assembly* and *The Register of Graduates* are still quite satisfied with the Publications Program.
- The Societies Program and especially support of the USMA Admissions Program should be emphasized.
- Better definitions and explanations of the need for private funds would result in improved fund raising results.

(Editor's Note: Anyone who desires further information concerning the results of the survey should address a query to the Director, Finance and Services, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996.)

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Preparing For West Point's Third Century

by COL Larry R. Donnithorne
Special Assistant for Strategic Planning, USMA Staff

West Point now stands at an important juncture in preparing for its third century of service to the Army and the nation. Behind us lie more than three years of strategic planning and intensive study; ahead lie as many more years of implementation of the plans we have made.

USMA has now completed a two-stage strategic planning effort. In the first stage, lasting about a year, we developed strategic guidance and, in the second stage, lasting about two years, we performed an institutional self-study based upon the strategic guidance. As we conclude the process of deciding what to do and now turn to the challenge of getting it done, it is an appropriate time for us to report to you on the process we have followed and the progress we have made. I will describe briefly the two stages of planning and study and then the results of those studies.

STAGE ONE—The Strategic Guidance

The most important step, laying a foundation, was accomplished in stage one by developing the strategic guidance. This effort was initially undertaken by a committee of key leaders, the Superintendent and his principal subordinates, and then by a faculty committee. To assist both groups with advice and counsel, we cast a wide net that encompassed every living former Superintendent, the Board of Visitors, the Association of Graduates, the faculty and cadets, former reviewers and critics, and the senior leadership of the Army, both active and retired.

The keystone of the strategic guidance is our answer to a fundamental question, "Why West Point?" Who owns West Point and has the right to say what West Point is to do? The answer must be nothing short of this: it is the people of the United States who own it, and it is their will and intent which must guide it. As a result, we had to begin by asking why America founded West Point nearly two centuries ago and why it continues to sustain West Point today.

We had a procedural reason also for beginning with the fundamental question of "Why West Point?" Previous efforts to write concept papers to guide West Point ran into difficulty when at the end it came time to integrate those papers into a summary piece—one that captured the quintessence of West Point. We decided that we must proceed in the reverse manner, writing the integrating piece first and then proceeding to the concepts that flowed logically therefrom. That integrating, quintessential piece would eventually be West Point's first statement of institutional purpose and would answer the question, "Why West Point?"

As we asked why West Point was founded, we discovered it is not a simple question. Why was West Point founded in 1802 by a president who, six years before, had argued that a military academy would be unconstitutional? And, why by a Congress which only two years before had twice voted down a well-conceived proposal for a military academy?[1]

One line of conjecture argues that the new president, Thomas Jefferson, wanted to replace the current Army lead-

[1]Larry Donnithorne, "Why West Point? Notes on USMA's Statement of Purpose," *Assembly*, February 1989, p. 12.

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ers of his day because he distrusted them.[2] Although they were qualified to lead the Army, in that their aristocratic wealth enabled them to be well-educated, still their loyalties to the young nation and its civilian rule were not trusted by Jefferson. His dilemma was that trustworthy patriots lacked the education to lead the Army, while those who were educated lacked the nation's trust. He would solve his dilemma by founding West Point. There he could educate young men of character and reliable values—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 ably lead the Army.

We have concluded, with some surprise, that the American president and congress did *not* found West Point primarily in order to *promote* military power in the United States. Rather, they founded it to protect the nation from the dangers of placing military power in unreliable hands. And, we believe that, almost two centuries later, this is still the nation's expectation of West Point. We have summarized what the nation wants West Point to do in our statement of purpose—"to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense."

The next order of business was to explore our institutional strengths and weaknesses. With our statement of purpose, we had summarized not only *why* America founded West Point but also, in broadest terms, what West Point has traditionally done well. But, we needed greater precision in stating the institution's strengths. After considerable thought and deliberation, we answered that need by redrafting our mission statement. It describes *what* we have done to provide the nation leaders of character. The answer: educate and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the attributes essential to professional growth as an officer of the Regular Army, and inspire each to a lifetime of service to the nation.

Having considered why West Point exists and what it has traditionally done to fulfill its purpose, it was equally essential that we look *outside* to the *future* needs of the Army and the nation. A sound strategic plan would bring what West Point does well to bear upon meeting the future needs of the Army.

What will be the U.S. Army's needs for leaders in the future? The Army of the future and its fighting doctrine suggest several differences from today's Army. For example, the future battlefield will be, according to Army planners, much more lethal and thus more dispersed. Army units will be further apart, both side to side and front to rear, and greater distances will separate lower units from higher headquarters. Electronic communications equipment, though more sophisticated, will also be susceptible to even more sophisticated disruption—electronic "jamming"—by the enemy.

A likely consequence of these conditions is that the leader, even the junior leader, and his or her unit may be required to operate with relative independence, exercising initiative in the midst of chaos without direct orders, guided only by a general understanding of what the higher command is trying to accomplish. Thus, we identified, for example, that the Army will need young leaders with the capacity to think clearly under pressure, with inadequate information, and to exercise initiative and creativity within a larger whole.

We needed to capture such implications of the Army of the future in our planning. We decided that we would describe the leader needed by the Army of the future and use that description as a planning guide. Thus, over several months we formulated the concept paper titled *The Army Leader of the 21st Century*. It is West Point's relevant statement of the Army's future needs.

[2]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, pp. 25.

The paper is organized into three categories—what the leader must be, what the leader must know, and what the leader must do. What the leader must *be* addresses character, which we define, in the words of William Safire, as having the judgment to know what ought to be done and the courage to do it.[3] What the leader must *know* is organized into subelements. The leader must know the physical world because of the technological sophistication of future weaponry, and the leader must know human nature because it will still be humans that he or she will lead, not machines. What the leader must *do* is multi-faceted, beginning with the need to balance accomplishing the mission with meeting the needs of subordinates.

At this point, I have discussed three concept papers which eventually became part of our strategic guidance. That guidance was published in March of 1988 as a pamphlet titled, *2002: A Roadmap to Our Third Century*. [See earlier descriptions in *Assembly*, Sep and Dec 1987] It consists of eight single-page concept papers. We limited ourselves to one page for each concept in order to discipline our own thinking and writing, and to insure that the papers would be read. The five concept papers not yet discussed describe leader development along three dimensions—intellectual, military, and physical—within an environment that is carefully designed to foster a unique West Point developmental experience. The relationships of the eight concepts to each other are shown in figure 1.

A GRAPHIC PORTRAYAL OF USMA'S STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

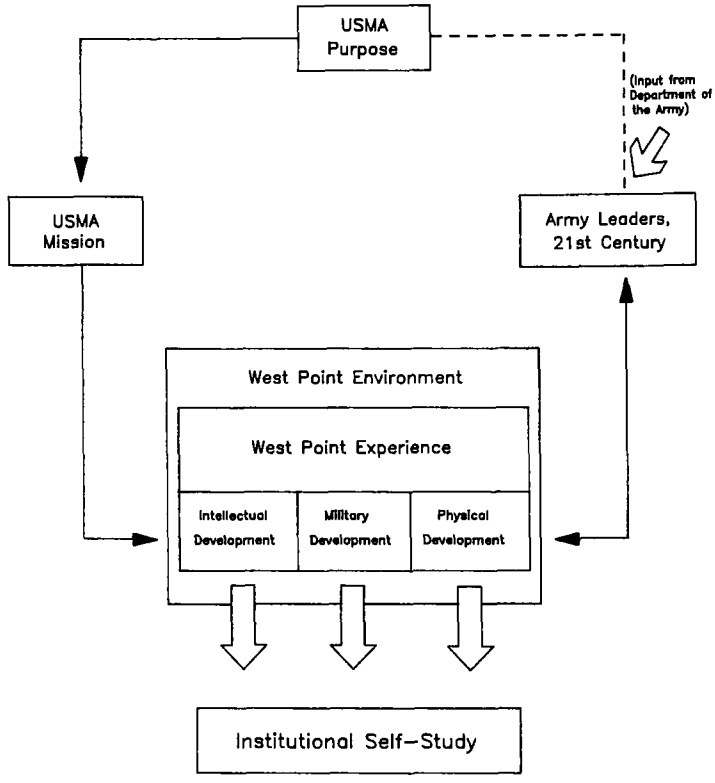

FIGURE 1.

[3]William Safire, *New York Times Magazine*, November 22, 1987.

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STAGE TWO—Institutional Self-Study

The strategic guidance, described above, took about a year to complete. The next stage, the self-study, required another two years to complete. In that second stage, we took advantage of the fact that we had an impending visit by our accrediting agency. We turned that necessity into an opportunity to execute a thorough-going institutional self-study. The purpose was to ask ourselves whether we as an institution were in a position (in terms of programs, organization, faculty, facilities, other resources) to be and to do in the future what we had set for ourselves as our target in the just-completed strategic guidance.

To facilitate this study, we organized a faculty steering committee and eight subcommittees to consider issues within the following categories: leader development program coordination, cadet life, academic program, military program, physical program, faculty and teaching, the master's degree program, and outcomes assessment. These committees produced a significant, three-volume report.

Even before their reports were finished, we were reaching some important conclusions within each of the subcommittees. We found many institutional strengths; but, we also found areas of concern that required action, each of which then led to adopting plans for change or further study. I will discuss these now.

Plans for the Future

Just as each individual cadet is being developed along three interrelated dimensions—intellectual, military, and physical—so are all activities within the cadets' experience organized into three programs—academic, military, and physical. The plans for the future can be discussed most easily within those three programs. Some of the details will be mentioned in this issue of *Assembly* within the respective columns of the Dean, Commandant, and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; but, to give you an overview of those changes from the unique perspective of the Superintendent, I will quote below the full text of a letter which General Palmer addressed last June to the Army Chief of Staff, General Vuono. The only change I have made to General Palmer's letter is the addition in brackets of a few explanatory notes where needed. Here is the letter:

June 26, 1989

General Carl E. Vuono
Chief of Staff
United States Army
Washington, D.C. 20310-0200

Dear General Vuono:

This letter is written to recapitulate the major leader development initiatives taken at the Academy over the past couple of years, and to inform you of the final pieces being put in place this summer. Little will be new—your tenure as Chief of Staff began as the initial steps were being taken, and you have been kept abreast of developments all along the way. Indeed, you have personally approved several of them, and have helped obtain Secretarial, Presidential, or Congressional action where required on others.

The guidance and support given our efforts, initially by General Wickham, then by you, and throughout by Secretary Marsh, have made it possible for us to move the Academy well along toward meeting the 21st century needs of our Army. In particular, the several occasions you personally took to spend time in creative sessions with us here were more valuable than you might imagine.

Let me also, at the outset, give due credit to the host of others outside USMA who contributed time and wisdom to add to the progress. We deliberately spread a wide net, looking for all the insight and experience we could gather, and were continually gratified by the positive and eager responses to our requests. Even the busiest of people dropped what they were doing to participate. The list of contributors includes past Army Chiefs of Staff, former Superintendents and Commandants, senior officers retired and active, the Association of Graduates, the last three Boards of Visitors, and a wide array of other distinguished Americans. The new program of leader development has many godfathers.

Background. The keystone of the entire edifice is recognition by the Department of the Army that the Military Academy's very reason for being is to develop leaders. All initiatives flowed from the first step: formulating and formalizing a statement of purpose which was then combined with other fundamental concepts in a statement of strategic guidance, embodied in the pamphlet, "2002: A Road Map to our Third Century." In that pamphlet are documented: the Academy's purpose and mission statements; descriptions of the West Point experience and environment; a vision of what leaders in the 21st Century must be, know, and do; and concept statements of the imperatives of intellectual, military, and physical development. The bulk of all subsequent initiatives falls under one of those three imperatives.

Intellectual development. It is important to note that a major conclusion reached in the academic area was that the Academy possesses many strengths which must be protected and perpetuated. Some examples: a core curriculum balanced between humanities and sciences; a faculty focused on teaching; a small number of students per instructor in the classroom; a predominantly military faculty comprised of a mix of permanent and rotating members; the understanding that excellence in academic work is a duty of cadets; the use of coordinated elective programs to enable students to experience the intellectual demands of learning one field in depth.

You are aware of the adjustments to department alignments and of the changes made to strengthen engineering programs. Those are now in place.

As I briefed you this spring, our institutional self-study (accomplished in preparation for the decennial accreditation visit later this year) reconfirmed a major problem that has plagued West Point for more than a quarter of a century. It is that we have typically expected cadets to undertake such a high number of developmental tasks that, as a result, most of them have been unable to achieve the high level of learning of which they were capable. Excellence has been sacrificed to numbers. (See the sampling of quotations at [the inset box accompanying this article].) To restore the balance between quality and quantity, we built upon ground work laid during the past decade, culminating in our decision, at the end of the self-study, that we would undertake an institution-wide effort to fix the problem. We spent much of the winter and spring exploring ways to enrich the cadet experience, and we finally agreed unanimously—a rare feat here at any time on any subject—to adopt the balanced program that emerged. Only time will tell whether these enrichment steps will provide a lasting solution to this decades-old problem. I am cautiously optimistic.

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Enrichment initiatives will be found in all three of the developmental areas—intellectual, military, physical—and I will address them at appropriate points in this letter. In general, though, the overall concept is to provide a clear baseline of requirements that all cadets must meet, with a high degree of excellence, in each of the three developmental areas. That provides the common four-year experience for all cadets, and lays out unmistakable tasks, conditions, and standards to guide staff and faculty as well as cadets. Beyond that baseline—and every cadet will be required to go beyond it—each cadet will pursue enhanced development in an area most suitable to his or her strengths and preferences. One might decide to become, say, the best infantry officer he can be. He might then take additional electives in military science, spend much of a summer with a regular infantry battalion, go through the Ranger course, and select sports that emphasize combativeness. Another might want to seek enrichment in a scientific field, which could prepare her to become a future leader in R&D. Her additional electives would be shaped accordingly to permit her to graduate with an ABET-accredited engineering degree, while she might spend much of one summer working at a cooperating element in Army Materiel Command and another summer serving with a regular Army unit where her particular area of expertise has practical field application.

Some of the enrichment considerations specifically related to academic development are: the retention intact of the core curriculum; flexibility in augmenting the academic program with other activities, such as DLI and Army laboratories; summer courses for selected outstanding students rather than just as ways for cadets to retake field coursework; adjustment of the four-year schedule to emphasize that the priority of effort during academic semesters is on academic duties; and a more flexible approach in the choice of electives. (While we will require three fewer electives in the depth of study component for cadets choosing a field of study, we have retained the extended depth experience for cadets choosing to major; in certain disciplinary majors an even deeper experience involving additional courses is now possible.)

Moving to another subject, you are familiar with the initiatives to prepare tactical officers by giving them a Master's Degree program in leader development. [USMA is now teaching a graduate level program in leader development only for tactical officers. The program consists of one year of course work taught by three academic departments followed by a one-year practicum completed during the TAC's first year of duty with the Commandant. The program is well along toward full accreditation and legal authority to grant the master's degree.] We are now at full load, and are most pleased with the results. This program actually impacts on the military development area, but it can be considered as an intellectual development initiative, too.

Let me conclude the recap of initiatives in the area of intellectual development with mention of a start to a program to gain endowed chairs for the teaching departments. This initiative will permit the Dean to seek out persons, to include retired officers, to add a special dimension to our faculty, and to be able to do so freed from the year-to-year uncertainties of appropriated monies. Although it will be years before this program matures fully, we are experimenting with the idea next year by bringing Admiral (Ret) Stansfield Turner on board to work with the Social Sciences Department.

Military development. Almost all of the new parts of this program are in place or have been tested. You have been briefed on all of them. I will add here that the benefits, expected to be synergistic, are emerging now—and they seem to be having an unusually rewarding payoff. For instance, we have reports of a clear difference between the performance in the basic course of the Class of 1988 with that of 1986 and 1987. School commandants noted a remarkable improvement of '88 over the previous two classes in attitude, behavior, and attainment of excellence. The only difference in their experience at West Point? The Class of 1988 was the first to benefit from the military development initiatives. But that is just the beginning—improvements will continue year by year until the Class of 1992 graduates, when the full payoff will be seen.

Those initiatives include: toughened standards in military training; holding cadets more strictly accountable for their behavior; improvements in the honor system; a revamped cadet rank structure; a leader development role for all three upperclasses; reorienting tactical officers to conceive of their role as developers of leaders rather than as commanders of companies; the Master's program for new tactical officers (mentioned earlier); treating First Class cadets as much like lieutenants as common sense dictates; putting Second and First Class cadets in most of the trainer positions in Cadet Basic and Cadet Field Training; tightening control on cadet time; the certification process; the 3 and 1/2 year model of development; giving real responsibility to the First Class in drill and spirit activities; placing practical leadership experiences in a sequential mode.

Some enrichment considerations specifically related to military development are: adding military science electives to the choices available to cadets during the academic semesters; creating a two-week intersession in early January when the focus will be on military science; granting enhanced credit for military training programs; involving academic instructors more in military training; validation of some requirements for cadets with prior service; the expansion of opportunities to gain military experiences; incorporating appropriate military science subjects into existing academic courses; placing cadet pass and leave policies more in tune with similar Army policies; streamlining mentoring and counselling requirements.

Finally, we are well into a year-long look at the Fourth Class System, with an ultimate goal of assuring that it helps us meet leader development goals—for upperclass cadets as well as plebes—and that it helps mold the attributes of leadership expected in today's Army.

Physical development. Again, I think you are aware of most initiatives in this area. They include: the requirement that a cadet be on a competitive team every semester; addition of the Master Fitness Trainer program; the concept that each cadet must play on a team-contact sport; placing club sports under the Department of Physical Education; a realignment of sports offered (intramural, club, intercollegiate) so that there is a relevance with future service in the Army; holding First Class cadets strictly accountable (at the price of not graduating with their class if they fail) for demonstrating the ability expected of Army officers to keep themselves fit; making summer training periods much more demanding physically; holding cadets to much firmer standards of development; strict adherence to weight and body fat standards; entry into an intercollegiate league comprised only of schools with standards of scholarship for athletes similar to ours.

You may not be aware that we are beginning a formal performance enhancement program. The office to run the program has been established. It will start this fall working with athletes on intercollegiate teams. Eventually we will branch out to other developmental areas.

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(You will recall the impact this program had on our championship CAT tankers in USAREUR a couple of years ago.) When you are here later this year, we will give you an update on this initiative.

Enrichment considerations related to physical development include: choices of electives for cadets who want to pursue greater development in this area; increased credit for work done in physical development; opportunities for cadets to gain experiences in Army programs beyond West Point, such as at the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School; opportunities for athletes to perform to an enhanced level of excellence, especially in intercollegiate sports.

West Point environment. The cadets live and develop in the environment we establish here. It must be supportive of our purpose and mission; it must help us develop leaders.

The Bicentennial Plan for facility development gives us a strategic view well into the next century. It establishes what the buildings and fields and infrastructure must be. This plan is of landmark significance.

Our organizational structure has been revamped, and is working very well. We made the changes within the same end strength and with a reduced rank structure. We intend to examine our manning over the next year to see if there aren't ways to streamline it.

One change to the structure of the Office of the Superintendent is especially significant. I have established a small group of officers, working directly for me, called the Office of Leader Development Integration. It provides me direct staff assistance in fulfilling my responsibilities for coordinating the academic, military, and physical programs of leader development. Prior to this, there was no person or office, other than the Superintendent himself, charged with making the three programs fit together coherently and consistently.

The Academy Schedule will be entering its third year of use. It remains a key tool in synchronizing all the hundreds of activities and individuals who do things to, for, or with cadets. Two years ago we made breakfast mandatory; this year we will try a flexible supper, while breakfast and lunch will remain required formations. There are many pros and cons to this step, which we have been debating for nearly three years. We will carefully gather data, and I'll let you know next year whether we should continue or not. Although the midnight lights out policy remains a source of irritation to cadets, it will remain a fixture in the schedule. They have to learn to meet their requirements and still get adequate sleep—that is a carry-over skill that will pay dividends to them in the Army.

The Admissions program contributes to the environment in that the caliber of the Corps of Cadets is itself perhaps the single most shaping part of being here. It is the part that touches every cadet almost every moment of every day. Living among 4400 high quality young people simply has to have a lasting impact. The two major developments in this area would be the growth of parents clubs and the results of a Blue Ribbon Panel we commissioned last year to look at us. We have linked up with the parents clubs, and we have made a big leap forward as a result of the recommendations of the Panel.

Moral-ethical development remains central to all we do. You are aware of our efforts over the past couple of years to strengthen the Honor Code and System. The results of those efforts bode well. [See the article in this issue of *Assembly* describing the results of the studies of honor completed during this past year.]

Finally, but not at all of least importance, is our staff and faculty. If we really intend to produce high quality young leaders for our Army, the price the Army must be willing to pay is a high-quality staff and faculty. We have taken several initiatives to assure that we continue to get top officers (modification to the 4-year PCS rule; the Master's Degree program for tactical officers; opening channels of communication with PERSCOM; getting all of our people to CAS3; use of non-resident courses; OPD programs; placement of our senior people on boards; etc.) Still, recent trends give me cause for concern. Serious concern. Accordingly, we will be devoting a good bit of effort over this next year to try to prepare for you a clear and unvarnished picture of our status and prognosis—and to provide you some suggested solutions to shortcomings we see.

Next steps. At this point, we are shifting gears—from deciding what ought to be done to getting it done. The period of searching for the shape of the Academy as it enters its third century is concluding. We are now proceeding apace with implementation. As we get into the details of some of the most recent projects it may well be that we will find a requirement to seek assistance or approval for some aspect at your level or higher. We will do so through the normal staffing process. In the meantime, I will use this letter as a vehicle to inform several interested individuals and offices of our current status, and to elicit their support where appropriate.

In reading back over this report, I realize that we have been able to come a long way in a short time. That is so because of the supportive climate in the Pentagon, the absence of any recent crises to divert our energies, and the superb spade work done by lots of people every since the rude awakening of 1976. All the efforts of the past dozen years are coming to fruition as we start the 1989–90 academic year. It is an exciting time to be at West Point.

Sincerely,

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

In addition to the initiatives described above, General Palmer plans to update General Vuono soon on initiatives by organizations outside USMA that provide valuable support to the Academy's leader development programs. Foremost among those organizations is the Association of Graduates, USMA. In recent years, the AOG's initiatives, such as strengthening the West Point societies, has truly provided the "margin of excellence" essential to the success of USMA's programs. These initiatives have enhanced not only the support to our vital admissions effort but also have increased the non-appropriated funding support to every area of cadet leader development. We could not be sanguine about the Academy's third century without the Association's assistance.

Finally, you will be interested to know that the Chief of Staff responded to the letter quoted above by approving the course we have charted and our program for negotiating that course. He directed that we work closely with his office and the DA staff in development of a master plan to ensure the full and successful integration of all initiatives that support our move into the 21st century and beyond. We will keep you informed in future issues as we move forward.

We value your thoughts regarding where the Academy is heading. If you have feedback and/or recommendations that you would like to share, please address them to COL Steve Hammond, Director of the Office of Leader Development Integration (Attn: MALD), West Point, New York 10996.

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Reprinted below is the enclosure to General Palmer's letter to General Vuono, which is quoted in the accompanying article. It provides a sampling of quotes from past studies testifying to a problem at USMA, identified again during the recent strategic planning project.

A sampling of observations over the last thirty years regarding the relationship between the *Quantity* of scheduled demands upon USMA cadets and the likelihood for the achievement of *Quality*

David Boroff, "West Point: Ancient Incubator for a New Breed," *Harper's Magazine,* Dec *1962,* 51–59: "The truth is that the Point is almost Faustian in its educational aims: In four incredibly crowded years . . . the students are overloaded and have little or no time for the kind of contemplative activity that alone can make an educated man."

1966 Curriculum Review Commission (Bonesteel Report): ". . . there seems to be a growing problem of overscheduling or overdistraction which appears to arise from the complex of activities [required of cadets]. In some way the cadet's time needs to be protected or organized so that there are adequate, solid blocks for studies, and time for athletics, for other noncurricular activities, and for genuinely free time."

1972 Curriculum Review Commission (Kappel Report): "[It is recommended] That the Academy authorities renew their efforts to reduce the scheduling of cadet's time."

1976 Borman Commission Report: "In 1976, ten years after the Bonesteel Report and four years after the Kappel Report, cadets are still overscheduled."

1976 Borman Commission Report final comment: ". . . our recommendations are not unique; they are the same as or similar to those made in the past. . . . However, these past studies and *recommendations have often gone unheeded.* We trust that the Academy need not endure another crisis, such as the one in EE304, before vitally needed changes are made."

1977 West Point Study Group: "The Academy has fallen victim to a number of problems which in complex and subtle ways have compounded. . . . First, the Study Group notes a slackening of the pursuit of excellence. It appears everywhere in cadet life but is most troubling in the academic program. . . . Second, the Study Group observes a concomitant decline in the standards demanded of cadets by the Academy . . . . Cadets frequently find themselves whipsawed among conflicting requirements that show little toleration for other demands."

Association of Graduates, USMA Board of Trustees, 2002 Review Committee Report (7 Mar 1987): "Cadets need time to learn and the staff and faculty need time to teach if we are to graduate officers committed to excellence. West Point's current learning environment is inadequate and counter-productive. Overscheduling and unclear institutional priorities encourage superficiality and mediocrity."

USMA Accreditation Self-study Interim Report (Dec 1988): "In the face of expanded requirements in all programs over the years, the absence of controls on the allocation of planned cadet time inhibits the achievement of satisfactory performance and the quest for excellence in each program. The staff and faculty are in complete agreement that the cadet load is excessive, although they disagree on the cause. Coordinated reductions in total planned time are required to enhance quality in each program."

Visiting Professors' Report, April 1989: "As recognized in *2002,* the USMA should develop creativity in cadets and promote a spontaneous delight and interest in learning and life-long intellectual curiosity. It is our carefully considered opinion that *these goals are not being met fully.* While the academic program is very demanding in certain ways and it challenges some of the intellectual skills of cadets, it falls short in the development of higher intellectual levels."

On 17 Feb 1989, the USMA Policy Board concurred with the conclusions of the Academic Board that . . "a. The level of cadet achievement in academics is less than it ought to be. b. A reduction in total program demands is required to increase quality."

The Year of Honor at USMA—1988–89

by COL Larry R. Donnithorne

USMA's Superintendent, General Dave Palmer, designated the academic year 1988–89 as a year in which the Military Academy would focus special attention upon honor. His reasons were several. More than a decade had passed since the last critical review of the Honor Code and Honor System; such review was overdue. Moreover, the moment seemed ripe because there was no crisis at hand. Rather than wait for a crisis to occur, which could prompt precipitate change, he decided instead to launch a preemptive series of studies. It was hoped that the results would help shape the Honor Code and System as the Academy prepares to enter its third century.

As a result, three different committee review panels were put to work simultaneously, one external to USMA and two internal. To provide the fresh perspective of outsiders and the experience of long, distinguished careers in public service, the Army Chief of Staff appointed the Posvar Commission in the spring of 1988 at General Palmer's request. Formally known as the Chief of Staff's Special Commission on the Honor Code and Honor System, the group was chaired by Dr. Wesley Posvar, president of the University of Pittsburgh. The 12-member panel included distinguished Army officers, both active and retired, and distinguished civilians from both the public and private sectors.

In addition to the Posvar Commission, there were two internal committees studying the Code and System: a review committee consisting of officers and cadets and, second, the Cadet Honor Committee.

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While it could appear that three committees would have been redundant, that did not prove true at all. Each committee took a slightly different perspective and focused upon different aspects of the fundamental issues. By trading ideas throughout the year, they reinforced and stimulated each other in very useful ways. As iron sharpens iron, each committee caused the others to sharpen their thinking. By the end, the committees were in remarkable—though not complete—harmony with each other.

When the report of the Posvar Commission was released in June 1989, the initial press coverage was misleading in one sense. Some reporters interpreted the report as suggesting the Commission wanted to weaken the Code. These reports arose, we suspect, from superficial reading of the report. The Commission wrote a thoughtful report on a complex subject, which some reporters sought to digest by a rapid scanning. Quite to the contrary of some of those early reports, the clear thrust of the Posvar Commission's report—and also of the other two committee's reports—was in fact to strengthen the Honor Code and System.

In declaring their support for the Honor Code as a standard, the Commission said it "represents a standard of ethical behavior that functions effectively for cadets, to which all American professionals can aspire, and which all citizens should appreciate as a national asset." It is, they said, "an exemplar for all public service."

Further, they declared their support for the Honor Code as a means for promoting the nation's interest in developing leaders of character and integrity for the Army. They put it this way:

> The West Point Honor Code is a practical mode of behavior that benefits its practitioners, the Military Academy and the Army. As an ethical rule, it happens to be stated in proscriptive terms, specifically against lying, cheating, stealing, or tolerating those who do. This list has changed, and can change again. Nonetheless, the underlying premise of trust and honesty among military comrades is enduring and compelling.
> The Code is a behavioral norm that young men and women at West Point can accept and understand. They believe that it serves the best interest of themselves and their military profession; it can guide them through a life of service—in the Army and in civilian society. It conveys truth, not only in personal communications but the integration of truth into the individual's character.

The recommendations of the Posvar Commission were directed at several purposes, as follows: to toughen the honor system, to strengthen the support for the honor system, to simplify and streamline the honor system, and to strengthen adherence to the non-toleration tenet of the Code.

To Toughen the Honor System

The Commission recommendations that would toughen enforcement of the Honor System included the suggestion that the vote required for a finding of guilty be changed from 10 out of 12 to a two-thirds vote, paralleling the Army's court-martial standard.

Further, the Commission recommended a change in the procedure for hearing character witnesses, observing that those witnesses have in the past often had little relevancy to the facts of the case. The Commission recommended moving character witnesses to the end of a hearing, while the Cadet Honor Committee recommended hearing them only in the event of a finding of guilt. The change as implemented will have the hearing officer screen out non-relevant character witnesses in advance, with relevant witnesses heard only after the other merit witnesses.

In addition, the Commission urged that fourth classmen not be permitted to sit on the honor boards for upper classmen.

These three recommendations actually originated with the Cadet Honor Committee and were endorsed by the Posvar Commission. The Cadet Honor Committee also provided a more detailed study of procedures, including a detailed plan for the composition of each 9-member honor board based on the class of the respondent.

Last, the Commission reinforced the attention that is presently given by the Commandant and tactical officers to the selection by the cadets of their company honor representatives.

To Strengthen Support for the Honor System

Many recommendations of the Commission will strengthen support for the Code among cadets.

The Commission urged that the Academy guard against trivialization of the Code by avoiding a routine intermingling of honor and regulations. They argued that matters such as rapid-fire (pop-off) answers or hiding articles in a laundry bag and bedstuffing (matters of enforcing Academy rules) ought not to be elevated to the status of breaches of personal integrity. The Commission quoted Professor Rescher as saying, "The Honor Code is like heavy artillery; it should be used sparingly." According to the Commission,

> The serious issue is that such misuse of the System has been a repeated source of antagonism, misunderstanding, grievous injustice to cadets, and harm to the repute and regard for the Honor Code itself. The Commission heard vehement complaints on this score from all age groups of graduates and cadets.

For the same reason, the Commission urged the Academy to eliminate the use of the absence card, which they said is "perceived clearly by the cadets as an excessive use of the Honor Code to enforce regulations [territorial limits]."

Second, the Commission suggested a shortened definition of lying ("to deliberately deceive another by stating an untruth or in other direct communication") that would eliminate the confusion they see arising from the term "quibbling."

Several suggestions regarding honor education will promote support for the Code. The Commission suggested that ethics and honor should be taught in a coherent way across the whole curriculum using officers' field experiences for case studies. These suggestions coincided with the proposals of the internal officer and cadet committee studying honor. That committee proposed the use of teams consisting of cadets and faculty officers for presenting honor instruction, a proposal enthusiastically endorsed by the Cadet Honor Committee.

The officer and cadet committee also redesigned the content of the honor education program. The revised program focuses upon applications of honor in cadet life during the first two years and then shifts in the last two years to applications of honor in Army life (e.g., false reports of unit achievements, careerism, incorrect readiness reporting, setting the example, stating values and expectations clearly, refusing to condone midnight requisitions, etc.).

The revised honor education program increases the emphasis on two additional points. One is that the Honor Code is but a tight nucleus of the larger professional Army ethic which will guide cadets after they graduate. Second, honor education emphasizes the Spirit of the Code. The true object of honor education is not only a cadet's strict adherence to the minimum standards of the Code, but also a driving desire to

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progress beyond the external standards to a reflective, inward support of the Spirit of the Code, to a spirit of integrity and virtue which begins deep within a person and is manifested in the actions of the honorable man or woman.

To respond to less well-developed values among some entering cadets, the Commission suggested that those elements of the admissions process outside of USMA should be asked to give more weight to individual character as a factor in admissions.

The Posvar Commission had two further suggestions for increasing support of the Code. They suggested the Academy "should think anew the time allocations for cadets" arguing that "lack of time [should not] produce undue pressure for ethical failures or less than best efforts in academic performance." (The Academy had responded to this need even before receiving the Commission's report. For a description of that response, see the article in this issue titled "Preparing for West Point's Third Century.")

Finally, the Commission recommended that "the Secretary of the Army should personally decide on all separations for honor submitted to Department of the Army" and that "the Secretary should express clearly the reasons for overturning a Superintendent's decision so that his reasoning may be reported to the Corps of Cadets."

To Simplify and Streamline the Honor System

The Posvar Commission made some recommendations designed to simplify and streamline the Code and System.

The Commission suggested that the Honor System could be streamlined by actions that would reduce case processing time both at USMA and in Washington.

In addition they urged that the respondent in honor cases should be able to consult with a legal advisor without the delay of calling a hearing recess to do so.

To Promote Adherence to Non-Toleration

Finally, recognizing that "in the last 70 years enforcement of the non-toleration clause ['nor tolerate those who do'] has been a recurring and thorny issue," the Commission made several suggestions to strengthen adherence to the last tenet of the Code. First, they affirmed that non-toleration is a keystone of a professional ethics system ("it is a manifestation of the self-governance and discipline that binds the profession to its values"). Second, they suggested a change in terminology. Their reasoning was as follows:

> Since the time when the Corps of Cadets would go so far as to ostracize by the "silence" a person whom the cadets found guilty, two factors have changed. The silence has been abolished, and the Superintendent has received authority to retain some violators when appropriate. Thus, some rehabilitated violators of the Code now remain in the Corps of Cadets, and it is no longer accurate to say that the Corps will not "tolerate those who do [lie, cheat, or steal]." Rather, it is more accurate to say that it is the act, not the person, which is not tolerated by cadets.

As a result, the Commission suggested changing the clause to read, "nor tolerate such acts by other cadets."

In addition the Commission affirmed a practice which began immediately after the 1976 honor scandal on the recommendations of the Borman Commission and West Point Study Group. That is the Superintendent's exercise of his discretion in assigning sanctions to violators, recognizing it is appropriate "that his response to violations of the Honor Code may vary in severity."

In light of the Superintendent's long-standing authority to exercise his discretion, the Commission said that a general categorization of alternatives to the sanction of separation (such as suspension without pay or temporary reassignment to a rehabilitating position in the Army) would be appropriate and that cadet members of honor boards should continue to submit recommendations to the Superintendent regarding his exercise of discretion.

It is important to recognize that the Commission saw these recommendations as designed to *strengthen* adherence to non-toleration. They said,

> There is evidence that the absolute sanction of dismissal, seen as an inevitable penalty, inhibits cadets from reporting a comrade, and that an alternative short of dismissal for self-reported violations would improve adherence to the non-toleration clause. If an alternative to separation is available, cadets will be more likely to confront apparent violators and invite them to report themselves. Also, violators will be more likely to report themselves spontaneously.

To sum up, the Posvar Commission's numerous recommendations to strengthen the Honor Code and System were founded on their recognition of the quintessential role of honor at West Point. "The Military Academy's nominal purpose—to produce officers highly qualified to defend the nation—is profoundly enhanced by its implicit mission of embodying the Nation's noblest values. The very name 'West Point' is a hallmark of leadership based on character."

The Commission also recognized and affirmed the Honor Code as part of a greater whole. As Dr. Posvar said in concluding his preface to the Commission's report [see the full text of the preface following this article],

> The invocation of 'Duty, Honor, Country' is much more than a reminiscence of the grip of history through the 'Long Gray Line.' It is a useful affirmation of personal integrity and dedication to service as an expression of a cardinal ethical system. This cogent message applies to the future: the nation needs leaders of character and ability, those who will serve the public interest beyond their own.

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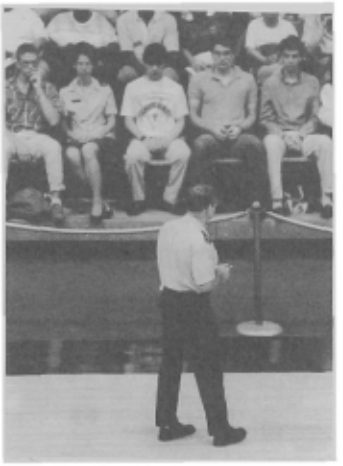

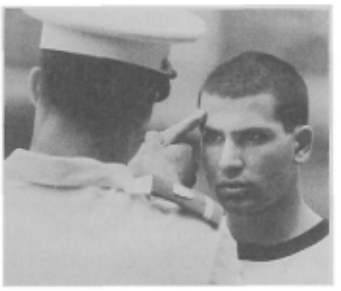

"Beast Barracks" and the Class of 1993

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(Photographs by Rick Hunter/West Point.)

Beast

Just the nickname for Cadet Basic Training causes one to wonder what new cadets have gotten themselves into. And on R-Day, braced in gym shorts with black knee-socks, draped in tags which signify, like toe-tags, name and pertinent information, the new cadets must wonder, too.

The Class of 1993 began Cadet Basic Training (CBT or "Beast") on a hot and wet 28th of June. Between the morning hours of 6:30 and 10:00 they said goodbye to their parents at the Holleder Center and proceeded to become indoctrinated into military life: its regulations, styles, customs and frustrations. By late afternoon, the weather had become sunny and pleasant, and the new cadets had made an equally striking change. No longer were they regular high school graduates: they had been transformed into disciplined participants in a military parade.

Leading this transition from civilian to cadet life was the cadre: upperclass men and women in charge of directing, organizing, pressuring, informing, disciplining and praising the new cadets from dawn to lights out. CBT is rigorous and challenging for the incoming class, but it is exhausting for the cadre. They go to bed later, get up earlier, and eat less than the new plebes. "Is this the job of a platoon leader?" wonders one first class cadet on CBT detail as he drags tables into position for R-Day.

After Registration Day, the trainees begin a new, military life. Each day begins early in the morning with a run and calisthenics and ends after a full day of lectures, drills, and training. They spend their days learning about military courtesies, uniform preparation, inspections, rifle marksmanship and tactical maneuvers. Hours are spent on physical preparation. The summer culminates in mid-August with a week of bivouac at Lake Frederick, and a long march back to West Point, at which time the new cadets officially enter the Corps as full-fledged cadets. Then, their lifestyle changes with the beginning of the academic year, their concentration shifting to the rigors of classes and homework. Military training and discipline, though still an important factor in their daily lives, is no longer the primary focus.

West Point is not designed to be easy, and Beast is a jolt to most new cadets, all of whom were sucessful in high school or college. In fact, the Class of 1993 pulls some of the highest cumulative SAT (1210) and ACT (28 average) scores of any West Point class. About 15% were valedictorians or salutatorians, and 85% were in the top fifth of their class. Not only in academics is '93 exemplary. More than half were team captains, and most participated in a sport and held some type of leadership position. Part of basic training is this culture shock: new cadets who came to West Point as above average, successful, highly motivated students now try to remember if a plebe ranks before or after the Superintendent's dog.

If West Point is so hard, why do people wish to attend the Academy? For many, it is the challenge and the desire to do something above and beyond the standard college experience. For 74%, the strong tradition of academic excellence is West Point's biggest pull. The West Point formula of ethics, academics, and military development attracts high-caliber students. Just slightly lower than last year's record number of applicants, 13,000 applied for admission to the Class of 1993, and 1,357 new cadets joined the Long Gray Line. The Class of 1993 "represents a quality slice of America," said Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., director of Admissions. Included in the Class are 147 women, 220 minorities, and five cadets from previous classes. Eleven foreign countries are represented in '93, one cadet each from Belize, Cameroon, Finland, Honduras, Jamaica, Lebanon, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, and Zimbabwe.

The sighs of those of the "Old Corps" can be heard during "Beast," lamenting that the Corps has gotten soft. However, watching the new cadets struggle with frustration, weariness, and pies that must be cut into seven equal pieces, I respect those who make it through the CBT challenge. "All new cadets should be very proud of their accomplishments and excited about the U.S. Military Academy opportunity as they begin what we call the West Point experience," said Colonel Rushton.

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Army Looks For Future Leaders

By Joe Dineen, *Admissions Media Branch*

Many of America's finest students enter the U.S. Military Academy, having compiled an outstanding record of achievement in high school. However, some also enter West Point after serving in the U.S. Army, the Army Reserve or the National Guard. This article deals with four such students, graduates of the Class of 1989, who entered the academy after active service experience. They were influenced in their decision to attend West Point by both commissioned and noncommissioned officers. We feel it is important for West Point graduates to understand the importance of their influence, as well as the influence of their noncommissioned officers in attracting outstanding men and women to the ranks of the "Long Gray Line" from the ranks of the Army Green.

COL Pierce A. Rushton, Jr.
Director of Admissions

Four members of the Class of 1989 chat with Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr. prior to graduation. They are (l to r) James Lippincott of Swarthmore, PA, John Lewis of Virginia Beach, VA, Richard Potterton of Greeley, CO and Ronald Campbell of Silver Spring, MD. All four entered West Point after serving on active duty.

The most traditional way to seek admission to the United States Military Academy is as a high school student. Then there is the *Army* way!

Many West Point candidates traditionally begin the admissions application process in the spring of their junior year of high school. They fill out a precandidate questionnaire and write to their Congressional representatives. From that point applicants secure academic information, supply teacher evaluations and recommendations, take the physical aptitude examination and a Department of Defense medical examination.

The Army way takes a more circuitous route. Young men and women enter the Army perhaps because they are uncertain about going to college; they may want to take advantage of the Army College Fund; or they may just want to be on their own for a short while to determine a career direction.

Whatever the reason, cadets who enter West Point from the Regular Army or the Army Reserve enjoy a great deal of success. Perhaps it is a more mature outlook on their future, a willingness to work hard, or a better understanding of the essential attributes of a leadership position.

With high technology providing sweeping changes throughout the U.S. Army, there is great benefit for the Department of the Army in developing some of its own soldiers to carry forth those special leadership skills further honed and developed during four years of the "West Point experience or other leadership opportunity."

"More and more we are seeing members of the Regular Army and the Reserve components enter the Academy and enjoy a great deal of success," says COL Pierce A. Rushton Jr., Director of Admissions. "These men and women are somewhat older than the traditional college (or academy) freshman student, but their maturity enables them to handle the rigorous academic and military training program at West Point. They have been away from home, so that helps in their ability to handle stressful situations."

COL Rushton interviewed four West Point first classmen (seniors) who graduated in May, and asked them why they took the Army route to the United States Military Academy. Cadets Ron Campbell of Silver Spring, MD, John Lewis of Virginia Beach, VA, James Lippincott of Swarthmore, PA, and Richard Potterton of Greeley, CO, all served a certain period of time in the U.S. Army, and are headed for their initial assignments in the Federal Republic of Germany.

CAMPBELL

Ron Campbell of Silver Spring, MD, a regimental commander this year at the academy, might not have considered West Point had it not been for his experience in the Army. He wasn't interested in the U.S. Military Academy in high school. In fact, he applied to the Coast Guard Academy. This 25-year-old senior decided to attend the General Motors Institute after graduating from high school to become an engineer. This five-year G.M.I. program provides academic training and then six months of on-the-job training. It seemed like the ideal situation for Campbell.

"I wanted to be an electrical engineer," said Campbell, "but I didn't know what that career encompassed, what my studies would be like and what I would be doing. I found I really wasn't interested in electrical engineering during my stay at G.M.I., although I knew I still wanted to go to college. I just wasn't ready to make a career choice."

So, Ron Campbell enlisted in the Army for three years. The decision was easily accepted by his parents because his father, Ronald Campbell, served 21 years in the Army's Medical Service Corps, including tours in Thailand and Germany. The decision to join the Army simply gave Campbell more time to sort out his career direction.

"My parents were very supportive when I made my decision to leave school," said Campbell. "They understood I was somewhat confused, uncertain and needed time for myself. I think going into the Army was a good decision for me. It helped me mature."

Campbell was a Signal Corps radio repairman during his three-year tour in the Army. He spent 18 months in Kirchgoens, Germany on assignment before

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returning to Fort Polk, Louisiana. "While in Germany I found out what it was like to live on my own," admitted Campbell. "I learned to make my own decisions and become a responsible adult. I enjoyed the travel and meeting people from all over the world. While growing up I saw different cultures, learned different languages, and enjoyed other experiences because of my father's Army career."

After Campbell returned to Fort Polk, he began to consider the Army as a career. He still wanted a college education, leaving him the option of attending a school with an ROTC program or applying for admission to West Point.

"My company commander at Fort Polk was very helpful," said Campbell. "I was three months into my new assignment when I went in to talk to Captain Pollock. He asked me what I was interested in, and I told him one of the reasons I entered the Army was the possibility of applying to West Point. He said he would do whatever he could for me, and I began the application process.

"I knew I enjoyed the Army and it was something I could see myself doing as a career," said Campbell. The young man from Silver Spring thrived on this challenging experience. Last summer he served as regimental commander, coordinating cadet basic training for 1,325 new cadets. He also served as deputy brigade commander during the year.

"A lot of personal growth has taken place since coming to West Point," said Campbell. "Not only have I learned a lot, but I have been able to exercise more of my abilities. The realism really hits you here. It is a humbling experience because so many people are more talented or just as talented as you are, but it also makes you work that much harder."

Campbell is a Dean's List student, participated in intercollegiate track one year, intramural football and volleyball, and competed in the Sandhurst military competition. Campbell was commissioned in the Field Artillery and will serve with the 1st Armored Division in Germany.

LEWIS

John Lewis of Virginia Beach, VA was first identified as a possible candidate for the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School after beginning Army basic training in 1984. His Army General Test scores determined his potential for admission to USMAPS, and his basic training company commander, Captain Norman Grady, discussed the possibility.

"Captain Grady spoke to all of us who were identified by our high test scores," said Lewis. "He told us if we continued our processing to the Prep School and eventually entered West Point we would become part of an outstanding officer corps of the Army. He also emphasized that it would take more than just the physical abilities we were displaying at basic training; we had to have the mental aptitude to be able to lead." CPT Grady is now at West Point, serving as an instructor in the Department of Mechanics.

Lewis was later assigned to the 84th Engineer Group, 2nd ACR, in Nurenburg, Germany. After completing his Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, he found he was eligible for admission to the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, but by the time his original paperwork reached Germany, he had just 10 days to return to the United States and report to USMAPS at Fort Monmouth, NJ. Normally, the bureaucratic paper maze would have eliminated Lewis from any further consideration for entering the prep school that year, but he got some help from his squad leader and first sergeant. Those two noncommissioned officers simply made it happen, and Lewis reached his destination.

"When I talked to my squad leader he asked me if I wanted to go," said Lewis. "I said, 'Yes, sergeant,' My squad leader then brought me to the first sergeant."

Lewis' first sergeant said it would take at least 45 days to process the paperwork, particularly since they were in the middle of a field exercise. Lewis said he had only 10 days to report to USMAPS. So, the first sergeant began immediate out-processing. "We'll just start out-processing you now," said the first sergeant. "If they don't want you, then we'll take you back." That first sergeant had a corporal help Lewis pack his gear and personal belongings for shipping to the U.S. In three days Lewis' out-processing was completed and he made his deadline, reporting to the prep school on time.

Yes, the trip to West Point had its twists and turns for John Lewis. When he graduated from Bayside High School, he decided to attend Norfolk State University to pursue a career in architecture. However, after one semester Lewis decided he needed a change. The U.S. Army provided that change, and improvement in his general test scores opened up the door to the USMA Prep School and finally West Point.

Lewis now joins other members of the "Long Gray Line." He was commissioned in the Infantry and his first assignment will be with the 8th Infantry Division in Germany. The Virginia Beach native also was married in June to a classmate, Trudy Jones, another Virginian, at the Great Branch United Church where Trudy's father serves as pastor.

POTTERTON

For Richard Potterton of Greely, CO, the desire to attend the United States Military Academy started early in high school. He did some reading about the academy, studied the requirements, but was concerned about the competition for an appointment to West Point in the Denver area. While attending Cherry Creek High School, Potterton elected to join the U.S. Army Reserve between his junior and senior year. The delayed program permits a young man or woman to take Army basic training, then serve in the Army Reserve.

"I knew it was another method to obtain a nomination for admission to West Point," said Potterton, "but it was also a way to check out the Army to see if this was really the type of career I wanted. I enjoyed it, but instead of going on to advanced individual training for the Army Reserve I began the admissions process to West Point."

Potterton said his battalion commander and executive officer helped him through the process. Concurrently, he applied through the normal Congressional route, and ended up with a dual nomination opportunity.

"My experience in basic training was very beneficial," said Potterton, who averaged 4.0 in his academic course load this past semester and ranks in the top five percent of his class. "That training helped prepare me for West Point. Someone who has completed basic training and has spent time in a unit has a little more under their belt than a high school graduate who faces the 'unknown' transition from civilian to military lifestyle."

Potterton's success here at West Point now carries forward to his first assignment. After he completes the officers basic course, he will join the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment on the border of Bavaria.

"I became interested in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment during my Cadet Leadership Training assignment," said Potterton. "I served as a 'lieutenant' with one of the Cavalry troops during its border mission and I really enjoyed it. I decided that is what I would like to do on my first assignment."

LIPPINCOTT

Like many other students graduating from high school, James Lippincott of Swarthmore, PA, really wasn't certain what he wanted to do. One of his classmates was headed for the U.S. Military Academy, but Lippincott dismissed the idea because he wasn't really interested

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West Pointers on Stamps

By Colonel Frederick O. Diercks, USA (Ret.), USMA 1937

Among institutions of higher learning in the United States, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point can probably claim a higher percentage of its graduates appearing on postage stamps of the world than any other. Thirty-one (31) different West Point graduates have been shown on postage stamps, plus two other distinguished attendees who did not graduate, Poe and Whistler. Of these, the two graduates who became Presidents of the U.S. quite naturally appear the most number of times: Ulysses S. Grant, Class of 1843, leads the list with 40 appearances on stamps, closely followed by Dwight D. Eisenhower, Class of 1915, who appears 37 times.

The senior West Point graduate honored on postage stamps is *Alden Partridge* of Vermont, *Class of 1806*, an early Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, founder of Norwich University in Vermont, and father of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) system in the United States, who appears on one stamp of the current U.S. Great Americans Series. The second senior graduate is *Sylvanus Thayer* of Massachusetts, *Class of 1808*, who succeeded Partridge as West Point Superintendent in 1817 and served in that position until 1833. His methods of teaching and training cadets are still in use at West Point today, and he is generally considered the "Father of the Military Academy." He too appears on one stamp of the current Great Americans Series.

The next senior West Point graduate honored on stamps is *Jefferson Davis* of Mississippi, *Class of 1828*, President of the Confederacy, who appears on one U.S., one Guernsey, and 8 Confederate States stamps. He is followed by *Robert Edward*

Lee of Virginia, *Class of 1829*, General-in-Chief of Confederate Armies, and considered by most USMA graduates as the epitome of West Point honor and valor; his likeness appears on 4 U.S. stamps.

Edgar Allen Poe, poet, author, and ex-cadet of the *Class of 1834*, appears on one U.S. stamp, as does *James A. McN. Whistler*, renowned painter, ex-cadet, *Class of 1855*. (Another U.S. stamp shows Whistler's well-known portrait of his mother.)

An interesting graduate, *Montgomery Blair* of Kentucky, *Class of 1835*, is honored on one U.S. and one Belgian stamp for his conception of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), while U.S. Postmaster General—1861–64. Blair's creation, the UPU, has, of course, been honored countless times on stamps of almost every country of the world, the member states of the UPU.

The *Class of 1840* is honored on stamps by *William Tecumseh Sherman* of Ohio, Union general, who appears on 7 stamps of the U.S., Guam, Philippines, and Puerto Rico, and who could undoubtedly have been President of the United States if he had so chosen.

Ulysses Simpson Grant of Ohio, *Class of 1843*, Commander-in-Chief of Union forces in the Civil War and 18th President of the United States, in addition to appearing on 36 stamps of the U.S. and Possessions, is also shown on two stamps of Portuguese Guinea in honor of his arbitration of the British-Portuguese dispute over the territory in 1868, and on one stamp each of Liberia and St. Vincent in their respective Presidential Series.

The Civil War also accounts for the next two graduates on stamps, *Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson* of Virginia, *Class of 1846*, Lee's ablest lieutenant, and *Philip Henry Sheridan* of Ohio, *Class of 1853*, Grant's cavalry leader. Both

appear on stamps of the U.S. Army-Navy Series of 1936, along with Lee, Sherman, and Grant. Jackson, Lee, and Jefferson Davis also appear on the U.S. Stone Mountain issue of 1970.

The construction of the Panama Canal from 1904–14 is the basis for the next group of USMA graduates on stamps, all members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. *George Washington Goethals* of New

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York, *Class of 1880*, Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal project, is shown on one U.S. and 14 Canal Zone stamps, while his subordinates, *Harry F. Hodges* of Massachusetts, *Class of*

1881, and *David DuB. Gaillard* of South Carolina (who gave his life to the Canal) and *William L. Sibert* of Alabama, both of the *Class of 1884*, appear on a total of 8 Canal Zone stamps. (In addition, Gaillard Cut on the Canal appears variously on 29 other Canal Zone stamps.)

Only one graduate is shown on stamps for duty in World War I—*John Joseph Pershing* of Missouri, *Class of 1886*—who appears on a U.S. regular issue of 1954 and a French issue of

1987. Like Sherman, Pershing could probably have been President of the U.S. if he had wanted to.

Douglas MacArthur of Wisconsin, *Class of 1903*, the youngest U.S. Brigadier General in World War I, is honored for his World War II Pacific and Korean War commands on one U.S., one Korean, and 9 Philippines stamps. *Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold* of Pennsylvania, *Class of 1907*, who built the greatest air force in history during WWII, appears on a recent stamp of

the U.S. Great Americans Series. *George Smith Patton, Jr.* of California, *Class of 1909*, is shown on one U.S., 5 Belgian, and 4 Luxembourg stamps for his WWII service in the European Theater; while *Dwight David Eisenhower* of Kansas, *Class of 1915*, appears on 6 U.S., one Brazil, 2 Grenada, 4 Korea, one Liberia, one Monaco, one Panama, 2 Philippines, 6 El Salvador, one St. Vincent, 7 Togo, 4 Uruguay and one Gibraltar stamps, more countries than any other graduate, in honor of his WWII service as Commander-in-Chief, Europe and North Africa, and as 34th President of the United States. Also from WWII, *Anthony J. McAuliffe* of West Virginia, *Class of 1919*,

the hero of Bastogne, is honored on one of the same Belgian stamps depicting General Patton. And, finally, from WWII, *Vicente Lim* of the Philippines, *Class of 1914*, is honored on a 1981 stamp of the Philippines for his heroism and death as a guerrilla leader during the Japanese occupation of that country.

An interesting group of 12 stamps from Nicaragua commemorating the Nicaragua Military Academy (NMA) depicts various USMA graduates from 1907 through 1946 as follows: *Fred*

T. Cruse of Kentucky, *Class of 1907*, second Superintendent of NMA; *Charles Love Mullins, Jr.* of Nebraska, *Class of April 1917*, the founder of NMA and its first Superintendent; *Leroy Bartlett, Jr.* of California and *John F. Greco* of Minnesota, both *Class of 1930* and both Superintendents of NMA; and *Anastasio Somoza, Jr.* of Nicaragua, *Class of 1946*, a Superintendent of NMA and later President of Nicaragua, who appears on 16 other stamps of Nicaragua and 4 of El Salvador, a total of 21 for third place on the most depicted list, after Grant and Eisenhower.

Finally, we have the astronauts, from the Classes of 1950 through 1955, who appear on a total of 40 stamps worldwide. In order, they are: *Frank Borman* of Arizona, *Class of 1950*, the first lunar circumnavigator, who appears on 10 stamps of Haiti, Hungary, and Senegal; *Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.* of New Jersey, *Class of 1951*, and *Michael Collins* of Louisiana, *Class of 1952*, of the first lunar landing team, who together appear on 16 stamps of Al-

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West Pointers on Stamps—Class Listing

Class of 1806

Alden Partridge—*U.S.* #1846F (Captain, Supt. of USMA)

Class of 1808

Sylvanus Thayer—*U.S.* #1846E (Bvt. Brig. Gen., Supt. of USMA)

Class of 1828

Jefferson Davis—*U.S.* #1408; *CSA* #1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12; Guernsey #59 (President, Confederate States of America)

Class of 1829

Robert Edward Lee—*U.S.* #788, 982, 1049, 1408 (General, CSA)

Class of 1834

Edgar Allen Poe, ex-Cadet—*U.S.* #986 (Poet, Author)

Class of 1835

Montgomery Blair—*U.S.* #C66; *Belgium* #868 (Postmaster General)

Class of 1840

William Tecumseh Sherman—*U.S.* #225, 257, 272, 787; *Guam* #7; *Philippines* #222; *Puerto Rico* #213 (General, USA)

Class of 1843

Ulysses Simpson Grant—*U.S.* #223, 255, 270, 281, 303, 314A, 560, 589, 640, 666, 677, 787, 823, U293, U330-5, U377-8, U390-2; *Cuba* #225; *Guam* #5; *Philippines* #216, 299, U15-16, U26; *Puerto Rico* #212, U2, U4, U14; *Liberia* #913; *Portuguese Guinea* #254, 339; *St. Vincent* #439 (General, President of the U.S.)

Class of 1846

Thomas J. Jackson—*U.S.* #788, 1408 (General, CSA)

Class of 1853

Philip H. Sheridan—*U.S.* #787 (General, USA)

Class of 1855

James A. McN. Whistler, ex-Cadet—*U.S.* #885 (Painter)

Class of 1880

George Washington Goethals—*U.S.* #856; *C.Z.* #106, 117, 153, 158, U11, U13, U15, U16-19, C3, C5, 02 (Major General, builder of the Panama Canal)

Class of 1881

Harry F. Hodges—*C.Z.* #108, 161, 04 (Major General)

Class of 1884

David DuB. Gaillard—*C.Z.* #109, 122-3, C39 (Lt. Colonel)
William L. Sibert—*C.Z.* #110 (Major General)

Class of 1886

John J. Pershing—*U.S.* #1042A; *France* #2044 (General of the Armies)

Class of 1903

Douglas MacArthur—*U.S.* #1424; *Korea* #477; *Phillippines* #519-21, 971-2, 1449-52 (General of the Army)

Class of 1907

Henry H. Arnold—*U.S.* #2192 (General of the Army and of the Air Force)
Fred T. Cruse—*Nicaragua* #C465, C471 (Colonel)

Class of 1909

George S. Patton, Jr.—*U.S.* #1026; *Belgium* #B606-10; *Luxembourg* #242-5 (General)

Class of 1914

Vicente Lim—*Philippines* #1546 (Brigadier General, PA)

Class of 1915

Dwight D. Eisenhower—*U.S.* #1383, 1393-5, 1401-2; *Brazil* #C93; *Grenada* #377, 378a; *Korea* #206-8, 305; *Liberia* #942; *Monaco* #357; *Panama* #C157; *Philippines* #823-4; *El Salvador* #703-5, C184-6; *Togo* #683-6, 768, C110-11; *Uruguay* #203-5, C371; St. Vincent #443; *Gibraltar* #436 (General of the Army, President of the U.S.)

Class of April 1917

Charles L. Mullins—*Nicaragua* #C463, C469 (Major General)

Class of 1919

Anthony J. McAuliffe—*Belgium* #B608 (General)

Class of 1930

Leroy Bartlett, Jr.—*Nicaragua* #C465, C471 (Colonel)
John F. Greco—*Nicaragua* #C465, C471 (Colonel)

Class of 1946

Anastasio Somoza, Jr.—*Nicaragua* #995-6, C884-6, C465, C468, C471, C474, C778-85; *El Salvador* #789-90, C250-1 (General, President of Nicaragua)

Class of 1950

Frank Borman—*Haiti* #544-7, C263-5; *Hungary* #C284; *Senegal* #493, 494c (Astronaut, Colonel)

Class of 1951

Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.—*Belgium* #693, B846; *Algeria* #427; *Brazil* #1138; *Cameroun* #C135-6; *Congo* (Brazzaville) *C85; Liberia* #C184; *Monaco* #772-3; *Romania* #C175; *Quatar* #191; *Togo* #741, 746; *Upper Volta* #321; *Venezuela* #C1019 (Astronaut, Colonel)

Class of 1952

Michael Collins—*Belgium* #693, B846; *Algeria* #427; *Brazil* #1138; *Cameroun* #135-6; *Congo* (Brazzaville) #C85; *Liberia* #C184; *Monaco* #772-3; *Quatar* #192; *Romania* #C175; *Togo* #741, 746; *Venezuela* #C1019 (Astronaut, Colonel)
Edward H. White, II—*Cameroun* #C60; *Hungary* #C275; *Mali* #C33; *Nicaragua* #C618-25; *Niger* #C56; *Togo* #544 (Astronaut, Lt. Colonel)

Class of 1954

David R. Scott—*Hungary* #C315; *Romania* #C185 (Astronaut, Colonel)

Class of 1955

Alfred M. Worden—*Hungary* #C315; *Romania* #C185 (Astronaut, Lt. Colonel)

Military Academies on Stamps

U.S.M.A., West Point, New York—*U.S.* #789
Korea Military Academy—*Korea* #1048
Nicaragua Military Academy—*Nicaragua* #C464, C466, C467, C470, C472, C473
Philippine Military Academy—*Philippines* #1455-6, 1581-2

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geria, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroun, Congo, Liberia, Monaco, Quatar, Romania, Togo, Upper Volta, and Venezuela; the late *Edward H. White, II* of Oklahoma, also *Class of 1952*, who gave his life to the astronaut program and who appears on 12 stamps of Cameroun, Hungary, Nicaragua, Niger, and Togo; and *David R. Scott* of California, *Class of 1954*, and *Alfred M. Worden* of Michigan, *Class of 1955*, both of the Apollo 15 Mission, who appear on two stamps of Hungary and Romania.

In conclusion, a group of stamps should be mentioned which honor West Point itself, and thus all its graduates, plus those military academies modeled directly after West Point—Korea, Nicaragua, and the Philippines. These stamps are appended at the end of the list.

The complete listing follows. (Scott numbers are used throughout; non-Scott listed stamps have not been included.) Any additions or corrections to the list are gratefully requested by the author.

Future Leaders

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and didn't consider the Army as a career.

"I sort of dismissed West Point because I didn't like math," admitted Lippincott. "West Point has the reputation of being an engineering type place, so at that point I wasn't ready."

Lippincott was interested in the U.S. Army, however. By serving in the Army he would benefit from the College Fund, and could pay for his college education. At a time when the cost of a college education continues to rise, Lippincott's choice to enter the Army was practical from a monetary viewpoint and beneficial from an experience basis.

Following basic training Lippincott entered the Defense Language Institute. It was at the institute that he heard more about West Point and the variety of routes to enter the academy. "I heard about West Point again from information posted on a bulletin board," said Lippincott. "I obtained the information, read it, and then kept it in the back of my mind. I also talked to different people about West Point. The people that really urged me to look hard at it, to go for it, were my peers and NCOs in my platoon. I also got help from the company commander and completed the paperwork."

Lippincott was selected for the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, although he later learned he could have applied directly to West Point for admission. Yet, he doesn't regret the route he took. His experience in the Army and at the Defense Language Institute propelled him to West Point.

"I thought about West Point in general terms," said Lippincott, "but it was that particular information at the Defense Language Institute that got me pointed in the right direction. As far as my difficulties with math and science, I felt that having been out a couple of years, I was choosing to take those courses now. I wasn't being forced. That made a difference."

James Lippincott has had little difficultywith math and science while at West Point. He majored in Arabic, and this past semester took four languages—French, German, Hebrew, and Arabic. He, too, is a Distinguished Cadet, and ranks in the top five percent of his class.

Lippincott was commissioned in the Armor branch and will join the 11th ACR in Germany. Like many of his West Point classmates, Lippincott became interested in the Armor branch during his Cadet Troop Leadership Training.

These are just four of the many success stories within the graduating Class of 1989. There are many, many more throughout the Corps of Cadets, but these four exemplify the success cadets have had by gaining some Army experience before entering West Point.

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Brigadier General John J. Costa (and the Class of 1949) Retires

Last World War II Veteran on Active Duty

On 31 May 1989, the classmates, colleagues, family members, associates, and friends of Brigadier General John Joseph Costa marked his retirement in ceremonies in Grant Hall, culminating a career of over 46 years of service to the nation, to the United States Army, and to the Military Academy. Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent, presented BG Costa the Distinguished Service Medal for his years of service, highlighted by twelve years as Professor, USMA, and as the Professor and Head of the Department of Foreign Languages. On the same occasion, Mr. Leopold B. von Bredow, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, presented the country's Bundesverdienstkreuz (Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit) to BG Costa for his years of service in the Federal Republic and for other services. BG Costa is believed to be the last veteran of World War II to serve on active duty in the Armed Forces. He is the last member of the USMA Class of 1949 to retire from active duty.

John Joseph Costa was born 7 May 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, where he graduated from Annunciation High School in 1942. In July 1943 he answered his country's call to service and volunteered for Air Cadet Training in the Army Air Corps. His leader skills were soon recognized, and he became "Lieutenant Costa" for the first time at Hondo AAF, on 11 November 1944. He served as a navigator-crew member in B-17 and B-29 aircraft, and in addition was an instructor-navigator on the B-24 aircraft in the First Air Force in 1945.

In 1945, the war in Europe won and the Pacific Theater clearly in hand, Lieutenant Costa, after a short period in USMAPS at Cornell University, resigned his commission to enter the Corps of Cadets. His cadet years were spent in Company B, 2d Regiment. He sang in and then led the Catholic Chapel Choir; served as managing editor of the *Howitzer* staff; and was member and secretary of the Honor Committee. On the "field of friendly strife" Cadet Costa played C-squad (plebe) soccer, and during his first class year was assistant coach to Colonel R. P. "Red" Reeder, Jr., with the plebe baseball team. A member of the first USMA class to study Russian at the Academy, he had an aptitude for the language that was to bring him back to the Academy twice in his career. His classmates, noting his "example of fortitude and leadership," may have sounded an early augury of his future instructor/professor years, and clearly hailed his care and concern for his fellow men when they paid him tribute as a "savior of deficient plebes."

BG (then COL) John J. Costa, Professor and Head, Department of Foreign Languages (1980–89).

In June 1949, John Costa put on his gold bars for the second time as a lieutenant of Infantry, embarking on a military career which was to take him through leadership and command positions from platoon through brigade, as well as service in key sensitive and high-level staff assignments. Attendance at the Ground General School, Fort Riley, Kansas, and at the Infantry Basic School at Fort Benning, Georgia, preceded duty as a platoon leader, company executive officer, then regimental staff officer with the 18th Infantry Regiment,

Teddy (center) received a certificate of appreciation from LTG Palmer at BG Costa's retirement ceremony.

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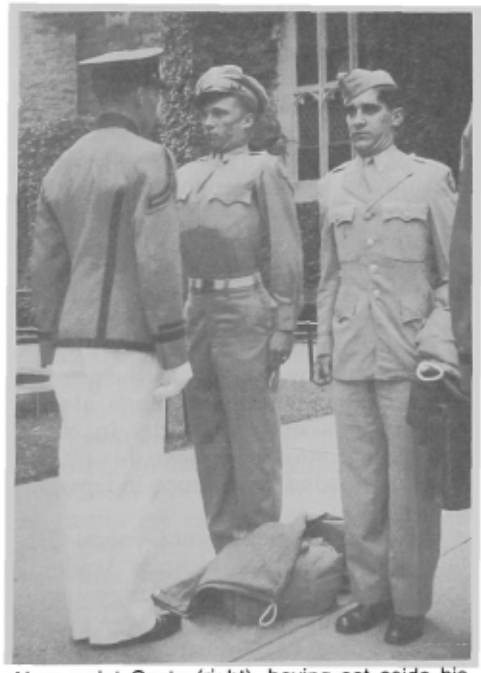
1st Infantry Division, from 1950–1952. Recognition of his talents was not long in coming: "the commanding general of the "Big Red One," MG Thomas S. Timberman, USMA Class of 1923, selected him as aide-de-camp in 1952. Lieutenant and later Captain Costa served in that capacity until 1954, accompanying General Timberman upon his reassignment to become U.S. Commander, Berlin.

The Berlin assignment was for John Costa a most fortuitous one. While there he was promoted to captain and, following a reassessment of the calculating of his prior commissioned service, "restored" to the rank of 1st lieutenant. Within a matter of weeks he was again promoted to captain, thus managing to be one of the few people (if not the only one) to hold all three company-grade ranks twice! But the promotion(s), albeit important, were secondary to the fact that in Berlin he met, courted, and won a lifelong commitment from the former Elizabeth Butler Schmertz—"Teddy" to all who know her. They returned to the States, were married on 25 May 1954 in South Pasadena, California, and before they again went overseas they had built a family of five children: Veronica (Ronnie), Christopher, Andrew (USMA '80), Elizabeth (Lisa) and John.

In 1954, Captain Costa attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Basic Airborne, and Jumpmaster courses at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then assigned from May 1955–April 1956 as a company commander in the 74th Regimental Combat Team, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Having shown promise as a linguist while a cadet, Captain Costa was selected in 1956 for Russian language study at the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, from which he graduated with distinction. In 1957 he was assigned to the faculty of the Department of Foreign Languages, USMA, where he served as instructor and assistant professor until the summer of 1961. During this time he pursued graduate work at Columbia University and at Middlebury College, Vermont, receiving the master of arts degree in Russian and Soviet Studies in 1960.

Following his first faculty assignment at West Point, he graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College in 1962. Major Costa was assigned for duty with the Secretary of the General Staff, Headquarters, Eighth Army, Korea, 1962–1963. Moving to the 82d Airborne Division, he held positions at Fort Bragg and in the Dominican Republic which could fill half a text on the art of soldiering: Division Training Officer, Secretary of the General Staff (Assistant Chief of Staff), Assistant Chief of Staff G1, Commander of the 2d Battalion (Airborne) of the 508th Infantry, and Executive Officer of the 1st Brigade. It is of special note that while he was in command, the 2/508th was an element of the multinational Inter-American Peace Force during the hostilities and ensuing stability operations in the Dominican Republic in 1965–66. For this service, Lieutenant Colonel Costa received the Silver Star and the Bronze Star, as well as the Medalha do Pacificador of the Republic of Brazil.

Brigadier General and Mrs. John J. Costa.



New cadet Costa (right), having set aside his lieutenant's bars, waits his turn to enjoy the bracing experience of cadet life.

In 1967, LTC Costa reported to the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and following graduation in 1968, was assigned as J5 Plans Officer, Headquarters, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. There he developed a comprehensive plan for the redeployment of all United States forces from the Republic of Vietnam, earning his first award of the Legion of Merit. In August 1969, Colonel Costa was again assigned to Berlin, where he served as deputy commander of the Berlin Brigade. In September 1970, he assumed duties as Secretary of the General Staff, Headquarters, United States Army, Europe and Seventh Army, serving in that posi-

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tion until August 1973. Upon selection for brigade command, he remained in Germany as commander of the 1st Brigade, 8th Infantry Division, and concurrently as commander of the U.S. Army Community in Mainz from 1973–1975. During this time the USAREUR commander became concerned that there should be a general officer in Mainz because of the size of the U.S. contingent in that community. Then-Brigadier General Willard Scott is reported to have said, "Why should we send a general down there? We have John Costa in command!"

Returning to the United States after seven consecutive years abroad, Colonel Costa attended the Department of the Army Inspector General Course, thereafter serving as Inspector General of the United States Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia, until his selection in 1977 to be Professor, USMA, and Deputy Head of the Department of Foreign Languages. On 1 August 1980, he succeeded BG Sumner Willard as Head of the Department of Foreign Languages. BG Willard recalls that . . .

> "John Costa was the best student I ever taught. He was in the first class at USMA to take Russian: I had to step in to take up the slack caused by the regular instructor's absence, and I wouldn't have gotten through that detail without John Costa's help."

When he assumed his new duties, Colonel Costa quickly established the tenor of his term by noting that "we are a teaching department, and we'll take a cadet in language as far as he or she is prepared to go!" As an educator's educator, he developed and carried forward a number of impressive initiatives in foreign language education at the Military Academy, accomplished during a period of straitened financial and personnel resources. Of those many initiatives, the most far-reaching are the following:

—An academic majors program spread across eight foreign languages which stands as a model for the other service academies. Course additions to provide these majors programs were accomplished without additional faculty, and the Department of Foreign Languages now offers the largest number of individual courses of any department at USMA.

—Development of Fields of Study in the world's principal geographic regions and indigenous languages (Middle East, Far East, Soviet Union, Western Europe, and Latin America).

—Expanded Foreign Academy Exchange Programs, and Volunteer Summer Training Programs.

—Instruction in general linguistics, now required for every cadet concentrating in foreign languages, and a new course in Spoken Hebrew, available as an elective to all cadets.

—USMA representation to and charter member of the Defense Exchange Committee on Language Efforts (D'ECOLE), affording access to the best new programs and ideas in language training.

—Consultant to Department of the Army's language program, he was influential in the development of a number of initiatives including the establishment of proficiency pay for language-qualified soldiers throughout the Army.

—Most significant, a modernization of foreign language pedagogy to exploit the capabilities of computers, laserdisk interactive video technology, satellite-transmitted foreign language television broadcasts technology, satellite-transmitted foreign language television broadcasts and state-of-the-art audio laboratories.

The net effect of these initiatives has been to keep the United States Military Academy in a position of preeminence in foreign language instruction, always maintaining the student as the central focus of the department's efforts, always seeking to assist each cadet in every appropriate way to achieve his or her level of personal excellence in languages.

Outside the department General Costa contributed to the Military Academy through service on numerous committees and study groups:

—Chairman of the Search Committee for permanent associate professors in the humanities, public affairs, and national security disciplines;

—Chairman of the Humanities and Public Affairs Committee;

—Member of the General Committee;

—Member of the Academic Board;

—Chairman of the Select Panel on Competitive Athletics;

—Chairman of the Physical Development Self-Study Sub-Committee.

Brigadier General and Mrs. Costa will be sorely missed in the West Point Community for their active support of cadet sports, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Teens Encounter Christ, Holy Trinity Chapel, alumni and parents clubs, and professional associations. Future plans revolve around a new residence in Rhinebeck, New York, where they threaten to "retire-retire," and from which they hope to travel extensively to see the world and visit their eleven grandchildren, spread from—Germany, where Ronnie, her husband Max Shadle (USMA '80), Nathaniel, and Jeremiah are serving with the U.S. Army; to Winston-Salem, where Lisa and Eddie Barden, with Taylor, Kyle, and Jonathan live; to Fort Gordon, Georgia, home at present to Captain Andrew Costa and Colleen, Brogan, Ian, Caitlin, and Meghan Elizabeth; to California where son Chris and Cheryl Costa make their home in La Jolla and where son John, Jr., and Judie, Andrew, and Hannah can be found in Lakewood. But friends and colleagues suspect that years of service and commitment to the Army, the Academy, to church and community will occasion more than a little involvement in the future.

Thomas Heads Foreign Languages

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The Great Experiment—That Worked!

The '49er Fortieth Reunion Aboard A Cruise Ship

OK, so you're either green with envy and want to do the same—or you think that it wouldn't work for your Class—or you've never heard of the Great '49er Fortieth Reunion. In any event, as the modern phrase goes, "listen up." We'll tell you about the cruise and the cruise ship, how we went about it, and reactions of classmates and spouses to the adventure.

In brief, we chartered an ocean-going cruise ship, the *Queen of Bermuda*, for a week. (It's difficult to rent them by day.) The extra time, time when we did not need to be at West Point for the official festivities, was used in cruising to Bermuda. There we spent a day, picked up at least one classmate and wife who had flown in to meet us, and then cruised back to New York and up the Hudson River to anchor at West Point. At that point we were joined by other classmates and wives who did not go on the cruise, but who chose to stay on the ship as it lay anchored off Constitution Island during the official reunion period. (A few persons, doubtful about ship life or for other reasons, elected to stay at the Hotel Thayer.) For the reunion events at West Point, we were ferried, by small boats, to shore where we were met by buses to take us to our destination. Then, on our last night on board, after the Alumni Dinner in the Cadet Messhall, we returned to the ship and sailed downriver to our pier at Manhattan Island, arriving about breakfast time.

The cruise was the real thing: five meals a day were offered, evening live entertainment was provided (some by classmates), and we had nightly dancing. The ship had its own library and card-playing rooms, and a gambling casino complete with slot machines and young ladies to operate the more serious games. It had a movie theater with multiple showings during the day and evening, a skeet range, cable television in each cabin, and a "swimming pool" (which was never successfully used due to the water sloshing out onto the deck—but no one minded that; we were too busy). It had a piano bar with large windows for viewing, an intimate disco bar, at-your-seat bar service during the evening entertainment and dancing, a casino bar, and a patio bar (for use by those choosing informal lunches, midnight buffets, and lounging in the deck chairs on the ship's "patio").

Leaving Manhattan; Crowd at Poolside

First, Lifeboat Drill—and Wear that Vest

At Sea on the Patio Deck—The Leisure Life

The *Queen* at Anchor off Constitution Island

Other ship amenities included a gymnasium, a beauty salon, a ship's doctor, a ship's photographer, a gift shop, a duty-free shop with a variety of useful and/or luxury items, a daily news-by-satellite newssheet—delivered to each cabin along with the schedule of daily events, and an always-manned information-and-administration desk. The latter was especially useful during the first few hours aboard when many of us managed to get lost. For those wishing it, there was a ship-to-shore telephone service. Rooms (cabins) were assigned by lottery with certain exceptions for those with physical handicaps or for other valid reasons. All had either windows or portholes. And we had stewards who kept each cabin neat and tidy.

Seating in the dining room was by assignment for each of two sittings. Half the group ate early meals for the first days, then the times were reversed and the other half ate early. For convenience, the groups were divided according to regimental assignment as a cadet. The food was equal to that of a fine restaurant and a good selection of main courses and other dishes was offered at each meal. Well-trained table stewards provided excellent service and remained with assigned tables for the duration of the cruise. This group made special occasions of birthdays and wedding anniversaries. On one occasion they put on a singing mini-skit for the presentation of a special dessert. The evening meal was the most formal, giving the men a chance to put on ties and jackets and the ladies a chance to appear in their party dresses. Two occasions were optionally more formal. One, the Captain's Dinner, brought an opportunity for the men to wear dinner jackets, if they so chose, and the ladies to wear their more special outfits. Following the meal, all who wished to do so met the captain and were photographed with him.

The ship's photographer was busy throughout the trip. Photos were taken as we boarded the ship, during formal dinners, with the Captain, and upon disembarcation at Bermuda. In addition, groups were gathered and photographed by cadet company. All of these photos were displayed and made available for purchase during the trip. Of course many brought personal cameras and used them throughout the trip. It

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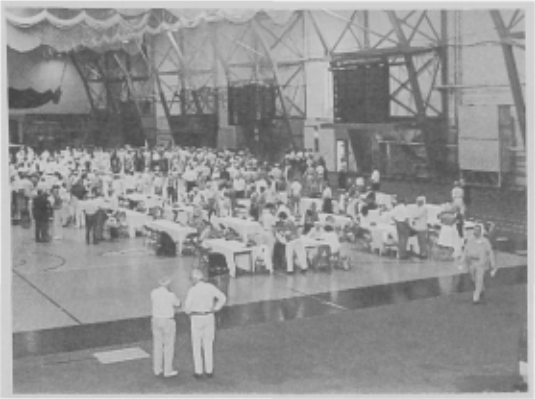

Class Picnic, Provided by the Ship, in the Field House

In the Casino

Transportation Back to the Ship

Some Home-grown Entertainment

The Supe and His Lady Visit the Ship

The Lady Welcomes Us Back

can be safely estimated that hundreds of shots were taken of the Statue of Liberty alone.

How did this floating reunion get organized? Some two years before the event a volunteer (how else?) reunion committee was formed from among classmates and wives living in the Washington, DC, area. Our desire to be housed in a single place was a matter of concern. We previously had had a reunion at the former Ladycliff College where we were all together, and it was decided we would prefer to do so again. The idea of a cruise ship was presented and it was agreed the concept should be investigated. Our committee chairperson and his wife (for names, see below) did the homework and reported on the cost and options of chartering the ship versus staying in hotels and motels in the West Point vicinity. This information was conveyed, via letters, to all classmates with known addresses. An expression of opinion was obtained and a commitment was sought from each to go along with the majority vote.

Of course there were doubts. One was that this idea, although of interest to the AOG and the Superintendent, had not been done successfully before. Another was that some felt a week of togetherness would be too much. Still another was whether the probable cost of such an undertaking would be reasonable. And, of course, there was the worry of some that seasickness would probably spoil the whole trip for them. The successful execution of the ship option required about 400 paying passengers. Finally the committee decided we were close enough to that goal to do it—and the chairperson signed a contract for the ship charter for what seemed to be a huge amount of money. We were committed.

Subcommittees were organized and other classmates were sought out or volunteered to help with various aspects of the plan. There had to be communication with all known classmates. The financial collections and disbursements had to be organized (an installment-payment plan was offered). Ground transportation options had to be investigated and provided. Directions to and options for parking at the pier had to be sent out. Plans for on-ship parties and an on-shore picnic had to be made and trip souvenirs selected and obtained. Coordination with class aides at West Point had to be accomplished, and many other details had to be planned and communicated to all concerned. One seemingly small detail later proved to make a big contribution to the success of the adventure: sturdy, plastic-covered nametags with BIG letters that could be easily seen and read from a distance.

In spite of all efforts, the number of people signing up for the trip fluctuated and remained short of the desired 400. The committee was faced with the choice between asking for additional funding from each person going or permitting the tour agent to sell cabin space to the general public. The decision was to do the former. In the end we had 382 persons on the ship. The final cost?—slightly over $1400 per person. This total covered all costs, allowed Class widows to attend without charge, and includes a small remaining amount which will be redistributed or added to the Class Fund.

Was it worth it? By almost unanimous agreement the great experiment was a smash hit! Even before the cruise was complete, sentiment was that this was so good that it must be repeated—possibly in five years. All letters received by the scribe have been full of praise for the organizing committee and the reunion cruise. Some quotes: "Everyone I talk to in the Class is still basking in the glow of our fantastic reunion." "The glow of probably one of history's great reunions still lingers on with me." "It was a great cruise." "I want to thank all classmates and their wives who made our 40th the world's greatest reunion." "It was truly a unique experience. . . a magnificent week." [The organizers] "are to be lauded, applauded & commended." ". . . our wonderful Reunion Cruise. It sure was fun, wasn't it? [We're] still basking in the glow of all the warm friendships renewed and rekindled." "We had a marvelous time" . . . and on and on.

How do you get more information? The committee chairperson or his fully involved co-chairperson wife are a good place to start: Philip R. (Phil) & Mary Deane Feir. Phil has suggested contacting one of them for the details on "A Reunion Cruise: How to Do It." The Feirs can be reached at their home, telephone (703) 883-0316. Their address is 1600 Aerie Lane, McLean, Virginia 22101. But remember that they have not prepared any written material. So your best bet is to call. For certain detailed questions the Feirs can refer you to other committee members.

For a photographic review of some aspects of The Great Experiment, see the July issue of ASSEMBLY, pp 12–13. For more, see the current '49 Class Notes.

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Scribe 1949

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Scratching Below the Surface: A Bird's-Eye View From the Academic Foxhole

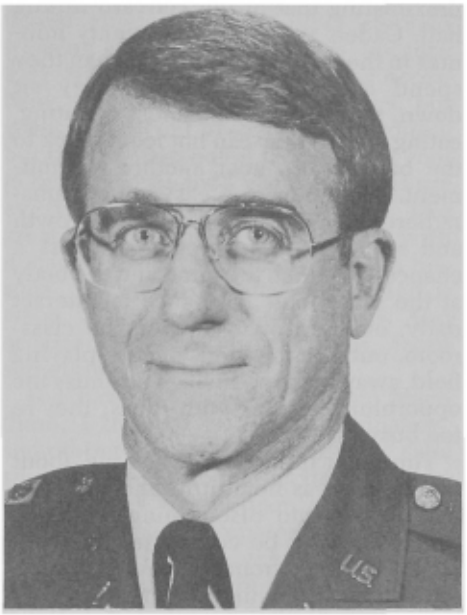
by Colonel Pat C. Hoy II

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."
—Einstein

Last December I turned fifty. "Fifty is Nifty" the button on my birthday suit said. The surest sign of my fall from grace is that cadets tell me I'm an Old Grad, which means, I think, that I have license to tell war stories and that I tell them. Having spent fifteen of my twenty-eight years of professional service at West Point, those memorable experiences with cadets are beginning to provide grist for my imaginative mill. I've begun finally to look back on those days as a way of looking forward.

West Point is in a major transition period, looking, as the Superintendent says, to the future, to 2002. The physical plant is changing; the Plain has been realigned; parking in the cadet area is at a premium; the Ladycliff construction is moving into the final phase; academic modernization in Washington, Thayer, Bartlett, and Mahan Halls is underway; and all of those changes are just scratches on the surface. The *substantive* reform, if it comes, will show itself elsewhere, at a deeper level . . . in the classroom, in military training, in the reallocation or the freeing up of cadet time—in the way we find to hold disciplinary and academic development in dynamic equilibrium as we prepare men and women for what is sure to be a complex and complicated future.

A few years ago a young man left West Point, a late graduate, a five-year plus man. The Supe at the time was quite fond of this success-in-perseverance story, pleased that we had stuck with this cadet and seen him through. When that lieutenant got to Europe as a platoon leader, he was admired by his soldiers and respected by his fellow officers. He did good work. But when his unit went to the field, in tanks, under the complex conditions that are sure to exist on the modern battlefield, he just wasn't smart enough to handle simultaneously the demanding tasks he had to face in the mock battles. He failed. It is not enough these days to be patriotic and obedient and persevering; service and leadership require more than a stiffening of the vertebrae. We need thinkers, creative imaginers—young men and women who want to serve the national good in ways yet unimagined.



As those of us on the staff and faculty look to the future, to 2002 and beyond, we too have to be creative imaginers. We're trying to envision the next century, trying to educate students so they will be prepared for whatever confronts them. Our business is not to turn out second lieutenants, never has been; it is to turn out leaders of the future, and that is mighty complicated business, so complicated we may have to get *below* the surface of things. The complexity these young people face calls as much for suppleness of mind as for dogged determination; it calls for a slight turn away from action and conquest toward contemplation and preservation, a rediscovery of the soldier's primary business.

My primary business for the last fourteen years has been education. I have not in any way set aside my soldierly self, or shirked my military duty, but I have been chiefly concerned with writing—with the plebe composition course, with my own books and essays, with other composition programs across the nation, with my desires to teach students to think in new ways. Most of my work has been done at West Point, but last fall, I spent a semester at Harvard, teaching in the Expository Writing Program, conducting, on occasion, faculty seminars, and living in an upperclass residence, what they call a House, with about 350 undergraduates. West Point was never far from my mind while I was there to learn, to make comparisons, to gain insights. I came back with a better appreciation of both Harvard and West Point and a clearer sense of how we might shift our emphasis at West Point with our eye on the future.

I can remember quite well one of my first official weekend trips away from the Military Academy during the late spring of my yearling year. I accompanied the swimming team to Williams College and to Harvard. Thirty years later, I recall only the extrodinary beauty of the Williams campus and the greeting we got in a residential dining hall at Harvard. As we entered the hall in dress gray, a hush fell over the place; it didn't last long and was not unlike the hush that still falls over a room when a group of uniformed young men and women walk in unexpectedly. After we took our place in the cafeteria line, the chatter resumed, but only a moment later, a Harvard man scurried through the hall, tray held rigidly out in front of him as he moved briskly at attention, parodying all that he thought we stood for. He had turned his sport coat around backwards—entered it from the front—to give it the appearance of a dress gray coat. Mocking us, he drew a laugh from those in the dining hall who caught sight of his exaggerated performance. We went on about our business and ignored the insult, but I never forgot him. For a long long time, he defined for me what it meant to be a Harvard man.

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Harvard still preys on cadets' imaginations, even when they haven't been insulted in an institutional dining hall. Harvard, so the legend at West Point goes, is a place where cadets might have gone had they not chosen West Point. Many cadets see Harvard as the road not taken. Others see it as *the* representative college, representing all that is not West Point. Here is an excerpt from a cadet essay that conveys perceived differences: "[Cadets] love to talk about other colleges, where their old high school classmates 'party every night,' 'never go to class,' 'get all the girls,' 'slam heavy beers,' and live disgustingly hedonistic lives. The fantastic nature of this description of civilian life [,says this writer,] meets with no disagreement, and a cadet who points out that students at Harvard might work harder than cadets meets with hard stares and the unspoken question, 'If they're so great, then why are you here?' "

Harvard surprised me last fall just as it would surprise that cadet essayist. I went there under the provisions of a little-known paragraph in USMA regulations that allows tenured professors to visit other academic institutions on permissive TDY. I went expecting only to teach gifted students and to complete a book and a number of essays for publication. I got what I bargained for and much more. My interaction with the writing faculty was the most beneficial collegial experience of my life, and the friendships I made with students and tutors in Kirkland House where I lived came as total surprises. I had expected to teach my classes and return to my rooms to write, having little to do with students who were not in my class.

When I went to the residential dining hall for my first evening meal and took a table by myself, I was soon joined by one of the residential tutors and a couple of students who had met me but briefly during the opening ceremonies a few days earlier as we sauntered around the quad as much out of step as in, behind the pipes and drums. That opening ceremony marked the beginning of the academic year, the opening of the House to the 300 or so students who lived there. It was a festive occasion that found all of us in borrowed academic robes standing around the yard as someone raised the colors, the Kirkland House banner. In the dining hall, those students remembered me and extended their welcome. In so doing they erased the lingering traces of a thirty-year old memory of rudeness.

Those evening meals led to deepening friendships with students and with many tutors (graduate students) who provide academic counsel and help for younger students learning to live in harmony with each other. Those tutors serve too as disciplinarians reminding offending students of other's right to privacy and consideration. In the company of those new friends, I learned two very important things about life in the House. The evening meal (all meals actually) ran for two hours. Many students came and went on a perfunctory basis, but many others stayed in the dining hall for an hour or more, talking about politics, about courses they had attended that day, or about papers they were writing. The tutors did their most important work informally around the tables, after the meals. That's where they got to know the undergraduates; that's where they found out about problems.

We have no ritual at West Point approximating that of the Harvard dining hall. Cadets spend maybe twenty minutes in the mess hall, less time than they spend getting there. When they sit down, their primary business is eating, eating fast, so they can hot foot it back to the barracks to meet another commitment. They miss the easy-going camaradiere that leads to intellectual growth and stronger friendships; they miss a chance to nourish the mind and the body at the same table, a chance to interact daily, on their own, outside the classroom, outside the gym, off the playing field, away from the Plain. They miss the opportunity to play with ideas; they're too busy.

The other thing that struck me about the House was how little effort anyone had to put into disciplining students, asking them to be considerate. I lived across the hall from six young men, a remarkable combination of brain and brawn: a couple of rugby players, a physics major, a veterinarian, a mathematician, and an established trouble maker who was also an A student. What they all had in common besides Harvard was the most powerful stereo system in Cambridge and a collection of heavy metal compact disks. That combination at West Point despite all of our restrictions—the chain of command, evening study period, a prohibition against late lights, the officer in charge, the academic office in charge—with all of those restricting forces, that combination at West Point, across the hall from my rooms, would probably have led me to take up residence elsewhere. But for the most part, I heard those guys only on weekends, only during party time, and party time ended by common consent and by House rules at 1 am.

So there you have it. I lived directly across the hall from those "old high school classmates" my cadet essayist wrote about, the ones "who 'party every night,' 'never go to class,' 'get all the girls,' 'slam heavy beers,' and live disgustingly hedonistic lives." The lives certainly seemed hedonistic on the weekends, but only mildly so, and not during the week, not during class time, not at the expense of someone else. Living there across from those men and in the stairwell with many other students, living there in that House with over 300 undergraduates, I began to wonder about the merits of self-regulation, began to wonder what might happen if at West Point we made common decency and mutual respect the basis of life in the barracks, in the auditoriums, in the halls of academe. I began to wonder if in doing so much to teach cadets about discipline, we do too little.

My own students at Harvard did not surprise me very much. I expected them to be interestingly eccentric; they were. Harvard's admissions people are not looking for the well-roundedness that we seek; they're looking for a sign of brilliance, for a signal of something unusual. Without that sign, the SAT scores, the letters of recommendation, all fall short of enough. So be it; Harvard is not in the same business we're in. I know that. You know that. But as I got to know those fifteen young men and women in my writing class, I began to think about what they might be like as Army officers. Only three of them might have made crackerjack lieutenants, but ten others would have made top notch staff officers over the years. Were I facing a tough problem on a high-level staff, I would take any one of the ten or all of them in a minute to help me think my way through a problem. But in today's competitive Army those ten students might never have survived to be with me on a high-level staff. They wouldn't have been the right kind of lieutenants. They wouldn't have made it up the pyramid.

A recent study, cited in *The New York Times*, claims that "Harvard freshmen typically spend an hour more in class or studying every week than adults typically spend at work," which is to say that "Harvard freshmen devote 41 hours a week to their academic work." Here's a comment from one of my Harvard students on an anonymous end-of-course critique; it's representative: "The class writing assignments were, well, a lot of work. I don't remember working as hard for any other class as I did for this one. I guess in a strange, sadistic way, it was exciting, fun to stay up late at night trying to get the draft just right, forsaking sleep and developing an addiction to caffeine." Because those students came to Harvard for that kind of excitement, they believed they could do anything, and in my course they managed to do in 23 lessons more than I ask my West Point students to do in 40.

But that fact says nothing about relative ability. I can't get that kind of work out of West Point students because they are too encumbered; they have too many other mandated requirements; they take 48 courses, including 32 core and 4 military science courses, and 12 elec-

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tives. Harvard students must take only 32 courses to graduate; normally, half must be devoted to the Concentration and half to the Core and electives. Is it any wonder, I began to wonder after returning to West Point that I have to work so hard in the classroom to get students' attention or that they come to class having done little more than read through the assignments? I reaffirmed an ancient poetic principle while I was away: *less is often more*. I also began to see *why* every class at West Point is a discrete moment, why cadets do not in their minds make those moments contiguous, why they cannot and do not get around to doing what they are clearly capable of under the right circumstances. I left Harvard with a new appreciation of West Point students and a serious concern about their welfare. I left with a strong sense that we can do a better job of preparing them for their future. Asking them to do less, we can expect more.

Cadets are incredibly astute at picking apart our logic. They may not have time to study their lessons the way I want them to, but they study those of us who teach them. A year ago, the ink hardly dry on the Supe's new mission statement, Pyrene, the old cat in the *Pointer* had this to say:

> The fact that the 79th Volume of the *Bugle Notes* contains a slightly altered Mission for the upper three classes in itself ought to provoke inquiry. I have been around this place for a few decades now, and while Missions may seem to just come and go, sometimes it looks like there's too much "going." For example, the 1971 *Bugle Notes* specify as one purpose of the Fourth class system, the identification of those individuals who cannot function under stress. Some grads link the death of the Old Corps with the admittance of graduates into non-combat arms. That paved the way for women, they say. . . . Others simply blame Congress for admitting women. A few just blame women in general—I don't. Regardless, a noticeable shift in the Mission focuses now, not on combat leadership, but on *corporateness*. You notice it first in MS100.
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> Remember *Huntington's Model?* I hate the word *corporateness*. The old Mission used *career*, replaced now with a *lifetime of service*. Something is wrong.
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> Something is wrong when the USMA Mission apparently sanctions five-and-fly, so long as you fly to employment in the military-industrial complex, like $50,000 a year with General Dynamics. . . .

Cadets jerk us around every chance they get. Sometimes, we just don't pay enough attention to what they're trying to tell us. When we don't, they get even. Last year's Hundredth Night Show had a great song called "Bob and Travel." That's what cadets do in class when they ought to be paying attention to the lesson. They *bob* (heads nodding) . . . and *travel* . . . go someplace else, take a trip.

The appearance of Bob and Travel in the cadet lexicon is almost as disturbing as the disappearance of the verb *hive*, as in to *hive out*, to figure out how to work a problem even if you haven't studied. Great term, great imaginative feat, now gone. Disappeared, I think, when the noun *hive* turned into *geeks* or *gwebes*, or more playfully, *nerds*. All this happened about the time *hives* stopped wearing their academic stars because they didn't want to be known as *nerds*. Now, stars are back on the collars, but *geeks* are still out. We have them around, but they remain out of fashion. Not cool to be a *geek*, a *nerd* for whom grades are everything, classmates nothing. The great leveling process goes on, and with it, cadets teach each other valuable lessons. They also teach us when and if we're willing to read their signs. And occasionally, they listen to us, learn something valuable.

If I have anything of value to teach them, I think it is about imagination, something a learned friend of mine calls soul. A year ago about this time, I began to look back on Vietnam and on how West Point had prepared me for that experience. In truth, while there I was happily unconscious of danger no matter where I was. Such a state of mind had nothing to do with courage. I am making no high claims. I wouldn't claim to have been fearless either. I was just not conscious of fear. I got on with business, day by day, counting those days and not thinking about any of it too much. The rites of passage (separation, separation, test after test) that I had endured as a cadet at West Point had prepared me for this unconsciousness. That early training got me through all the bad parts. But I paid for my unconsciousness for years after my return. I had learned, as I've mentioned, to displace my self in the routine of work. I surrendered to task, putting my soul, my imagination, in its unrightful place. I expect every man or women who goes to war has to do that to some extent as a means of survival. Only weeks later, I was teaching plebes how to write. Vietnam was a thing of the past (I thought); no one talked about it; no one wanted to talk about it. We buried it, all of us.

Last year in Washington, at the Vietnam memorial, I began unburying it. Robert Kowalski and Paul Savanauch, those two young soldiers from my unit, were there on the polished walls . . . and so was I. Reflected and reflecting, I had a peaceful but disturbing feeling, seeing myself against the national backdrop, the black lines of the walls extending out beyond themselves to the monuments, the people there with me in the mirror, climbing on one-another's shoulders to place a small piece of paper over the names, climbing on one-another's shoulders to play the game we played as children, making a rubbing, creating with pencil and paper a name, an image they could take home, laugh and cry over, hold, save, cherish. We were all there—together—recovering soul, taking it out of its unrightful place, setting free our imaginations, making meaning about that war, perhaps for the first time.

As I walked along inside the memorial, I thought of one of the cadets Ann and I sponsor, an Army brat whose military roots run through at least three generations on both sides. I thought of him because I want him to come with me to the Memorial to read its message. I want to say to him "These are the names of soldiers who died; you and I—the nation—all of us, are responsible. We always are. That is the message. We are all in this monument, inescapably here. Look for yourself. See yourself. Think not of glory, not of tradition; think only of responsibility."

One of my tasks, my major task I think, as a teacher of cadets is the unburying of soul, the liberation of imaginations. I must try to get my students to face the reflection in the polished surface, any reflecting surface, and make something of what they see.

Our greatest challenge as preservers of the culture is to reexamine the stories we tell ourselves, the stories that govern our lives. We've inherited most of them, learned about them in the books we read as children. We need to reimagine those stories. Fighting the beast, slaying it, winning the war, protecting the damsel in distress, charting the uncharted rivers, coloring in the spaces on the map were, in their times, born of physical as well as psychological necessity. But what happens when the spaces are all colored, when the charting is finished? What then is the hero's task? What does the logic of psyche ask of us when following in the old footsteps is too costly? Must we persist in the old patterns?

West Point cannot just teach her sons and daughters to tuck soul away in times of stress and national emergency, cannot just teach them to get on with the task at hand. It must continue to do that, but it must also teach them to use their minds and imaginations to restructure the old civilization. The apparatus is in place for such an education, but I'm afraid it needs fixing. Harvard confirmed for me what my own imagination had been suggesting for years.

John Henry Newman, that greatest of nineteenth century educators, warned

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Academic Limits

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

In his article, Colonel Donnithorne most ably set the stage for the accreditation review that took place at West Point during the spring and summer of 1989. A year ago, the department heads had just finished designing a series of six separate core engineering sequences, each of which would develop the engineering thought process within its own discipline. Based on those sequences and other academic factors, we reorganized several academic departments to enable us to teach more efficiently within those disciplines. All this time the accreditation steering committee and its various subcommittees were hard at work preparing the most comprehensive review of all programs at West Point to take place in several decades and perhaps ever in its history. Their goal was to prepare the accreditation self-study report that is required by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities prior to a visit in September 1989. What continued to surface from the various subcommittees studying the Military Academy, across all disciplines and academy wide, were two perceptions: first, that cadets were programmed to do more than they had time available, and second, that in choosing what to do in this limited time, the cadets were assigning a low priority to academics. The Policy Board agreed on 6 February 1989 that the level of cadet achievement in academics was less than it ought to be, and that a reduction in program demands in all activities was required to increase quality.

To provide direction in the deliberations that followed, the Academic Program Subcommittee developed the Academic Program Outcome Goals shown in figure 1. Subsequently, these outcome goals were used by the Curriculum Committee to evaluate each core course and the elective program.

Figure 1 Academic Program Outcome Goals

1. Enable graduates to anticipate and to respond effectively to the uncertainties of a changing technological, social, political, and economic world.
2. Develop creativity and intellectual curiosity in graduates.
3. Establish a sound foundation in mathematics and the physical sciences.
4. Ensure graduates learn to use the engineering process by which mathematical and scientific facts and principles are applied to serve human purposes.
5. Help graduates gain a cultural perspective.
6. Ensure graduates are historically minded.
7. Assist graduates in understanding human beings.
8. Develop the ability to think clearly and communicate effectively, especially in writing.
9. Heighten moral awareness in graduates through study of the basis for and complexities of life.
10. Instill in graduates a commitment to progressive and continued educational development.

In response to the steering committee's report, the Superintendent initiated PROJECT ENRICHMENT in the spring of 1989 to ensure that an appropriate weight of effort was devoted to each of the Academy's three major programs (academic, military, and physical) during the different times of the year. By this process, academic study became predominant in the two traditional academic semesters, and military training concentrated in the summer and in a two week "intersession" scheduled between the first and second academic semesters. This is intended to cause cadets to concentrate on academics and military training at appropriate times of the year.

Moreover, the educational goal of academic excellence could best be achieved by establishing minimum graduation requirements and providing additional opportunities for each cadet to enhance his or her personal intellectual experience through voluntary participation in supplementary coursework or scholarly summer activities. Similar baseline and enrichment opportunities were established in both the military and physical programs. Academic enrichment could include research at Army laboratories; military enrichment could include attendance at military specialty schools; and physical enrichment may include additional fitness courses. Meeting only the minimum or baseline requirements is not appropriate for all cadets, and it is fully expected each cadet will choose to enhance the experience in one or more areas of choice. This opportunity and encouragement to strive for maximum individual development gives the revised program greater flexibility and makes it such an appealing alternative.

To summarize the curricular changes, the final proposal recommended increased quality in the baseline courses (both core and directed electives) at the expense of quantity of required coursework, with the option for individual cadets to embellish their programs as desired.

At a decision briefing in June 1989, the Superintendent approved the curricular revision, reducing the minimum graduation requirement to forty courses for a field of study beginning with the Class of 1993. We reduced the breadth requirement from thirty-two to thirty-one core courses by combining the Constitutional and Military Law Courses into one Constitutional Law Course. To cover certain technical knowledge needed by officers, we transferred ten hours of military law instruction to the new two week military intersession, scheduled to begin in January 1990 between the first and second semester of Academic Year 1989–1990.

The depth of study requirement was similarly reduced from twelve to nine electives to satisfy the requirements of a Field of Study. This was accomplished for Humanities and Public Affairs (HPA) concentrators by eliminating the requirement for directed and free choice electives. For the Mathematics, Science, and Engineering (MSE) concentrators, the requirement to take two electives outside the discipline was correspondingly eliminated as well as free choice electives. Although the required elective course load for a Field of Study was reduced from twelve to nine electives, all nine depth component electives can now be focused within the discipline. The depth component for the disciplinary major did not change and remains at twelve electives.

Because of these changes, cadets following a program leading to a Field of Study will take five courses plus some physical education each semester (down from six). They will have the opportunity

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The COM Reports

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

When we were farewelled by the Academic Board on April 28th, Mrs. Gorden and I, along with many others, thought that our tour here at West Point would end before the summer was over. Well, the Class of '93 marched in from Lake Frederick yesterday and I got my third crack at Bull Hill since becoming the Com. The new cadets are really "fired up," and so am I. As you might surmise, there has been no announcement about our reassignment, nor about a replacement. So I am unable to make good on my comment in the last *Assembly* about acquainting you with my replacement. Time will take care of all of that, however.

This has been an exciting summer. In addition to training the 1356 new cadets who reported on R-Day and the 1100 yearlings out at Camp Buckner, the cows and firsties have really proven the wisdom of expanding their role in summer training. It has given great impetus to their development as leaders, especially in the conduct of training at Camp Buckner. This summer the cadre was also given greater responsibility in running the firing ranges. They have taken on these added responsibilities just as naturally as you might expect, and are ready for even more.

Key to the preparation of cadets to assume these greater summer training responsibilities has been the inclusion of a train-the-trainer period of about two weeks duration prior to the beginning of each detail. Troops from the 101st Airborne (AA) Division, 10th Special Forces, 3d Ranger Battalion, plus combat support units from as far away as Fort McClellan, Alabama train the cadet cadre during this period. They are joined by some 125 academic department instructors who also refresh themselves in the training to be conducted and later work with the cadets as Platoon Trainers at Camp Buckner. The soldiers who trained the cadet cadre also monitor the execution of training. This cadet-faculty member-soldier combination provides us solid subject matter expertise, balanced quality of training, and excellent assessment of cadet development as leaders and trainers. As I have reported previously, this system has also enabled us to significantly reduce the number of soldiers required to support summer training. This year we required only 1084 compared to about 1500 three years ago. Assessments from all quarters, supporting units included, are that the training is much improved; and there is no doubt that graduates are much better prepared for the conduct of platoon training upon entering the Army.

As last year, I asked my special assistant to arrange publication of some of this year's "Warrior Reports" from the New Cadets during Beast Barracks. You will find those elsewhere in this issue. I think you will find them a good indication of just how tough Beast Barracks continues to be. The challenge, however, trends greatly toward the demands and rigors of the training involved in assimilating both the fundamental military skills common to soldier basic training and the traditions, customs, values and ideals of the Army and West Point. As I reported during my Founders Day talks, "demanding but not demeaning" training is our objective. This year the cadet cadre under Cadets Mike Thorson and Kristin Baker moved us another giant step in that direction. The results have been impressive. For example, the New Cadets of '93 eclipsed last year's Beast Barracks record for the diagnostic two mile run by five seconds, with last year's record being the best in the previous seventeen years by eleven seconds; all nine Beast Barracks companies qualified ninety percent or more of their new cadets in rifle marksmanship; and all but two who twisted their ankles completed the eight mile conditioning march in preparation for the Plebe Hike. These exploits exemplify the motivation instilled by the upper class cadre, and I think you will find that in great evidence as you peruse this year's "Warrior Reports."

Figure 1 reflects a total breakout of what cadets did this summer. As you reflect on my earlier comments about Beast and Buckner and examine the total breakout, I think you will agree with me that it has been an exciting summer indeed.

As we reorganize and focus on the coming academic year, we will be implementing a variety of initiatives that have come out of the Academy-wide process referenced by the Superintendent, the details of which are outlined in the article by Colonel Larry Donnithorne, Special Assistant to the Superintendent. His article also incorporates those undertakings for which implementation responsibility rests with the Commandant. Let me simply add here that we have decided to expand the First Class Project to the entire Corps this year. The measures of increased responsibility and maturity on the part of the two upper classes, plus significantly improved evening study conditions were very compelling outcomes of the two year multi-level test. Feedback from the field also indicates more maturity among recent graduates. While not attributable to this project alone, in combination with other programs the

Figure 1
Cadet Summer Training

Group I—Summer Details

	'90	'91
Cadet Basic Training	271	296
Cadet Field Training	213	200
Volunteer Summer Training*	496	75

*Volunteer Summer Training is sponsored by Academic Departments

Group II—Training with the Army in the field

	'90	'91
Drill Cadet Leader Training	—	515
Cadet Troop Leader Training	428	—

Group III—Cadet Military Skills Training

	'90	'91	'92
Air Assault	69	269	—
Airborne	77	394	—
Air Deployment Planning Course	5	10	2
Survival—Evasion—Resistance—Escape	28	52	—
Sapper Leader Course	57	6	—
Northern Warfare Training Center		24	—

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Figure 2
Chain of Command

Permanent Captains

Brigade Commander	Kristin Baker
Deputy Brigade Commander	Mike Thorson
Brigade Executive Officer	Nate Allen
Brigade Adjutant	Jeff Sanborn
Brigade Operations Officer	Myer Joy
Brigade Supply Officer	James Lowe
Brigade Activities Officer	Joe Sniezek
Brigade Athletic Officer	Roger Wheeler
Honor Chairperson	*Tom Clancy*
Vice-Chairperson (Education)	Tamara Roper
Vice-Chairperson (Investigations)	Eric Egan
Honor Secretary	Chris Lingle

	1st REGT	2nd REGT	3rd REGT	4th REGT
REGT CMDR	Fred Streetman	Jeff Hagler	Eric Chibnik	Dan McCarthy
1st BN CMDR	Conrado Ramos	Michelle Dunne	Mike Hustead	Bob Huston
2nd BN CMDR	Loren Cannon	Mike Sufnarski	Carolyn Ford	Tony Burgess
3rd BN CMDR	Jennifer Grzbek	Ben Barnett	Don Minton	Bob Shearer

Rotating Company Commanders

	1st REGT	2nd REGT	3rd REGT	4th REGT
A Co.	Bill Carrier	Andrew Clements	Shawn Klawunder	Kevin Murphy
B Co.	Patrick Davis	Shane O'Kelly	Mark Borowski	Jeff Evans
C Co.	Patrick Smith	Bryan Monteith	Tad Gerlinger	Mike Wertz
D Co.	Dan Donelin	Mike Jackson	Ken Murphy	Paul Huszar
E Co.	Greg Walters	Steve Marcontell	Ken Fu	Dave Jones
F Co.	Terrell Boyd	Todd Johnson	Dennis Collins	Ken Nadermann
G Co.	Ken Casey	Bob Turfe	Dave Ciesinski	Eric Burger
H Co.	Tony Hofmann	Tom Augustin	Andrew Unwin	Dan Higgins
I Co.	Peter Krammer	Alan Katz	Andrew Forssell	George Riggins

project has been highly beneficial in the transition from cadet to commissioned officer.

Finally, Figure 2 introduces this year's chain of command for the Corps. There has already been much coverage of Cadet Kristin Baker's selection as the first young woman to be selected as Brigade First Captain. Should you get to know her, I am sure that you will fully appreciate that she exemplifies our highest traditions of excellence in leadership.

As always, BEAT NAVY.

Warrior Reports From Beast '89

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

The New Cadets were asked at the end of the First Detail to summarize their CBT experience to date. Several of them found a few precious minutes to record their impressions of the first four weeks of Academy life. These comments were consolidated and published in the Commandant's newsletter *The Right Guide,* which was distributed to the New Cadets during their days at Lake Frederick.

The following collection of opinions about this summer's CBT experience has been selected to illustrate the general concerns of the New Cadets. These reports should help you recognize that Beast Barracks retains much of what it has always had.

Submitted by MAJ William J. Pokorny, Class of 1973. Special Assistant to the Commandant for Systems and Planning.

ALPHA COMPANY

"The cadre have shown how to keep the New Cadets working hard, yet not wanting to quit. They break you down, then they build you up again. During physical training they are always trying to keep you in a mental state for peak physical performance. During instruction time, such as honor classes they are patient and helpful. When you are mentally down, they know what to say that would make you want to continue on and do your best. Their oral corrections are such that they are informative more than punishment. I feel that the detail is fair, hard and, most importantly, they care about the Corps."

"Feelings of depression or that my summer vacation is gone are contrasted by the realization that I have received and will continue to receive quality training. Beast barracks is extremely tough, but it's meant to be that way. I like to refer to what my squad leader said on the second night, that 'this would be tough but we wouldn't want it any other way.' With that in mind, I have kept myself motivated."

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BRAVO COMPANY

"It is weird looking back at the first few days. Before I came here I had it secure in my mind that there was no way that I was going to quit. That all changed once I arrived here. For the first three days, every morning when I woke up, I had to think of a reason not to quit. All the time one thing stuck in my mind; 'It will be better.' I thought that I was prepared for this experience. Well, I was and I wasn't. I knew what to expect but I did not expect it to be so emotional."

"Day in and day out we are molded by the 'Beast.' He is in every corner, watching and waiting for our next mistake. The 'Beast' pounces on us unexpectedly, correcting what we thought was right, faulting what we thought was proper, and teaching what we thought we had already learned. 'Beast Barracks' has essentially taught us not to think but to do: do what is right, do what is proper, and do what we are taught. Our thinking will be done in the future. For now, we must learn what 'Beast Barracks' teaches us. The impressions which 'Beast Barracks' leaves on us now are the stepping stones for leadership in the future."

CHARLIE COMPANY

"At the time of this writing I must confess that I am still in a state of shock over how the training is conducted here at West Point for new cadets. I thought I knew how it was going to be before I entered here, but now I know different. I thought I was squared away before I got here, but now I feel I am in the shape of a circle and all the training makes me go around and around."

"West Point is mentally and physically exhausting, but the deep pride I feel when I see the looks in the visitors faces as I proudly march by, makes me realize who I am and what I am really doing. Every morning when I hear the cadre begin to scream before dawn, I look out my window and see where I am and it inspires me to keep my eye on the prize."

"To me 'Beast Barracks' has been the most demanding program I have ever gone through this far. There is a constant stress in the air. I've sharpened my time-stress management skills as well as improved my physical conditioning. Beast has been more physically demanding than I thought. There is little time and a million and one things to do."

DELTA COMPANY

"It would be nice to inform all new cadets of what West Point is really like, but no matter how many liaison officers, ex-cadets, or current cadets tell a candidate what to expect, the real West Point will not be experienced until the first run-in with the cadet in the red sash.

"This whole place is a struggle, a physical struggle, a mental struggle, an emotional struggle, but the ones who survive emerge as stronger human beings.

"It takes constant concentration and constant work to stay ahead of the power curve, and yes, there will be pain, physical, mental, and emotional involved, but pain teaches people much about themselves. So, if you're asking yourself, 'Do I belong here, can I make it,' and 'is this one for me?' Remember, we're all in this together. We will survive."

"The methods of training are not exactly what I expected. I did not expect as much motivation as I received. The enthusiasm of the cadre is the key to the outstanding performance of the new cadets.

"At times everyone questions why they came here. No matter how difficult the upcoming year may be, I am determined to remain here until I graduate. I look on to the upcoming year with fear, enthusiasm and anxiety."

ECHO COMPANY

"An unfamiliar environment can turn a normally cool, confident person into a babbling idiot who cannot perform simple tasks. As new cadets we were thrown into these strange surroundings and met by people who seem like they did not want us in their neighborhood. However, what brought the majority of new cadets to West Point was the ability to overcome and adapt, and that is what we have set out to do. Slowly we are transforming from a dependent state to a state of self reliance."

"Since I enlisted into the Regular Army three years ago, I have seen various examples of leadership beginning with the drill sergeants at basic training to my platoon sergeant at Ft. Lewis. Some of these leaders are men that I would follow blindfolded into combat while others I would be quite nervous about following. But here at West Point I have seen the epitome of leadership. This leadership is what has impressed me the most this year.

"Without a doubt, my company cadre has displayed the four soldierly qualities of leadership—Courage, Candor, Competence, and Commitment. It is this display of professional leadership that has impressed me the most."

FOXTROT COMPANY

"So far 'Beast Barracks' has been what I expected . . . **tough!** It has been a complete physical, mental and emotional drain. It has also been what I didn't expect, incredibly fair. The discipline has all been with purpose; the purpose being to establish the proper military bearing essential to good soldiership. Sometimes it is hard to recognize this, but upon reflection back in our rooms at night, it is possible to make sense of it all.

"I attended USMAPS before coming to West Point and therefore I had an idea of what to expect. But the environment of Beast Barracks was still a bit of a shock. R-Day was a very busy non-stop transition into the life of a new cadet. The parade that evening filled me with a sense of pride, knowing I was now becoming a part of an institution that so many of our nations great leaders had passed through in earlier years. The physical training in the morning was new to me but there was a different type of spirit here than when we had physical training at the prep school. During the runs the cadre seem to be really motivated and it makes me want to push myself harder."

GOLF COMPANY

"The first few days of Cadet Basic Training were very intense. I was so busy, I didn't really have time to actively evaluate how I felt about West Point. I knew beforehand that it would be challenging, so I was not totally shocked. After several weeks of Basic Training, my overall feelings about West Point have not changed. I realize the system is rigorous, but I also realize it has a purpose. If it were not difficult, it would not be worthwhile."

"It has been known that in the past, eating properly has been a problem with Cadet Basic Training. I personally don't see this occurring. The table atmosphere understandably is awkward and uncomfortable, but the more we experience it the more we grow accustomed to what is expected. On good days eating is easier, for instance when the duties are performed correctly things run smoothly. However, if mistakes are made they are punished. Punishment ranges from the halting of eating, to the correction of format."

HOTEL COMPANY

"R-Day will remain in my memory because it was the first day of my West Point career (such as it is). As I came into contact with more and more upperclassmen I realized that they put us under great pressure to conform to the system as quickly as possible because of the great numbers of incoming people. The change from civilian to military is great and a lackadaisical manner from the cadre would not be effective. And that's exactly what they weren't. On the contrary, I believe the cadre did a very good job on the first day as far as limited military academy indoctrination is concerned. In short, the yelling, slight bul-

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lying (all verbal), and general gruffness worked.

"My first impression of my squad leader was that he was a stern, unbending, uncaring, person who just liked to hassle us. But, as time went on, despite his demanding manner and stern tone of voice, he was a good leader. Everything he did had a reason, the trick was to figure out what it was. With that understanding came acceptance of what I was being put through and a willingness to do what he asked, if only for the sake of not getting yelled at. He got the job done and am glad I had a squad leader like him."

"The majority of new cadets, such as myself, experienced so many feelings that it is impossible to put them all on paper. At times it was fun (rarely), and at times it was grueling (mostly). One factor did remain constant throughout—IT WAS CHALLENGING! I have been pushed beyond my known limits these past weeks, but the cadre kept telling me to push harder. I think that I have met the majority of the standards set before me."

INDIA COMPANY

"By far the best thing about CBT so far has been the camaraderie and spirit that has developed within my squad. It is absolutely essential to survival here that you have support from your classmates. The day can be made infinitely better by having a good laugh with your buddies."

"Oddly enough, I enjoy Cadet Basic Training. I don't ever want to do it again, but for the first time in my life, I am challenged, pushed to my limit and beyond. The effort and pain are tremendous, but the rewards are worthwhile.

"While pushing ourselves to the limits, we have learned to work as a team under pressure, and it is this strife that we have been through that has molded our characters. No longer are we a high school jock or part of the 'in-group'. Our individual personalities have been guided under constant pressure and the true person has shown underneath, be it good or bad.

"Our one hope is for the future. We live meal-to-meal, day-to-day, and week-to-week. Church has become something important to us, not just for pop and cookies, but as a place of rest. A place to band together with our classmates and talk over the day's excitements and failures. For many of us it is our first experience with helicopters, machine-guns, and MREs. We were both excited and scared, never knowing what to expect. Here then is the answer to this place, the thing we must prepare for, the unexpectedness of war. We are beginning to understand some of the things we do which make us think of our every move and at other times we are clueless.

"Our only fear is failing and rumors of quitting must be driven from our minds. Our stresses and depression must be overcome and through all the hardships we are learning to 'drive on'."

Academic Foxhole
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us years ago that we might attend the many lectures, take all the classes, read all the books, and at the end, still be "lingering in the vestibule of knowledge" not knowing what our minds see nor what our mouths utter. We may do it all and still be unprepared, Newman suggests. Those of us whose lives are invested in West Point can not let young men and women leave unprepared. Their work is too important; their journey turns arduous too soon. And we are responsible for them, just as they will be responsible for us in the years to come.

Academic Limits
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to take six courses per upperclass semester to enrich their academic experience and earn the subsequent award of the more concentrated, yet still optional, disciplinary Major. For example, to satisfy accreditation requirements of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), engineering majors in ABET programs will continue to take a full forty-three course curriculum, the only change in their program being the combined law course.

Central to achieving the quality we seek in the new program is the performance of our staff and faculty. Directors of the academic, military, and physical areas of development reduced their requirements in the expectation that the staff and faculty will demand and receive better performance by cadets because of the increased preparation time made available. In the academic area, we have always built our program on the ratio of two hours of preparation for each hour of class. Because the institution had overprogrammed cadets, we never achieved the two hours of preparation by cadets. Knowing that there was not enough time available, cadets chose where to place their effort. All too often it was placed in some activity other than academics that offered more immediate gratification. By setting high standards and working hard, our staff and faculty will achieve the excellence in academic performance that we have always sought.

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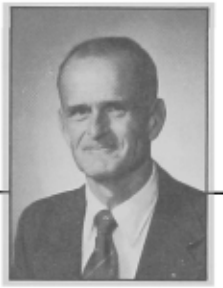
The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*



There is no quiet time at West Point, but athletically speaking, these past several months might fit that category. There has been no athletic competition since my last message to you summarizing the 1988–89 athletic year. Our summer screening programs have begun to crystallize our talent in the Class of 1993, and I think all our coaches feel that their programs will be substantially aided by this fine group of young people.

As with all other activities within the Academy, we have been involved with Project Enrichment. Colonel Al Vanderbush, our Deputy Athletic Director, has been our representative and has put in many productive committee hours representing our interests and keeping on top of how the various implementations of this effort will affect intercollegiate athletics. With intercollegiate athletics, enrichment in physical development has been a fact of life. An athlete will continue to be "enriched" as he or she has been in the past; our program actually has been affected least of all by academy efforts and activities. My goal has always been for maximum participation from the Corps of Cadets and to have that participation be a meaningful part of the Academy's leadership development experience. As I have mentioned in the past, our coaches are tasked by contract to provide this inspiration, and we will certainly continue our efforts in this arena.

We have had a number of coaching changes. I will outline them briefly for you—in Men's Basketball, Les Fertig has departed for Ohio State to work with new Head Coach Randy Ayers (a former Army Assistant); former part-time Coach Bob Horodyski will move into this full-time assistant position. Assistant Hockey Coach Glen Giovanucci has returned to his alma mater, Northeastern, and has been replaced by St. Lawrence grad Steve Tuite. Steve was recruited and played for Coach Riley when Rob was an assistant at St. Lawrence. He brings a great background in his sport to his new position at West Point. Dave Lopez, our Assistant Strength Training Coach, has departed West Point for a high school teaching and counseling position in Virginia. He has been replaced by John Thomas who comes to us from U of the South, Sewanne, TN. Our swimming program has two new assistants in Head Diving Coach John Bransfield and Ed Denny, our new Assistant Swimming Coach. Ed spent several years at the Naval Academy and brings great credentials to our program. Our new Head Water Polo Coach, who will also work with Head Swimming Coach Ray Bosse, is Mark Pruiss. Mark comes from a position as Head Water Polo Coach and Assistant Swimming Coach at Findlay College, Ohio. He has had considerable experience on the national level with the Olympic Water Polo program. In Track and Cross Country, Bob Lasorsa has left and former Army captain, Wayne Durrigan, returns to West Point with a wife and family, and we are delighted to have him back as our Assistant Track Coach working with throwing events. Another head coaching change has to do with our wrestling program which Ed Steers left very suddenly at the end of the last academic year. His number one assistant, Jack Effner, has been named head coach for the 1989–90 academic year, and I know he will provide great leadership to this important program.

Bob Horodyski

Mark Pruiss

Jack Effner

This year has marked a more than usual amount of turnover in our usually fairly static staff. We are pleased that departures have been, for the most part, to positions of greater responsibility or bigger programs, and we are excited about the new blood that our replacements will pump into the Army Athletic Program.

As you know, I have introduced various staff members to you in the last several DIA Report columns, and I want to take the opportunity to have you meet in this issue our Associate Athletic Director for Business Management, Mr. Ed Rose. Ed has been with us since March 1987, and it is difficult for me to express the outstanding manner in which he has performed in this critical position in our organization. Ed came to us after considerable experience in the Academy's Department of Resource Management where he served as deputy and interim head during a changeover in the military leadership of that Academy activity. A Highland Falls product and native, Ed spent two years at the Naval Academy before finishing up his college education at Ladycliff College right here in town. Ed is married to the former Jill Clark; they have three wonderful children, and I know are enjoying immensely their relationship with the Academy. Ed has been instrumental in a number of efforts to improve the financial stability and soundness of the Army Athletic Association, including our upcoming gift shop operation as well as a number of promotional efforts and improvements in our Ticket Management and Promotions/Marketing activities. Certainly one of the truly bright stars in the management of our organization have been the efforts and results of the labors of Ed Rose.

The Rose family

We have great expectations for the 1989–90 athletic year and look forward to having your continued support and friendship in this my final year at West Point as the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

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Dedication of Crandall Swimming Pool

On 19 May 1989 the cadet swimming pool was dedicated in honor of Robert W. Crandall, Class of 1939. Robert Crandall was captain of the Cadet Swimming Team in 1939. He proved to be an outstanding leader and competitor in collegiate competitions.

Crandall was a battalion commander in the 3d Infantry Division in the fighting in Italy when he was captured in 1943. The Germans moved the captured American officers to a camp in Poland. In the early days of 1945 as the Red Army advance approached the camp the Germans attempted to move the POW's by road march back toward Prussia. Crandall slipped from the column and was picked up by a Soviet tank unit. The Russians beat him severely before accepting that he was, in fact, an American. Then they insisted that he accompany them riding on the front of a tank as they continued the offensive against the Germans. Again Crandall slipped away and joining a classmate, Will Kouns, they made their way eventually to the Black Sea where the British evacuated them to Egypt. From Egypt the U.S. evacuated the group by transport to Naples. There the former POW's were to be flown back to the ZI for hospitalization.

Crandall, however, made his way to the front where he visited each division on the line asking for command of an infantry battalion. By this time, early March 1945, most of the divisions on line had experienced combat leaders superbly prepared for promotion and were reluctant to bring in replacements from outside. Crandall's last call was on the 92d Infantry Division where a classmate, W. J. McCaffrey, was chief of staff. The 92d had just been assigned a new regiment, the 473d Infantry, converted from the 45th Anti Aircraft Brigade. The battalions were commanded by lieutenant colonels trained as AA officers and Major General Edward M. Almond, the division commander, was delighted to have an aggressive infantry trained officer to take over one of the battalions. Major Crandall was an immediate standout as a battalion commander and was given the honor of leading the division in the capture of Genoa. As his jeep exited a tunnel just east of the city a coast artillery battery fired a round which severely wounded Crandall. He died en route to the medical aid station.

Major Crandall was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously.

The Superintendent of the Military Academy, Lieutenant General Dave Palmer, unveiled the plaque honoring Crandall. Lieutenant Colonel Walter Crandall, ret., brother of the honoree, was present as well as Colonel E. A. Trahan, Vice President of the Class of '39. Colonel Trahan was a teammate of Major Crandall. Cadet Albert Anderson, presently the captain of the West Point Men's Swimming Team, and Cadet Michelle Dunne, captain of the Women's Swimming Team, also participated in the ceremony.

Colonel Lincoln A. Simon, ret.
Class of 1939

Robert Watson Crandall

Present at the ceremony from the left: Mrs. Dave Palmer; Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Walter Crandall; Colonel E. A. Trahan '39; Carl F. Ullrich, DIA; Chaplain Richard P. Camp, Jr., USMA Chaplain; Cadets Michelle Dunne and Albert Anderson.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter Crandall, ret., brother of the honoree, and Superintendent unveil the plaque.

Cadets Albert Anderson and Michelle Dunne present a gift to Lieutenant Colonel Walter Crandall on behalf of the cadet swimming teams.

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West Point Fund Committee Annual Report

1 April 1988–31 March 1989

The Fiscal Year '89 fund raising effort on behalf of the Military Academy produced total income of $5.33 million. This figure was second only to the results achieved in FY '87. The West Point Fund Committee reports a summary of all AOG development activities in ASSEMBLY. In addition to the information provided here, the President's Newsletter contains an article about class giving. Also, published in the July issue were articles about individual contributors and corporate and foundation grants.

Significant details of the Annual Report are featured in Chart I below. A copy of the complete report will be provided upon request.

The West Point Fund was established in 1972 to finance, with private contributions, projects and activities of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets. The AOG will only solicit funds to subsidize projects for which appropriated funds are not available or are unlikely to become available. As funding for a variety of programs has tightened, the importance of the West Point Fund in enhancing the quality of life for the Corps has increased. West Point Fund Committee members volunteer their time, business acumen, and fund raising expertise to generate and manage contributions on behalf of the Military Academy. Members of the West Point Fund Committee as of 1 July 1989 are listed below.

Chart II represents the sources of direct donations to the West Point Fund during FY '89. It is significant to note that more money was provided by corporations and foundations than was provided by graduates. As the Source chart indicates, matching gifts and grants accounted for 47% of direct contributions while graduates supplied 41% of the money. Gifts of computer equipment and software from AT&T Foundation, Autodesk, Inc., and Synercom Technologies made up a significant portion of the corporate aid to West Point.

Chart III presents the uses of donations. The West Point Fund Advisory Committee recommends to the Superintendent on the allocation and expendi-

Chart I
Comparative Summary of Giving

	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
# of Gifts	12,060	11,302	11,577
# of Donors	10,269	9,655	8,922
Direct Contributions	$4,113,906	$2,204,261	$3,326,229
$ Unrestricted gifts	$ 601,784	$ 587,863	$ 748,390
Unrestricted Gifts*	14.6%	26%	22.5%
Planned gifts	$1,575,120	$ 937,403	$2,013,689
Class gifts	$ 748,678	$ 484,962	$ 562,459
Graduate participation	25.8%	24.5%	21.6%

*Unrestricted gifts as a % of direct contributions.

Chart II
Sources of Direct Donations

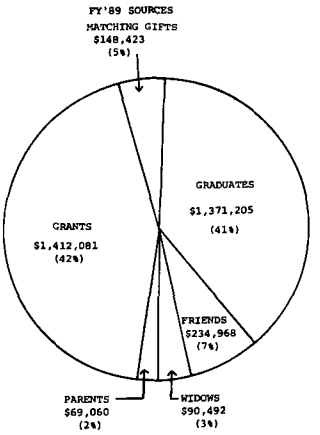

Chart III
Uses of Direct Contributions

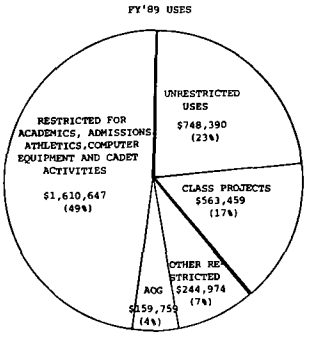

Chart IV
Frequency of Contributions

	'88		'89	
	# Donors	$$	# Donors	$$
Under $50	5,164	$ 133,490	2,923	$ 69,842
$50–$999	4,151	$ 573,390	5,458	$ 682,302
$1,000–$24,999	329	$ 829,933	530	$1,067,780
$25K+	11	$ 667,448	11	$1,506,305
Total	9,655	$2,204,261	8,922	$3,326,229

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ture of unrestricted monies. Military Academy program managers, such as Offices of the Commandant and Dean, submit requirements for which appropriated financial support is unavailable. Projects which contribute to excellence in the areas of intellectual, physical, military, or ethical development of the Corps of Cadets receive top priority for funding.

Of the contributions received by the AOG, 22.5% was given without restrictions limiting their use: a decline from 26% in FY '88. Despite the decrease in the number of unrestricted gifts, unrestricted dollars increased by 27.3%. Unrestricted gifts provide the greatest flexibility for Military Academy and Corps of Cadet programs. During this fiscal year, unrestricted monies provided $748,390 in support to extracurricular, athletic, academic, and admissions programs. These programs complement cadet development and would be curtailed without the generosity of private donors.

For the first time in FY '89, donor recognition items were sent only to donors who provided unrestricted gifts. This policy was enacted to stress the need for unrestricted donations. In addition, the dollar amount required for donor recognition premiums was increased. These higher dollar values caused a significant drop in the number of donors giving less than $50 although the dollar value of gifts of less than $25,000 rose by 18.4%. Chart IV, listing the frequency of contributions, depicts the pattern of gifts.

Planned gifts result from bequests, insurance gifts, trusts, and annuities. FY '89 brought in $2,013,689 from 21 gifts. Realized bequests amounted to $1,341,921. LTG James D. Alger (USMA '35) left $700,000 in his will to West Point; $500,000 was placed in the AOG Endowment Fund while the remainder went to underwrite in part the making of the NFL film of Army football. LTC Robert M. Kraft (USMA '29) bequeathed $600,000 to the Military Academy; $500,000 will help establish an endowment for the support of Army baseball; $40,000 is earmarked for the 1929 Gallery in Eisenhower Hall; and the remaining proceeds will go towards supplementing current baseball operations.

The total value of gifts to irrevocable trusts received during FY '89 was $646,768 from 10 separate life income plans. The Charitable Gift Annuity continues to be the most popular instrument. A gift annuity is a combination of a gift and an investment. In exchange for a transfer of cash or marketable securities, the AOG guarantees paying a specified annuity to the donor and another beneficiary. Since its introduction in 1983, 26 Gift Annuities have been established with a total value of $834,234.

Table 1 summarizes FY '89 Class Giving. These figures show the relative role of each class in promoting the margin of excellence desired at West Point. There were 6,584 donors (21% of all graduates) who contributed $1,371,205. Of this amount, $562,459 went to Class Gift Accounts. Graduate participation in the annual campaign is at its lowest level since FY '85. The graph below illustrates the trend of graduate giving. Despite the fact of declining participation, West Point excels over other specialized public institutions whose average alumni participation is 19.8%.

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GRADUATE PARTICIPATION

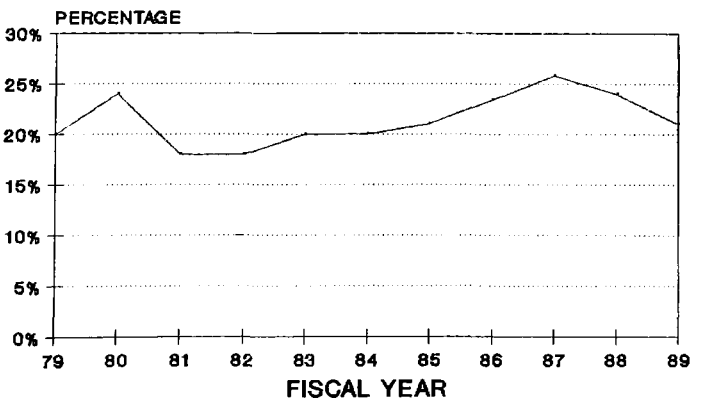

Table 1
FY '89 Class Giving

Class	# of Donors	Total Amount of Donations	% of Participation	Account Balance
1910–1919	36	$ 9,530.00	49%	$ 22,821.30
1920	11	13,545.00	37%	
1921	5	400.00	83%	
1922	9	3,175.00	60%	4,764.39**
1923	16	4,769.22	43%	*
1924	32	4,375.00	54%	$ 31,382.76
1925	16	1,075.00	43%	*
1926	16	920.00	49%	7,922.41
1927	28	3,475.00	51%	58,596.66
1928	32	14,940.00	43%	1,520.10
1929	35	17,155.00	47%	2,845.70
1930	26	4,865.00	35%	35,282.34
1931	48	8,724.44	42%	44,167.90
1932	44	5,160.00	46%	24,315.43
1933	63	14,411.80	45%	33,674.04
1934	55	15,990.19	48%	5,031.98
1935	49	5,720.00	36%	*
1936	61	14,510.00	38%	15,904.94
1937	75	13,345.00	50%	98,884.05
1938	80	19,710.00	49%	55,423.34
1939	141	27,557.48	47%	29,052.07
1940	180	42,299.39	63%	71,265.11
1941	77	20,026.00	30%	57,083.90
1942	151	75,422.00	63%	78,513.24
Jan 1943	186	46,164.00	73%	40,980.02
Jun 1943	109	93,062.42	34%	87,599.55
1944	100	20,984.00	30%	23,269.23
1945	157	38,299.79	24%	7,621.76
1946	197	45,633.00	30%	16,415.70
1947	49	14,776.75	21%	24,529.71
1948	88	45,097.99	36%	58,976.72
1949	98	37,818.75	22%	39,122.93
1950	140	28,830.00	26%	27,295.59
1951	62	34,112.00	16%	602,964.14
1952	90	40,054.24	21%	29,836.67
1953	92	58,511.39	22%	167,359.80
1954	89	12,029.00	17%	16,322.17
1955	159	24,835.00	39%	142,297.12
1956	75	15,088.12	18%	21,293.08
1957	77	12,899.00	17%	18,973.08
1958	151	38,355.89	30%	92,136.71
1959	73	14,270.00	17%	13,638.19
1960	87	15,155.79	19%	21,857.99
1961	71	4,682.00	17%	3,113.53
1962	76	11,540.00	15%	6,190.95
1963	57	5,490.00	14%	2,928.73
1964	141	42,178.75	29%	213,936.57
1965	92	29,420.18	18%	5,244.46
1966	109	57,800.00	23%	93,403.56
1967	92	36,017.97	19%	7,128.54
1968	113	12,050.00	19%	2,175.26
1969	133	16,478.69	19%	10,342.24
1970	229	23,315.00	35%	65,305.06
1971	106	11,307.00	16%	19,334.71
1972	143	13,358.00	19%	14,073.59
1973	118	8,360.00	15%	4,222.44
1974	122	17,874.56	18%	20,165.67
1975	109	9,218.00	15%	3,764.95
1976	129	7,631.00	18%	6,841.85
1977	108	9,465.00	17%	5,891.01
1978	128	8,939.00	15%	3,775.55
1979	101	3,869.73	12%	6,288.34
1980	128	4,810.00	17%	1,141.73
1981	154	7,137.00	18%	13,978.82
1982	158	7,957.00	20%	1,037.29
1983	127	5,700.00	17%	13.29
1984	136	7,155.00	17%	738.89
1985	113	5,825.00	12%	1,591.83
1986	89	4,891.00	10%	2,214.97
1987	74	2,785.00	8%	1,795.52
1988	63	18,912.07	7%	5,386.09
	6,584	$1,371,204.60	21%	$2,652,951.33

*Closed class accounts.
**Combined class accounts for 1921 and 1922.

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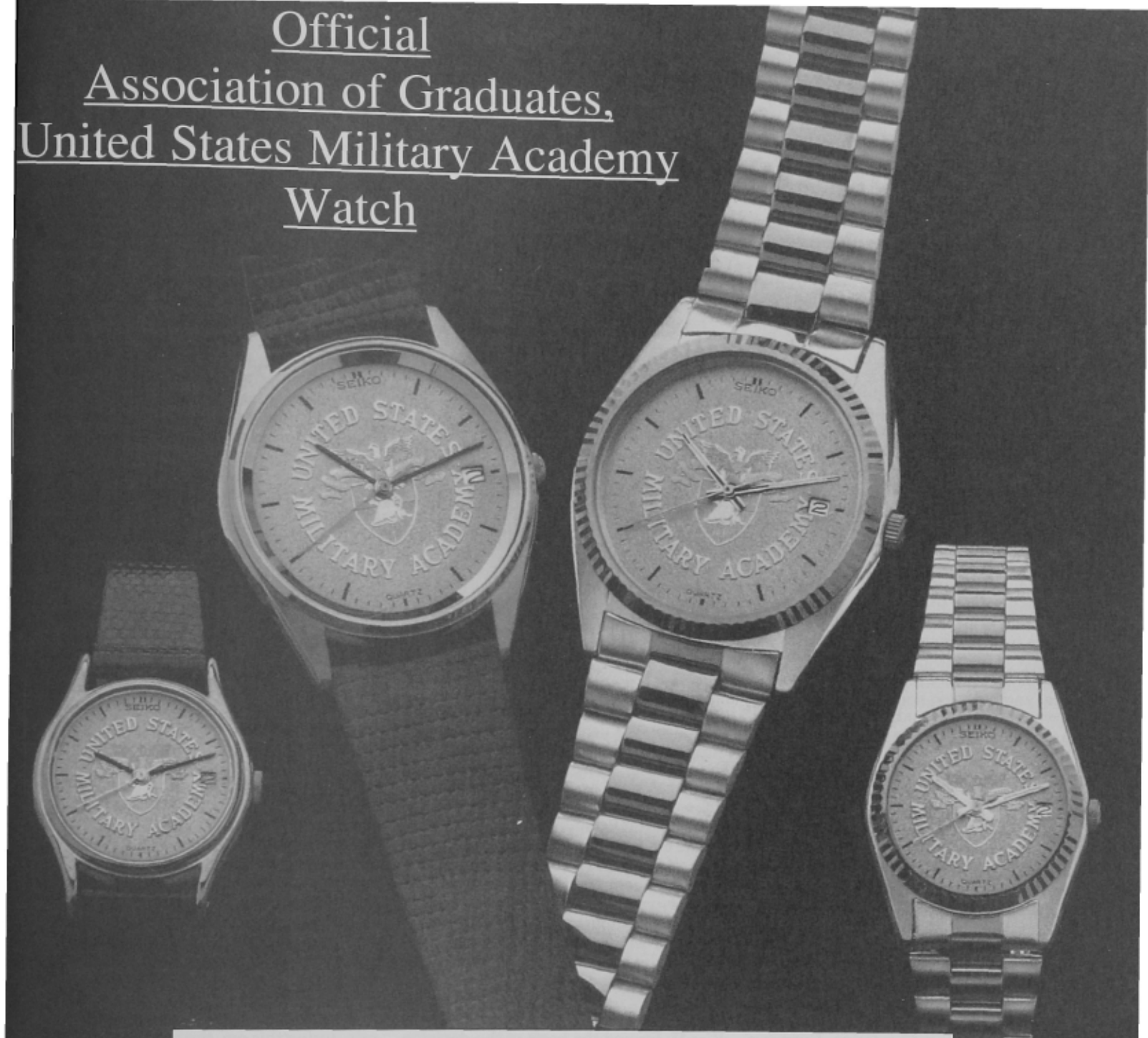

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Book Reviews

MASTER OF AIRPOWER: GENERAL CARL A. SPAATZ

By DR. DAVID R. METS. *Presidio Press, Novato, California, 1988, vii + 430 pp.*

This complete biography of Carl Spaatz by Dr. David Mets is of interest to all military officers for several reasons, not the least of which is that it is a good history of the Army Air Corps. But it is especially significant to West Point graduates as the story of one of the Military Academy's more outstanding alumni. General Carl "Tooey" Spaatz had a career that spanned all of the significant events leading to modern employment of air power and was the first chief of staff of the new Air Force. Along the way he served in combat in both world wars, played critical roles in forming the tactical and strategic use of the airplane as a weapon of war, and was instrumental in the formation of an independent Air Force.

Dr. Mets has accomplished the difficult task of condensing such a complex and lengthy history into a well organized, readable book. He begins with Carl Spaatz as a cadet at West Point and follows him through his entire career which ended with his retirement as the first Air Force chief. One of the more stirring images is that of young Cadet Spaatz watching the flight of Glenn Curtiss pass West Point as Curtiss became the first aviator to fly down the Hudson River. One can imagine the excitement of the day which inspired Cadet Spaatz to a lifelong career in aviation. Even as a cadet, Spaatz had begun to display the kind of quiet, leadership by example style that would mark him as a natural leader. However, he didn't necessarily fit the mold as a typical cadet. He was quietly competent, a man of few words who persuaded others to listen to his ideas because he was nearly always right.

Carl Spaatz survived the early days of aviation when it was a decidedly dangerous occupation with flying fatality rates as high as 18%. Some of his earliest contributions were in improving the safety and effectiveness of pilot training during World War I. It was during his days as commander of a pilot training squadron when he was first recognized as an able leader. Between the wars, he

worked constantly to improve his country's airpower capabilities. It is largely through his efforts that the Army Air Corps had anything at all to work with in those dark days early into World War II.

Spaatz's most significant contribution was his establishment of new doctrines for the command and control of air forces in tactical employment. He convinced the allied commanders that centralized control was the most effective way to achieve air superiority. His techniques were never more critical than in the Normandy invasion where the Allies enjoyed almost complete domination of the air over the battle. This centralized control concept, so successful in World War II, formed the basis of the decision to create a separate Air Force in 1947. Spaatz went on to command the Army Air Forces in the Pacific theatre during the final days of the war against Japan. He was the only American military officer to attend all three formal surrender ceremonies of the war.

Master of Airpower is a well crafted book. An extensive amount of research has gone into the effort and the result is impressive. Nearly every paragraph contains detailed notes for those readers interested in more background. The only possible improvement would be the addition of maps to aid the reader attempting to follow the numerous accounts of tactical and strategic situations.

While this exhaustive book is a biography of the individual known as Carl Spaatz, it is much more. It is the story of the Air Force itself. "Tooey" Spaatz was involved in almost every significant event involving military aviation in the first half of this century. A study of his life is a reminder to all Army and Air Force officers of their common roots. It is a book all those who aspire to be leaders of men should read, and refer to often.

Reviewed by Major Richard Ice, USAF, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, USMA.

GENERAL GEORGE WRIGHT: GUARDIAN OF THE PACIFIC COAST

By CARL P. SCHLICKE. *The University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma, 1988, 418 pp.*

Much of United States history during the early and middle parts of the 19th century was devoted to the expansion of the republic. The U.S. Army's role as an agent of this expansion was significant, for during this period, it conducted exploration expeditions, protected American settlers moving westward in ever-increasing numbers, attempted to pacify newly acquired areas such as Florida, fought in Mexico in support of territorial ambition, and constantly battled a variety of Indian tribes that continued to contest the U.S. government and its Army for control of the dwindling areas of unsettled land.

Despite the importance of the Army's role during this era, the men who served as its leaders remain enigmas to a considerable degree, notwithstanding such superb works on the subject as Robert Utley's *Frontiersmen in Blue* and *Frontier Regulars*. While hundreds of biographies exist recounting the lives of Civil War generals and postwar Indian fighters, little has been written about officers who served long and competently in the U.S. Army before 1860, yet did not figure prominently in the war between the North and South. Among these neglected soldiers is General George Wright.

Wright was born in October, 1803, in Norwich, Vermont. He entered West Point in 1818 and graduated in 1822 at the age of 18. His subsequent career was a microcosm of the experiences of the U.S. Army during the forty years be-

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tween his graduation and the outbreak of the Civil War. His early years of service were spent at remote outposts in Wisconsin, Kansas, Louisiana, and western New York. Later, he took part in the brutal Second Seminole War in Florida and in General Winfield Scott's Vera Cruz campaign during the Mexican War. Achieving a reputation as a solid, competent administrator during peacetime and a courageous and effective leader in battle, Wright rose to the rank of colonel by 1855 in an Army in which promotion to colonel after 33 years of service constituted rapid advancement.

When the Civil War broke out, Ulysses S. Grant was a failed businessman, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson was a professor at the Virginia Military Institute, and William Tecumseh Sherman was a school administrator in Louisiana. George Wright, on the other hand, was still on active duty in the U.S. Army and had attained the rank of brigadier general.

It was Wright's ill fortune, however, to be out on the remote Pacific Coast, where he remained throughout the war in a series of posts culminating in assignment as commander of the Army's Department of the Pacific. Despite his growing bitterness at being left out of the cataclysmic events erupting at the other end of the continent, Wright performed well in a difficult, demanding, and frustrating job that required him to serve as a mediator between hostile Indian tribes and white settlers while walking a political tightrope between advocates for each. In a final ironic twist of fate, Wright and his wife lost their lives shortly after the war ended as passengers on a ship that sunk off the Pacific Coast.

This book is the first by author Carl Schlicke, a retired surgeon from Spokane, Washington who acquired an interest in Wright after noting a number of places and things in the Spokane area which had been named after him. What began as an interesting sidelight evolved into a full-fledged research effort. Schlicke's admission that information concerning lengthy periods of Wright's life were difficult to come by is reflected in the tone of the book. Wright's actions, decisions, and major events in his life are duly recorded in a straightforward style, but the nature of the man himself remains unclear in many respects.

The book's value lies less in its treatment of Wright than in its use of the man and his career as a vehicle for chronicling the missions and the problems encountered by the U.S. Army during Wright's long term of service. Schlicke's succinct account of the long, frustrating war against the Seminole Indians is superb, as is his discussion of the fighting around Mexico City during the Vera Cruz campaign and the intense internal rivalries among some of the senior American commanders.

Most impressive, however, is his discussion of the complex, thankless role of the Army throughout the many Indian campaigns of the period, particularly in the Pacific Northwest during the latter part of the 1850's. It was here that Wright established his reputation as an Indian fighter. Quelling an Indian uprising in a carefully planned and well-executed campaign, he followed up by administering terms of peace that, according to Schlicke, were "harsh, ruthless, and deadly" to his detractors yet were judged too lenient by his superiors.

Acknowledging the brutality and duplicity of both sides in the conflict, Schlicke manages to avoid the trap of "presentism," of evaluating Wright's actions against a modern moral yardstick. Instead, Schlicke succeeds in portraying Wright within the context of his era, a time in which the Army frequently found itself caught in the intense hatred between the Indian and white communities, both of which the Army was obligated to protect.

General George Wright is an eminently readable if not engrossing account of a relatively obscure soldier who "loved his country and served it well." In the end, Wright's life, like the lives of countless others who have served the nation in times of peace and war, is a testament to the debt the nation has owed and continues to owe to those who toil not for riches or fame, but for their country.

Reviewed by Captain David Niedringhaus, Department of History, USMA

CHAINING THE HUDSON: THE FIGHT FOR THE RIVER IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By LINCOLN DIAMANT. *Lyle Stuart Publishing, New York, 1989, 233 pages.*

Anyone who has examined, even casually, the history of West Point recognizes quickly the vital role played by this piece of real estate in the life of the Republic. During the Revolutionary era, the Hudson Valley was the point around which much of the war for our independence revolved.

"The importance of the Hudson River in the present contest," wrote George Washington in 1777, "and the necessity of defending it, are Subjects which have been so frequently and fully discussed, and are so well understood, that it is unnecessary to enlarge upon them."

The British understood that if they could seize and hold the Hudson Highlands, the revolutionaries would be unable to join forces or move vital supplies from the New England to the mid-Atlantic states. Such control of the river, argued Congressional delegates from New York, "will give them the entire command of water communications with the Indian nations, effectually prevent all intercourse between our eastern and southern Confederacy, divide our strength and enfeeble every effort for our common Preservation and Security."

Chaining the Hudson is an outstanding effort of careful research and clear presentation. It tells of the many failed efforts to keep the British from owning the waterway during the Revolution and of the one effort that succeeded.

The first American attempt to protect the Hudson was to construct a fortress near current-day West Point. An elaborate fort was designed by self-taught military engineer Bernard Romans to be situated on Constitution Island. Romans, subject of another book by Mr. Diamant, planned a massive fortification which Diamant terms a "monumental fort . . . too huge an undertaking for contemporary hand tools, blasting powder, a few yoke of oxen, and an enormous amount of backbreaking labor." Other flaws in the planning left "Fort Constitution" a stronghold on paper only.

A British invasion of New York City was imminent, Bernard Romans' grandiose plans had become a disappointing failure, yet the River needed to be secured.

One of the intriguing attempts to dislodge enemy shipping described by Mr. Diamant is by the world's first submarine. David Bushnell not only designed and tested an actual submersible, but fashioned a torpedo that could be attached to a ship's keel and exploded by a timing device. The *American Turtle* was successfully navigated under water, but genuine submarine warfare would have to wait nearly two centuries more. The strong current of the Hudson and a certain timidity by the pilot aborted the attempt. Not long after, the craft was aboard a sloop that was sunk by the British. A unique footnote to this account is the promotion of David Bushnell to commander of the Corps of Engineers at West Point by war's end.

Still another attempt to block the river which Mr. Diamant describes is by additional forts (near today's George Washington Bridge) and *chevaux-de-frise.* These sharply pointed pikes "were ingenious shallow-water obstructions cleverly adapted by the revolutionaries from a century-old Dutch anti-cavalry device, to fill gaps in a line of hulks to be sunk across the Hudson River." Again, however, the Hudson proved too great a challenge, and the effort ended in failure. *H.M.S. Phoenix* and *H.M.S. Rose* passed nearly unscathed right through the sunken hulks and obstructions and past the patriot guns emplaced around New York.

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Other attempts are discussed by the author, many of which lead the reader to marvel that we celebrate the Fourth of July and not Guy Fawkes Day.

Finally, however, the Americans succeeded in forging and stretching a massive chain across the Hudson from West Point to Constitution Island. The 1700 foot chain was attached in late April 1778 under the watchful eye of Captain Thomas Machin who had engineered the colossal project. Removed each winter to protect it from the damage caused by ice, the chain "had to be tough enough to arrest the movement of a 44-gun enemy warship favored by wind and tide. At the same time [it] had to be light enough to permit seasonal manhandling in and out of the river." The chain truly was a triumph of engineering and industrial achievement.

With the chain finally in place with forts, batteries and redoubts surrounding it, the question was: would it work? Would the successful blockage of the river at the critical S-bend at West Point halt an 850-ton British warship? The world will never know. No British ship ever attempted to break the chain, so the British navy was never able to control the vital Hudson River. The 750 link "Great Chain," dubbed by soldiers "George Washington's watch chain," was hauled in for the last time late fall of 1782.

The final destiny of the Great Chain serves as an intriguing epilogue to Mr. Diamant's book, describing the sale of the chain, except for a few of its links, as scrap metal to a foundry. Thirteen of those links were saved and laid out as a Revolutionary War memorial in 1857 at West Point's Trophy Point. Since that time, like Peter's bones or wood from Christ's cross, bogus "links of the Great Chain" have been widely offered for sale. Even the esteemed Smithsonian Institution was taken in for awhile, and several spurious links adorn Forest Lawn Cemetery in California.

With its unique place secure in American history, the Great Chain's links are rightfully a pilgrimage for many visitors to West Point. Author Diamant, who spent nearly five years intensively researching this book, has performed a great service in making that pilgrimage even more meaningful. The many photographs, sketches and early maps illustrate the text extremely well.

Chaining the Hudson is must reading for anyone who wishes genuinely to understand the role of West Point and the Hudson River in the victory of the American Revolution. The narrative history examines some of the giant personalities of Revolutionary America—George Washington, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, Benedict Arnold. Quotes from contemporary letters, early reports and histories and newspaper accounts lend the feeling of immediacy to the reading.

An April 1783 correspondence from Brigadier General Jedediah Huntington to George Washington urged that "in making military arrangements for peace, a possible war has the first consideration. West Point has been held as the key to the United States . . . And with a small additional expense . . . an academy might here be instituted for instruction in all the branches of the military art."

Some 19 years later the Military Academy was established.

The Great Chain had been forged in the adversity of America's war for independence and had been, in part, responsible for winning that independence. That chain becomes a graphic metaphor for what the Military Academy would become in the two centuries since that chain was last pulled from the murky waters of the Hudson. The fight for the river had been won; the ongoing struggle to maintain the country's freedom continues to the present.

Lincoln Diamant's contribution to a better understanding of our origins should inspire many to support that ongoing struggle. The reader familiar with West Point should feel a greater pride in the historical importance of this American landmark. And those 13 links on Trophy Point join all Americans to a past glory when 13 colonies rejected a king's tyrannical rule and turned the world upside down.

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

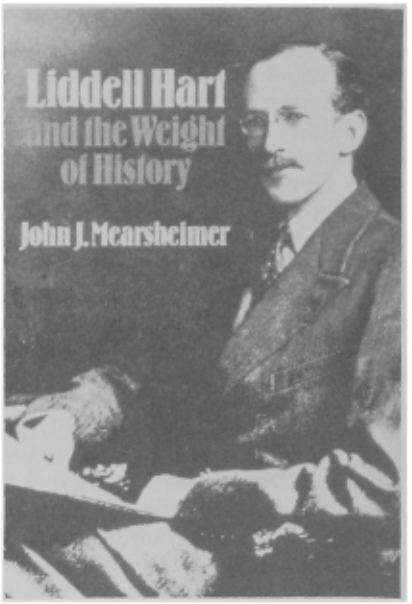
LIDDELL HART AND THE WEIGHT OF HISTORY

By JOHN J. MEARSHEIMER. *Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY, 1988, 234 pages.*

Professional soldiers and military historians owe a great intellectual debt to the writings and theories of Captain Sir Basil H. Liddell Hart. The general military reader is also beholden to the British author for making military history much more relevant and readable in contemporary society.

Liddell Hart, considered by many to be the foremost military theorist and historian of the twentieth century, was born in 1895. After a "typical upper-middle-class Edwardian" upbringing, he attended Cambridge and read history. When the Great War erupted, Liddell Hart enthusiastically volunteered to serve in the British Army and became a lieutenant in December 1914.

He was ordered to France in 1915, served in the trenches at Ypres, and became a gas casualty at the Somme the following year. After convalescing, Liddell Hart became the adjutant of a Volunteer Force battalion, and devoted himself to the training of this unit. He developed a multi-echelon battle drill which was published in 1918 as *New Methods in Infantry Training*. Liddell Hart continued to write Army manuals until he was placed on half pay in 1924 and retired three years later due to war injuries. Shortly thereafter he became military correspondent to successive newspapers, and wrote prolifically and influentially on infantry tactics, armored warfare, and strategy until his death in 1970. Liddell Hart left behind the reputation he had earned as "the most formidable military thinker of the age."



Mearsheimer (USMA 1970), a professor of political science at the University of Chicago and author of books on contemporary military strategy, has not written merely a biography of Liddell Hart. Instead, in an impressive work of intellectual history, the author recounts and reexamines the evolution of Liddell Hart's military thought. Through scrupulous research, including an incisive analysis of personal correspondence, the author convincingly demonstrates that Liddell Hart manipulated facts and distorted history to resurrect a reputation tarnished by World War II.

The chapter on "Grand Strategy and the Indirect Approach" is especially interesting and thought-provoking, and Mearsheimer ably fills a void left by earlier historians. This topic was inadequately explored by Jay Luvaas in his admirable, albeit hagiographic, chapter on Liddell Hart in *The Education of an Army* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964). Liddell Hart's strategic thought was later more clearly elucidated through insightful analysis and restrained criticism in Brian Bond's *Liddell Hart: A Study of His Military Thought* (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1977).

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Liddell Hart, perhaps typical of one of his generation and experience, was convinced that in the event of another war on the Continent, Britain's dogmatic, amateurish generals would repeat the stultifying experience of the Western Front. Hart questioned and opposed British plans to commit ground forces to fight on the Continent. He argued that Britain should "place greater emphasis on economic and diplomatic instruments" (p. 84), and if those measures failed, Britain should employ "an indirect approach to defeat a Continental foe" (p. 85). It was, in essence, a reversion to Britain's traditional "blue-water" strategy that emphasized sea power and minimized the role of ground forces.

Even though Liddell Hart, on the eve of war, had been an ardent supporter of mechanization and armored warfare, the fall of France in 1940 badly damaged Liddell Hart's reputation. After the war, he consciously used a number of methods, to include what Mearsheimer characterizes as "selfish manipulation of the historical record" (p. 179), to regain his lost prestige. Perhaps the most indicting of Mearsheimer's revelations is that Liddell Hart "used" the German generals to his personal advantage. Liddell Hart befriended many of them after World War II, campaigned for better prison conditions and against their being tried as war criminals, and helped the former Wehrmacht generals to restore their own reputations. *The German Generals Talk* (1948) is but one noted example of Liddell Hart and the German generals "polishing up each other's soiled reputations for mutual benefit" (p. 201, footnote 71).

The Liddell Hart legend was further solidified in the 1950's and 1960's when he developed close ties with a number of younger military and diplomatic historians, to include Peter Paret, Jay Luvaas, Ronald Lewin, and Paul Kennedy. These historians generally did not challenge Hart's account of his activities, his role in British policy making, or his influence on the German generals and others—and they frequently helped to perpetuate it. The capstone of Liddell Hart's effort to resurrect his tainted reputation was the highly-lauded and well-received publication in 1965 of his *Memoirs*, which appeared to legitimize his version of history.

Mearsheimer's well-documented, myth-shattering and enthralling book cannot be recommended too highly, not only to soldiers and historians, but also to those who want to learn how history has been manipulated in the past. *Liddell Hart and the Weight of History* will be, deservedly, controversial. Nonetheless, a critical reassessment of the Liddell Hart legacy is long overdue.

Reviewed by Captain Harold E. Raugh, Jr., Department of History, USMA

A LADY, A PEACEMAKER

By RUSSELL W. RAMSEY. *Branden Publishing Company, Boston, 1988, 191 pp.*

Usually I would not recommend judging a book by its cover, but Russell Ramsey's (USMA '57) *A Lady, A Peacemaker* turns out to be an exception to the rule. Whatever you might want to know about the character, quality, or plot of this book is readily apparent on its jacket. The title itself implies that the main character's gender plays a significant role in this work, and indeed it does. Our heroine, Angela Weber Bryant, an Olympic swimming champion-turned-politician, is a "lady" along the lines of Angie Dickinson's character in the television series, *Police Woman*. Ramsey's novel, like the 70's TV show, concerns itself with proving that an ultra-feminine bombshell of a certain age can play hardball with the big boys. Like the police woman, Angela has little resemblance to any real women you might know or even imagine.

Angela comes off as a male-fantasy cardboard cutout of a woman (I kept envisioning her as a Barbie doll), a sexist example of a flat character. Which is not to say that the author's views are sexist; more likely, Angela is simply the victim of bad writing. She's made up of some unattractive stereotypes strung together—the meddling mother, the good ole boy, the perpetual beauty queen (as a grandmother, she "could pass for a very sharp looking young chick"), the sharp-tempered, bull-headed autocrat. On one page we find her "throwing herself into [her grown son's] arms, sobbing wildly," and on the next, she's "shouting" into the telephone in a forceful, if ineffectual, effort to conduct business.

Unfortunately, the plot depends entirely upon who Angela is. Ramsey is trying to persuade us that a woman and Olympian is precisely the person to bring about world disarmament, that this character is uniquely capable, by virtue of her supposed sensibilities and insight, of accomplishing this task. But we never get beyond Angela's persistently young, perfectly coifed facade, and the plot falls flat.

The author's ineptness at imagery and characterization came as no surprise; the photograph on the back of the book jacket gives it away. The picture shows a bikini-clad Ramsey at poolside in a particularly wooden pose, extending an arm as if he would have us believe he is explaining something. Next to him is a young woman, suffering the same apparent lack of momentum, with one foot up on a starting block. Neither she nor Ramsey is wet, and the woman, wearing a sun-bathing suit (as opposed to a swimming or racing suit), makeup, and jewelry—hoop earrings, gold chain, watch—doesn't look ready to dive into the water. I wonder what impression Ramsey intended to make with this photograph. My first impression of his work did not change, except to gain conviction, after I waded through the material between the book's covers.

Reviewed by Captain Sharon Daniel, Department of English, USMA

West Point Fund
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Those of you who gave this year can take pride in knowing that you helped to improve the West Point experience. Your money provides an increment of quality which helps the Military Academy maintain its standing among undergraduate institutions. The margin of excellence which results from private donations helps USMA attract better candidates, train better cadets, and produce better officers.

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News from the Societies

CLEVELAND

Society members began the summer with a brisk round of presentations at local high schools, **Bill Willoughby** '61, **Jim Day** '46, and **Al Catani** '69, presented 30 appointments to the Class of '92 from Northeast OH. We are proud to report that from this fine mid-western stock of 30 new cadets, all completed Beast Barracks, Hats off *again* to Bill Willoughby and his merry band of MALO's!

As a footnote from a 20 year "old grad," I found the appointment presentations to be a very rewarding experience. The Admissions Office provided us with appointment certificates that were distinctively printed and packaged. A script was provided that was unique in its formality and even provided for recognition of the appointee's parents. The presentation consistently resulted in thunderous applause and proved to be the emotional high point of the awards convocations. It was definately encouraging to observe that an appointment to West Point is still viewed as something very special by today's youth.

Finally, the Jul luncheon speaker was one of our own, LTC **Steve Rader** '68. Steve, Bn Cmdr, Cleveland Recruiting Bn, presented a comprehensive overview of today's complex recruiting environment. Steve enthusiastically demonstrated how the Army has responded with a modern well-organized and multi-faceted program. Our group was duly impressed with the high caliber of recruit indicated by Steve's statistics. Obviously the key to the program is to position career professionals like Steve in these assignments to drive them to success.

From the North Coast, *Beat Navy!!*

—Al Catani, '69

GREATER HOUSTON

At our Jun luncheon at Brennan's Restaurant, the Director of Public Affairs, NASA, Harold S. Stall, spoke to our society on the Manned Space Program and the new $50 million visitors' center at the Johnson Space Center. We have three members of the society who are astronauts: COL **Mike Mullane** '67, COL **Jim Adamson** '69, and MAJ **Sam Gemar** '79.

Our society donated a chair to the MSG Roy P. Benavidez Room, Dept of Military Instruction. **Ab Webber** '51, AOG trustee, is spearheading the drive honoring SGT Benavidez, a RVN Medal of Honor winner and an associate member of the West Point Society of Greater Houston.

Two new committees are Buddy System Committee, chaired by **Billy Martin** '69, and Civilian Career Advisory Board, chaired by **Bob Mattox** '72. The first committee provides mentors for new plebes and the second help for grads transitioning to civilian life. Thanks Billy and Bob.

Sal Manzo '39 was the speaker at our Jul luncheon. Sal is the Director, Development and Financial, Houston Economic Development Council, where he went after retiring as associate dean at Rice University. HEDC helps Houston in its drive for sustained and diversified economic expansion.

We entered over 30 new cadets from Houston on 28 Jun. We presently have over 105 cadets, many of whom are recruited athletes. Keep up the good work! Recently elected as directors of the WPSGH were Dr. **Tom Parr** '67 and **Joe Cantu** '80. Other directors are: **Randy Pais** '67, **Sal Manzo** '39, **James Sigler** '58, **Jon King** '65, **Hubert Morehead** '71, **Sam Gemar** '79, **Jerry Hoffman** '65, **Roger Balog** '69; **Dwight Beach** '59, **Jeff Alt** '62, **Bob LaRaia** '67, and **Bob Lee** '45.

—Dwight E. Beach, Jr. '59

HAMPTON ROADS

West Point Society of Hampton Roads recently hosted a New Cadet Sendoff where 4 local high school grads were honored prior to their departure to join the Class of 1993. In addition to new cadets and their parents, WPSHR invited parents of upper class cadets who live in the area for the purpose of discussing formation of a West Point Parents Club of Tidewater. We are hopeful the parents club will take hold and provide yet another opportunity to spread the word about West Point in the Tidewater area and at the same time provide important support to sons and daughters at West Point.

On 22 Jun, WPSHR held its quarterly social at the Fort Monroe Officers Club. At this Summer Celebration, Major Bill VanZetta, local military academy liaison officer, briefed the attendees on the organization and functions of the Admis-

Some of the WPSHR "New Cadet Sendoff" participants: Taylor Rhodes '93, LT Mike Chien '86, Charles Nickers '93, LT Rod Applebec '85, Sam Saine '93, George Seaward '90; not shown is Nicole Yankoupe '93.

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sions Support Program, as well as providing a profile on this year's class, the Class of 1993.

Future WPSHR functions include a sit-down dinner in the Oct timeframe and the annual Beat Navy Rally in early Dec.

Present WPSHR Board of Governor's includes: Pres—**John Getgood** '60; Vice Pres—**Dick Mackin** '56; Treas—**Harry Myers** '39; Sec—**Bob Bobinski** '84; Members: **Eddy Farnsworth** '32, **Jerry Blair** '34, **Pete Ward** '34, **Joe Moore** '35, **Carl McFerren** '39, **Walter Mather** '41, **Jim Young** '44, **Bill Welter** '55, **Doug Sims** '66, **Nick Tessino** '78, **Margaret Gordon** '84.

—Douglas Sims '66

NORTH FLORIDA

The annual Founders Day dinner was held on 17 Mar, in Jacksonville, at the Florida Yacht Club. Chapter president, **Joe Love** '50, presided and **Mike Davison** '39 was principal speaker for the evening.

Forty graduates, one former cadet, and 49 guests attended the dinner. Highlights were a brief wave by the Old Grad, **Harry Haas** '22, and then, by popular demand, remarks on "how it was with the Orioles." Young grad remarks were given by LT **Bill Soscia** '89 from the 41st FA, Ft Stewart.

GEN **Davison's** remarks were wide ranging, covering the grave challenges to the Honor System to physical and program changes in the offing or recently completed at West Point. In addition, he gave reassuring examples that the cadet sense of humor is alive and undaunted.

Elected officers for the 1989–1990 year were: Pres-**Norman Matmuller** '54, VP-**Lloyd Asbury** '63, Sec-**Allyn Barr** '60, and Treas-**Dale Smith** '62.

VP-elect **Lloyd Asbury** attended the West Point societies conference at the Academy on 28 Apr as the North Florida representative.

—Joe Love '50

NORTH TEXAS

The WPSNT held its annual membership meeting in May to elect officers and directors for the coming year. The outgoing officers did an outstanding job and are to be congratulated. The new officers for 1989–1990 are: **Michael E. Alverson** '67, Pres; **Floyd R. McDaniel** '78, VP, Prog; **Richard A. Nowak** '64, VP, Adm; **John G. Driskill** '52, VP, Pointer Comm; **Darcy G. Anderson** '78, Sec; **Stanley J. Shipley** '73, Treas.

The Ninth Annual Tri-Service Academy Softball Championship finally found some respite from the unseasonal rain that North Texas experienced this year. After four postponements, the championship was finally played on 30 Jul at the Dallas Naval Air Station (It's the only field where you can drink beer and play). And as is typical of Jul weather, the temperature approached 100 degrees. Much beer was consumed by the three teams. Ironically it did not seem to affect the play. After the first five minutes in the sun, it felt like a 15 min sauna. The Army Team was still finalizing the roster at 0830 hours the day of the championship. Over the past few years Army has struggled to field a team, having been depleted by job transfers of several power hitters. But in the end, 13 good men showed up to play. And play they did.

In the first game Army played Navy. Air Force, the defending champs, had a bye. Navy jumped out to a 3-run lead in the first inning, but Army came right back with 3 in their half of the first. Navy scored two more in the second. Army then proceeded to put the game out of reach with 7 runs in the second. The rally was started with two outs by the 11th batter **Rich Rogers** '77. The Navy never recovered. The game was highlighted by home runs by **Paul Divis** '81 and **Dennis Lambert** '81 and aggressive base running by **Rich Rogers** '77. The final score was ARMY 12—Navy 7.

In the second game, Navy defeated Air Force 11–10, scoring 3 runs in the final inning to earn a hard fought, come from behind victory. The stage was set for the final showdown between Army and Air Force. Army had beaten Air Force only once in the previous eight years. But on this day, Air Force was no match for the determined Army Team. Behind the great pitching of **Gary McKenzie** '76 and some great hitting by **Paul Divis** '81, **Dennis Lambert** '81, **Larry Schroeder** '71, **Kevin Krebs** '76 and **Al Lisi** '70, the Army team scored an 11–0 whitewash of the Air Force.

This represented the first shutout of any team in the nine years of the championship series. The team covered a class span of 32 years ('53 to '85). "HOW SWEEEET IT IS!"

—Kenneth L. King '60

NEW YORK

The West Point Society of New York is off to a running start on its 1989–90 program! Leading the charge is this year's officer slate: **Jim Gardner** '66, Pres; **Steve Metcalf** '69, Vice Pres; **Rich Chappo** '76, Treas; and **Ed Colchado** '76, Secy. New additions to this year's Board of Governors include **T. D. Decker** '81; **Bill Hauser** '54; **Cornell McCullum**, '57; and **Nancy Ramsland** '80.

After a brief summer respite, we kicked off the year with our traditional football luncheon, held at the Union League Club on 6 Sep. Coach Jim Young joined us for the occasion, accompanied by Athletic Directors Carl Ullrich and Al Vanderbush. Coach Young, as usual, gave a rousing talk, with superb insights about the season ahead. A great time was had by all!

During Sep, the soc also finalized its $24,000 contribution to the new West Point Museum. With the Olmsted Foundation, the WPSNY is underwriting the cost of the campaign maps which provide focus and continuity to the museum's American Wars Gallery. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to assist and extend our thanks to our members who provided the leadership for the project—**Ross Wollen** '65 and **Bob Lawrence** Jan '43.

In late Sep, members had a chance to hear Caspar Weinberger, former Sec Def, at a luncheon co-hosted with the New York Chapter of AUSA, at the HQ of Squadron A. Coordinating that event was MG **George Barker**, WPSNY member and pres of the AUSA chapter.

At present, our energies are concentrated on events related to the Army/Navy game scheduled for 9 Dec at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands. Together with the West Point Society of New Jersey, we are working closely with the Academy to lend a "home game" flavor to the festivities.

On 29 Nov, Carnegie Hall in Manhattan will be the site of a concert by the US Army Band ("Pershing's Own"), the Army Chorus, and the Cadet Glee Club. The soc is co-hosting the event with the Army Band. Preparations are being spearheaded by **Jim Peterson** '62, assisted by **Don Woodman** '62 and **Chuck Windsor**. Soc members and guests will be admitted free of charge. Arrangements will soon be announced, both for a special pre-concert dinner and a post-concert reception. A magnificent evening of music is planned—one that will highlight the Army within New York on the eve of the Army/Navy game.

The concert will be made even more special by the attendance of this year's New York City class of Eagle Scouts. Each year, the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts recognizes those young men who have achieved the milestone of Eagle Scout. On 29 Nov, following a ceremony at the Sheraton Centre, the scouts and their parents will occupy seats of honor at Carnegie Hall. You may recall that the soc played a major role in coordinating last spring's Boy Scout Show in Manhattan, attended by 65,000 people. We are proud to once again show our support for the Boy Scouts and for the ideals and traditions which they represent—and which we share.

On 9 Dec of course, all eyes will be focused on Giants Stadium as Army beats Navy. Following that victory, the soc (with the West Point Society of New Jersey) is hosting a party at Meadowlands Racetrack for our members and their guests. We have leased the entire Trackside Restaurant for the evening, and anticipate a spirited celebration.

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As for other activities—

Our Distinguished Speakers Program remains in high gear, once again bringing the nation's military and civilian leaders before our members. Our last Founders Day was held at the Starlight Roof Ballroom at the Waldorf Astoria, with anchorman John Chancellor as guest of honor. We will convene at the same location in mid-Mar for Founders Day 1990, honoring West Point and our devotion to Duty, Honor, Country.

In Jun, together with the West Point Parents Club of New York, we plan on repeating this year's very successful Hudson River Cruise for new cadets from the New York area and their families. Taking lead on the project will be **John O'Hara, John Dodson** '68, and CPT **Gregg Martin** '79 of the USMA Admissions Office. Working closely with them will be Ray Peebles, newly-elected pres of the parents club.

Aboard USMA ferryboat (new cadet welcoming cruise): LTC John O'Hara, Admissions Comm, WPSNY; Ray Peebles, pres, WP Parents Club of NY; COL Jim Gardner, pres, WPSNY. (June 1989)

With all this going on (and more . . .), it is no wonder the West Point Soc of NY continues to grow. Our ongoing membership campaign, chaired by **Bob Luckese** '50, promises to push us through the 1,000 member mark. Anyone who has not been contacted but who wishes to join, please call Bob at (212) 921-2277. For the annual dues of $30, there's no better deal in town!

I began by noting that the soc is off to a running start and indeed that is true. It is therefore appropriate that I close by acknowledging those who have provided us the momentum upon which we build. Special commendation is due **John Connors** '70, our outgoing Secy of several years. Also serving long and well have been our outgoing VPs: **Bill Murdy** '64, **Gary Roosma** '58, and **Nate Gallagher** '50. Similarly, a deep debt of gratitude is owed to retiring Board Members **Robert Luckese** '50 and **Jim Harmon** '65.

—Jim Gardner '66

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The West Point Society of Northern California had its annual business meeting on 14 Jul at the McClellan AFB Officers Club in Sacramento, CA. The society re-elected its current officers: **George Grayeb** '52, Pres; **John DePiazza** '72, Vice Pres; **Chuck Gorlinski** '56, Sec; and **Champ Edwards** '52, Treas. A report of the activities of the local West Point parents club provided the stimulus for closer future relations between the two similarly oriented organizations. The former AG of the CA NG, MG **Frank Schober**, Honorary '56, made an interesting and informative presentation on the present and future needs of the nation's defense establishment.

The society is gearing up for some interesting fall activities: a joint get-together with the local parents club and the possibility of beer n' pizza gatherings to watch some of the Army football games via satellite. Contact **Chuck Gorlinski** '56, 1537 Barnett Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608 if you live in the Northern area of California or Nevada and are interested in membership information.

—George Grayeb '52

PHOENIX

The West Point Society of Phoenix hosted several events in Apr and May to close a very busy 1988–89 program. On 28 Apr the society hosted a luncheon at the Westcourt in the Buttes resort. Special guests at this luncheon were local prospective cadets and their parents. Those in attendance, along with 20 WPSP members, were Chad Buffington '93 of Mesa, Heather Black '93 of Phoenix and Phillip Dobbs '93 of Glendale. This was a great opportunity for them to get their final questions answered in preparation for R-Day.

Dennis Hawker '65 and COL **Will Worthington** '62 organized the WPSP's first annual armed services golf tournament. This event was held on 16 May at the Tournament Players Club Desert course in Scottsdale. All the service academies were well represented at a most enjoyable event.

—T. Rader '81

PUERTO RICO & VIRGIN ISLANDS

The West Point Society of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands held a luncheon meeting on 20 Apr at the Bankers' Club in San Juan. We had a small but very lively group for lunch that included eight graduates, the pres of the West Point Parent's Club (Mr. Negrón) and **Frederick Berg** '31.

Among the topics discussed was the need to attract and interest more qualified high school students on the island to apply for the Academy and, importantly, the role that the soc can play in this process. We will be inviting the Military Academy liaison officer to our next meeting for his advice on what the soc can do to assist him and what it can do to promote West Point among qualified high school students.

Anyone interested in participating in our meetings should contact: Mr. **Bert Finn**, The First Boston Corporation, 1020 Banco Popular Center, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918.

—Bert Finn '62

PHILADELPHIA

Rod Vitty '55 elected society president. Vitty outlined his objectives at the Board of Governors meeting in Jun: to have fun; to promote the welfare of the graduates; to assist in the admissions program. **Jim Castel** '58, is VP; **Bruce Hamilton** '58 and **Joe Barkley** '65 continue as society secy and treas. Joining the Board of Governors for the term ending 1992 are **LTG A.M. Weyand** '51, **Marty Celec** '52, **Jerry Cobb** '68, and **Sean Feeny** '80.

Coach Jim Young spoke at the Jun BOG meeting held at Eagle Lodge. He reviewed Army's successes, its upcoming season with 7 home games and thanked the Phila Soc for its support. Coach Young promised the graduates an even more exciting and winning team.

The Phila Soc saluted 13 cadets from the region at a barbecue held jointly with the West Point Parents Club of Delaware Valley on 11 Jun at the Fort Dix Officers Club.

Pictured at the barbecue are soc pres, **Rod Vitty** (center), **Shane O'Shansky** '61 and **Leo Norton**, assoc member, welcoming **Jack Mullans**, president of the West Point Parents Club of Delaware Valley and **Steve Mapa**.

Key society events for 1989 and 90 are set: Sep a tailgate at the Harvard game with the parents club. Dec 1 will be the annual Army/Navy Dinner Dance held in conjunction with the Alumni Society of the Naval Academy. This will be at the Union League in Phila. Music will be by Manni Vaughn. This is one week before the game which has been loaned to the Meadowlands for 1989. Founders Day is set for 17 Mar at the Phila Union League. Denis Mullane, President of the Association of Graduates, will be the speaker.

—Rod Vitty '55

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Bulletin Board

Oldest Living Graduate Dies

We regret to inform our readers that LTC **Oliver Sterling McCleary**, USA Retired, Class of 1911 and West Point's oldest graduate since 5 November 1988, died at his home in Carmel, California on Saturday, 5 August 1989. Born in Ohio on 14 May 1888, Colonel McCleary was commissioned in the Infantry. He retired from active duty in 1948.

Colonel **Lathe Burton Row**, USA Retired, Class of 1913, is now the Academy's oldest graduate. Colonel Row was born on 26 May 1888, and resides in Sun City, Arizona.

Baker Named Cadet First Captain

Kristin M. Baker was named Brigade Commander and First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. Baker, 21, is the first woman to be assigned to this position.

Cadet Kristin M. Baker

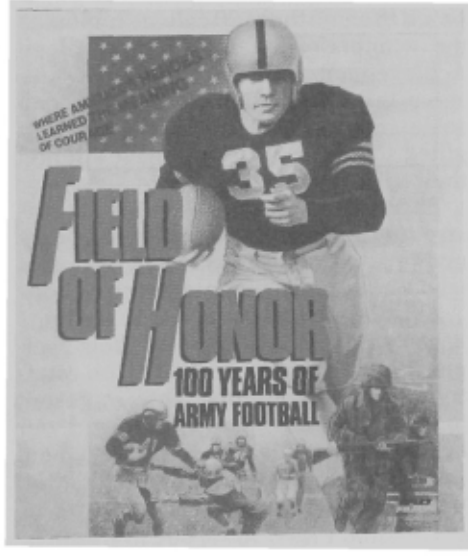
Her duties include commanding the brigade of over 4,400 cadets. She is responsible for the overall performance of the Corps, to include establishing policies for the supervision and coordination of the brigade staff, serving as commander of troops at ceremonies and exercising command supervision over the functions of the class committees.

Cadet Baker is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Robert Baker (USMA 1966) of Yuma Proving Grounds, Arizona. During her three years at West Point, Baker has played soccer, was a member of the cadet cross country ski team, attended air assault school and served as Regimental Commander of Cadet Basic Training this past summer.

Field of Honor: 100 Years of Army Football

The Association of Graduates, in conjunction with NFL Films, Inc., will sponsor a one-hour, made-for-TV special entitled *Field of Honor: 100 Years of Army Football*. The program will be aired on various network affiliates across the country during the period 3 November–10 December 1989.

1989 marks the 100th anniversary of football at West Point, and also the 100th anniversary of the Army-Navy series. This year's game will be played on 9 December in The Meadowlands, New Jersey. It all began when second class-



man Dennis M. Michie organized, coached, and captained Army's first football team in 1890. That first squad hosted Navy on 29 November, and lost, 24-0. A year later, Michie took an Army team with a 3-1-1 record down to Annapolis and upset the favored Middies, 32-16. LT Dennis Michie was killed in action at San Juan Hill, Cuba in 1898, but his memory lives on in the stadium named for him in 1924.

The television special will emphasize the contribution West Point football lettermen have made to the defense of our country in every war of the Twentieth Century. Highlighted by interviews with Van Fleet '15, Blaik '20, Davidson '27, Meyer '37, and many others, the film also features scenes of the Corps and West Point, as well as Jim Young's 1988 team as it prepares for and plays the 1988 Army-Navy game. The story of Don Holleder '56—his courage on and off the field—is a memorable part of the film.

Your local West Point society will be informed as to when the TV special will be shown in your area—get in touch with one of the society officers. After the film has been aired on television, video tapes will be sold through commercial outlets and the AOG Gift Shop.

The Lincoln Fund Endowment of Conferences and Cadet Activities in the Social Sciences

The late George "Abe" Lincoln (Class of 1929), former Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, was doubly honored on 18 May 1989. The first came with the dedication of Lincoln Hall. Familiar to many as the old Bachelor Officer's Quarters adjacent to Cullum Hall, the newly renovated building is now home to the Department of Social Sciences and the Department of English. BG Lincoln is the first twentieth century scholar to be honored with the dedication of an academic building at West Point.

At the dedication ceremonies, "Abe" was further honored with the creation of the Lincoln Fund. The Fund was initiated with a donation from the Board of Directors of United Services Automobile Association (USAA). BG Robert McDermott (Jan '43), Chief Executive Officer of USAA, presented the check to the Association of Graduates, which will administer the fund.

The fund will provide financial support to the Department of Social Sciences' numerous academically oriented extracurricular activities, many of which were established and nurtured by BG Lincoln. The activities benefiting from

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BG Robert F. McDermott (Jan '43), CEO USAA, presents a check to GEN Michael S. Davison ('39), AOG President, to establish the Lincoln Fund.

this fund include the Student Conference on United States Affairs, the Senior Conference, Operation Crossroads Africa, the Cadet Summer Intern Program, and the Debate Council and Forum.

The Lincoln Fund is a fitting tribute to a man who, during his 22 years of tenure at USMA, helped to transform the Academy through his role in the initiation of important changes in curriculum, faculty, and cadet life. Support from this fund will ensure that many of the Department of Social Sciences' important activities will continue to flourish as they did under his tutelage. Donations to the Lincoln Fund can be made through the Association of Graduates.

Professor Norton Awarded Fulbright

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars announced that Augustus R. Norton, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant for 1989–90. Professor Norton's grant is for research at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs in Norway, from September to December 1989.

Approximately 1,000 Americans will go abroad to lecture or conduct research during the 1989–90 academic year. Established in 1946 under Congressional legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries." Grants are awarded to Americans to lecture and conduct research abroad and to foreign nationals to engage in similar activities in the United States. Individuals are selected on the basis of academic and professional qualifications, plus their ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures. More than 23,000 American scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program since it began over 40 years ago, many of them rising to positions of leadership in government, academia, the media, and the arts.

The Fulbright Program is funded and administered by the U.S. Information Agency under policy guidelines established by the Board of Foreign Scholarships, a Presidentially appointed body. Financial support for the program comes from U.S. Congressional appropriations and from the governments of 27 other nations.

Augustus Richard Norton (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is Associate Professor of Comparative Politics at USMA, and the author of *Amal and the Shi'a: Struggle for the Soul of Lebanon* (Austin: University of Texas, 1987). He was featured in "The Sword of Islam," an Emmy Award winning documentary. His current research interests include the sociology of religion and politics, U.S. and U.S.S.R. policies in the Middle East, and the regulation of internal conflict in a number of states, including Lebanon and Cyprus.

Time Names Cadet a "Rising Star"

Cadet Michael Thorson of the U.S. Military Academy's Class of 1990 was named one of 20 "rising stars" recently by *Time* magazine and Volkswagen.

Thorson was cited for his academic standing (3.98 GPA as an economics major) as well as his athletic skills as a defensive back on the gridiron. The First Class cadet from Onalaska, Wisconsin was publicly acknowledged in *Time*'s May 22 issue.

"After a rigorous nationwide search," the magazine announced, "*Time* is proud to name these 20 college juniors as the winners of the 1989 *Time* College Achievement Awards. They richly deserve this recognition for their special achievements. Not only is each student gifted academically, but all have applied their gifts to better our world."

Thorson serves as yet another outstanding representative of West Point's mission, to produce leaders of character who serve the common defense.

Time concluded, "These students have cast their influence on their campuses and communities across the country and around the globe. They represent the best of American youth—and our best hope for the future. In saluting them [we] honor the efforts of all students who work to make a difference in our world."

Tavai '89 Honored by Samoan Resolution

The Legislature of the Territory of American Samoa has passed a resolution commending 2LT Leafaina Olive Tavai, "a woman and the first person of Samoan descent to graduate from West Point." The House Concurrent Resolution No. 51 cited, "acceptance to West Point is an honor and a distinction limited to only about a thousand young men and women each year who demonstrate the qualities of intelligence, determination, integrity, self discipline, strength of character, endurance, and willingness to work hard; and the honor of this distinction is shared by all of the People of American Samoa."

2LT Tavai is a graduate of Samoana High School, Samoa and attended the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.

Following graduation from West Point she is scheduled to attend the U.S. Army Ordnance Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Pentathlon Won by Daughter of '62 Grad

Lori Norwood, daughter of Marvin P. Norwood, Class of 1962, became the first U. S. woman to win the World Championship in the Women's Modern Pentathlon. The championships were held in July in Wiener-Neustadt Austria. She not only won the individual gold medal but led her team of Kim Arata and Terry Lewis to a second place medal. Kim is the wife of an Air Force Academy graduate and Terry is a lieutenant in the Air Force.

The Modern Pentathlon has long been associated with the Army although it is no longer an Army event. General George S. Patton was the first U.S. competitor in the 1912 Olympics, and the U.S. has been represented in each Olympics since. The women's competition is not yet an Olympic event, but this was the Ninth World Championship for women.

The team from Poland was first and that of France third. A Hungarian girl was second individually followed by a girl from Italy.

Lori's father is presently City Manager of the town of Woodway, Texas.

Submitted by Guy K. Troy '46,
President, US Modern
Pentathlon Association

Army Football Supports USMA Debate Program

Student literary or debating societies first became popular institutions at American colleges early in the nineteenth century. The earliest such group at West Point was the Amosophic Society organized early in 1816. In 1817, cadets formally debated the merits of abolishing slavery; their audience voted 12 to 10 in favor of the proposition. Now what does any of this have to do with the football program?

The role of intercollegiate athletics in the development of leaders has long

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Report from the Classes

The AOG Publications staff would like to express its appreciation to Kathleen Pardue for her three years of diligent

service keystroking all class notes for ASSEMBLY. Within those three years Kathy has mastered the keyboard, the class notes style, format and conventions; she has repeatedly met the fast-paced deadlines. Kathy and her family, Bill '75 scribe, John (8), and Janice (4), are currently at Ft Rucker before heading to Ft Hood, Texas. Her efforts have been a major contribution to the publication of ASSEMBLY. We will miss her and wish her the best in the future.

'15

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Heléne Lieb died on 18 Jul 87. No details available. Vice Admiral (Ret) Evan P Aurand, USN, Ret, died on 7 Jun in Honolulu. His father was **Henry S Aurand**. The Class extends its sympathy to the families.

Helen Atkins reports that her son and his family are busy in various activities in the St Louis area, and that she is the one who is really ret. **Kitty D Bradley** is well. She sent her warmest regards to '15 and wants all to know the bar at Marcho Mirage is draped in "Blue & Grey" and open around the clock. Note her correct address in the Apr 89 *ASSEMBLY*.

Mary Welby Cochran fell and injured her lower back in early spring. She is doing well now and gets around in her wheelchair. **Marguerite Gilkeson** went to CA in Apr to see her great-granddaughter and the family. She also took a short trip to Daytona, FL. **Eileen Leonard**, to quote, "My best wishes and love to **Det** and all of '15. My daughter Eileen & husband David Foster have returned from a hiking trip to Yellowstone Natl Park where they saw the wonderful regeneration after the 88 fires. Good news for all who loved the old frontier Army posts: Ft Yellowstone looks great: HQ building, BOQ, officers quarters, barracks, stables, parade ground are in apple pie order: recycled as Park HQ for Yellowstone Natl Park. All '15 would approve the excellent maintenance and upkeep of the old post by the park service."

Several of the **Lorch** family visited your scribe on 25 Jul. **Elisa MacDonald** sent greetings to '15. She is a bit under the weather just now and sees her doctor at intervals.

Mary Tate was in the hosp recently with back problems. She now has a nice woman from Trinidad with her, as she is kept close to her home. Her niece & husband from Richmond, VA spent several days with her while en route to Bermuda.

Change of address: **Dora Small**—7325 E Fayette, Tucson, AZ 85730. She, at 94, has a new great-grandson.

'16

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"Greetings to you all of the Class of '16," from **Peggy Prickett.** She tells of her happy event when she attended the centennial of her father's graduation (Robert McGregor 1889). As you will see, she was not alone. Accompanying her were her children Peggy & Frank Miller '38; Polly & Francis Roberts '42; and Ginger & Lee Cage '42. Her grandchildren who also attended were Frank Miller, Jr '62; Brink Miller '64; Linda & Bob Miller '72; Clare & Jerry Miller '73; and Jon M Cage '72. There you have a synopsis of 100 yrs of West Point history.

Jun '18

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This scribe had a pacemaker installed last Apr in a large hosp in Suffern, NY after being transferred from Keller. My pulse rate is set at 60, so now it is slow speed ahead for 100!

Dorothy Casey reports that her Naples is again a quiet, beautiful, little city after the winter visitors have left. In Aug, she, with a couple of married friends, flew to New Orleans to visit her son Keith & wife, and then up the river on the *Mississippi Queen*.

Barbara Robinson spent some time at her summer place in Plymouth, MA, joined by members of the Robinson tribe who boast of their 19 great-grandchildren. Can any other Class beat that? **Steve** & I have 3 grandsons, none married.

Alice Kramer and her dearest friend of 50 yrs, Kathleen Lynch, widow of a USN admiral, had a brief trip to England last May to visit a dear friend of Alice in Devon.

Bee Rundell, with her daughter and SIL, enjoyed a wk on a WA beach. Their enjoyment included fresh king salmon and Dungeness crabs.

'19

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Hi—my name is **Mary** and I have agreed to be your scribe for as long as I am able and my product is acceptable to you. Need it be said that my success is dependent upon your cooperation. Please send me your inputs to share with others through this column and I shall do my best.

The Class wishes to thank **Hei Heiberg** for acting as scribe during the past yr. He stepped in at a difficult time and kept '19 represented in *ASSEMBLY*. He also furnished the first two items which follow.

Ann & Hei Heiberg, finally settled into their new ret home villa at 131 Hillside Way, Louisville, KY 40243, were visited in late Jul by their daughter Heide, husband Jack Pinckney, and 3 of their 4 children from Greenville, SC. They seemed to enjoy being quartered in the "Guest Villa." The day after arrival Hei took the gp to the Louisville Zoo where they rode the train through the area, then trudged the walks to the various animal exhibits and the children rode an elephant. The next day there was a family gathering at Doe Valley Lake where 28

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relatives (4 generations) were present for the picnic in the wooded area back from the lake. A pontoon boat (Ann's brother's) was available for trips and there was swimming, beach games and just relaxing and munching in the shade. It was a *big* day. The next morning, after loading their van with leftovers from the Heiberg move, the Pinckneys found space to load the passengers and drive home.

The death of COL **Harold S Ruth** on 20 Jun was reported by his wife, **Ruth**. He died of complications from a car accident on 16 Jun. His ashes will be interred in the San Francisco Natl Cemetery at the Presidio. Our deep condolences to Ruth who suffered a broken ankle in the same accident.

I (scribe) regret that I could not carry out my plans to attend the 70th Reunion because of the death of my mother, Evalyn Andrews, on 6 May. She had lived with me for the last 9 1/2 of her 103 1/2 years and I miss her very much. **Fred Marlow** also failed to go to the reunion because **Lynne** suffered a massive stroke. She not only survived, but now swims 100 yds a day in the pool—remarkable! He still goes to business every day—also remarkable! Was delighted to learn **Helen Kanaga** is only 30–40 min from me, having moved to Casa de las Campanas ret community about a yr ago. She is adjusting to the new lifestyle, meeting many interesting residents and enjoying the company of her sister who also bought an apt there. Both are in good health and engage in many activities of their own devising as well as those sponsored by the community. Both drive, but if they prefer, they can take advantage of arranged bus trips and transportation to symphony concerts, which they enjoy.

Although now confined to a wheelchair, **Margaret Jackson** has kept her cheerful demeanor. She can drive herself to the San Diego Indoor Sports Club, Inc (for the handicapped) where she is still active after having served as its president for two yrs. She has a lovely live-in couple who take "beautiful" care of her. **Mary Bassett's** grandson, Robb Bassett, returned in Jul from Spain where he had spent a yr as an exchange student—a marvelous experience. This fall he will resume HS studies in Newtown, CT, where he lives with his father Bob (Class of '69), mother Vicki, and younger brother Chris. **Flip Sutherland** cheerfully says "with fingers crossed" that she is doing very well. She lives alone in her own home, enjoys friends and visits with her daughter and son-in-law (also Army) who live in Carmel. Still living in the family home in Albuquerque, **Nina Wood** enjoys visits from daughter Dorothy who lives in Wash DC and son Edward who lives in Vienna, WV.

Alex Bennet has the papers ready to present to the Hilton people for the hotel he proposes to be located across the river from WP. He expects to have an Army officer in the family in a couple of more yrs. His granddaughter, Veronica Pauline Bennet, is a scholarship student in her jr yr at Incarnate Word College, San Ant. Additionally, in Aug she had just returned from 6 wks basic tng at Ft Knox as part of the ROTC program she is avidly pursuing at Trinity Univ, San Ant. **Mildred Stearley** has a crowded schedule, taking an active part in activities of both AF Villages, as well as her church, Army daughters, Philanthropic Educational Org and Pi Beta Phi. She also enjoys visits from her nieces and nephews, several of whom she was expecting in Aug. She celebrated a birthday in Aug and earlier saw to it that **Viv Hamilton's** birthday was properly noted with a party in Jun. The Hamiltons are planning a trip which we hope to have reported for the next issue.

Philip & Irma Lauben seemed to be in the midst of much lively activity with a houseful of visiting children and their families. They are proud of granddaughter Melanie Lauben who is enthusiastically beginning her yearling year at USMA after a highly successful plebe yr. **Jean Syme**, a cruise enthusiast, has been to HI (not Havana), the Western Caribbean, and the Southern Caribbean in the last 3 yrs. The area of next yr's cruise has not been determined—but there will be one. **Deborah Nichols** was getting ready to host her annual lobster bake for 22 members of the Nichols clan. **Nick's** 4 children have produced 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, the youngest just 11 mos. Although they are scattered all over the world, she feels fortunate that there is always a goodly number who live in the area and stay close.

Bea Gould's mobility is limited, but she still lives in her old house and enjoys her big family of two children, 7 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. She wishes to say "hello" to all her friends and would love to see any who happen to visit the area. **John Hardin** reports that **Bert** is still in the nursing home and that he maintains close contact. John, himself, is still holding on to the old home on Miles River and watching the boats go by! **Dene Burnell** is in good health and leads a nice quiet country life. Her two-yr-old hip is working well, but she has given up gardening. Her daughter comes from Annapolis to do those tasks now. **Michael Smith** says he has nothing of interest to report, but after coaxing, allowed that he is "still alive and mobile!"

Conchita Sorley plans to join the '19 widows living at Knollwood (formerly Distaff Hall). Of that gp I was able to personally contact only **Dorothy Ferenbaugh**, who stated that, "None of us is very well." **Herb Jones** reports that he & **Anabel** are happily adjusting to life there and that he occupies the unique position of being the only man in the establishment! **Emmet Bean's** daughter, Betty Young, visited him and shared an interesting photo album of the Finance Center in Indianapolis dedicated to her father. He learned that a wax image of MG Bean is displayed in the museum at the center.

Al & Dade Wedemeyer and **Les & Katharine Flory** plan to move to the new Fairfax in late summer/fall. I hope to be able to report their apt and bldg numbers in the next issue. **Nancy Echols** is also joining the trek to the Fairfax and she attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting on 22 Jul. After 13 Sep her address will be Apt 315 Jefferson, 9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. Nancy also wants friends to know of the marriage of granddaughter Sarah Chapman to Timothy Mahoney on 12 Aug in Shepherdstown, WV.

Marjorie McLean reports, "My precious **Mac** passed away on 16 Jul at the VA Med Center, Bay Pines. He was buried at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Clearwater, on 19 Jul in an impressive graveside service with mil honors provided by a detail from McDill AFB. He had become much weaker in recent wks, but he developed pneumonia after admittance to the hosp on 5 Jul and was unable to overcome it. I know that God answered our prayers and solved our problems because I was told that I could not take care of him at home any longer. Neither of us could have endured the nursing home again. I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Class for the privilege of ordering flowers on their behalf. They were beautiful and Mac would have been pleased. His memories of WP and his classmates were among his last. He did so love WP!"

Marjorie graciously volunteered to assist me by keeping tabs on the FL folk. She furnished the following info for this issue. **Marjorie Lawrence** died in Sarasota, where she lived, not Belleair as previously reported. **Lois Shaw's** health has deteriorated greatly, primarily due to arthritis. She uses a walker and feels blessed that she is still able to enjoy going out for lunch and rides with her daughter who lives in Clearwater. **Alex Raaen** has only partial vision in one eye and is confined to her apt in Westminister Towers, Orlando. Her devoted son, Johnny, visits at least once a wk and she is grateful for her many blessings. **Margie Young** has had a serious and disturbing illness but recovered sufficiently to take a planned trip to WA in Jul and she hopes to go to Boston in Aug and Ireland in Oct. **Marjorie Winn**—nothing new except an adorable little cocker spaniel and she says she will "stay in this old house until they drag me out!"

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'20

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With great sadness I report that **Bob Trimble** and **Mildred Brewster** have died. We extend our deep sympathy to their loved ones.

Bob Trimble died 13 Jun quietly at his home in Monrovia, MD from a cardiac arrest. He was buried in St Thomas Episcopal Cemetery, Hancock, MD. This news came from his widow **Evelyn**. Bob left the Army in 22 but returned in WWII to serve in DA as LTC visiting all continental Army bases to check that wartime security measures were being properly carried out. After ret, he was appointed by Pres Truman to serve on the VA Board of Appeals. Surviving besides Evelyn are son COL (Ret) James and 3 grandchildren.

Mildred Brewster (sister of **Ruth McQuarrie**) died 31 Jul in a St Louis, MO nursing home following a stroke. She was buried in Atlanta's Westview Cemetery beside **Bill** who died in 65. **Crump & Ollie Garvin** attended with family members; the McQuarries were physically not able to be there. Mildred's father, COL John C Woodward, founded the GA Mil Academy at College Park, GA in 1900; it is now called Woodward Academy. Mildred served as his social hostess during her mother's long illness and after. Bill succeeded her father as the Academy's pres for many yrs and their son, Navy CPT (Ret) Bill Jr followed for 20 yrs until he ret in 79. Surviving besides Bill Jr are daughter Lucille Harder, sisters Grace Palmour and Ruth McQuarrie, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Sherm & Clara Hasbrouck attended memorial services for **Red Blaik** 13 May at the Cadet Chapel (see Jul 89 *ASSEMBLY*). Sherm reports: " . . . There was a great crowd, at least 200 including former President Nixon. . . . "

Anne Holle received numerous letters and phone calls of sympathy over **Charles'** death. **Russ Eastman** extolled their long service to the Class since 45. **Clara Hasbrouck** expressed **Sherm's** condolences and hers, praising Charles for his guidance of the Class; Sherm was down with a prolonged severe bout of viral bronchitis. They invited Anne to visit and sample a "George-Washington-slept-in" bed which Sherm inherited recently. A call came in from **Ann MacMillan (AR) Wacker**, who recalled her father's enjoyment of the Holles' hospitality and of Class luncheons during his visits to Wash, and her appreciation of their condolences when he died in 87. And she spoke of their family reunion for memorial services at WP for him in Jun attended even by his youngest great-granddaughter born 29 May, named Alexandria in his honor and baptized by Ann's brother, Rev William MacMillan.

Late May, the **Samouces'** son, Dr Richard G Hunter, had another heart failure. His doctor convinced him he should stop his stressful neurology practice. He is now in residency, tng in psychiatry at Emory Univ in Atlanta. **Duke** visited him for two wks; the doctor would not permit **Elton** to travel. Duke also attended graduation exercises at Pace Academy where their older grandson, Richard, just graduated and will attend Univ of TX in Sep; the younger, Brandon, has two more yrs at Pace.

Duke and Dick had a most enjoyable visit with **Crump & Ollie Garvin** in their new home. Both were in fair health, though Crump has been briefly in the hosp. **Eddie & Jo Routheau** enjoyed a trip to the West Coast, 11 May—16 Jun.

George & Marguerite Rehm, their son Tom & wife Mary, had their usual annual one wk visit to the 36 hole golf course in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Carl Englehart resumed practice bowling early Jul, after his injured right shoulder had healed. He was preparing for his two winter leagues, which start Labor Day. Unfortunately, the end of Jul, he ruptured a blood vessel in his right arm and must rest for awhile.

The 15 brief notes below appeared on annual Class ballots for election of 4 of the 8 members of the Class Governing Comm:

Bartlett (LW): Almost completely bedridden since broken hip Dec 87. Spirit and mind good. **Coe**: My wife **Kay** is bedridden. Unless I survive her, I intend to spend the balance of my useful yrs helping to care for her. **Duffner**: I am quite all right, except that I am almost 92. **Eastman**: I live in my home of past 22 yrs, and with daughter Cynthia & her husband nearby, excellent MD's, good help, get about as well as I could hope for. Congratulations **George** on chairing our 70th. You and those classmates who attend have to be something special. My fond regards to my Class. God bless. I miss my **Helen** so much. **Engelhart**: Am trying to control angina attacks, successfully, so far. **Garvin**: Slowing down—fair health—watching 5 great-grandchildren grow. **Haswell** (from **Eulamay**): **Claude** is in the Hillsboro Manor Nursing Home and doing much better. **Hinds**: High Ho! George! Little activity on the TX front. **Kreuter**: Enjoying excellent health and second marriage. Wife **Pattie** also in excellent health. **Mabus**: Several health problems but still getting around without difficulty. **McQuarrie**: Just had eye surgery, left eye. Right eye "no-see-um." When moving about must use cane to keep from falling. Otherwise in pretty good shape. **Mitchell (JK)**, from son: My dad is about the same. He is still in Moravian Manor (nursing home), Lititz, PA and seems fairly content. I try to get down twice/yr. **Reuter**: Walking each day to keep in shape for the 1990 march from South Barracks to the reviewing stand. **Routheau**: Am in reasonably good health. **Singer**: **Nena** & I are both doing fine. We get around well, in fact as well as by car. We both expect to live to be 100. We do not travel as we used to a lot, but can go anywhere any time.

The status of the remaining 6 living classmates is—

Hasbrouck: already noted elsewhere in these notes. **Langevin**: blind many yrs. **Reece**: Attended reunion in 80. **Robinson**: in nursing home, St Louis. **Samouce**: in hosp with heart attack on 11 Aug. Expects to be home 19 Aug. **Smith (CW)**: recovering from last yr's stroke.

The 20 Jul *Washington Post* had this note about MS Gov Ray Mabus, our **Les Mabus'** son: " . . . He's been named by *Playgirl* magazine as one of the 10 sexiest men in the nation . . . which ran a fully-clothed photograph of him. He isn't commenting on his honor . . . his press secy responded 'This is one of these things we didn't seek or condone.' "

Duke Lanahan's grandson, Cadet Paul H Lackman '90, wrote that he would be very honored to escort us at our 70th Reunion—a very generous offer from a very busy young man at a momentous time of his life.

Russ Eastman telephoned **Anne Holle** just as these notes were being mailed. Is more proud of AOG than words can express—reads *ASSEMBLY* from cover to cover immediately upon receipt. His children (Bothwells) visit him every Sun and take him out.

'21-'22

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Hazel & I spent 7 wks last summer visiting our daughter and her family at Victoria, BC, Canada. I think Victoria has just about the best climate in all Canada. When we left Jacksonville in Jun, the temperature was 90 degrees, and during the entire time we were in Victoria it never got above 72. We enjoyed every minute of being with our daughter, her husband, two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Morris Marcus wrote me, "Looking over the roster again. Do you mean to tell me there are only 16 of us left? I can't believe it. Well, I still hold one record, I am the youngest. I don't always feel that way, but I am managing to hold on. It's a great life. I have two children, 4 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, whom we see occasionally. Four of them will visit us this month (May)."

Morris also wrote me that **Lou Spry**

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had moved to a ret home. I also received a letter from Lou in which she gave her address: The Village, 2200 W Acacia E315, Hemet, CA 92343.

Bev Kane is chm of the welcoming comm at the Army Distaff Hall. She welcomed MG **HM Jones** as the first couple to become residents at the Hall. The Joneses and the Kanes were stationed together at WP. The Hall is enlarging apts, putting sometimes two or 3 together to form one and two bedroom apts.

Louise Rumaggi has moved to the Army Distaff Hall. We now have 4 widows of classmates living at the Hall. **Elsie Nelson's** correct zip is 34233.

The roster I sent to **Georgie Grant** was returned. If anyone has any info about her, please let me know.

PD Lynch is still working on publishing his biography. He sat with **Janet Taylor** at the Founders Day dinner last Mar. **Bob** had decided to stay home. For one thing, his teeth have been bothering him and the menu was listing steak. Janet said that he was well and puttered around the house, keeping busy, but not much interested in general social activities.

Once again—please write me about what you are doing these days. And send me a picture or two. We would all like to see what you look like these days.

'23

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Please note our new address. In next *ASSEMBLY* you will see **Mike Buckley** as the new scribe at 54 South Circle Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. When I typed notes for Jul issue, the curled up arthritic fingers of my right hand obliged my two-finger typing to become one left forefinger only. So I phoned our Pres **Bill Craigie**, telling him of my problem and asking him to get a replacement. He got Mike. So, please give him the news of yourself and nearby classmates and widows.

In the Jul *ASSEMBLY* I reported our move from ME to the Fairfax Army Ret Community, which **Ruth** & I shall make in Oct. At our age, and with handicaps, we consider it a wise move, but we shall leave Camden, ME with regret. It's a beautiful, small seacoast town and, along with next-door Rockport, forms a warm, friendly community with everything to appeal to all tastes and get residents involved. Soon after we became summer residents in 56, we joined the Episcopal Church, the Yacht Club, and the Megunticook Golf Club, as well as the Historical Soc, and Ruth the Garden Club and Hosp Auxiliary. After making Camden our yr-round home in 70 we became more involved. I served on the church vestry two 3-yr terms and several comms, and Ruth a term as pres of the church women. I was made pres of the Historical Soc for two yrs and served on the Bd of Trustees 12 yrs, and was honored with "trustee emeritus" when I resigned in 86. In 80 the Soc asked me to organize the Camden Historic Landmark Commission, which I did with the help of an architect and several other conscripted "volunteers." We joined with Rockport in surveying homes and other bldgs to qualify for historic markers, which were procured and delivered. I resigned from that in 88. Ruth has been very active on Garden Club projects and comms, and I also assisted in some of them yrs ago. The Rotary Club made me a Paul Harris Fellow and, after my resigning in 88, an honorary member. After such involvement in community affairs one feels quite rooted and a part of the town. So, we shall leave with regret.

These notes are being typed in late Jul during my convalescence and therapy following 19 days hospitalization after surgery to replace arthritic right knee with an artificial one. Having to use a walker, I'm unable to help in preparations to move and keep house ready to sell.

Our classmate **Witt Wittkop**, who graduated in '22 and entered the AC, has written me twice from Victoria, NB, Canada. His wife died 3 Jun 88 after a long illness and intensive care in Charlottesville, VA. He decided to move to Victoria where they had enjoyed a month 25 yrs ago, and moved out in the fall of 88. He has a 12th floor apt with a magnificent view looking south at the snow-capped peaks on the Olympian Peninsula. Witt enjoys the cool climate compared with that in the States. He wrote me that everyone has had experiences but thinks his is different. As a child in a fall from a tree, he landed on his back on a stake. There was no medical attention ever, just Christian Science and lots of physical culture. He has suffered off and on ever since, frequently going to a hosp. In 1927, after a month on a plank in Ft Sam Hosp, the chief surgeon Kirk said, " 'Frankly young man, we don't know what to do with you. Do you think you can keep going?' My record states 'Patient thinks he can do duty, so it was decided to return him to duty and if. . . .' In 42, the cramped single cockpit of the new bombers quickly put me on a mattress on the floor of my office. I wound up in OPD with Eisenhower. When he retired in 53, the surgeon concluded—with 'I take off my hat to you. That you learned to live with an injury as massive as yours.' " We, too, agree with the surgeon. We admire your courage. New address: H M Wittkop, 620 Toronto St, Victoria, BC V8V 1P7.

With regret we report that **Frederick T Manross** died 12 Jun while en route to the hosp from his home in Farmington, CT. Interment: Forestville Cemetery, Forestville, CT. His wife predeceased him and there were no close heirs.

Ken Sweany has had the usual memorial of $25 made to the WP Fund from the Class Fund. Ken reported that he & **Laura**, along with their daughter Jean Carol, quietly celebrated their 65th wedding anniv 3 Jun. Theirs was an example of a 2LT marrying the cmding officer's daughter and the couple living happily ever after. Congratulations to you both.

Robby (Warren) Robinson sent his greetings as a 90-yr old who, like **Cavender** and **Enderton**, received a handsome bound album from WP with a flattering picture of himself. He adds that he & **Dot** "are still holding our own, but at times it would seem our hold is getting weaker." Robby wrote "Give our regards to members of the Class of '23."

Mary Dwyer wrote thanking for my sending her **Dot Tredennick's** address and to report on her son Roy and grandson CPT Steve Dwyer. Steve is stationed at Ft Rucker, AL and was made cmdr of E Co, 14th Avn Tng Bde. Another grandson, Joe, is at Ft Huachuca, AZ in Intelligence Dept.

Ruth & I had both of our sons, Wendell Jr and Gerald, with us the weekend of 10 Jun to take home some of the H H items we're giving them now, and to pick out others for later shipment. We have to cut down on our possessions and have sold some, and others went into an antiques auction. Our grandson Jerry Jr spent the weekend of 14 Jul with us prior to attending a 3-day seminar at the home office of his co, Allied Signal, in Danvers, MA. He also took with him a few items of loot for his home in Redding, CA. We're getting down to the essentials for our two bedroom apt at the Fairfax Army Ret Community in VA.

We have added a lovely daughter-in-law to our family, whom Wendell Jr married 22 Jul at St Albans Church, Wash DC. He got a divorce from his former wife in a settlement out of court. He & Ellie will spend a wk in a cottage we've rented here on Lake Megunticook in Aug. One of his sons will also come from CA and be there.

Your new scribe, **Mike**, wrote me from CA that life had "moved into the fast lane with youngsters coming in the family domicile for visits. We enjoy them no end but we have little or no time for other events." He said that some yrs ago the '24 Class gp in his area made him an honorary member. It's a very active gp.

We keep in touch with **Jan White** and recently talked with her by phone. She always sounds cheerful and seems happy with her two cats. She was looking forward to the visit of her stepson Tommy White in late Aug. Every summer the descendents of **Wappie**'s parents come to Lake Cobbesseecontee to enjoy the

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cottage they inherited. We hope to have Jan and Tommy over for lunch at our yacht club during his visit.

Sadly we report that **Timmy (Thomas S.) Timberman** died 2 Aug at Suburban Hosp in Bethesda, MD. Burial to be on 9 Aug at Arlington Natl Cemetery with full mil honors, beside **Virginia**. He is survived by a son, Tom Fiske Timberman; a daughter, Virginia Timberman Callahan; a brother, Vincent Timberman; 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. A memorial contribution of $25 has been made from the Class Fund to the WP Fund.

I received the following sad note: "The family of **Caroline W. Leone** regretfully announces the passing of our mother on 16 Jun. Your friendship through the yrs was deeply valued by mother and appreciated by her children Carmela, Pete and Nancy." Presumably, Caroline was buried beside her husband in the WP Cemetery.

The Peapack-Gladstone Bank of Gladstone, NJ has notified the AOG that **Howard W Serig** died on 5 Feb. No other info available at this time.

In signing off as your scribe these past two and half yrs, I do so with regret. I shall miss the contacts with you who have kept me supplied with news. Many thanks for your help.

Grip hands. WGJ

'24

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The 65th Yr Reunion of the Class was held at WP during 17–20 May. Those present included **Bob & Florence Dewey** and 4 relatives, **Clarence & Anne Bennett** and two relatives, **Ken Strother, Herbert Benz** and son, **Logan & Betty Berry** and daughter, **Peter & Bunny Hains, Art & Rosalie Trudeau, Patricia Stebbins, Tommy Holmes** and son, and **John & Mae Hincke**. Most of the gp arrived from Wash DC by chartered bus on 17 May. The bus was shared with the Class of '29.

The second day's activities included a bus tour of the post and a visit to the Class of '24 Room in the Cadet Chapel where a plaque has been emplaced bearing the names of the 18 classmates who died in WWII. The evening featured the alumni dinner dance in Washington Hall.

The following day was devoted primarily to the elaborate Alumni exercises. The most impressive moments occurred when the members of the Class of '24, preceded by the Supe and members of his staff, and a few others of senior classes, led the procession of several hundred graduates onto the parade ground for the Old Grads review.

The Class cocktail party and dinner were held that evening at the Thayer Hotel. The two Class aides & their wives, as well as our Class granddaughter, Cadet Jenny Adams and her mother, Elizabeth P Adams, daughter of **Leslie Fletcher**, were the invited guests. Suitably engraved gifts were presented to the aides and to Jenny. All the recipients expressed their appreciation. Jenny was expecting to be commissioned in the Air Def Cmd and assigned to the UN Forces in So Ger, a station very much in the news these days because of its confrontation with similar forces of the USSR. We wish Jenny all the best.

1924: '24 at West Point

The next morning was devoted to vacating the Thayer Hotel and turning the place back to the graduating cadets and their guests. The reunion was a success in every respect.

Without any intended fanfare, it so happened that the reunion coincided with the establishment of the Class of '24 Room Endowment Fund for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the Class of '24 Room in the Cadet Chapel. The amount of the endowment was $25,000 obtained by transfer of that amount from the Class Gift Account with the WP Fund. A copy of the Instrument of Endowment may be obtained from the Secy-Treas on request.

The Twenty-four Wives held their quarterly get-together and luncheon in Wash on 9 Jun. Present were **Betty Beurket, Bo Craig, Helen Dasher, Florence Dewey, Lorraine Eddleman, Mae Hincke, Marguerite Stevens, Hazel Van Way** and **Loreine Vogel**.

We regret to announce the death of **Marie Furuholmen** who passed away on 29 Jul following a long illness. She had been confined to a nursing home for the past several yrs. Graveside services with interment in the Arlington Natl Cemetery were held on 16 Aug.

'25

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In the Jul issue of *ASSEMBLY*, based on the meager info at hand, we reported the death of our classmate **Lief Neprud** in El Paso, TX on 26 Mar. A letter from his surviving daughter, Joan Neprud Kealy, PO Box 1328, Bandera, TX, states that he died of congestive heart failure and was buried at the Ft Bliss, TX Natl Cemetery. After ret, he was a math instructor at the U of TX in El Paso for 6 yrs. Joan has just bought a lot at Ft Clark Springs, the site of an old Cav post where, as post QM, Lief built the Officers Club and swimming pool, which is still in use.

Mrs Frederick F Irving, the daughter of our deceased classmate **Welborn B Griffith Jr** is married to COL Frederick F Irving '51. She writes that their son, F F Irving Jr, Griff's grandson, is engaged to be married in Sep and that she & her husband have given him the Class of '25 Tiffany coffee service.

Wilmer Bennett reports to **Hoppie** that **Anne's** health is improving, but slowly. She has been quite ill. Wilmer hopes to make the reunion next yr.

Janet Renfro reports that **CD** fell again and this time got a compression fracture of the spine. First, he was taken to Tripler AMC, and then to Queens Hosp in Honolulu. They expect to get him in a skilled nursing home. His address is 1552 Ulueo St, Kailua, HI. I'm sure a

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note from any classmate would cheer up this old soldier.

COL HM Forde '26, sent me a clipping from the 30 Jul issue of the *San Diego Union*. An article written by Richard Benke concerned **Henrietta Wyeth**. Henrietta is the widow of our deceased classmate, **Peter Hurd**. She is living in San Patricio, NM. The author states that, in her studio at Sentinel Ranch, the adobe hacienda where Pete took her as a bride, she paints nearly every day. She is 81 now and probably the First Lady of American Art.

Since the notes for the Jul issue of *ASSEMBLY* were submitted, we have lost two more classmates. **Rinaldo Van Brunt** died at WRAMC of cardiorespiratory failure on 18 Jun. He was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 22 Jun. He is survived by two daughters: Johanna Von Walter of Chevy Chase, MD and Rinalda Stevens of Bethlehem, PA, as well as 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. After ret he served as dir of the MD Civil Def and Disaster Preparedness Agency from 61 to 77.

A call to **Hoppie** from **John Hincke** on 19 Jul stated that **Don Bailey** of Bethesda, MD had died on 18 Jul. He was buried at WP. His wife **Amy** is very ill and was not able to attend the funeral. **Hubert Cole** tried to call her, but she was too sick to talk to him. No further details at this time.

Hoppie & Sophia left their FL home in early May and drove north to Rehoboth Beach, DE. They owned an apt and a rental property there, but sold the rental property soon after arrival. Hoppie says the next to go will be the apt and then they will go back to FL where all old folks belong. In the meantime, they still have their garden, and a close friend, Mary Lou McManus, lives close by. Their granddaughter, Susan Gerard, along with her fiancé visited them and they were expecting their daughter, Mary Carol, with her two sons, Joshua and Gabriel, for a wks' visit.

Shortly before leaving FL, **Hoppie** had a minor operation. He recovered from the operation, but the anesthesia left him groggy. He states that he is physically fine, but feels that he is in somewhat of a fog. As a result, he asked **Charlie Saltzman** to get someone to take over his job as Class treas and **Haydon Grubbs** has agreed to take it. So, for any of you who have not sent in your Class dues, send them to Haydon. His address is COL HY Grubbs (Ret), Box 615, Shalimar, FL 32579.

Hubert Cole writes that his oldest grandson, William E Cole, graduated from WP in 87 and was assigned to the 82nd Abn Div at Ft Bragg, NC. But before joining his div, he was ordered to take a 5-mo Battery Off course at Ft Sill, OK and then a two-mo Ranger Tng course, thus joining his div some 7 mos after graduating from WP. Since joining his battery at Ft Bragg, he has made some 30 parachute jumps and has qualified as a jumpmaster. He has also been promoted to 1LT.

Time is rapidly approaching for our 65th Reunion. Hope to see all of you there. But in the meantime, write and tell me what you are doing.

Pat

'26

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Two letters from **Dick Mayo** tell that he & **Northa** are in fine shape, enjoying life in Boca Raton "in the land of eternal summer, and I love it." One reason the Mayos, as well as many others of their townsmen, find living there so appealing comes directly from the successful fight Dick, as pres of "Citizens for Limited Growth" organization, put up 25 yrs ago to amend the city charter by restricting the no of dwelling units within the city boundary. Other less farseeing cities in FL and elsewhere are enjoying the pleasures of overpopulation by unexpected and unplanned for newcomers.

Vald Heiberg writes that a number of classmates are moving into the Fairfax, a ret home at Ft Belvoir, VA: **Evelyn** & Vald, **Dort & Red Reeder** (who remarked with his sly humor, "I'm delighted Vald reports there 17 Sep. I will at least know where the dining hall is."), **Ada Collins, Leon Johnson**. Vald admitted that the decision to move came only after long examination and was motivated chiefly by the fact that all their children have homes in the DC area. (And great joy in the new home.) In addition, Vald reported that at the annual WP Awards Convocation COL Pete Heimdahl (Prof Mechanics, job Vald held for over 19 yrs) presented the Class of '26 Award to Cadet Patrick A Brown who held the highest composite standing in Applied Sciences and in Engr. This cadet graduated top of his class in '89. At the same gathering Red Reeder's daughter, Mrs TS Riggs Jr, handed the Red Reeder award for outstanding Army baseball player to Cadet Benjamin S Smith, who must have shown the qualities of Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, et al: he has won that award 3 yrs in a row!

The woeful news of **George McCormick's** (non-grad; see Feb 89 *ASSEMBLY*) death on 10 Jul diminishes us all. We offer his wife **Peg** our sympathy and condolences in her time of trial. She reported that George had had a difficult time last two mos at the Carpentaria (Australia) nursing home where she saw him daily; that he was honored by full mil services by both US and Australian vets orgs. Peg was particularly touched by the playing of our *Taps* and by the Australian equivalent, *The Last Post*. Our deepest sympathy and love to you, Peg over your loss.

Spud Murphy, our West Coast reporter, sends the news that he & **Gen** are delighted with the arrival of their first great-grandchild, Kevin Jean Murphy, at Los Alamos, NM. Of themselves, no further news though a fine harvest from others. Thanks, Spud.

Hal Forde claims he has no news save he's going again to Kenya on an AOG trip during latter Oct and early Nov. Previously, Hal had phoned me, pressuring that I go along and enjoy the gorgeous scenery, the incomparable ambiance, etc, along with exciting contacts with lions, elephants, crocs and suchlike wildlife (soon to disappear from that area owing to the attentions of hyperactive poachers). He insisted that he was still in great shape, still enjoying excellent health. And as usual, he was zealously promoting a 65th Reunion somewhere on the West Coast.

Marje Brady is back on an Elderhostel trip to Scotland, returning the 10th Aug. A hurried note from her dashed off at the airport tells that she liked her first experience of that same trip to Glasgow, Edinburgh, etc, where she stayed in college dorms so well that she's repeating the experience.

Almost daily, **Beth McNaughton** returns to her old-home studio in order to continue her painting. Her son, a ret AF MedO now works at the Army Hosp, Ft Ord and drops in to see Beth often. Meanwhile, her daughter is scheduling a wk's stay with Beth; both while visiting doss down in Beth's old home; she rents it half a yr, and it's vacant now.

Ann Van Syckle has had a nasty health setback tho she is now recovering: a broken hip and pneumonia. She has a nurse 5 days weekly, one who takes wonderful care of her patient, drives her car, takes Ann shopping and even out to dinner. Meanwhile, despite her troubles, Ann still entertains occasionally, always enjoying the company and the setting. Ann feels certain she is recovering. Way to go, Ann; we all wish you baldige Besserung.

Another one of our company who plans to re-group and to reorganize, **Aline Kirchoff** will move soon into the Army Ret Residence at San Ant which she visited in Apr. There she was most pleased with what she found and decided to live in one of their cottage homes rather than in the main establishment. But first she has the problem of selling her home and readying for the move. Those of us who have already gone through the trauma of such a change sympathize with you, Aline, and wish you great happiness in your new home.

A long and affable letter from **Marge Roosma** shows that she has had a busy, pleasant, and happy spring and early

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summer. She spent two mos in FL and then went to Ft Bragg to visit with son Bill "who is a MG and still jumping out of planes." Next she spent some time with her oldest son John Jr who lives and works in DC; his twin Garry is still in Montclair. As Marge has done for yrs, she has taken a place at Rehoboth Beach, DE for two summer mos. And in between her many grands keep her busy maintaining touch with them. John III is flying for Delta; her oldest granddaughter, Margaret, is a CPT SigC stationed in CA; one grandson is in the Marines and another has just graduated from TX A&M and is entering the AF. Marge claims that she won't see the football games at WP this yr: "I hate to give them up but Mother Nature and Father Time caught up to me—there are too many steps in the stadium." But she still gets down to NYC for a lunch or to see a show or the like. On occasion she visits DC and sees **Ada Collins, Freddie Munson, Leon Johnson, Edwina White**. Marge asked about plans for the 65th Reunion and claimed she was ready to attend. She also reminded us (the whole Class) that "there is a beautiful picture of John in his basketball uniform in the new basketball arena. Be sure to see it if you get up that way." All this in a letter from a lively, active soul enjoying the good things in her life to the fullest. Keep it up, Marge.

We shall all be saddened to learn of the death of **Bill Deyo's Ethel** who suffered a stroke late in Jun and died less than a mo later. She had been ailing for many yrs, and it was only Bill's tender care and solicitude which kept her at home and not in a nursing establishment. He deserves our respect as well as admiration for the love and devotion he lavished on Ethel. Bill claims he'll spend more time now on his long-time hobby which has rewarded him consistently: playing the stock market. So our love and consolation, Bill, for your loss as well as success as you tangle with the bulls and bears of Wall Street.

"As to **Hal's** idea of a reunion in the West," claims **Rod Smith**, " . . . it was up at WP where we celebrated graduation some 65 yrs come 91, so I still vote for the rockbound place. Not that I wouldn't enjoy a reunion in the West with Hal. . . ." Otherwise, no news, good or bad, from Rod & **Katherine**.

An upbeat letter from **Hank Ross** tells that his voice is improving from the stroke he suffered some 5 yrs ago. Implicit in the letter is the feeling that Hank considers himself lucky all through the progress of the stroke and is still fortunate. Thus: "This place (his home in NYC) should be known as the 480 Park Ave Nursing Home. There are loads of tenants with nurses around the clock; so I have no complaints." Last mo I had drawn Hank's attention to a long and detailed article, "Indefensible" in the Jun issue of *Atlantic Monthly* and especially to the thesis that the US support of NATO is a care package for the rich. Hank agreed and wrote, " . . . when you see the homeless in NYC, schools, poverty, etc, I think they could make better use of the money." Hank also forwarded an excerpt from the recent biog/*Vivian Leigh* by Hugo Vickers which showed what Dr Hank had done for her, his name appearing in the index. In the early 50's he was treating her 2–3 times wkly. He took care of Oliver then, tho the two of them were not married. So Hank, you have from all of us best wishes for continued improvement.

The Jul troubles in Beijing have touched many people and among them **Ruth Condon** who along with her daughter had a wonderful China trip all set up with reservations confirmed. Now, although the trip cancelled, they still have their Cathay-Pacific air tickets and have alternate plans to see Thailand and Singapore. Meanwhile, Ruth is busy with volunteer work for the Red Cross and with some special projects concerning disaster control. So no matter, a glorious trip to you both, whatever destination you choose.

Helen Tausch and a sister have been kept busy most of the winter and spring caring for blood relatives with various crippling ailments. Now the pressure is letting up a bit, and she has been able to move about a bit more freely. She mentions seeing **Eileen Riggs, Bo's** widow who lives in the Madison House of San Ant, at an open house given by the S.A. Museum. Then Helen and a friend took in a wk of Elderhostel early this yr at the UTX in Austin. She has reservations for a trip to the WI Dells and to Mackinac Isl late this summer. She plans to visit her youngest sister in FL come winter. All this spiced with a short jaunt along with another sister to Ft Worth and Dallas to see the Rameses II exhibit.

A blithe, cheerful spirit always marks **Ted Peck's** notes: she's ever on top of life; nothing gets her down. Ted has discovered what so many of us retireds have learned and so few of the unretireds know: "You wouldn't believe how busy we old folks can be . . . my calendar is full every day and I'm grateful for lovely friends and staff who plan lovely trips and entertainment. My children and grandchildren are also very good to me. . . . I had quite a battle with my left eye and implant . . . but finally my eye has cleared and I can see things now I haven't seen in yrs." How fortunate must be the people around you, Ted, because they have the possibility that some of your sunniness may inspire them, too.

Mac & Kay McFarland plan to enter a nearby ret spot this fall; he claims that it is truly an excellent one, the best they have yet seen. Meanwhile, as he always does, he has been recruiting for WP candidates and has forwarded the name of what he considers the best aspirant he has yet found, a superb, gung-ho youngster who is also an accomplished wrestler. The fellow was so wound up over the possibility of an appointment that he got in touch with the WP wrestling coach. In the interim, Kay is fine, coming along well and bids fair to achieve her aim: to walk comfortably with a cane. But Mac has taken his lumps. In early Jul he suffered a nasty fall (he has long deplored the tendency to wobble on his pins) which bruised him so that temporarily he can't write, and remember Mac has a first-rate copper-plate fist, the finest you'll find in any '26er, male or female.

Bill & Rosy Mills are enjoying a pleasant, dolce-far-niente summer on their mini-ranch in Walla Walla, WA. Bill claims his garden is in fine shape except for the tomatoes which won't ripen, a common defect all around them. Now they're planning a circuit this fall; first to Omaha to attend a reunion of Bill's WWII unit, the 46th Engrs; then to Baltimore to visit their younger daughter and to celebrate their 60th wedding anniv; and finally back to Walla Walla. So great honor, joy, happiness to you both on this trip.

'27

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First, I want to thank all of you who sent notes on my loss of **Mary Fay. Trapnell's** was most consoling. Another football star, Harry Wilson '28, ended his note with: "I still could use some of your coaching." It brought back memories of trying to keep exhausted football players awake long enough to be able to face the next day's class.

Ray Bell at 85 is full of pep. He plans to "invade" Omaha Beach on 6 Jun to celebrate the 45th anniv of the Normandy Landing. D-Day was my 13th wedding anniv as well as my father's birthday. My responsibilities as "Chief of Construction and Quartering" still scare me.

Blair Garland reports that the **Stuart Woods** spent a couple of days with them. He enclosed a page from the *Fayetteville Observer* showing Stuart as "The Last Southern Gentleman" and a photo taken by Blair showing **Dorothy** with the Woods and **Derbys**.

Bob Wohlforth promises me a story on **George Derby's** "The Derby Research Award." He enclosed a letter from Jerry Galloway, Jr, now Professor, USMA, that is full of well deserved praise for Bob's "Friends of the WP Library." I quote from Galloway: "the Friends ** have gone a long way ** because of your vision and efforts. ** The Week's (book)

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bequests should exceed $250,000, which reflects the efforts of the Friends. ** You came up with the idea of the Friends and saw it through its conception and birth. You are responsible for the success of the Friends and the Academy owes you much."

From Sam Thomas '53, pictures of the Founders Day celebration in Cincinnati with LTG Palmer, **Jack West** '27 Oldest, and Dave Alberga '84 Youngest. My good news is that I have my driver's license and can now serve as **Chubby Roth's** chauffeur. **Mary's** housekeeper is now my housekeeper and grocery buyer. We pick up Chubby at 9 a.m. every Sat and go to the Presidio Commissary for our wk's supplies.

Mac Miller reports that we have 53 of our 203 still around with two others on whom we have no word. He reports on the funeral services for **Ed Mechling** at Arlington on 24 May. His daughter Sue brought his ashes back, and there was a full ceremony—band, caisson, honor guard, rifle salute, taps—everything due an AF gen! Sue's address is Mrs ER Matthews, 6341 Pony Circle, Cocoa, FL 32926.

For quite awhile I have been **Art Roth**'s chauffeur. Art cannot pass the eye test to get a driver's license but he is a wizard at remembering the shortest way between any two points and being able to tell the driver when to turn left or right. **Betty & Woody Hocker** asked us both for Sunday lunch at their new apt house in San Mateo. Art guided me to the door. We were most impressed with the luxury of the apt and the apt house and its dining room and the lunch.

Art's next invitation to me was to have lunch at the Ft Mason OC which is within walking distance of his home. It was quite a treat. Art is halfway between my house and the commissary and I pick him up on my weekly shopping visit. After our lunch he took me on a tour of the Presidio which the Army must abandon soon. It was an educational tour of the history of the Presidio going back to the Spanish days. I am sure that a Congressional team taken on the same tour would not agree to the Army giving up a facility that is mil from the day "GO."

As scribe, I feel that I am far away from most of our Class. It seems that 6 of the 7 in CA are in the San Fran Bay area. The 8 in FL are well spread out. Four of the 7 in TX are in San Ant and two in the Dallas area. Three of the 7 in VA are close to the nation's capital. The remainder are spread out over 16 states. NC with 4 is the biggest concentration. What I would like is news of interest to the Class from your area no matter how small!

Gar Davidson has a "West Point" comm on which **Tom McManus, Art Roth** and I serve. Ideas and suggestions from outside CA would be most welcome.

Art Roth received a post card from Budapest, Hungary which was mailed by **Marty Morin**. On an AOG sponsored trip, Marty & **Jan** are visiting, by boat and bus, Czechoslovakia and Poland as well as Hungary. It sounds like a very interesting tour.

'28

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My notes for the Jul *ASSEMBLY* got to WP a wk late and hence, were not included. The reason: on 18 Apr while visiting my daughter in Brookline, MA, I fell and broke my right hip. I was in the VA Hosp at Jamaica Plains, MA, for two wks where the doctors fixed me up with an artificial joint. I then enjoyed TLC at my daughter's house until about 1 Jul, plus physical therapy from the visiting nurses office in Brookline. I am fine but moving a bit slowly.

Buck Wiley wrote that he was doing fine (no more signs of cancer) after a series of treatments of radiation and chemotherapy. He & **Catherine** sold their house on 4 Apr and moved into a lovely ret home nearby at 1150 8th Ave, SW, Pinecrest Place #2215, Largo, FL 34640.

The inevitable is happening: **Maury Cralle** delivered the address as oldest graduate present at Founders Day, Ft Monroe. **Tony Delmonico** likewise at Wichita, KS. And your scribe has been the oldest graduate present at the last two Founders Day assemblages in Indianapolis (while visiting my son and family). **Ralph Butchers, Harry Kirby, Estelle Kirby, Jo Warren,** and **Ruth Butchers** are pictured at the San Ant gathering. **Steve & Skippy Harbold** and **George Mundy** were also present.

1928: Maury Cralle; Founders Day 1989, Ft Monroe

1928: Tony Delmonico

I learned from **Luke Finley** that **Whit Jack** died on 23 Apr. I express here the sympathies of the Class to **Betty** and the other members of the family.

Skippy Harbold sent me much info from San Ant, including the report on Founders Day above. **Sally Anderson** and **Willa Landon** keep busy traveling. **Francis Myers** visited daughters in Mexico and son, COL Sam L Myers Jr '58 in Scottsdale, AZ and was visited by daughter Anne & husband LTC William G Bartlett of Del Rio. **Russ Blair** is awaiting improvement of an eye infection so that the doctors can do an operation. The **Butchers** hold forth in Village II. **Bess Browning** reports that she is busy and in good health. **Betty Gude** is expecting to have a knee operation. **Bob Tate, Hazel Bulger** and **Dorothy McLennon** are all now in nursing homes.

1928: Butchers, Jo Warren, Kirbys and Ruth Butchers; Founders Day 1989, San Ant

Skippy keeps in touch with **Harry Wilson**, Rochester, NY and reports that wife **Patricia** is in bad physical condition and Harry is far from nimble.

My next notes are due on 13 Oct.

'29

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From all reports our 60th Reunion was a huge success. **Slim Vittrup's** letter to **Sam Silver** gives a pretty detailed summary so, with his permission, I'm quoting it and will add a couple of footnotes.

"Since you & **Betsy** were unable to make '29's 60th reunion, will undertake to give you a report of some of the highlights. Enclosed are (a) copy schedule (b) copy roster of those present, including assorted relatives, etc, and 'Little Abe' **Lincoln**.

"**Dee Dee**, sailing under false colors as **Suzie Lane Armstrong**, came up on the bus with us from Wash—we shared

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bus with '24. She brought news of **Bill Bullock**—my roommate for 4 yrs. He has had problems and she has been riding herd for him for several yrs. Much of that I learned from **Mary Cook** and **Marilu Hammock**. Dee Dee should have another star in her crown. I'm getting off the track talking about individuals when I probably should be telling you more about the schedules and what happened.

"*Wed*—Bus at Ft Myer spotted on time. Eventually got underway on correct road after unscheduled tour of Iwo Jima Monument and other areas in vic. Stopped for lunch in DE where we had option of selecting what we wanted to eat and paying for same. No PME lunches. All went well until we were back along on Garden State Parkway when the bus driver began receiving a deluge of free and unsolicited advice from the experts aboard on how to get to WP. The result was, as you might expect, bumper to bumper traffic through little podunks—oodles of red lights and yes, more free and unsolicited advice and pious comments about what we should have been doing instead of what we were. Through it all **Bill McCulla**, who after all was running the show, and the driver, just rolled with the punches and we arrived at the Thayer in good time and checked in.

"When we entered the room where we were to have dinner, there was a sign over the bar. *NO* Cash Bar courtesy **Kirkpatrick**, (Kirk couldn't make it) so sent Kirk & Ginny a postcard telling them we missed them and plagiarized Tennyson by telling them "there was no moaning at the bar" when "'29 set out to sea" as a result of your generous and thoughtful gift of Happy Hour. The initial gathering was a most pleasant occasion. At this point I latched on to **Dee Dee Armstrong** and **Mary Lynch** and we sort of looked out after one another, with or without help from **Hank Royall**, for the duration.

"*Thurs*—The services at the '29 General Eisenhower Hall and during lunch were most impressive but somewhat sobering when we saw the lists of those who had died in line of duty and in action.

"Dedication of the **Lincoln** Building was well attended by many besides '29—many speeches extoling the virtues and accomplishments of **Abe**. **Freddie** and the Supe pulled the drapes from the bronze plaque on the building.

"Dinner dance was understandably a mob scene with much confusion, but a good time by most was evident. Believe it or not, I danced—rubber legs and all, with the support and guidance by **Dee Dee Armstrong**. Was particularly pleased that a number of people with whom I had served came over to say hello.

"*Fri*—Business meeting: **Paul Thompson**, Pres and **Bill McCulla**, Sec-Treas selected "in perpetuity" hopefully not same definition the "great" Jimmy Carter put on wording of Original Treaty in Panama Canal.

"Alumni exercises showed us just how close we are to the front of the line, or end of the road, depending on which way you look at it. If I counted correctly, '19 had 2—'24 had 6 or 8—'29 had 14 in the march (Flory '19—a drawing "P" our plebe and yearling yrs placed the wreath) across the parade ground to Thayer Monument (where Sedgwick used to be). Choirs, band, cadets and old grads heart moving. Parade impressive as always—stood next to **Geo Keeler**—we made wise cracks to one another about cadets bouncing out of step—people carrying swords awkwardly in and out of step and, of course, the female cadets. (When we formed up in front of the library, we were right in front of our Class tree where it had been moved when diagonal walk was relocated.)

"The AOG meeting was for me uneventful except for the fine talk Mike Davison made as he turned in his suit after six yrs of distinguished service as pres of AOG.

"The boat ride, which included a tour of the Warner Home on Constitution Isl specially arranged by **Paul Thompson**, and a trip to Bear Mountain Bridge under a full moon, were highlights. (Also this cash bar was switched to open.)

"The songfest started on the boat, was continued in the Hospitality Room which **Paul & Josette Thompson** had thoughtfully set up and generously stocked. Renditions included everything: light opera, broadway hits, gospel hymns and Barrack Room Ballads. Most all sang whether they knew the words or the tune or not. **John Horton** knew most of Abdula-Bull-Bull. When **Hank Royal** sang "I want a girl just like the girl—she was the *only girl* Daddy ever had"—Paul Thompson indicated a search for facts, not fiction, and wanted to know if Hank could document this *"only girl"* business. **Rabbit McClelland** liked *The Rooten Tooten Son of a Gun from AZ.* **Miriam Keeper** knew more words and tunes than most, and I probably made more noise than most. We closed shop about 11 p.m., undoubtedly to the great relief to those within earshot. There is much more I could have mentioned about people and incidents but this thing is too long already and the clocks are bonging midnight.

"*Sat*—check out—bus spotted on time—usual baggage hassle. Many smiling farewells, but down deep all realizing we never know what the next 5 yrs might have in the cards for us. Bus departs right on the button 10 a.m. Bus driver got us back to Ft Myer expeditiously, without incident or unsolicited advice from experts.

"Although she had to use a wheelchair, **Dot McCulla** didn't miss a function so far as I know. Those of us who attended our 60th Reunion owe a debt of gratitude to **Paul Thompson** and **Bill McCulla** for their outstanding performance.

"Have already said too much, so will simply say, you and **Betsy** missed a good one—Best to you both.

Russell"

Paul & Josette Thompson sent all classmates a copy of the program and included the mins of the short business meeting. The motion for retention of your officers was appreciated, but as Paul indicated a mail election will be held in the fall of 90. I added a comment while on the bus going to the boat ride that the job of "scribe" isn't elective, and that for me to continue I need frequent input by many classmates, not just a few.

The music and wine at dinner, and the wine and '29 Armagnac at the luncheon, were compliments of **Paul & Josette**. **Smo**, whose two sons "the Smother's Brothers" have the winery that produced "Mom's Choice." (They have been sell out performers at the theater and are scheduled for next yr.) Smo was Paul's roommate all 4 yrs, as **Paul Steinbeck** was mine.

In addition to the memorial service, just before the luncheon, when all graves of classmates and dependents buried at WP were marked with a flower and a locator map of the cemetery furnished. Several have indicated their appreciation.

We were fortunate in having the services of MAJ Gary Melton and Bob Zaccaroni as Class aides, which made things go smoothly.

Back to the reunion: re the financial statement, the bills have been paid and we're still solvent. Now a couple of quotes from the **Lincolns**—Little Abe and Big Abe's Freddie. "What a wonderful reunion we had. One of the smartest things I ever did was to marry a member of the Class of '29. . . . I understand more and more what Abe used to say about 'getting rededicated' on these occasions. You should know that I appreciate my great welcome to the Class of '29's activities and associations—Big Abe did much for me and I could cite several in '29 who did too—**George Keeler, Paul Caraway,** and **KD Nichols** are just a start. I don't know if any other Class would have done it for me. But none could have done it better or been more important to me."

Five Class daughters added immeasurably to the reunion. **Ducky & Martha Hail's** twins Leslie Formi and Linda Goodlis on their initial visit to WP; Elizabeth O'Hara and Steve Lane; Diane Stephenson and Jean McCulla Riggs. Another plus was Jack Bracken who came to Libby's 60th so she could

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get down to Philly to attend his 50th at Penn Law School and then to Pgh for him to accept a prestigious Silver Centennial Medal from the "Skyscraper U."

As a follow-up on the business meeting item re expressing appreciation to Bob McDermott for USAA's gift to endow the Social Science Dept extracurricular activities. **Paul Thompson** sent **Jim Stephenson** a very appropriate "mailgram" which Jim read to Bob during a 60th wedding anniv celebration of Jim & **Lois** in USAA Towers.

Vyonne & Don Steming stayed on for a couple of days and attended chapel. That brought back many fond memories, among them their wedding there. After he got home, told **Dick Scott** about the reunion. Dick had had skin surgery on a spot on a cheek and is OK now. Don, **Paul Thompson**, Bill Yost (head of cultural activities), COLs Lamb and Strati of AOG are working on the possibility of displaying some of the works of art which the **Stevnings** have acquired over the years in the '29 Gallery.

During our luncheon in the corridor (the first one ever) or during inspection of the gallery, **Paul** was able to announce that the Supe had approved using $40,000 of **Doby Kraft's** generous bequest "in honor of the Class of '29" to enhance the corridor with improved lighting, mounting background, etc. (The remainder has been earmarked for the relocation of Doubleday Field to the Cavalry Plain.)

Also, the Supe announced a new policy that all future Class gifts must make provision for the normal maintenance of the gift such as the new South entrance (Thayer Gate) or the Memory Books, etc. He also urged that donors of previous gifts such as the '29 Gallery make similar provisions. This was discussed in the minutes of the Class business meeting. Subsequent discussions have led to the *tentative* decision to establish a "Fund for the Maintenance and Enhancement of the Class of '29 Gallery." Later this fall a specific proposal will be circulated to the Class for approval. **Jim Stephenson** made an initial contribution of $500. I suggest that any of the Class who, in the course of a yr make a contribution to the "WP Fund," specify that it be credited to the "Fund for Maintenance and Enhancement of the Class of '29 Gallery." I anticipate that future memorial contributions (in lieu of flowers) will be so designated.

Not only did **Dee Dee Armstrong** attend the 60th, but had a 5-yr reunion with her two sons (a dean and a banker) to watch her grandson graduate from RPI. She didn't participate, but celebrated the birth of her great- granddaughter Elizabeth Clarke Parker, whose mother Elizabeth is Alan's daughter and sister of the RPI grad. No detailed report on **Bill Bullock**, but he did appreciate the tie bar Dee Dee took back to him.

The Army Ret Residence-Potomac had festivities on Flag Day and celebrated the opening of the Fairfax Mil Community in late Jul.

Ralph & Bobie Strauss had their scheduled move to Fairfax delayed about 6 wks which complicated matters as they've sold their house with possessions geared to the original date. Won't know 'til after the closing date for these notes how it worked out and whether or not **Slim Vittrup** will follow suit. **Jeanne Horridge** is going to Scottsdale, AZ instead. Incidentally, the Army Distaff Hall is now co-ed and known as "Knollwood."

Don't know how many wild turkeys **Billy Greear** got on his trip to Central TX. He thinks having a cataract removed should improve his shooting with both guns and golf clubs (not simultaneously). Results of **Helen G's** or **Nick Nichols'** tests, which interfered with their reunion plans, have been inconclusive, but encouraging, as they feel better.

Mac & Anita McClelland are back in AR after depositing the Scott Cup for display in the '29 Corridor. His letter brought out what he described as a "horrible word"—"Octegenarian" but one which would still apply to us after another 5 yrs? His letter was highly complimentary as have several others which **Paul** and I appreciate. His epistle demonstrates why he was tops in English as a cadet and outstanding as a professor after ret.

Have had two very pleasant experiences from ones who were disappointed that they couldn't attend the reunion. **George Bush** appreciated Paul's poem about 10 yrs as a LT which reminded him of the hurdle he, **Bill Maulsby** and **Tommy Griffin** had as co cmdrs of the Wolfhound Regt. They were put in MAJ's slots in mid-41 but not promoted, so they called themselves "yardbirds." (As I recall, the legislation which promoted us to CPT after 10 yrs also required 13 years (?) service before being promoted to MAJ. The Air Corps made some temp promotions, but no one received the pay of the higher grade until after Pearl Harbor and war was declared.)

At a cocktail party they ret to a back room and composed a paraphrase of *God Bless America*, came out and sang it to a properly appreciated audience. Here it is:

God Bless America
yardbirds made it pure.
We'll be yardbirds forever.
For promotion we'll never endure.
From Lieutenant to Captain
Took all of 10 years,
But to Majority
There's only sweat or tears."

The other was a visit from **Marion McDonald** Sheppard and her husband COL Harvey, a VPI grad in '30. He accomplished an inventory of and appraisal of **Dorothy's** stamp and snuff bottle collections. They aren't that valuable, but with Dorothy's sight being such that she can no longer care for and enjoy the stamps, it was an invaluable service. That really was a bonus, for the visit recalling old times, 55th reunion, etc, was wonderful in itself. When they went home, they took the *50th Reunion Book* which was on display at the Class dinner and in the hospitality room so that the **DuBoses** and **Cooks** could look it over.

Rodger **Browne** II '54 reported that his mother, **Charlotte**, whom many of the Class knew, died last Feb after a two-yr stay in a nursing home near his sister "Trish" Thomas in Arlington, VA. **Hank Royall's** wife **Mayme** died shortly after their 47th wedding anniv. She had been bedridden for 3 yrs after her stroke. Both **Alberta Quinn** and the **Wetzel** sons have expressed thanks to the Class for memorials. As of the end of Jun we have 71 classmates, 57 wives, and 105 widows.

The following changes should be made in your 60th Reunion Roster: **Dan Quinn** deceased, 3 Apr, **Alberta** to widows section; Correct spelling is **Vyonne**, pronounced Vonnie, **Stevning**; **Vander Heide**—deceased 3/28/89; **Wetzel** deceased 4 May 89; **Strauss** and **Vittrup** to the Fairfax; **Dee Dee Armstrong** instead of Sue; Mrs **Roy G Cuno** to 3006 McNeil Unit 428, Wichita Falls, TX 76309; Mrs **Joseph Horridge**, The Forum, Pueblo Norte 7090 E Mescal, Scottsdale, AZ 85254; Mrs **Ralph Strader**, delete top address in Myrtle Beach.

'30

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On 26 Jun I heard again from **Hank Royall** with sad news indeed. His wife **Mayme** died 17 Jun. She suffered a stroke in May 86 and fought for life from that time on. The funeral was at Walker's Funeral Chapel in Chapel Hill, NC. Burial was in a family plot in the cemetery of Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in rural Johnston County, NC. This was Hank's home church which he joined before entering USMA.

With **Hank's** help and care, **Mayme** was able to stay at home until her death. They celebrated their 47th wedding anniv on 29 May. Hank plans to continue living in the same home in which they have lived since 48. His address is 105 Noble St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. We are all glad to remember that the Royalls attended our 55th Reunion in 85.

In mid-Jul **Paul Ruestow** wrote a charming note from Jacksonville. His wife **Clara** spoke at Ft Leonard Wood during the dedication of Grant Hall there to her father, US Grant III, USMA '03. She extolled his devotion to the

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Army, the country, and the flag. Her sister Julia Grant Dietz was also there, as well as her nephew John Grant Griffiths. He is the son of David W Griffiths USMA '18, and is the curator of the Marine Ordnance Museum at Quantico. As most of you know, the Engr Sch has moved and is being rebuilt at Leonard Wood. Paul added that Jacksonville is really hot in Jul, so, he gets his outdoor activities done in the morning and retreats to AC thereafter. Many thanks, Paul.

Now for some really good news. **Pete King** wrote me 22 Jul to say that he has now found a home for his memorial plaque. He had planned to present it to the Academy at our Reunion next yr, but after two yrs effort, was unable to obtain the approval of the official memorial selection comm. However, it took only one minute for the top authority of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Natl Cemetery to accept it for permanent display in the Memorial Room of the Tomb. This room is directly behind the Tomb in the beautiful white marble amphitheater. Pete is delighted that we can honor our war dead classmates in the most prestigious soldier's memorial shrine in the country.

The plaque shows, in sculptured relief, a dying soldier with a broken sword, and an angel in the background ready to take him to heaven. Our '30 crest is at the top of the plaque, and the dedication reads: "In memory of the unknown soldiers of WWII and the Korean Conflict, and the 20 WP Classmates of the USMA Class of 1930 who gave their lives for their country." Also on the plaque the 20 names of our classmates are listed.

Pete wrote further that there would be a full mil ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Sun 20 Aug at the Tomb, during the changing of the guard ceremony. A group of 4 classmates would lay a wreath at the Tomb. When the ceremony had been completed, *Taps* would be played by a member of the US Army Band. Thereafter, the wreath party and guests were to be escorted to the Memorial Display Room where the plaque would be presented to Arlington Natl Cemetery. All our classmates, their families and friends were encouraged to attend. We are all delighted to learn that this project has come to full fruition at last. I am sure you will be pleased with the plaque.

On 3 Aug I received a brief note from **Buddie Talcott** which has left me sad indeed. **Larry** died on 5 Jul at St Peter Hosp in Olympia, WA of heart disease. He had been quite well until early May of this yr, but thereafter his condition deteriorated rather quickly. Larry was 82. He was born in Sommerville, MA and attended Latin High in a Boston suburb. He lived for 3 yrs in "G" Co with **Howie Quinn** and me. He was the ideal roommate. In the spring of 30 he was turned back physically as a suspected tuberculosis patient. The following yr he returned and graduated with the Class of '31, but was not commissioned. He had a spectacular career with Sears & Roebuck, and ret as treas of that co. He is buried in Olympic Memorial Gardens, Tumwater, WA. In retrospect, we are all so glad that this dear couple was able to attend the 85 Reunion. Our hearts go out to you and to your family, Buddie.

I reported on the Class spring luncheon in the Jul issue. Pictures made at that time at Ft McNair have since become available, and are shown below.

I continue to hear from **Bill Harris** frequently. He is still confined to his home in Bethesda, and remains moderately ambulatory. His spirit is GREAT, and he bucks me up every time I talk to him.

Ned Moore is still confined to his wheelchair, but his morale is also tops. He planned to be at the ceremony in Arlington on the 20th, but does not expect to be able to get to the 1990 Reunion. **Dave Baker & Shirley** visited the

1930: '30 bronze plaque for memorial room at Arlington Cemetery

1930: Larry Talcott 1906-1989

1930: Fitch, Duehring and Janairo

1930: Lewis, O'Meara and Koscielniak

1930: Wright, Porter and King

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1930: Carter and Wooten

Moores again this yr en route to Andrews for a physical. Ned & **Vivian** look forward to their annual visits which culminate with Shirley's relatives in PA.

By the time you read this, each of you should have received the initial 1990 Reunion flyer. If you did not get one, it may be because I do not have your address, or you have moved. I think my roster is complete for all living members of the Class. However, I have addresses for only 89 Class widows, which I estimate is only about two thirds of the total.

Take care at Halloween, and be sure to get your share of turkey at Thanksgiving. We have so very much for which we can be truly thankful.

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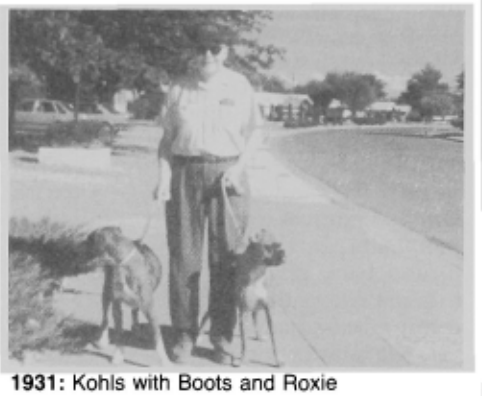
Tommy Howze has been a Red Cross volunteer for 50 yrs. Her outstanding work chairing the Seattle-King County Red Cross Aid to the Aging Program was discussed in my Sep 85 class notes. And now, she is one of 4 receiving her chapter's 88 "Making the Difference" award for their time and dedication in volunteering, and for their inspiration to others. Tommy's latest project is a conference to cover humanitarian law sponsored by her Red Cross chapter, the British Columbia/Yukon Territory Div of the Henry M Jackson School of Intl Studies at the U of WA. This is a timely pursuit of the vision of the founder of the Intl Red Cross who held in 1859 that the world then was humanitarian in the treatment of civs, POW's, the injured, and those who provided care.

1931: Smith, Howze, Dick & Pat Harrison; Founders Day 1989, Ft Lewis

Harry & Norma Cooper flew to Honolulu in Jun to visit his kinfolk and to join 14 of his 78 HS classmates attending the 65th reunion of the Class of '24. The Cooper ret Navy cmdr son provided a Rolls Royce limousine for the occasion. On a side trip to Kauai, they sought out the Koloa sugar plantation where Harry was born, but, alas, it no longer existed. **Dean & Martha Herman** continue to be numbered among our travelers with a two-wk sojourn by car to visit their CA families. **Carl Kohls** points out that he is not being led by his 2 boxers (see picture), but is getting about on his own.



1931: Kohls with Boots and Roxie

Dick Jewett has been appointed to the American Soc for Testing and Materials' natl comm E-43 whose mission is to maintain and upgrade the US "Standard for Metric Practice." Let us get on with the good ole cgs system, Dick. **Gus Wirak** says that my Apr 89 class notes locate his math teaching to the wrong college. He taught in the FL Community College system where his efforts were rewarded in 70 by his being selected as one of the "Outstanding Educators in America."

1931: Deac

There is such a paucity in news that perforce I must reach into the dear dim past almost beyond recall. For example, at **Phil & Martha Bethune's** wedding, a well-meaning doctor asked Phil, whose eyes were on his approaching bride, "Would you please step over so the ladies can see the ceremony." One more: **Dean Herman** arrived for his own wedding properly uniformed except that his sabre chain was missing. His best man, **Bill Taylor**, somehow acquired the sabre in time and carried it by hand, delivering it to Dean as the ceremony proceeded and Martha approached; in some way, it isn't clear, Dean did recover and handled it from there on. These bits of folklore were contributed by Dean.

1931: Boyd and daughter

The 20 Apr Spring frolic of the Wash group at Gibson Is, MD, through the courtesy of **Klemm Boyd**, was again our social event of the season. Lest we forget, as even some in our "ruling circles" do, **Warren Hoover** reminds us that the $10 annual dues will be gratefully rcd. At our Bastille Day luncheon at the ANCC, 12 reported "Present"—**Adams**, Boyd, **Dick, Eaton**, Hoover, **Little, McBride, McNair, Ockie, Passarella, Wilson** and me. Vice Pres **Davis** with **Wilma** were basking in 90 degree weather at Ocean City, MD, entertaining a full score of their progeny, a goodly number of whom were grandchildren. **John & Norma Barr** put on a sumptuous barbecue at their ranch near Bandera, TX on the occasion of his 11 Jun birthday—incidentally, our graduation day.

1931: Harrison, McBride, Wilson, Georgia McBride, Lawson, Pat Harrison

We are becoming adept at furnishing, here and there, the oldest living grads at Founders Day dinners. **Chuck Westpheling** reports that he was so honored at the latest Ft Worth dinner. The pres of the soc arranged transportation by a '61 grad for Chuck, who lays claim to being "the

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1931: Margot Hoover, Harrisons, Marian Wertz, Betty Howard, Hoover

1931: Gordon, Clara Belle & Leo Cather, Petey Gordon, Bill & Betty Chandler, Norma & John Barr

best blind stockbroker in Tarrant County," although he has reduced his workday to mornings only now!

News reached me in late Jul that after a long illness **John Skeldon** succumbed to cancer on 2 Jul at Wilford Hall Med Center, Lackland AFB, TX, and was buried 3 Jul at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. John ret from the Army Air Corps for physical disability in 46. He later earned a master's degree in education and taught school in San Ant for 17 yrs, retiring in 73. He leaves his wife **Elsie**; 3 daughters; 3 sons; and 2 brothers, PC Skeldon and JH Skeldon '37. And on 5 Jul, classmate **Lawrence Turner Talcott** died of heart disease in St Peter Hosp, Olympia, WA. His wife **Buddie** and OAO throughout his 4 yrs at the Academy writes that, "This is the man who graduated with your Class but was not commissioned because his 'life expectancy was too short.' " She continued, "Except that he did not serve with the mil, he lived the ideals of WP every day of his life." From 61 to 66 he was the asst treas of Sears Roebuck & Co, from which he ret.

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'32

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FOUR SCORE AND GOING FOR MORE! The Montgomery Advertiser told about the gathering of **Nancy & Leo Dahl's** clan to celebrate Leo's 80th. Daughter Page and her son from Wash DC, Peter Jr & Sandra from Atlanta, and Denny Dahl from Boston, all gathered for a dinner party at the Capital City Club in Montgomery, AL.

The item also reviewed **Leo's** standout career; student in the first class of the AirWC at Maxwell AFB in 45, later the Com of the War College and the Air Cmd Staff College, before ret as a MG. Nowhere, however, did it mention that Leo was a starting (and finishing) halfback in 30 who played both ways on the first engr team ever to win a Goat-Engr football game at WP. And yes, WP did win the Navy game that yr, too.

Leo added a poignant note, "at our last Founders Day dinner he had the 'dubious distinction' of being the oldest grad present." Come to San Ant for the next one, Leo. We are 14 yrs from the top here.

1932: The Zitzmans in regal splendor

A mo later your friendly scribe reached the 4 score score. (We don't line up alphabetically for things like this.) **Pat** & I went to dinner at a top flight Chinese restaurant where the birthday child gets his dinner on the house. I expected only our daughter Kay & her husband down from Austin but Pat had 3 other couples: Jack & Petey Gordon '31, Tom & Ruth Marnane '31, and Chet & Tommy Dahlen '33; all old pals. Gifts showered on me included a certificate from daughter Kay & husband saying a contribution had been made to the WP hockey team in honor of my 80th and another saying that the bald* eagle at the San Ant zoo was my adoptee thanks to my granddaughter. (* I'm getting gray but I still have the full thatch.)

I also got a birthday card signed by President & Mrs Bush and another signed by Senator Gramm of TX. I knew a thank you note was called for so I got one off immediately to **Joslin Morris**.

The next mo was **Todd Slade's** turn. **Happy Fraser** wrote about the double barrelled cocktail party to celebrate Todd's 80th and (more importantly) **Kay** & Todd's wedding anniv.

FINAL FAREWELLS. **Archie Lyon** phoned in Jun to tell me that **Dottie Lincoln** had died that day. She fell from a stroke in her kitchen and it was all over. The services were held at WP. Our sympathies go to **Rush** and their family.

1932: Todd & Kay Slade

BUT WE'RE LOOKING UP! **Gale Hall** had a double bypass which is never reassuring, but **Gary** reports that she is now doing fine and "taking it slowly." Gary wrote that he celebrated his 79th birthday in the hosp where he received a pacemaker which gets his heart up to regs. Their son recently moved from CA to Jax, FL and they're happy that all their clan now lives within reach on the East Coast.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. A long letter from **Eloise Hansen** told of the marriage of the **Jamison's** granddaughter, an MD who is chief resident in internal medicine at Fairfax Hosp, to another MD who is on a research program in the Public Health Svc. Eloise also told of her own grandson & wife who live la vie in Seattle. They recently gave up their apt and bought a 28' sailboat on which they are now in residence. Moorings are hard to come by out there.

1932: The infield that plays together stays together: Farnsworth 3B; Rees SS; Schorr 2B; Powel 1B

EVERY MAN AN ATHLETE! If you want to know anything about baseball, ask **Eddie Farnsworth**. And if it's Army baseball, he'll recite it from memory. In Jan he wrote the Supe a letter reminding him that next yr is not only the 150th anniv of baseball anywhere, but also the centennial of WP baseball in particular. As a cadet when he was at bat, Eddie not only lost a lot of baseballs by hitting them over the heads of the opposing

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rightfielders, but while lurking at 3rd base, he stole a lot of hits from opponents who made the mistake of hitting the ball to the left side of the infield. When he was stationed back at WP in 39 as a French instructor, he was also OIC of the baseball team.

In response to his letter, **Eddie** got good replies from both Supe Dave Palmer and Carl Ullrich, Dir of Intercollegiate Athletics. The Supe wrote, " . . . Much of the info you provided was new to me and therefore of double value. I enjoyed reading through the entire packet of materials. . . . We may be on the verge of constructing a completely new and modern home for Army baseball and your reminder that a centennial rolls around next yr will lend impetus to getting it done promptly. Starting the second century of Army baseball in a new stadium may be the perfect touch."

Eddie sent me photo copies of the complete packet that he sent the Supe and it makes fascinating reading. The Army-Navy Baseball and Track program for 39 shows the lineups from the first game in 1890 through 38. The lineup for 30, '32's first yr of eligibility for varsity baseball, shows that everyone except the catcher and left fielder were '32's. (The infield as it looks today is shown in a nearby pic.)

Maybe I should stop here and not attempt to fine tune, but the flesh, or rather, my brain is weak. **Eddie** was in D Co his first 3 yrs and, of course, played 3rd base on the C-D Co baseball team that competed with the other 5 double companies in Beast Barracks, as well as yearling and first class summer camps. C-D Co won the championship each time. Heavy bets (ie: our special ice cream dish at Sun noon) were riding on each game. How can I recall with such clarity? When **Sam Daniel** was pitching, I played center field. When **Ernie Powel** was pitching, I played first base. We didn't have a varsity pitcher in C-D Co so I played every game.

BOOK REVIEWS. I read two interesting books recently; each was by a WPer about plebe yr. The two plebe yrs were 46 yrs apart; each in a significant period.

The first book was written by Dale O Smith '34 and consisted almost entirely of the letters transmitted between him, his parents, and other members of his family during his plebe yr, 1930–31. They circulated them among themselves and saved virtually all of them for eventual publication almost 60 yrs later. We were second classmen then and lived through the same events in that period of the Great Depression. When Dale's mother wrote of his dad being out of work, it reminded me of my big brother who, at that time, had just moved into a high paying job as a craftsman at Tiffany's. Two mos later he was unemployed.

Occasionally, Dale inserted an addendum to describe the comprehensive changes that have been made at WP since that time, which made for added interest.

The other book, *The Indomitable*, by Ben Spiller '41, was about the plebe yr of the Class of '80, the first to have lady cadets. While in the form of fiction, I think it gives a good picture of one of the most remarkable transition periods in the life of the Corps. In my opinion, both books are well worth reading.

1932: Steve & Nonnie Mellnik

THE WASHINGTON WHIRL. **Eloise Hansen's** letter recounted the news from the big turnout at the most recent monthly Class luncheon. **Archie & Helen Lyon** going to England for 3 wks. **Dick & Helen Hunt** maintaining their lead in the AOG Travel Program by taking the cruise on the Danube, Czechoslovakia, Poland and points in between.

Eloise concluded with the news of the **Horners** selling their home in Alexandria prior to moving into the Fairfax at Ft Belvoir. Things were slow until **Eleanor Woolnough** joined in and sold it at the right price to the right people. The Horners think Eleanor is wonderful, as does **Jim**, you and me.

Dick Hunt wrote about the last semi-annual joint luncheon with Navy '32 which was held in Annapolis. The weather was mixed—from drizzle to a downpour, but attendance was good; about 18–20 from each school. The **Darcys** went down from CT; **Anne Brucker** from El Paso was the Hunts' house guest and accompanied them and their daughter-in-law Jayne.

The next all WP '32 luncheon at the Ft Myer Club was also well attended; about 25. The **Gillettes** brought guests, AF COL & Mrs Harry Heintzalmann Jun '43. Harry gave our gp a very interesting account of the new South Gate that was given to the Academy by his Class and showed the brochure describing the gift.

The mob also heard about WP '39's 50th anniv gift to USMA: plaques for all USMA Medal of Honor recipients which will be placed where they will be seen by all cadets.

I'll repeat an old theme of mine: if you're going to visit the Wash DC area, time it to take in the Class luncheon at the Ft Myer Club on the second Thur of the mo.

1932: '32 luncheon

GENERAL REUNION, EVERYONE ALL THERE (GREAT). It was the enjoyment I got from my visit to Wash last Dec when I resumed old contacts in the flesh that motivated me to go to San Fran in Jun to have the 18 or 20 classmates, wives and widows living there to a long Sun brunch. I like the city and I like our gp there.

Bill Kunzig did all the spade work for my brunch at the Presidio OC. We gathered for an hr and a half beforehand in a private area off the bar/lounge for rouge, blanc, and baloney, then went in to our table and the club's magnificent Sun smorgasbord. The **Dreyers, Slades, Frasers, Boswells, Kunzigs, Reina Bowen, Ann Cochran, Nana Gilmer,** and **Dotty Lankenau** were all present (see pic). It was just right; pleasant surroundings and plenty of time for remember whens.

But I found out once again that you cannot get ahead of that mob. **Vivian & Bill Kunzig** had **Chris & Phyl Dreyer** as their house guests for the wkend. **Pat** & I have always been close to the Dreyers, but I would not have had time to drive down to Pebble Beach to see them during my brief visit. So on my opening night, I had cocktails at the Kunzigs' lovely home with them and the Dreyers before we all went to an excellent dinner at one of Bill & Viv's favorite restaurants.

At my Presidio brunch, **Todd Slade** showed me recent photos of the house his family lived in on Union Place in Ridgefield Park, NJ, when my family moved in, just down the block in 1919. I then barely had the time to say "Hello, Todd," before the Slades moved away. Todd and I next met in C-D Co in Beast Barracks.

At **Nana Gilmer's** invitation, **Bill & Hap Fraser** drove me out through the beautiful country north of the Golden Gate Bridge to the condo in San Rafael where Nana and **Anne Cochran** have lovely apts. An ideal setting; each apt has plenty of room with a good view, in a pleasant community.

After an interesting tour of each of

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1932: Jim Boswell in a somber mood

their digs with a cocktail at Nana's, Nana's luncheon for the 5 of us in a pleasant nearby restaurant where she knows the people was excellent. On the way back to S.F. we stopped in Belvedere at the beautiful home of the **Frasers'** daughter. There we met Mimi Fraser Levison and her little daughter Liz. Again, it gave this never-jaundiced traveler still another beautiful view of the San Fran Bay. Every home should have such a landscape attached to it.

Before I even left San Ant, **Bill & Happy Fraser** had offered me my choice of a visit to the wine country, a voyage on S.F. Bay in the sailboat (with auxiliary; I'm not calm while sailing when the winds are calm) of Mimi & her husband, dinner in an exotic restaurant in S.F. or "anything else." I chose dinner with them and lovely **Reina Bowen** at an excellent restaurant of their choosing.

We started with champagne and canapes at **Reina's** lovely new house near the Presidio which I had not seen until then. We then went to a gourmet dinner at one of San Fran's bests. During the evening **Bill** and I swapped accounts of how each of us had died once. At a critical stage while Bill was in the hosp, his blood pressure dropped to zero, but a medico restored it with all deliberate haste.

For the first few days after I awakened in my quarters with a king-sized case of pneumonia in 37, before the days of penicillin, **Pat** was the night nurse and an Army gal came on duty at 0700. At their changing of the guard on the 3rd morning, Pat said, "He just stopped breathing, he's turning blue." The Army pro immediately gave me a shot of penicillin and 3 mos later when we attended our first '32 Reunion at WP, I was as good as new.

For 4 days in the Bay Area I had a wonderful mini-reunion. A little bonus that I had not counted on is that widows don't get invited to Founders Day in San Fran, so it was a sort of a reunion for them, too.

Now here is the bad news to go with the good. The deadline for your news to me for publication in the next issue of this otherwise reputable mag is whenever you discover it. Mail it as you get it, whenever you wish, and always include pix if you have them. I'll return your pix to you after publication.

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INCREASING COMPLAINTS have come to our attention, re unserviceability of Original Issue equipment: hair falls out; ankles turn; teeth require replacement, along with knees and hips; plumbing fails, and hearts; eyes and ears leave much to be desired, to say nothing of minds (never our strongest point, we fear . . .).

A Study Gp formed to review the "Situation and Possible Courses of Action," while not faulting initial construction procedures, suggests the possibility of a Class Action Suit against the Manufacturers. Most of the latter being no longer readily accessible, however, we fear that jurisdictional problems might moot the suit. Meanwhile the word from here is, "Live with it, Mister!"

See what the Supe has to live with. At graduation, as if the rain weren't bad enough, a solitary UPI newsman reported hearing cadets "hiss" Vice President Quayle (no one else reported this). His UPI superiors, *who weren't there*, upped the ante to "hissing *and* booing" in time for the evening news. The Corps thus got a lesson in media irresponsibility, and the Supe was left to explain what he didn't do about something that never happened (p 53, Jul *ASSEMBLY*).

With sadness we report our latest known casualties:

—On 19 May **Pugh Pearson** died in Brooke AMC at Ft Sam Houston following a two-yr battle with cancer. With classmates as honorary pallbearers, he was buried with full mil honors at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. Besides his widow **Maggie**, Pugh is survived by his brother, Alexander Pearson of Woodbridge, VA, 4 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

—On 18 Jun **Blanche Bellican** Shertzer died in Seneca, SC. She had a severe stroke a yr before. "The Bellicans and **Evans** had many good yrs together," writes **Ginny** Evans. "Blanche was buried 24 Jun in Seneca or Clemson, SC."

—On 9 Jul, less than two mos after **Pugh, Maggie Pearson** died in San Ant of complications following surgery. She is survived by her daughter, Karen M Morgan of Seattle, WA; her son, Ralph W Morgan of Orcas Isl, WA; and 7 grandchildren.

—On 8 Aug **Soapy Watters** died of cancer related complications in Phoenix, AZ. Funeral services are scheduled for Arlington Cemetery on 15 Aug. Survivors are widow **Bernie** of Brielle, NJ; daughter Maureen of Scottsdale, AZ; Mrs James Reidy of Phoenix, AZ; and 4 grandchildren.

To surviving family members, the Class extends its deep sympathy and understanding, and the hope that you will stay in touch with us. We knew them well. We miss them, too.

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"Thank you for your kind note," writes Natalie **Baumer** to the **Van Ways**. "We, too, were taken aback by the suddenness of dad's death. . . . (He) lived every day to the fullest and was, in fact, flying home to La Jolla after a very successful wk in Wash. The plane had landed in L.A. and was on the ground when he got up to get a breath of fresh air and collapsed of a heart attack. . . . WP and the mil played a large part in his life. . . . "

"**Bob & Ann Blanchard** had a nice Class get-together to welcome the **Carvers**," **Jean Myers** reports. "It was good to see everybody."

From **Charlie Carver** himself comes word that he is well recovered from the "small TIA" he suffered after arrival in their new home in The Towers (No connection with the Class party!). He reports having received splendid care at BAMC. The Carvers' son-in-law, LTG Bill Schneider, now CG of Fifth Army at Ft Sam Houston, is ret in Sep.

"I correspond regularly with Red Reeder '26, Red Newman '25, and **Fritz Hartel**," writes **Ted Conway**. "I sent them cys of material on the graduation (hiss-boo) incident. . . . We're beginning to think seriously of moving to a ret residence."

I received a pic (unfortunately not printable) of **Gabe Disosway** and **Dick (RJ) Meyer** with respective grandsons LTs BT Hanna and EA Meyer being presented with their gifts from '33 by **Tommy Moorman** upon their graduation from USAFA on 30 May. "I want to express heartfelt thanks to the USMA Class of '33," writes LT Meyer, "for their generous gift presented to LT Hanna and myself. . . . The picture of WP in winter is very beautiful and will be prominently displayed in my home."

Dora Due is reported to have been on several trips, including one to see a grandchild grad from Vanderbilt.

One has to review **Fletter's** Fascinating Correspondence and past Class notes to insure against repeating—or omitting—their many trips. "'Wonderful to be out of the country during elections," sez **Bill**. "**Irm** & I cast our absentee ballots in Singapore, then . . . on to Xi'an to see the walled city and the (Emperor's) buried terra cotta Army. . . . In Feb-Mar we took our tent safari and celebrated our 40th anniv at Ngorongoro Crater (pic). Home in time for Founders Day. No trips planned for the rest of this year.

(Later) "Just back from one-wk fishing trip 700 mi up into Canada. Our VW diesel has been overhauled and is ready

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for another 168K miles. We're distressed to hear about China, glad we were there before it all happened. 'Sorry to learn of the deaths in the Class."

1933: Irm Fletter contemplates a cake; Bill a cookie

"I'm just getting back from a great mo of visiting the **Gibbs** tribe," wites **Betty**. "Brkfst with David Jr at the Tampa airport, lunch w/'Pablo' in Denver, dinner w/daughter Pat in San Fran—then spent time along the way home. . . . My first friend in this ret colony is a Miss Hester Ficken, whose father, J Fillmore Ficken, started the bank in Highland Falls. She and her bro Frank Ficken worked at the bank 1925–57 and cared for many a USMA post-grad account. Anyone remember them?"

"You stir old memories," sez **Bill Given** of a piece written by **Bert Sparrow** of our shavetail days under Manus McCloskey at Ft Bragg—and Bill cites some pretty stirring memories to prove it. "Yes, sir, them sho wuz the tough days. THEN WHY DO WE REMEMBER THEM SO WELL?"

Pat Guiney has ret home to Highland Falls from Hershey, but is still unwell; he & **Rita** have had a rough winter and our thoughts go out to them. . . . When circumstances permit they'll move to Hershey.

Barbara & Duncan Hallock came through DC area briefly in the course of another cross-US trip in their handsome voiture, stayed with the **Hurlbuts**, promised longer next time. No square dancing!

"I was shocked first by reports of the 'booing and hissing' at WP," says **Fritz Hartel**, "wondering what happened to cadet discipline. . . . I had ultrasonic surgery on my L knee in May and am still hobbling. The orthopod said it may preclude need of a complete knee job."

"Our oldest grandson, Chad Nelms (Sallie's offspring) is now a full fledged plebe at the Crabtown School for Wayward Boys on the Severn," **Hurly** reports. "He enlisted USN last yr and attended the Navy prep school at Newport. I urged him to seek psychiatric treatment, but to no avail. Despite his choosing the wrong school, we're proud of him and look forward to his graduation 60 yrs after ours.

"En route from FL we spent an evening with Ray & Adeline Cochrane '32 and w/**Frank & Barbara Elder**. I had the pleasure of returning Frank's *Plane and Spherical Geometry* text which **Ned Gee** has harbored for lo, these many yrs.

"**Polly** & I are taking the USAA tour on the *QE II* to London and back on the Concorde in Aug to celebrate her (censored) birthday."

From **Jean Myers** we learn that **Kay Jenson** fell and broke her hip. She was in the Village Oaks hosp. Kay, we hope you are recovering well.

"On return from a beautiful trip to No England, Ireland, and Scotland," writes **Bea Jones**, "I found a letter from AOG informing me of a gift by **Pinky Webster** in honor of **Clyde**—a thoughtful and generous act. It gives me great pleasure to know that Clyde's ring resides in caring hands. . . . "

A fine letter from **Sam Mundell**. "All is well—I've somehow gotten past the 80-yr point, though with a little radiation oncology (whatever *that* is!). **Mary Lou** is in good health. Bill is still a State Legislator." Sam then described several visits he'd made to the Phoenix Mountain Nursing Center to see **Soapy Watters**, saying that on his last visit Soapy was feeling very poorly. Thanks, Sam, for your efforts—many of us think of Soapy with affection and concern.

"I went to Austin to see my oldest grandchild grad from TX," writes **Jean Myers**. "**Blackie** couldn't go as he was recovering frm a total knee replacement. (later) Following the surgery his R hand became numb and painful. Back to Brooke for surgery. Now he's better, but healing is a long process. . . . We hope he'll be in fine shape by 29 Nov, when we've booked a 23-day cruise." Ed: We hope so, too.

From **Billie Olson**, a newsful letter: "I read with sorrow about our dear friend **Bing Downing**; please let me have **Bimbi's** new address. And speaking of new addresses, I move to The Fairfax end Sep: my new address: Mrs Hardin L Olson, The Fairfax, Washington East #204, 9002 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Belvoir, VA 22060.

"I'll miss all our FL friends but will be near all my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other friends, such as **Pete Miles** in Ocean City. **Dave (Gibbs), Harlan,** and **Ole** were roomies and we 'gals' have been very close always. . . .

"**Dwight & Julie Divine**, finding their house too large, are moving to John Knox Village, a ret home in Orange City, FL. Both R fine.

"**Cloe Powell** is having serious eye trouble; however, her voice sounds strong and sweet. **Bud** is recovering from surgery. They plan to visit Puerto Rico in 2 wks for a yacht trip, island hopping with Cloe's family. That's the news from Orlando." Thanks, Billie, we needed it !

1933: Dedication, General Worth Square—BG Gorden, Com

From **Ivan Parr** we've had an interesting *NYT* reprint of a *Ft Worth Star Telegram* article on the dedication of General Worth Square (at which LTG Dave Palmer spoke), the Worth exhibit, and Fact Sheet. —And from **Jimmy Polk** a *Golf Journal* article *R.H.I.P.* "to be shared with the old Heidelberg crowd," being reminiscences of golf at Heidelberg in never-to-be-forgotten days. . . .

1933: *Joey* isn't dazzled by it! With Jimmy Polk, bashful?

"I accompanied the Class of '49 on their one-wk 40th Reunion cruise on the *Queen of Bermuda*," writes **Roy Reynolds**, who had been a Tac with that class. "We sailed from NY, had one day in Bermuda, then back up the Hudson to anchor off WP. Our hotel was the ship, a beautiful sight from WP (both ways); I don't think there has been a reunion to equal it. I had a great time!"

Barbara Scoville Brown & husband Dale came through DC area in Jul; we had the pleasure of having Dale at our Class lunch. Both well.

"**Sue Shields** had a one-man" (woman, Jean?) "showing of drawings and paintings at St Mary's Hall in Apr, and has been asked to have one at the S.A. Art Inst in Sep," reports Correspondent **Jean Myers**. We're proud to learn of it!

"Greetings!" cries **Wally Thinnes**, "It's high time I threw off my cloak of lethargy. Here's a pic of me and my charming German student, Beverly Ann LaFond, the devoted wife of a stroke victim here at

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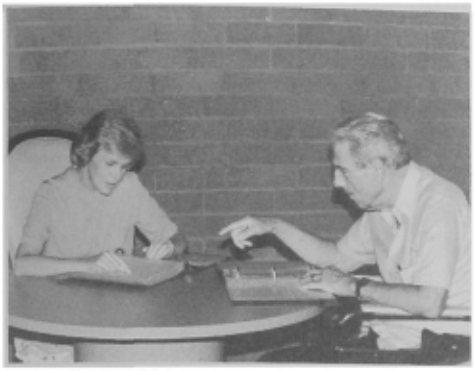
AF Village II. Pic was taken by (Ret BG) Bill Fairbrother '44 also living here. He has the dubious distinction of having been one of the first cadets to sit in my German class back in 42.



1933: Walley Thinnes and comely pupil, Beverly Ann LaFond

"This pic marks Beverly Ann's achievement in finding a way to bind looseleaf manuscript (on the German subjunctive) which could not have been bound in the normal way. Thus her initiative provides the Dept of Foreign Languages at USMA a means of preserving its own copy of the same ms. They'll be advised accordingly." Welcome back, Wally!

Van Vansant, suffering from a severe stroke, is now in the VA Audi Murphy Hosp at S.A. We wish him & **Mildred** our best.

"Last Nov," writes **George Van Way**, "**Goldie & I** were struck by an auto while loading our rented car at the Maui Airport. As we started to load our golf clubs (held vertically between us) into our hatchback, a car parked 12' behind us suddenly moved forward, pinning us both between the car bumpers and slightly injuring my leg. Goldie's leg was seriously injured, however; her shoes and glasses both knocked off. Had it not been for the fortuitous position of the heavy, erect golf bag in its traveling case, we might well have lost our legs if not our lives. Goldie was rushed to the hosp and, after 6 painful mos, can now (May) walk without a cane.

"To add insult to injury, we suffered a 'cat burglary' two days later; **Goldie's** purse, containing cash and jewelry, was stolen. Such have been our trials and vicissitudes. In such times we learn again the true importance of old friends. . . ."

Tere Versace is moving, too. "I've always wanted to go home to Puerto Rico, where I spent my teen yrs. My half brother has lined up houses for me to look at. So, I'm going home. I don't expect what was there in the 30's. But I'll enjoy the tropical evenings, listening to the coquis, my neighbors singing to guitars, the salt-sea breeze. Come see me!"

Kindness of **Betty Walters** we received a copy of **Pugh Pearson's** obit (we don't

1933: Van Ways and Leslies

get news unless someone thinks to share it). "Ole!" sez Betty, "**Paul's** and my rose garden has suffered from recent rains, but should recover in time to please us with some beauties."

"I love Carlisle," writes **Lee Whelihan**, "and here I plan to stay, though I've applied to enter a ret residence in a few yrs. I've been in touch with the **Guineys**, who've had a rough time of it lately. Their son-in-law will be at Hershey Med Center in Jun, and **Rita** hopes eventually to move down there."

CLASS MATTERS

Maintenance of Class Projects at WP. Pres **Abe** is still corresponding with authorities at USMA on this subject. Thanks to his efforts, more realistic cost estimates have been received, and it is hoped that this matter will soon be buttoned up.

Scribenotes: (1) We see in these notes many same names and faces; to these loyal contributors we're grateful. But how about some others? (2) Please get your next submissions in ASAP. Thanks!

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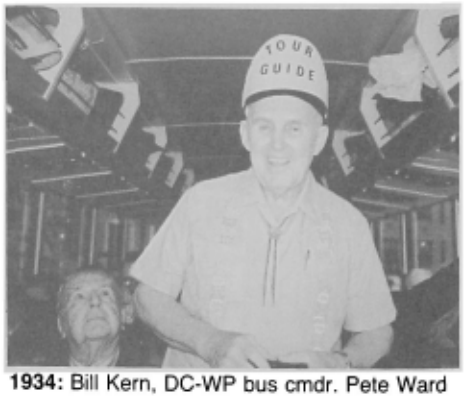
Attendees at '34-Reunion-number-55 included **Cy & Pat Betts, Mary Baker, Jack & Helen Buehler,** Louise Bishop (1918), **Jerry & Muff Blair, Ralph & Ruth Bucknam, Gene & Hope Corrigan, Ken Cunin** and **Jane Dahlberg, E O & Elma Davis, Bill & Huschi Denson, Polly Elliot, Bob & Jeanne Finkenauer, Tom Foote, John & Dottie Franklin, George & Sallye Gerhart, Si & Francis Gillman** with Si Jr & wife, **Stacy & Natalie Gooch, Paul Hanley, Gerry Higgins, Harry & Eddrea Hillyard, Bill & Ann Kern, John & Mary Lawlor, Tom & Louise Lipscomb, Beth Lyons, Lydia McCrary, Don & Alice McLennan, Dick & Betty Moorman, Moon & Nancy Northam, Pete & Ellen Peca, Jack & Ruth Renfroe, JB & Farley Richardson, Curt & Anna Sluman, Dale Smith, Johnny & Francie Stevens, Alex Stuart, Bob & Lill Tyson, Pete & Evelyn Ward, Axel & Dottie Waugh, Dick & Ginny Weber, UP & Virginia Williams, Dudley & Frankie Wilmeth, Charlie & Doris Wood,** and **Knox & Bab Yarbrough**. Eighty-four



1934: Bill Kern, DC-WP bus cmdr. Pete Ward pays attention

beautiful people, some of whose names you may not recognize. But, rest assured, they are good friends of '34! Most of the attendees rode the DC bus. If your name does not appear above, you were missed, mourned and prayed for. Throughout this column you will find high praise for the Reunion Comm of the Hanleys, the Davises and the Finkenauers.

The DC bus contingent was met at the Thayer by the Comm, which by then included our graduate guides from the USMA staff and their beautiful wives, all of whom herded us through 4 days of nostalgia and the new WP. At the opening cocktail party and reception there was much squinting to read names typewritten on badges of long-not-seen classmates, wives and widows. A superb dinner was provided by the New Thayer battery of intl chefs. The attitude was improved by keeping the bar open an extra hr. The bar was the preserve of 4 yearlings, including a Richardson grandson. It gave one pride to see the graduated cadets assume a color guard brace after 58 yrs of yearling slouch. The femmes regained the glamor of Cullum hops with gowns imported/redesigned from this and other yrs' styles.

At the first business meeting Pres **Betts** thanked the Reu comm and announced the need for another comm for Reu-60, but he shied away from nominating one. The USMA librarian accepted the Class gift and announced that our investment would provide books and periodicals, new and rare, not available from appropriated funds, for eons to come. Cy showed the bookplates bearing the names of classmates killed in WWII which would be sealed into each book. Later the Supe acknowledged our gift to the prep scholarship foundation. Cy brought out the point that, with fewer living classmates, the rest of us have more of a load to bear and should consider long-term contributions to the Class fund.

Classmates unable to attend were much in our thoughts and talk during Reu. **Cheston** w/ulcer, **Luehman** for

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Hospice care, **Edson** and **Martin** w/ Alzheimer's in nursing homes, and **O'Connell** and **Canterbury** w/emphysema but up for meals.

1934: Dave Palmer '56, Supe, telling us, "Things are better!"

LTG Palmer, the Supe, told us, the Corps is a nicer place by virtue [sic!] of the lady cadets, who are a "leavening." At Buckner summer camp the femmes ask no favors but perform push-ups, sit-ups and mil tng as well as the men, improving better and faster. He said, the government sets the goal of USMA: to train offs for the Army. The Supe provides the mission: the why, the what and the raison d'etre. His ad hoc commission put it: to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common def and who will be faithful stewards of the assets given to them. Which, after all, boils down to—Duty, Honor, Country! Alex Stuart asked about Thayer's promise "to develop character," to which the Supe answered, "We provide knowledge of what is right (and wrong), and we train cadets to execute in accordance with the right. Without that solid, moral, ethical base, WP ceases to be." He had responded previously to a similar query from the *Christian Science Monitor*, and both times his answer got a 4.0 plus extra credit for a merit answer. Asked to quantify the value of the WP education, the Supe said, "Based on the cost to the institution, and the price the cadet has to pay in time, energy and commitment, WP is a bargain for the American people." It surprised us to hear him say, "Today plebes are early weaned from strict discipline and are allowed more self-discipline, partly because the curriculum gives the staff less time with cadets. Thus the first class is given more responsibilities." He added, "Despite the greater cadet accountability, tests show our confidence is deserved." **Gerry Higgins**, former Com, asked about the "founding rate." The answer: "Today it is the lowest ever! Twenty-five percent in 4 yrs! In some ways the newer generation is softer, but fewer are weeded out by academics and some by a lack of will to face it. The USMA Bicentennial in 2002 (that equals MDCCCII + CC) will call for thoughts of our indebtedness to Thomas Jefferson, during whose administration George Washington's wishes became legislation."

1934: Betts, Peca, Buehler, Vanderburgh '82 Class aide, and Dick Moorman

Reps of the Com and Dean gave us thorough briefings on cadet academics and professional dev. Cadets must now take or qualify by advanced standing a core curriculum which resembles our first two yrs' studies. However, "P" Echols Dept of Natural and Experimental Philosophy has been expanded into several depts of the natural sciences which any univ would be proud to claim. Cadets are taught to "think like engineers" embracing all of the elements and principles of logic. The Supe said it, "The Corps of cadets doesn't change. We keep getting young people with great potential and versatility, and as soon as we train them they leave us to serve their country."

1934: Drivers and convoy cmdr: Stacy & Natalie Gooch, Ruth & Ralph Bucknam, and Nancy & Moon Northam

Most of our correspondents this issue are femmes; they bring to us the bad news with good. There is the bad and the not-so-bad. First, Mrs Deedie Sutherland, **Pop Womack**'s daughter from his home in Santa Fe, NM, "to let you know why dad will not be attending the reunion. We are fortunate that he is still with us. He had triple bypass surgery last Apr and surgery on his back in the fall. The bypass surgery went very well, he healed in record time. After the back surgery, he became terribly ill from a staph infection. In and out of the hosp, he again on Christmas Day was violently ill and back in. He remained in ICU over a mo. The doctors gave us little hope. My sister Kathleen came and stayed for a mo. My other sisters also came home. Dad did pull through due to his incredible inner strength and the loving care he received from his nurses [Ed: and family] but required plastic surgery to close the wound in his back. He returned home 6 Mar, less than a mo short of a yr since his first hospitalization. Today (Jun) dad is doing extremely well and is gaining weight. He has traded his walker for a cane. He likes to ride in the car to remind himself that the world is still out there. He is totally alert and has maintained his sense of humor through it all. I moved back home to take care of him, but he is quite independent. Dad spent so many yrs taking care of mother we hoped that he would have a more enjoyable time just for himself. He certainly earned it. I know dad is very disappointed that he will not see you at the reunion, so maybe some of his old friends will visit us. He would enjoy hearing from you."

Betty Moseley in Montgomery received the sad news of **Betty** (the first Mrs Al) **Wilson** dying of hepatitis after being in frail health for 18 mos. The news came from the Wilsons' daughter Judy, (Mrs Robert) Kramer, who is also a WPer like Judy's brother and the Wilson grandson. The memorial service in Betty's memory was held at the Natl Presbyterian Church. Much of the sacred music in the choral service was composed and arranged by Judy. **Jody Hanley**, erudite and talented herself, as well as beautiful, wrote of Betty, "We served together at several posts after flying school, but after many yrs, we picked up where we left off at the 50th reu. Betty was a lady, well read, compassionate, fun to be with, and she had perfect pitch (able to identify any note struck on the piano!)." Jody, with lots of sentiment, also reviewed her & **Paul's** post-ret career in academia, closing with the news that they have bought an elegant waterfront home at Oceans, CA near Pismo Beach.

Betty Moseley missed our Reu, planning to attend a family reunion, which

1934: Bob Tyson, Pete Ward and Denson playing "Do you remember . . . ?"

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she also missed after slipping a hip. She reported that Gunter AFB is abuilding into a big communications center. She says Montgomery, AL needs a WP soc, because, after reading her *ASSEMBLY*'s she gives them to the Air U where they are soon dogeared from use by, would you suppose, spies? Widows, please note how much we depend on you for news.

1934: Babs & Knox Yarbrough, Lill Tyson and Dick Weber at Thayer banquet

Ginny Weber comments for herself & **Dick**: The 55th was a success from start to finish. The solemn moments in the chapel, chatting with friends in the cemetery, superb programs, delightful dancing, hops. My one regret: I did not get to have a long talk with everyone. The Reu climax was the alumni parade. Beautiful Hudson vistas. Handsome youth. The rousing band. Seeing our own men reviewing the Corps brought back memories. Our congratulations and thanks to the Reu Comm! The Class Keen-Eye Award goes to **Pete Peca**, who produced lost ear-rings like a wizard!

Natalie Gooch writes from Albuquerque for herself & **Stacy**: Stacy drove our Bronco 4,800 mi to and from the Reu. En route we spent two days with **Ruth & Ralph Bucknam** on Long Is. They are perfect hosts, also entertaining **Nancy & Moon Northam**. We drove in tandem to WP with Ralph leading the way in some horrendous traffic. After Reu we visited our daughter and granddaughter in Hopkins, MN. Later we are flying to Calgary to take a bus trip to Banff, Lake Louise and Glacier Natl Park. In Aug we will attend the famous Santa Fe Opera before going to Denver for Stacy's wartime Div reu, the 69th Inf. We expect to visit son Bill in CO Springs. This fall we are making what is called, "A Pilgrimage to Canterbury and Historic Wales and England." Stace says, do not ask him anymore if he wants to go somewhere. Just tell him he's going!

Betty Moorman writes from their home in El Paso which includes **Dick**: "Please thank for me the Search Comm which found my lost earring at the banquet at the Thayer. They saved a very special jewelry set for me. Their diligent

1934: Ward, Reun comm chm Hanley, Cadet Richardson, Grandaddy Richardson and Kern

efforts were above and beyond the call of duty, and were very much appreciated. Dick & I are looking forward enthusiastically to the 60th Reu. We commend the Reu Comm for their super job. '34 did it again! Thanks to all!"

Barbara Markham, granddaughter of **Elma & EO Davis**, helped with the Reu plans and program, and sent this at my invitation. "To me a member of the younger generation growing up in the 'me decade,' things come and go so quickly that the idea of tradition seems antiquated. I realized how wrong I was when I attended your Reu. That sense of tradition brought together your varied gp of families from across America. A continuance of The Long Gray Line. Your shared experiences of 55 and more yrs ago made Duty, Honor, Country mean more than words to your lives. You proved yourselves in battle with valor. Those who did not return did not die in vain. A tradition I may not share in, but one I felt proud and honored to witness. I thank the families of '34 for showing to me the importance the past plays in the future."

1934: Class pres Cy Betts cutting reunion cake baked by Mary (Mrs James O) Baker who teaches cordon bleu to master chefs

Muff & I were visiting our daughter, son-in-law, and their children in Charlottesville in Jul, when Muff suffered a series of strokes. They were quite unexpected and not clear cut at first. Most of the paralysis is on her right side: she has hardly any strength in her right arm and hand, her right foot drags a bit, her left eye has no peripheral vision, and she

1934: Francie Stevens, Ruth & Ralph Bucknam, John & Mary Lawlor and John Stevens

1934: Betts convincing Wilmeth to deliver banquet address now!

wears a patch over her right eye, which has a couple of retinal repairs. Two wks in the hosp and batteries of tests, scans, taps, haemo and IV have not shown the cause or the cure. At home she does 3 hrs of therapy each day, is known in the wards as, "The Spunky Lady." The dev has been arrested, her speech has improved greatly and she is recovering slowly but gradually. Your prayers, please. No flowers, please. Just send money!

Willie Mae & Jud Reeves sent regrets about missing Reu. He could not escape responsibilities of his bank, oil business and pipelines. You may have read in your Jul *ASSEMBLY* about a memorial and monument to WP airmen, which has been approved by the Supe. Scribe is Class rep and sent invitations to airmen in our Class to help memorialize our classmates who died in WWII and in air crashes. Jud was one of several to respond with a generous contribution. However, anyone—classmates, widows and friends—wishing to do so, may contribute. Send your gift to the AOG. It will be acknowledged and recorded with the dedication.

A final word about Reu. It was truly a sentimental journey. There were so many classmates unable to attend. Everyone at WP went all out to recognize our long service and contribution to USMA. The Supe, Com, Dean, the wonderful people at AOG, cadets, families and staff. Everyone stopped us and volunteered info, asking questions about *our*

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cadet life, our careers. The Supe credits it to the lady cadets: yes, WP is a better place!

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The muffled drums keep rolling and our ranks keep thinning. From Boynton Beach comes word of **Dick Bauer's** passing—peacefully in his sleep 13 May. Despite a double hip replacement he was an avid golfer and, in fact, posted a 79 same day. We were "I" co-mates entire 4 yrs and proudly shared Dick's limelight when he established the Academy record for the mile-run 1st class yr. **Bernie Waterman**, our Class chm, has expressed condolences to **Amelia** and the family. We also sustain our distaff losses. **John Duffy** reports a telecall from **Jack Howell** w/news that **Arlene** had lost her courageous fight against cancer on 24 Jun in Ponte Verde, FL. A valiant lady of boundless fortitude, her determination to carry on at our Honolulu mini despite a fractured ankle, was a real inspiration. The Howells' many kindnesses to me during my pre-retirement stay at Oliver Gen Hosp will endear us forever. They were PCS nearby Camp Gordon. The Duffys relate some compression of their large Hereford cattle farm near Harpers Ferry WV, retaining the nucleus—manor, barns and 15 acres. **Jane** & John are doing fine healthwise—she as peripatetic as ever w/recent junkets to Tibet, Spain, Portugal, Monaco.

The DC contingent gathered on 11 Jun to celebrate our 54th Reunion, **Carmon & Rosalie Rogers** hosting a picnic at their Arlington chateau. A fine turnout of local stalwarts was augmented by the **Fickels** from NJ, and the **Martins, Russells** and **Symroskis** from Williamsburg—grand total 36 in perfect setting, perfect weather. A business meeting was

1935: Picnic at Rogers'—Martin, Symroski, Taylor and Schlanser

squeezed in and the current slate of Class offs was nominated, elected—AND installed! A Sep class letter (you have) lists the comm and contains info on upcoming reunion, roster of those committed, (103 to date). **Bud Schlanser** urges you to read, comply, and for you who are "stragglers"—get busy!

John & Anne Parker's golden wedding anniv was observed in grand style on 17 Jun—*exactly 50 yrs to the day*. Daughters Susanna and Janet, with granddaughters Anne and Alice, hosted a gala reception for 115 guests at the family homestead, Polohunt Farm, Versailles, KY. **Sarah &**

1935: John & Anne Parker—50th wedding anniv

Jeff Jeffus not only attended but assisted materially in the planning and execution phases of the memorable event. They made a hasty "breeze-thru" visit to San Ant prior to the Parkers' and lunched w/ **Jack & Leah Rhoades**—plus inspecting the ARC. **Ralph & Sally Haines** visited the W Coast and met w/**Kelso & Jean Clow** and **Tom & Billie Gillis** in San Fran.

1935: Sally Haines, Kelso Clow, Billie and Tom Gillis and Jean Clow

Speaking engagements here were unique with Ralph addressing a Chinese congregation through an interpreter and at another time a presentation at Vacaville Prison—to a "captive" audience! Ralph noted, as an aside, this institution is the largest of its kind—both USA and the "free" world. A nostalgic evening at dinner at the Funston House produced many fond handed-down memories of an "Old Army" era—so natural in the beautiful Presidio setting. Ralph's parents are both interred in the Natl Cemetery there. Jean and Billie continue as ardent golfers w/Ralph's opinion that Billie may be tops among '35 wives. In San Diego at luncheon w/**Farnsworths** and **Bergquists**, news was highlightd by: (1) **Ken & Allie** Bergquist have decided on

1935: Ken & Allie Bergquist, Ducky Farnsworth, Sally & Ralph Haines

AF Village, West in the fall, and (2) San Diego is a prime target for a mini reunion. The "seed is planted"—let's nurture it—well. **Stuart & Helen Fries** treked over to Ft McClellan to be the honored guests of the Army Chief Chem Officer at a banquet inducting Stu's late dad, MG Amos Fries, WP 1898 into the CWS Hall of Fame. MG

1935: Stu Fries and escort off, Ft McClellan, AL OC

Fries, we'll recall, was the 1st Chief CWS, founded in WWI by GEN Pershing and known as the "Gas Service." **Norm, Joanne** and young Robt **Edwards** completed a 4-wk Eur tour of W Ger, Austria, Czech and Hungary by motor and rail—preferring former. **Ray & Mary Firehock**

1935: Clan Russ—at Fran's mom's birthday no 96. "Papa" behind camera

checked in w/an account of frequent visits w/the **Brydes** and a well-rounded itinerary completed through NEUSA and Canada and into Phila for grandson's grad from St Jos Univ. Ref: **Walt & Margaret Bryde**, you w/o doubt noted a typo error that

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cropped up in the last edition. In relating the Class' shared pride on their son, Walt, Jr, WP '62 attaining BG, USAF, I (coined a word?) used the term "*grad*-son," which, in turn, appeared as "grandson." AOG Publications expressed oral "mea culpas." The delayed pic appears herein properly identified. It is unusually noteworthy that Walt swore his son in as EM, USA and pinned on his stars as BG, USAF. Rare indeed. From **Bob McDonald**, El Paso—

1935: The Bryde family at new BG Walt Jr's swearing in ceremony, EUCOM

"I have been out of action 2 mos and consider myself lucky to be here—open heart surgery 15 May—docs said I have 20 more yrs if I can make it other ways." Bravo, Bob. Believe we should set up a

1935: Bob & Helen McDonald and John Alfrey; Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

"Near-Miss Squad," i.e. those of us who have been "—snatched from the jaws, etc—." Might expand to a plt! **Sal & Doreen Armogida** toured Eng and then visited Doreen's family in Norwich. Her son, CPT Robt Horn, USAF, now attending Flt Sch, Edwards AFB, flew in to attend the family reunion. On this, Sal's first trip to UK, all went well incl beautiful weather. **George Eckhardt** and **Ed Ferris** w/spouses plus the Armogidas, observed their joint birthday in Rockport; event occurs midnight 18–19 Apr, w/George senior by a few hrs! The San Ant gp added **Bill Lapsley** to its rolls; Bill moved into USAA Towers early Jul. Settling in was slow but now accomplished. Address: One Towers Park Lane, #2301, San Antonio, TX 78209. Tel: (512) 822-7307.

This wraps it up for fall edition. Deadline next, immediately following your

1935: Birthday, Rockport CC. Standing: Meg Eckhardt, Armogida. Sitting: Ferris, Doreen Armogida, Eckhardt and Marie Ferris

receipt hereof. In wake summer junkets news/contacts should be copious. Take it from there.

1935: Ishams and Marouns; Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

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With deepest regrets we report the passing of three of our dear, dear loved ones since our last report. On 13 May **Nonce Gaston** succumbed after lengthy hospitalization at WRAMC. Warm and friendly **Bob Joerg** passed on at the end of May. He did not make it to graduation but, in consequence, became the only US Navy cmdr in the Class. He's buried in Eufaula, AL. The happy **Grothauses** were among the many enjoying fully our Huachuca reunion. In fact, shortly afterward, they left for a vacation in Austria. Then about 1 Jun, **Dorothy** had to report into a Vienna hosp. A few wks later she was returned to San Ant and died on 4 Aug. She's buried at WP. As some stated, we're all getting to the age where our transfer to the *beyond* is a matter of not too far off! But we still miss each and everyone who's left us behind.

Phil Greene wrote that he was on the planning commission to assist in the launching of the *USS Normandy*, a guided missile cruiser, and the first ship with this name. **Elmer Grubbs** reports that his health is good, plays golf in FL in winter, and tennis in SC in summer, and he's busy planting trees (60,000 already); 42,000 more planned. **Margaret's** health is improved, but not perfect. Sorry they didn't make Huachuca. The **Hayes'** son, Tom IV, was honored yet a 3rd time by a memorial at San Diego in Jul. Classmate **Tom** says a 4th memorial will be made in the fall. The unsolicited honors that this truly great Vietnam hero has received are quite unbelieveable. We saw the Hayeses in their beautiful San Fran home the last of Jul. They were in good health—and of course, quite proud. **Gracie Layne** is in poor health and can't swallow. She has been ill for about 6 yrs. **Clyde** can't get out much by reason of his constant care. She was one of our Class's greatest boosters and now he is one of our greatest saints. Another lady who is on the infirm roster is **Larry Sievers**. She is most fortunate in having her daughter Sharon with her. **Hiatts** helped celebrate the visit of the **Meanys**—following the Huachuca attendance. Hiatts also attended Bastille Day in Par-eee. The **Landrums** are still planning their San Ant move. The **Hiesters** were in Beijing when all the shooting started in Jun—but they didn't stay long! **Clark Hosmer** has been traveling—and that's quite an understatement. He's been all over the USA. The **Klings** sent congratulations on the fine Huachuca reunion and on **Bill Hay's** great success. **Larry Laurion** says he feels he is improving—probably he's quit killing himself with his morning "fast" walks. He's moving 25 Aug to 9110 Belvoir Woods, Pkwy #302, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. **Dottie & John Lynch** had a cocktail/buffet in Jun, and **Betty & Dave Chaffin** produced a picnic in Sep (or at least it was planned that way). The **Millers** celebrated their 50th in Aug at the Del Monte (Navy) Hotel. **Helen Nazzaro** wrote regarding family and Tucson. In late May received a call from **Gordon Austin** who reported on several people not currently in the news. We had a leisurely reminiscing lunch with **Sandy McCorkle** in late Jul. He & **Audrey** very content in Carmel Valley. Heard from **Myrle Necrason** who explains that **Nick** is fairly well, but sometimes seems to get a little vague (this seems to be characteristic of septuagenarians). **Bill Ryder** was in WRAMC for awhile getting a new (outside) bladder. Although slightly inconvenienced, he's home and living fairly normally. **Eunice Tyler** was thoughtful enough to send a Class picture of those at Founders Day at San Ant. In it were **Partridges, Powells, Grothauses, Dunns, Dean Rutledge, Bill Davis,** Eunice, and **Mary Michaelis**. We had a pleasant evening with **Jane Kinard Dellinger** and her pleasant husband Wayne and the **Fergussons**. Everybody was in fine shape. **Bob F** said that **Yarborough** had recently visited the peninsula and exhibited some of his paintings. Apparently **Bill** is a multi-talented gent. Now

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he is into modern impressionist art paintings. Like Paul Newman—and others—he donates his earnings to charity (his favorite library).

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Too late to make the last column, were excellent photos taken by **Bud Teeter** at the **Ungers'** reception for John Blaha and his mother. Here are two of them.

1937: Frances Blaha and her son, Discovery pilot John

1937: John Blaha and Finn Unger with Class flag and certificate

The brief note of **Vic Mansfield's** death in Jul *ASSEMBLY* was called in late. To elaborate, the sad news was relayed by his friend, Anne Bryant, who lived in the same apt bldg. Having heard Vic talk so much about his classmates and the coming Wmsburg Mini, she called **Bill Lewis** who got in touch with the **Wilhoyts** and me. Vic had his heart attack either before or coincident with an auto accident. Some yrs earlier Vic had left instructions with a local funeral dir, and arrangements proceeded according to his wishes. As far as we know, his only living relative is a cousin Joan Barlow. Vic was very active in church affairs and kept in touch with his classmates; he was very proud of all of us and of WP. I will miss his phone calls, for he was a good source of info. His roommate, **Randy Hines**, is writing his obit.

While **Stan & Mary Jane Connelly** were wintering over on Oahu with son Kevin, a UAL pilot, Stan sent me a pretty postcard from Tahiti saying that "They couldn't resist the tickets that Kevin gave us. Beautiful Gaugin people, grand scenery and a bit primitive, too." Nice family planning! More recently, in Apr they passed thru Wash and visited Mary Jane **Clark** Jacobs (named after Stan's MJ) to see the new addition to the Jacob's family. MJ, the consummate career gal, is now a totally domesticated mother of two and thoroughly enjoying it.

While visiting his sister in Cincinnati, **Cecil Himes** attended the Founders Day dinner at the Maketewah CC and found himself the oldest living grad there; he rose to the occasion.

1937: René III, Arturo and Kelley at Mission Bay, Boca Raton

René Lopez-Duprey wrote that he, his son Arturo and grandson René III attended the Natl Masters Swimming Championships at Mission Bay, Boca Raton, where **Kelley Lemmon** and Arturo swam. Kelley won every individual event and was in the relay. René decided not to give his friend any competition.

Bob Taylor came to our May luncheon with **Trapper Drum**, swelling our ranks to 17. Bob was spending some time at his farm on the Eastern Shore. **Fred Clarke**, who is writing **Al Rutherford's** obit, learned that Al's son, a grad of Williams Coll is their sole All-American (soccer). Our expatriates, led by the **Cosgroves**, seem to be coming home to roost. **Spic & Jeanne Nadal** tested the waters at the San Ant ret community where they reported seeing **Oberdeck** and the **Ohmans**. Also, in their spring visit to the States, **Woody & Jackie Stromberg** visited their offspring and reconnoitered FL. They picked somewhere in the panhandle for their roost. That will leave only **Charlie Stark** on his rancho south of the border. I also learned at the luncheon that TV personality Geraldo Rivera, who is married to one of **Peggy Truxtun** Dyer's daughters, very favorably impressed our gang at WP for the Truxtun Dedication ceremony.

Finn Unger, who is a distinguished member of the 5th FA, went to Ft Riley for the COL of the Regt ceremony at which **Randy Hines** was made Honorary Col of the 25th FA Regt. Incidentally, Finn's 5th FA Regt originated from the Alexander Hamilton Btry, the oldest RA unit.

On 15 May, **Hank Byroade** was on Channel 26 as a guest with Stanley Karnow on whose book, *In Our Image*, the program was based. I missed the program. After the luncheon a gp of us went to the funeral of Ann **Prentiss** Cruse, **Gus'** kid sister who died 15 May. Ann & husband Jim USNA '37 participated in many of our Class social functions. Our condolences to Jim, Gus and Corinne. They were very close and constant companions.

On 20 May, **Jerrie Stumpf** sang with her church choral gp at the Lincoln Cent in the Big Apple. She's been taking lessons and, to my knowledge, is our only aspiring diva.

It was not billed as a tornado, but parts of Chevy Chase and Bethesda sure looked like it had been hit by one in mid-Jun. Our hero **John Frazier**, armed with a chain saw, helped clean up the mess at the Frazier Hilton and his neighbors. Two venerable maple trees fell

1937: The Frazier Hilton

1937: John Frazier in action

across his two cars parked in their driveway, but when John removed them, he found the cars barely scratched. His Herculean efforts landed him in the hosp for a rest and a complete physical in which he passed the treadmill test with flying colors. This episode merely encouraged him to continue acting like a young buck, much to Pat's dismay.

The Jun luncheon featured a discussion of world affairs centered on **Hank Byroade's** service in China during WWII and as ambassador to Afghanistan and Pakistan. He had just recently been to

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1937: At rest

the President's reception for the Pakistani PM Bhutto whom he had known as a young lady on the tennis courts in Pakistan. **Doc Leist** came with **Jim Duncan** and discussed briefly his involvement in a natl and intl youth for science program. More about this later. **Robbie Robbins** showed after a long absence.

On 4 Jul, **Marty Green** and his intended, Margaret Johnson, were honored by the **Wilhoyts** at a poolside cocktail buffet. Later in Jul, **Tense Seedlock** held a luncheon at the ANCC to introduce Margaret to the ladies of the Class. She is the widow of Wendell Johnson who was the top ranking civil engr in the Corps of Engrs. Marty & Margaret met at a local hoe-down and do-si-doed their way into each other's hearts. It couldn't have happened to a nicer couple. The knot will be tied at a local chapel 6 Sep, family only.

21 Jul—A terrific luncheon (18). **Bob Seedlock** related their Russian experience. With a gp of 90 members of ASCE, Bob & **Tense** spent 3 wks in Jun touring high technology sites and conferring with Russian counterparts. Bob was to give a paper, but instead, they had a series of informal discussions. After the first few disorganized days, a cosmonaut was assigned as their tour guide and from then on everything was opened to them, and they received the red carpet treatment. Highlights and impressions: three nights on a train (built before Bob's arrival on planet earth) to Moscow, Leningrad and Minx (in its WWII state of destruction); travel on Aeroflot civil airline—all coach (classless soc); openness of press, although news was a wk old; people watching TV in public wherever available; elections—a new experience; if Gorby remains in power he may be able to turn Russia around, but he has 70 yrs of backwardness to overcome; Estonians anxious for independence but must pay reparations and for infrastructure which is owned by mother Russia; food is expensive and monotonous (cole slaw for bfast, lunch and supper)—variety from district to district but no method of countrywide distribution. They were warmly received in Georgia where they found the inhabitants relaxed and friendly. Bob's Atlanta is a sister city. The Georgians enjoy more independence because of their distance from the seat of power in Moscow. Bob has been ed of the *ASCE Journal of Aerospace Engineering* since its inception in 86 and, according to the ASCE Journal, is credited with its "rapid rise in author prestige and reader interest." He has also held top positions in the soc's aerospace div. My note—Bob got his start as ed of the *Pointer*. Also at the luncheon I learned that **Trapper & Betty Drum** spent 3 wks touring England and Ireland. They found the town of Drum in Ireland. His immigrant grandpa, a CPT at age 54, led a co of the 10th Inf under Teddy Roosevelt and was killed storming San Juan Hill. His father graduated from MIT as an electrical engr and, with GE, was a designer and builder of our country's early electric utility infrastructure. Trapper bemoans the fact that he did not inherit his father's brains (instead, you charmed your way to success). Of course we all know, or know of, his uncle Hugh. What a legacy that one immigrant left to our country! Someone at the luncheon informed that one of **Harry Wilson's** horses won a 10K prize in a 50K claiming race. Harry has a stable of 11 race horses.

Scott Hall was at the luncheon. He & **Ann** were back home for several wks and have returned to their Kenebunkport retreat until mid Sep. He gave me the following info on **Rudy Hall** whose death was reported last column. He learned of Rudy's death thru **Chief Evans** and **Jack Tolson**. Jack & **Margaret** frequently saw Rudy in Blowing Rock, a resort near Hickory, NC. Scott contacted his daughter Mrs Lauren Lancaster, who was very helpful and sent Rudy's obit that was in the 14 May 88 *Hickory Daily Record*. Rudy died the day before after a period of declining health. A veteran of WWII, he served in the Philippines as a CPT, USMC. See his bio in the 50-Yr Book for further details. He was survived by his wife, **Virginia Shuford Hall**; two daughters, Lynn Kitchen and Lauren Lancaster; and one son, Roger Hall, all of Hickory; one sister, Mrs Benz Howard of Danville, VA; and 3 grandsons. Scott had written to Virginia last Jan; however, before she could respond, she and her granddaughter, while on a tour of Latin American archaeological ruins, were killed in a plane accident in Peru. Coincidentally, a yr after Rudy's death, Jack Tolson was the featured speaker, May 89, at the dedication of a memorial in Blowing Rock "to those who made the supreme sacrifice and in honor of those in all wars to preserve our nation's freedom." Many thanks, Scott, for this interesting account.

While CO of US Army Off of Ordnance Research at Duke U in 57, **Doc Leist** perceived a need to stimulate greater interest in science and math at the HS level. Assisted by his dep, Dr Sherwood Githen, Jr, he organized the first regular Jr Science Symposium. His brainchild blossomed into the natl and intl program of today, while other similar efforts fell by the wayside. Upon ret from the Army in 63, and while working at Owens Illinois in Toledo, OH, he developed that regional program under the auspices of the Toledo Tech Soc of which he was treas. Doc is still very much interested in the program and is its most enthusiastic booster. In this space I can't do justice to the subject, but merely want to indicate what one grad with vision, persistence, intelligence and a great sense of duty can accomplish. I have known Doc since cadet days in C Co and never fully appreciated his involvement until I recently came upon some papers on the subject.

I received a postcard from **Karol Ames** on tour in England and the continent, visiting relatives and friends and looking forward to a visit with the **Evanses'** daughter Carol Miller who is working in Brussels.

A letter from the Supe to the pres of UPI sets the record straight on a totally erroneous report by one of their correspondents that "boos and hisses arose from the Corps of Cadets when the VP was introduced." I shared it with our lovely neighbor across the street who is Dan Quayle's aunt and who is immensely proud of him. It made her day.

The **Clarkes** have sold their home in DC and are presently living in her deceased sister's home in NJ while settling her estate and awaiting their new abode in the Fairfax Ret Residence in which **Fred** has been very much involved since its inception.

In David Hackworth's book *About Face*, I found an interesting account of our own hero, **Geo Sloan**, who cmded the 27th Inf (Wolfhounds) in Korea. Seeing the need for a specialized unit to infiltrate Chinese positions for the capture of Chinese POW's, he formed the Wolfhound Raiders and put 2LT Hackworth in charge. After a brilliantly executed raid, Hackworth was awarded the DSC and promoted to 1LT. As he described it, "A jeep screeched up, and out of it jumped my regtl cmdr, Colonel George B Sloan; the div cmdr, MG Ira P Swift; and the corps cmdr, MG John "Iron Mike" O'Daniel, all 3 great cmdrs of WW II." He had a lot of other nice things to say about Geo and many others we know. Read the book to find out "the rest of the story." I found the book very interesting because Hackworth relates in detail his Army experiences from the time he enlisted as a young teenager after WWII (he spent part of WWII in the Merchant Marine by falsifying his age) through all enlisted and officer grades to COL. He was wounded and highly decorated in both Korea and Vietnam.

Sam Agee has moved to Hayes Manor,

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2210 Belmont Ave, Apt 9, Philadelphia, PA 19131, near his daughter.

The **Majorses** new address: Indian River Colony Club, 1709 Freedom Dr, Melbourne, FL 32940. He says it's a new dev strictly for ret mil off, with every street on the golf course. They are 30 yds from No 2 green. 425 homes planned, 150 residents now. All street names are patriotic; the Gate House is at 1776 Old Glory Blvd, his golf cart is #1812. Way to go, Bud!

The **Murrays** have a new address: 275 Steele Rd, B-302, West Hartford, CT 06117. They plan to be in Wmsburg.

Word has been received from **Curt Low** that they will not be with us in Wmsburg because, as sr living member of the 12th Bomb Gp, he feels it is his duty to attend their reunion in Bloomington, MN, 14–17 Sep and besides, they spent their last Christmas vacation in Wmsburg.

Chief Evans' query on Wmsburg was answered by our 4 Jul Class bulletin. Last spring they had a family reunion at LeBordieu Beach, SC.

John Frazier received word from a friend in FL that **Babs Pfeffer** died during the last wk in Nov 88 in St Petersburg. Their 3 sons survive **Chuck** & Babs. See Chuck's bio in the 50-Yr Book for family details.

Get your news in to me ASAP. See y'all in Wmsburg.

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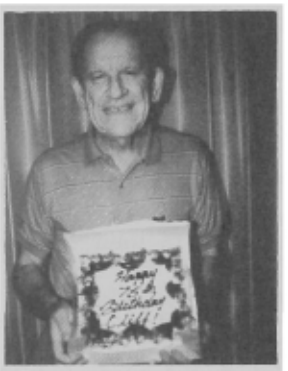
Ed Hamilton '39 informed me that monthly luncheons are held by 90th Inf Div WWII offs locally and other friends of Gilbert E Strickler, now confined to a nursing home as a result of strokes. (Ed and Strick were Asst G-3's for G-3 **Stilwell**.) During late Apr a USMA centen-

1938: Strickler (seated), Hamilton '39, Talbott, Harrington, Stilwell and Avison

nial ceremony was held at Trophy Point for the Class of 1889. **Peggy Miller's** grandfather, Robert McGregor, was a member of that Class. Peggy & **Frank**, her mother, Frank Jr '62, Brink '64, Robert McGregor Miller '72 and Jerry

1938: Bill & Betsy Vail; Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

'73, plus 3 Miller daughters and the great-grandchildren were present. McGregor had the highest attendance by descendants at this very moving event. Also in Apr, **Cliff Riordan** celebrated his 75th birthday w/**Bea**, 4 daughters and 4 grandchildren. **Bill Fite** swims regularly



1938: Cliff Riordan 75th birthday holding frozen Carvel cake

at the Com College in Gainesville. He, Cliff and Tom Bell served together in P.I. prior to WWII.

1938: Bill Fite at dinner with Riordans

8 May **John Damon** was invited to Soviet Embassy to celebrate end of WWII in Europe. As an Arty bn cmdr, 102nd Div, he had met the Soviets at the Elbe. There they awarded him the Order of the Red Star, their second highest mil decoration. In his address, the Ambassador recognized John, who found himself the center of attention among the Soviet offs attending. 24 May Ft McNair luncheon was attended by 15 classmates, 8 wives, **Nim Collins** and the Voegtlys. **Dick & Edee Bromily** were there w/ daughter Joan, who works w/JCS in the Pentagon. Over Memorial Day wkend **Petie & Castex Conner** celebrated their 50th wedding anniv w/23 present—children, spouses, grandchildren, an aunt, and an uncle.

Bob Rhine informed us that his wife **Peggy** died 26 May "peacefully after 3 strokes." Their son, sister, and **Harvey Barnard** were at the funeral services. Bob expressed his appreciation to the Class of '38 for their condolences and contribution to Am Heart Assoc. **Dick Stilwell** assisted Bob by contacts w/VA about cemetery at Presidio and expressed our deep sympathy over his bereavement. Here are some extracts from Bob's letter to me, "We loved the Army since we were both Army brats. . . . Peggy was highly educated, and after we ret she became head of the entomological library in Gainesville, taking many hrs of library sc at Univ of FL. In Sarasota she devoted many hrs to the hosp and libraries. . . . She was a wonderful Army wife loved by everyone who knew her." On 18 Jun **Susan White**, widow of our classmate, **John White**, died in VT after a long illness. She is survived by their son and 4 daughters.

15 Jun the winning design for the Korean War Veterans Memorial was unveiled in a model displayed in the White House Rose Garden. As chm for the Korean War Memorial Commission, **Dick Stilwell** has provided strong leadership, plus much personal time and commitment to this memorial. To date approximately half of $6 million overall costs have been pledged by private donors.

7 Jul from **Hugh Wallace**, S.A., TX, "We take off on an AOG tour this Mon for two wks in Central Europe. Swede & Eleanor Ohman, B Co '37, and **JB & Pat Coleman** will be in the same gp. Morris & Faith Herbert are our AOG leaders. **Lou Coira** got a call from **Sam Hogan** 5 Jun when Sam, wife, and son Bill were passing thru en route to McAllen to visit Sam's sister. They were returning from Denver after marriage of Sam's daughter. Lou spent about 40 mins w/them between connections. **Evelyn Hartman's** daughter Shirley is being transfered from P.I. to the Embassy in Guatemala by the State Dept. Evelyn is not sure but what this is from the frying pan into the fire, but at least it is closer to San Ant. **Jo Ryan** is visiting her daughter in CA next mo. Her youngest grandson is now a "dooley' at AFA. Her oldest grandson is planning to be married this Nov. The Wallaces spent the first two wks of Jun at Cancun. Ohman and Cheal, both '37, B Co, were there w/spouses. We all have time share units at the same time and place. It was great fun, lying on the beach or around the pool, slurping Margaritas, lying (reminiscing) about

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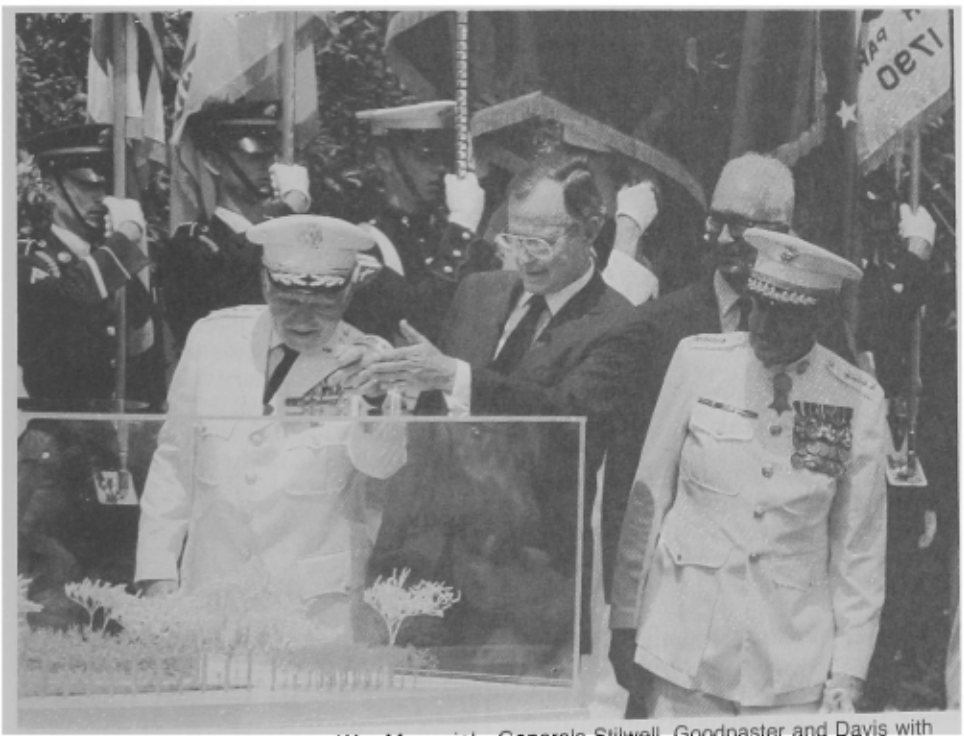
1938: '38 wedding party—Petie (Bishop) and Castex Conner 27 May 39: Kincaid, Zaiser, English, Brabson, Conner, Wallace, Kenzie, Neff. Bridesmaids—Eleanor Bishop Powell, Rosemary Freeman, Petie, Jan Frank (Wallace), Ethel Legette



1938: Viewing design of Korean War Memorial—Generals Stilwell, Goodpaster and Davis with Pres Bush

our various mil and flying experiences, haggling w/town merchants for things we did not need, and enjoying some of the many excellent eating places in the area."

Here are some brief Jul notes—22 Jul from **Hubie Strange**, "During May the **Sherrards** were at Ft Leavenworth to visit their daughter and family; the Stranges were there visiting their son and family. On 23 May they attended the Leavenworth HS graduation of their respective grandchildren—Bridget Eileen Hughes and David Alan Strange." 24 Jul from **Kent Schmidt**, "My trip to the Midwest was cxld. After driving 6 hrs around here my back got too stiff. I hope to fly out in Oct and work on my 55th HS reunion. I am avoiding gardening and am working on my golf. **Peggy** & I are making short trips to mtns and shore." 24 Jul from **Ed Stephenson** to AOG from St Simon's Isl, GA, "Fishing for king mackerel once a wk is a regular ritual for me." Usually about 18 or 20 go on a party boat 48 mi offshore. "I got my own pole and a 'bait runner' reel w/a 30# test line. . . . I caught 3 king mackerel the day of this picture. I have a second rig when anyone visits me." 27 Jul, Wn Post, "Bob Hope

1938: Ed Stephenson with pole fishing aboard *Trade Winds II*

will officially become an honorary Korean War veteran today. The award will be presented by ret **Gen Stilwell** at a dinner tonight during the 5th annual convention of the Korean War Veterans Assoc." From **Cliff Riordan**, "In Jul, **Bea** & I visited her sister at Coral Oaks posh living community in Palm Harbor. While the gals were shopping I drove 50 mi to visit **Joe & Betty Kujawski** at their lovely waterside home. Both are fine but Joe uses a walker and a cane. For lunch Joe prepared a thick, tasty soup from scratch. Both welcome visitors and Joe says he needs a couple of hrs to get the soup ready."

From **Bill Strand**, S.A., TX, 30 Jul, "The Strands were overwhelmed by a surprise celebration of their 50th wedding anniv, planned by son John and daughter Kristin. On the pretext of being taken to lunch, Bill & **Dotsy** found themselves entering the Little Church of La Villita in downtown S.A. There they were welcomed by many friends and renewed their vows first made 27 May 1939 at Ft Riley. They left the church under a saber arch. Everyone embarked

1938: 50th wedding anniv—Dotsy & Bill Strand with saber bearers Polhamus, Batterson, Skaer and Irvin

on two barges on S.A. River for a champagne brunch. Classmates and wives

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attending were **Battersons, Singers, Macombers, Artmans, Coiras, Skaers, Irvins, Wallaces, Bayers,** and **Wrights**. Also attending were **Mary Kelley, Maria Knox, Elizabeth Sawyer**, Forrest Harsh, Bill's sister Erva Verna from Nampa, ID, Dotsy's brother-in-law Rear Adm Larry Julihn USNA '37 from San Diego, **Neil Van Sickle's** bro Earl '46 & his wife Jean; plus other friends from yrs past. Cards, letters, photos, and other items were used by John and Kristin to fill a wonderful "This is your life" book of memories. In Jun Neil & **Faye** Van Sickle journeyed from Seattle to Prince Rupert in their 25' cabin cruiser. From there they flew to Juneau to visit Neil's grandson, Scott & his wife. Their boat trip home was by way of Jasper and Banff in the beautiful Canadian Rockies. 23 Jul **Jack & Vernell Chambers** spent two days at Kelly AFB while Jack had a follow-up check on his back surgery at Wilfred Hall USAF Hosp. Jack & Vernell celebrated a favorable report w/the Strands by dinner at Brooks AFB OC. The next day they saw the video of the Strands' 50th anniv and **Mrazeks'** tape of our "Cadet Days." **Jim** did a great job on that tape and I enjoy it more each time I see that priceless collection of our cadet yrs. **Ken & Helen Skaer** are enjoying their penthouse at USAA Towers. On 30 Jul the Strands daughter Kristin and grandson Justin joined them to meet Helen's son, Don Lovelace USNA '55 & his wife Nancy. After a pleasant visit they enjoyed a delicious Sun brunch."

New addresses—**Sweeney**—118 Paddock Dr, Fairhope, AL 36532; **Weissinger**—10 Park Dr, Dothan, AL 36301; **Lotz**—604 Wedgeford Dr, Sun City, FL 33573 (permanent address), and Unit 512 Montebello Apts, Alexandria, VA 22303 (part-time).

Recently the following have volunteered to write obituaries for deceased classmates—**JB Coleman** for **Miles, Breitweiser** for **Taber**, and **Machen** for **Wernberg**. Anyone w/info about these deceased classmates, or about how to locate their friends or relatives, should contact these writers directly. Many thanks to them for these efforts!

According to the latest figures on 8 Aug from **Dick Bromily**, 140 classmates, wives, widows and friends had arranged to attend the mini. Most planned to stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel. One of the highlights of the mini is the Army-AF football game; another, which promises to be a notable event, is the presentation of a bust of **Jack Ryan** to the AFA by the Class for the Academy's Air Gardens. Jack's bust will be placed among those of other AF greats. **Bill Smith** reports that the response to **Dick Stilwell's** request for contributions for the bust were heartening and more than adequate to permit the comm to comission it.

Mrazek, Strand and **Wallace** have again made major input for these Class notes. My special appreciation to them and others who keep us well-informed. We will look forward to visiting w/you at the mini reunion!

'39

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Right after the farewell brunch on our 50th, our faithful scribe took off on a Space A adventure to England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. He showed up briefly on the return trip, just long enough to pick up his 28-ft, self-propelled mobile residence and a grandchild or two, and start a reconnaissance that will take him through New England, Canada, and finally back to Green Valley, AZ. **Charlie & Nina** have an advanced stage of travelitis. I do not have the benefit of **Charlie's** "usually reliable sources" for items for the Class notes, so I am sure you will join me in wishing Charlie a safe trip and a rapid return to his typewriter.

Most of the rest of the Class dragged themselves home after the reunion to rest up from the festivities. It was all that we hoped it would be and it ended too soon. A separate letter went to everyone with details of how to purchase photos, VCR tapes, 50 yr *Howitzers*, caps, pins, etc.

1939: Dzuiban, Goodpaster, McCristian, Evans, McDavid—48 yrs after the middie cruise of 1937. 5 of the 6 classmates who participated get together to reminisce

Andy Goodpaster signed the last official letter of the 50 Yr Reunion Comm thanking Dave Palmer, the Supe, for the many courtesies extended to the Class by the personnel at WP.

Lou Kunzig signed a check for $47,000 odd bucks to cover the cost of our food, etc, at the Holidome. Norm recovered his file copy of *The Geographic Directory* with all the latest changes of address; **Gene Trahan** as VP, took full responsibility for the Class banner. **Don Hull** will inspect annually to insure that it is properly maintained. And so we have completed 50 yrs of service to our country. How fortunate we were to have served through such exciting times and how quickly the yrs have passed.

1939: Jack Habecker, Bob Sears and Charlie Hillhouse

The **Hulls** and the **McCollams** repeated their marriage vows in a joint ceremony at WP in what the news accounts called a "double golden celebration." The **Krismans, Newcomers, Crandalls**, and other mutual friends of the two couples joined in the celebration. Billy Cavanaugh would be very proud of his girls and his sons-in-law.

No doubt there were scores more of our classmates who celebrated their golden wedding annivs this Jun, but **Mike & Alys Krisman, Linc & Roz Simon,** and **Bill & Mary McCaffrey** all made it on the 17th of Jun.

The Golden Wedding Celebrants would have to include **Joe & Kay Reynolds** who, if memory serves, were the first to reach the altar on 12 Jun 39.

Sad Note. In the mail forwarded to **Charlie Kepple** on his return from Europe, there was a post card from **Harriet Royce** advising that both she & **Phil** were in the hosp with heart problems. The card was dated 16 Jun; she & Phil passed away a few days later.

Ed Hamilton writes that he & **Grace** visited **Ken & Mary Lee Scott** in Ft Lauderdale, and **Bill & Kay Bailey** in St Augustine. The Scotts plan to move to Indian River Colony Club near Patrick AFB.

1939: Ed Hamilton and Bill Bailey

Jack Meyer and **Dick Cleverly** are actively considering moving to the Indian River Colony Club also. Dick and Jack were the first of four classmates, including **Ray Marlin** and **Dutch Kerwin**, to live cheek by jowl on Crown View Dr in Alexandria, VA.

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1939: Grace Hamilton, Farrell, Jeanine Farrell, Cleverly, Morrison, Jean Morrison, and Adelaide Cleverly

Ed Hamilton underwent surgery at WRAMC recently, and **Grace Hamilton** had a heart problem that put her in intensive care. Grace is back home now and we wish both Hamiltons full recoveries.

1939: Jack Habecker en route home from the 50th with one that didn't get away

Perry Hoisington did some research and came up with a fascinating bit of history. At our graduation the oldest living grad was Samuel Tillman, Class of 1869. When General Tillman graduated, the oldest living graduate was Sylvanus Thayer, Class of 1808. Sylvanus Thayer was born in 1785, and no doubt, several of our Class will live into the 21st century. Samuel Tillman touched hands with men whose lives spanned 4 centuries and the entire American experience.

McCaffrey

'40

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When you read this, **Don Baumer's** 3rd mini at Innisbrook will just have closed down. Don's Jul letter offered an interesting choice of tours during the mini in the area near Innisbrook, ranging from a visit to the Greek fishermen at Tarpon Springs, to a luncheon cruise down the intercoastal waterway, to a trip to Busch Gardens in Tampa. What with the tours, the golf or tennis at the Innisbrook resort, and the Class gatherings each evening, there was plenty to keep the troops occupied. I'll report details in the Jan issue.

About the 50th Reunion: in early Aug you should have received **Thad Nosek's** Newsletter #2 with many details about the reunion. To keep your plans synchronized with the rest of the Class, be sure to note that Thad's letter says USMA rescheduled the reunion period to be Wed, 23 May to Sat 26 May 90, one week later than previously announced. Don't tie up this formation!

Thad's Newsletter #3 is to follow shortly, with reservation forms and cost info for all the activities arranged by our reunion comm. This will cover all the reunion functions except the alumni dinner dance and the alumni luncheon; reservation forms for the latter affairs will be sent to you directly from USMA in Mar 90.

Another mailing that you should have received in late Aug is a report from **Kermit Dyke** on behalf of the nominating comm, with a ballot to cast your vote for the election of Class offs to serve from 1 Jun 90 until the first day of the mo following the 95 reunion. If, through some mischance you didn't receive your letter and ballot, drop Kermit a line at 12578 Algonquin Trail, Lusby, MD 20657 or phone him at 301-326-2649.

In Sep, you also should have had a letter from **Woodie Vaughan** asking for your orders for the 50th Yrbook being prepared in connection with our 50th. The book, for which some 120 classmates prepared articles and for which **Harry Miley** has been managing ed, is now ready for printing. Woodie is asking for specific orders so we can print the exact number we'll need.

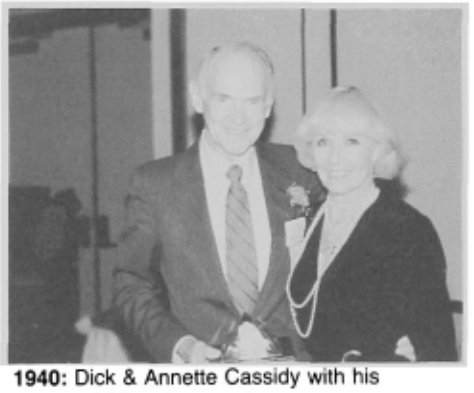
You recall that this yrbook is quite separate from our 50th Reunion gift book, the illustrated history of WP, sponsored by the gift comm headed by **Dave Parker**. The gift book is scheduled for publication later next yr; a complimentary copy is planned for each classmate and widow. Incidentally, Dave reports that Ted Crackel, the author, wants some additional photos or written material which could add local color and human touches to the history. Ted is interested in material pertaining to cadet life, but even more in stories and photos of social life of officers stationed at WP and of Class gatherings at WP for reunions or otherwise. If you have materials or stories you consider of possible interest, please send them to Dr Theodore J Crackel, PO Box 717, Carlisle, PA 17013.

I'm sure you read the fine print in the Jul *ASSEMBLY* and noted that the annual AOG election of trustees in May 89 included **Wendell Sell** as trustee-at-large (3 yrs) and **Frank Devlin** as class trustee (one yr) for '40.

Fully employed classmates are becoming rare. In Jul, **Bryce Denno** sent a clipping from a NC paper of a story on the recent arrival of **Larry & Mary Legere** at Bermuda Run, just southwest of Winston-Salem, NC. Larry made his second ret in Brussels after 15 yrs as Def Adv, US Msn to NATO. Now, the Legeres can be reached at Box 621, Bermuda Run, Advance, NC 27006.

Dick & Eleanor Abbey represented '40 at St Ann's Church in DC on 22 Jul when **Frank Devlin & Betty Traymont** were married. Frank's son Tom was best man and Eleanor was Betty's maid of honor. The wedding party also included daughters Cynthia Ann and Kathryn, who has been doing a wonderful job of taking care of Frank since **Barbara** died in 84. Frank met Betty when he bought a FL condo a couple of yrs back, where Betty and the Abbeys were neighbors.

Robby Norris wrote, "I thought the Class might be interested in the honor bestowed last May on **Dick Cassidy** by the El Paso Senior Opportunity and Services, a United Way agency. Each yr, the agency recognizes sr community leaders in 7 areas ranging from cultural and human services to education and business. Dick was selected a Centennial Leader in the field of Public Service." Robby sent a pamphlet with biographical sketches of the award winners; it covered Dick's extensive mil career in detail, but dwelt also on the many El Paso community activities Dick pursued after he ret. He's done everything from the Chamber of Commerce and Operation Santa Claus to chairing the Intergovernmental Relations Board.



1940: Dick & Annette Cassidy with his Centennial Leader award

Ralph & Greg Osborn wrote in May that they were back in Culver, IN for the summer after a recuperation period in Salt Lake City following successful surgery for each—dealing with an aneurysm for Ralph and a small stomach tumor (benign) for Greg. The choice of SLC for this work was undoubtedly influenced by their two daughters being physicians at the U of UT Med Ctr. Lucy is a pediatrician; Anne is chief of neuroradiology as well as being pres of the Amer Soc of Neuroradiology. In her 15 yrs on the faculty, Anne has gained a natl reputation as a diagnostic expert in a rapidly expanding technology. She will

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spend a yr, starting this fall, as "distinguished scientist" at the AF Inst of Pathology in DC.

Ray Renola reported that **Sam Webster** would come east in mid-Sep to compete in the Natl Clay Court Championship for men over 70, held each yr at the ANCC in Arlington. Sam and his tennis partner have been cleaning up in matches in CA. I'm sure Sam trained hard to get ready: when I tried to call him in Jul, he was out of the office on a very long lunch hr for tennis with Y A Tittle, erstwhile '49ers QB. I'll report the outcome in the next issue.

Ed & Raye Wynne wrote from FL, "We just spent a mo in So Africa on the TROA tour. It's a beautiful country with clean beaches and modern cities; the people—of whatever color—are most pleasant. Our trip included a safari through the Kruger Animal Preserve and a visit to the Cape of Good Hope; if you have a chance, take the tour. We'll continue our tripping with a visit to MI in Aug to see my first granddaughter, Lisa, married. Her father, Michael Wynne '66, is a VP with Gen Dynamics. After the wedding, Raye & I will drive back through Quebec and Nova Scotia."

In Jul, **Dick & Eleanor Abbey** and **John & Alleen Burfening** made one of their trips to visit clusters of classmates—this time to NM. When they arrived in Albuquerque, **Obie & Betty O'Brien** welcomed them and area classmates with cocktails at their ranchito. **Carey & Betty O'Bryan,** who recently gave up their big house in Paradise Valley for a more easily managed apt in the city, arranged a no-host dinner at Tia Maria, an early-1830s hacienda. **PJ & Betty Moore** came over—Phil doing very well after recent hip and knee surgery. **Burt & Doris McKenzie** came in from their spread in Las Lunas. **Babe & Stella Rogers** were off on a fishing expedition and missed the gathering. Carey says we of '40 are maturing even more rapidly, noting that Carey Jr is now ret from USAF and with TRW in CA.

The **Abbeys** and **Burfenings** went on to Santa Fe for drinks with **Charlie & Kathleen Banks** at their ranch-style home overlooking the city. Mess call here brought in **Bob & Jane Fate** from their hacienda at Santa Cruz, **Sam & Kiki Goodwin** from Cerrillos, and **Fred & June Yeager,** who already show the good effects of the NM climate after their recent move from DC.

After a day of sightseeing in Taos, the visitors paused to inspect Crossed Sabers Ranch, the fabulous estate the **Goodwins** have created. The Goodwins had recently been asked to entertain a gp of Soviet officers and called **Fred Yeager** to assist with the Russian conversation. **Kiki,** who is a paramedic with the local fire dept, was off tng firefighters and couldn't help look around the ranch. The

1940: Pidgeons and Cagwins; Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

last night in Albuquerque was spent with **Jerry & Billie Addington.** The classmates in the area seem happy, busy, and well; all are strong advocates of southwest living. Their only complaint was lack of rain this yr; visitors from the DC area, where it had rained every day for 75 days, were unsympathetic!

I'm sorry to report some bad news. **Sam Webster** sent word that **Vic Conley** died in Ventura, CA on 9 Jul after a gallant fight against cancer. We offer our sympathy to **Billie,** who can be reached at their home at 3029 Seaview Ave, Ventura, CA 93001.

Now we'll concentrate on planning for the gathering at WP next May. We look forward to seeing you then!

'41

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Progress continues on THE BOOK. **Walt Mather's** history is probably 90% complete, and thanks to the mighty effort on the part of the co rep-dir, about 80% of the bio/obits are on the publisher's floppys, and by the time you read this, that portion of the book will be pasted up and finished. The heartening thing

1941: 11 Jun 41 and our distinguished speaker, Secy Stimpson

about this effort is to find a classmate or widow who has not been heard from for a long time, and find them happy to learn of the project or willing to participate. **Petey (Woodward) Gordon** had not heard about the book and when I called her, she was delighted and sent the complete package on **Hunter** and her kids along with pictures IN LESS THAN ONE WK! **Barbara Polk** was the same way. On the other hand, one guy has sent the same individual picture 3 times; and when I needled poor **Pete Dilts** to get in his bio he said, "**Burt**, I've sent it *twice*!"—which I found to be true. As one of my old TX War Buddies says, "It's Haill growin' old!"

And thanks to **Ben Spiller,** we have permission from the Class of '27 to use their splendid book, *The Cadet Chapel,* which reminds us that our '41 window focused on Saul in his blindness. We also funded the Class of 1841's window. Now both of these beautiful windows will be included in our book.

Mike Greene, just back from a stimulating trip to WP, relates, "Our grandson, Chris Fellows, entered with the Class of '93 on 28 Jun. He is the eldest son of our daughter, Becky, and her husband, Mike Fellows '68. **Eileen** & I attended various R-Day (Reception Day) functions conducted for families. What a difference from 1 Jul 37!!! There was a two-hr briefing by the Supe, Com and others to explain the Beast Barracks program and cadet life. That was followed by a formation on the Plain to witness the Class of '93 taking their oath of office. Needless to say, these two grandparents were very proud people—all the more because Chris becomes the 5th generation of the family to attend an academy.

After a visit to the beautiful Lake Winnipesaukee area to see the **Atteberrys** and **Campbells,** the **Greenes** went back to WP to have a family gathering for **Mike's** big 70th! While there he checked on several Class activities, "The plantings at the **Kelleher-Jobes** Memorial Arch are in place and the work is finished and paid for. Next, came a visit to **Nininger** Hall where the OIC gave me a very detailed briefing on the results of the Posvar Commission Review of the Honor Code. At my next stop, I noted that the lettering with the words **Gillis** *Field House* is on the North side of the building. I plan to ask our Board to consider funding (from our ample $58,000 fund) the cost of putting the same lettering on the cadet side of the building so that it can be seen from the level of the Plain.

"**Joe Gurfein** is moving out with the plans for the BIG REUNION. He met last wk with Bill McCaffrey and Gene Trahan of '39 (they also used the Suffern Holidome this yr). Joe will meet with his comm in late Aug."

Hugh Foster has put together his preliminary plan for the memorials section of The Book. Hugh has done, and continues to do, a lot of homework on this very vital project. The importance of the Honor Comm Hall is well understood by our classmates, but we want to leave a full description of its origin, functions

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and role in the vital Cadet Character Dev Program to meet the *Heritage* objective of our 50th Book. NOTE: For a complete report on the Posvar report, see p 4 in the Jul 89 *ASSEMBLY*. The **Kelleher-Jobes** Arch is one of only two memorials at WP erected to the memory of cadets. In addition, the **Gillis** Field House and **Tate** Rink are extremely important venues for the athletic program. We are the only Class, thus far, in the history of our Alma Mater, to host 4 permanent installations honoring members of our Class. Hugh Foster states, and I fully concur, that we are open to suggestion on how best to represent these 4 important installations in the book. So please let us have your ideas.

1941: Doris Mullane, Mickey McKee, Maggie Borman and Dolores Tuttle

Another project being implemented at WP is the funding of the Flight Memorial to be completed by 90. Stated in the brochure are these words, "The graduates honored by this project, and WP itself, provided the body and spirit of aerial service that was not imagined at the Academy's founding. Their efforts and sacrifices forged the Army Air Service, the Army Air Corps, US Army Aviation, the US AF, and our nation's space programs. Those who fly now and in the future service of our country will ever owe homage and honor to those WP graduates who went before them in life—and death. It is time to give these graduates formal recognition NOW by supporting this project which has 3 segments—Leadership, History, and Sacrifice."

Travel continues to be a vital morale factor for our special gang. **Joe Gurfein** spent the wk 14–21 May in Beijing to attend an intl conference on engr education. "Of course we were caught up in the student demonstrations—a fascinating historical time to be there. The students loved us Americans, but they were also cheering Gorbachev. We were in Tiananmen Square the day the fasting started and daily went among the students. Our hotel was across the street from the Beijing Peoples U so we had a 24-hr-a-day harangue, crowds, banners and bicycles. We did get to the Forbidden City, Great Wall, and Ming Tombs before they were closed to visitors."

Kay & I took a fabulous trip to Switzerland in May, and it really pumped us up. We went over Space-A, departing McConnell (Wichita) on a KC-135R tanker that was refueling F-15's as we crossed the North Atlantic (brought back memories of the days I was on the receiving end of one of those booms in a B-47). Our rental car was ready at Frankfurt and, after taking to the autobahn, we were guests of the Army at Heidelberg's lovely VIP qtrs. Next day we were in Kreuzlingen with our wonderful Swiss friends for a two-wk "Sentimental Journey" that spoiled us completely. If you are in the mood for Space-A travel, call me for "how to."

Joe & Fran Myers made their annual pilgrimage to HI for Mar-Apr. They, too, use the "Right Price" Space A ticket and what is more, they know the ropes at destination. They take a BOQ at Schofield for as long as local regs permit and then move to the Navy's Barber's Point for the same routine. With the USAF facilities at Bellows and the Army's at Waianae, they enjoy a millionaire's vacation at BOQ prices. And **Jack Christensen** can tell you the tricks about getting a reservation at the Hale Koa—he & **Muriel** will be there in Oct.

Lyman Faulkner, despite the tragic loss of **Jane**, accompanied his study gp to the USSR, and **Harriet Linnell** decided to join her travel gp to the same general destination. We should be able to report some keen observations about Glasnost in our next notes.

1941: Ben McCaffery and one that did not get away

Continental travels: **Hugh & Mary Jane Foster** report, "Just returned from two wks vacationing in The Great Northwest; the auspicious beginning of our trip was a luncheon atop the Seattle Needle hosted by my former roommate, **Win Curley** & his lovely wife, **Jean**. On the back leg of our journey, Win & Jean held a dinner in their exquisite home in Redmond. **Mary Kay & Whit Whitaker** and **Bill Purdy** were there. **Stan Hutson & Peg** were unable to come, but Stan called to express their regrets. Interestingly, on the ferry from Vancouver to Victoria, I met a man wearing a zipper jacket emblazoned with "Matthew B Ridgway Chapter." On his left sleeve he sported a USMA patch which prompted me to ask if he was a graduate. He replied that he was and further inquiry added, Class of '41, "B" Co. In a later encounter he stated that he was John Martinke and even wrote it out for me." Hugh went on to say that, after returning home, he researched his considerable WP source books and found no such name associated with our Class. My records agree.

Our new legislator, **Irv Perkin**, having been successful in winning a seat in the CA Assembly, reports that he has introduced his first bill in the Sr Legislature and is awaiting comm hearings. Says Irv, "Here in Granola land, anything can happen."

1941: Ambassador Ed Rowny and fans

We can all be proud that **Ed Rowny** is back in his old job as Special Asst to the Pres for Arms Control matters. He was here in Jun for a talk to an American Bar Assoc gp and **Kay** & I were able to sit in. It was a seminar format with a very informal setting, so Ed sat in a lounge chair with his coat off. But his talk, without any reference to notes, was most illuminating and professional. The question session told you that typically Ed had gotten his message across to an important audience. Before the talk, he insisted on hosting a luncheon at the Broadmoor attended by **Ben Spiller, John Henschke,** and me. **Mal Troup** and **Jim Carroll** had to regret.

And another key job in the Bush Administration will be filled by John **Easton** Jr, as Asst Secy of Energy (Intl Affairs and Energy Emergencies). **Julie** is very proud!

Our casualty list continues to be the tough part of this job. **Pooge Curtis**, after a valiant battle with throat cancer, died on 24 May and was buried with full mil honors at Ft Bliss. **Doris** is back in Seattle and can be reached at the address below. **Art Meyer**, while visiting his son in Bonn, a MAJ JAG, died of a massive heart attack. He was buried in Reading, PA with **Al Dalby**, **Bill & Marie Clifford** in attendance. And **Kevin Cannon** passed away on 11 Jun in Seattle, while living with her daughter, Sandra Sedber-

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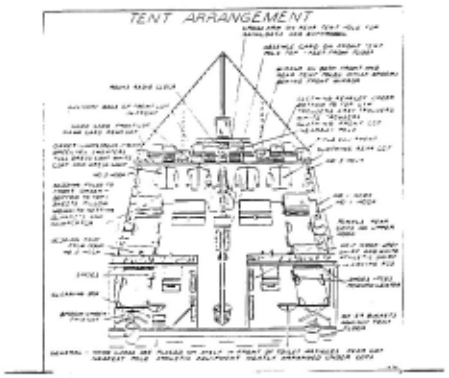
ry. She was buried beside **Charlie** at the Presidio of S.F. Sandra will send in the details on the service.

1941: Gina Cleary Moran's wedding with Tom & Cathy plus her brother, CPT TJ Cleary III

POTPOURRI:

Correction: Last issue, I very carefully reported that **Joan King** has a new address; then I repeated her old one. Her *correct* address is 748 N Reeve Rd, Dataw Isl, SC 29920—ph: 803-838-5666. Other new addresses: **Al Jensen**—7 Daniels Rd, Boonton Township, NJ 07005. **Tom Collison**: Apt 11 K, 1701 Tam O'Shanter Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740. **Doris Curtis**: 23624 60th Ave S, Apt B-103, Kent, WA 98032. **Petie (Woodward) Gordon**; 8033 N New Braunfels 200 C, San Antonio, TX 78209. **Marge Hershenow**: 1280 Brookfield Ave, Apt 3, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1535. **Jean Moody**: 9100 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. **Tom Ward**: 19070 Allan Rd, West Volcano, CA 95689. **Harriet Linnell**: Star Rte 7, Box 217D, Beaufort, SC 29902. **Tommy Thomas**: 702 Hummingbird St, Lynn Haven, FL 32444; ph: 904-265-4798. MOVING: **Sybil (Lokker)** & Bob Wilson have sold their home in OH and are building in Naples, FL. All her kids and grands are "Doing Fine." **Joe Myers** talked to **Betty Hoebeke** to learn that she is getting along well. **Mercer Longino** reported satisfactory progress in recovery of a hip replacement. **Tom Corbin** went through this same procedure and is also coming back up to speed. **Stan Hays** wrote that he feels honored to be included in The Book. I told him he had paid his dues and deserved to be in it. **Frank & Martha Gerig** plan to visit Coors Country soon to be with their son; they recently saw the **Rotons** and report that **Chuck** is making a good recovery from his surgery. **Hill Blalock** was here visiting relatives and insisted on hosting a dinner at the Penrose Room of the Broadmoor. **Mal & Alma Troup, Ben & Harrie Spiller, Kay** & I enjoyed the elegant cuisine and setting matched by the charm and gallantry of our host—a true southern gentleman.

Mal Troup, the business mgr for the book, wants to add this: "Everyone has done an outstanding job on our project to



1941: AMI tomorrow—so get ready

pre-sell 50th yr books; kudos to all co reps, regional leaders, widows, sons and daughters, and Class friends. Over 360 books have been ordered and *paid for*, and over $1,000 in contributions has been received. There are still a few books available for those who have not ordered yet or who desire some extras. Let's start our big 50th off right by going over the top on the project; don't forget that the Class treasury is discounting the price down to $50. A book makes a great Christmas gift. Also, a tremendous amount of time and effort is being devoted by our editorial staff to make the book a max 3.0!

And let's resolve to see to it that both the Reunion and the Book capture the '41 spirit and honor the attainments of the Black and Fabulous Class of '41! Sir, there are 460 days—YEAH REUNION!!!

'42

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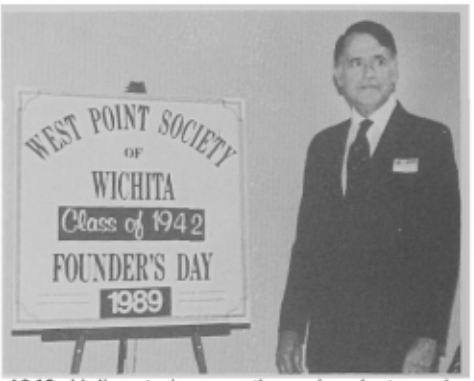
Should you find this effort even more disjointed than usual, my excuse is that it's being started 3 wks before my 15 Aug deadline as we hope to be enjoying the light, cool breezes of CO Springs at that time. Having learned of such, **Ray & Elaine Murphy** promptly leased their place to **Jere & Peg Maupin** for two mos and fled town! To soften the blow, Ray arranged a guest membership at the Garden of the Gods Club for our dining and dancing pleasure! Their spring visit to FL was spent with Elaine's mother, who is in precarious health. They had enjoyed an evening chez **Garvin** with the **Gernerts, Seiferts** and **Floyd Robinson. Pappy**'s personal catch of Alaskan salmon was featured. Heard later that Ray had been to DC for the ribbon-cutting at the new Army Ret Residence.

Ray O'Neal asked for one last reminder of the mini, but this won't reach you until after the ball is over—so! He expects in excess of 100 classmates and widows to make the scene, and after a look at the schedule, I proclaim it a more than adequate stress-test for the 47 1/2 attendees!

Before attacking your welcome input, the following moves: **John & Lib Anderson** to 701 Lancaster Dr, Irvington, VA 22480. No details about the surprise change of station, but I note that it's on the eastern shore of the Rappahannock, approximately due east of Richmond. Certainly closer to Lib's territory than Maine! **Jean Stann** has made a more modest change to 6011 Melody Ln #212, Dallas, TX 75231. And **Pat Timothy** has traded our coast of FL for the other one, moving to 105 Tega Cay Pl #1002, Ponte Vedra Beach 32082, just south of Jacksonville.

A mite too late for the last column was a photo of **Hal McMaster** at the Wichita Founders Day dinner. He must still be



1942: Hal's a tad grayer than when last seen!

young at heart as the address listed showed him with an office phone #!

Wyley Baxter took a bit of R&R, driving East to see old friends in Newport News and son Tom in Crofton, MD. Had a great evening and dinner with **Bill & Gloria Hamilton** at their country retreat. When he allowed as how the change was so relaxing that if a Cavalry nag had been handy, he might have gone for a short trot, I knew he'd been gone from home too long! No change to report in **Virginia**'s condition. So sad!

Claire Horridge sent a newsy letter and a clipping about the departure of the USMA DIA to be head of the Colonial League, where Army and Fordham are joining Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lehigh and Lafayette. Doesn't sound like a great leap forward for WP, despite the quality of the institutions and the fact that they're all non-scholarship. The second told about '49's nautical arrangements for their 40th. They chartered the *Love Boat*, cruised to Bermuda and then used it for a floating hotel during the reunion. Our leaders are checking into the possibility for the 50th. Claire & **Dick** had been present at **Ec & Ginger Cutler**'s for the presentation of our bookends to Jonathan Ulsaker who is probably bored with being known as our caboose! On hand were a beaming **Carl & Pat**, Jonathan's godparents and **Yates & Helen Hill**. Horridges daughter Nicki and spouse Bob Seger spent a few days with them to see their sons Chris and

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Mike graduate from SUNY. A strong nibble for the Horridge estate has them hopeful but not overly optimistic. **Dick & Dottie Maffry** had recently driven up from DC with **Rip & Bettye Young**. All joined for dinner with the Cutlers at the O Club. The Maffrys have opened a "safe house" for runaways, etc, in Altus. They've paid for everything thus far, but are hoping for some support soon. What a great effort.

Ec Cutler also reported on the "do" for Jonathan, and of course, the guy responsible for it all did, too! **Carl** rated the rain on the graduation ceremonies as at least a monsoon, ceasing only as the last of the 1000+ diplomas were presented. Jonathan made the Dean's list all 4 yrs, won an award as #1 in Russian, and received a wrist watch for winning his major "A" for his 3 yrs on the rifle team. He also had the hutzpah to attend the Jun '42 luncheon and face his father's rowdy peers! Carl honchoed the Class

1942: Ec presents Jonathan with—miracles excepted—our last set of bookends

1942: Pat & Carl make it official

dinner-dance at ANCC on 21 May. The 51 present included **Larry & Jane Adams**. The honor system cash bar ended up a buck short—but the two buck overage from the prior shindig would indicate that it's only our arithmetic that suffers from old age!

Crit Crittenberger's local journal noted that **Al Hunter** was to be the speaker at Flag Day ceremonies in Easton. Good show, Al! And I'm happy to read that Crit was elected to serve as an AOG Trustee for another yr.

Caldy Ryder forwarded an item about a member of the Children's Hosp Foundation Board, **Tom Hanley**, who had been honored for his 5,000 hrs of volunteer service. Great going, Tom! And can any of you out there top this?!?! Caldy reported all '42ers but one on hand for a 30 May bash at the Ft Sam Club. Other club members swore that there must have been twice as many as were actually present! **Bud** and Caldy were off for two days in Ireland, thence to Moscow, with 6 days on the Volga and in Leningrad.

Our new leader **Ed Farrington** touched base, with the comment that the supposed "election" turned out to be a "presentation" of the slate! Nothing like democracy! Having been called on to act twice in his first wk in office, Ed decided that it was official! A subsequent letter brought that kind of news that gives us all pause. On 12 Jun, **Carl Stapleton** suffered a fatal heart attack. Burial was in the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery, and I'm confident that our fine group turned out in force to offer their support. Our deepest sympathy to **Louise** and the family. She asked that the Class contribution go to the Heart Fund, and that has been done. The AOG had advised Ed that **Ike Eisenschmidt** died 4 Jun. No details were available, but I'm sure that Ed has advised **Kay** that we share in her loss.

We had a quick trip to York in Jun to attend **Barbara**'s 50th HS reunion and to have a memorial service for her mother who died in a nursing home here in Feb. The latter was an especially warm occasion, with lots of friends and family on hand, including all grandchildren from both the **Duffié** and **Hanst** clans. The reune was a big success because Barbara looked younger than all of the others of the female persuasion—except for second wives—and no one there knew who to point the finger at because of me! A brief layover in DC gave me a chance to lunch with **George Allin** and **Charlie Mizell** and catch up on the local gossip. We also checked in with **Bob & Marcie Bringham**, finding her as indomitable as ever. Grandson Christopher (7) drove back with us so that Susan would have an excuse to come down to take him home in time for participation in his baseball team's victory in the Alexandria championships!

George Rehkopf hammered Callaway Gardens because of the treatment of the gang at the golf gaggle and got not only an apologetic response but also an invitation for all to return for 3 days' worth of fun and games with no charge for other than food and incidentals. They're probably lucky that the specified dates are shortly after San Antone or else all of us cheapies would surely be there! In the meantime, **Jim Vivian** is already hard at work laying on the next gaggle at the AZ Biltmore in Phoenix next May. Sounds like a posh spot to celebrate a hoped-for 70th birthday!

A very welcome note from **Betty Williams**. She's getting great support from nearby kids and grandkids. Her plans are to stay there in VA Beach and enjoy the family's nearness. Her big news is that son Christopher's 18-yr old Ryan is a new USMA plebe (**Cutlers** please note in case of an SOS!). Sounds like a super young man, as smart as his grandpa! He turned down several 4-yr scholarships, including MIT, to give us another offspring to cheer along!

John Finney wrote to comment on some of the stats from the annual report of my old home away from home. Sez he's still having withdrawal pains from joining the unemployed, but does thoroughly enjoy the leisurely mornings! He and **Lake** are zeroing in on the San Antone fiesta. Granddaughter Kristi has finished HS and is on her way to the U of AZ next fall. S'pose there's no way I can meet that competition!

And probably the last Founders Day 89 picture provides a most pleasant surprise—**Tom & Virginia Furey** at Ft Ord! I found elsewhere that Tom is doing his bit as secy of the Monterey Peninsula Soc. And I also read that **Garth Stevens** was the oldest grad—could it be—at the Monticello Soc bash.

1942: The Fureys with the Pacific as a modest background

Fran Roberts came through with a photo of him and **Jim Josendale** from the Global Economics Action Inst Seminar at Pinehurst which Fran hosted. With

1942: Josey and Fran make the industrial-mil complex look pretty chic!

Ambassador Adelman, Hodding Carter, Jeane Kirkpatrick, the VP of the Com-

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mission of the European Communities, banking and investment leaders, as well as present and former politicos included among the heavy hitters on the program, it was a resounding success. Fran has been playing with some other heavy hitters—on the US Seniors golf circuit. Triumphs are hard to come by, but he can still play with the big boys! He & **Polly** had been to Usmay for her grandfather's centennial Class celebration. Mike Greene did a fine job of MC'ing—but Fran found little to applaud in the Thayer's accommodations. As a consequence, he's also pushing the floating hotel idea for the 50th.

Phil Wyman survived the 8th DC '42 golf classic. **Hal Rice** coordinated his travel to join with the usual stalwarts, and **Pete Russell** joined up to bring the total number of participants to 24, the most ever. **Young, Farrington, Slaton** and **Robinson** took the cash in the Black Flight; **Gustaves, Snow** and **Vogel** in the Gold, and **Allin, Ford** and **Bortell** in the Grey. In the hiatus before the next event, **Bob Clagett, Hesselbacher, Koster, Mizell, Newman, Reid, Sheffey, Sitterson, Terry, Ulsaker, Waller**, and other non-winners mentioned above are 1) working on their games or 2) inflating their handicaps!

1942: Four happy hookers—or slicers—await the starting gun

1942: Rip rips US Grant from Phil's grasp while Charlie applauds

ASSEMBLY's summary of Supe's Fund contributions lists 73 of you stalwarts on the $500+ list—plus **Jean Smith** Leu. **ElRoy Master** continues to show us the way. Thanks to all for boosting the Class Fund and helping the Academy meet the needs of today's Corps.

1942: Larry congratulates Robby—or was it vice versa?

Received a notice that **Jim & Norma Cockrell** continue to provide the site for the Aug picnic, with the usual entertainment. **Pete Flor Cruz** is head honcho, which no doubt means that **Juanita** will be heavily involved in the logistics!

Tom Hanley took time to advise that he & **Elma** were part of the **John & Jean Baker** ME bash, as were **Dave & Edith Clagett, Don & Sandy Fisken, Lee Hamerly, Hank & Pat Harmeling, Andy & Helen Low, Pete & Nancy Russell** and **Dick Wise**. Spicing the occasion was a real Fourth of Jul, with a parade led by the fire engine and 80 kids in costume, each of whom won a prize as "best in class!" How wonderfully warm and nostalgic can you get?!?! Some went on to the Fiskens' hideaway at Lake Winnipesaukee (I looked it up, and you spelled it correctly, Tom!). If an antique wooden rum runner, a today's speed boat, sail boat, canoe, rowboat, wind sail and water skis didn't meet your wishes, you were—so to speak—dead in the water!

And as I hunted and pecked away at this came a call from **Bette Lou Plott**, advising that she & **Bill** had just talked to **Wyley Baxter** and the kids after receiving word that **Virginia** had just died. In Wyley's last note, he wondered how long she could continue in her situation. Mercifully, the answer has come. We have since talked to Wyley and found him grateful that Virginia's struggle has ended. The locals turned out in fine style for the memorial service; burial will be at Arlington at a later date. Wyley has applied to get back into teaching to keep out of trouble—and perhaps help some kids do likewise.

I hope that any news missed by this early effort will not lose its luster by the delay, and that there'll be none of the other kind. My gratitude to all who keep me going. For those who haven't been in touch, $.25 isn't too much to spend to get your name in print!

Jan '43

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Inasmuch as a paragraph from the "welcome-news-from-here-and-there section" of our last Class notes appears to have ended up on the ed's "cutting room floor," let's pick it up from there with **Pat & Darrie Richards**, who enjoyed a 5-wk "down-under" trip to Australia and New Zealand (via HI) during Feb/Mar, while **Bob & Barbara Fiss** and **Jim & Alice Frankosky** flew to Rio de Janeiro for "the Carnival" which, according to them, "far surpassed any similar celebration (eg: the Mardi Gras and Fasching) that they have ever attended."

Jan '43: Fisses and Frankoskys on the top of Sugar Loaf (Pao de Acucar) in Rio de Janeiro

From Rio, they cruised on the *Ocean Princess* to Buenos Aires with port calls at seaside resorts/cities along the coasts of Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. Meanwhile, Bob & Barbara continue to hop back and forth across the country on business trips in Barbara's capacity as asst dir of OPM and a natl officer of the American Compensation Assoc. While Barbara attends to business, Bob plays a bit of golf—such as on a recent trip to San Ant where he played with **McD, Jack Daye** and **George Sykes**. Other classmates/wives who were traveling this past summer include

Jan '43: Bob Lacy, Quent Goss, Jim Aleveras and Al Hughes at the Admiral Kidd Club in San Diego

- **Pappy & Jane Doyle**, who were "in town" (DC) for a meeting of the USAF OSI Assoc (of which Pappy is now the pres) before catching a Concorde flight to England for more Assoc activities and a bit of sightseeing.
- **Walt & Anne Nygard**, who attended the wedding of Anne's niece in Bethesda, MD while en route to their new

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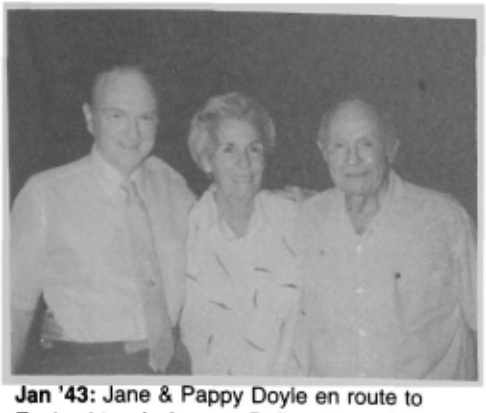

Jan '43: Jane & Pappy Doyle en route to England touch down at Dulles Airport in VA for "a bit of cheer" with your scribe

"part-time home" at Spanish Cove near Pensacola, FL. It seems that they have finally decided to give up the long, frigid winters of Duluth, MN in favor of "snowbirding" in FL. But, they have also acquired a piece of country property with a log cabin near Bozeman, MT for summertime living. However, according to Walt, the cabin is only a temporary residence until the house that they're building on the same property is completed. On top of all of this, Walt has had to have both of his knees replaced again—mercy!

• **Ted & Marge Seith**, who are spending a good deal of their time shuttling back and forth to their new summer/winter home on the picturesque coast of ME. Who knows, they may become full-time "bull mooses!"

Jan '43: Ted & Marge Seith enjoy an HI dinner-dance at the ANCC

• **Buck Stahle**, who visited **Bob & Nell Whitlow** in Harbor Point, MI and reminisced about their baseball playing days at USMA. According to Bob, "I was pitching and Buck was catching at the Army-Navy baseball game at Annapolis in 42 which Army won 10–3. This was the first Army baseball victory at the Naval Academy since 1912!"

• **Jack & Helen Cutler**, who attended Helen's 45th reunion at Sweet Briar College in VA and were pleasantly surprised to see "Sandy" Anderson (**Tibbie's** sister and Freeman Bowley's widow of Jun '43) and **Hank & Beverly Richard** (also Jun '43, but originally Jan '43).

Jan '43: Bob Whitlow and Buck Stahle got together in Jul at Harbor Point, MI—just 50 yrs after they first met at you-know-where on 7/1/39

Meanwhile, back here in what is becoming known as the "murder capital of the nation," some 37 classmates and wives met at the ANCC on 6/23/89 for our annual summer business/social luncheon during which

• We heartily endorsed a nominated slate of new Class offs consisting of **Jim Dempsey** (pres), **Bill Knowlton** (VP), **Pat Wardell** (secy) and **Ben Edwards** (treas).

Jan '43: Our new Class offs: Ben Edwards (treas), Bill Knowlton (VP), Jim Dempsey (pres) and Pat Wardell (secy) at the "inauguration"

• **Bill Knowlton** advised us that some 67 classmates have each contributed $500 or more to our 50th reunion Class Memorial Fund, which means that we are now about 71% of the way toward our ultimate goal. (Subsequently, the addition of **Jack Armstrong, "Moe" Dworak, Jesse Hollis, Bob Marshall, John Norris, Jack Shaffer** and **Jack Upchurch** to our "$500-plus club" has boosted its membership to 74!)

Jan '43: George & Joyce Rebh, Hawaiian-style

Jan '43: Our "miracle man" Jack Armstrong

• **Joe Benson**, our out-going pres, stated that a concept proposal for our 50th reunion gift to the Academy consisting of a small memorial park has been submitted to the Supe for review/comments/approval. If the concept is approved, then a detailed plan will be submitted to the Academy for implementation.

Jan '43: Bob McDermott, Frank Camm and Jim Frankosky at USMA in May for an AOG Board of Trustees meeting and the alumni exercises

The word from **Mitch Goldenthal** on the status of our mini-reunion in San Ant 11/2-5/89 is that some 50 classmates/wives have indicated that they will attend. If you're one of the "maybes" or

Jan '43: Helen & Mitch Goldenthal on a night out in San Ant

"non-responders" and would like to join us in San Ant, just fill out the "poop

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sheet" that Mitch sent to you and drop it in the mail. Come on and enjoy "**Bill Starnes'** TX BBQ," "**George Sykes'** fiesta" and all the sights of the city.

"In print and in paint" this past summer were

• **Joe Conmy**, whose fine editorial in the 5/27 *Washington Post* entitled "I Led a Brigade at Hamburger Hill" took issue with writer, David Hackworth, and "editorializers" McCombs and Hoagland of the *Post* with regard to the importance and success of the battle for Hamburger Hill.

• **Bill Knowlton**, whose 6/23 Letter to the Editor of the *Washington Post* on its "funny, but not very professional, editorial on The Regulation Cookie" suggested that the *Post* writer should have researched/explained the "why of the regulation"—which Bill did. Incidentally, Bill is "leading a 10-man team from the 7th Armored Div to the 45th anniv of the liberation of the Netherlands in Sep." Bill cmded the 2d plt of E Trp in the Div's Cav Sqdn from Normandy to Verdun during WWII.

• **Fly Flanagan**, whose "Before the Battle" articles in the Jun, Jul and Aug issues of the *Army* magazine highlighted the importance of making sound mil decisions, managing one's time efficiently and "being all that you can be."

• **Pat Wardell**, whose two new books on the genealogy of VA and WV were published in Aug and Sep.

• **Isabel Spann** (**Fred's** talented wife), whose fine collection of her paintings were on exhibit in the town hall of Vienna, VA from Jun-Aug.

We offer congratulations to the following members of our younger generations:

• Susan Clough (**Art & Mary Sebesta's** granddaughter by their daughter, Carol, and son-in-law, Stanley '61), who graduated from the Med Sch of GA as an MD this past Jun.

• David Petraeus (**Bill & Peggy Knowlton's** son-in-law '74, and husband of the Knowltons' daughter, Holly) who has become Aide to the Army CS (Carl Vuono '57).

• Katie Freeman (**Paul/Audrey Andrepont's** granddaughter), who as a "freshwoman" at the Highland Falls HS, earned her varsity letter in volleyball, her JV letter in basketball and hopes to attend "the Academy next door" after she graduates from HS.

There have been a number of major changes in the addresses of our classmates/widows/Class associates that you may wish to add to your 6/1/88 Roster of Classmates and Their Wives as follows:

• **Laura Cota** (**Dan's** widow), 8660 N Port Washington Rd #313, Milwaukee, WI 53217;

• **"Dake"& Tommy Dakin**, 1553 Poplar Dr, Ormand Beach, FL 32074;

• **Phoebe Foote**, 6006 Pulmas St, Ste F, Reno, NV 89509;

• **Jim Kelleher**, 1810 Ft Bragg Rd #2, Fayetteville, NC 28303;

• **Gene Landrum** (Class associate), 2301 Fairway Dr, Springfield, IL 62704;

• **Anne Netherwood** (**Doug's** widow), 1640 Guertin, Saint-Laurent, Quebec, Canada H4L 4C4;

• **Elvy Roberts**, 1204 Porta Ballena, Alameda, CA 94501;

• **Jack & Joan Shaffer**, 8053 Rising Ridge Rd, Bethesda, MD 20817; and

• **Bill Talbott**, 207 W Beall Ave, Bardstown, KY 40004.

Sadly, there are also the following 3 additional changes of a permanent nature in your Roster that reflect the deaths of two classmates and a wife:

• **Bob Edwards**, who died in Bakersfield, CA on 6/22. As reflected in our Roster and Class notes, his whereabouts had been unknown for a number of yrs. As may be noted in the *Register of Graduates*, Bob ret from the Air Corps for physical disability reasons in 47 and worked for the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. His brother, John '39, was also in the USAF and ret in Fairborn, OH in 64.

• **Jack Upchurch**, who died of cancer in New Port Ritchie, FL on 8/1 and was buried in Williston, FL which, it is reported, was named after his grandfather. Jack was the #6 man in our Class academically and chose the CE, but he resigned in 54 and later moved to Williston, FL where he was involved in real estate activities.

• **Danny Bogan**, who died of a heart attack while watching TV at home in San Ant, TX on 8/10 and was buried in the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery on 8/16. After ret from Hq, Ft Sam Houston in 73, Danny operated a home improvement business in San Ant until 81. He is survived by his wife, **Garnet**, to whom we offer our deepest sympathies.

• **Susan Landrum** (wife of our Class associate, **Gene Landrum**) who died of a stroke in Springfield, IL on 4/12. As Gene wrote, "I am at last ret, but don't know what I'm going to do because all of my plans went up in smoke when Susan died. However, I might attend the reunion of the 87th Inf Div in Chicago this yr"—of which I was also a member as the div sig co cmdr during WWII.

Happily, according to **Bill Knowlton, Gray Wheelock**, whose death was reported in our last Class notes, is being "memorialized" at Ft Polk, LA (which he converted from "a post without a future into a going concern") by the dedication of the post's athletic center in his name.

Jun '43

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Jun '43 weddings are not your usual news item these days, so I am delighted to start off with the announcement that **Johnny Lucas & Rosemary C Porter** were married on 14 Apr at St Lawrence Church, New Bedford, MA. The **Nick Parkers** were on hand for, as John wrote, " . . . since I was Nick's best man when he & **Cynthia** were married, I asked them to come and oversee this marriage to be sure it was done properly." **Rosemary,** welcome to the Class; and congratulations and best wishes to you both. Note new Lucas address: 31 Lincoln St, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Jun '43: Nick & Cynthia Parker, Rosemary & John Lucas

Mary Beth Spiece, daughter-in-law of **Don & Lee Spiece**, has kindly sent us this picture of Don Sr; MAJ Don Jr '76; and Don III (USMA ?), who was born 17 Dec 88. (The little guy, understandably, is customarily called "Trey.") The photo was taken in Apr, while Don Jr was attending CGSC. He is now assigned to the J-5 staff at HQ EUCOM, in Stuttgart. Many thanks, Mary Beth!

Jun '43: Three Don Spieces!

Sandy Sembach tells me that he and **Bob Mattox** first met when they were enlisted students at the III Corps Area WP Prep School, Ft Monroe, in 1939–40. Today, both live not far from Ft Monroe, where Bob & **Vivian's** offspring held a surprise 40th anniv party for their parents several mos ago. Thanks to Sandy for the photo below.

Soon after, **Bob & Vivian's** youngest daughter, Susan, was married on 6 May to Mr Kevin Sheahan, of Wilmington, DE, in the historic old Chapel of the Centurion at Ft Monroe. Having survived all this excitement, the **Mattoxes** set out northward for a visit with **Bob &**

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Jun '43: Bob & Vivian Mattox with Chris & Sandy Sembach

Susan deCamp on Cape Cod. There, on 4 Jul, **Bob Mattox** was stricken with a sudden gall bladder attack and had to have an emergency operation. Vivian later said, "We were strangers in the area, but the deCamps were just wonderful and we can't thank them enough for their help."

From El Paso and **Don Mehrtens** comes this picture, probably the last of the Founders Day photos for the current yr. In particular, I was glad to see that **Warren Rogers** is on his feet again and looking well after his hip replacements. (Dr **George Alexander** of the El Paso contingent was unable to get off duty at the hosp to be present.)

Jun '43: (Front) Rogers, Abel; (rear) Walshes and Mehrtens; Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

Dave Ott '44 notified me on 30 Jul that his brother and our classmate, **Stan Ott**, underwent emergency brain surgery on 28 Jul in New Orleans, followed by radiation treatment. On 10 Aug **Marilyn** was permitted to take Stan home for recuperation, and there **Arch Hamblen** talked with both of them by phone on 12 Aug. Arch, himself a survivor of 3 similar ops, shared his experiences and encouragement with Stan and found him in good spirits. Let us hope and pray for the best. Stan's address is 1 Oriole St, New Orleans, LA 70124.

Now here are 3 changes of address that you (and the AOG, I trust) will want to note. **Mark Boatner** has moved from New Roads, LA back to the family acres at Penrith Plantation, Route 1—Box 83, Jackson, LA 70748. There, in an ivory tower outbuilding that he calls "Toad Hall," he is continuing to work on his *World War II Dictionary*, to be a counterpart to his famous *Civil War Dictionary*. . . . And **Wally & Peggy Magathan** are now, after many construction problems, getting settled at 80 Church St, Charleston, SC 29401; tel (803) 722-6813. . . . Meanwhile, the Central FL Thur Night Sq has gained two new recruits. **Bill & Janey Glasgow** have removed from Charleston and built a new home at 1375 Continental Ave, Melbourne, FL 32940.

I would just love to tell you all the latest about our Great Gate and the erection of the West Wall structure, but I'm caught in the time warp again. **Lee Hogan's** letter of 15 Aug, which you should receive long before this column, has already told you this, including the grand news that no further fund solicitations will be necessary for the West Wall. Construction is slated to be finished by early Sep, and will include a bronze Dept of the Army seal by Alison Adams and some new stone carving by **Tim Doyle**.

However, I can, after all, provide a little insider info that otherwise might not be known. As you have heard, the long process of concept and planning for the Tower and the East Wall featured continual, vociferous argument and downright squabbling within the Subcomm for Design and Construction until glorious consensus was at last attained. The same condition has characterized dev of the West Wall. As evidence, the picture below of (L to R) the **Wickert, Bill Glasgow** and **Bob Mathe** is said to show these worthies locked in fierce, technical debate at a rump meeting of their subcomm. . . . Actually, it looks to me as if they have just had two small baskets of popcorn and one bottle of beer, which they have divided amongst them, and are now arguing over the check.

Jun '43: A dispute over the check

Bud (the Fox) Fredericks has sent me a copy of an invitation he received from the Board of Trustees of the Maritime Museum of San Diego to attend a 13 Jul reception and dedication of the museum's newest exhibit, a model of the *USS Wasp* (CVS-18). This model was dedicated to the memory of Bud's brother, CPT Edward H C Fredericks, USN. The Fox invited nearby **Bud & Janet Holderness** to accompany him to this dedication, and a most enjoyable evening followed. Upon returning to Williamsburg, Bud (Fredericks, that is) & **Le** were then invited to represent the family at the commissioning of the new *USS WASP* (LHD-1), a helicopter carrier, at Norfolk, VA Naval Station on 29 Jul. Bud recalls that his brother, having taken cmd of the old *Wasp* at sea, then took the ship into Beirut at the time of the Marine landing in 58 where Bud, who was then AARMA in Cairo, met him by chance soon after in the St George's Hotel! (The name "Wasp" goes back in USN annuals to the Revolutionary War.)

A note from **Clare Farley** advises of an unusual Class gathering in L.A. in June, when **Basil & Theo Spalding** gave a surprise going-away party for themselves. It all came about when they wondered what might happen if they put their house up for sale. This turned out to be a case of "put up the sign and STAND BACK!" Three days later the sale was completed. Having planned their future so deliberately, they then decided to abandon CA and head for Atlanta, GA. First, however, they surprised the L.A. Jun '43 bunch by hosting a farewell party at a favorite restaurant near Ft MacArthur, where "BD" once cmded an air def bde. On hand, says Clare, were "**Dave & Juanita Schwartz, Norm & Ruth Pehrson, Danny & Paula Shea, Dave & Kaye Galas, Dick Wheeler,** the **Easleys** and the Farleys. The L.A. contingent will sorely miss Theo & Basil. They are great friends and we wish them well." (I do not yet have the Spaldings new address, but hope they have sent it to the AOG.) From other sources I hear the Wheelers are also relocating—from Torrance to Ramona, CA—and I trust they will also send their new coordinates.

Two bad years, a couple of sessions in hosp, and general overcommitment account for **Roger Hilsman's** recent activities. He writes, "My illness was caused by a doctor giving me the wrong medicine. I lived through Japanese machine gun cross-fire only to come very close to being done in by an American doctor! . . . It is true, as **Bill Naylor** reported earlier, that I have written a memoir of WWII experiences with Merrill's Marauders, as CO of an OSS guerrilla bn behind Japanese lines in Burma and as a member of the OSS POW rescue mission to Mukden, where I found my father, who had been captured in the Philippines." This book is to be released by the Pergamon-Brassey Co in early 90. Roger is now working on *A Layman's Guide to Nuclear Military Strategy*. He ret from Columbia at the end of this yr, but not from work; for he will then commence a book about the Vietnam War, 1945–75, from the Wash policy-making point of view. Delighted to hear from you, Roger, and hope to see you at the 50th Reunion.

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(If you don't sign up, I will lead a squad over to CT to get you.)

Betty Anne Childs has noticed a recent article in *Travel Magazine* about the building of the Linn Cove Viaduct on the Blue Ridge Pkwy in NC. This article praises the key role played by **Rex Cocroft** as engr for the Federal Hwy Admin. His terrain analysis and vision solved what had previously seemed an insoluble problem of fitting a heavy duty hwy to the land in a tightly protected environment, and for this work he received a Presidential award in 84. (Rex died untimely in Apr 87 after being kicked by a horse.) Betty Anne sent this picture (ca. 86) from one of the picnics at **Surkamps'**.

Jun '43: Hank Romanek, Deke Childs and Rex Cocroft

Ready on the right—! **Jack McGregor**, who (like **Dick McAdam**) is an emeritus prof at No VA Community College, still teaches an occasional course in firearms safety there, and conducts pistol tng and qualification for security guard applicants at a small, authorized range on the Bull Run (Manassas) Battlefield reservation. At a meeting of the Fri Chowder and Marching Soc in May he announced, "If any of you guys have a handgun you want to shoot, come to my place on Sat morning about 0800. I'll make arrangements to get the range, and we will see what you can do. By the way, bring your own ammunition." Three of us took him up on the offer—**Quint Atkinson**, McAdam, and myself—and had a real fine, sort of nostalgic time on the morning of 19 May.

After getting the targets set up, Range Officer **McGregor** instructed us in safety requirements, security guard course procedures, and approved firing positions. Very good, very GI. In brief, one fires at a silhouette target, holding one's piece with both hands, at ranges of 3 (yes 3), 7, and 15 yards. After a bit of practice, **Jack** put the 3 trainees through the course for record. All 3 of the trainees qualified rather handily. Later, Jack prepared certificates for the trainees and presented them at the next meeting of the lunch bunch. Thus, should we apply for work as security guards, we are at least partially qualified!

Soon after the shootout, "Cactus **Jack**" & **Lois McGregor** fled Fairfax for Ft Walton Beach, FL, visiting along the way. Jack's capsulized description follows: "In Montgomery, **Ginny Schramm** entertained **Ann & George Thompson** and us at dinner on 28 May. Had invited **Priscilla & Bob Clark**, but Bob had gone to hosp that day with a high temp. Ginny is in good health—keeps busy with travel, golf, and volunteer work. Thompsons looked great—enjoying their lakefront hideaway. On 2 Jun had lunch with sport fisherman **Jim Pugh** in Shalimar, FL; and several days later had coffee with **Herman Hunt** in LaGrange, GA. Herm is fine, busy with his financial business and other projects. Home on 12 Jun. On the way back we went through Montgomery again, and visited **Bob Clark** at the hosp. His spirits were good, said he was "breaking out" next day and appreciated recent visits from classmates including **Bowley, Freed, Heintzelman** and **Ireland**.

Jun '43: Krobar firing for effect

Jun '43: Dick McAdam and Quint Atkinson pasting up the target

Jun '43: McGregor presenting certificate of qualification to JW Krobar

As late as 4 Jul all seemed well with **Bob Clark**. The whole family was home for the holiday, and he enjoyed this family gathering immensely. What a wonderful memory, for after this fine day his condition suddenly worsened. He was returned to hosp, and died there on 6 Jul of a combination of emphysema and the cancer he had fought for so long. Funeral services were conducted at the First United Methodist Church on 8 Jul, followed by burial, with a USAF Honor Guard, in Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery. Among the many present at the funeral were **Ann & George Thompson, Ginny Schramm, Bucky & Virginia Harris,** and **Harry Heintzelman. Priscilla Clark's** address is 3081 Highland Dr, Montgomery, AL 36111. . . . Next, I must report that **Harry Reeder** died from cancer of the lung on 13 May at Ft Leavenworth, KS and was buried there in the natl cemetery with mil honors. For yrs, Harry had been a real community leader in Easton as pres of the school board, the regional planning commission, and other public service posts. His wife **Diana** is "as well as could be expected" and can be addressed at Rte 1, Easton, KS 66020. . . . And just recently we learned of the demise of **Hal T Rose**, who died at McLean, VA of a home accident on 14 Jul 79 and was buried in the Andrews Chapel Cemetery, Vienna, VA. Hal was ret from the CIA, and had not been closely associated with the Army or the Class for about 30 yrs. His wife **Evelyn** was last known to be at 8962 Brook Rd, McLean, VA 22102. To all these families, our most sincere sympathy is extended.

Whenever classmates gather, those who are gone are remembered. We sense that the departed are somehow present in spirit, and life goes on. After all the sad news above, let me close by reporting that **Art & Barbara Surkamp** hosted their landmark annual picnic for the Wash metro area on 5 Aug at their beautiful country place on the edge of the Blue Ridge. The following couples were present (pictures next time): **Quint Atkinson, Benson, Blank, Cantlay, Cover, Gordy, Hamblen, Heintzelman, Hogan, McAdam, Jack Morris** (singleton), **Mozingo, Plett, Ray, Roos, Rundell, Sembach,** Surkamp, and **Umlauf**. Apologies for any inadvertent omissions, and so long for now!

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I've continued to receive rave reviews about our Orlando mini-reunion. **Tom Longino** sent the pic of the classmates

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1945: On the *SS Norway* after mini-reunion

and friends who boarded the *SS Norway* for a Carribean cruise of 25,000 cal/person. Post-cruise weigh-in data was not available. The cruise followed our reunion. **Tom Maertens** sent me the pics he took during the reunion. It was, indeed, a most enjoyable affair.

1945: Mini-reunion, Orlando—Lutzes and Holcombs

1945: Mini-reunion, Orlando—Tom & CB Maertens

Founders Day celebrations resulted in several pictures I've received that didn't arrive in time for the last issue.

Big **Jim Morris** wrote that Lee and he attended **Lee Shoaff's** daughter's wedding in Roswell, GA on 15 May. Isn't she gorgeous? He also wrote that the last of Feb **Tom & CB Maertens** spent a wkend with them on the occasion of Tommy's Columbus, GA HS reunion. A gp of classmates joined them for dinner.

Rusty Heilbronner reported that **Charlie** and **Merle Spann** spent 30 Apr with them and helped them celebrate their 41st anniv. Charlie is doing some really good small woodcarvings. His home-

1945: Mini-reunion—Hotie & Peggy Lohn

1945: Clymers, Musgraves and Fyes

1945: Litzi & Yale Trustin; Founders Day 1989, Omaha

1945: Whitneys, Worthingtons and Devlin; Founders Day 1989, Ft Lewis

town of Greenwood, MS honored him with a display of his work in early Jul. The following wkend the Heilbronners visited **Orv & Fran Post** in Austin, TX. On 7 May **Leon & Mary Louise Byrd** had a most enjoyable party in their lovely home in San Marcos. Classmates came from both San Ant and Austin. Those attending were **Bill & Sally Wolfe, Snap-**

1945: "Oldest grad" Charlie & Betty Greer with Tom & CB Maertens; Founders Day 1989, Upstate SC

1945: Lee Shoaff at daughter Patricia's wedding

per & Jane Rattan, Moose & Marjorie Hardy, Walt & Irene Galligan, George & Bev Wallace, Bernie & Dottie Wichlep, Rocky & Betty Rochfort, Cita Kovar, Nelle Preston, Molly Newman, Frank & Bonnie LaBoon, Put Monroe, Orv & Fran Post, **Nan** & Rusty Heilbronner and their host and hostess, Leon & Mary Louise Byrd. After shopping and golf on

1945: Leon & Mary Louise Byrd, host and hostess at a party at their home in San Marcos, TX, 7 May

Mon and Tues, the Byrds and Heilbronners drove to San Ant on Wed to stay with Nelle Preston in her apt in the Army Ret Community. Bernie & Dottie Wichlep hosted a fiesty Mexican dinner after which they all returned to Nelle's for dessert and hashing over the old times when they were all stationed together at Ft Riley 48–50.

Rocky Tierno sent the picture of classmates who gathered at the Carlisle Bks

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OC on 10 May. **Don & Bette Fowler** from Santa Fe were passing through and visited them. The Fowlers' son, Christopher '81, is now at RPI working on an advanced math degree and will teach at WP later on. Rocky is ret for the second time now, and is only substituting in the school district occasionally. He hopes we'll call or write when passing through—the clan can gather quickly.

1945: Carlisle Barracks, 10 May

Tom McNiel called and told me that **Jack Bowen** had been hospitalized recently. Jack is dir of Smithsonian and was on a trip to Brazil. He became sick after returning. Although they originally couldn't diagnose the problem, a check with others who had been on the trip led them to determining it was typhoid fever. Jack's OK now.

George Forssell called me to tell about his son Andrew. He entered USMA Class of '87 and finished plebe yr and yearling summer and then decided to resign. He attended Carnegie-Mellon and graduated in EE in 87. By that time he had thought it over and decided that he really wanted to be a WPer, reentered WP and is now scheduled to grad with the Class of '90. The summer between his jr and sr yrs at C-M he worked with IBM and that decided him that he wanted to be in the Army. George said he's always been a star-man and was offered the possibility of a Rhodes Scholarship but turned it down saying he'd been in school too long already. So Andrew Forssell and **Hap Adams'** grandson won't be too far apart in the Long Gray Line! (As previously reported Hap's grandson entered WP this summer in the Class of '93.)

Art Fridl sent a clipping from the Newark, DE *News-Journal*. In a 50 yrs-ago-this wk feature the newspaper told how **Reamer W Argo**, 15, had saved a man from drowning while visiting MA in the summer of 38 and now was going to receive the Boy Scout life saving award. Art said he thought Hap's father was PMS&T at U of DE at the time.

Bob Lutz wrote that all was calm in his house after the Orlando mini-reunion until the first part of Jun when they sold their Winter Park, FL home on condition that they move out in two wks. They now live in a slightly cooler, but definitely quieter, place in Gainesville. Their son, Bob, and his family are located nearby. They're building a new home in Gainesville. In the yr before it's ready they're living at 4829 NW 2d Place, Gainesville, FL 32607.

We have lost 3 classmates since my last report. **Rayburn L (Bones) Smith** died in Harlingen, TX on 14 Jun. He was buried at WP. **Jack Boettcher** was killed in an auto accident near Columbus, GA on 22 Jun and was buried at Ft Benning. **Jim Crowe** died on 19 Jul while visiting his brother in his hometown of Stanton, KY. He was buried in Stanton. We all sorrow at the loss of these classmates.

1945: Hutchinson, Morris, Kelly, Boettcher and Maertens

The DC-area classmates have been busy with activities. 75 people attended the spring party on 20 May. Before the party was underway, the annual Class meeting was held—all at **Bob & Gene Ives'** home. Items from this meeting: there are now 33 class medallions on hand. It was decided that no more medallions would be procured. As long as the supply lasted, they would be presented as gifts to Class grandchildren who graduate from service academies. There were 3 vacanies on the Class Board of Governors. **Cal Boleyn** and **Bob Parr** were elected to second 2-yr terms. **Butch Foley** was elected to succeed **Barney Broughton**. **Jim Holcomb** continues as pres for the second yr of his 2-yr term as does **Dick Williams** as VP. Sunday 28 May was the occasion for the decoration of classmates graves at Arlington Cemetery. Sunday, 6 Aug was the date for the 15th annual picnic. It was a pig roast and was held at **Lucy & George Daoust's** home in Great Falls.

Mary Jane & I traveled west from Nashville in Jun. We wanted to see her brother in Pueblo, CO and visit the Grand Canyon. I called **Pops McNiel** as we passed through Dallas and he sounded great. When we were in El Paso I had a good talk with **Ray Cavanna** on the phone and we had dinner with **Bill & Ginny Holcombe**. Bill stays busy with golf, model boats and keeping the neighborhood swimming pool association going. This fall they're planning a trip to Disney World for a few wks.

1945: El Paso, TX, 3 Dec 88, A-N game celebration

Beat Navy!

'46

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(173)This column is being mailed ahead of time since I'll be at my youngest daughter Ann's wedding in Salem, MA the wkend I'd normally wrap it up. She's the last to get married, and her husband (John Rockwell) to be just graduated from architectural school.

NECROLOGY: On 27 Apr **Robert M White Jr** died in TX, as noted in Jul *ASSEMBLY* and also mailed to me by **Merl & Milada Hutto**. Bob's widow **Martha's** address: 1612 Parkside Terr, Arlington 76012. Also noted in Jul issue the death of **William H Wright** on 23 Apr in Lubbock. On 13 Dec 88 **Louis (Jake) Gutting**, ex '46, passed away in San Ant. Info supplied by George Wallace '45 at the request of Jake's widow **Kathleen** whose address is 445 Winfield, San Antonio 78239. On 9 May **Ed & Betty Flaherty's** son Tom, age 31, died in an unfortunate boating accident. Tom, who worked at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club, was going down the rain swollen Allegheny River when both 400 HP engines stopped for unknown reasons. The high current carried Tom and a friend over a dam. As of 14 May the boat was recovered, but neither body had yet been found. The boat was to have been used in a TV commercial. Ed asked **Bob Frantz** to write me this unhappy news. A memorial service has been held and other classmates there were **Roland & Nanette Catrinella** and **Jack & Rhodora Donahue**. Memorial contributions are being made to the Amer Diabetic Assoc. To the widows and families of the above deceased, I wish to pass along the heartfelt sympathies of the Class.

More Founders Day photos were forwarded to me by AOG. **Tom Agnor** is shown addressing the Soc of Central TX. Shown at the Orange Co, CA dinner are **Jack & Bernie Cairns** and **Frank & Joy**

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Blazey. At Ft Bliss gathering are **Frank & AnnaLee Shoen**, and I believe the other couple are **Beverly & Pres Hibbard**. I had to use the 40 yr book and 10 yr book to ID the second two photos so if I'm wrong, I'm sorry, but neither came with any ID.

1946: Agnor—Central TX Soc

1946: Orange County Soc, Founders Day 89

1946: Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

The next photo is a ret luncheon on 25 May for **Rocco Petrone**. He has now ret from the Army, NASA, and lastly, as pres of the Space Div of Rockwell. Seated from L to R: **Jack Cairns, Zeke Hopkins, Bob Gorman,** Petrone, **Ed Longarini** and **Alex Papajohn.** Jack has his own business in Seal Beach; Zeke is a program mgr with McDonnell Douglas; Bob is ret from Douglas; Ed (who sent this poop) is a mgr at the Strategic Def Center of Rockwell; and Alex is a supervisor with Rockwell Info Systems in Seal Beach. They all arrived in front of the restaurant at the exact meeting time—still making bugle call for assembly, I see.

A card from **Robert (Rex) & Flo Sheffield** to inform us of their move to Sun City

1946: Petrone's ret in CA

West, AZ 85375 (13737 Summerstar Dr) this summer. They love it and were glad to leave teeming CA. Rex said any classmates in the area—please look them up!

Harold (Clint) Friend mailed an article from *The Tribune*, Melbourne, FL featuring **Hal Stirling** as current chapter pres of TROA. That chapter (Cape Canaveral) is exceeded in size only by the Pike's Peak and San Ant chapters. The article is a brief history of TROA, with some local color thrown in. Clint's wife **Leigh** is in the Greenery Rehab Ctr, 3100 Erwin Rd, Durham, NC 27705 if you wish to write. She might not recognize a visitor, but to stop in would be OK. Clint had mailed me a Founders Day photo earlier, but too late for the Jul issue so I will throw it in now. The photo is of **Flo** & Hal Stirling and Clint & Leigh. The couple on the left are not identified. The Space Coast WP Soc held the dinner 3 Mar at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club.

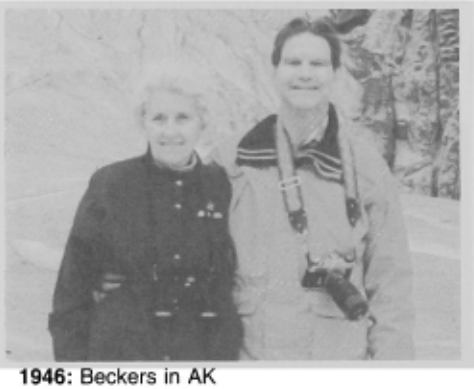
1946: Stirlings and friends; Founders Day 89

Warren Hearnes mailed a newspaper article about his namesake and nephew W E Hearnes II who graduated this May from WP, #39 of 1100. Warren helped pin on the new gold bars and gave the first salute. Young Warren is headed for FA, Abn and Ranger Schs, and then 4 yrs at Schofield Barracks.

Dick & Sue Gruenther mailed a slide of Class gathering on Memorial Day in the WP Post Cemetery. The other day I took it to make the necessary photo for AOG and was told there was a problem with Kodak and I may not get it in time. If not, I'll use it next time. The gathering is an annual event for the local classmates, and **Marie Parmly**, along with daughter Barbara and grandchildren, joined the Gruenthers, **Bob & Miriam Lamb, Merl & Milada Hutto** (who also mentioned this gathering) and **Nan Nye** (**Roger** was away). Also missing were **Hughes** and **Hadley**.

Dick had open heart surgery in Apr at WRAMC. He's recovering very nicely and expects to have played tennis this past Jun. Although active up to the time of operation, he had several blackouts on squash court and, having been warned by the MD's for 5 yrs, he finally went under the knife. Milada mentioned a Class daughter in the Corps, USMA '90, but did not name. Any other sons, daughters, nieces, nephews?

Jack & Alice Becker mailed a photo taken in Jun on glacier, Skagway, AK. They also mailed one taken at mile 1422 at the end of the Alaskan Highway, but I used the close-up only. In 88, a bad yr for them, they lost their daughter Kathleen to cancer (Jun), and then Alice had a heart attack with hospitalization in Jun and again in Aug. She's recovered now, but we certainly sympathize with them over the loss of their daughter.



1946: Beckers in AK

Jack also stated that this past Feb he ret, a second time from his civ job with Army C of E after 7 yrs in Saudia Arabia and 5 yrs in Ft Worth, TX. In Apr they autoed east to visit with daughter Karen in Winston Salem. In Jun they visited son Jack & his wife Elizabeth in Portland, OR en route to the tour of AK by plane-train-bus-ship.

I mentioned in last column the get-together of the DC gp on 20 May. They had 73 in attendance according to **Frank Lester** who sent me the news each designated as for *ASSEMBLY*. Their mystery guest speaker was **Bryce Poe**, who is currently serving as a member of the Sec Def's Commission on Base Realignment and Closure. Bryce had everyone hilarious over the tactics and ploys of local cmdrs and Congress people to keep "their" bases active. In the end Congress voted straight up and down, without amendments, to proceed as finally suggested by the comm. The out-of-towners at the dinner included **Bobby & Betty Richmond, Van & Mary Baker**

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(hosted by **Dick Tuck**), **Judd & Delores Schulke**, and **Roland & Nanette Catarinella** (hosted by **George & Pres Hall**).

Walt & Carol Frankland are proud to announce that Walt III, Class of '77 and an Inf officer, was recently promoted to MAJ and has finished a tour in his logistics specialty as CO of the 18th CBT Equip Co, Brunssum, the Netherlands. He & his wife Daun are now at CGSC, Leavenworth. Also at CGSC is **Frank Lester's** son Frank III, CPT (P), whose previous asgmt was Cmdr, US Army Tng Det, Lackland AFB, TX. Another Class son, MAJ Bill Dorman, left Ft Eustis, VA to be an instructor at CGSC this yr and a student next yr. The above are also joined by my son MAJ Bill (SW), a student, & his wife Debby and their daughter Megan.

Moe & Mae Weinstein are now in CA as of last Jan (11833 Caminito Corriente, San Diego 92128). He has ret a second time, enjoys the weather, and said come visit. **Buck & Gloria Buckingham** say stay off ladders. He dislocated and broke his shoulder, as well as fractured an elbow and sent a tooth through his lower lip, when the ladder slid down the wall, then free fell for 10 ft with Buck on top onto a slate floor. That was 13 Feb and he is slowly recovering. They were at the dinner.

Bobbe & Torg Torgerson are now spending 6 mos each yr in Wickenburg, AZ, northwest of Phoenix; summers, still on the Chesapeake. The Richmonds recently visited **Ken & JoAnne Barlow** in Columbus, GA (31 Mar—2 Apr) prior to **Bob & Betty** going to watch beginning practice rounds for the Masters. The **Catarinellas** were in DC for a home builders convention, since Cat is in the construction field. **Bill & Patti Schneider** and family assembled at Hollywood Presbyterian Church on 25 Mar for the wedding of Frederick (#6 young one) to Soozie Reynolds. Patti & Bill found "home" didn't look as wonderful as they had remembered and decided the Beltway traffic isn't so bad after all! **Jim & Jean Carbine** report their daughter Gail (youngest child) married 1 Apr to Jim Kavanagh after completing 4 yrs of volunteer work with Father Ritter's Covenant House caring for runaway children.

Blan & Carol Shattuck, with their children Chris & Marsy, made a spring vacation trip to Tucson where they enjoyed seeing **Jack & Jerry Grady** and **Bill & Anne Lincoln** along with revisiting many areas of interest to them. They also got some gliding in with friends in the Tucson Soaring Club.

Our children were able to give us a truly surprise 40th anniv party this past Jun. They invited many of our friends among whom were **Jack & Betty Barth**. Daughter Ann and her fiance John even came down from Boston a second wk in a row for the event.

Somehow I overlooked portions of **Jack McWhorter's** Mar letter to me regarding help on certain obits, so I'll list them here along with May's letter requests: **Herrold (Jim) E Brooks Jr** (F-1); **William S Culpepper Jr** (F-1); **Glenn W Dettrey** (D-1); **Arturo E Gay** (A-1) (check 40 yr book); **Needham (Ned) P Mewborn** (E-2); and **John M Schumann Jr** (H-2). John's name in *Howitzer* has two n's but only one in *Register*. Just rec'd McWhorter's Jul letter, so will be able to bring us all up to date. Jack has now written 300 letters tracking down relatives, etc, so you can see he's taken on a big job. Keep up the good work, Jack, and also thanks to **Bill Bamber** who has maintained a computer list of the missing obits and relatives. The list is down to 38 now which includes those named above. Jack has mailed obits to AOG for **Ray Wagoner, Bob Bassler, Bill Simpson, Gil Perry, Les Conger,** and **Kit Sinclair**.

The following taken from **Jack's** latest letter: he has heard from one of **John Vester's** sisters who were able to put Jack in contact with Shirey '44 who was a POW with John and was the last person to see him alive. Jack has been in touch with Shirey. Jack has located **Loren DuBois'** widow and the widows of **Carl Schmidt** and **Red Mason**. **George MacDonald** has all the input on **Pete Arend** and is doing that obit. That leaves only two Korean War deaths for whom Jack has no leads—**Bob Dunham** (he knows the circumstances of Bob's death but has not located family) and **Rollin Skilton**.

Jack also mentioned that **Paul Ireland** died 15 Jun in San Ant, but gave no other details. To Paul's family, our deepest sympathy is extended.

Now I'm off to our daughter's wedding and a wk in ME to recuperate.

'47

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I thank you all for submitting the news early to me because I have need to submit the column almost a mo early. I travel out to Santa Barbara again for the Natl Sr Hard Court Championships at the end of Jul.

Dick Littlestone "chewed" me out for not stating in the last issue that **Doris** & he would be at the 42 1/2. I accept full responsibility for this "glitch," but I will only state the facts as I get them. Please note, however, that another letter was sent giving me some more news. Doris' art show was a great success. On opening day **Greenbergs** and **Levenbacks** showed up to admire works of art partially hidden in the pic. Doris & Dick will be able to visit son Rick & wife Laurel in Denver during 42 1/2. Both are computer scientists for Hughes and active outdoor people. Son Mark graduates from U of CA Berkeley in microbiology while daughter Nanette resides now in Maui. Dick also suggested that those attending the 42 1/2 should see the fantastic exhibit of invertebrates and giant tropical world insects in the John May Natural History Museum. But we'll have to suggest this fact verbally at the 42 1/2!

1947: Greenbergs, Littlestones and Levenbacks

Mil & Dick Steinborn, while working for **Bob White**, who was out of town for several wks, passed me info re 42 1/2, but unfortunately issue deadline was past.

I appreciate **Goldie Greenberg's** offer to gather the contingent together when I'm out in CA in Aug, but it is only feasible if I can win the tourney first and then stay on. A pleasant note from **John Novomesky**, now fully retired from IBM, who lives in the shadow of USMA Thayer Gate, relates how difficult traffic is on post now, one-way circumventing cadet barracks. The new commissary has been built with a new deli. John, not unlike many others, is continuing to stay active by doing intl real estate counsulting.

Some Founders Day news: **Joe Addison** was the only '47 member attending Founders Day held at Moffett Field NAS by the Silicon Valley Chapter. Chaplain Ford spoke to the small but growing chapter. Joe says that **Lee Anderson** used to work at Lockheed in his area yrs ago, but has now disappeared. Joe has ret from Lockheed M&S Co in Sunnyvale after 21 yrs. He ret from the Army Res in 83 at age 60. Now he "consults," but I think **Laurie** wants him to become a "beachcomber" which they could readily do at one of their rental homes in Santa Cruz. **Linda & Chuck Stewart** in Shalimar, FL attended dinner meeting with gp in NM FL at Hurlburt Field. Chuck is pres of NW FL AOG Soc; after Founders Day, Linda & Chuck returned to WP for an AOG meeting. They complained because no one else from '47 was there, but they had a nice trip and saw a play *Me and My Girl* at the Marriott Theater. **Dottie & Jim Egger** (sole rep) attended a Founders Day dinner in Jackson, MS on 18 Mar, the initial meeting of the WP Soc of MS. **Anne & Bob Lane** represent-

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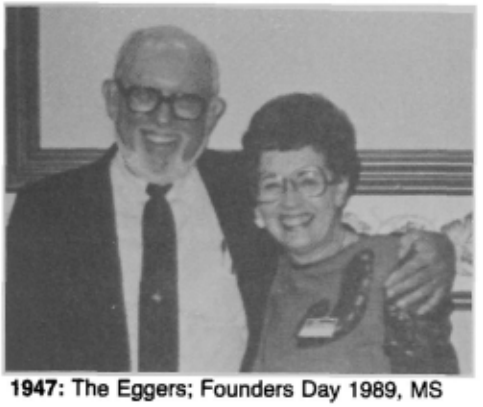
1947: The Stewarts; Founders Day 1989, NW FL



1947: The Eggers; Founders Day 1989, MS

ed '47 at Ft Gordon, GA Founders Day on 10 Mar.

1947: The Lanes; Founders Day 1989, Ft Gordon

Ruth & Bill Clark had to change their decision to go to the 42 1/2. The effect of Bill's diabetes and arthritis is making it harder for him to travel long distances. Hopefully, many of you will see Bill's informative letter that he wrote to the 42 1/2 comm for display there during the 42 1/2.

Nelda & Jim Fraser announce that they are home safely after taking (or should it be tacking) Mar and Apr to sail their 30 ft trawler to the Bahamas and back. Don't ask me how the two of them survived it alone. Jim says they went 1300 mi (nautical?) at 7 knots, but arrived back in time to be present for the marriage of Jim's son, Keith, in Atlanta. **Willy Munroe** once again reports from his hideaway in upper ME, where he cohabitates with moose, raccoons, skunks, trout for 5 mos out of the yr while Tucson swelters at 110 degs. **Lee Bass**

1947: Willy Munroe and Bob Keller acting like Bunyon on Keller's land near Yosemite

reports that he has moved to 2851 SW 31st Ave, Miami, FL 33133 with tel: 305-446-0782. **June & Jean Burner** have stayed home for two whole mos now, but I am sure that they are getting bored. Like them, I am envious of their daughter Cindy and family going to the French Open and London for Wimbledon. Burners did go to Ann Arbor for dinner with **Mary & Hap Beuhler**. **Muriel** gave me a good update on **Webb** family. **Bill** is apparently doing well now after an angioplasty op in Jan with normal stress tests now. Son Willy and family are at Ft Ord (S-3 Avn Bde); son George at Ft Bliss; daughter Alicia is having usual problems with Eastern (now Trump Shuttle) as flight attendant. Any old grad, esp '47ers, who would appreciate a special welcome kiss at no extra charge, please keep your eye peeled for the best looking blonde attendant with the big smile.

A great letter from **Jake Jacobson** was received. He appears to be bored; we need to get him active in something again. Maybe he would sponsor the 52 1/2 down there on Padre Isl Gulf sands. **Virginia** is doing all the hard work "ombudsmaning." On a trip to Cocoa, FL to visit their son Craig & wife Susan, they extended their travel to "buck up" the **Schuders**. Two new grandsons have been added to the families around the country, but Leena Shiohawa Jacobson, daughter of Chris & Mari, 3 yrs old, "cute as a button" in Shimonoseki, Japan, should be admired by all. When **Bobbi** & I go back to Akakura and Kanazawa, our honeymoon sites, we will report back on Shimonoseki. **Meg Sargent** sent a short note on her card with pic of oil painting of granddaughter, Erin Paige, in the silver punch bowl. They were visited by the **Hayes** during their CA trip. **Jackie & Tom** Hayes announced in a recent letter that son Peter married Mary Kate Dempsey on a very important day and date, 3 Jun, continuing the family tradition. Both Jackie/Tom and their daughter were married on 3 Jun.

Sadder than usual news: **Ted Biel's** wife, **Vaike**, died in an auto accident on 17 May; **Len Stazsak** died a few mos ago, presumably out in the Phoenix area, and

1947: Jake Jacobson and Jack Shuder at Schuders'

1947: Betty Schuder and Virginia Jacobson at Schuders'

1947: Sargents, Dells, Hayeses at Sargents'

Bob Halligan passed away o/a 13 Jun in Indian Wells, CA. Both **Jody Johnston** and **Tom Hayes** reported seeing **Marilyn** & Bob earlier this yr before his long, valiant fight against MS ended. The Class sends their heartfelt condolences to Ted Biel and the families of Len and Bob on loss of their loved ones.

I am sure that many of you, like me, retain fond memories of and close friendships with our former classmates ('48). It was particularly pleasing to receive from Jim Barnett '48, Winchester, VA, a short note and a long clipping from the *Winchester Star* (8 Jun) praising top lawyers Costello and our **Tom Monahan**. Jim states that Tom would never have submitted the news clip to me and he is right. But Tom is very highly regarded in Wash, DC area, and his lawyer peers were honoring him and placing him in the top 1% of all lawyers in the USA. There are 3 '48ers in Winchester with Tom: Jim, Joe Dorsey, and Stan Harsh. I

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would be pleased if there was at least one '48er living here in Lubbock.

Take care. Send in your photos and anecdotes re 42 1/2 now!

'48

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Paul Weaver sent me a clipping from the 24 Apr *AF Times* where an editorialist reported on his invited trip to USMA as a guest of the "senior class" to discuss press/mil relations. I'll spare you many of the details, but the ed concludes that cadets are a lot less analytical than srs of 20 yrs ago; the curriculum is too heavy on engring subjects; and the lack of intellectuality on the part of cadets was disturbing to him. Finally, he resurrects the old saw that we too closely associate with our contemporaries and this leads to "insularity." Now that I've reported all this, I don't quite know where to take the whole matter from this point—I don't know whether to sigh or get mad, so, I'll drop the issue.

Dolly & I visited the grandchildren in Albuquerque, NM and had dinner at **Barbara & Tom Clark's** lovely new house. We had a wonderful time with the **Chanatrys, Ed Nelsons** and **Thevenets** in attendance. You all are used to seeing the men, so let's feature the lovely spouses who have stood by us all these yrs. Stan Thevenet's creeky

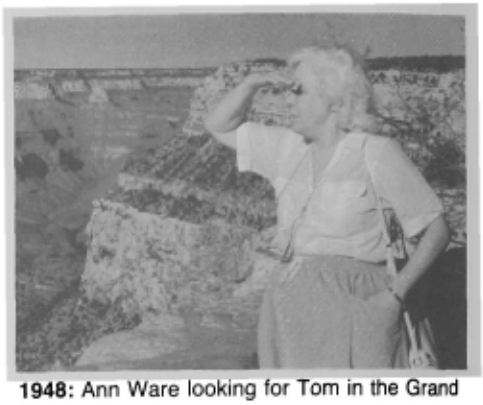
1948: Teresa Chanatry, Mary Nelson, Dolly Petersen, Corky Thevenet, Barbara Clark

old knees weren't up to a tennis game, so he chickened out (lucky for me since I hear from **Harry Buckley** that he's a champion). The Clarks were celebrating the arrival of their first grandson and are looking forward to a family reunion in CO in Aug, a trip to Egypt with the Chanatrys in Sep, the Oct ARMY-AF game in CO Springs, and then a big trip in Dec to Bangkok, Bali, Singapore, and beyond. If you all are envious, ret and enjoy trips like this with the little ole lady you married. **Phil Day** came to town and gave me a call; his sister's daughter was being married in Bethesda, MD and Phil took the opportunity to have a family reunion. He brought along his sons, Steve and Mike, daughter Debbie; and his 94-yr old mother came up and returned to FL on her own. **Houston McMurray** has a rare commodity—the negatives of our graduation pictures showing those handsome, lean 307 men, all with hair, no trusses or hearing aids. The pictures are organized in 4 gps—companies A through F and G through M for each regiment. We are all dressed in sartorial Full Dress; if you are eager to take a trip down nostalgia trail and want one of these, let me know and I'll pass on your request—I'm sure there will be modest reproduction and mailing costs but your Social Security will cover those expenses.

As we all get older, one of the pleasures we experience is the joy of seeing the sons and daughters of classmates we knew when they were little grow up to fine, responsible adults and take on equally charming spouses. I'm happy to report two such recent marriages—**George Thomas & Phyllis Langton** announce the marriage of their daughter Phyleen Mae Stewart to Wayne Edward Ramage; **Sandy & John Egbert** announce the marriage of their daughter Cynthia to Bahar Uttam. Congratulations and best wishes to both couples. For those of you who don't keep track of such things, our last Class son/daughter has graduated—we have no more in the "pipeline" (this is another milestone of advancing age). Jeff **Macklin**, son of **Sally & Jim**, graduated with the Class of '89 and was commissioned in the Engr Corps by his father and older brother Jay of the Class of '80 and a JAG Corps officer. **Bob Whitfield**, representing the Class of '48, presented Jeff with a remembrance from us all.

1948: Bob Whitfield (R) presenting '48 Class gift to Jay Macklin '89 with Sally & Jim Macklin

The AP wire from Chicago carried a story with a catchy lead line saying, "Nation's richest Judge lives in IL." Well, classmates, would you recognize the one among our ranks who would fill that bill? This is a quiz—I'll give you a chance to figure it out and then at the end of this article I'll give you the answer. Meanwhile, I'll help preserve a shred of his personal affairs that the press wouldn't, and not quote the actual $ figures which were given in the newswire, including his current salary. We have a lot of classmates traveling around this yr—**Joe & Louise Bratton** are just back from Russia. (Undoubtedly Joe was introducing the General Secy to the value of state water projects as a boost to the economy.) In the last issue I reported on the **Wares'** trip out West; we all know how **Tom** is interested in battlegrounds and history—he got lost and **Ann** was looking for him in the Grand Canyon. **Pat & Jack Osteen** took a long

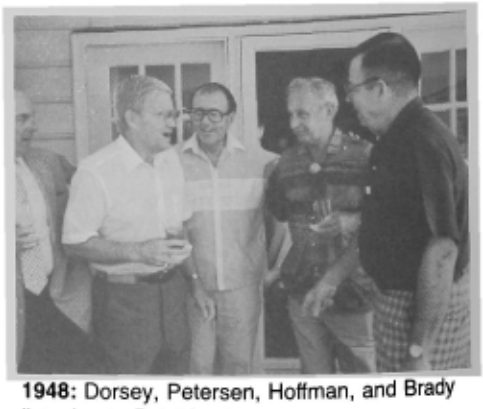


1948: Ann Ware looking for Tom in the Grand Canyon

wkend trip for sun and tennis at Pinehurst, NC. Jack reported that the meals

1948: Jack & Pat Osteen at Pinehurst, NC

and desserts netted more calories than those lost in exercise. Some of us are aging gracefully—look at this crew, not a "bay window" in the bunch. **Dorsey,**



1948: Dorsey, Petersen, Hoffman, and Brady listening to Patch's story

Hoffman, Jim Brady (the other half to **Sally Adams** Brady) and an unnamed other are expressing shock because they cannot believe that **Patch** told such a story.

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Recently during a Class gathering here in the DC area, it became known that **Bob & Beji Ward** were to celebrate their 40th wedding anniv one day hence. There was one thing wrong with this promising idyllic scene—Beji was on a church choir trip to Europe. But '48 ladies are a resourceful crew—they instructed the orchestra to strike up *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* and then proceeded to serenade Bob, and Beji in absentia. Identified with their arms around Bob and singing were **Ann Berry, Imogene Swearengen, Sally Macklin, Carol Pomeroy,** and **Pat Selig** (there might have been others, but I was writing down their names as fast as I could as they were breaking up and returning to their husbands who had not been so beauteously serenaded in their lifetimes). Yes classmates, your 40th reunion book is "in the mail;" at any rate, the editorial staff celebrated its publication and took their picture. We all owe

1948: Reunion book staff (l to r): Doyle, Hallahan, Bratton, Hoffman, Selig, Witko, Whitley, Thomas, Berry and Ware

a big "Well Done" to this distinguished crew who toiled mightily correcting their own English even with an English professor among their ranks (**Doyle**)—so, thanks from all of us to the '48 Editorial Staff of *Perspective 48–40*—Doyle, **Hallahan, Bratton, Hoffman, Selig, Witko, Witley, Thomas, Berry**, and Editor-in-Chief **Ware**. (I feel compelled to ask, why does only Bratton have a glass in his hand?)

Hugh Perry writes that all is well with him & **Barbara**. Hugh recently "ret-ret" from the Torrington Co where he

1948: The Perrys at Hughs' ret party

worked for 34 yrs. The Perrys plan to live in summer and fall in Torrington, CT and at their FL beach house during the spring and winter. He received a letter from **John Sternberg** who reported on a visit with **Chris Murphy** in Statesville, NC last Apr. Chris & **Judy** have two grown boys; Chris is employed as an engr at a hot air balloon manufacturing co. **Walt & Elaine Beinke** also wrote the Perrys recently; Walt is still nursing his back, hurt in a two-story fall just prior to the 40th. Hugh also sent along a lovely thankyou letter from **Ed Klett's** mother acknowledging Hugh's letter telling her about the memorial service for our deceased classmates held during the 40th. Ed's oldest son Mark N graduated from USNA in '75 and is presently serving on a frigate in the Persian Gulf. Many pictures come my way from all of you, but this one is one of the most natural. **RO**

1948: RO Barton and son after F15 flight

Barton Jr sent along a picture of RO and son ROB III after flying an F-15 GA Natl Guard plane. You both look great—it's good to see father has more hair than son! **Lowell & Elly Genebach** write that they took the grandchildren to Disney World in FL (and survived!). Upon return, Lowell said Eloise went for the weekend to the beach at Ocean City, MD (recovering from all the activity, I presume). **Bill Buckner** reports that their oldest son Chip, a lawyer, recently married Debra Ground, a blonde lawyer—both are in the MO Atty General's office. Bill says Chip is particularly distinguished by having the honor of losing a case 9–0 before the US Supreme Court and adds that this is the only case the court has unanimously agreed on recently.

There is never a right time or place to report the death of classmates and their spouses—**Bob Pater** died at home on 7 Jul; interment took place at Arlington Cemetery on 12 Jul. **Marjorie Medsger, Gerry's** widow, died in El Paso, TX on 6 Jul. A graveside service was held at WP. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to both families.

Did you guess that **Dick Cudahy** was the subject of the AP story or did you peek before you got here?

'49

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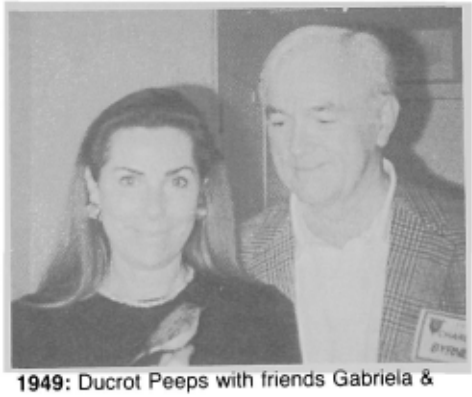
For those who attended the floating reunion, you know what a great time was had. For those who didn't come, you were missed. Maybe next time. . . . **Mike Steger** didn't get his fill of awful limericks on the ship, so he sent in another (slightly edited):

Glad grads from the Class Forty-
Niner,
Went cruising *The Queen* ocean liner.
Each said to his wife,
"Dear, this is the life.
It just doesn't get any finer."

Thanks, I think, Mike.

If it gets into print, you can see an article (intended to inform other classes) about our reunion-cruise elsewhere in this issue. **Ed Wilford's** batch of good photos arrived a few hrs too late to be included. We actually needed more general-interest photos for the article. But, there are several small-gp photos available for these notes. I invite you to send in your "most reproducible" ones for a future issue of the notes.

For nature lovers, we have the stories of our two boat birds. The first is about a pigeon from NYC that took the trip to Bermuda with us. The bird, with a banded leg, was initially noticed as we lost sight of land. Some passengers fed and watered him or her—although it seemed to prefer the rainwater which collected on the deck. Declining to stay in Bermuda, the bird returned with us, keeping to its self-appointed post on deck, and was last seen as we approached the mainland. Does anyone



1949: Ducrot Peeps with friends Gabriela & Charlie Byrne

know the end of the story? Was this a ship pigeon or did it fly home when we returned? The second boat bird is shown in the first photo, provided by **Phil & Sue O'Brien**. This one joined us in Bermuda. It was an immature bird, believed by some to be a warbler, with an apparent yen to travel. Unable to fly off the deck, it was rescued by **Gabriela & Charlie Byrne**. They kept it in their

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cabin and Gabriela nursed it with small bits of raw meat and water via a drinking straw. Periodic bulletins were issued on the bird's health and bowel habits. Charlie named it Ducrot Peeps. Upon arrival at WP, and after a conference, D Peeps was released behind the Thayer Hotel. Gabriela reports it flew with a smile into a nearby tree.

Jack Finley writes that he has made arrangements for about ten couples who plan to spend the wkend at the A-N football game. They will be at the Glenpointe Hotel in Teaneck, NJ. If you want to sign on, contact Jack at 30 Washington Dr, Acton, MA 01720. **Petey Cox** sent some photos and pushed the idea that, for our 45th, we sail to AK. (Others also have suggested a cruise for the 45th.) **Harry Maihafer**, our Nashville writer, at my request sent me the list of his 15 published articles. He expects to have 3 more out soon. He also enclosed a newspaper clipping, sent to **Jeanne** by a friend from CO, which pictures "another prominent Republican, former State Party Chm **Jack Wogan**," who is working to defeat the proposed new airport in Denver. All of these people had very nice things to say about the reunion and the work of the comm.

1949: Sylvesters & Nancy Dickerson near Caric, Egypt

The next picture shows **Elaine & George Sylvester** with **Nancy Dickinson** in Mar during their tour of Egypt and vic. More from George below. **Charlie Smith** has moved to Naranja, FL, with his new wife **Geny Trefilio da Silva**. Welcome to the club, Geny! Charlie says he hated to miss the cruise. **Chuck & Teri Reed** report son #3, Rod, born in 56 at WP, was married in May to Susan Locke, daughter of Grimbo Locke '48. The newlyweds met in Austin while getting MBAs from UT. Rod is VP, Finance, at Chemical Bank in NYC. Chuck is selling large commercial buildings in St Petersburg, FL. The Reeds are also sorry to have missed the reunion. They expected to see **Bill & Jean Lambert** and **Pris Milliken** at a Jul wedding. The next photo is of **Ward Goessling**, taken at the last WP Soc of TX Founders Day dinner.

Would you like more on the reunion?

1949: Ward Goessling speaks to the crowd

Daryl DeBerto, asst ed of *ASSEMBLY*, told me that the arrival of our ship was "the talk of the post." **Jerry Schulz** reports that **Dick Connell**, in spite of spending 30 yrs on AD, has attended every 5-yr '49 reunion. Any more out there to match that record? And did anyone miss the fact that **Don Keith** tore some muscles and tendons in his leg while on a tour of Crystal Caves in Bermuda? The next photo shows him

1949: Don Keith gets special treatment

getting special transportation for the alumni exercises. Don is back on his feet now but can't plan on playing tennis till about the end of the yr. Speaking of leg, **Jack & Petey Cox** were one of the couples receiving bottles of champagne in the dancing contest. Would the other winners please identify themselves for the record?

Turner & Claire Croonquist sent in a picture of our reunion leaders, **Phil & Mary Deane Feir**. Splendid photo; but

1949: Our reunion leaders, Phil & Mary Deane Feir

what is that Phil is wearing for a jacket? Turner adds that the Monterey (CA) bunch appreciates all the work the comm did in making the reunion so successful. Did you poke your head in Cullum Hall while you were there? It's a mess; total restoration is underway. But the bronze plaques bearing the names of some of our classmates shine as brightly as ever. I spotted the names of **Armstrong, Coursen, Eaton, Ford, Harris, Jensen** and **Tallman**. And in the

1949: Jael & Lew Zickel on the ship

splendid Jewish Chapel I noted the names of **Lew & Jael Zickel** along with **Ed & Nancy Marks** on the donor plaques. The Zickels are shown on the ship in the next snapshot.

More photos? I have one of an attractive, nude young lady sitting and resting her arm on the back of a bench in Bermuda. Right in the business section too. . . . Interesting statue though. Anyone know the story on that? Next is a

1949: Sunbathers on the patio deck

picture from **Don Keith** of a couple of sun bathers in deck chairs—**Jim Hartinger** and **Dick Henry**. More AF types are in the next photo—**Ray Klemmer, Ed Wilford** and **Charlie Cheever**. Ed notes "3 old jet instructors from Willie Air Patch" on the photo. The next photo, showing **George Pollin** and **Bob O'Brien** was labeled "Combat photographers on the bridge in Bermuda." Following that is a shot in the ship's dining room of **Dick & Lois Rosenblatt**. Then we have **Bob Ennis, Dick Bowman** and **Tim Cronin** in a relaxed moment aboard ship. Next is a shot of **Ed Wilford, Mort Cameron, Jack Hammack**

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1949: Three former jet instructors

1949: Former jet jockeys Wilford, Cameron, Hammack and Schoeneman

1949: Combat photographers on the bridge in Bermuda

1949: Dick & Lois Rosenblatt in the ship's dining room

1949: Bob Ennis, Dick Bowman and Tim Cronin on deck

and **Dick Schoeneman**—"suitemates from jet pilot tng."

Bill Bumpus writes that **Joe Schmalzel** had composed a lengthy and lovely free verse about the cruise which he sent to Bill and **Phil Feir**. A copy was supposed to be forwarded to the scribe but it has not arrived.

George Sylvester has prepared a report on the Class lodge. "As many of you know, our 40th reunion gift to the Academy and the Corps was in the form of enhancements to the lodge. Thanks to **Gil Kirby** and MAJ Tom Kuchar from Gil's former dept, a baseboard heating system was installed which will allow the lodge to be in use during the 5 winter mos that it was formerly closed. An attractive pattern of retaining walls and planters was added to stem erosion of the adjacent hillside, and encroaching trees were cut back and the area landscaped. **John Costa** obtained 16 photos of our cadet days from the Academy archives and had them matted, mounted and framed for display along the inside walls. The bill for all of the above came to $30,840. With all bills paid, our Class account at the AOG stands at approximately $15,000.

"At the Class business meeting held during the reunion, I was appointed chm of a permanent comm to oversee the lodge in its several facets, including overseeing the Academy's execution of its maintenance responsibilities and determining a proper response to the Supe's recent policy of requiring that new Class gifts be accompanied by an endowment fund to provide for the upkeep of the gift in perpetuity. I am in the process of forming the comm as of this writing. Looking to the future, I think we as a Class need to start thinking about growing the size of our AOG account. Short of a specific fund drive, the way to do that is by making generous contributions to the AOG's WP Fund during the annual solicitation. Gifts should be identified as being for the Class of '49. Otherwise they will be put to other purposes and not be available to our Class. In due course our comm will set a goal for the future needs of the lodge and will track the growth of our class AOG account against that goal. The challenge for all of us is to insure that the Fortyniner Lodge, as our permanent legacy to the USMA, remains an attractive and useful facility worthy of the memory of the Class."

Keep me on your mailing list. Christmas cards and letters accepted.

'50

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As you should be aware, we are finally pinning down the 40th Reunion. A flyer went out (honest—it really was mailed, using the TROA Travel office) in early Jun. The flyer would have gone earlier, but WP decided just before mailing that they might delay grad wk. Sure enough, that is just what happened, so the new dates are 23–26 May 90. Mark your calendars now! Also, get your initial deposits in now, for we need to hold reservations.

Got a nice note (by way of **Bruce Petree**) from **Al Scholl**. He & **Nari** have the good fortune to spend about 7 mos a yr at Garmisch, Ger. The rest of the time they spend between Chicago and Sausalito, CA. Sounds like a pretty tough schedule to me, Al. Al has been in touch with **Dottie & Carl Stone**, who are living in Kaiserslautern. As he mentions, **Marilyn & Al Romaneski** and **Jim Lynch** are also still in Ger.

Mentioning **Barbara & Bruce Petree** reminds me that they are now ret and settling into their new place at 1235 Palm Court Pl, Melbourne, FL 32940. Our last raquetball game was played in May; I'll miss those sessions. Guess Bruce will have to take up golf down there. A late note said that along with the move he managed to work in an emergency appendectomy. Any way to get out of work!

In the time flies dept, Jamie, **Pookie & Jack Crittenberger**'s youngest, graduated from UVA in May and in Jun began work as a media man in the Redskins' front office. His brother Bill has received a two-yr fellowship in math at Yale starting this fall. Another brother, Kelly & his wife Debbie, will be moving to Austin, TX, where Kelly will pursue his MBA at UT. Pookie & Jack would be very proud of all the children. That is a spectacular family!

In the same time flies dept, **Malvene & Ben Lewis**' daughter Debbie '80 has just reported to WP to teach engring mgt, having graduated from Harvard with an MBA in Jun. Her husband Michael Cardarelli also '80 got his master's in public affairs, also at Harvard this Jun, and is now a Tac. Son Alan USNA '80 finished at the Naval PG Sch this summer and has been assigned to Subic Bay, PI, where he will be joined shortly by his wife Cheryl and son Robert. The Lewis' other son, Michael, his wife Sydney and their son Grahom are in North Brunswick, NJ, finishing up Michael's PhD in chemistry.

A note from Charleston told of **Shirley Thomas** and **Gladys Maladowitz** meeting at Ft Bragg to see their respective

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1950: Shirley Thomas and Gladys Maladowitz with their new granddaughters—Jun

new granddaughters. Shirley was visiting daughter Temple Wood while Gladys stayed with Lynne Hood. I understand that Gladys & Ray had a busy time answering phone calls from classmates who happened to see their daughter Leslie on the CBS/Dan Rather news during the China crisis. Leslie is a toy industry analyst with Drexel Burnham and was asked to discuss the future of toys from China.

Ginnie & Linc Faurer had a great time in May when they took a vacation in the British Isles with twin sons Bruce and Douglas. (The wives stayed home with the children, I understand, but I'm not sure how they worked that.) Anyway, after a few days in London, they were off to Scotland where the male Faurers played 12 rounds of golf on 10 different courses in 9 days. In addition to the traditional St Andrews, they caught Gleneagle, Troon, Turnberry and a number of others too hard for me to spell. Linc says it was an ego deflating experience which he'd be happy to repeat. Ginnie, fortunately, had a good friend along, whose husband completed the golf foursome, with whom to go sightseeing and shopping.

Speaking of vacations in Europe, we got a card from **Fran & Andy Pick**, written as their train was racing across Austria. They went with **Ann & Jim Tormey** to start out in London, across Central Europe and back to Venice, then on to Greece and Turkey. Sounds like great fun to me.

There was a mini-mini-reunion at the Annual Armor Conference at Ft Knox, when **Phil Bolte, Bill Ward, Laurie Eek,** and **Carm Milia** all got together. Phil said that Carm kept busy trying to sell Abrams tanks all around the world. Shortly after that meeting Phil went to Ft Hood to the activation of the 1st Cav Regt under the new Army Regtl System. He has been appointed to a 3-yr tour as Honorary Col of the Regt, a position aimed at perpetuating the history and traditions of the regts and corps. The ceremonies were complete with a parade and formal ball.

Kathy O'Brien reports a new grandson, Patrick William Rooney, born on his father's birthday 19 Jun, to Kathy's daughter Kathryn Christine. Young Patrick weighed in at 9 lbs, 6 oz. He is the parents' first child and Kathy's first grandchild. Congratulations all around!

Nate Gallagher sent along a picture from a tour by a gp from the NY area of the Gettysburg battlefield, using the old Steele's text plus assorted maps. L-to-R:

1950: Some of the gang at Gettysburg

Joe Buccolo, Bob Ehrlich, his brother Nat, Nat's wife, **Will Henn, Sheila Ehrlich, Betsy Henn, Boe Gallagher, Rose Buccolo,** Nate, and **Bob Luchese**. They all piled on a big bus for the outing and, I am told, lifted a toast or two to the Class. Nate, by the way, was elected as a trustee for the AOG for this yr. With his very real interest in the Academy and the Class, it will be great to have him in that role.

Speaking of pictures, here are a few late arrivals. From the San Ant Founders Day meeting of the So TX Soc comes the photo of **Jim & Pat Mitcham, Marion & Bob Whiting,** and **Jean & Falkner Heard**, which Bob sent in. Another shot is of **Tug Greer** at the Charleston Soc Founders Day. Tug is the pres of that soc. The other latecomer was taken at Ensenada during the Mar mini-reunion. L-to-R: **Al Fern, Chuck Friedlander, Ken Moll,** and **Dave Carlisle.**

1950: Founders Day 1989, San Antonio

The Monterey/Carmel "Gang of Five"—**Singers, Grows, McFarlands, Wegners,** and **Rutherfords**—seem to be leading a busy life out there. Drew reports that they frequently get together,

1950: Tug Greer, Pres of Charleston Soc

1950: Fern, Friedlander, Moll and Carlisle in So CA, March

usually for Sun brunch at one of the homes. The latest one was at the Singers' place at Pebble Beach, such a lovely setting that all the other couples suggested that be the permanent site. Golf, too, is popular with the gp. **Bunty, Ellie** and **Kay** are active on the distaff side while **Ray, Leo** and **Bob** keep up the male side. Between the Naval PG Sch and two courses at Ft Ord, they have plenty of variety.

Drew also says that he & **Kay** have been on a travel kick since the mini-reunion in Mar. First to Puerta Vallarta in Apr, then to Hong Kong to visit their daughter Andrea and family. Her husband Ian is the mgr of AMEXCO Personal Financial Svcs there. Drew talked with **Phil Bardos** and learned that he & **Sandy** had been in Tianamen Square during the demonstrations there.

Got a great letter from **Clyde Spence**, who is pres of the Marion Mil Inst. In May he saw **Pat McGill** at a MMI alumni function in Lake City, FL. Unfortunately, he did not catch up with **Art Porcher**. At its graduation, Judson College honored Clyde with a doctor of laws degree. Judson is both **Marilyn's** alma mater and neighbor to MMI. Marilyn, by the way, was taking a summer course in genealogy at Samford Univ in Birmingham, AL, while my **Robin** was there. It was a big surprise to each one, but great fun for them to share some meals and have a good visit.

Eileen & John Jones have returned to the Wash DC area, moving back into their lovely home overlooking the Potomac River. John is still with Teledyne-

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Brown, but will work out of their Rosslyn office rather than in Huntsville. All of us here are glad to see them return.

In Alexandria, VA, **Mel Johnsrud** now plays an even more powerful political role with his new job as pres of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Assocs. Mel has long been active in his civic gp, but now he has a key function as a watchdog to the whole of Alex.

Under old scribes never die, they just write themselves off, **Tom Austin** has become an "associate scribe" for some of the older classes. He is currently helping '16.

As head of the effort, **Jack Wagner** reports that our 40 yr reunion book 40–50 is off to a good start, and we have signed a contract with a publisher. In order to meet our production schedule, we need your subscriptions ($35/copy), family photograph, and short biography as soon as possible. If you have not yet responded, please send your biography, photo, and subscription to John E Wagner, 3229 First Place North, Arlington, VA 22201, or to one of your co reps, before Thanksgiving. We also solicit your support as patrons ($25), or advertisers (full page—$250, half page—$140, or quarter page—$75).

For those of you who have not yet signed up for the reunion itself, don't miss out! Contact TROA Travel at 1–800–638–8784; **Win Skelton**, 2009 Highboro Way, Falls Church, VA 22043; or me.

We have two weddings to report. The first was 10 Jun when **Nancy & Rufe Smith's** daughter Alison married CPT Clyde Johnson, a doctor with the Army. The second on 1 Jul was **Loris & Ken Ebner's** son KR marrying Elizaebeth Morehouse. KR was recently commissioned in the Regular Army from ROTC and is now stationed at Ft Hood.

On the sad side, we have two deaths to mention. **Stan Prouty** had a heart attack while walking the dog on 4 Jul in South Hadley, MA, where he & **BJ** lived and where he was buried. Just before that, on 1 Jul, **Evelyne Fahy, John's** wife of 12 yrs, died of cancer in Haiti, their part-time home. She was buried at Arlington. John will continue to spend some time in Haiti, but his address in FL will remain the same.

That's about it for this issue. Don't forget the 40th and the 40–50 book. Drop me some news of you, your family, and any classmates.

'51

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Graduation Wk 89 was a very proud and happy time for **Elmer & Anne Pendleton** and even happier for son John Karl Lang who was commissioned 2LT, Inf; reported to IOBC at Benning in Jul; next Ranger School and then Ft Bragg. '51 could not have a finer rep or one more widely known throughout '51.

1951: Presentation of Class gift—Pendleton and son John with Rogers

VERY SAD NEWS: **Rick Buck** died of cancer on 18 Jul at McLean, VA. Interment took place at Arlington Cemetery following services at Ft Myer Old Chapel. Surviving are his wife **Julie**; 3 children—Richard, Nicholas and Marie; and his mother, Mrs Mary Rose Buck. Attending services were **Godfrey Crowe, Doerflinger, Ewing, Klein, Leffler, McMullen, Steele** and **Van Matre**.

1951: AF pilots are always happy! Headlee, Quinn, Pat Ryan, Tom McMullen and Dickens

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT—Northeast: New England Rep—**Pete Foss** and Dep—**Tony Delano**; NY—**Al Lichtenberg** and **Chuck Satuloff**; NJ—**Tom Odderstol** and **Derrick Samuelson**; PA—**Ron Roberge** and **Sandy Cortner**. Now it can be told: at Fosses "Big 60" party in Apr,

1951: They enjoyed Pete's 60th! Elmblads, Fosses and McGanns

Elmblad's roast resulted in much laughter, a surprised Pete and a very pleased **Marie**. It seems much info came from **John Hook**, Pete's old roommate; then **Bunker** made and threw the bombs w/ joy. Pete continues as prof w/N Shore Comm Col while also writing horse racing and mag items; Marie now works w/ Rockport Publ. Both very proudly visited DC in Jul when Pete's brother John pinned on his 4th star. In Jul, en route to ME, the John Hooks visited the Fosses for a much enjoyed period. John, a prof at Mt St Mary's in MD, is on a yr's sabbatical preparing teaching modules on "ethics."

Tony Delano reports **Herb & Delores Roth** spent summer at their fishing camp in Quebec, and Herb guarantees a trophy-sized salmon (and the story that goes w/it) to all visitors. Tony, who is very active in WP and AOG activities, & wife **Pat** live in Easton, CT. **Bruce & Dolly Bailey**, Bristol, RI, are able to attend most WP functions w/in the Boston area. Unfortunately, **Max & Joyce Scheider** moved from MA to Napierville, IL where he continues w/Ralph M Parsons Engrs—Max is constr mgr for a rapid transit project being built from Chicago's Midway Airport to Chicago Loop. **John & Peggy Cunningham** are located in Chelmsford, MA where he does volunteer work w/Fr Ray Bourque and his TV ministry. Recently the Cun-

1951: The Cunninghams in Yugoslavia

ninghams completed a 2d pilgrimage to Medugorje, Yugoslavia, which John reports, "an unbelieveable spiritual experience—to witness thousands of people praying and going to church each day." Their trip included Ger, Austria and the Adriatic Coast.

It has been a great yr for **Ted & Betty Griesinger**. First, Ted a Boston U trustee, presented Pres Bush an hon degree from BU in spring; their summer was largely spent at the NY winery which co-sponsored the LPGA's Corning Classic—word has it that **Frank Fischl** was Ted's caddy for the Classic's Pro-Am; and in Jun son Paul was married in Ipswich, MA—the **Elmblads** and **Giordanos** attended. Now the Greisingers await the Oct arrival of an 83' yacht for Caribbean winter cruising.

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With 9 grandchildren nearby in the NY area, **Alan & Elaine Lichtenberg** have no difficulty in filling their wkend itineraries; and also manage to see the **Odderstols, Bernsteins, Reids** and **Cocke** from time to time; usually w/ regard to WP activities. **Clyde** Cocke, also loc nearby in Long Is, is active in its WP Soc, 88 chm of bd of dir and first Tri-Acad Alumni Golf Tournament in May—the second is sched at WP Jun 90. Clyde continues his travels—to Russia in 88 (w/AOG tour) and Ger in 89. Also traveling often are **Geo & Marty Reid**: to HI in late 88; to Waterville, ME in spring 89 to visit first grandchild Allison; May—England and Scotland; and recently in Jul-Aug, to Ireland. But they do intend to stay at home for the Army-Navy game this yr!!! **George & Eleanor Scheurlein** are busily engaged in selling their home in St James, NY while having another built in Hobe Sound, FL—Geo will ret from Grumman (Corp Research Ctr) at the end of 89. With their children well and 4 grandchildren adding much love, he & Eleanor are excited about their new home and looking forward to sunshine, swimming and continuing to travel. All is well w/the **Satuloffs** in Harrison, NY where **Elaine** continues a volunteer dir, New Rochelle Day Nursery, and **Chuck** w/Channel Gp Inc, a high tech products mktg co. Both still enjoy each opportunity to play golf or bridge (and their annual escapes in Jan to Palm Beach). While daughter Amy and family live nearby; daughter Nancy married in Jerusalem in 88 and lives there w/her husband.

1951: The Satuloffs—a happy gp! Elaine & Chuck with Amy and family

LATE BUT NO LESS HEARTFELT: The **Odderstols**, two of '51's most loyal and supportive, remain saddened by death last 13 Oct of daughter, Karen Ruth Basch, age 34. Her husband Michael and daughter Meghan, age 6, still live on Long Island. Both **Tom & Barbara** deserve a special expression of '51's sympathy because they have eased the pain of so many others during critical illnesses, bereavements and periods of sufferings. Tom has ret from corporate life and opened his own business in commercial and industrial packing and shipping—working harder than ever. However, that didn't stop him from getting in a little golf in New Orleans in May or spending a wk at the shore w/Barb in the summer. Incidentally, her PhD draws closer and closer. In Moorestown, **Ray & Pat Knight** look forward to visiting OR in the near future to greet their 6th grandchild. Since Ray ret from NJ State Govt on 1 Jan, time is no problem. **Joan Anderson** honed her teaching skills in summer in order to teach HS math this fall. But she also took time to vacation at Williamsburg and FL's Disney World. **Derrick Samuelson** reports his presidency of the local residential club in Sun Rise, NJ is taking 1/3 of his time—his sleeping time. That's because he's still w/ITT legal dept in intl and domestic acquisitions and divestitures. He & **Diana** recently visited the Virgin Is and to the Intl Bar Assoc Mtg in Strasburg, France. **Camilla Kuhn** Quinn and Bill spent a couple wks at the Jersey shore—the Kuhn children are busy and in good health. **George Filchak** remains active w/his flooring contracting business. He & **Joan** visit son Andrew and family in KY a couple times a yr—it's been duly noted that Geo uses these visits to exercise his power of prognostication at that state's well-known racing establishment.

1951: Cortners and Crowes had just enjoyed the Allenberry Resort

The **Cortners, Crowes** and **Roberges** continue the relatively slow easy-paced life in Carlisle. **Sandy** still works w/PA's Emergency Mgt Off, but looks forward to full ret in a yr; but first a 3-wk Scandinavian trip in Aug—Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway. It must be true that habits are hard to break—Roberge and Cortner have played in the same golf foursome for the last 7 yrs. Now that Crowe has given up wandering around the US as a consultant on nuc power plant emergency planning (he was a TV star in the Three Mi Is event), he & **Joan** can enjoy their lovely, recently renovated home which they bought way back in 72. No wonder they're rich!! **Charlie** (or was it Joan) hung out a shingle: "First Cl Retiree—Premier Fisherman—World's Greatest Hunter—Man For All Seasons." In summer, Charlie's Saturdays are reserved for the War Col golf course, except for two-wks over 4 Jul when he & Joan vacation in ME in a charming rustic cabin, and Charlie assumes his yearly role as mayor of Lake Pemaquid. The **Roberges**, a family on the move, travel often while enjoying golf, tennis, and their lakeside cottage near Lewisburg, PA. **Ron's** consulting in contingency, emer and wartime planning gives him opportunities in US and Eur to visit children and grandchildren in CO, CA and even Carlisle. Meantime, **Scotty** is learning the intricacies of handling sailboats; winter finds her teaching at Ski Roundtop w/ **Ted Charney**. S in Enola, PA, **Jean Duke** recently joined **Lee** in ret. But he is still a Silver Spring township supervisor; otherwise, he completely puts his feet up and enjoys life as it is. **Bruno & Susan Giordano's** financial advisory business is thriving. Although he still finds time for golf w/**Frank Fischl** (they won the 2d Flt in an Allentown tournament in 88), it's difficult to pin down the Giordanos' location at any one time—particularly w/homes in Devon, PA; Avalon, NJ and Palm Sprngs, CA. **Tom & Jane Williams** have implemented their first stage of ret from GM in 88. Now living in VA Beach, Tom is a consultant in quality control in the PA plant from which he ret. Ties are maintained w/mil thru two daughters who are nurses—one Army—who is married to an Army CPT, and one Navy; youngest daughter recently grad from PA St. After 4 exciting and productive yrs as Supe, VFMA and JC, **Sandy Weyand** returns to VA. We're sure wife **Carol** will assist Sandy to become a "gentleman farmer"—seems like the perfect role!!

CLASS ACTIVITIES: DC area '51 luncheon—11:30 a.m. each 3d Thur monthly at ANCC, Arlington. **Bob Hyatt** coordinates assisted by **Earl Keesling**. Great turnouts continue: recent attendees include **Jim Guyer** in from WI, and **Bill Quinn**, HI. Info: call Bob or **Tinky Hyatt**—703-425-4839.

MINI-REUNION—CO SPRINGS—ARMY-AF football game—4 Nov. Activities: Cocktail party Fri, 3 Nov at **Evans** in CO Springs, cocktail and dinner after the game—call/write: **Don McGann**, 12255 Applewood Knolls Dr, Lakewood, CO 80215, tel: 303-238-7403; **Henry Evans**, 350 Oakhurst Ln, CO Springs, CO 80906, tel: 719-527-9535.

MINI-REUNION ALERT—CARLISLE, PA, 26–29 Apr 90—Allenberry Resort. Details provided at later date. To be coordinated by **Charlie & Joan Crowe**, 220 Hickory Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013, tel: 717-243-5479; and **Ron & Scotty Roberge**, 521 W South St, Carlisle, PA 17013, tel: 717-243-7576. With planning by PA party people, it will be good!!! See you at both!!

4th of Jul party: once more **Godfrey &**

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1951: Our party hosts and hostesses: Rogers, Pat Crowe, Jean Rogers and Godfrey Crowe

Pat Crowe put on a party for '51 which left nothing to be desired. Daughters Susan and Karen, who was recently married again, were the miracle hostesses whom everyone is willing to adopt. Over 60 classmates, wives, and friends enthusiastically thank Godfrey, Pat and family once again for creating a '51 hilite in 89. On 5 Aug **Joe & Jean Rogers** again hosted the DC area '51 contingent and wives at their estate in Woodstock, VA—the grounds were beautiful, the food great, camaraderie exceptional, and good cheer prevailed. Attendees concurred that **Anne Lackman**, Middleburg mayor, was to be designated "America's Most Attractive Mayor."

1951: Anne with some constituents: Markham, Dell Bradley, Anne Lackman and Dottie Markham

SHORTTAKES: **Shy Meyer** elected a Mitre Corp trustee in Mar 89; Apr 89 **Dave Abshire** co-chaired a Def panel of experts who provided policy guidance and suggestions on deployment of nuc and conventional force for next 5 yrs; **Ernie & Libby Peixotto's** new address: 2945 SW Brighton Way, Palm City, FL 34990, tel: (407) 220-3526. **Mary Tatum**, as wonderful as ever, runs His Toury Inc which showcases Southern history vic Camden, SC; **Pete & Cathy Prehn** living relaxed, comfortable lives and promoting a Wilmington, NC lifestyle! **Kermit Johnson** w/Wash DC off of Presbyterian Church & wife **Lynn** w/Westminister Methodist Church who also completed a fabulous trip to Israel and Jordon in Jun. After attending a summer wedding of Martha **Akers**,

1951: "A Picture by Prehn:" Clay, Barnett, Mary Smith, Prehn with Cathy

daughter of **Al & Mary, Geo Meighen** reported that Southern brides are as beautiful as ever.

1951: Al hosts great weddings—Meighen and Akers

NEXT REGIONAL SPOTLITE; Southeast—(NC,SC) Rep: **Ed Matney**, Dep: **John Samotis**; (AL, AR, GA, LA, MS, TN) **Geo Meighen** and **Barnett De Ramus**; (FL, Central AM, So AM, Caribbean): **Russ Walthour** and **Fred Irving**.

'52

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For you E-2ers, **Wuzzy Scaman** states he has "6 grand carpet crawlers" and the potential for more to come. And for **Al Crehan**, be advised that Wuzzy was flattered by your invitation to support the restoration of the Catholic Chapel. And for me, advice to wax my lacrosse stick! Sounds like the Wuzzy we always knew.

Lope Rimando writes from the Philippines that he ret with 30 yrs service in 78 and has worked since as a real estate broker, construction contractor, and insurance agent. With 3 children now in elementary and HS, he hopes to resettle in the US to complete their education here. Specifically, he would like to live and work in NY, the closer to WP the better. He closed his letter with best wishes to all the Class and the hope to be present for our 40th Reunion.

Ron Obach has been resident at WRAMC beginning in May, when he checked in with circulatory problems. Now it is confirmed that he suffered a heart attack and has some related complications. Cards may be sent to him there.

Dick Wiles brought back a report from the annual outing of the WP Soc of Seattle, held aboard the *Northwind*, a spacious yacht owned and cmded by **King Peters**. Present were **Dick & Ginny Wiles, Tom & Dottie Cole, Wayne & Ardelle Elliott** and **John Milner**.

1952: At Seattle WPS outing: Peterses, Wileses, Coles, Elliotts and Milner

1952: At Seattle WPS outing: Peters and Cole (very relaxed)

1952: At Seattle WPS outing: Elliott and Wiles

A number of us attended the wedding of Paula, the daughter of **Paul & Pat Brown** to John Kelley USNA '76 on 3 Jun. Following the wedding ceremony at St Matthew's in DC, guests assembled at Brimstone, the Browns' home in Fairfax, for a reception under sun and canvas. The photo shows our choral response to a bunch of middies trying to sing some Navy song. Shown are **Lowder**, Brown, **Larkin, Keeley, Cline, Stubblebine, Youree** and Webb '47 singing *On Brave*

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Old Army Team. Others present, but not allowed to sing, were **Hubbard, Moran, Paluh** and **Thieme**.

1952: At the Brown-Kelley wedding, 3 Jun

The *Washington Post* carried a report on the unveiling of the design of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The design features a plt of sculpted infantrymen filing toward a standard supporting the American flag. When finally approved, the memorial will be installed on the Mall, southeast of the Lincoln Memorial and directly across the reflecting pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. **John Kenney** is the exec dir of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and has been very instrumental in bringing about this tribute.

Sadly, I must now report the death of **Al Griffin** due to cancer on 24 Jun. He was buried with full mil honors at Arlington. He leaves **Cathy**, 4 accomplished children, and 3 grandchildren.

Al was assigned to units in Italy and Berlin initially and then served 3 yrs with the "Old Guard" before ret in 58. Since that time he has become widely known and honored for his accomplishments in dentistry: pres-elect of the American Soc of Dentistry for Children, pres of the Commonwealth Dental Study Club, and past pres of the Fairfax County Dental Soc. He is to be received into the American College of Dentists at a ceremony in Honolulu in Nov, an event the family will attend. As many of you know and appreciate, Al was most generous with his time and talent on behalf of classmates in this area. His gifted approach to his profession and patients, particularly children, will be sorely missed.

The funeral drew together a great many of Al's friends, associates, and area classmates. Joining the latter were **Don Sells** from FL; **Mullane** from CT; and **Tanguy** from IN.

A note on **Ashley Speir** has him mostly housebound, with **Edith** employed at the Natl Inst of Health, and daughter Michelle entering the Univ of VA this fall. Ashley is generally at home and would appreciate calls and visits.

Loyd Rhiddlehoover, Jr attended his son's graduation with USNA '89. Loyd III is now at Coronado for Surface Warfare Officers Sch and later asgmt to CG-24 (Reeves) in Yokusuka. Loyd reminded me to remind all *ASSEMBLY* subscribers of the 90 ski-reunion in CO. See Jul column for details.

1952: Rhiddlehoover and Loyd III at USNA '89 graduation

The **Gibbses'** daughter, Anne, married Kevan McCarten last Mar at the First Presbyterian Church, VA Beach. They report missing the crowds of Northern VA, but. . . . **Jerry** stays busy with school board duties and travels often to give presentations and participate in seminars. **Della** keeps up her Red Cross work and continues to pursue her interests in the piano and art.

1952: Gibbs, son Stephen, Della and Anne & Kevan McCarten

All should note that our Class has been signally honored by the election of **Denis Mullane** as pres of the AOG.

'53

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A nominating comm consisting of **Al Lindholm** chm, **Don Shaw** and **Bob Breckenridge** recommended the following slate of Class offs: **Bob Bartlett**—pres; **Norm Delbridge**—VP; **Russ Groshans**—secy; **Bob Blastos**—treas; **Bill Sutton**—scribe.

These were duly elected in accordance with our bylaws at a bus meeting/luncheon on 20 Jun.

Bud Tardiff has been appointed chm for the 40th Reunion. A number of ideas have been discussed and some new ones have been suggested. At this point, there are 3 options being considered. 1.Stay at the Hotel Thayer 2.Have a long wkend in NYC, to include a dinner, a Broadway show, and a football game at USMA. 3.Organize a cruise. The Class would go to Bermuda, then thru NY and up the Hudson to WP. The ship would tie up at WP and be used as a floating hotel by the Class for the Jun Wk activities (which take place in May). Those classmates who could not make the whole cruise could use the ship as hotel after arrival at USMA. This is certainly an intriguing idea. I have no projections of cost for any of the options. This *ASSEMBLY* has an article about the Class of '49 doing the cruise for their reunion.

This needs input from all of us, so that it can be a decision that suits us all. Think this over—now—and then convey your thoughts to **Bud Tardiff**. Pick one of the options, or make your own suggestions. His address is 10013 Banner Country Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. His phone number is (301) 540-5929.

I have not received much material this time. I guess this may be a slack period, or maybe everyone is too busy to be able to send info. I did receive some photos. These first ones are of the "official, annual" Class picnic at **Art & Pam Lindholm's** farm.

1953: Delbridge, Fiala, Lustig, Goetz, Lindholm, Groshans, Bringham, Bartlett, Blastos and Davis

1953: "The Beauty and the Beast." Chuck Fiala and Norm Delbridge; one with healthful fruit, the other with strawberry shortcake!

Here are a couple more from the 35th reunion.

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1953: Harrises, Lindholm, Henderson, Blastoses and Mileys

1953: Pat & Bill Hosmer; Founders Day 1989, KS

1953: Fiala, Miley, Edy Fiala, Delbridges and Carol Bartlett

1953: Dunivants and Grubbses; Founders Day 1989, NW FL

1953: 35th reunion—Creighton with Wubbenas

1953: Founders Day 1989, Central TX

1953: 35th reunion—Lindholms and Jewells

'53 manages to be respectably represented around the country at the Founders Day celebrations.

I regret to inform you all of the death of our classmate **Dave Rumbough** in Jul in Warrenton, VA. **Bob Bartlett** sent condolences on behalf of the Class to his family.

I just talked to **Neal Creighton**, to check on how we are progressing with the Class Scholarship Fund. Great news! Our goal is $25,000 and we are only $400 short of that goal. If two or three of you who have been meaning to get around to sending something will go ahead and do it right away, we will be over the top.

Like many of us, I know a lot of my classmates. I recognize many of them when I see them, but I don't always remember the names. (I've always had that problem, but getting older hasn't helped any.) Some of us still look pretty much the same as our cadet photos. Some have mellowed recognizably. Others have gotten old! Please, guys and gals, stick a label on the back of the photo stating who is in it, when it was taken, and what the occasion was. I use the *Howitzer* and the 10-year book, *Pass in Review 1953*, and I phone around the country to try to identify everyone in these photos. It is embarrassing to have to omit someone's name, as I did this time.

Thanks to all of you who have sent info, photos, and who have phoned. It is great to hear from you and I am certain that the readers of this column appreciate the news.

'54

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Dan & Judy Tobin phoned that his roommate **John Koun** died on 9 Jun in VA Beach Mem Hosp of acute hypertension of the lungs. Tobins had visited John & **Ginny** there earlier. (**Bob Keener** also phoned from Gilbert, SC, with the same news from a Koun's friend in Atlanta.) Memorial service and burial were at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 13 Jun, where classmates paid their final respects and expressed condolences to Ginny and their family at the reception.

In USMA birthday news, **John & Sharon Young** attended the WP Soc of Charleston Founders Day dinner at The Citadel, SC. Johnnie is serving his 9th yr as chap sec-treas, heads a tour co and operates the KOA Kampground there. Sharon is chief physician at a local hosp.

1954: John & Sharon Young; Founders Day, 1989, Charleston

Jack & Kathy Charles were at the WP Soc of Wichita Founders Day imbroglio. Jack is chap pres and fittingly was the main speaker.

Buck & Marie Weafer assembled the

1954: Kathy & Jack Charles; Founders Day 1989, KS

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Ft Leavenworth gp of **Howie Hunter**, his date, and **Bob & Marietta Riese** for Founders Day there.

1954: Rieses, Weafers and Hunter and friend; Founders Day 1989, Ft Leavenworth

Pres **Jack Miller** convened a meeting on 14 Jun at the Ft Myer OOM to discuss our 35th Reunion plans. By the time you read this, you should have received and replied to a flier mailed by Jack to elicit your intentions with regard to lodging, meals, and activities. Don't forget the payment for meals, transportation, and favors (c. $250) that will be collected when you register. Football tickets must be ordered by each attendee individually. Present were **Jim Henry, Chet Piolunek**, and members of the formed nominating comm: **Skip Forman** (chm), **Bill Allan, Doug Stuart, Dan Tobin** and **Yale Weatherby.** The comm will present these nominees to the Class at the reunion: for pres, **Larry Skibbie** and **Ed Pawlowski**; VP, Jack Miller; sec/treas, Jim Henry; and scribe, Chet Piolunek. Other nominations for these offices can be made to any of the nominating comm prior to or at the bus meeting at WP. Incumbents can succeed themselves if duly nominated and elected. The pres's office is restricted to a classmate living in the greater DC/No VA area. Anyone want to move?

You all must have seen **Jack Galvin's** photo and read his two-page interview in the 29 May issue of *Time*. Jack is also widely quoted in the news and def periodicals about arms control and NATO.

Dick & Ginny Sugg in Alexandria relate that **Bob Badger** is admin dir of the Indianapolis Zoological Garden. It must be a zoo out there, Bob. Dick heard that Dr **Pete Jones** is also in Indianapolis. Dick is a proj mgr w/Mitre Corp in McLean.

Pat & Shirley Dyer write from Bethlehem, PA that they are relocating to Windlesham, England, near London in Surrey, you know, where Pat is managing dir for gases for the BOC Gp. Pat was with Air Products, Inc in Trexlertown for over 25 yrs and elected to its Board of Dir in 88.

From San Ant, **Joe & Gretchen Peisinger** update the list of area active classmates: **Price & Pam Darling, Bill & Nancy Dean, Jack & Bernice Gilboux, Bill & Eddice Jessee, Jim & Rue Knox, John & Betty Lohman, Jay Massaro, Bill & Martha McVeigh, Jesse Moore, Don & Carole Old, Craig & Mary Jane Spence,** and **Dave & Jo Sugg.** There's a good crew for rattlesnake hunting or a bocce game.

John & Helen Pappageorge live in Troy, MI, where she naturally answers to Helen of Troy. Pappy is dir of business planning and analysis w/General Dynamics and in 88 was elected Oakland Co Commissioner. Helen is a tax consultant w/HR Block, pres of Troy Newcomers Bridge Gp and treas of John's election comm. Son CPT George is a program officer at Tank Automotive Cmd in Warren, MI. Daughter Christina & husband Manny Bennett live near Chicago where he is w/GD Searle and moving to Brussels.

1954: Helen & John Pappageorge in Troy, MI

Ben Schemmer's review of *Mud Soldiers* appeared in the *Wash Post* of 16 Jul. He does this while serving as ed of the *Armed Forces Journal Intl* from which our recent column ret him. Sorry 'bout that, Ben; there was a pizza stain on the press handout and our source quoted it.

Dr **Bob McNeill** was named Distinguished Alumnus in Engrg at the U of NM 100th anniv. Bob is chm and pres of Robert L McNeill, Inc, a geotechnical engrg firm in Albuquerque.

In Aug, Bad **Bob Mischak** was in DC managing a MD Commandos Arena Football team game. He found time to break several bottles of bread with me and **Bob Stafford,** our Basic Inf Course classmate and a local entrepreneur.

Fifty-six classmates, spouses and guests from the DC area attended a dinner at the Ft McNair OOM on 11 Aug. **Jack Miller** reported that 132 classmates have responded that they will attend the 35th Reunion. Jack also presented changes to the Class constitution that will be voted on at the Reunion.

Did you guess the name of our youngest classmate? Several of you were born in 33 (**Joe Gerda's** plebe year), but the last one was **Fletcher J Buckley** who first saw the light of day on 3 Nov. Buck entered USMA from a different time zone during an auspicious alignment of the planets and the central area clock. But can you trust anyone under 60?

Temperature dropped 20 degrees here one night. Summer's almost over; winter draws on. Let's have a good 35th Reunion.

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The summer mailbag has not yielded an overpowering flow, but with contacts around DC and some scattered phone calls, there's enough to keep you up to speed. As you are all aware by now, **Fred & Jennie Woerner** ret this summer after two mettle-testing yrs as CINCSOUTH in Panama. Fred performed superbly in a convoluted political situation that was aggravated by a vacillating, poorly-defined natl policy toward Latin America generated in a no-one-wants-to-be-in-charge State Dept. Fred's perseverance and strong leadership held our presence there together and firmly so. On behalf of every man and woman in mil uniforms who served in Latin American, we owe Fred a debt of lasting gratitude. Well done, old friend and super soldier!

A very nice letter from **Dick McCarthy** in NH included the snap below of Dick and daughter Karen at her wedding last summer. Karen was one of the brave crew of young ladies who entered USMA with the first female contingent of the Class of '80. Unhappily, a medical problem forced her to leave WP in her yearling yr, but she has since completed a civ engr degree at Lowell Univ in MA and has clearly made Dick & **Renate** proud, as have their other 4 children, who have all flown the nest. Dick is in real estate in Eastman, NH, and announces it's the best kept ret secret around. Good to hear from you, Dick.

1955: Dick McCarthy and daughter Karen

Jack & Marlowe Viney not only sent along a gracious invitation for the CA mini-reunion they sponsored on 5 Aug, but also a note to herald their flying visit to **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams** at Morro Bay, where Bill has a summer cottage. Jack extolled the virtues and pleasure of

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breaking away from LA in his dream machine Cessna 195, which he's proudly owned for nearly 15 yrs, and laying back with the McWilliams to enjoy their super hospitality. Got to be good hospitality—Bill's a CO boy!

1955: Bill & Ronnie McWilliams, Jack Viney and his proud bird

On 4 May of this beautiful spring here, **Don & Chickie Hilbert** along with **Durf & Barbara McJoynt** and **Dick & Greta Masson** hosted a class brunch at Qtrs 14 at Ft McNair. With a full buffet spread elegantly arranged in an outdoor tent, the well-attended event was a success in every respect except that the temperature hovered around 40 degrees with a wind chill to much lower. Not to worry, though, the warmth of old friendships and the chance to rekindle acquaintances kept the assembled gp well heated up. Those attending were **Dick & Sandy Wargowsky, Jim & Nancy Cutchin, Dick & Carol Baker, Dan & Ann Malone, Al & Edie Edwards, George & Mary Monahan, John & Mary Pickitt, Bob & Linda Newton, Jim Eddins, Zach Hagedorn, Wil & Kip Volkstadt, Bob & Marly Carpenter, Bud & Dotty Goldstein, Joan O'Brien, Bob & Pat Strati, Jim Bergen, Dick & Greta Masson, Carl & Marcia Cathey, Ed & Betty Anderson, Hugh & Ann Quinn, Jim & Mary Deveraux, Bill & Joan McCulla** and Don & Chickie as hosts. That's a pretty sizeable load of talent for the grounds of the Natl War College. The one great payoff for being located within the jaws of the DC Beltway is that there are numerous opportunities to meet with classmates at regular intervals and swap stories, news and rumors. Might be hard to write this column from Bird City, KS.

Just recently, I had a substantial note from my old stomping grounds in Belgium from **Doc & Jeanne Dorough**, where Doc is serving in the Econ Directorate of NATO Hqs. Doc has extended his tenure with the Intl Staff at NATO through 93. Their two daughters are now grown; one in NJ is in the ins business, the other is nearer to mom & dad in BE working also for NATO. Doc looks forward to our 35th in 90, when he hopes to see many familiar, perhaps even like his,

1955: Hilberts and Pickitts at Ft McNair

1955: McJoynt, Bergen, McCulla and Quinn—May brunch

bearded, faces. Thanks for the note, Doc; *bon chance*!

The AOG provided a fine snap of the 3 classmates at the WP Soc of Cent TX at this yr's Founders Day gathering: **George & Jan Kennebeck, Bob & Mary Blitch** and **Reed & Robert Stone**. From the looks of this handsome gp, life in and around Austin is keeping them in good health and spirits. How about a letter, guys, with some TX-sized news?

1955: Kennebecks, Blitchs, Stones; Founders Day 1989, Mid-TX

As I reported last issue, **Pete & Angie Fikaris** visited us in Apr, and what a distinguished couple they are. Since that visit, they have seen their oldest son, Dr George Fikaris, married to a lovely Greek lass with the superb name of Papadopoulous. Pete & Angie enjoyed vacations from time to time in their Clearwater, FL condo, where the Greek has 6 or 8 pigeons staked out on the adjacent golf course.

If you follow the def funding and

1955: Angie & Pete Fikaris

procurement news (and there are obviously many of us who do!) you know that **George Monahan** is "Mr Star Wars" these days. Let me quote a few lines from John Broder's 13 May *LA Times* article, titled "New Star Wars Chief: The Right Man for the Job—at the Right Time." Broder writes: "Monahan describes himself as a program mgr whose job is not to be a promoter for Star Wars, but to run a sanity check on the costly and controversial program. He demonstrated a sense of humor rarely found in the Pentagon's SDI complex when he said that if the 'Brilliant Pebbles' program (swarms of little rockets stationed in space) fails, Star Wars will probably move on to 'Genius Gravel.' Monahan said that SDI over the next few yrs will be guided by several cost and feasibility studies conducted this summer. Monahan's impending 90 ret clearly sombers his approach: 'Star Wars,' he says, 'is more in the spotlight, more in the fishbowl than other mil programs,' but he approaches his work as he has done so successfully with other programs which he worked." Clearly, George is the right man, right job, right time.

Jim & Helen Drummond sent a great letter from their Hampton, VA, home to advise that they have settled into ret and second careers with ease and grace, and are really enjoying it. Jim is with BDM working joint service issues, and Helen, like so many of our '55 ladies, is deeply into real estate matters. Their son, Jim '83, enters the U of OH this yr for grad work in sports admin. Young Sarah Drummond completed her PhD at OK State Univ this yr and is now with the OK State extension service. Bulldog & Helen visited **Bob Johnson** in Apr in Richmond, and they enjoyed the Cadet Glee Club concert that was held there at that time. Jim reports that he and **Howard Whitaker** chat frequently; Howard is with Teledyne Brown in Huntsville, AL, and having a ball. Jim also recounted that he and **Dave Young** visited recently in Norfolk, where Dave was visiting from his NY investment business. Sincerely appreciate hearing from the Drummonds.

Shortly after the 4th of July, **Al & Edie Edwards** hosted a waterfront picnic at

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1955: John & Anita Rudski

1955: Edie & Al Edwards—hosts at home

their super water's-edge home on the Severn River just above Annapolis. **Carl & Marcia Cathey** and **John & Sherie Giddings** were co-hosts at a beautiful afternoon's outing that brought a good size crowd of classmates out in their finest casual regalia. I think our Class definitely has more fun without neck-ties! The food was great, the weather ideal, and we all enjoyed sitting under the shore-side oak tree laughing and scratching, as well as a hardy few who swam in the warm waters of one of the Sevren's inlets. We enjoyed visiting with **John & Anita Rudski**, who were just recently married and are just settling into their N VA home. John is now with IDA after relocating here from San Ant. Anita is with the Natl Sci Foundation, specializing in comp sci. These two charming people make a handsome, happy couple. **Ed Nidever** and his lovely escort, **Susan Sheets**, enjoyed the gathering, especially the crabbing that was possible off the end of the Edwards' boat dock. Others who came to enjoy the sun and relaxation were **Bob & Marly Carpenter, Bob & Pat Strati** down from WP, **Bob & Linda Newton** (Linda provided the snaps you see), **Durf & Barb McJoynt, Tom & Helen West, Jim Bergen, Bud & Dotty Goldstein, Zach Hagedorn** and his escort, **Carolyn Smith, John Sloan, Murphy Shimunek, George & Mary Monahan**, and Al's lovely and lively mom, Mrs Edwards. Some news gleaned at the party was that **Donne & Kathleen Olvey** have ret from the Army and Donne's long and distinguished tenure as the Prof and Head of the Pol Sci Dept at USMA, and are headed to OH for second career and their new home. We all extend our warmest congratulations to the Olveys and wish them long and fulfilling success.

Also came a brief note and snap from **Dave Pettet** in WA State, where he reports a delightful gathering of the WP Soc of Puget Sound aboard King Peter's ('52-USMA) modest 128 ft yacht. Dave and **Howie & Helen Stone** and **Ed & Pam Trobaugh** represented '55 in great fashion.

Finally, I want to report some planning business for you: **Danny Dienst**, who has taken on the massive chore of

1955: West, Cathey, Monahan, Carpenter—Jul picnic

1955: Howie & Helen Stone, Dave Pettet, Pam & Ed Trobaugh

coordinating and arranging our 35th Reunion activities for next yr, reports that the major events and locations have been framed, to include booking arrangements for as many as attend at the Sheraton Intl Hotel in Mahwah, NJ, about a 30 minute bus ride from WP. This reunion gathering will be on 8–9-10 November 90 (mark your calendars now!) and will include the Army-AF football game, Class luncheon, Class banquet and evening festivities and a great deal of "my how little you've changed!" on the margins. This should be a 5 star event, and with all the TLC that **Danny & Loretta Dienst** are showering on it, we can't miss. The full info packages on the 35th will probably be in the mail by the time you read this in Oct. Important thing is to resolve now to be there—no B-aches, no cop-outs. In the meantime all you great people: cards and letters, cards and letters! Take care.

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Here I am once again pushing to meet another deadline for the Class column. I hope those of you who submitted photos and did not see them in the previous issue of *ASSEMBLY* will understand that the ed can only accommodate a limited number for each class report, so some could not be used at that time. I will resubmit as many as possible for this issue and hope for the best. Meanwhile, I continue to encourage your snapshots, because I'm certain most of you enjoy these more than my prose.

1956: Foxes, Withers and Curls; Founders Day 1989, Ft Belvoir

I deeply regret that I must begin by informing you of another tragedy in our Class family. Last 30 Apr, **Jim & Joan Shirey** lost their son, Michael, when he was involved in a fatal accident near Eglin AFB, FL. Michael would have been 27 on 31 May and was a CPT in the AF. Jim & Joan buried him in the Barrancas Natl Cemetery. The Shireys were unable to notify anyone except family because they were in Taiwan when the accident occurred. If anyone wishes, Jim & Joan ask that contributions in Michael's memory be made to the AF Aid Society, National Headquarters, 1745 Jeff Davis Highway, Suite 202, Arlington, VA 22202. Jim & Joan have returned to Taipei where Jim will complete his commitment with AmDeC-CECI for a high speed rail study for the government of Taiwan.

On a much happier note, I heard for the first time since graduation from **Marcy & Bonnie Williamson**. Marcy ret in Apr 88 from the Dept of Energy where he had been dir of the Radiological and Environmental Sciences Lab in ID. Marcy & Bonnie recently completed a two-mo trip by car which covered over 10,000 mi through 23 states, Mexico, and 4 provinces of Canada. They began by attending the graduation of Marcy's youngest daughter, Martina (24), from the U of CO. They then visited briefly with **Frank & Pat Smith** in Santa Fe, NM.

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1956: Eva McClung, Palmers and McClung; Founders Day 1989, Cincinnati

1956: The LeHardy family celebrates son Peter's graduation from USNA

1956: Wolds and Palmers; Founders Day 1989, Detroit

They both work at the Los Alamos Natl Lab. Unfortunately, they missed seeing **Zuke & Lucy Day**, who also live in Santa Fe, because they were out of town. Zuke also works at LANL. Marcy & Bonnie then traveled on to Brooks AFB for the big physical. **Ed Holloway** and **Larry Stebleton** were there at the same time. Marcy enjoyed having lunch with Dr Dale Clark a couple of times. The Williamsons proceeded to Killeen, TX to see the **Lofferts**. They spent a short time with **George**; however, they missed **Glo Loffert** because she was off playing grandmother to a brand new grandchild. George teaches physics in Waco, TX. After leaving TX, the Williamsons wound their way to FL and visited with **Bill & Doris Westcott** in Dunedin. As previously reported, they own and operate an antique and jewelry store. Marcy & Bonnie then saw **Jim & Judy Dozier** in North Ft Myers, FL, and went with them to a Memorial Day celebration where Jim was the featured speaker.

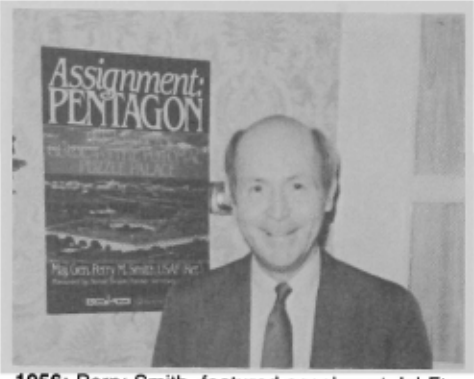
Traveling northward, the **Williamsons** managed to catch up with Bonnie's youngest son, Brett (23), who is a sonarman on the submarine *USS Sturgeon* based in Charleston, SC. They then visited with **Mario & Rosemarie Nicolais** in Moorestown, NJ. Nick is a cpt for TWA flying 747's overseas. They also met the Nicholais' youngest son, Michael, a recent college graduate. From there, the Williamsons traveled on to Hamilton, NY, where they saw **Dick Sylvester**. Dick is a prof of Russian at Colgate. Dick departed a few days later for a two-mo visit to the USSR with a gp of students. Marcy & Bonnie visited with Marcy's son Mark (27) who is doing graduate work at OHState and is supe of the Columbus ops of a condo construction firm. They completed their trip by visiting Canada and the Glacier Natl Park before returning home to ID Falls, where Marcy's other two daughters and Bonnie's oldest son were caring for the homestead during their extended absence. At present, Marcy & Bonnie are making arrangements to move to Marcy's old home country near Flathead Lake in western MT.

I received a most welcome letter and photo from **Ward & Judy LeHardy** concerning a very big event for them and their entire family. Their son, Peter, graduated from USNA last May and the photo showed the family gathering to celebrate. Peter reported for his first duty asgmt in San Diego. Ward's plans for sailing around the world are picking up steam. They plan to buy the boat within the next few mos and are looking for a 39–42 footer with room for 4–6. Their target start date is Jan 92. Ward will share their itinerary with us soon and hope to entice '56ers to join them for part of the voyage.

1956: Boweses, Palmers, Sorley, and Woodses; Founders Day 1989, Carlisle Barracks

Greg Wold called me recently to share the great news about his son, Greg II. He will be entering WP in the fall of 89. Greg & **Shirley's** youngest, Erik, is a soph in HS and already a track star in the distance events.

Perry Smith reports that **John Foss** has been promoted to 4 stars and has been reassigned from DC to cmd TRADOC at Ft Monroe. Perry also indicated that **Jim Ellis** is now pres of a large construction co that is building, among other projects, the new Denver airport which will be the most modern airport in the world when completed in 93. Perry is doing exceedingly well as an author and a teacher of leadership. He is a regular teacher for IBM and at the various war and staff colleges. His book *Taking Charge* has just gone into its second printing, just 9 mos after its first publication, and his latest book *Assignment Pentagon; The Insider's Guide to the Potomac Puzzle Palace* is receiving rave notices. It is the first comprehensive guide to the Pentagon ever written.



1956: Perry Smith, featured speaker at Jul Ft McNair luncheon

1956: New Year's Eve fun—DeFrances and Barlows

As a follow-up to some of the good news provided by **Perry Smith**, **Maury Cralle** sent me a photo taken at the Jul gathering of '56ers at Ft McNair which shows **John Foss** with his 4 stars and several other classmates. Nineteen classmates attended and were treated to a talk by Perry Smith on the subject of book publishing. For those of you out there who feel that you may have one or more good books in you, Perry has graciously offered to share his experience in publishing books through 4 different publishers with any classmate who may need this kind of info. Perry can be reached at (703) 847-9213. Thanks to Maury, I also learned that **Arv West** is the new cmdr at Ft Belvoir as well as dep CG

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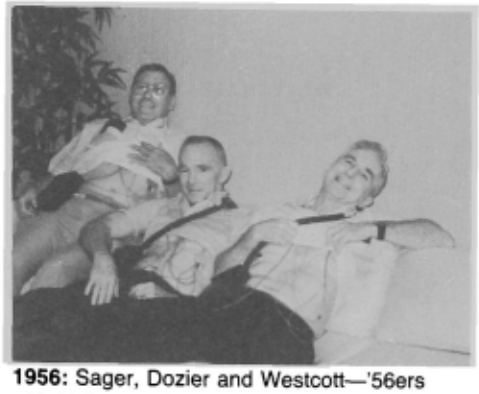
1956: Ruffner, Foss, Conrad and Quakenbush at Ft McNair luncheon



1956: Sager, Dozier and Westcott—'56ers with Holter monitors, Brooks AFB, April

of the Mil Dist of Wash. Prior to this asgmt, Arv was the dep cmdr of the Army Engr Ctr at Ft Leonard Wood, MO, and the asst com, Army Engr Sch. Maury also sent me a very interesting article from the 25 Jun issue of *The Washington Post Magazine* which featured a story about **Roger Blunt** and his business success in the DC area. In this article, Roger shares some of the bumps he & his wife, **Derrie**, experienced along the way to their current success. Roger & Derrie are partners in their many business enterprises, the principal one being the Essex Construction Corp, which has about 50 employees and is responsible for $15-$20 million of construction work each yr.

1956: Muntzes with Northam USNA '56; Founders Day 1989, Ft Gordon

Here in the Los Angeles area, the big social event will be the gathering of all '56ers on or near the West Coast at **Art & Alicia Evans**' beautiful home on the sands of the Pacific. It promises to be another wonderful day of volley ball, swimming and great conversation, and I hope to be able to share its highlights with all of you in the next issue. Meanwhile, please stay healthy and as active as always, and keep me informed of your latest doings.

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It is my sad duty to report the death of **Dick White**. He died in Albuquerque, NM on 2 Jul after a long illness. His body was cremated and the ashes will be interred at Arlington Natl Cemetery, where their son is buried, on 25 Aug. On behalf of the Class, and myself, I extend sincere condolences to his wife, **Cynthia**, and their daughter.

The quantity of mail received in the last two mos has not been overwhelming, but I still find myself writing this two days after the due date. It seems that I'll never catch up. Fortunately, I will be able to fax it to WP, which will take care of everything except the one picture I got, which I will mail and pray that it arrives on time. Oh well, you can't win them all. Got a short note from **Joe House**, who was promoted to regional VP of the USAA Southeast Region on 1 Jan. Joe & **Sue** are now living in Tampa, FL (where USAA is going to build a 500,000 sq ft office bldg to house the region's 1100 employees) and have become very active in civic affairs, sitting on almost every board in the city. To compound their pleasure, both of their sons and their wives (seems logical, but not always true these days) also live in Tampa. Son Mike & wife Janie had their second child, a daughter, in Dec. Son Mark '80 owns a business in Tampa, and his wife, Karen, is a nurse and a res officer. Joe asked that I make sure you all know that you're supposed to call him if you even plan to visit FL. As a matter of fact, Joe, my daughter Sarah (the Navy LT turncoat) is assigned to the SOF at MacDill and owns a condominium on Bayshore, so I may just show up. And speaking of the Cl of '80, my son Jacob, who is a member of that distinguished gp, was married to Shari Jo Revzin on 4 Mar. In my haste to get the last column out I failed to report it, and I have not heard the last of my oversight. Needless to say, both **Bernice** & I are very happy to see our oldest happily married, and hope that he has pioneered the trail for my 4 daughters.

Tom Kehoe, who works for the Jet Propulsion Lab (a part of CA Tech) in Reston, VA, sent me a copy of a page from the *Houston Post*, dated 23 Apr, with a picture of Dr **Neal Ausman**. Neal is the project mgr for the Galileo, a $900 million spacecraft which is going to be launched from the shuttle *Atlantis* next Oct on mission to photograph Jupiter. This gives Neal considerable job security since he has to be the flight mission dir for the 6 yrs it will take the spacecraft to reach Jupiter. I have a special place in my heart for Jupiter as my dissertation was on the conductivity of solid (I never got to metallic) ammonia because it is supposed to be one of the constituents of the Jovian atmosphere, and I was trying to confirm that it could support a magnetic field. Doesn't that sound fascinating? Anyway, Neal, we wish you luck on the launch and hope the 6 yrs pass very quickly and successfully. Write when you have time.

You may recall that in the last column I reported on a letter from **Earl Pettibone** which described how he got a new job with the help of **Ray Ketchum**. Well, Ray read the column and decided to speak for himself. Ray has worked as the dir of the Academy Graduates Exec Search (AGES) in Darien, CT, since the beginning of 89, and says there "is great satisfaction in helping American business to benefit from the leadership of our grads and helping them to help each other in the process." The co was formed by 5 grads of the Cl of '50 and seems to be filling a real need to provide the academies with an old boys network in the business community. When Ray isn't helping get someone a job, he's learning all about investment banking from **Charles Erb**, which is a lot different from what he was doing in the Army. Now for some family news. Ray's mom & her new husband have opened a bread and breakfast, Balogh and Bride, in Fernandina Beach, FL, and you may want to stay there when you're on your way down to visit **Joe House** in Tampa. Of course, I don't have the slightest idea where that is, but I'm sure it's on the map. **Gwen's** father, who will be 80 in Nov, just returned from a trip to Antarctica, and now gives lectures and slideshows about his journey. Just another enterprising young man. Ray & Gwen anticipate becoming grandparents in Oct, courtesy of daughter June & husband Frank Williams. They're living in Richmond, VA, where Frank expects to practice law. Son Ray III is working on his PhD dissertation in botany at CO State, and his wife Julie is the business mgr for the lab in which he conducts his experiments. That's mighty convenient. Thanks for the newsy letter, Ray, and for the brochures on AGES. I just may call you one of these days.

The recounting in the last issue of classmates chance encounters prompted **Jack Meehan** to write and describe one he had. He & **Rosaleen** flew non-stop from Hong Kong to Seattle on 9 Jun (she accompanied him on a business trip to Taipei) and, after going through customs, went to call his office. When he got to the phone booth, there was **JD Smith** at the next phone. "It was eerie!" I guess JD strikes people that way. Actually, JD was returning from AK where he was on

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an official inspection tour to check on the utilization of DoD assets for the oil cleanup op. Later, when Jack was changing planes at Dulles he ran into **Bud Miller**, who had just arrived from San Fran. I guess the Class is just always on the run. Jack also put in for a correction of his mil records in connection with Natl Guard Service, and is watching the paperwork slowly make its way through the system. Good luck, but as I recall, the change may only be possible for those who were in the Navy Res. As a last note, Jack mentioned that two of their children, John and Dierdre, live in Centreville, and so he gets to visit the DC area quite a bit.

Professor **John Setnicky** wrote from Mobile, AL, where he is teaching business courses, mostly mgt, at Mobile College. It was his first letter to the column, and it certainly came at a good time. I bet there are a bunch of you out there who, like John, have thought often of writing, but never did. Write now, before the urge stops. Of course, the thing that probably caused him to write was that he became a granddad. He even sent a photo, and I hope it makes it in since I mailed it separate from the column. If it doesn't, take my word for it—he looks ecstatic holding William H Tabn IV, age 5 days, son of daughter Debbie & her husband Hank. John asked if we'll ever have a Class reunion during Jun Wk. Good question. Graduation is now in May, but we could still get together in Jun. An interesting way to do it, related to me by a member of the Cl of '48, is to rent a tour ship, cruise the Caribbean, sail up the coast to NY, and then sail up the Hudson to WP. That way, you bring the hotel and dining facilities with you. Any interest? Don't forget to send me a letter.

1957: John Setnicky and grandson (William H Tabn IV)

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54th column. Today is 4 Jun. Thirty-one yrs ago 573 2LT's donned uniforms of the USA, USAF, the Philippine AF, the Peruvian Army, and the Royal Thai Army. All too soon we started losing classmates. **Bob Stinson** H2, discharged medically yearling yr, died of Hodgkin's disease on 14 May 58, even before our graduation. **George Walker** H2, our first graduate on 4 Jun 58, became our first grad to join the "ghostly assemblage," via a private aircraft accident after airborne and Ranger tng on 31 Jan 59.

Army and AF aircraft accidents claimed **Jerry Burton** G1, **Willie Marshall** H2, **Fred Schluter** F2, **Sammy Cardwell** G1, and **Joe Davis** B2, between Jan 60 and Aug 63. Seven files in 5 yrs. Too young, too full of potential, a too familiar story to be continued in columns written by scribes **Frank Wascowicz** C2, **Jim Ramsden** I2, **Jim Hall** H2, **Bob Bunker** D1 and **Bob Pointer** G2.

1958: Heyward III, Robert and Heyward Hutson, Father Ole Nelson; Founders Day 1989, Charleston, SC

We all boned a second file we didn't want when **Dan Brookhart** B2, our second grad, became the victim of a jeep accident at Ft Knox on 12 Nov 63.

Our next loss, **Dick Lynch** I1, was the first in '58 to fall in combat: he was KIA in RVN on 10 Sep 64 while advising an ARVN Ranger bn. Dick's death put a different light on the words to *Benny Haven, Oh!* we learned as plebes and sang throughout our 4 cadet yrs: "May we find a soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow."

Olen Brown I2 was not the first to return to civil life, but he was the first of those files to join our "celestial squad" on 24 Oct 64, another victim of a private aircraft accident.

1958: Pete Groh, President WP Soc of Cincinnati

As the US became more involved in VN, our Class found more serving there. **Dick Johnson** F1, our first "blue suiter" to transfer and become an Inf grunt in 62, became the second to "find a soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow" on 17 Jan 65. He was followed too soon by **Jerry Capelle** K1, our third Inf file KIA in VN on 1 Apr 65.

Wayne Day G2 was the first after graduation to fall victim of cancer at WRAMC in Mar 66. Wayne was followed too quickly by **Ed Hale** L2, killed in a UH-1D tng accident en route to RVN in Jun 66 and then by **Chuck Normington** D1 in Nov 66 via an auto accident.

In 67, **Charlie Moore** L2 was our next KIA in RVN. **Rex Mason** B1, commissioned in Arty and a 1963 transfer to USAF, was killed in an F-5 accident in Germany. On 21 Aug **Mel Morrill** G1 was MIA over North Vietnam. Mel was presumed dead in 78 and later his remains were returned and interred at WP.

In our 10th yr of service, we lost both **Larry Malone** M2 and **Floyd Spencer** B2 in RVN. During the next few yrs we lost **Bob Olson** D2 over Laos, **Lon Spurlock** I1 in RVN, **George Hussey** H2 in Cambodia (the first officer to fall in the "incursion" of 70) and **Bob Degen** D2 in Quang Tri, the victim of an American soldier during that dark period of Army history when discipline was on the wane and drugs on the rise.

Hugh Bauer A2 died while serving in the Congo. **David Nidever** L2 died rescuing a fellow soldier from a downed Huey in RVN and was somehow omitted from the USMA plaque placed in Cullum Hall.

Bob Guiliano B2 fell victim to a coronary attack, the first of too many for whom the heart would become the reason for joining those who watch the Corps from a heavenly vantage point. **Bob Bethman** F1 died in May 72 having been ret as a 2LT medically in 58. **John Schneider** M1 (cancer), **Bill Denson** K1 (coronary), **Jim Godbey** F2 (coronary a few mos after attending our 20th Reunion at Homecoming 1978), **Tony Evans** D1 (coronary too soon after the Army overcame its errors of omission by promoting Tony to LTC in 78 and then getting his date of rank corrected to 73), **Jack Carson** I1 (coronary shortly after having been medically ret—his funeral at Arlington Cemetery was the day the O6 list had good news and bad news for about 120 Army files, half good, half bad). **Dick Kittelson** M1 (who died too soon after normal ret) left us on the 20th anniv of our promotion to 1LT to end the seventies.

And the roll call continues in the 80's: **Fi Faiola** A2 (coronary Jan 80), **Ted Smith** B1 (coronary Apr 80), **Ernie Geipel** C1 (leukemia at Lackland AFB in May 80), **Frank Phillips** E2 (Jul 81 in Greensboro, NC), **Adam Benjamin** C2

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1958: Sue & Art Meyer; Founders Day 1989, Omaha

1958: John McKillop; Founders Day 1989, Ft Carson

(coronary in Wash DC—Sam was elected to House of Representatives in 78, served with distinction until his death in Sep 82). I do not think a grad has successfully sought first-time election to Congress since Adam: in the 88 election 4 tried, 3 for the House and one for the Senate, 3 were Republicans and one a Democrat; unfortunately none was successful. Our middies from '58 have a Senator from AZ, John McCain.

1958: Senator John McCain USNA '58; Nick Bacon, Medal of Honor RVN; Alex Pensiero. Photo by James Cowlin Image Enterprises

Jerry Rudolph H1 (coronary WRAMC Dec 82); **Ken Clark** M2, the former mayor of Freehold, NJ, died in Mexico in Apr 83; **Strube Jackson** H2, who was missed by his companymates at the 25th, died a few wks after the reunion. **Stan Maxson** H1 succumbed to an asthma attack while serving as attache in Oslo, Norway in Jan 85. **Lee Gaughan** G1 died in Jun 87. **Kevin Brown** C1, one of our "lost" files, was found by his CCQ in connection with the 30th Reunion and Book. The sad news is that he died of cancer in Feb 88, but the good news is that a number of classmates got to see him in Pittsburgh in Jan 88. And only a wk before the 30th **Bruce Trott** I1, another "lost" file only found in the summer of 88, became our next real loss, a victim of bone cancer.

Really do not know what made me start this column on 4 Jun nor why I took this particular trip down memory lane, but having done it, my only regrets are—(1) the list is too long, (2) it began too soon, and (3) it can only continue to grow longer.

Plan to attend the 35th Reunion, pray that you will have the opportunity, and use the mini-reunions as insurance just in case the 35th or other 5-yr gatherings at WP are not in your cards. By the time you read this, a good crowd will have gathered at Palm Springs for the 31st thanks to the organizing efforts of **Dick Groves** K1 and his lovely daughter, Kelly Norton, recently married and recently moved to Phoenix.

1958: Lee & Jack May, Barbara & Tom Sands and Gale & George Robertson

8 Jul and back to the column. Class business: our Exec Comm met following the Jun ANCC luncheon to get organized. **George Lawton** G2 is the chm (you guessed, George was AWOL from the meeting). **Palmer McGrew** I2 is the vice chm; **John Schroeder** M2, secy; and **Butch Ordway** G1, treas (Palmer, John, and Butch attended the meeting). Their immediate missions are solidifying the CCQ system, pushing attendance at the Palm Springs mini, and working with **Dale Hruby** M2 and his Memorial Comm on the Class gift project.

The Class volunteered for a particular project, but think we were outranked and out-hustled by one of the classes of '43. More on this subject in a future column when scribe has more info from the Memorial Comm. Our account was $92,136.71 as of 1 Apr 89. We have exceeded our original $50K goal set in 78 for the 25th Reunion in 83, but we are still only about 55% on the participation goal, so you still have the opportunity to become either a first-time donor or a repeat donor no matter what you have done in this regard in the past 11 yrs!

1958: Lee & Jack May in Ecuador

More letters with checks for Reunion Books or postage in accordance with the listing in Feb 89 *ASSEMBLY*. **Bill Morrison** F2 sent $50 and a note saying the change in Reunion from May to Sep caused him to miss it. **Juan Villanes** M1 wrote on 11 May that he'd just received the Feb 89 column, "usually takes 90 days to reach me!" Juan continued, "to my surprise, I read therein that you mailed my copy of the Reunion Book on 10 Dec. Since it has not reached me, I suspect it got lost in the mail." Another copy was launched via first class mail. Hope this one arrives.

Bill Parks H2 sent his check, so now my roommates are paid up; wish I could say that for the rest of my co and for the rest of the Class. I will rerun those who still owe for their books in the next column. **Alex Pensiero** C2 sent his check, a too-short note, and the picture used earlier of Sen McCain, USNA '58.

1958: Lois & Alex Pensiero; Founders Day 1989, Phoenix

Joe & Inez McElroy H2 sent $ and regrets at missing the 30th. They live south of L.A. about 20 mins from Disneyland. They must be prime candidates to attend the Palm Springs mini.

Kathy Hirata L1 writes, "Sorry to be so forgetful and/or absentminded. I will not wait for my aide to sign this note or to write it. We enjoyed the Reunion, short though our stay was. **Dick** always gets 'a shot in the arm' [aside: that is another location for shots] from the spirit of WP. We even made it to the Army-Navy

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game, for the first time in 30 yrs!" Thanks for the letter, Kathy. Perhaps I should invite all wives to review the Feb 89 *ASSEMBLY* to see who got Books and who still owes for them according to my records, which **Glenn Hall** H1 demonstrated are less than infallible.

"I am writing to give you my 'ALL RIGHT, SIR!' on the reunion books you so subtly mentioned in your nth [aside: 51st] column. I did get one on the bus going up, which was the one I ordered through **Nels Conner** in his capacity as CCQ for A-2. I also picked one up at the hotel in NY, which I signed for, and which was for Nels. I did not pay for the one for Nels, under the assumption that he had paid for it earlier [aside: good assumption, I have Nels' check for $40 and you saved him the mailing fee.] If it has not been paid for, see Nels. If it has, see me. If you don't know, I don't either, but I am sure we can work something out! Anyhow, I did get two, one for me and one for Nels. I hope that squares my account." So wrote **Chuck Densford** A2. My records reflect just what I meant to say in the 51st column: Chuck got his on the bus, but has not paid yet. Nels' copy is paid for—please ignore smoke screen in Densford's letter. Charlie, please check your checkbook—scribe and sometimes book editor/publisher hasn't gotten paid yet for YOUR BOOK.

Meanwhile, **Chuck's** letters are worth the $40. I remember one which was used for the umpteenth column in Jun 80 when my grandfather died and scribe was not up to doing a column. And, the current letter is great, also. First, Chuck sold a book to **Ron Bellows** (since mailed to Ron and paid for by Ron). Chuck's letter continues: "I want to comment on **Dodie Hruby's** (M2) idea of a reception facility for funerals, etc, at the WP Cemetery. I think that is a good idea and one that would benefit present and future generations as well as the more obvious past generations. I wrote to **Dale** last yr to suggest benches or some sort of rest stop capability in the cemetery, since, when I took my mother to WP in Aug 87 to visit my father's grave, there was no place for her to sit. Over a two-day period we alternated between sitting in our car in the PX parking lot and going up to the Cemetery Chapel, neither of which allowed my mother, 80 yrs old, to sit quietly and pray or meditate in view of her husband's grave. Suffice it to say that I like Dodie's idea, but I do have one to offer up on my own.

"I would like for the Class of '58 to fund and sponsor journals (diaries, only not for gossip), to be kept by USMA graduates from the time of their graduation until their death. These journals, as they are completed, are to be returned to WP (Library, AOG?) for historical preservation, research by historians, and to

1958: LTC & Mrs Schwenker, USMA LnO, LTG & Mrs Palmer, Carol & Pete Groh; Founders Day 1989, Cincinnati

document historical events as seen by, lived by, shaped by, or made by WP graduates. It occurs to me that all of us, whether eventually famous or not, have had a hand in shaping history, and we have all been involved in historical events. It would seem that a great deal of valuable documentation and/or first-hand observation, interpretation, and/or commentary is lost because most of us do not keep journals of our experience. It is also a noteworthy observation that everyone who was historically famous did keep a journal or diary in which events were recorded." **Chuck** provides more detail and rationale and I have passed a copy of the letter on to **Dale**.

Now to run the spell check, fit in a few pictures not included in the last column, and mail this tomorrow, 12 Jul. There is an advantage to more frequent, but shorter columns. See you at Palm Springs 7–10 Sep!

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RB Johnson writes a delightful tome dated "Summer 89" from his OP in Gulf Shores, AL, part of what he is pleased to believe is the Southern Beach Def Front. **Al Rushton** apparently believes it, too, and has made RB a USMA recruiter for the South AL area. Beware that crimson tide.

Inspired by last yr's mention of Sully's in this space, **RB** dug down in an old WP book box and came up with a memory of Bullis, another of the prep schools that once fed us spec for the entrance exams. Bullis was in Silver Spring, MD during the 54–55 school yr, and RB remembers that the clear majority of the class was hoping to go Navy. Those bound for USMA were a rather distinctive gp that included, along with RB, **Carl Cecil, Mike Ferris, Paul Knouse, Bruce Medaris, John Meyer, Bill Mullen, Lee Nunn, John Neal Reed** and **Carl Weaver**. The school has since moved to Potomac, MD, is much larger, and is a well-regarded college preparatory. Larry Bullis, '58 and the founder's son, has been headmaster for some yrs now.

In addition to that footnote from our history, RB's info ranged from **Ed Burba** in Oijongbu (he cmds the Combined Field Army) to **Douglas Campbell** in Atlanta, where RB visited one day last Apr and enjoyed Douglas's hospitality in his renovated house, which he considered a chateau befitting Douglas's ever-growing professional fame in the South. He's a lawyer.

1959: Johnson and Campbell in Atlanta

RB and **Douglas** were plebe roommates with **Bill Clarke**. Bill called RB recently and hopes to attend our 30th Reunion, an event to happen before this is published. Did we have a good time? Anyway, Bill & **Susan** Clarke are at 3720 Canterbury Ln, Metarie, LA 70001, and have a couple of youngsters. Bill's sons by a previous marriage are through college and, by now, busy with careers. Matt, the youngest, is a CPT at Benning.

1959: Johnson and Meloy at Benning

On 22 Apr **RB** swelled a cast of hundreds, according to him, at Ft Benning for the wedding of **John & Irene Meloy's** daughter, Kelly Andre, to Roger Thompson. John's brothers, Bill and Sandy '53, were there, as was Irene's sister, Sister Andre. The Meloys' other daughters were there, too. Katie is a soph at U Sam Houston, and Suzie is a jr at Columbus College. All 3 sisters attended HS in Columbus. RB's pictures of the event, sad to say, didn't turn out. But many thanks for all the news.

Don & Kay Markham are enjoying the climate as well as the geographical and cultural diversity of So CA. They live

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south of L.A. on the Palos Verdes Peninsula where the air, says Don, is a bit cleaner and cooler. He has been with Hughes Aircraft for the 7 yrs since leaving the Army, and he serves as mkting mgr for space-based IR sensors used for missile warning and boost phase surveillance. Kay has continued the paralegal business she began in DC, and her commute to downtown L.A. has been a grueling one. She has recently taken a job as contracts mgr with a business software house closer to home.

1959: DC luncheon: Johnson, Bennett, Yeats and Stadler

The **Markhams** have two sons. Andrew (25) has a math degree from U of CA Irvine and he is currently an agent for First Financial Planners in Orange Co. He sells personal investment programs to individuals of all ages. David (23) is spending his sr yr at the U of Heidelberg, majoring in political science with a strong German and European focus. He feels that the Western European community emerging in 92 and the awakening of Eastern European countries will present unique opportunities for his generation. **Don** agrees.

Charlie Lytle, who is ret and living in Lancaster, OH, writes news of his two daughters. Mary-Evelyn (20) is at Furman U in Greenville, SC and will be a sr this fall. Tiffany (19) is a frosh at FL Southern College in Lakeland, FL.

1959: DC luncheon: Lidy, Novogratz and Wheeler

Gene & Jan Madigan are in Amherst, NH, where Gene works for Sanders Associates. He has been with the firm for over two yrs, having ret from the Army in Jan 87, and does business dev and marketing in EW countermeasures. The Madigans have two children. Kathleen (24) is an 87 grad of UVT and is now working in DC. Tim (22) is attending the U of NH after having spent 3 yrs in the 82nd Abn Div.

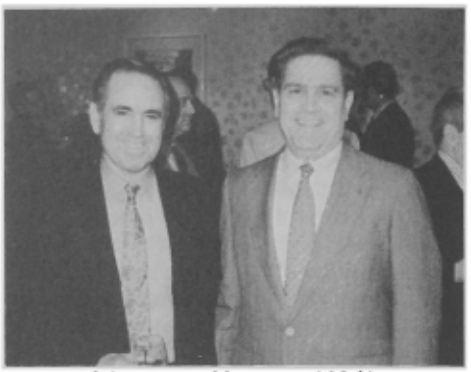
The DC gp had a summer luncheon at the Tivoli Restaurant in Rosslyn on 20 Jul. The food was tasty and the agenda informative. **Frank Campbell** reported that 180 of us had, at that point, committed for the reunion and he thought that a few stragglers might come through later. **Gil Roesler** noted that hotel arrangements were falling into place, and **Phil Gibbs** sounded worried about the reunion yrbook he volunteered to honcho. **John McNerney** discussed transportation options, and **Tom Boyle**, who once again received a vote of confidence on his handling of luncheon arrangements, tried to collect lunch money from several who had infiltrated his defenses.

1959: DC luncheon: Socks and Newberry

Others present, as best I could eyeball, included **Wosicki, Socks, Newberry, Wilson, LeClere, Dick Bennett, Stadler** (new Com at the NWC), **Rizzi** (back in the area via NY and NC), **Croteau, Yeats, Darel Johnson, Duggan, Todaro, Beurket, Kleb, Schow, Guthrie, Besson, Turpin, Bob Wheeler, Manzo, Jack O'Brien, Forrester, Meloy, Lidy**, and **Novogratz**.

1959: DC luncheon: Besson and Turpin

Fred & Marlene Malek live in McLean, VA, and have two children. Son Fred W (24) is USNA '88 and is aboard the *USS Juneau*. Daughter Michelle (21) is in her 4th yr at Duke. Fred says he is still into physical fitness with weights, long bike rides, etc, and has recently become a merchant banker. In 89 he has (1) led the purchase of Coldwell Banker Commercial Gp, the largest commercial real estate co in the country, and serves as its chm; (2) led the purchase of Marriott's airline catering business, the largest in the world with revenues exceeding $800 million, and serves as its co-chm; and (3) participated in the acquisition of Northwest Airlines, of which he is now a dir. Get 'um, Fred.



1959: DC luncheon: Manzo and McNerney

Mart & Pat Lidy are in Alexandria where Mart is with the Institute for Def Analysis, a federally funded nonprofit contract research center that works on projects for OSD and JCS. His worldwide travels to unified cmds put him in contact with classmates on occasion, last yr yielding **Bill Burleson** in Holland (AFCENT but reassigned this summer as C of S, USAREUR); **Pete Hannan** at Scott AFB, IL (MAC, since ret); and **Andy O'Meara** at Ft Stewart (24th ID, since ret).

The **Lidys** have 3 children. Catherine (27), a Class scholarship award winner, graduated from UVA in 85 with a BA in econ and foreign affairs, worked at American Security Bank in DC for 3 yrs, and is currently a full-time MBA student at GWU. Christopher (23) graduated from Tulane in May with a BS in mgt and will be traveling to Benning this fall as a newly commissioned 2LT of Inf. Bridget (18) is entering her soph yr at the College of Charleston and plans to follow a communications track.

Mart & Pat have enjoyed a second home at Hilton Head for more than 12 yrs, and they contemplate real ret there when Bridget finishes college. Until then, Pat teaches in the Fairfax Co school system, where she recently was promoted under its new merit system.

Tom & Sara Leo are in Wilmington, DE, where Tom is in the corporate security business, a field he finds extremely interesting, although a bit insecure in times of economic downturn. He finds time to play squash 3 to 5 times a wk and is happy with life in general. At the time of his letter, he was preparing to go on vacation in Maui.

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1959: DC luncheon: Forrester, Meloy and Gibbs

The **Leos** have 4 children. Jane Marie (29) is married and the mother of two. She is a full-time RN and has begun work on a master's in clinical psychology. John (26) works for MA Mutual in NYC and was planning to get married in Oct. Joseph (23) is a computer troubleshooter and programmer for Users, Inc in King of Prussia, PA. Bob (20) is a student at SUNY in Morrisville, NY.

Ed Robinson, our program comm chm, reports that this yr's Class scholarship award of $1500 went to Karen **Paschall, Rod's** daughter, who will be a jr at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. Karen had a distinguished record at Carlisle (PA) HS, and now majors in English and education. (Rod is the dir of the Mil Hist Inst at Carlisle Barracks). Her long-range goal is to teach secondary school English, perhaps in the inner city. The Class offers her its congratulations and best wishes. Members of the selection panel this yr were **Powell Hutton**, chm; and **Frank Besson, Bill Cohen, Dick LeClere**, and **Dick Toye**. Ed also reports that the Class made its annual contribution of $500 to Operations Crossroads Africa.

Bill Cohen, who made MAJ 5 times in the service of two countries (US and Israel), was promoted to COL, USAFR on 1 Aug. He is MA to the dep cmdr for comm, ops spt, and cont syst, Space Syst Div, AF Syst Cmd. His other job is as prof and chm of the mktg dept at CA State Los Angeles.

Bill was named a Distinguished Grad of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in DC while on 10 mos' active duty last yr, and he won the ADPA award for excellence in mobilization research. His proudest win, though, was the trophy for the highest score on the NDU PF test. He lost 27 pounds in tng for it and, on the big day, did 30 pull-ups, 111 2 minute push-ups, 94 two minute sit-ups, and the 3-mi run in 20 mins, 36 sec. He looked so good at Plebe Parent Wkend (son Barak is '92) that **Tex Turner** offered to send him to Ranger School. Heeyat, Bill.

Chuck & Barbara Lutz are in Logan, UT, where Chuck is an assoc prof and dir of grad programs in business info systems at UT State. He is a life member of the WP Soc of Salt Lake and enjoys recruiting prospective cadets as the WP rep for Cache Valley in northern UT. Daughter Michele (28) is in her 3rd yr of law school at U of WA Seattle. She is married, no children, and hopes to work in corporate law. Daughter Christine (27) is an RN and has her own consulting firm in geriatrics in Salt Lake City. Chuck notes that **Jim Taylor**, ex-roommate and current brother-in-law, and his wife **Marian**, Barbara's sister, are in O'Fallon, IL. I think I get it.

An invitation from VII Corps, received today as I prepared to post this installment, is for the installation of **Fred Franks**, now with a 3rd star, as the new CG. The ceremony will take place at Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart-Moehringen, on 25 Aug. Congratulations to Fred & **Denise**, and our very best wishes for great success in that important post.

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Last month's space having been dedicated to relaying to the Class **Nick Rowe's** death, funeral and memorial services, the additional material not used by the *ASSEMBLY* should fill this issue when supplemented.

A belated note (lost in the mail) from **Jerry Jilbert**, the coordinator of 88's graduation activities, and accordingly after graduation parade Jerry read the following to the Class' offspring:

"Achievement is a pleasant thing
But there's no end to conquering,
And wise men see
That what is done, however fair
Cannot in any way compare
With what's to be.
And wise men's thought are ever
On secrets that are still unlearned.
There is no conquest all complete;
No stopping place for human feet,
No final goal.
Onward and upward men ascend
And none of us shall see the end
Of glory's scroll.
But small and trivial is the past,
It is the future which is vast.

Each father then presented the Class gift, a saber mounted on a plaque, with words of advice, encouragement, and love. Due to the threat of rain and extremely high humidity, the Com directed the Graduation Parade be in White over Gray and not Full Dress over White. The graduates were unhappy with that decision. The following day, they did wear Full Dress over White and were soaked as the graduation ceremony was held in Michie Stadium in a fairly heavy rain that lasted throughout the ceremony. Bar pinning ceremonies were held in a variety of places, mostly under cover, with due pomp and circumstance. Spirits were high in spite of the weather. **Jerry** ret later that month; he & his wife have been at WP for the past 14 yrs over two tours.

Max E Rumbaugh Jr is included in *Who's Who in America's* 45th edition for 89. Rumbaugh had previously been included in *Who's Who in Engrg*. As the exec VP and gen mgr for the Soc of Automotive Engrs, he was added to the American, society-wide edition. The Soc of Automotive Engrs is a worldwide membership soc of 55,000 mobility engrs. HQ'd in Warrendale, PA, a northwestern suburb of Pittsburgh, SAE writes standards for use by manufacturers, govt, and the public. It also provides extensive educational programs including meetings, conferences, technical papers, books, magazines, and short courses for engrs in the aerospace and ground vehicle industry.

Kelly O'Malley reports that the following K-1ers have responded with checks for the 30th Reunion and with firm commitments to attend the reunion: **Denny Dice, Ambrose Brennan, Jack Burden, Tony Blackstone, Phil Croel, Bert Spivy** and O'Malley. Others who are firmly committed to attending are **Bob Johnson, Jack Elder,** and **Pat Holland.** It is expected that, true to the company motto, "Not Obnoxiously Eager," others who have not been heard from, like **Reed Bennett, Bill Dowdy, Bob Eckert, Stan Hickman, Cal Johnson, Bob Leach, Bax Mowery, Ed Osborne, Bill Sartoris, Tom Van Riper, Harry White,** and **Emer Yeager** will all soon commit to the yearbook and to attending the 30th. Hopefully, **Dottie Sapper** will be able to attend as well. Finally, the one "missing person" is **Ted Danielson**; if anyone knows his whereabouts, please inform O'Malley (9331 Hobart Ct, Fairfax, VA 22032). O'Malley believes that there were more K-1 files at the 25th Reunion than any other co in the Class, and expects that record will be repeated!

Michael Ferguson finishes his Juris Doctorate work at the College of Law, Univ of FL in 89. He was selected for the 87 and 88 Judicial Clerkship program in FL and was presented the American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law in spring 87.

As a community service, COL ED Ellis forwards the following info to widows, Class of '15, USMA, and others who may benefit:

"If your husband's death was due to a 'Service-Connected Disability,' you should be receiving a monthly amount from the VA as 'Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC).' This is tax free. If you are receiving DIC, you 'may be granted a special allowance for aid and attendance if they are patients in a nursing home or require the regular aid and

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attendance of another person.' " He believes this allowance is $160.00 a mo and is "in addition to the DIC rate. Surviving spouses qualified for DIC who are not so disabled as to require the regular aid and attendance of another person, but who due to disability, are permanently housebound, may be granted a special allowance of $70 monthly in addition to the DIC rate otherwise payable." Many patriotic organizations have chapters over the US. Some are The American Legion, AMVETS, The Mil Order of the Purple Heart, etc. All help veterans and their dependents free of cost. The widow of a veteran may be able to collect Social Security benefits at age 60 if her husband was getting Social Security, or was entitled to Social Security at the time of his death. Also, under those conditions, the widow should get a "lump sum" of about $255 from Social Security, and some benefits from the VA. Remember, all must be applied for!

Russ Baldwin writes that he had a very enjoyable and productive yr at Ft Ritchie, but in the near future he will be returning to the Pentagon. He anticipates changing cmd in Sep and will be reporting into the JCS as the Dep Dir of Defense-Wide C3 Spt. Russ is making this move as he was fortunate enough to make the MG list. He and his family are very excited and ready to get on with the next phase of their lives.

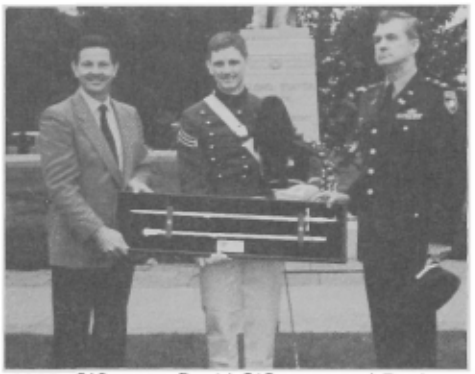
Paul Cerjan made his second star and is the new Com of the AWC, Carlisle Bks, PA.

George McQuillen writes from Kuala Lumpur that upon graduation he vowed to write the Class scribe once every 29 yrs. So what follows is the first iteration of what he hopes will lead to a second submission. He is currently serving as the Def and Army Attache at the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where he has been since Jun 85. He plans to ret in FL, TX, or somewhere else where he can work on high priority projects like his backhand. In Apr he attended a Pacific region security assistance conference where he ran into **Nick Halley**, MAAG chief from Korea, and his old E-2 roommate **Chuck Collins** who is dep Com at Def Inst Security Assistance Mgt (DISAM). DISAM trains all our mil pers who are going to security assistance jobs in overseas MAAGs and other offices. A conference of Pacific region Army attaches followed in the next wk. At that conference, during a briefing by the Army Attache from Manila, he said there would be an assassination attempt on a senior American official before the end of the yr. The very next day **Nick Rowe** was dead.

Roy O'Connor wrote from Brussels where he heads an IBM opn. He encloses a photo of himself, **Paul Miles** and Roy's son David on graduation parade day, 23 May at Thayer Monument. Paul

1960: Malaysian COL & wife with the McQuillens as George is receiving a decoration from the King of Malaysia

presented a cadet saber to David on behalf of the Class. David will be stationed in Ger after completing FAOBC and Ranger tng at Ft Benning. Roy's phone no in Brussels is 322-657-0314.



1960: O'Connor, David O'Connor and Paul Miles

For all other ice hockey fiends out there, **Paul Symonds** looks to me to be the closest Class member to NHL playoff tix as son Phillip is doing fine in ice hockey. He is playing in the Canadian junior "A" Major League for the Massena "Turbines." After next season, the Quebec Nordiques have told him they will sign him to a contract, assuming he has a good yr and doesn't get injured. Paul has been in contact with **Red Seaward** and **Manuco Hidalgo** over the past several wks. No one has been able to contact **DK Allen**. Paul has been under dr's orders to stay off his feet as he has had two serious back operations with residual spinal cord problems. Hoping Paul gets well soon.

Gene Brisach just passed through NY en route to NH; he hasn't changed very much at all—5 lbs over graduation weight.

Tom Haycraft wrote to forward us data from **Ed Post**. Tom recently received his MBA. Tom's home tel # is (703) 978-9603, and office tel # is (703) 742-2836. His address is 5245 Kaywood Ct, Fairfax, VA 22032.

Ed Post ret from the Army in 84 and has been working in Wash DC for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) for 5 yrs. He currently manages a group of systems integrators. **Joyce** teaches history at Fairfax HS and, with the exception of the rowdy football players, loves it. Both Jean and Bob are living at home once more. It seems that's SOP after college in this area. Both have good jobs and a good career start, but not enough cash to live on their own. All like Wash and will probably remain in the area for the next 10 yrs.

Yours truly off to Cambridge, England this wk for some professional chores on behalf of a UK computer co. I will try to contact some of our '60 UK residents if time permits.

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The past few mos have brought on the inevitable transitions of promotions and rets. First a hearty congratulations to **Howard Graves** and **Don Lionetti** and families on their selection to LTG and MG respectively. Howard was unexpectedly pulled up to become the exec to the CJCS, and he has been double timing at high port ever since. At Ft Belvoir, **Bob Glass** ret and expects to begin his next career with JPL in the DC area; son Mike was married a wk later—an exciting time for the Glasses. Up at USMA, **Pat Hoy** has completed one phase of his career in letters and now goes on to another as a prof of English at Harvard. A little further west at Ft Devens, **Dave Miller** has transitioned to civ life and will head to Fayetteville where, by coincidence, **Earl Horan** has also turned in the green suit. Yours truly has done the same.

1961: DeVries, Showalter, Ganderson, Harrington at Ft Hamilton ret, Jul

Kim & Jim Strachan have moved to Houston to be closer to his dad. That also brought them closer to Ft Knox where they visited Jim Jr '92, who is going through the summer tng routine and having a great time, second only to '61. Jim also has a role in the new movie, *The Vineyard* in which he also has a business interest; it is in the theaters and soon to be on video. Also in the "business" so to speak, is daughter Kimmy who has been

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1961: The Strachans—Jr '92 and Sr, Jul, Ft Knox

interning at San Jose, KNTV, helping write the morning newscasts. Jim hears from **Joe Czuberki** who has been touring AK recently, and from **Tom Mercer** who is in the area.

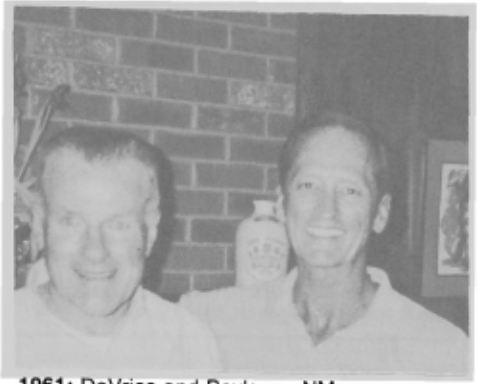
Among those on AD, **Al Hokins** has moved to Ramstein Air Base to be the C/S of the European Communications Div. He & **Sylvia** will be living in base housing about 10 mins walk from downtown Kaiserslautern. Al sends, "Y'all come." (POB 802, APO NY 09021). From Heidelberg, **Pam & Dan Barney** pass on a similar welcome invitation. (POB 646,

1961: The Barneys at Georgetown, May. The "new LT"

APO NY 09063). Dan reports that still in Europe are the **Shulls, Dyers, Joulwans, Olivers,** and **Westpheling**. In May, Pam & Dan were in DC for the graduation of son Scott from Georgetown U's School of Foreign Service; Dan commissioned Scott into the TC, a proud time for all.

According to a recent northern VA newspaper article, our own **Bob Hardiman** has been named honorary Lord Fairfax for the 89 Fairfax Fair. Bob was quoted in the article as saying, "It is a great honor. I may be one of the first, if not the first AD mil named Lord Fairfax. I'm certain I'm the first from Ft Belvoir. . . . " (Our question is, Bob, was there a swimsuit competition?) Congratulations to Bob on this honor and on his work for the CSA on base closures.

High level intel sources report that **Jerry White** is the Dep Asst Com at USAIS. (Recall the days when the COL in that job brought all sorts of terror and grief, way back when . . . ?) **Gene Witherspoon** is C/S at the Engr School (Ft L Wood); **Ted Vander Els** is CG, NE Engr Div; **Moose Harmon** continues on as dir of Engring, Ft Lewis; and **Chip Wanner** is the dist engr, Honolulu! **Sam Wilder** is at TRADOC as asst Dep C/S for Doctrine. **DeVries** bumped into "**Butch**" **Kyle Bayless** in NM; Kyle has ret from a



1961: DeVries and Bayless—NM

successful business career out there. **Louise & Dale Shipley** are still in the Columbus area, where Dale continues as the dep dir of the OH Emergency Mgt Agency. **Frank Rauch** is now the exec asst in the Office of Manpower, Anne Arundel Co, MD. He and **Ron Beckett** were recently photographed performing nefarious deeds at the A-N lacrosse game.

1961: Rauch and Beckett at Crabtown for A-N lacrosse

Speaking of sports, tennis buffs should check out **Bob Herrick's** invention, recently advertised in the *Washington Post*. Bob has patented the "wacquet," a tennis tng device that he has been perfecting for a number of yrs. **Ursula & Al Lubke** are in San Bruno, CA. Earlier this yr, Al played a role in arranging the dinner for the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame into which **Tom Blanda's** brother George was inducted. Also from the West Coast, the word is that **Hank Rennagel** is in the Bay Area doing well in and out of academia and business.

From **Ed Burner**—son David '88 married Nicki Bennett '89; they are headed to Ger from Ft Rucker; Nicki is an MI type and is completing basic at Ft Huachuca. Ed points out that both his sons and daughters-in-law are all LTs and

1961: Al Lubke giving his autograph to George Blanda, Feb

wonders what the odds of that happening in one family are.

Until next time, here's looking to a great football season!

'62

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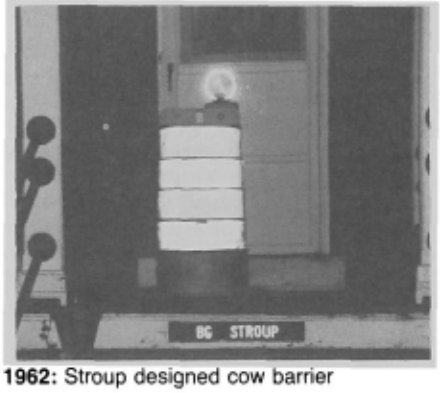
Spoke with **Ted Stroup** in Aug. He will be in Pent DCSPER by the time this hits the streets. Prior to his move, Dick Guthrie '63 wrote of a Stroup breakthrough, to keep cows from his kitchen. Congrats to new two stars **Ord, Ellis** and **Gorden**.



1962: Stroup designed cow barrier

Some of the Class are in the chips. **Ed Harshfield** ex-'62 wrote from Chi-town that he has floated his own fund to pull some of the failed S&L's out of the fire. He can be reached at 312-332-6700.

1962: Ed Harshfield

Rufus Crow wrote from 46047 Raindance Rd, Fremont, CA 94539 that he

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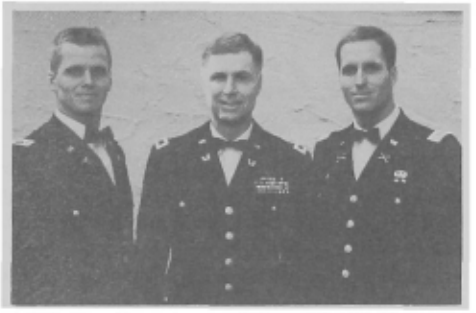
sees **Dick Heldman** around San Fran, CA. Our most photogenic classmate is venture capitalist **Frank Caufield** who made Jun cover and feature article of *Microtimes*. He is partner in Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield, and Byers with offices in S.F. and Palo Alto. They specialize in high tech.

Got word from the US Modern Pentathlon Assoc that **Marv Norwood's** daughter Lori became the first American woman to win a world individual championship. Her Jul 89 win came in Austria, where she led her team to second place in the team event. Way to go—Lori. Woodway Texan's have a basis for their pride.

1962: Proud papa Norwood gets award from earlier life

Bill Ross wrote from PO Box 1266, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32070 that he is practicing law and enjoying the sunshine. Wonder if he likes all the new laws his state passes. His sons are now wearing Army blue.



1962: The Ross boys—Mike, Bill, Bill III

Great looking gp! Visited with **Bob Douglas** in his home during a Jun visit to Orlando. He & his bride have a super, lakeside palace with dog, gators, and next door turkeys. Help Bob fight neighborhood tyranny . . . send him young trees and bags of tree fertilizer!

I went to the Santa Barbara writers' conf in Jun and met some new friends. Spent time with Jos Wambaugh, Ray Bradbury and others. When asked what he'd like to pass on to the Class, Ashleigh Brilliant, author of *Pot-Shots* said, "What I want is all the power and none of the responsibility."

1962: Scribe, Orange County lawyer Merrily Curtis and Ashleigh Brilliant

The conf was a great break from the grind. Football will be in full swing as you read this. Hope you bigger city folks aren't too upset with the Cards.

'63

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Your scribe is taking pen in hand on leave in his hometown of Rockport, MA—40 mi north of Boston on the waters of Cape Ann. It's a great treat for us to get away from the DC heat. Later today (8/3) I'll tee it up in the 77th Annual Essex Co Four Ball.

Congratulations are in order for **Steve Silvasy** for nomination to MG. **Bill Boice** is on his way from Europe to become the Asst Com of the AWC. **Tom Griffith** is about to be promoted to USAF BG—he currently works for JCS in current ops—way to go, Tom! Speaking of generals, while **Tim Grogan** was doing great things for the Army as CS, V Corps, he & **Kate** did great things for themselves and are proud to announce the arrival on 12 Apr, of their daughter Stephanie Claire. Mom and daughter

1963: BG Tim & Kate Grogan with new daughter Stephanie Claire

are doing great! Tim did take a short break from his fatherly chores to fly to DC to attend the wedding of **Dan Willson & Donna Powers** in Williamsburg, VA on 22 Jul. Our best wishes to Dan & Donna.

Iain & Barbara Reilly are back in Honolulu as Chief of Signal for WESTCOM; new address is 868 Kahena St, Honolulu, HI 96825. Received a long note from **Larry Dapra** who recently took a trip back to WP with stops in Quebec and Montreal. Lots of changes at WP since Larry's last visit (or exit) but he did note that the Class of '49 chartered the *Love Boat* for their reunion, sailed it up the Hudson and anchored off South Dock. They "j-boated" between ship and shore—food for thought for our next reunion comm. **Kay**, daughter Laura, and Larry send best wishes to all—especially those from A-2.

Sam Thompson and other classmates at WP hosted a graduation celebration luncheon for Class sons Scott **Yanagihara** and **Brian Thompson**. Briefcases were presented to Scott (Engr) and Brian (Avn).

1963: Wilson, Tezak, Arbogast, Cadet Yanagihara, Cadet Thompson, Allen and Thompson

Nice note from **Bob Stidham** (10 Ridge Rd, Carlinville, IL 62626) who is proud to announce to the Class that daughter Melinda has been appointed to the Class of '93—she has great credentials: outstanding HS sr, Natl Honor Soc, varsity volleyball and track. **Bunny** & Bob visited **John & Sandy Parker** in Steamboat Springs, CO this past winter.

1963: Stidhams visiting Parkers in Steamboat Springs, CO

Out at the AFA another gp of classmates headed by **Paul Stanley** presented a Class briefcase to Dan **Willson** Jr. Dan played on the AF golf team and is looking forward to flight sch—the Dipper has a good reason to be proud! **Bill**

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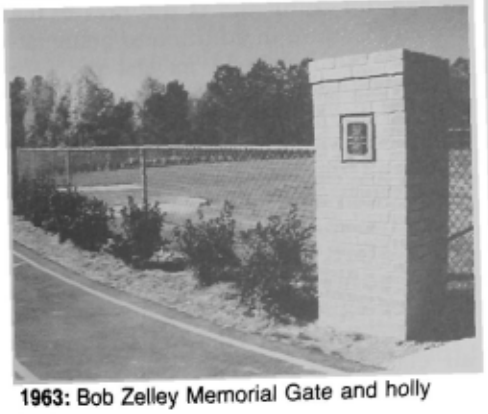
1963: Merritt, Willson Sr, Willson Jr, Stanley, Keaveney, Lewson and Varnell

Merritt recently ret and is working for a bandit in CO Springs. **Bob Lewson** lives in Denver and works with a computer co in CO Springs. **Carey Fisher** missed the ceremony for **Danny** because he was in Beijing, China with a gp of engring profs—he got out just before all the confrontation started. Paul is dir, Eastern US Ministries for the Navigators and is responsible for leadership dev within the intl org which touches 77 countries and keeps him traveling a great deal.

Marsh & Mike Summers hosted an elegant wedding on 22 Jul for their beautiful daughter Wendy who married Mike Lincoln, a fine young man and hard-working law student. I received a very touching note from **Barbara Greene**. She is married to a '65 grad and is the head of the **Bob Zelley** Memorial Fund. Bob had been very active in the HS his children attended. As a tribute to his caring and contributions, a living memorial has been established—376 holly bushes have been planted to form a natural boundary between the football field and the track at Wheeler HS. Two



1963: Bob Zelley Memorial Gate and holly bushes

gates were erected with a plaque mounted on each explaining the purpose of the memorial. Additional contributions are still needed to complete this project. Classmates interested should send contributions to Robert Zelley Memorial Fund, Wheeler High School, 375 Holt Rd, Marietta, GA 30068.

As I was typing this column, I received tragic news of the death of **Carol Alexander Lutz** on 12 Aug. She & **Bill** were in Bangkok where he was recently assigned as Chief of JUSMAG-THAI. Bill was seriously injured in the automobile accident which claimed Carol's life, and is hospitalized as of this writing. His address is JUSMAG-THAI, Box 13, APO SF 96346-5000. We had a great visit with the Lutzes in DC in Jun. Bill's loss is shared by many of us.

'64

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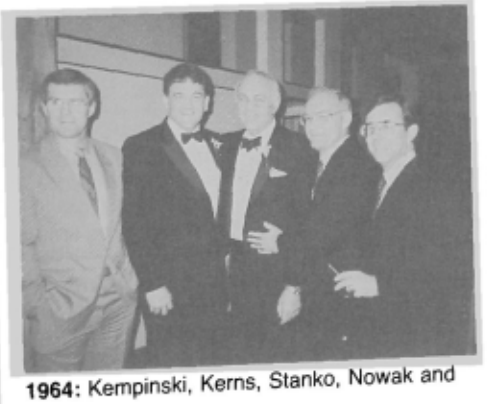
By the time you read this, the reunion will be history. I have been toiling for the last few mos with my leave clerk and my calendar trying to make my participation a firsthand thing. TDY trips to Charlottesville in early Oct and USAFA in mid-Nov just don't seem to reach the reunion date, and a leave in between would pretty much result in a frowned upon month-and-a-half absence from desk. I may have made it nonetheless.

Got a nice letter from first time writer **Tom Kerns** enclosing photos of the May wedding in Cleveland of **Tracy & Rich Stanko**. Tom was the best man and Rich was escorted on his way by **Dick Nowak** from Dallas, **John Tate** from San Ant, and **Chet Kempinski** from Erie, PA. This gp has been gathering, along with **Ray Paske**, each yr at an away football game. At various times **Tom Cunningham, Paul Rennie, Jim McClure** and Bill Zadel '65 have joined this merry gp.



1964: Kempinski, Kerns, Stanko, Nowak and Tate

Lee Grasfoeder and **Ed Shillo** have been holdouts in the past but are anticipated to join the festivities in the future.

Tom reports that he keeps in touch with Paul Dietzel who is enjoying ret in Beach Mountain, NC. Other contacts have included **Jay Bennett** who is back in New Orleans after a long asgmt in Singapore. Jay's co has recently picked up contracts in China and Siberia, so if you need him to get you anything exotic. . . . Tom calls LaGrange, GA home,

1964: Nowaks, Tates, Stankos, Kernses and Kempinskis

about 40 mi from Auburn, AL, and **Sam Burney**.

Tony & Karen Hartle also gathered with classmates, at the wedding of **Jack Bergen's** son Michael. The nuptials were witnessed in DC by **Gary & Ann LaVoy, Roy Buckner, Sal & Anita Culosi, Marty & Donna Michlik, Jeff & Pat Louis, Bob & Rosemary Craighill, Dave & Linda Binney** and **Sam & Sandy Burney**. Tony continues to labor with the Dept of English, in what is now Lincoln Hall, and in our day was the old BOQ. I bet they probably ripped out all that beautiful old woodwork in the name of progress. Tony promises to write a book some day on just how much the Corps has. . . .

John Ward is still looking for lost classmates. The post office has returned letters to **Al Jones, Denny Culp, Joe Doolittle** and **Jim Burnham**. He also received an empty envelope from the Bd of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu. I know whose sterling work that was. Beat your neck in, **Ken Sprague**! And speaking of HI, the next photo is of your obedient servant and **Ben Sternberg**, which captured us during one of our performances during his visit to Honolulu this spring.

Dave Bramlett got together with **Pricha Kalaplotook** during one of his recent sojourns to Thailand. Pete is now the mil asst to the Crown Prince. Pete's son, a chip off the ole block, is First Cpt of the Thai Mil Academy.

Jay Cope sent along a photo taken at **John Harnish's** change of cmd in Panama. John & **Peggy** are leaving Panama

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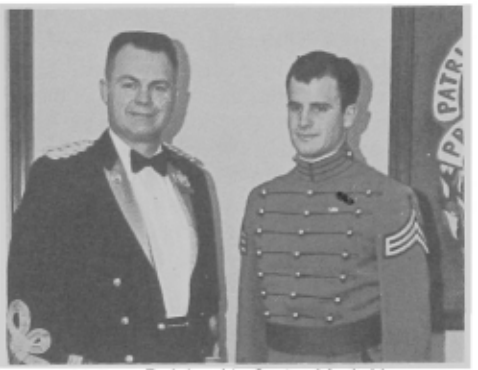
1964: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

for Huntsville and a project mgr's job. **Len Hardy** is a recent arrival as C/S for USARSOUTH. With things the way they are in Panama, Len is a geographical bachelor. Jay & **Peggy** are moving back to DC where he will be Mil Asst at State in the Off of the Secy for InterAmerican Affairs.

1964: Hardy, Cope and Harnish

Mel Case has joined us here in HI as the C/S of the 25th ID. **Joe Arnold** passed by on his way to Japan to be the C/S at USARJ. That's all folks!

1964: Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss



1964: Robert Reich with Cadet Mark Hannon, whose father was First CPT during '64 plebe year

'65

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Lots of info and pictures this time, so here goes. **Skip O'Donnell** called and indicated that **Frank Meier** went to Kirkland AFB in Jul. **Rosemary McCloskey** called and told me that **Chuck** left Ft Sheridan during the summer to go to Little Rock, AR to take over an engring district. **Rick Wetherill** wrote in response to a letter I had sent him concerning an old Boy Scout master he had known a few yrs ago. As I told you Rick, your old friend sent a picture, which is enclosed. Ranger Rick—at age 10! Rick declined promotion to O-6 and ret two yrs ago and converted his position in OSD to civ and is now a career civ servant. A yr ago he became the principal dir. His boss, the DUS for planning and resources, works for the US for policy. They are involved in the policy

1965: Rick Wetherill (center)

aspects of long range strategic planning. **Mary-Ann** and the kids are doing well. Jody (23) graduated from VA Tech last spring and is working in retail mgt. Mark (18) graduates from HS and will enter VMI as a Rat this fall in the Marine Corps ROTC program. **Roy Garms** dropped a note from Singapore during his second trip around the world this yr for Exxon.

1965: Zais, Hennessee, Taylor, Wood and Williams

Jack Lowe wrote that **Annette** and kids will be joining him in Centreville, VA this fall. Son Bruce is at TX A&M where he is a bn cmdr and is the pres of the Honors Comm, in addition to being rated one of the top 11 jrs last yr. Mary Melanine is at Mary Baldwin College this fall. Stephanie is their resident jock and is a frosh; she won the shot put and discus in the district and qualified for State. Their new home was ready in Jun, about two mi from the Manassas battlefield. **Mert Munson** wrote from TX where he moved after living in Portland, ME for 12 yrs. He now lives on the northern fringe of Houston and invites all classmates to visit. He is a pilot, formerly with Peoples Express who also spent 20 yrs in the USAR, the last 3 as a MALO for WP. He saw **Keyes Hudson**, who works in Austin for Lockheed Missile and Space Co in the Remotely Piloted Vehicle Div. Keyes travels worldwide but they will hopefully get together and do some wind surfing. Mert's wife **Gerry** came back for a 25th reunion at Ladycliff (remember that guys?) and stayed with **Mark & Linda Sheridan**. Linda and Gerry were roommates as 'Cliffies. Mert wanted me to pass along to

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my old buddy Floto in Tampa that he (Mert) is hoping that Ron will buy Continental so that Mert can fly for them.

You should have received the letter from **Dave Kuhn** back in Jun, reminding everyone to contribute to the '65 Class Fund. 176 have already done so. Guys, let's think about $65 for '65. It's not a lot of money and if you mark it on your calendars and do it once a yr, it will really add up. Do it now! Incidentally, if you look at the contributions for the Class funds, '64 has $192,000, we have about $5,000, and '66 has $75,000. Come on, we can do better than this.

June Harvey wrote from Alexandria that she & **Jim** had two graduations and a wedding this past summer. Son Jim just graduated from UVA and was commissioned an 0–1 in the Army. He was the DMG and is going to FA. He married Kimberlee Hancock, an Army nurse, in Jul. The Harveys' daughter Juliet graduates from Duke Ellington Performing Arts HS in DC where she was the 89 Wolf Trap Scholarship Endowment Award winner for dance and has been accepted at the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater this past summer. After that, she will go to SUNY at Purchase, NY to pursue a BFA in dance. Jim Sr is working as an investment banker for Dominion Savings in Alexandria, and June is teaching and running her own business. June also reported that **Emery Chase's** son, Emery, Jr, just graduated from WP and will be going to basic at Ft Belvoir. He married the former Tara O'Connor in Jun. Their other son, Ken, will be entering his 3rd year at USMA. June also reported that **Ed Simpson's** oldest daughter, Beth, just finished her first yr at UVA. Ed is now a civ living in Alexandria. June, thanks—a great letter.

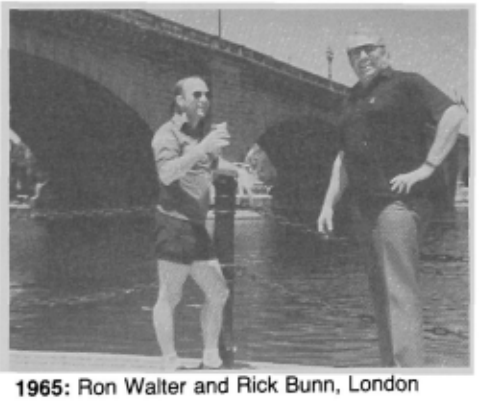
I had breakfast with my old buddy Phil Wherry in Jul. He & Cookie are doing well and I am told Cookie is one of the foremost gardeners on the near no side of Chicago. Phil has his own law practice in Chicago and does a lot of work for Texaco. Rumor has it that he is being considered for a high level position in the Daley admin.

Curt Adams reported on the Jun get-together for all the DC folks at **Fred Laughlin's** house. Apparently they had a great time. **Terry Carlson** wrote and enclosed the picture of the Carlson clan at the graduation of their second son, Stephen, USMA '89. In the picture are daughter Mary Beth, Terry, Stephen, **Sharon** and Christopher. Stephen chose Armor. He'll be going to Ft Hood with the 1st Cav. Chris, their oldest, graduated from Notre Dame in 88 and has just finished his first yr in law school where he's no 5 in his class and made the Law Review. This past summer he worked for the federal judge who ruled in the Pete Rose case. Mary Beth started at IN U this past summer as a business major. Sharon

1965: Mary Beth, Terry, Stephen, Sharon and Christopher Carlson

teaches nursing at Otterbein College and is in a PhD program at OH State. Terry remains Chief, Psychology service at the VA-Outpatient Clinic in Columbus where they also live. They saw the **DeFranciscos** at graduation watching son Eric as well as the Vanns, whose daughter Sandy also graduated. Terry reported, as did many others, that contrary to popular news reports, there was no hissing or booing at the graduation. Terry occasionally sees **Rick Sullivan** who is a VP with a co in Columbus. When the Carlsons go back to Rockford, IL they also try to visit **John & Carol Roseburg**. John continues as a lawyer in city govt.

Ron Walter wrote from Sierra Vista, AZ and enclosed a picture of him and **Rick Bunn**. The picture has them standing in front of the London Bridge in AZ.



1965: Ron Walter and Rick Bunn, London Bridge, AZ

Rick still works for Totem Ocean Trailer Express Co in Tacoma, WA while continually serving in the USAR. Ron works for Mandex since he ret in 85. He was recently promoted to dir of op and hopes to stay put in the def contracting business for a while. He occasionally sees **Jay Vaughn** and **Steve Harman**, who are both on active duty at Ft Huachuca. Jay is the TRADOC systems mgr for the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and Steve is the DCSPER for the US Army Info Systems Cmd. Jay's daughter Jennie just graduated in the top of her class and was a guest of Ron's Kiwanis Club.

Not to be outdone, '65's engrs were represented by a great letter from **Chuck Nichols** (his first since 6/65?) who is the CO, Cold Regions Research and Engring Lab in Norwich, VT. He wrote this letter only under duress, having promised the classmates in the picture that he would do so. From left to right, there is **Rick Charles**, deputy to the ACE; **Pat Kenny**, dir of info mgt for USACE; **Ralph Locurcio**, CO, Savannah Engr District; **Clair Gill**, CO, 7th Engr Bde; **Tad Ono**, CO, LA Engr District, soon to be TRADOC Engr; **Frank Skidmore**, CO, Vicksburg Engr District; **Pete Cahill**, CO, Belvoir R&D Center; **Emory Pylant**, deputy com of the Engr School; Chuck Nichols; Bob Herndon, CO, Jacksonville Engr District; and **Wayne Scholl**, FORSCOM engr. Chuck, **Elaine** and Jason (18) report they really enjoy the Hanover (Dartmouth) region. I wish I had known earlier about your location, Chuck, because **Judy** & I stayed in the famous Lyme Inn just down the road from you when Army played Dartmouth this past spring in baseball. Perhaps we'll catch you in two yrs.

Joe Sanchez reported that the plans for the big get-together at the Army-Navy game at the Meadowlands are going great guns. They have reserved 40 rooms at the Meadowlands Hilton. A hospitality suite will also be in operation from Fri p.m. until Sun a.m.. Sat pre-game, a continental breakfast will be served in the suite. Bus transportation will be available. Post-game, a buffet dinner will be served in the suite. Call Joe at 609/443–2218 if you have any questions. Joe also reported that **Preston Hughes** is in Turkey and won't be able to make the Army-Navy game. **Ed Abesamis** also wrote from the Philippines that he'd love to come but won't be able to. Eddie, drop me a line if you read this. Joe also reported that **Joe Anderson** is now running a $650 million business for GM and makes all the plastic parts for their cars. Way to go, Joe.

Judy & I had dinner in Jul with Judy & Gary Fahl, who is Pat O'Toole's sister and who lives nearby. We were also joined by their good friend, **John Howell**, who's out of the service and did spend some time coaching a local lacrosse team and is now job hunting. John's son Pat is doing well at USMA and was the only non-recruited athlete to make the JV lacrosse team.

Incidentally, for some of you brats who spent some time in Ger as a kid, my good friend Jeff Tsanti, who works here in Chicago at First Natl Bank of Chicago as a SVP sends his best, especially to **Zais** and **O'Donnell**.

I received a very nice letter from the **Arvins** expressing their appreciation to all of our classmates who turned out for the dedication. They were especially pleased to know so many classmates thought enough of **Bob** to make the trip to attend the ceremony. It was truly a first class event!

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1965: '65 engineers

Jack Cooley passed along his new brochure providing consulting services as an arbitrator and mediator here in Chicago, working out of Evanston. Jack enjoyed some authentic green beer at our St Pat's Day party early this yr. We understand **Maria** was in the hosp and we hope she's doing well.

As I reported in an earlier issue, my good friend **Bob Berdan** passed away last Dec of a heart attack while out jogging. His widow **Ruth** and daughters Kristin and Michele all live in Monte Sereno, CA. He was an account mgr for Arix Corp in San Jose. Memorials may be made in Bob's name to the Natl Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. If anyone is interested in writing the obituary, will you please let me know?

Rich Boerckel, in addition to sending info on **Berdan**, also reported that **Jack Concannon** is with the Warsaw Pact section of ITAC for DIA in DC. **Ken Slutzky** is still in Atlanta with Allied Security where he's been for the last 10 yrs. His daughter was married in Jul. Ken also sees **Ray Schaltenbrand** who is in property mgt at Marietta. **Don Exelby** called and had a visit with **Charlie Shaw** in the Napa Valley. Don also stopped to see **Dave LaRochelle**, who's still an MD in orthopedic surgery there. He & **Peg** had the occasion of visiting Grand Rapids to see Dave's two daughters, Tiffiny and Stacy. Dave & Peg have 3 daughters in Napa. He reported that **Tony Livic** is in Livermore. Chuck saw **Doug Gentzkow** in DC where he's also in the wine business.

I saw **Jim Conley** recently. His son was looking at USNA and USMA, but leaning toward being a swabbie; the other son graduated from Lake Forest

1965: Nenningers, Winsteads and Oehrleins

Academy here in Chicago. Also, **Chuck & Cathy Moseley** have a daughter who is a sr at Chapel Hill. **Glen & Joanmary Nenninger** were at the **Arvin** dedication with her parents.

There was a nice article in the Feb 89 *Fortune* about **Buddy Bucha** and his Port Liberté dev in Jersey City. **Rick & Alice Osgood** also wrote enclosing a shot of their daughter Jenney in the Apr Sandhurst competition where she represented D-3.

If we had an award to give to the most

1965: Jenney Osgood

consistent contributor to your friendly scribe, it would have to go to **Skip O'Donnell**, who passed along some great pictures. In the first we have Skip with **Mike, Clint Baker,** and **Paul Barber.**

1965: Barker, Clint Barker, Barber and O'Donnell

In the next one, we have Skip with **Gil Curl**. All of them were taken during

1965: Gil Curl and Skip O'Donnell

Skip's visit to NJ. Also, there's a picture of **Preston Motes** and Skip. Last Christ-

1965: Preston Motes and Skip O'Donnell

mas, Skip, his youngest daughter Maureen and son Chip, went to Salt Lake City for some serious skiing where they saw Preston Motes who has a nice condo there. Preston works for Waddell & Reed. While on a flight to Kennedy Airport, Skip was getting stares from a guy in front who finally came up to him and was none other than **Rich Donahue.** He lives in Phila and works for a consulting firm specializing in hostile takeovers. While at WP, Skip went out to Gil & **Ginny** Curl's house in Wappingers

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Falls and rehashed old times about helping Gil qualify the M-14 course. While at USMA, **Mike, Carol** and **Clint Barker** walked in while Skip was talking to **Paul Barber**. Mike is ret and is the airport dir at Tupelo, MS. Skip's daughter Jackie was married in Jun. Skip, thanks again for your great and timely letters, and thanks also for printing them so that I can decipher them.

One final note for all of you lost classmates. You may not think you're lost, but let me tell you who USMA thinks is lost: **Dean Loftin, Ray Ludwig, Lew Maness, Paul McDonald, Ladd Metzner, Jim Mims, Ken Moorefield, Bev Motal, Jim Murphy, Tom Mushovic. Gene O'Neill, Jim Peters, Doug Richardson, Tom Ridenour, Frank Riley, Jim Seaburn, Fred Shapiro, Steve Spoerry, Greg Steele, Frank Tantalo, Mike Thompson, Tom Thompson, Terry Throckmorton, Jim Tillman**, and **Bob Timbrook**, as well as **Bob White**. You are hereby officially notified that you are AWOL. If you're out there, or anybody knows about them, please drop your friendly scribe a line.

Well folks, that's about it from Chicago. Great letters and great pictures but please, keep it up. Best regards from the home of the Beans and Cubs!

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I had a long conversation with **John Hanaberry** recently. He & his wife **Denise** have 4 children; 3 girls and a boy, ranging from 15 to 22 yrs. Their youngest is still in school, while the other 3 are out working. John is working as managing dir for Hamilton and Co, an investment mgt consulting firm on Long Isl. John passed on an interesting tip: if the AAA is out of tickets for the Army-Navy game, try the AAA's counterpart at Annapolis! He tried unsuccessfully last yr to get tickets through the AAA, called Annapolis, and was able to buy tickets (on the Navy side). (Seems John was cheering when they were quiet, and vice versa . . .).

John related the following story about himself and his old roommate **Ed Johnson**: during the 86 reunion, he and Ed wandered into East Barracks to check out their old room. They had a "secret panel" in the room which they used to store a contraband popcorn popper, and had signed the back of the panel prior to sealing it, 20 yrs ago. Well, they arrived at the room and asked the startled occupants if they could borrow a bayonet, which they used to pry open the panel. There, on the back, were their two signatures! Ed and John signed the back again, took a picture, and resealed the compartment. (John has vowed to send me a copy of the photo prior to the next

1966: Ed Johnson and John Hanaberry

"unsealing," which I understand he and Ed plan during our 100th reunion!)

John was able to attend the dedication of the **Thomas J Hayes IV** Gymnasium on 12 Mar. He reported that many of our classmates also attended, including **Morgan Roseborough, Fred Rees, Hank Langendorf, Bob Kesmodel, Frank Cosentino, Tom Zurla, Jim Hallums, Russ Grant, Bill Hughes, Jack Wheeler, Bob Hammond, Jim Cullem,** and **Hilton Dunn**. The dedication was an emotional experience, during which Thom Hayes' father, a ret MG, collapsed . Before anyone could say "Is there a doctor in the house?," Bill Hughes was at his side to administer first aid. The general was revived, and the dedication continued. Other tidbits that John passed on: Jim Hallums is now a full COL and is the new cmdr of Task Force Bravo (mid May) in Honduras; Russ Grant & his wife **Janice** just bought a big old house in Jackson, MS, and are fixing it up; Russ is still active with the Guard; and Jim Cullem and **Fred Meurer** are both working as engrs for the city of Monterey, CA. Thanks for the input, John!

Speaking of **Thom Hayes**, I received a card in the mail announcing the dedication of a street in San Diego, along with a plaque, in his honor, on 3 Jul. The street's name is "Thomas Hayes Lane," and the plaque was presented by Councilman Ed Struiksma to the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego. The announcement reads (in part): "Cpt Thomas Hayes, WP Class of 1966, Born September 8 1943, died April 17 1968 in Vietnam while rescuing his wounded men." The street runs north from Calle Cristoball, between routes 805 and 15, for anyone traveling in that area.

Norm Fretwell wrote in Jun that **Wes & Gert Clark** are now at Ft Leavenworth, KS. Their son has just completed his first yr at Georgetown U, and is working this summer for Norm in his law firm. Norm also reports that as of 31 Mar, our Class fund had received a total of $53,610 for the yr, which includes the $25,000 class-matching gift from our anonymous classmate, and a $10,000 contribution from Rick Atkinson. We now have in excess of $75,000 in our Class account.

Paul Mlakar, out since 74, has been working as a consulting engr for Jaycor and consults on "response blast resistant design" of structures for the Corps of Engrs in Vicksburg, MS, as well as for the State Dept. Paul's wife **Kathi** is the mgr of the local YMCA, and his son Paul starts So Methodist U in Dallas this fall. The only classmate Paul has seen recently is **Bill Kakel**, who is now the AK Dist Engr.

John McKnight got out in 76 to attend law school at Mercer U in Macon, GA. Finishing in 79, he moved to St Simons Isl, GA, where he opened his own one-man practice, which he is still doing (quite successfully) today. He concentrates mainly in personal injury, fraud, bad faith claims made against insurance companies, and wrongful death. He & his wife **Cynthia** have two daughters, Kristin (17) and Missy (15). Kristin starts Emory Univ as an undergrad this fall, while Missy starts her soph yr in HS.

I also talked recently with **Bob Tarrant**, who is part owner of South State Mortgage Corp in Birmingham, AL, a business he has been in since 83. He & his wife **Barbara** have 3 children, Lance (starting Auburn U this fall), Suzzanne (sr in HS), and Apryl (frosh in HS). Bob is active in the local WP Soc, which has about 25 members, and in Sep will become pres of the Mortgage Bankers Assoc of AL.

As promised, I am enclosing a photo of myself, wife **Kathy**, and new son Benjamin. I'd like to encourage you to

1966: Kathy, Ben and Al Sirutis

send pictures of yourself and family from time to time, even without accompanying letters (so long as you are in the picture). It not only livens up the column, but will help me avoid the "feast or famine" situations that occur from issue to issue.

An addendum: I received the picture of John Hanaberry and Ed Johnson, mentioned above, in time for the column. Also, I received a notification from **Norm Fretwell** of a "Special Event in Wash, DC" on 14 Oct 89. At this dinner, over 90 classmates from the DC area will celebrate, along with Rick Atkinson, the publication of his book, *The Long Gray Line—The American Journey of West Point's Class of 1966*. If you are inter-

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ested in attending, contact **Bob Meccia** at 703-358-8914 (office) or 703-569-6008 (home) as soon as possible!

One last item of note, just received: Kristin Baker, the first woman to be selected First Cpt, is the duagher of **Bob Baker**! *The New York Times* featured an article about Kristin on p 1 of the 9 Aug issue.

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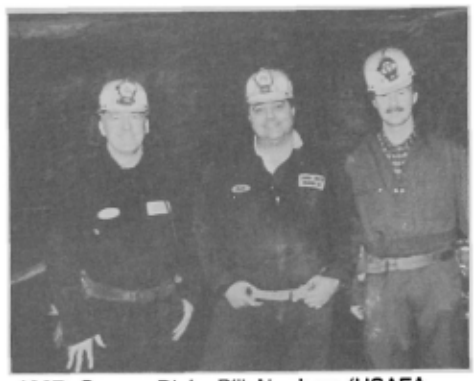
16 May: Fearing another letter from **Randy Pais** in the near future, and knowing that I wouldn't have the time or patience to decipher it, I decided to pre-empt the problem by calling him. I was actually surprised to find him at home, since as an atty for EXXON, that infamous raper of the environment, I thought he would probably be in AK washing rocks. But no, like the rest of the folks in the monolith, Randy had managed to avoid his civic responsibility to the flora and fauna, not to mention the salmon and halibut, of Prince William Sound, and was happily in Houston counting EXXON'S profits. You have to love this country! I did learn from Randy that we now have our own entry in that most trivial of all books, the *Bugle Notes*. **Mike Mullane**, one of our two certified and bonafide creatures from outer space is now elevated to that most exalted of all planes, that of being an element of PLEBE POOP. He is listed somewhere as a famous old grad. Old, indeed. After achieving that honor, I really can't think of anything else in life to strive for.

1967: Judy & Jack Wood; Founders Day 89, Ft Riley

17 May: Another letter and picture from **George Dials** mixed in with today's batch of Frederick's of Hollywood catalogs and audit notices from the IRS. You can tell George is lonely (he's a temporary geographical bachelor) as this makes two letters in less than a wk. The picture shows George and **Steve Doty** flanking a '67 Zoom U grad named Bill Abraham, and the 3 of them are standing tall 4,000 mi underground in a WV coal mine grinning stupidly for the camera. I



1967: George Dials, Bill Abraham (USAFA '67) and Steve Doty digging coal in WV

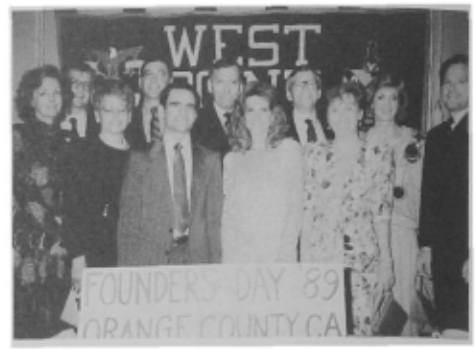
don't know why they would want to be in a coal mine, and I certainly don't know why they all appear so happy about being there. What I think is really happening is that George and Bill are laughing at how dumb Doty looks in that silly hardhat. They could at least have found one that fits over Steve's pointy head.

25 May: The big news today is the birth of another daughter to the Class. **Jim & Claudia Stewart**, who are either very slow learners, or can't find the off switch, or really don't want to have any free time in their "golden yrs," became the proud parents of Katherine Rose on 20 Jan. We could start a new contest

1967: Jim, Claudia, Margaret and Katherine Stewart

category: who will still have kids in college latest into the next century. Katherine reported to the man in the red sash with a total accompanied baggage weight of 11 lbs, 7 ozs, which almost exceeded the carrying capacity of the transporter. Since Claudia is a petite 5' 5" size 10, she was anxious to complete delivery of this "little" bundle of joy as quickly as possible, and only spent two hrs in labor. According to Jim, she said if the first one (Margaret, age 2) had hurt as much, Jim would never have gotten close enough to her again to cause a second one. Suzi once told me it's kind of like taking your bottom lip and pulling it over the back of your head. That's kind of how I describe playing bridge with **Jim Crowley**.

26 May: Exciting news! On the way to work this morning I heard on the radio the news that the Natl Science Foundation, with a grant from the Federal Govt, is undertaking a study to determine if there is intelligent life inside **Scott MacFarlane's** head. Stay tuned.



1967: Founders Day, Orange County, CA—the fruit & nuts bunch at play

9 Jun: A pair of letters today. The first one I opened was from **Mark Ducharme**, who continues to search for meaning in life as a staff off on the FORSCOM staff in Atlanta. His letter was a treasure trove of current intelligence data on a bunch of folks. **Al Nahas** got promoted to Near Great Mil Leader (0–6) in Jan and is now the pres of the Inf Bd at Ft Benning. (You all remember Ft Benning. That's the neat little place in western GA where you all got to play macho man at Ranger School. I still hear the sound of **Dave Hale** calling for his mama every night. And my arms still hurt from all the extra pushups I had to do as a result of having the poor judgement of being **Hank Uberecken's** Ranger buddy.) **Mike Kush** is at Stanford doing a one-yr fellowship of some sort in lieu of the War College. **Doc Wentzel** is on his way in Aug to Korea; M Jane will stay in the Atlanta area. **George Pejakovich** is the div chaplain of the 9th ID at Ft Lewis. **Mike Andrews** is taking cmd of the 2d Bde of the 4th ID at Ft Carson, and **Glen Hale** is taking the 3d Bde of the 82d Airplane Div at Bragg. **Anson Ramsey** showed up at the Atlanta area Founders Day dinner; he has his own insurance business and is doing well. **Jim Baker** is off to Italy to be the SJA for SETAF; they managed to have another baby since the reunion. Some people are gluttons for punishment. And finally, Mark reports running into His Eminence, **Tom White**, who will be working in the Natl Mil Cmd Ctr in the 5 sided wind tunnel—sort of a CQ of the world, as Tom described it.

The other note in today's mailbag was from **Ray Jones**, the Big Mac King of AR. Ray sent along a clipping from the 3 Jun issue of the *AR Gazette* which described, in excruciating detail, the antics of our own **Joe Hardin**, who is the sr VP for distribution of the Wal-Mart mega chain of stores. Seems that Joe thought it would be a neat idea to show up at this yr's annual meeting dressed in tank top and shorts and shoot the board members with water guns. There is no doubt about

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1967: El Paso entry in the Phil & Joy Kinney look alike contest

it: WP taught us well.

14 Jun: Well, it's that time of yr again. **Suzi** left today for one of her vacations, and I have the kids. It promises to be a very long week. Dr Doom had this very sinister look in his eyes when he got up this morning, and as I've seen that look many times before, I have a fair idea of what lies ahead. Fortunately, I stocked up at the Class 6 store yesterday. This time Suzi is off to KS City. The last time she went, several of the local banks were able to take holidays, thanks to her largess. I think tomorrow I shall take the boys and a cooler of beer to the beach where I can at least enjoy looking at all the young callipygian lasses and feel the blood rushing to my loins, rather than sit around the house brooding about something I can't control.

21 Jun: **Suzi** came home today, and not a minute too soon. It seems I seriously underestimated my booze requirement—I had forgotten to double my morning Bloody Mary quota during Suzi's absence—and was down to vapor. I don't think she was too happy with the condition of the house. Every time she walks into a different room, she screams. The kids are definitely keeping a low profile. I must admit that even I was surprised at how bad pepperoni pizza smells when left in a kid's closet for a wk. However, she can't complain about the laundry, as the kids never bothered to change clothes while she was gone.

10 Jul: Talked to **Jim Saine** recently—Jim is in an off right down the hall from me, and on days when he's feeling low, he comes and asks me questions about my kids. That always makes him feel better, while leaving me terribly depressed. He just got back from WP; he & **Suzanne** went back to the womb to witness the entry of their oldest, Sam, into the Class of '93. While there they ran into a number of classmates doing the same thing. **Tom White, Tom Blaney, Bob Lenz, Al Olson, Dick Phelan,** and **Kerry O'Hara** all put kids into the Corps this yr. Pretty soon, we'll have enough kids in the place to qualify for Corps Squad tables in the Blue Room. I'll bet none of them know the Meyer Sniffen poop.

8 Aug: As if you couldn't tell, you people have done a miserable job of keeping your quidnunc informed these past couple of mos. Deadline is next wk; I'm going to give the ed of this anthology of modern mythology a break, and send him this literary carrion on time. Besides, my creative juices, limited as they are, have reached tracer burnout. Not unlike my mil career. If any of you high rollers out there have some meaningful employment to offer, preferably with high pay and very little work, and can be done from my current home, and requires little to no marketable skills, call **Suzi**. She's decided to take on the role of being my agent. Features to look for next time: a trip through the footlocker that has all my old quill in it, and even a few of my H-reports. I had forgotten how imaginative we were in our youth. Maybe I'll start another contest; it's been a couple yrs since the last one. **Angie Nida**: I've had several inquiries lately regarding the current hair color—please bring us up-to-date. Personally, the orange number from Ft Bragg has always been one of my favorites. **Steve May, Mark Ducharme** wants you to get in touch with him ASAP—something about old debts?? **Dewey**, I'm still waiting for the damn picture of the Mar Class breakfast. You just won sole possession of this issue's Welsh Rarebit award. And on that note, I'll close. BEAT NAVY.

1967: Founders Day 1989, Ger. Who are all these old people?

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You may think that you can control nature by merely washing your car or scheduling a wkend at the shore. We learned how to control the weather early—schedule a p-rade and the sun will shine. Plan an intimate picnic packed in a typewriter case and you're assured of rain and flash floods. Check on when the **Hostlers** are going to the outer banks, and you'll be assured of a hurricane. But I'm getting this control stuff down to a REAL science. I've gotten so I can schedule a vacation or just think about getting this article in on time to ensure a major RFP is released—a reason why this article may be cut short. AND, all I have to do is submit an article to make sure an event breaks worthy of calling the entire Class. Last time, as soon as the postman picked up the mail, **John Keane** rallied the DC mob for a Class farewell luncheon for **Dave Ohle** and a gathering of newbies—that's newbies to the area and newbies to civies.

1968: Gayle & Chuck Jones; Founders Day 1989, Omaha

With all that was going on, hardly anybody noticed that **Dave Ohle** was still off at a pre-Bde Cmd charm school. **Bill McCauley** also said his adioses as he's departing this summer to rejuvenate

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the DCS for Doctrine at TRADOC. A newbie at the Class luncheon was **Bob Brace** and a newbie civie was **Chuck Hawkins** who has moved up from Atlanta to establish residence in the DC area and continue his hwy helper trade. A newbie to luncheons, but an old-timer in the DC area, was **Sandy Cohn** who advised us of his new publishing venture and received lots of congrats for his article, two *ASSEMBLY*'s ago, on the classes of the '60's and their effect on the VN war (and vice versa). A new face to the area and still in uniform was **Hal Timbo** who is the Chief's man for Manpower and Res Affairs. Newbies to civies included **Gary Roberson** and **Carl Leatham**. A surprise as a non-civie was **Dwight Lee** whose request for ret was not accepted. That's it Rabble—in this day of selective retention and forced ret, we have a classmate, Dwight, who is the indispensable man to the uniform—and to underscore that fact, he was included in the most recent O-6 promotion list (which we'll talk about later)! In the mean time, although I see him on every list that every soldier wishes to be on, for the 5 yrs I've known him in the DC area, I have NEVER seen **Norm O'Meara** in uniform. Now he says that he's taking part in a "sort of" tng with industry—spending most of his time with Rand people on the West Coast and complaining that he's getting blisters from the Pacific sand that gets into his sneakers and bluejean cuffs. Others in attendance and in civies for one reason or another included **Gordie Tillery**, still hawking SDI; **Bob Alexander**, still helping EWA into the systems integration age; and **Stott Carleton** who appears to be settling into his civ practice very well and is relieved that he (not me or us) is in possession of a photo of **Bobbie** that would make the one of **Larry Rapasarda, Dave Caraway** and **Tom Margarave** in the last article look serious. Bob Alexander reports that **"Howierd" Harper** is also still with EWA in the Tidewater area—even after terrorizing Indianapolis with ex-roomie **Alvie Kimbal** over the 4th of Jul. **Henry Riser** was there too, but **Karen** has ordered a Riser news blackout after I offered their home up as a b&b, and all of Henry's ex-roommates have taken them up on it. **Les Wright** signed up for early Aug to visit during nuclear power plant business from NV and **Charlie & Janet Lieb** blocked out late Aug to settle their son, Matthew, at Georgetown where he has accepted a full ROTC scholarship, will play soccer and, hopefully, study. **Dick Steiner** couldn't make it to the luncheon as he was already a civie and a dependent organizing his & **Suzanne's** move to 14985 Ironood Ct, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. Aside from hearing about great things in store for **Jim Locher** and **Jack Mayer**, John reported heartening news about **Debbie** and **Sherry, Chuck Steele's** and **Ken Nicholson's** respective brides.

1968: Chuck Vehlow and Norm O'Meara prior to the grad march at our 20th

The main speaker at the luncheon was **Ed Lorentzen** who reminded us what it's like to be a new daddy and gave an informative and insightful slide show on Nicaragua. Emily Christine, 8 lb 1 oz, was born on 17 Mar and has definitely altered the Lorentzen family lifestyle considerably. Ed has even toyed with staying on with the Army for awhile—maybe even making it a career.

Dan Robinson called 3 times in one day from the Netherlands to underscore how an addition to the family can change things. He's opting for a major career change and geographic move by giving up the stress of the petroleum trading trade and taking **Maranda** and their one yr-old back to the bride's hometown, London, to become the dir of photography at a public or private (depending on which side of the road you drive on) school. Dan's duties will also include teaching a little math and computer science—and as I remember him in my math and computer sections, that's about all the school should expect.

1968: Dick & Cathy Shipley at the Ft Irwin Founders Day prior to moving on to San Ant

Fred Johnson, too, admits that his and **Linda's** newborn has made quite a difference. With the boys at the ages they are, he doubts there'll be much sibling rivalry. To give everyone equal time, Fred journeyed to Benning for son Rob's 5th jump at Abn Sch. Decked out in pinstripes and umbrella, he pinned Rob's wings on, while **Gary Halstead** jumped with son Scott, endured the rain in uniform, and also participated in the pinning ceremony.

Paul Baerman reported that daughter Megan joined the Long Gray Line last Jun, and wants to know who the old folks are that have been showing up in the reunion pictures. He says that he and **Mike Gorecki** are as young as ever defending the frontiers of freedom in the Netherlands for III Corps. Judging from recent Warsaw Pact weapon reduction overtures, they must be doing a great job; however, Paul admits that if he ever sees another tulip, he's going AWOL.

1968: Rogers '44 and date, Browns, Nyquists, Beirschmitts and Mains; Founders Day 1989, Detroit

By the way, **Fred Johnson** has just reported that the '68 "network" is working. **Al Crecelius**, Pres of Reward Strategy Gp in L.A., CA, was doing some work for the Credit Union Exec Soc, and was helping them look for a Pres and CEO. Fred applied, and just called to inform us that he is now moving from doing OE work with Katz & Assoc in NJ to doing pres and CEO work for the soc in Madison, WI. Fred also said that Al is just as wild as he ever was—which is partially why they'll not be allowed back into the French restaurant where they celebrated Fred's selection. Way to go, Al and Fred!

Classmate responsiveness to networking should give **John Cullen** reason for hope. After 9 yrs of being all he can be as an Army PAO with Rctng Cmd, ingratiating himself to the cooks and bakers of the world by telling the *Army Times* where all the Cat IV soldiers were being assigned, and recommending that the Army change its motto to, "Don't Worry, Be Happy," John is contemplating career transition starting as a sr acct supervisor with Ketchum Public Relations in the Chicago area.

Speaking of moving on and up, the latest COL promotion list brought good news for a number of deserving classmates. This new O6 crop included infantrymen **Jim Baird, Greg Camp, Bill Craven, BD Dodson, John Hathaway, Kim** (I'm staying in Africa) **Henningsen, Doug MacFarlane, Lee Morand, Steve Rader** and **Bill Robinson**; WP super-P's

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John Calabro, Andy Dull, Mike Fellows and **Larry Rapisarda**; air defenders **Bob Clarke, Bill Kunzman** and **Tom Pence**; engrs **Jim Craig, Brian McKenna, Lee Norton** and **Fred Reynolds**; flag wavers **Chuck Giasson, Dwight** (the indispensable soldier) **Lee, Tom McConnell, Pete Paulson** and **Bruce Sweeny**; tankers **Johnny Johnston, Floyd Perry, Mike Peters** and **Jim Stefan**; cannon cockers **John** (wake me when it's over) **Jones, Mike MacLaren, Jocko Merriam, Keith Merritt, Ross Nagy, Lee Outlaw, Mike Simonich, Mike Toole, Dick Witherspoon** and **Carl Witschonke**; AG **Paul Joseph** and aviator **Jim Orahood**. I know we're really proud of all these guys—but down deep, I'm really rooting for **Jocko Merriam** to consider hanging around for awhile, while getting promoted to general and becoming the Com so we'd have a classmate to be the first Com in history to lead the Corps in a Rocket and not screw it up.

Prior to the luncheon, **Jack & Bobbi Munson** (703-971-8808) checked in to inform us that they're spending their kids' inheritance and tuition by buying a new home at 7233 D/evereux Ct, Alexandria, VA 22310. Jack seems to have found a professional home with Gen Dyn in DC exploring new technologies and opportunities. He says that if he had known that civs gave you as much leeway and support as GD does, he would have changed careers ages ago. Although he's thinking of staying in uniform for another promotion or 5, **Pete Paulson** also purchased a home in No VA that advertises a water view. If you lean over on the roof—during the right time of yr—you may catch a glimpse of a swamp.

1968: Last yr's Christmas card from the Kulikowskis hunting reindeer in AK—Santa may be a little slow this yr

Renee Kulikowski wrote awhile back to show off her new laser printer, remind us that **Mike** is basking in the glory of being on the med 06 prom list—"at last"—and to ask us to consider a spousal numbering system so we'll know which wife of a particular classmate that we're referring to. Keep an eye on these folks. When we all get so old and feeble that we can't write for this column, I nominate Renee, alas a Ladycliff grad, to carry on. She reports that prior to Mike's feet leaving the ground due to "(P)" status, he bagged his first caribou and somehow managed to have the meat processed so that it tasted just like Polska Kielbasa.

Yes Rabble, we DO have classmates who are now COL's. I wouldn't believe it either, except that I was privileged to attend **Dave Ohle's** frocking last yr at the NWC. The way **Susan** has been selling real estate, he appears ambivalent (Pentagonese for, "Sir, I feel strongly both ways.") as to when the O6 paycheck really starts coming in. By the time you read this, Dave & Susan will be firmly encamped in spacious qtrs on COL's' Row in HI and expecting all of us over next summer to carry on the reunion. Pass it on—party at the Ohles' next Jul. If you want to stay in the Pacific for the rest of the summer, **Jeff Rogers** will have given up being Com of the Finance Sch by then and will have taken cmd of the FI elem in Seoul, ROK. Pass it on—party at Rogers' next Aug.

1968: Chuck Mahan 25 yrs prior to promotion to COL

The frocking/promotion I REALLY had to see was **Chuck Mahan's**. No kidding! In typical F2 fashion, it really happened. The C/S of the Army presided over the ceremony—partially because Chuck worked directly for him in his "back room" and partially because he couldn't believe it either. But there they all were, the Chief, Chuck, Chuck's bride **Jamie**, Jamie's parents, this yr's First Cpt (Chuck's Beast Sqd Ldr's daughter), and a cast of hundreds which included **Dave Ohle, Bill McCauley**, and **Steve Winsor**—all acting like they were at the Blue Oyster Bar by pinching each other. The Chief's words about Chuck were truthful and kind—and well they should have been since they were written by Bill, with snide asides by Steve. After the ceremony, we all ret to Chuck's work area—appropriately known as "The Cage"—for a first class reception where we regaled ourselves with Schwarzkopf (our favorite Mechanics P and DCSOPS) stories. The favorite was the time he yanked **Dave Drummond** out from under his class desk and dragged him around the section by his trou cuffs berating his professionalism for wearing one black and one blue sock. As Dave's roommate at the time, and figuring that the odds were pretty good that a matching pair of the socks that Dave wore existed somewhere else in the room, I tried keeping my trouser cuffs as close to my shoes as possible. It was at that time that I contemplated slathering my instep and ankles with black heel and edge dressing to avoid the humiliation and save some time dressing in the a.m.

1968: Drummonds and Ginnie Strand; Founders Day 1989, Ft Leavenworth

Steve Winsor also related that **Chris Ohlinger** snuck into town a while back and they had supper together at the Winsors'. Chris wanted to go out, but Steve has been publicly humiliated before.

As you can see, 'tis the Founders Day photo season, and I'd like to thank the pres of the WP Soc of the Mid-South for providing a name and bio of our classmate in attendance—a practice I wish the Heidelberg and Leavenworth Founders Day comms would adopt. Thanks to an on-the-ball comm, we know that **Norm & Ann Kulpa** moved to Memphis a yr ago last Jun; Norm is the VP for Prod for Pasco Zinc, and they attended the celebration at the Racquet Club of Memphis.

On the recent civ side of success, **Ray Puffer** (22 Oxford Rd, Troy, NY 12180) reports that, as of 9 Jan, he is asst dir of the NY State Ctr for Advncd Tech (CAT)—a part of Rensselaer Poly Inst—in automation and robotics. He's responsible for day-to-day ops and the tech transfer program. After only 3 wks on the job, he now knows where his office is and how to get to the gym and men's rm. Those of you who know of Ray's R&D, teaching at WP, and Watervliet arsnl exp will be happy to jump at sponsoring any automation or robotics projects thru him. On the athletic side, Ray has found that experience counts in ski racing, and continues to do well against guys that weren't even born when Ray started the sport.

In closing, if rumors from our May luncheon are correct, we should have some interesting news with regard to what classmates are finding themselves

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in high govt places—where they belong. There's a chance to announce the first gen off from our Class. But that's just some news. We need all the news—and that comes from you. Either you report and I stay loose enough to report, or my daughter has threatened to take over this circus. I know we can all handle it together because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT.—DAVE

'69

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This col is being written on 12 Aug, covering news received since 14 May. My next deadline is 15 Oct, and news received by then will be included in the Jan issue.

The big news for the next issue will be our 20th Reunion at WP during Homecoming wkend, 12–15 Oct. We are expecting a large turnout, and I hope to have complete coverage in the Jan issue.

1969: Bob Baldwin and Mike McGovern lay wreath at Vietnam Memorial

1969: Classmates and families at the Memorial

The big gathering during this period was the 20th anniv memorial service at the Vietnam Memorial. Over 120 classmates (including many from Ger, CA, and other distant locations), plus families and friends, joined in the service and brunch afterwards. Chaplain Jim Ford and GEN (Ret) Bernie Rogers spoke movingly to the assembled gp, which included the families of **Jon Shine, Joe Silva** and **John Woodrum**. We also received a nice note from the parents of **Terry O'Boyle** and were joined by ex-classmates **Dennis Carlini** and **David Minckler**. Special thanks go to **John Egan, Jim Foss, Ron Hudak, Geoff Prosch** and **Bob Seitz** for organizing the event, and to **Bill Slenker** for providing photos.

1969: Slenker, Munson, Killian and Gray at Vietnam Memorial

We are also making progress on the obituary project. **Dick Jarman** is teaming with others to write for **Art Nabben** and **Luigi Rose**. This leaves only **Dave Kirby, Mel Tinker** and **Ken Yonan** without authors, and I intend to find authors for these friends at the Reunion.

1969: Diane & Joe McCarville; Founders Day 1989, Wichita

Bob Jannarone opened news from the civ side of the Class by announcing his new position as associate dir of admissions at WP. He arrived at school at about the same time as **Ann & Bob Rowe's** son Scott, Class of '93.

Elaine & Tom Bensberg were at the memorial service from their home in Lexington, KY. Tom subsequently wrote to report that he is dir of manufacturing for Jobe's brand of plant care products, while Elaine is working toward a special education degree at the U of KY.

Nearby, in Germantown, TN, are **Aline & Bernie Tatro**. Bernie is sr product mgr with Dow Corning Wright. They had recently seen **Mary & Hop Bailey**, who are now in Tucson, AZ, where Mary is a prof at the Univ of AZ.

Last letter from civ side was from **Linda & John Harms** in El Toro, CA. They had recently seen **Cor Westerhoff**, who is the Army rep to the AF Space Div in L.A.

1969: Founders Day 1989, Orange County, CA

1969: Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

Geoff Prosch opened the active duty correspondence with news that **Kappy** & he are leaving DC for Ft Carson. Arriving at AWC in Carlisle Barracks, PA, are **Beth & Stew Bornhoft, Mariannne & Bob Ivany** and **Micheleen & KC Scull**, while departing Carlisle are **Pam & George Coan**. I was at Carlisle this summer for the end-of-course phase of the AWC corresponding studies course, as was **Dick Whitney**, who is working for the AF at Wright Patterson in OH.

1969: Peggy & Jim Love and family

Peggy & Jim Love were in touch from Hamberg, Ger, where Jim is an instructor at the German Staff Coll. He visited us in DC this spring while on a US tour with his students. The last letter was from **Rob Goff**, who flew from Ger to attend the memorial service. He assumes cmd of 3d Bde, 3d Arm Div in Oct, and had seen **Bill Jones** and **Rich West**,

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who are with VII Corps DIVARTY, and **Brian Raymond**, who is with EUCOM.

1969: Martrays and Colaciccos; Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

Our numbers here at the State Dept will decrease by one with the departure of **Tony Burgess** for Embassy Beirut. Tony is now a career FSO, while my other two colleagues here, **Jim Reams** and **Wayne Murphy**, are active duty detailees working in the Politico-Mil Bureau.

That's it for news. **Holly** and the children—Kathleen (9), Robert (7), William (6), Mac (4) and Rooney (2)—join me in wishing you a beautiful fall. Hope to see you at WP in Oct. Until then, God bless to all in '69.

'70

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The ed always sends out a love note to all us underpaid scribes, telling us what our deadline is for the upcoming column. He also invariably chides us into restricting length of the column to 2 pgs in this fine pub. I blithely write this column with the intent to report all the news that fits, but unfortunately, last trip, the ed callously whacked 20% off that which I thought would fit. Therefore, some of this 'news' may be getting stale, but ya still probably heard it first from me.

I have already been getting questions about Reunion. Our 20th is currently scheduled with Homecoming, 20 Oct 90, with a Lafayette football game. If trends continue, we should have priority for a drawing for rooms at the Hotel Thayer. This all remains to be seen, since the '70 Reunion Comm has not yet met to establish plans. Stay tuned to this space, and watch your mailboxes for some direct communication from the comm.

A report was received from **Mike & Dottie Mahan**, who are now at USMA. Mike is a highly successful rugby coach as his team is now rated among the top 4 in the nation. He also coaches 8–10 yr coed basketball. Dottie, when not working as a family therapist or consulting, can be found locked in a little room swatting around a racquetball. Mike complains of her ploy of distracting him when she wears those cute little shorts during the contests. Matt is in the 7th grade now, and claims no special subjects—his prowess is on the athletic field as he participates in soccer, skiing, skating, swimming and basketball.

The takeovers of the bus world have **Carl & Donna Funke** concerned, as Carl's job with the San Diego Gas and Electric Co will become a job with So CA Edison. Carl has been a supervisor for long-term fuel planning for the utility, dealing with oil, natural gas, and some nuke fuel sources. He completed his MBA at SD St U last yr. Sibling rivalries take on a new meaning for him since all 4 of his younger brothers are grads of USNA. He lists among his hobbies soccer, home repairs, traveling with the micro-motor home, and girl watching, though not necessarily in that order. Donna works part-time in the emergency rm of the La Mesa Grossman Hosp, and claims that it might as well be full-time. Carolyn (15) is a social butterfly, yet is well-organized, and cops honors in English and math at school. Julie (13) and Amanda (10) have both played a couple of yrs of softball. The other family member is the cat, Mittens, who lists hunting as a favorite activity.

1970: Sue, Janice, Andrew, Kerry and Brian Locke, Dec 88

Another recent MBA awardee is **Tom Gerard**, who earned his at Golden St U, S.F., CA. Coincidentally, the graduation was 3 Jun 89, 19 yrs to the day. Tom & **Beth** were visiting the Christian Bros Winery in the Napa Valley, when who should they stumble into, but **Dale & Cathy Reagor**, who came all the way down from MT just to sample some free wine. They had a neat reunion right there in the tasting room. Tom has left his job with Sixth Army, and is now living in Alexandria, VA, so that he can commute to his new asgmt with the Asst Ch of Engrs, Facilities Planning Div, Pentagon.

Bob & Debra Richardson, now of Ger, wrote to announce their new location and Bob's new cmd of the 12th EN Bn. They get this mo's award for "picture taken farthest away from home" for their recent trip to Beijing and Xian, China. Their tour guide, Mr Wu, showed them the sights, and got them home safely, without getting them charged with inciting to democracy.

News arrives via strange paths. **Mike & Katy Short** are living in Dallas, where Mike flies out of for his Delta Airlines pilot's job. Their friend, Tanya Calhoun, found an article on **John Shary** that made the Dallas *Times Herald*. So Tanya called Mike so she could find me so she could tell on John. Anyhow, it seems that John, an EENT specialist, constructed a right ear for a 6-yr old Mexican boy who

1970: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

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1970: Bob & Debra Richardson with Mr Wu, Beijing, China, Feb

was born without one. The operation is primarily cosmetic, with big psychological impact. Tissues came from the youngster's rib cage. The successful operation is definitely gaining for John a fine reputation in the TX med community.

1970: Karen & Tom Maertens, Diane (Paul on TDY) Mozoski, Bill & Portia Green; Founders Day 1989, Upstate SC

Les Sumner is now VP of Siebel/Mohr, a sales promotion agency. It appears that he is involved in the promotion of the 9 Dec Army-Navy game at Giants Stadium, E Rutherford, NJ. He reports that **Gil Pritchard** was quoted in the *NY Times*, 16 Jul. It seems that as the pres of Barbara's Bakery, Petaluma, CA, he must pay attn to market demands, and must invest big bucks in mfg technology, nutritional and market research, packaging and recipe and ingredient formulation. So now he uses organic flour (grown without pesticides) in the chips, breads, cookies and muffins that he produces. Healthful junk food—what will they think of next?

Rich Gasperini had been baching it last summer while **Kathy** was accepting part-time work as the nurse for their boys' summer camp. Geoff (10) and Chris (8) went to Winona Camp in ME and Kathy, who works at a local health care ctr in the DC area, thought the camp might be a neat break in the action. Rich is now the point of contact rep for the large DC crowd.

The alpha roster shall begin to decrease in size. **Jim Price**, by virtue of prior service, ret on 17 Jul. He now has

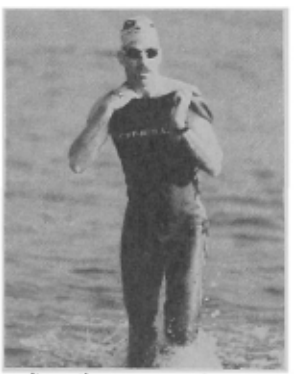
1970: Nick & Cathy Bonarrigo, Gene & Rosemary Helmich; Founders Day 1989, W PA

a job with GTE in MA, where he will do systems work for Mobile Subscriber Equipment. As more of us hit 20 and move to other careers, pls check in so we can keep track of the many talents in the Class.

We have another lettered contributor to the Collected Works of Army Wisdom and Lore. **Terry Johnson** has been published in *US Army Aviation Digest* with a 3-part, 3-mo article on the French Army aviator. The first article appeared in the Apr 89 issue, and copped the magazine's "Monthly Writing Award," something which will never alight upon THIS column.

An additional literary kudos goes to **Pam Joyce**, who was featured in the Jul 89 issue of *Indianapolis Woman*. **John** sent in a copy of the article which highlighted Pam and her partner Barbra Parker's cartoon/activity page for kids called "Kiddin' Around TM." From its early beginnings in the local Indy newspaper, the page is now in natl circulation of 4.6 million readers, with bigger things yet to come.

Bill Knowlton is now at Ft Leavenworth, but the move was not why he dropped me a line. Bill really wanted to tout his athletic prowess in triathlon competitions. He was, as of May-Jun 89, the #9 masters runner in the DC area.



1970: Knowlton, the creature from the triathlon lagoon

I forced **Betsey Blakeslee** into writing. She thought that rumors would be flying with a picture of **Don** alone at the Ft Lewis Founders Day dinner. After all, what are gossip columns for? It seems that Betsey was transferred by US West to Denver. Don and the kids, Jessamyn (14) and Jennette (12) were unable to join up until 8 mos later. From the tone, it appears that Fitzsimmons could be Dr Blakeslee's terminal asgmt with the Army.

1970: Don & Betsey Blakeslee, CO

Also new in CO, **Jim & Patt Vernon** checked in from their new home in Englewood. Jim decided to leave Corning Glass in NY to become the Rocky Mt reg mgr for Hunter Environmental Svcs. All are excited about the move, including the two sons and one daughter. Jim and sons now toss the lacrosse ball among themselves, since the boys finally got the old man a stick for his birthday. CO denizens should welcome them to the AO: call Jim at W:303-741-0639.

Rapid fire, gleaned from an IN cornfield after harvest. **Bob Frank** is in Houston, and is now working for a small med supply co. **Julian Burns** is now at Ft Irwin, CA. **Jim & Linda Etchechury** are back. The nearby photo shows the bn cmdr with Griggs '87, Kimmey '82, Wolf '86, Hampton '83, Wood '81 and the ladies Kathy Kimmey, Linda Etchechury and Laura Wood. **Gene Helmich**, who

1970: Jim & Linda Etchechury with 1/63 AR, Founders Day 1989, Ft Irwin

had been in Saudi Arabia, is now back in Pittsburgh. **Dick & Carolyn Beahm** adopted a baby girl, Jessica Christine. Dick is currently serving with 1st Bde, 3AD. Father **Phil Reifenberg** is a Catholic priest in Milwaukee, WI. **Frank Santangelo** is a physical therapist in Charleston, SC. His oldest son, Sandy, is

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a soph at U of PA. **Phil Doleac** is fixing teeth at Ft Wainwright. **Rich St Denis** is imparting wisdom to impressionable students as he teaches at the FA School, Ft Sill. Rumors abound that **Rusty Morris** will become PMS at a major AZ univ. **Mark Barbour** is going to the Air War College in Montgomery, AL. **Frank & Gill Romano** announce the birth of Joseph Andrew on 2 Jan. Frank is a corporate lawyer in Roswell, GA. **Bruce Michalowski** works in the paper industry, converting trees to pulp, out in Vancouver, WA. **Gary Steele** is the G1 for the 4ID, Ft Carson. **Rick & Debbie Verrochi** and the 3 kids are enjoying the AK outdoors as Rick does his USAF thing at Elmendorf AFB. Also in the USAF, **Steve & Cheryl Madley** and their 2 kids, however, have opted for warmer climes near Williamsburg, VA. **Chip & Karen Lauckhardt** now have a new country home, converted from a barn, in Lakeville, CT. **Butch Haislip** should be out of Ft Lewis to Carlisle Bks now. **Bruce & Nancy Schall** moved from Andover, MA to Arnold, MD, where Bruce is climbing the corporate ladder for Ceiba-Geigy. **Dale & Jody Marvin** are still in the DC area, but Jody recently resigned from active duty to join up with Johns-Manville. She has retained a res commission. **Greg Knight** is a lawyer in Harrisburg, PA, so he probably has plenty of time to use his golf clubs. **Fred Zilian** finally moved out from his "P" job at Newport to a TRADOC LnO at APO 09080. **Ed & Sandy Beddow** recently moved into a new home in S.F., CA, where Ed is an investment mgr. **Bob Laird** has given up tanks and is now a nuke engr. **Perry Casto** has moved from Ft Leavenworth to Ft Bliss. **Barney Forsythe** is due out to the War College in 90, but in the meantime, he will be making trips from USMA to Bangladesh to help that country's Mil Academy set up a leadership pgm. **Al Fenty** is in DCSOPS at DA. **Nelson Johnson** is working at the Vint Hill Farms R&D Ctr. **Mike T Murphy** is at the Pentagon, and the eldest of his 3 huge sons is now a frosh at James Madison U.

1970: Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

Commander's Call: **Lynn Moore** is in cmd of the 3/504 of the 82d Abn, Ft Bragg. **Roland Carter** and **Ralph Churchill** also have bns, but with the 25th Div in HI. **Allan Marple** has cmd of the 2/503 IN in Korea, while **Tom McNamara** has an SF bn at Ft Devens. **Bob Wagner** cmds the 1st Rgr Bn at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA, **Corky Bruce** has the 2/5 FA Bn with the 1st ID (Fwd) in Neu Ulm, Ger. Corky & **Kitty** deploy, but daughter Melissa stays as a frosh at LSU. While passing through DC for the language school, Corky met with **Charlie Velez** and **Joe Henn** in J5 JCS. **Larry White**, after finishing his cmd in the Berlin Bde, should now be at the War Coll. **Bill Addy** is now the asst Com at the USMA Prep Sch, Ft Monmouth. **Jim Murray** has cmd of a tng bn at Ft Knox. **John Marcello** is wrapping up his cmd in Ger and is due out to the Naval War Coll. Engrs in cmd include **Bob Richardson** with the 12th EN Bn, 8ID; **Bob Driscoll** with the 79th EN Bn, Karlsruhe, FRG; **Tom MacIver** with the 54th EN Bn Wildflecken; and **Chip Leonard**, who is still leading the 15th EN Bn, 9ID, Ft Lewis. **George Allin** continues in cmd of his bn with III Corps Arty in Ger. **Terry Young** has a bn in the 101st Abn, as does **Andrew Berdy**, who was an ex-cadet with our Class. **Tom Paige** has a basic tng bn at Ft Dix.

1970: Mary Pat & Lynn Rolf; Founders Day 1989, Ft Riley

That just about delivers the punch line for this diversion. And if we could just hear from **John Carter, Kurt Meyer** or **Pat O'Hara**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print next Dec or so, in an internationally distributed magazine, then make a call, or send some Halloween hen scratchings (with a picture), and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

'71

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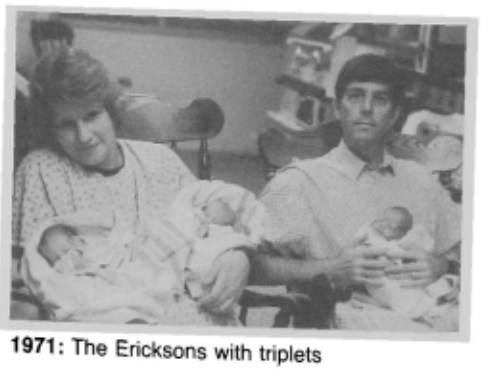
Oh baby, oh baby, give me another. Some midlife procreation headlines the news this issue. And triplets to boot. Just when the **Erickson** household had begun settling into the routine of life, **Ruth & Mike** were blessed with a triple bundle of love. Anna Elizabeth, Paul Daniel and Andrew Joseph were the instigators of the miracle which was 34 wks in the making and climaxed on 6 Jun, a true Erickson D-Day. The very healthy young'uns join their 9, 7 and 5 yr old brothers in Homewood, IL. With dogged determination and the satisfaction of taking one at a time, **Dell & Mary Dailey** have lent some legitimacy to an otherwise macho household with the addition of a lovely daughter and our latest Professionally Done baby. Allison Elizabeth exploded on the scene on 4 Jul. She is currently cooing at her 3 brothers in Savannah.


1971: The Ericksons with triplets

The sr Army leadership will provide a safer place to live for these youngsters. Moving up that ladder of success are **Al Fox, Chris Shoemaker** and **Tom Wray**, all recently selected for promotion to O-6. We're proud of you guys.

1971: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

Tim Wray changed cmd at Ord in Jun and carted the family off to DC for the NWC. He left behind a plethora of '71 gangsters to run the 7ID. **Chuck Swannack** cmds the 2/9 Inf, which returned from a Panama rotation in Jul. **Jeff Rock** holds down the 2/27 Inf, **Scott Hutchison** the 3/27 Inf and **Johnny Brooks** the 4/17 Inf. **Bill Mann** runs the G1 shop while **Fred Hitchcock** works in the Hays Hosp there. The consummate educator and student (and sometime marathoner and rugger), **Bard Mansager** moved up the road from the Naval Post Graduate Sch to an ops research job in Monterey. Not satisfied with the CA pace, Bard contin-

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1971: Warriors all, Ft Benning

1971: Williams, Mansagers and deMoyas on the range

ues to pursue a law degree. You want to see some old poopers fight off the midlife crisis? Ya shudda seen Bard and **Charlie Williams** sacrificing their bodies in the 25th anniv rugby game with the KS City club. They were awesome, in a lobotomic kind of way.

Jeff Jones dropped a note from Geneva where he was participating in another round of negotiations. I suspect that he was also working on terminal acne while sucking up that good Swiss chocolate.

1971: Founders Day 1989, Ft Sill

Mike Williams (Ft Sill) and **Tom Smith** (Ft Bliss) were the last two precmders to grace the hallowed Leavenworth portals (as opposed to sallyports, these have more buffalo chips in the corners). I'll report out on the FY90 crew as they float through here.

Roy Gogel forwarded a full two-pp newspaper article from Allentown, PA on the **Dave Bond** family and their 100 plus yr old general store. It's a wonderful story of tough times, hard work, and success in

1971: Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

a small town with old time values. Funny how many of us just fantasize about such a life. Dave & **Debbie** have been working on their dream for 10 yrs.

1971: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

Dave Schlener (2720 Fairfax, Tyler, TX 75701) has volunteered to oversee the submission of Class obituaries for the *ASSEMBLY*. I can't think of a more caring, sensitive and organized person to perform this important task. Those of you interested in assisting Dave in his efforts with specific classmates, please contact him.

1971: James and Jones in battle dress

Little news from out here on the range. Sky is still cloudy all day. Deer and the antelope have enough sense to go east. Cockroaches and hornets still play. Oh, another short person arrived here. **Doug Jorrey** now frolics out here in the wilds. Wonderful place. Come visit. Yeah, that's the ticket. So I don't have to come to see you. Just spent a wonderful 10 day vacation—2800 mi, 7 different overnight stops, two sets of relatives. Ah, life in the fast lane.

Ya'll be good and safe now. And for goodness sake, kick Navy's patoot.

'72

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After a long, hot summer it's nice to be enjoying some cool, crisp autumn days. Now that the kids are back in school, I trust everyone is in the groove again. We all enjoy keeping up with our favorite football team (Army, in case you wondered) this time of yr also.

In the way of a reminder, please be aware of attempts to be conservative of column space and at the same time, keep your news up-to-date. The eds/publishers request that scribes pare down to minimum essentials in the interest of space and resulting costs. In doing so, I sometimes "spread" news over a couple of issues. This means you may see your "news" 3 or 4 mos after submission. I appreciate your patience and understanding with this arrangement. Well, on to the Class notes. . . .

Jim Morgan was in touch recently, just before he left Blacksburg, VA for leave and then a tour as Asst Div Chem Officer, 2ID in Korea. He says the Class Picnic Coordinator, **Ty Hughes**, arranged another get-together at the Coast Guard station in Wash DC. That was last spring and the affair was well attended, including appearances by **Hud Berry** (Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at WRAMC), **Steve Curry, Rollie Dessert** (and entire family), **Bill Harlan** (Asst SJA, 2nd ID), **Glen Harper** (Neurology Dept at WRAMC), **Dick Leibert, Jeff McCausland, Craig McKee** (State Dept), **Dan Merrit, Steve Skoog,** and **Dave Wildes**. Hope all is well in Korea, Jim, and keep us posted on '72 over there.

1972: 1st row: Leszczynskis, Veeders; 2nd row: Whitleys and Speers; Founders Day 1972, Ft Lewis

Found some interesting material in **Dennis Gray's** summer edition I-1 newsletter, so here's an update. **Ron & Marge Bodre** are with Bruel and Kjaer Instruments in Seattle. They've been there for over a yr now and live in Everett, WA. **Woodie Collins** is at Bragg

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1972: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

1972: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

1972: Schmidts and Benners; Founders Day 1989, Ft Riley

1972: Sandy & Phil Hurst; Founders Day 1989, Wichita

1972: Wayne Kirkbride in Panama

(again or still) with the 2/504 AIR. He has seen **Ken Martin**, who's XO, 3/8 FA, Corps Arty. Ken & **Karen** have a daughter Diane in college; a daughter Cindy working in the Newport News area; and 11 yr old son, Chris, at home. The Martins are enjoying their home in Fayetteville. **Dave & Linda Lueneburg** had their 5th child last Nov. Their clan includes Anna Clarrissa, Ron, Lisa, David, and Katie. Dave is still with Hughes in the Denver area. **Bill & Ginni Wilson** are at Ft Lewis where Bill is on staff at Madigan Hosp. He's doing both doctoring and teaching. The Wilson kids, Kristen, Sean, and Ryan are all doing well. **Jim Griffin** is already planning his next bid for Congress having missed out on his first try. Keep plugging, Jim; you recall that Lincoln failed on his first try, also! **Tom Nelson** is finishing up his PhD at Purdue this fall, and is doing some consulting/teaching for U of IL. He's also a consultant for Vulcan Materials as one of the leading transportation experts in the country. **Bob McLaughlin** is in Japan where both he & wife **Theresa** work at Yohota Air Base, 30 mi NW of Tokyo. The family activities include Japanese martial arts classes, climbing Mt Fuji, and shopping in Korea. Theresa does the shopping; Bob and kids, Jennifer and Sarah, do the martial arts! Finally, the Gray family continues in good health and Dennis enjoys his work with GE. He & **Nancy** spent some time in France last yr. She plans to start work on her master's at George Mason soon and Jeremy (8th grade), Lindsay (7th grade), and Kevin (K) are well. Thanks for keeping me on the mailing list, Dennis.

Wayne Kirkbride got a change in asgmt upon arrival in CONUS from Panama. I reported in the Jul issue that he would be headed for Korea again. Instead, he'll be going to Langley AFB (Army and AF Center for LIC). Wayne reported that **Jim Hickey** and **Frank Hancock** made the cmd list, as well as others he couldn't confirm. Hickey is SGS of the 82nd and Hancock is SGS of the 25th ID. Frank told Wayne that Butch (15), Mike (12), and Brian (11) stay busy with baseball cards and skateboarding. I'm sure that **Maureen** is not into baseball cards and skateboarding, Frank! **Howie Smith** continues his career as dir of facilities for the *NY Times*. The Kirkbrides visited with **Tec Cahill** and **Milt Koger** while traveling from CO to Ft Harrison. The Kogers are at Ft Knox, where he's R&D coordinator with the Army Research Inst.

That's the news—everyone have a pleasant fall. See you next time.

'73

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I'll be candid with you from the beginning. I have few letters, I'm in a rotten mood, and my article was late before I typed the first word. (I'll explain to any of you who might be interested the poetic license that allowed me to write the above sentence as if it were the classic frosh "run-on." Just send a self-addressed envelope and $20 to "Pray for a Personal Voice," Writing Dept at the above address.) That was unkind, and the now famous active voice aside, there is no good reason to make me the actor of this apology.

A senselessly, glib introduction, I know. I've just felt mellow and confused lately. Have any of you, civ or mil, noticed that the further you progress in your organization, the more humorless are the people for whom you work, and that gradually you and your peers, at least the successful ones, find less and less laughter in your lives? Within the next few mos, many of you AD execs may disclaim my entire premise as the bitter ramblings of Aesop's parched fox. If the big pass over comes (we're not talk'n a Jewish holy day for those of you who have been civs for awhile) or even if it doesn't, I'm not saying all those who succeed in the Army are dull. In fact, my personal experience confirms that the system works at the highest levels. The general officers I've met and worked with are the most clear-headed and rational people around. When they confront a completely absurd situation, they correct it and occasionally get a belly laugh over the misguided ideas behind it. I go on record in support of the system that produces the Army's highest ranks. Now, let us return to the other 97% of us.

Let's call this part "Class notes" just so the editors can make sure that I'm talking about the Class and not some radical fringe; although, with the history of our Class, the distinction may be blurred. In all I've written over the years, I have never consciously sought to promote my personal self-interests or degrade another individual. Yet, several have written that they enjoy the column. Others have written that they laughed until they cried, but would I please never again make them the subject of that laughter!! My thanks to those stationed at Ft Sill so long that they think I am funny. To those who worry about what jokes may be (good case for the passive voice here!!) attributed to them, never fear, you all know I respect your individual wishes. To those self-serving bureaucrats who might mistakenly see themselves in what I write about my classmates, you're

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wrong. My jabs and hoots are for a bunch of guys who, in 69, had no idea the war would end, had no idea Army leaders would become Army managers. Whether military or civilian, our Class embodies the ideals of WP and stands firm in the knowledge that, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

So, those of you who haven't written me off as a complete egocentric, how's life, laughed at something dumb you did in the last wk, or have you attributed the laughter to subordinates and sworn to make them understand the seriousness of this world? Don't know what **Walter "Buddy" Bendler** thinks about all this either. Received a letter postmarked the Mount Hope Ciarion, Mount Hope, KS, with a WP Soc of Wichita roster with Walter's name and address circled and a picture of him & **Elizabeth**. What should I make of all this? My picture of "Buddy" in the '73 *Howitzer* (the way I get to know many of you) has his hair parted on a different side, no moustache, and chubby cheeks; and no way could he marry a girl as pretty as Elizabeth. I figure he's a multimillionaire "dealer" (grain) who underwent plastic surgery before he met this beautiful wife.

Next, from a 3d Regt buddy, **Glen Hawkins**, I bring news from Ft Riley, KS. Glen makes a passing joke about being afraid to write because I live under the eternal curse of the "red pen" that the English Dept made me swear unto death. Not true Glen, and because you swore never to write again if I corrected your letter, I promise never to tell anyone that you spelled the contraction "it is", as "its." Your secret is safe with me!! But I love you & **Vernie**, Jonathan (6), Jennifer (3), Katherine (1), "dog" WALKEURE and "cat" Custer. The Hawkinses live on a dream "plantation" of 13 acres in a Victorian farmhouse, and my jealousy borders on. . . . Glen just finished a 14-mo tour as XO of the 4/37 Armor and for his reward has been reassigned to div!! The family has chosen for the children's education, a "home school" program, a program that requires about as much courage from parents as any decision they may make regarding their children. Glen, I envy you and the life you have begun to create on the "plantation."

Hawkins' notes: **Joe Gaziano** (I still have a "Chicago" record album of his) finished the XO job in the 1/34 Armor and became the div G3 Trng Officer (1st ID). He's now the 2d Bde S3. **Mike Griswold** took Joe's old job as XO 1/34 and has been selected for cmd in Germany. Congrats and best of luck, Mike!!

Ran into **Mike Alden** who works at 7ATC Graf, called him Steve (**Steve Ankley**) also of I3. Mike forgave me, thank God, even with his balding gray head, he could have easily "squished" me.

The **Bakers** are still here and loving every minute. After every eligible LTC in V Corps turned-down the V Corps Artillery S3 job, I received the position along with a resounding vote of confidence from my chain of cmd. Hope to still have the job and see many of you around the exercise box during "Reforger" 90. Until then . . .

GOD BLESS!

'74

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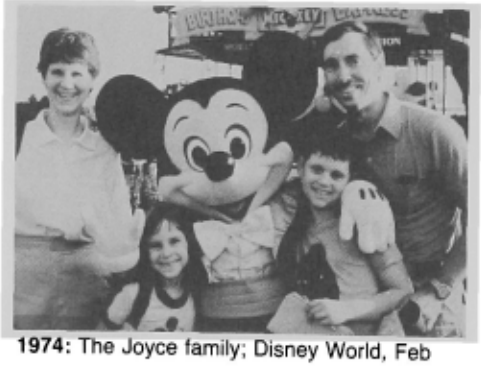
Happy 15th to you "Pride of the Corp'ers." The reunion is probably over when you read this and I trust all had a great time. Looking forward to some personal and gp updates from the occasion. This article contains news received from 5 May-5 Aug.

I have yet to receive an update on **Pham Tam's** status. To brief those that may have missed the last issue: Pham Tam is married and doing OK in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He was teaching English and had high hopes of earning a release from his country to immigrate to the US. He had asked for folks to write "to keep the faith." Address: Pham Minh Tam, 284/13 Co Bac, F23, Q1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Please let me know if anyone receives feedback from him.

Jay Joyce sends an update from the big Procter and Gamble paper plant in Turkhannock, PA. He's now the plant safety engr, otherwise known as the site industrial health and hygiene mgr. Others there include **Steve Adams, Mark Scott, Steve Rybczynski** and **Gary Maus**. Jay & wife **Shirley** recently graduated from Marywood College in Scranton with advanced degrees—Jay in psychology; Shirley in math ed. An enclosed picture had family at Disney World; Christy is 6 and Ricky is 9.



1974: The Joyce family; Disney World, Feb

Bryan Oliver brings in the Ft Carson news. After CGSC in the summer of 87, Bryan's been a tank bn S3 in the "trainingest div I've ever experienced." 260 days/yr in the field! He, **Jane**, Sean and Lauren were selling their house and moving on to Ft McCoy, WI for a 2–3 yr Jumpstart asgmt. This program involves putting high caliber officers as advisors to res hq. On others at Carson: **Tim Tanner** was finishing as the S3 of the 104 MI Bn after coming from a NORAD asgmt. He & **Beth** have a brand new baby boy born in Apr. In Aug they PCS'ed to Benning and the Sch of the Americas. **Kerry Pierce** did a stint as Dep G3 of the 4th ID till last Jan, and is now XO of the 4th Engr Bn. **Andy Nordby** came from CGSC in summer of 88 to be the 3d Bde S1. Bryan closes by saying CO Springs and the Rockies have a lot to offer, if they weren't in the field all the time.

1974: Bryan Oliver with Sean (5) and Lauren Marie (1), Thanksgiving 88

Buddy Blackman sent an interim reunion comm report that missed last issue but was informative. **Jim Loy** was selected as PAP in the new Dept of Elec Engr and Computer Sci. He'll head back for his PhD next yr. Others currently getting PhD's are **Mark Kindl** and **Steve LaRocca**. Of course Buddy got his in biology. Who's counting all these PhD recipients!?

And now a husband & wife PhD team: **Paul Lemley** has his in molecular biology and wife **Catherine** completed hers in experimental psychology. While in the Chemistry Dept at WP, Paul & Catherine also added two sons, most recently Phillip Allen on 30 Mar. Paul branch transferred from IN to MSC (the only '74 MSC?) and is off on some challenging asgmts: a Fulbright scholar (research and lecture award) at the Univ of Innsbruck, Sch of Medicine from Sep 89 to Jan 90; and then to Ft Detrick, MD with the US Army Med Res Institute of Infectious Disease. Enjoy Austria!

Marv & Mary Jane Decker recently moved from Boeblingen to Goeppingen, FRG to join the bde staff of the 1st Inf Div (Fwd) as the asst G-3 for Tng. He tells of others: **Tom Goedkoop** recently finished SAMS at Lvwth and is in the VII Corps Plans shop in Stuttgart. **French MacLean** also finished SAMS and joined 3d Armd Div Plans in Frankfurt. Also in Katterbach in the 1/1 Cav are **Tom Hinkle** as the XO and **Rick Rowe** as the S-3.

Baby news: from the Class Prez! **Bob & Ruth Mixon** welcomed #2: Russell Ellingwood on 22 Apr. They're at Vilseck with the 2d ACR.

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1974: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

1974: Troxells; Founders Day 1989, Ft Riley

1974: Nordbys, Kirby, Gays and McGinnises; Founders Day 1989, Ft Carson

More tidbits: **Stephen Speakes** authored "Low Budget Training" in the Spring 89 *Army Trainer*. The **Donohos** have moved: **Bob, Laura Lee**, Drew, Kate, Charlotte and pets all moved from Ft Monroe to 2763 McManus, Ft Eustis, VA 23604.

Here's some new asgmts recently published in *Army Times*. All these going to Leavenworth, the course or regular tour: **Jay Byrne, Gary Coleman, Roy Crawford, Eric Fardelman, Sam France, Ollie Hunter, Jeff Karhohs, Rob Minor, Jerry Mohr, Jim O'Brien, Steve Ottesen, Bill Pierce, Lloyd Scott, Steve Trauth, Tom Turner** and **Dave Wallinger. Jim Allinder** and **Bob Meyer** to

1974: Founders Day 1989, Ft Leavenworth

Drum, **Greg Bean** to MacDill AFB, **Howard Berner** and **Bob Forman** to the Pentagon, **Mark Bokmeyer** to Ft Baker, CA; **Guy Bourn** and **Charles Protasio** to Carson. **Mike Cosio** to Madigan AMC, **Emilio Digiorgio** and **Mike Kelly** to Ord, **Don Fritz** to Belvoir, **Jim Inskeep** to Monroe, **Phil Mallory** to Fitzsimmons, **Oscar Ortiz** to Bragg, **George Prate** to Bliss, **John Shortal** to Myer, and **Tim Tanner** to Benning. Now all these folks will have to write and tell what type of new work they're into.

A little birdie told me there are big changes in the wind at WP, like dropping grad requirements from 44 academic courses to 40. What else has changed in the last 15 yrs, tell us Reunion folks. My next deadlines are 5 Dec for the Mar 90 issue, and 5 Feb for the May issue. Let's Beat Navy again this fall!

1974: James & Lizabeth Koenig; Founders Day 1989, Ft Irwin

'75

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Greetings to all members of *Courage and Drive '75*. Please note the new address shown above. By the time you read this, I should be settled into a few mos of refresher and Blackhawk tng at Ft Rucker. I'm writing these notes in mid-Aug with anticipation of packers and movers arriving in two wks. For those of you 4th Regt guys who remember F-4's Frank Prindle '74, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you what a great branch asgmts officer he is. He has been handling my asgmts, and was able to straighten out a MAJOR problem with an unexpected, last minute change (and then reverse-change) in my orders. Frank is certainly one of AVN's best and F-4 has a co-mate of whom to be proud.

There are still a few Founders Day photos coming in. I received a Ft Ord photo with one couple and no name. If you're tall, bearded and live in CA, let me know and I'll submit this photo.

1975: Steve Garland; Founders Day 1989, Ft Irwin

I got a great letter from **Barbara Killebrew** back in May. Unfortunately, it had to be cut from the last column due to space limitations, so I wanted to get Barb in close to the top. Barb was answering a request from your scribe for copies of Christmas newsletters. Here's what she reports. . . . The Killebrews moved to Baton Rouge in May 88 and **Russ** took an

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1975: Founders Day 1989, Ft Leavenworth

engring position with Rollins Environmental Svcs. They had their second daughter, Sydney, in Oct (88?). Sydney is named after dad. She weighed in at 10 lbs 4 oz and arrived a mo early. Older sister Amanda weighed in at 11 1/2 lbs. (And the rest of the Class is wondering what vitamins Barb takes during pregnancy!) The **Ulekowskis** helped the Killebrews by taking Amanda in at 1:00 a.m. when mom and dad decided that a run to the hosp might not be a bad idea. Barb is still recruiting for WP for the Res and should be hard at work in LSU Law Sch by the time you read this.

Mike Ulekowski was also with Rollins in Baton Rouge when the **Killebrews** arrived, but has since been promoted and transferred back to Houston. Mike, **Pam**, Brett and Jared are reported to be doing fine.

Tom Warren got married in May 88. He and **Russ** were best men for each other. Tom & **Cheryl** are in Norman, OK while Cheryl finishes her doctorate and Tom assists with research.

Brent & Mandy Clark had their 3rd baby in Oct 88. Brenton James weighed in at 8 lbs 3.3 ozs and joins Maura and Bradford. Brent is a project mgr for CAS Inc (Weapon System Analysis) and is in the IRR. Mandy is also in the Res and they're living in Huntsville.

Dave & Sue Washechak are at Ft Campbell. He is the staff engr for the 5th Special Forces Gp. Sue has her hands full with Jenny (6), Jeffrey (3), and Jimmy (2). **Barb** tells a great story about the Washechaks' wedding night, but in the interest of a fair and unbiased version, I think we should get the rest of the story from Dave & Sue before putting it into print.

Mike Hart is also in Baton Rouge working as an atty and active in the Res. **Manny Gonzalez** is in the same Res unit with **Russ Killebrew** and is working as an engr with Exxon in Corpus Christi.

Barb, thanks for a great letter. Hopefully, this yr's Christmas news will make it in before next Thanksgiving!

Mike & Lynne Conners wrote from Schaumburg, IL. On 28 Apr Mike & Lynne attended the arrival of Bethany Seung **Van Keuren**, 7 1/2 mos old, at the Minneapolis/St Paul airport. The proud parents are **Barb & Jeff**. Bethany was born on 17 Sept 88 in Seoul, ROK during the 88 Olympics. Also in attendance at the airport were Barb's parents, **Chris & Lawton Cain** and **Celeste & Duane Bjorlin**. Jeff & Barb had a long wait for their

1975: Jeff & Barb Van Keuren, Lynne Conners holding Bethany, Stephanie & Derek Conners, Pastor Wayne and Michael Conners

little one, but rumor has it they are ecstatic. Sincerest congratulations to all of you. An update from the Conners; along with being the very proud sponsors of Bethany at her baptism, Mike is now a sr consultant for McGladrey and Pullen, specializing in materials mgt. He is also a member of the professional faculty at DePaul Univ and stays busy on the wkends as XO for the 472nd Chem Bn. He may be returning to FRG in Jan 90 for REFORGER. Thanks for writing, Lynne. Let us hear from you again soon.

Greg Ellison sent a first time letter from Killeen. (Greg, I'll be arriving in Killeen in Feb 90 and am looking forward to a personal update from our '75 classmates in the area.) Greg refers to Ft Hood as "the great place" even though it's hot and chiggers are everywhere. Greg works on the III Corps Staff in G-3, War Plans. Greg sent the news that a gp of our classmates graduated from the Sch of Adv Mil Studies in Jun 88. This gp

1975: Krueger, Abt, Freakley, Ellison

included **Fred Abt, Dan Krueger, Ben Freakley, Russ Glenn, Mike Heredia, Mark Hertling, Joe Schroedel,** and Greg. They are now scattered throughout the Army in div and corps ops jobs. Greg, Fred, Dan and Ben were fortunate enough to be in the same seminar under LTC James R McDonough '69, author of *Platoon Leader* and *Defense of Hill 871*. Greg and friends highly recommend the experience to their classmates as "the second greatest yr of their lives." Greg also reports that **Clark & Kathy Lynn** are at CGSC in Peru and headed to Hood in Jan 90. Greg, thanks for a great letter and the kind words regarding this column.

Bob Smith (G-4) wrote from ROK where he reports that **Dave Preast** is the S-4, 175th Theatre Finance Cmd. (He had been reported disappearing into parts unknown in the Jul *ASSEMBLY*.) Dave took over Bob's old office when they combined all the IG divs. At the time of his letter, Bob was an inspection team chief with the Eighth Army IG. He should be at Bragg with the 82nd Abn by the time you read this. While in ROK Bob was also the OIC for the USFK Parachute Demo Team in his spare(?) time. Bob would like to know if anyone has heard from **Rick Fine** lately.

A flash from the past at WP's South Pool one day last mo when **Kathy** and **Debi Peddy** had a chance to say hello. It was quite unexpected since we had just received a change of address putting **Charly** & Debi in HI. Charly was in HI

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getting the house ready. He's just completed the SAMS course and is returning for his SECOND tour of our 50th state. (Who's your assignments officer, Charly?. . . .) The little Peddys are all fine and Debi is happy to be returning to HI. Any of you looking forward to a Hawaiian vacation can contact the Peddys at 321 Millet St, Schofield Bcks, HI 96786, ph: 808-624-5706.

Heard from a good friend of **Carol & Al Fehlings** that they're leaving Benning and headed to DC. If Al would call his old roommate once in awhile, I'd have confirmation of this.

Dempsey Darrow called from Garland, TX. Seems he was practicing judo and injured his wrist pretty severely. He had 4 screws in his wrist at the time of his call. Best wishes for a quick recovery and we're looking forward to seeing Dempsey & **Darla** when we move to his part of the country in 90.

For this issue's version of the "small world" dept, Chris & Jill Reilly, both '86, came to visit us this past weekend . . . not that this is newsworthy to the Class of '75. But when Chris's mom visited FRG this past summer, she spent lots of time taking ITT Tours. On one of those tours she sat next to **Fran Ridenour** who told her to say hi to the Pardues. So "Hi" Fran & **Dave**.

For those of you F-4 guys who remember a very tiny Meredith Hudgins running around the Tac's house, you might like to know that she's leaving for her frosh yr in college this fall. My kids will be losing a great babysitter. Best of luck, Meredith. . . . And we hope the strain on mom & dad's bank account won't be too bad. COL Hudgins will ret in Dec and remain here at WP to work at the AOG. COL Tex Turner (F-4's other Tac) also ret and was called back to AD to remain here as dir of DMI.

Departing WP will be tough. I've been privileged to work for some great people and have had some really unique experiences. And **Kathy** is not ready to give up her jobs with the AOG and Mt St Mary. She will also miss the many cadets we sponsor, although I think our food budget will benefit greatly. If you'll check at the front of the class notes section, you should find a picture of Kathy, who has done the keystroking of these notes for the past 3 yrs. She'll surely miss being on the inside track of news for all the classes. . . . And our kids will miss all those pizza and McD dinners whenever scribe deadlines rolled around!

One note on editing policy. I try to write your class notes in the same vein in which you write to me. Occasionally, the ed at *ASSEMBLY* will re-word one of your comments or take it out completely. This does not happen to the '75 notes too often, but if you feel that I've left out something that you felt should be included, give me a call and we'll discuss it.

By the time you read these notes I should have a phone number in the Enterprise, AL area. Check with local info in the 205 area code and give me a call with your news.

Hopefully, by the time you read these notes the Army football team will be off to another winning season. Having watched the practices and games for the past 3 yrs, I've seen the enormous amount of work that goes into this team. The coaches and players are giving their all to make Army football great. Here's hoping we'll BEAT AF AND NAVY . . . AGAIN!!! and go to the Liberty Bowl.

All the best to the Class of '75, Bill.

'76

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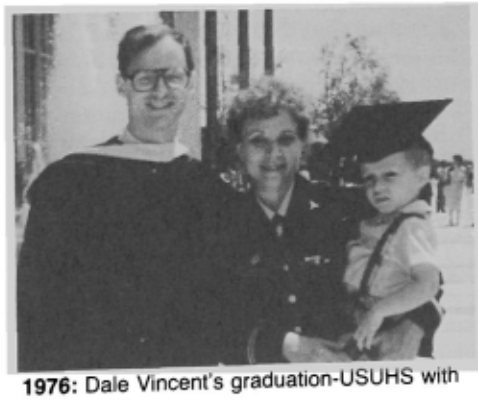
Greetings again. It's the dog days of summer here in TX. I was 'volunteered' to teach a trauma class this past wkend. In the pre-class briefing, **Rick Morales** was sitting across the room. We spent some of the wkend reminiscing. He & **Penny** are enjoying the Bay Area life while Rick's an attending anesthesiologist at LAMC. He's off to England this summer to meet up with Penny and the kids for a visit with Penny's folks. They very much enjoy San Fran and the asgmt. Today, **Mike Tatu** called from L.A. He's with Hughes Aircraft and also has grown to love the Southern CA climate and lifestyle.



1976: Dale Vincent's graduation-USUHS with Judy and Peter

Judy & Dale Vincent sent the picture of Dale's graduation from USHUS this past May when Dale received an MPH while completing his fellowship in subspecialty internal medicine. The youngest grad in the picture is Peter who was 2 1/2 at the time. They're all off to Tripler where they'll be on the staff. Peter enjoyed most of the graduation at Kennedy Center but got a little *rowdy* (obviously a '76er!) and went outside to play in the fountains and flower gardens. A few Founders Day pictures found their way into my hands. The Ft Lewis picture

1976: Barnos, Gardner and Grisoli; Founders Day 1989, Ft Lewis

shows **John Gardner, Bill Grisoli** and **MAJ & Mrs Dave Barno**. Short note—scribe needs **Dave Melcher's** address—help!

A nice note from **John & Jackie McDaniel**. John enclosed the photos

1976: At Charlottesville—McDaniel, Iveses and Belser

from Founders Day in Charlottesville, VA. The '76'ers present included **Mackey & Donna Ives, John Belser** and Mac. Jackie and Billy joined Mac in DC as he's joining the Contract Appeals Div at the Pentagon. On the family scene,

1976: Charlottesville JAG Founders Day

Billy's 9 and is a piano virtuoso. Although only studying for two and a half yrs, he plays by ear and composes, and recently had a 30 minute concert! Others Mac's seen include **Bob Melvin** at Mackey, John, and Mac's promotion party and **Chuck Allen** who was in Charlottesville for a 5K run. The whole bunch will be in the DC area this fall.

The last note's from **Axel Krigsman**

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and included his & **Cherie's** wedding picture from last 29 Oct at the Cadet Chapel. Cherie spent the previous 3 yrs

1976: Cherie & Axel Krigsman

1976: Jesse Owens; Founders Day 1989, Ft Leonard Wood

1976: Chudobas, Scott, Booth and Nicholses; Founders Day 1989, Ft Carson

1976: Allan & Patty Stuhlmiller; Founders Day 1989, Omaha

as a Russian translator at the White House and is now starting law sch at NYU. Axel's a "P" in Soc Sci. **Bruce Jackan** just left for the NavWC while

1976: Edwards, King and Whiting; Founders Day 1989, Detroit

Aaron Hayes left to CGSC. Just arriving in Sosh is **Bob McClure. Brian Shellum's** epistle had most of the E-3 info last time, but Axel adds that he saw **Hugh Denny** at the Army-Rutgers and Army-Navy games—he's with ROTC at U DE. **Joe Fernandez** met up with Axel while at Ft Benning. He just finished his MA in Latin Amer studies at U FL and was moving into the Sch of the Americas at Ft Benning.

As a final note, I'd like to put in some notes from CPT Greg Banner '79 who submitted these to *ASSEMBLY*. He noted that several classes had the unique distinction as being the "last class to . . . ":

Class of '76: 1. Last class to have mandatory Chapel attendance on Sundays. 2. Last class to see an all-male corps at graduation. 3. Last class to have permanent captains. 4. Last class to have 3 details during academic yr. (Currently only two details.) 5. Last class to be issued Army Green uniform for summer Cadet Troop Leader Tng.

I'm sure that there were more. If anyone knows of any, including humorous ones, please send them to me—I'd love to include them in the next column.

Remember to include your old scribe on your holiday card address list. Let's fill out the next issue! Till then, God Bless! —Ian

'77

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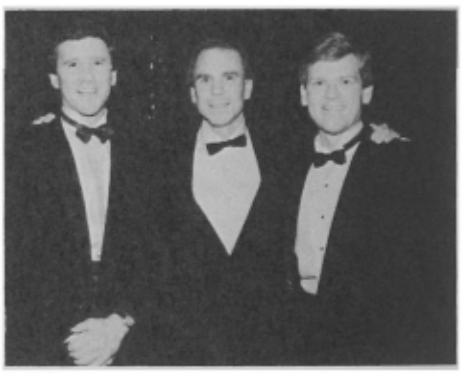
Summer has passed quickly by and football season is upon us. We all wish the ARMY TEAM another successful yr giving us much to cheer for. Since I received some positive feedback on the format utilized in the last article, I will continue it for now. However, I will begin this article with some trivia courtesy of CPT Gregory T Banner '79. CPT Banner began to chronicle the events around him as they affected those classmates which were at USMA during his tenure (76–82). I am only listing those items relevant to our Class hoping that scribes in the other classes include their pieces in this or subsequent articles. The format he uses is to list a Class as the first or last to do something. As for our Class we were the *last* Class to:

- —see football games on grass in Michie Stadium (artificial turf was installed)
- —get 60 days summer leave after graduation (changed to 30 days)
- —to graduate by General Order of Merit (GOM). Subsequent classes began graduating the honor graduates by GOM followed by everyone else alphabetically.
- —have an official Class goat. Having GOM allowed this practice. Following our Class, the practice of everyone donating $1.00 to the Class goat continued with some classes, but only through unofficially figuring out who rated this honor.

I hope you enjoyed the bit of trivia. My thanks to CPT Banner for passing on his work.

Before I get started I wanted to pass on a brief note from Timothy Glenn of the Staubach Co with the below picture of **Kevin Hayes**, Roger Staubach USNA '65 and Scott Collier '76 at the annual awards banquet. Kevin and Scott are both VP's and were recognized as "Top Producers" in 88. And now here is the



1977: Hayes, Staubach and Collier

news:

From **Andy Chmar**, Karlsruhe, FRG, 12 Jun: "Thought I would write a newsy letter. Recently we had our Heidelberg Founders Day, below is the picture of our Class. In pairs from left to right are **Steve & Connie Maring** recently moved to Ger, live on Lake Constance and work for TX Inst; **Arne Ellermets & Lucia Sonavia** (wife?) got out of the Army and was working as a DA civ with the USAREUR engrs (I am not clear as to what Arne is doing now . . . maybe between jobs?); **Jim & Nancy Fitch**, he is the cmdr of HHC, 3AD; **Gayle Watkins** & me; **Steve Gouthro** (top) who is working with USAREUR IG; **Sam Maizel** (bottom) Sr Def Council—Hanau Mil Comm; **Doug & Marilyn Arndt**, USAREUR DCSPER.

"In addition to those pictured, also present were **John Chapman**, S-3 3/35 Armor; **Bill & Deb Woodcock**, DCA-EUROPE; and **Willes Lee**, USAREUR

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1977: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

1977: Callenders and Chrittons; Founders Day 1989, Ft Gordon

DCSOPS. It was a pretty nice evening enjoyed by all. Haven't seen too many other classmates, in fact none. Karlsruhe is a pretty small mil community and my job doesn't take me too far away. Both Gayle & I have run into a number of a former students though; it's funny to see how they have taken a much more serious view towards life. Both of our parents have been to visit in the past 3 mos. It was great having them as it gave good excuse to take off and travel. With mine it was into France and with Gayle's up into Holland. In getting to where we were going in France, we stopped at Verdun. Even after 70 yrs, the mutilation of the countryside is terribly obvious, with miles of craters and trenchlines. It really is moving, and we visited on a wet, dreary day which only magnified how awful it must have been. We go to Garmish this coming wk for the USAREUR Ordnance convention.

Unfortunately, our gp is hosting the 4-day affair so we'll be working most of the time. Gayle & I both change jobs in Nov. She will cmd the co she's in now and her cmdr will take my place. Where I go is sort of unknown right now but a commute is assured as there are no other jobs for Ordnance officers in Karlsruhe.

1977: Walkers; Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

From **Mark Haselton**, Ft Leavenworth, KS, 28 Jul: "My 3 yrs are up which makes it officially my turn to do another data dump. As Inf branch's last dying gasp prior to approving my branch transfer to Special Forces, they sent me to CA as a recruiting cmdr. So off **Georgi** & I went to CA for what I was sure was going to be 24 mos of leisure time. My first clue that this was not to be, was when my replacement, wearing a 5k meter stare, informed me that: 1) our overlap consisted of the drive from the airport, 2) there was no need for a change of cmd inventory as whatever I couldn't find could be put on a report of survey and would be cheerfully signed and 3) Oh, by the way about 3/4 of your company is on leave as they haven't had leave in about a yr and the bn cmdr said he did not want anyone to lose leave. So began my introduction to the world of sales where officers and NCO's try to do their best at convincing parents and kids that motor transport operator and food service specialist do hold a future . . . unless the scores are high enough to actually qualify for petroleum specialist. My next clue that the asgmt may not have been the best thing branch had done to me lately was the notification 4 wks after my arrival, that tour length had been extended to a minimum of 30 mos. Trying to recruit in an area where mommy and daddy own a $3.5 million home in Malibu, anyone who wears camouflage and is not trying to make a fashion statement is a . . . and besides if they wanted Tommy or Janey to join the Army they'll buy them one, made it very tough. The bright spot of the tour were the officers and NCO's who dedicated 6–7 days a wk, 15–16 hrs a day and still talk about reup or 'when I get back to the real Army.' OK, enough bitterness, back to sarcasm. There I was, knee deep in hand grenade pins and .50 cal brass as I headed to L.A., and the first face I see is the dreaded S-3, **Mark Van Drie**. VD had had the co that was on my southern flank and had been elevated to the august position of ops officer and Grand Poobah. Mark & his wife **Carol** and their 3 kids spent most of their time trying to keep me sane and Georgi from strangling me out of sheer frustration. While in L.A. I talked with **Ron Kelley**, who was assigned as the Air Ops Off in Los Alamitos; **Jeff Jancek** who is an instructor at WP; **Joe Sullivan** who is a high speed business man in San Jose area, and other guys that I can't seem to remember due to failing memory. So, you have the picture of what it was like from Jun 86 to Nov 88. All this changed when I was awarded the highest honor bestowed in peacetime to a recruiting co cmdr, the PCS. By the time I received orders, Van Drie had left L.A. in Jun to go to CGSC, and I was feeling like William Holden behind the Gatling Gun in *The Wild Bunch*. My orders were to proceed to Ft Devens, MA and assume cmd of a Special Forces Gp (Abn). I changed cmd (recruiting) on 19 Dec 88, placed my household goods in storage and went on leave to mom and dad's in St Louis. While on leave I completed CGSC via correspondence and went to get fitted for new 'hawk' gear. Well, as luck would have it, the second wk in Jan, only 6 days prior to my report date, I was informed that I had been selected to attend CGSC in Jul. So I said, 'Hey, can I report to Leavenworth early?' and they said 'No!' So I said, 'What do I do now . . . I already changed cmd,' and they said 'Fake it.' So I told Georgi, 'Guess what honey, we've got to go back to L.A.!' and she said 'Have a nice trip, I'm staying here with Sean and Matt till school starts.' So, undaunted and alone, I returned to L.A., moved into the BOQ in Long Beach and was immediately assigned as the S-3. After 6 mos I guess they decided I had done enough damage and sent me to Leavenworth in Jun. Well, now to the present. We got here in mid-Jun and immediately signed for quarters. **Mark Van Drie** is still here as he was selected for the SAMS course along with **Mike Harwood, Bobby Kennedy, Pancho Kinney, Mike Ivy, Paul Melody** and a bunch of others. We were all settled in when the rest of the Class arrived. We've been sitting around drinking beer and daiquiris while supervising all the newcomers. Since arrival we've seen **Don McGhee** and **Ed Smith** and have heard of the whereabouts of **Steve Hoogland, Greg Harding** and **Jim Morris**. We were looking for **Tom Strehle**, but rumor has it that he left the Army fairly recently. This asgmt looks to be the most fun we've had in yrs. Classes start on 31 Jul, so we've all just sort of hung out, played golf, gone to the pool and generally relaxed. From talking to branch it appears likely that my next asgmt will be either to 10th or 7th Gp. As I part, I would like for **Dave Brooks** to contact either myself or **Bobby Kennedy** here at Leavenworth. Also, plans are tentative for a bunch of us to convoy to USAFA to watch ARMY stomp the life out of the birdmen. Anyone who will be in the area, give us a call and maybe we can set up a tailgate party. Well got to go, the golf course beckons."

From **Rich Kellett**, Falls Church, VA, 31 Jul: "The last two yrs have been busy. **Lois &** I both left jobs with EDS in Detroit, joined the civ ranks of the govt, bought a house and completed MBA's at night. Commuting to DC, working and going to school has left no free time. I am

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1977: Founders Day 1989, Ft Leavenworth

1977: Pete Palmer and Jain & Ed Smith; Founders Day 1989, Ft Irwin

currently a branch chief, GM-14, in the Pentagon Joint Staff with computer and comm contracting responsibilities. Lois is a GM-13 in GSA working with computer accommodation for the handicapped. Industry and govt each have their advantages and disadvantages. Right now we are enjoying the Wash area. Anyone passing through the Pentagon stop by room 1B743."

From **Lisa Mason**, Fayetteville, NC, 1 Aug: "Hi, I'm dropping you a quick note to tell you what **Bill** is up to. You have never heard from us, so I felt it was time one of us wrote. Bill has just begun the AF Cmd and Staff College in Montgomery, AL continuing his trend of attending different service schools. After 4 yrs at Ft Stewart, he went to Quantico, VA to attend the Marine's AWS (in lieu of the OAC). Then we went north, (way north!!), 70 mi north of Ft Drum, NY where he taught ROTC at Clarkson Univ for 3 yrs. We loved the students, but could have done without the tons of snow and sub-zero temps. While I worked on my master's, Bill went off to the JSA in Korea. He worked very hard and almost put us in bankruptcy trying to save money on all the wonderful bargains. Next he was stationed at Ft Bragg. We loved our tour there and hope to be back soon. Bill's last job was S-3 for the 407th S and T Bn. We met great people and Bill got to see some very interesting places while on tng exercises. I have enclosed a couple of photos. The picture of both of us was taken in Freeport, Bahama over Easter. The other picture is of Bill after jump mastering a drop at Bragg . . . doesn't he look good!!!! I'm still in Fayetteville teaching while Bill is at school. We would love to hear from folks, especially **Tom Watson, Jodi Fink** and **Mark Haselton**."

1977: Lisa & Bill Mason in Freeport

1977: Bill Mason at Bragg

Well that is all for now. My special thanks to **Mark Haselton** for his epistle.—Keesy

'78

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Hope everyone had a great summer. This column is again a split effort with **Bill Harner**, who is experiencing some of the "joy" I've known getting input from classmates.

Got a note from **Stu Thompson's** dad, Frank '50, who lives here in Charleston. Stu & **Kris** have a new daughter Erin, born 22 Jul. Stu still works for Michelin and Kris is finishing law school in Dec.

Ramon Gradd called me from his car phone in Miami. He is now the regional sales mgr for Pepsi down there.

Dave Rich sent me the photo from Tiananmen Square just before all the bloodshed began. Dave & **Toni** are heading for CGSC after being an FAO in Korea for a couple of yrs. No word on a follow-up asgmt, but after many yrs in school and as an FAO, I think Dave would like to get back in the dirt as the tread head we all know and love.

1978: Dave Rich in Tiananmen Square

Bob Olds is now the ops mgr for MCI Northwest. He & **Pam** moved up to Seattle in late Jul. So if your long distance service is a mess up there, you'll know why!

Paul Williamson is now a gen mgr with a waste mgt outfit in PA. He is really enjoying the independence.

DC Adams has moved into a recruiting job for P&G. He had done some purchasing and brand mgt up in Cincinnati, along with a host of other classmates.

Rob Fess is a plant mgr up in Rochester, NY. Rob had been suffering in So CA, but just couldn't help moving back towards the Alma Mater he loves and misses so.

Wayne White called this morning from

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Nashville. He is still with Pfizer and doing quite well.

1978: Offerman speaking as youngest grad, WP Soc of Wichita

That's all for now, **Bill Harner's** notes follow.

WP, 11 May. It was an historic summer for USMA. There have been so many changes that it is almost impossible to keep up with them all. The big headline is about the Supe's selection of our first female 1st Cpt, Cadet Kristin Baker. She was the Queen of Beast 2d Detail this summer. I was told by cadets and Tacs who worked the Beast detail that she was an excellent role model and set the example. There may have been some symbolism in the selection—10 yrs since the first woman graduated from USMA, but she is qualified for the coveted position. I said in the last article that the Honor Code was not going to change. I was wrong. Two wks after I wrote the last article, it was announced that changes were going to be made. The toleration clause will be modified. Officers and cadets are working hard together to fix the system. Other structural and philosophical changes have also come about. For one, the Supe decided to eliminate the absence card last wk. I am sure the "Big Three" will go into detail in their articles.

Let us move on to what is happening. First, congratulations to all the new MAJ's. 1 Jul was the magical date for all our classmates who were below the zoners. We should be extremely proud of these guys. They made up almost half of the below the zone list. I had the privilege of watching **Pete Henry, Dawson Hancock** and **Russ Quirici** pin on the golden oak leaf. Job well done . . . now let's hurry up with the current list.

Here is what is up with the rest of us at USMA. Mechanics. **Al Estes** is still trying to add up the sum of the forces on a truss. He is coming up with something other than zero. Al is still single and with the "slim pickings" around the area he took a trip this summer to Club Med to scuba dive in the British West Indies. He had a great time, but came back empty handed. **John & Heidi Gross** just left the dept and moved to CGSC. **Dan Hand** spent the summer as the OIC of the cadets at Abn School. **Ted & Karen Thomas** have a fire team already with 5 kids. Ted teaches Structural Analysis.

The new Dept of Systems Engrg has assigned to it **Chris Maitin** and **Steve "VanSniff" Van Drew**. They moved over from the Dept of Mechanics. Their new dept teaches ops research and linear programming.

Foreign Languages. **Mark & Eleftheria English** are in the Arabic Div. Mark was nominated by Chm JCS for term membership on the Council on Foreign Relations after completing in-country tng in Jordon. **Rudy & Julie Garcia** are our Spanish speakers, of course. Rudy has been on numerous TDY trips to Spain with cadets and recently worked with the NSA on Latin American affairs. Julie is expecting in Nov. **Hank Gillen** rounds out that crew as a Russian instructor. Hank is the OR of the Cadet Riding Club and spent a few wks this summer in the Soviet Union. Hank is still very single and more ensconced in his bachelor ways.

Russ Quirici is teaching history and is busy as ever. Russ is a course dir this yr and remains the OIC of the cadet marathon team. **Joe & Samm Spenneberg** are expecting their 2d child. Joe reports that **Bill & Lee Damsel** are also expecting their 2d. Bill is working in the Atty Gen's office in Columbus, OH. **Dean Nowowiejski** (History) traveled to Israel this summer with folks from his dept. **Marion Seaton**, now dep DCA, picked another cadet club, the new Cadet Off Road Bicycle Gp.

Over in admissions are **Jim & Marsha Luckett**. Jim is responsible for the SW USA region and spends a lot of time on the road. **Danny Hammond** is working admissions for ODIA, a perfect job for the Bone. Dan worked the WP volleyball and tennis camps for kids this summer. He also is an asst coach for the tennis team and coach for the squash team. **Jim & Maria Peterson** are in Protocol. Jim is doing a fine job with all the high rollers passing through. **Daryl Chang** is working at Keller Hosp for a mo. Daryl is in his 3d yr of med school. **Tom Grace** just checked into DPE and checked out his new DPE treads. He is showing his boney knees in his new DPE shorts. **Sandy Parlier** is getting him "pumped up" for the job. **John & Kathryn Scott** just checked into USCC with their two kids. John just graduated from GA Tech with an ORSA degree and is the Chief, Cadet Advanced Tng.

Reggie & Regina Bassa just left this summer for Univ of Cambridge. Reggie got out this summer and is going to get a PhD in developmental studies of Third World nations. He plans to go into the foreign service. **Paul & Chris Hunter** and **David & Jeanette Pickerell** left us and the Army this summer for bigger and better things. **Steve Aude** joined BS&L this summer. **Monty Warner** passed through this past May for his last brother's graduation from WP. Monty's dad wears a cadet parka around here with all his sons' class no's on it, '77, '78, '87, '89. Monty & **Janie** had their second child recently in Monterey where Monty was finishing up his ORSA degree program at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Jay Daniels wrote that he is working at White Sands Missile Rng. He has been living in New Mexico for the past 5 yrs, but plans to move to Huntsville, AL soon. Jay reports that **Tom Carroll** was attending the systems engrg course at Rock Isl. Tom is assigned to the Savannah Army Depot with the facility engrs and was PCS'ing to Ft Ben. Jay also got a hot flash from the "Slash." The "Slash" **Mike Sienicki** was heading to AK for a short fishing trip. **Paul Williamson** called from Pottsville, PA where he is a general mgr for a waste disposal co called Rimiro, Inc. Paul & **Valerie** just left the green machine a few mos ago. They have a daughter that is one yr old named Taylor. Paul is a recent grad of FL Inst of Technology with a degree in systems mgt.

Bobby Meyer stopped through WP in Aug to check out his cadet records. He was not surprised . . . he knew what "Smokin' Joe" had said about him. Bobby & **Jan** live in Chicago where Bob is a regional sales mgr for Davis and Geck med supply co. Jan watches the fort at home and does volunteer work. Bob was out on the golf links with **Jim Nalepa** in Jul at a WP Soc function that Jim set up. All the old grads golfing realized that they had the same bad swing and attributed it to our honorary classmate **Joe Palone**. Jim is still wheeling and dealing in real estate and politics.

Vaughn Vasconcellus is moving with fast crowd at the White House. Vaughn is a social aide and works luncheons and formal dinners for the Pres. I thought I saw him in the movie *No Way Out* with Kevin Costner. During "normal" duty hrs he works in J1 on the JCS. He is finishing up his one- yr internship on the staff. Vaughn set up a "power lunch" for our DC contingent of classmates in the Army's Exec Dining Room on 23 Aug. Those in attendance were **Jimmy Hoffman** atty at law, **Tad Davis, Pat Landry, Steve Anderson, Tom Strutz, Eric Hughes, Carl Savino, Terry Kanka,** and **Tom Bostick**. Congrats to Tom Bostick. He was selected for a White House Fellowship, the only mil officer selected this yr. He will be working at Vet Admin. Tad Davis is back at the Pentagon on the Army Staff in DCSOPS in Strategic Plans and Policy. Tad just finished a one-yr degree program at Harvard. I would like to know when he plans on going back to troops. It must have been 5 yrs since he last turned in his TA-50. Tom & **Aileen Strutz** live in the DC area. Tom is now the civ in charge of the entire officer and

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NCO club system in the Wash metropolitan area. Carl Savino and Terry Kanka are ORSA geeks at PERSCOM in Alexandria.

I will finish up on the remaining USMA depts next issue. Please keep the letters and phone calls coming. Congrats to all the recent CGSC selectees. As expected, our Class did real fine. God bless. **Bill Harner**. AV 688-3718.

'79

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Greetings,

This is the smallest issue I have ever had to write for the *ASSEMBLY*. Since I am writing this in Aug and everyone is looking forward to the reunion in Oct, the same time as when this will be published, I can understand the brevity. Just because I understand the brevity does not imply that I enjoy short articles.

1979: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

Sue & I made the move this summer to Ft Leavenworth. Everyone survived the long drive, and Laura and Steve were behaving for most of the trip. CGSC has started and I have seen several familiar faces. **Doug Slater** is living next door. He has just returned from Ger and is in a different div of CGSC. **Mike Oates** is here for CGSC. He just finished a tour at MILPERCEN/TAPA/PERSCOM. He was personally helpful to me with several phone calls back to PERSCOM. Also in CGSC I have seen **Dave Clark** from the Soc Sci Dept at WP, **Kevin Weddle** from the History Dept, and **Don Reed** but only briefly in the hallway on a break.

Before leaving WP I received a note from **Gene McIntyre**. Big Gene is currently the ODIA Ln to USCC (a trouble shooter for the atheletic dir), asst OR for the football team, and a voluntary asst coach for the varsity fullbacks. Of course, Gene is not alone at WP. He is accompanied by his wife **Toni** and their two sons Sean (3) and Jason (1). Some of Gene's previous asgmts were FA btry cmdr, Aug 82-Apr 84 in Bamberg Ger; recuiting cmdr from Feb 85-Feb 87 in Wareham, MA. Others that Gene gave an

1979: Founders Day 1989, Ft Leavenworth

1979: John Scudder and Cynthia Evans; Founders Day 1989, Ft Irwin

update on: **Vinnie Pascal** is at Gonzaga Univ in Washington with his family. He is an Asst PMS in the ROTC program. **Steve Smith** is in Morristown, NJ with EDS. Thanks Gene, keep that football team going down the winning road.

1979: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

The only other letter I received was from **Kevin Zenner**. Kevin wrote to say he had received his reunion packet but will not be able to make the party. He is presently in Santiago, Chile in the middle of his philosophy studies in preparation to become an ordained priest. He has learned quite a bit about himself during the last two yrs. After returning to the States in Dec 89, he will begin his 4 yrs of theology studies. Kevin said, "Whew, and we thought the WP formation was a long one." Needless to say, his French classes back at WP were of little help in Chile. Thanks for the update, Kevin, and we all hope you succeed with your studies.

With my next article still far away, I hope I am required to type more for the Class at that time. Please note my new address (for only a yr). I truly hope the reunion and the Class are truly blessed.

Bye from Leavenworth, Scott.

'80

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There is not much mail this time around. As you can see by the new address, we have moved into the house we just bought in RI, and we intend to stay for a good long while. Our neighborhood is straight out of "Leave It to Beaver:" ranch houses chock-full of kids; the school about 50 yds away; and milkmen still delivering milk in glass bottles. RI is the only state which still celebrates V-J day as a holiday, and 10 mins is considered a long commute. In many ways, it is a throwback to the 50's. All in all, it's a nice change of pace from Atlanta, and now we are within an easy ride to USMA to see football games.

Speaking of which, it would seem incumbent on those classmates who are stationed at WP to host weekly tailgaters for those of us who visit as tourists. I was shocked to hear from **Bret Dalton** that the field next to Michie is now a practice field for the team, and no longer a place to wander in search of hot dogs and beer before the game. Perhaps we can get a Class tailgate party set up each home game weekend, with a banner marking its site. I leave this mission to those of you enjoying cushy tours as USMA instructors.

Jay Macklin wrote for the first time. He & **Anya** are at Ft Benning with children Drew (3) and Emily (2). Jay is a trial counsel for the ITC. Recently at CAS3 Jay saw **Lloyd Miles**, who is at Ft Campbell; **Cliff Beltz**, now with PERSCOM; and **Doug Germann**, who is an aviator at Ft Rucker. Doug and Jay would like to create a dictionary for all the H-3 Hamsters—send info to Doug at 5 Bitterroot Lane, Savannah, GA 31419. Jay is enjoying life in the JAG Corps and looks forward to an upcoming tour in Charlottesville, VA. He closed by mentioning that **Pete Cardinal** is a family practice physician at Benning.

Joe & Mary Waldron wrote to announce the birth of their 4th child, Sarah Marie, on 5 May. Joe is in graduate school at the CO School of Mines, which he expects to finish in May 90. The Waldrons see **Jim & Marie Clifford**, who live in Tenafly, NJ, at least once a yr. Between the two families, they have 8 children as shown in the photo.

I don't think that any Class families have more than 4 children, so the **Waldrons** and **Cliffords** are presently tied for the lead in the "being fruitful and multiplying" sweepstakes. If any of you do

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1980: The Macklins

1980: Cliffords and Waldrons

have 5 children, I can understand why you have not had time to write.

Other news from the **Waldrons**: **Kathy & Ron Barry** are in England, where Ron is a Tac at Sandhurst. They have 3 children. **"Jun Dog" Teo Sanchez** is in Manila, having recovered from a wound suffered two yrs ago. He is well now. I assume he was wounded by anti-government guerrillas; please write if you know any details. Also, **Anne Fields** was recently married in Cape Cod; to whom I do not know. I *do* know that (a) I was not invited (b) the inimitable 78–79 "Headliners" had a singing reunion at the wedding reception which did not include me and (c) I lost the pictures that I was supposed to publish of the event. This loss was not intended as vengeance . . . but there is an element of poetic justice about it, isn't there? Actually I will try to get another picture for next issue.

Remember that our 10th reunion will be held in Oct 90, just one yr away. You don't have to be a Proustian seeker-after *temps perdu* to find good reason to return. It is a time to meet old friends, show off new families, grouse about the current state of the Corps and generally act as old grads have always acted—wistfully smug.

I hope that most of you plan to attend the reunion. My experience with Graduation Wk in 80 was one of hectic activity which did not allow time to say goodbye properly to the companions of 4 long yrs of work, joy and growth. In a sense this 10th reunion is finally a chance to say goodbye to each other, having had the time for reflection on what it all meant.

So be there, if only to taste again in the mess hall the worst coffee in the Western Hemisphere; if only so your children learn to understand why you inspect their rooms early every Sat morning, and why you wipe the sink dry after shaving; if only to recapture for a moment what it was to be young and a cadet: ante-mortgage, ante-thirty, ante-bellum. We will publish details regarding the reunion in the next issue.

Until next time, take care and God bless you every one.

'81

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I wish to acknowledge **Rick Pridgen**, our former scribe, for 99% of the info in this issue. Thank you, Rick; and to everyone reading this, I need your letters and news for our next issue to be a success.

This summer **Bill Wilhelm** & his wife **Julie** were here in San Angelo, visiting our mutual friends, Leo & Patty Scrivner '80. We met their 3 mo old son, Nicholas, and wished them well—they are now at Ft Leavenworth, KS, and plan to be there at least several yrs.

Also this summer, while I was completing the final portion of the MIOAC at Ft Huachuca, AZ, I got a chance to hang around with my buddy, **Gail (O'Sullivan) Dwyer**. We were both wearing funny-looking maternity uniforms and tolerating a lot of people touching our stomachs. Next issue I'll let you know if we had boys or girls (or both).

Brian Dohrn plans to leave Ft Bragg soon to start his FAO asgmt. He hopes for a DLI class in Korean and then an Asian tour. Brian reports that **Al Kendris** recently completed his ops officer job at Bragg and is now a PAO for the SEAR school. **Chris Toomey** has just finished his engring asgmt in Greenland and is headed back to WP to teach in the Mech Dept.

EJ Herold is a first time contributor who sent his career story: after graduation he went to FAOBC, winter Ranger and, ultimately, to the 82nd. At Bragg he was assigned to the 2/321st FA (Abn) as FIST Chief, Asst S-4, Bn Motor Off, and then Btry XO. He also earned his Master Parachutist Badge. While on a NC beach, he met his Belgian wife, **Catherine**. Catherine was born in Morocco and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in '82. Married in 84, the couple then went to FAOAC, Lance Off Course (Distinguished Grad), and then Inaugural Nuclear Warhead Det Course in 85. Next he attended DLI until May 86 to learn French. EJ cmded the 83rd FA Det in Montabaur, FRG from Jul 86—Aug 88. He is now the gp adjutant for the 557th Arty Gp. The couple have two sons, Christopher (3) and Patrick (1). The Herolds wish to see any classmates in Ger, especially E-3'ers. Contact them at HHD, 557th USAAG, Box 121, APO, NY 09169-2757.

1981: Mertzes and Woods; Founders Day 1989, Ft Irwin

One of our missing in action classmates was **John Suddarth**. He recently reappeared after spending 18 mos working for GE. He is now at Stanford Univ starting his second yr of business school with classmates **John Livingston** and **Mike Lessel. Bill Wilhelm, Jim Hill** and **Matt Hale** also studied at Stanford, and Jim and Matt returned to WP as instructors. **Bob Malley, Mark Nipper** and **Bob Carpenter** are also reportedly at Stanford, concentrating in "Choir Practice"—their euphemism for Happy Hour. John is now the proud author of *The Junior Officer's Guide to Getting Out*. Classmates **John Kinney** and **Jim Hudson** each contributed chapters to the book as well. If interested, write JMO Guide, Box 9533, Stanford, CA 94305.

1981: Hill, Malley, Wilhelm, Hale and Carpenter at Stanford

Alan Bond wrote from Ft Worth. He started taking courses for the seminary in the spring of 89 and plans to start a ministry. He & wife **Jill** now have 3 sons: Reed, Stuart and Trent. Jill has started a mini-career in the Tupperware business. Contact the Bonds at 8305 Auburn Dr, Ft Worth, TX 76123.

Bob (Flash) Vasta wrote from OH. He also sent his life story. (It must be the nostalgic 30's for us.) In 81 he went Abn and, after the OBC, went to Bamberg with wife **Gloria**. He had a plt ldr job

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1981: The Bond family

through 82. In 83 his first daughter, Megan, was born in Nurnberg and he became an XO. In 84 the family PCS'd back to DC for the OAC. For 85 the couple was at Ft Devens for another corps engr bn. He was asgnd as bn motor off and daughter number two, Brittany, was born. In 86 Bob got a cmd and then was S-3 through 87. In 88 he started grad sch at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. He is attending the AF Inst of Tech and concentrating in space ops. Also at Wright-Patterson are **Mark LeGare, Al Susie** and **Ed** (The Voice of the Corps) **Poniatowski**. Bob sends a special hello to all the G-4 Guppies, particularly **Gorms** the newlywed, and **Ron Horn** who had a new baby boy. Oh, and Bob says to tell **Fred Ondarza** that he hasn't heard a better DJ since we graduated. Bob & Gloria can be reached at 5207 Saum St, Fairborn, OH 45324.

1981: Football coach J. Robertson, Bill Buck & wife, and Carl Ullrich in Detroit

Bill Gallagher wrote to report that he & his wife **Lisa** have just had their first child, a daughter named Kiera. They recently PCS'd from Ft Carson and are now at WP with the Dept of BS&L. Bill attended a prep course to be a TAC off with classmates **Kathy (Freely) Browning, Mike Gould, Dave Hogg, Kevin Streets,** and **Kim (Hall) Topping**.

Another G-4 Guppy, **Dave Alegre** writes from AK. In 88 he finished cmd, and wife **Melody** delivered Rebecca Ashley Alegre. That fall they moved to Ft Richardson, AK. After working at 6th Div staff, Dave is now the 1st Bde Chem Off. Classmate **Brad Scott** is the cmdr of C Co (Abn), 2/17 Inf. Brad has been married since 82 to his wife, **Chong Yi**, and they have two children, Laura (3) and Edward (1). According to Dave, he and Brad are the only two '81ers in AK. **Greg Aldrich** was up there, but recently left the service. Dave also heard that **Alex Collazo**, a fellow chem grad, finished his basic tng cmd and joined Exxon. Other news he had: **Mark Weitekamp** has left Bragg and should still be at the Naval Postgrad Sch. **Vern Davis** & wife **Anne** '82 are due to leave Bragg for grad sch and then on to USMA as instructors. Asgmts of other chem classmates: **John Buckley** and **Randy Gitschlag** at Lewis; **Russ Catron** at Stewart; and **Mike Resty** at McClellan. The Alegres can be reached at PO Box 210933, Anchorage, AK 99521.

1981: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

Another lost soul, **Ian Freeman**, has also returned. He & wife **Judy** live at 2071 C, S. Hannibal Way, Aurora, CO 80013. Ian is working at the Dept of Gen Surgery at Fitzsimmons AMC. After graduation, he went to med sch in Charleston and then to FAMC for a yr. Next he filled a bde surgeon slot with 4ID, 1st Bde for 2 yrs. Now, after REFORGER, NTC, and numerous other deployments, he's back in the grind of a general surgery residence at Fitzsimmons. He & Judy are also proud parents of son Paul (2). Ian has bumped into classmates **Rich Schaefer** and **Todd Hockenbury**, both orthopedic residents at FAMC. Ian sends his hello to **Emmett Green** and **Mike Travis**, wherever they are.

From the Carolina Piedmont writes **Charlie Dionne**. He wants to cancel the rumor that he fell off the face of the earth. After serving as a btry cmdr in FRG, FAOAC, aide-de-camp, and XO at Ft Carson, Charlie got out of the Army in May 88. He & wife **Beth** now have a two yr old daughter, Janelle. Beth works as a computer programmer in Greenville, SC and Charlie is part of the Long Gray Line at the Michelin plant in Anderson, SC. He notes so many grads are there you have to remember not to salute. **Andy Blanchard** is there, too. The Dionnes extend a warm welcome to all D-1 Ducks. Write them at 110 Wood Creek Dr, Piedmont, SC 29673. Charlie has

1981: Lancasters, Dionne, Moravec, Beth Dionne and Foxes; Founders Day 1989, SC

1981: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

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contact with **Tom Lanier** in NYC. Tom is an investment banker and doing well. Charlie is looking for **Matt Hale** (see picture of Stanford gang, Charlie) and **Mark Sophia**.

Again, thanks to **Rick** for his input. Just to let you all know how this works—what you just read was at the AOG on 14 Aug. My next deadline is 13 Oct and you'll read that column in Jan 90. Please send lots of news and pictures—and thanks in advance! NJS.

'82

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Hello '82. Short article this issue. To make up for that monster of a column last *ASSEMBLY*. Although there's not much, it's quite a variety. **Curt King** writes from Ft Riley. He's into his second cmd. Curt cmd'd B Co, 4/37 Ar for 15 mos and then took over HHC, 2d Bde, 1 ID in Jun. He also has the future mapped out, as he'll be going to grad sch for an advanced degree in Soviet Mil History and then back to USMA to be a prof in the History Dept. Meanwhile back at Ft Riley, **Wade Rush** has finished cmd and is now the CG's aide. **Doug Morrison** has finished his cmd and is the S3 of 1/4 Cav Regt, 1 ID.

COL (Ret) Ben Spiller '41, has recently written a book about the first female members of the Corps. **Barb Grofic** gave him quite a bit of help in recreating the story while she was assigned to Ft Carson. The book is entitled *Indomitable*.

Bob Nakamoto has been up to some interesting things. After finishing a tour in the Inf in the 82nd Abn, Bob left the Army and attended OH Univ to get a master's in business. He then capitalized on his musical talent, producing and performing on an album. Bob, or "Steve," as he is known on the album cover, wrote 10 of the songs and also owns the record co. Although music is still a hobby rather than a full-time profession, Bob has put out some pretty good work. He sent a copy of the tape, and the music is quite enjoyable. If interested, write Bob at Box 245, Rutland, OH 45775.

Kevin Keating sends a hello from Wash, DC. He's recently heard from **Bo Ruck.** Bo & his wife are currently at Harvard, where he's getting his MBA. **Graham & Michelle Galloway** are also on campus, as Graham is also in the MBA program. Kevin is out of the Army and working as a sales rep for Marion Laboratories, a pharmaceutical manufacturer. Marion is my current employer too and Kevin played a big role in that event. When my wife **Lou Anne** & I made the decision to leave the mil, Kevin and I talked at length about the co. His help was invaluable, and in Jul I took a position as a sales rep in the Wilmington, NC area. My new address and phone no are printed at the head of the column, and I hope to continue hearing from all of you.

1982: Phil & Pat Anderson; Founders Day 1989, Ft Gordon

'83

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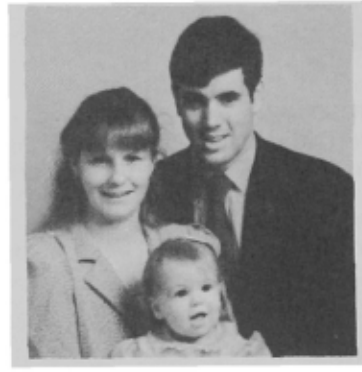
When I got back to Atlanta looking for a career in computer info systems, **Jim & Deb Clawson** invited me over to dinner and talked me into taking his old position of activities dir for Atlanta's WP Soc. It's been interesting and fun, plus it's a great opportunity for networking and getting to know alumni in your new area. I've also talked to **Laura Myers** who has recently moved to Stone Mountain with Mobil Chemical.

I talked with **Tom Charron** in Apr at the AAAA convention. He's with the 160th flying CH47's; **John Dumoulin** is HQ cmdr in a lift bn; and **Bobby Trauig** is in a FA unit all at Campbell. **John Driscoll** in CYOPS at Bragg; **Scott Miller** is in Korea; **Charles Dedekind** is out in NJ; **John Tarpey** is with Shearson & Leaman in NY; **Joe Basil** is an investment banker in NY; **Brian Ferguson** is in San Fran; **Tom Wiekert** is at Duke; and **Jimmy Greenwell** with Airco in Durham, NC.

John & Vicki Gorske attended the Dallas Founders Day with **Jay & Grace Walsh** and had a blast later at "Dallas Alley."

LT (& Mrs) Charles Mull was the youngest grad at Charleston's Founders Day. He is going to the Med Univ of SC at Charleston. **Joseph Blanco** married **Mary**

Berwanger, 20 May at the 13th SUPCOM Chapel at Hood. **Cheryl (Zywicki) & Mark Connor** had a girl, Elizabeth, 19 Dec 87. Mark is doing a summer internship with WR Grace, and will then start his second yr at the Harvard Business Sch. Cheryl is just about to finish her master's in human resource mgt.



Steve Smith in Okinawa says, "I was a Scout Swim Team Leader for 8 mos. I was a 'Rock Swimmer' at school and I almost drowned doing a bobbing drill in front of the bn cmdr. But I survived and came to thoroughly enjoy working in the water. I am a Mtn Team Leader now, which means I go up big mountains with a big rucksack. —At school I couldn't get a female to come near me—and now I live with 3 of them: my better-half **Rebecca**, Alexandra [born 29 Apr], and my other 'daughter'-Sunshine. I love the married life and fatherhood—except for the loss of sleep!"

While **James Miller** was at CAS3 he decided to go home to meet **Nance** and stopped halfway in Dallas and ran into **Mike Devereaux, Chris Kerski**, and **Brian Trueblood**. Mike is with Lucas & Assoc in Dallas; Chris now works for Baxter Healthcare Corp in Dallas; and Brian's with Leo Burnett Advertising in Chicago. Jim will be "heading out to smoggy Los Angeles to attend CA Tech for my master's. I'll spend two yrs on top of the San Andreas fault before heading east to USMA. I'll be instructing in the infamous Electrical Engineering Dept."

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1983: David Sacha and William Kaiser with their dates; Founders Day 1989, Ft Gordon

Mike Crumlin married **Karen** on 1 Jul at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta. **Don Farris** and **Scott Fewin** were attendants. **Tom Charron**, Mike Sears '85, and Ray Palumbo '81 were saber bearers. After their honeymoon in

1983: We present the Crumlins

HI, he ETS'd from TF 160 to go to Harvard Business Sch. **Mike Longo** and **Larry Laseter's** wife, **Anne**, will be joining him "at the 'WP' of Capitalism." Don is the Bn S-4 at Bragg; Scott is a civ engr with a DC firm; **Pete Brual** 2nd yr of MBA at Northwestern—summer job with Kidder Peabody on Wall St; **Tom Morgan** with Kraft in Chicago; **Pat Moody** maint officer in TF 160; **Jane (O'Connor) Rogers** with CATD Dept at Rucker; **Andy Yee** married in CA on 8 Jul to **Suzanne** and off to Okinawa in the SF; and **Len McWherter**, cmdr in 9th ID, just had a second baby girl.

I guess I'll sign off for now. I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday season. Surely Army will beat Navy to kick off the holiday spirits.

'84

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My friends, another football season is upon us! This campaign is a special one, though, because it is our 5th since graduation. I hope that when you read this, you will be preparing to enjoy our reunion at WP. For those who cannot be there, I hope you will join us in spirit. Well, on to the news because there is plenty if it!!

My good friend, **Luis Parada**, writes from his home of El Salvador. Luis, his wife, **Brenda** (Amster '85), and son, Luisita, are doing fine despite the constant danger in that country from guerrilla attacks. The Paradas went to Panama back in Apr and had brunch with **Sue (Lenio) Sine** and her husband, **Eric**, who are serving in that country. Luis is also looking forward to his promotion to CPT in Dec (and you thought US promotions were slow!) after attending IOAC in the States. Hopefully, we can see you while you're here, Luis! Until then, stay safe!

Bob Morgan writes from the 588th Engr Bn and Ft Polk where he is the cmdr of A Co. Bob arrived at Polk after EOAC at Belvoir and found that several classmates were there. **Phil Pederson** was there cmdg an avn det but has left for Rucker and the adv cse. **Patty Painton** has also departed scenic LA for her adv cse. A number of the "Best of the Corps" attended Founders Day. Enjoying the festivities along with Bob & Patty were **Mike Ferry** (BMO for an Armor Bn), **Joe Goss** (G3 (Air) for 4/6 Inf Bn), **Jay Stuart** and **Jay & Julie (Delphin) O'Brien**. Bob reports that '84 led the way in party etiquette which attracted the ire of some at the head table, but all had a great time. Recent arrivals at Ft Polk include **Greg Morgan**, who is the adj of an inf bn, and **Don Cervosky**, who is cmdg A Co, 7th Engr Bn, or as Bob says, the OTHER engr bn on post. Thanks for the info, Bob!

More classmates continue to arrive at my old stomping grounds, Ft Bragg. **Dom Caraccilo** & his wife **Karen** live right down the street from my old quarters! Dom was the Bn S4 at the time he wrote but should be in cmd of an inf co in 1/325 Inf Bn in the 82d as you read this. Dom & Karen should also be enjoying their first child when this is in print! How about a family photo?! Dom is getting a chance to be a world traveler in the div as he's already visited Honduras, Jordan, Oman and Egypt! Other classmates who are serving in inf bns in the 82d are **Chris Kammerman** (co cmd), **Dave Woolf** (S4), **Fred Grayboyes** (co cmd), **Jim Stanley** (S1), **Joe Kulmayer** (S4), **Bill Sternhagen** (co cmd) and **Andy Schmitt** (S4). Dom also ran across **John Quigg** who was in Ranger school in preparation for taking cmd of an MI co, and **Clark Spurrier** who was already in cmd. Finally, Dom asked me to pass a message to **Ray Bednar**. "Ray, if I don't hear from you in the next 10 yrs—so what!" Thanks for the poop, Dom, and keep those feet and knees together!

You may remember that I was giving my old roommate, **Ed Morris**, a hard time about sending a pic of his new bride, **Carrie**. Well, several days after I mailed the column, I received a photo! So, my apologies buddy! Ed was paying a visit

1984: Ed & Carrie Morris

to the NTC when Carrie sent the pictures from their home in TX. Hope to see you at the reunion!

John Polanowicz wrote from sunny Monterey where he is in cmd of B Co, 3/123 Avn Regt. I can really empathize with John's wife, **Kathleen**, because she just graduated from law school and is in the bar exam process! Good luck! Meanwhile, John has stayed busy with 3-mo tours in Panama interspersed between support at Ft Ord, field exercises, and deployments in the States! When do you enjoy the CA beaches, John?? Anyway, John is looking to return to grad school in order to teach computer science at WP. John has kept in touch with a number of classmates. **Andre Cuerington** & his wife **Darcelene** have left Monterey for the adv cse at Ft Bliss. However, they will be returning to CA for Andre's grad school, and then they will be off to WP to teach math. The Cuerington family is rounded out by a baby girl. Congrats! **John & Tracy Heller** are part of 3/123

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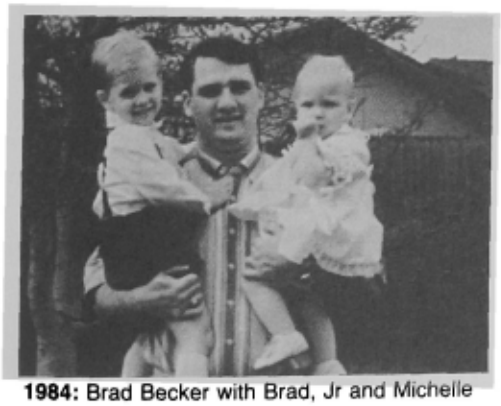
Avn along with the Polanowiczes. John is the HHC CO. The Hellers are looking at Wharton for grad school and then a return to WP to teach economics. Also in 123 Avn are **Kevin & Diana Gibbons, Tim Jones, Keith Nuzzo,** and **Al Griffith**. Kevin is a member of the Asst Bde S3 "platoon;" Tim and Keith are CO's, while Al is a Trp XO in 2d Sqdn, 9th Cav. **Larry Iram** is exiting the big green machine but has yet to choose among a myriad of job offers. **Mike Lewis** is at Ord in an MI bn but will be starting med school at Tulane when this is published. **Dave Shimkus** has arrived at Ord where he is serving as an adj after serving with 1/508 Inf in Panama. **Harry Tunnell** and **Kevin Wallace** are new to Ord but haven't had time to enjoy it. They are both staffers in the 9th Regt which has been shipped to Panama. Thanks for all the info, John!

'84 has another person in the FLEP program! **John Buckheit** wrote from Ft Knox where he was working on the staff of *Armor* magazine while awaiting his move to NYC to attend Columbia Law School. While on the magazine staff, he's seen the publication of some articles by classmates including **Bill Rapp, Dave Breuhan** and **Mike Schweppe**. Congratulations John!!

News came from my old "Beast" roommate, **Mike Miklos**. "Mik' "s wife **Lisa** writes from Ger where Mik is serving as an FDO in 1/18 FA while awaiting cmd. En route to that asgmt, Mik attended the adv cse, TacFire School and CAS3. Thanks for the note Lisa, and write again soon.

Brad Becker writes from San Ant where he and his family are living after 4 yrs at Ft Hood. Brad had some med complications from a car accident as a yearling which led to his discharge last yr. He now works for Nalco Chemical in San Ant. Brad & his wife, **Christy**, have two beautiful kids, Bradley, Jr and Michelle. If you don't believe me, check out the picture! Best of Luck, Brad, and thanks for writing!



1984: Brad Becker with Brad, Jr and Michelle

I got a quick note from **Eric & Tanya Belcher** who were at the MP adv cse at McClellan but will be at Ft Meade, MD when this is published. Hope to see you at the reunion!

John Fink wrote from ROK but, by the time this is published, he will be a civ in MI. John is leaving the big green machine to go to Purdue Univ for grad school after which he intends to pursue a career as a financial analyst. After a number of yrs at Ft Campbell, John served as the Dep Installation Cmdr of Camp Essayons, home of 6/37 FA Bn. Also serving in ROK are **Bill Childers**, who is a bn S1, and **John Edelen**, who is an asst S3. Thanks for the poop, John, and best of luck in your new career!

Another future businessman is emerging from HI. **Dave Showerman** has "suffered" through 4.5 yrs in HI and is heading to the U of MI school of business. Dave recently visited El Paso and Ft Bliss where he saw **Dan Rice** and **Jeff Martin** who were roommates there. **Forrest Smith** was also there for the adv cse but was heading back to Ger to take a co cmd. A few guys there were also making the transition to the civ sector. **Mike Ricardi** was heading to NY while **Terry Lawrence** is working in SC. Finally, **Ricky Myhand** is in HI working as a doctor on Oahu. Good luck in school, Dave!

A fellow engr, **Dan McKenrick**, writes from Ft Belvoir, the home of the engrs, at least until Dec when it moves to Ft Lost-in-the-Woods. Dan sent info about some engr classmates. **Tom Chapman** is headed to Ft Campbell with wife, **Diedre**. **Herb Aten** is going to the 19th Engr Bn at Knox. **Bill Penny** and **John Schuman** are trainers for EOBC. Dan is working as an instructor at the Engr School along with **Pete Laky, John Carrington, Chris Sultemier** and **Ted Devens**. Thanks for the scoop, Dan, and see you at the reunion!

Doug Bentley will surely win the travel award for the reunion. He wrote from ROK to say he'd be attending in Oct. In ROK he's run into **Luke Fox, Milt Sorenson, Jerry Sheeks** and **Greg Ford**. Doug is serving as an S1. See you in Oct, Doug.

1984: Joyce Schossau; Founders Day 1989, Ft Gordon

A fellow resident of CT wrote from a career search co in Darien. **Phil Alibrandi** is working to help academy grads transition to the civ sector after ret or ETS. Phil also called to offer help with the reunion which I greatly appreciated! Phil had kept in touch with a couple of classmates. **Bill Georges** is out and working for MCI in NJ. **Craig McRay** is also getting out.

Paul Hogan has also hung up his BDU's and is working for a food conglomerate in FL where he restructures cos to reduce operational costs.

In addition to all of the letters I received, I got a number of phone calls. **Bruce Bruno** called my home while I was at Ft Dix. He's out in CA. **Sandy Sanford** called from DIA in MD where he is working with computers after getting out of the big green machine. He has seen **John Clieves** who is attending grad school. He's also seen **Crystal Orr** and **Monica Belisle** who are attending mil intel grad school at DIA and U of MD, respectively. Both Crystal and Monica also called themselves. Crystal is heading to AK after finishing her course of study, while Monica is heading out to NORAD. Monica mentioned several classmates including **Caroline Selee** who is out of the Army. **Rod Lurie** called my home and spoke to my wife, **Dianne**. He is living out in CA where he is working as a movie critic. He was recently married to his wife, **Gretchen**, and we'd like to send him congrats! Hope to see you at the reunion, buddy! I also got a call from **Brian Lein's** wife, **Terry**. The Leins are in PA where Brian is doing his residency in a civ hosp even though he is still a green suiter. Finally, **Ken Quintillian** called. He is out of the Army and living in southern NY.

I'm still here at Ft Dix with **Tom Ayres**, although we will both be back in law school by the time this is published. We ran into **Pat Wray** who was finishing up his tour here at Dix working in the DEH. He & his lovely wife **Sharon** were kind enough to have us over for dinner even though they were prepping to go to ROK. We had a great time reliving the old days at WP.

Well, I'm going to close because this is getting long. I must apologize in advance if I blew the spelling of any names. I am writing this while I'm TDY so I didn't have my rosters, etc to check any that I was unsure of. Thanks for your understanding. I want to thank everyone who wrote or called. I've had a great time talking with everyone and reading your letters! Hope to see you all at the reunion!!

'85

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As I have said before, the worst part of my job is being the bearer of bad news . . . or sad news. **Rob Wilson** was tragi-

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cally killed in a UH-60 accident at Ft Irwin. The incident took the lives of many other officers and enlisted as well, and certainly came as a shock to all of us. Rob is survived by his wife, and classmate **"Cookie" (Rojas) Wilson** and then 8-mo old baby, Robert III. Cookie is holding up well, considering, and thanks all of you for your kindness. She has started a memorial fund at WP. If you wish to contribute, please send your contribution to the AOG made out to the "West Point Fund" for CPT Robert B Wilson II. Rob was a sincere soldier and a true friend who will be missed by all. Our deepest prayers go out to Cookie and little Rob.

Morgan Williamson has graduated from OSUHS and will be doing his internship at Tripler Hosp in HI. Pictured are **Rod Carter, Hung Vu,** and **Joyce & Ed Twarog** who joined Morgan for a C-1 reunion.

1985: C-1 reunion at Williamson's

Mark "Kapper" Kapsalis has been doing great. He was personally requested to be an XO in the 10th Mtn Div at Ft Drum. Kapper, my family still talks about you hanging upside down on a universal machine during plebe parent weekend claiming, "This place is driving me crazy!" Mark is doing great in biathlons, and hopes to return to WP to coach hockey someday. Another great loss to the Army, but you'll be a big plus anywhere you go! Good luck, bud!

Stephanie (Wolfe) & Richard Sauter returned to Ft Dix after spending 3 yrs in FRG. They have been blessed with baby Paul this past Mar.

Charlie & Gina Glenn were also blessed with a child named Katherine in 88. They have just finished IOAC and are headed to Ft Drum after doing 3 yrs in Panama where Charlie was a plt ldr, spt plt ldr and co XO. Just as everyone else knows, they are with lots of our classmates who are having lots of babies.

Pictured is the "Wet and Wild" gang at Ft Lewis Founders Day: **Ty Stark, Kevin Miles, John Wolf, Geoff Sutton, Charlie McCaffery, Scott Taylor, Kevin Moore** and **Dean Dorman**. Ft Lewis won my coveted "Correspondence Award" last yr for most letters to the '85 historian. Their award is this para written on their behalf. Congrats! HA!

1985: Founders Day 1989, Ft Lewis

Ed & Corky (Hall) Fox both got out of the Army and are doing well. Corky is working for CRYOVAC as a production supervisor and loves it. They now reside in Spartenburg, SC and recommend it to anyone. They recently purchased a huge home and extend a warm welcome to their friends.

My first roommate in the mil, **Rob Waldo**, wrote from Panama where he recently married **Narcisa** and freed her from Noriega's boys. (A true American reason.) While not staring at empty Miller bottles, Rob was working in the FA. Rob, I never told you, but your solemn, quiet character never fooled me when I really knew you could throw back beers like the best of 'em . . . and I always admired it! Rob's probably still moving out of his house, as he used the pullout factor for packing like a true Pointer.

1985: Narcisa & Rob Waldo, Dec 88

Noel (Finch) & Nick Guarino were blessed with Benjamin early this yr. They are headed for Ft Lewis after MI-OAC.

Our future MASH stars wrote (see pic) from Washington where they were all recently graduated: **Steve Freidel, John Halligan, Mike Rave, Curtis Hunter** and **John Kragh**. By default they have all committed to the big green machine until 2007! Jim is married to the former **Sharon Baisted**, who is with me here at EOAC. They are headed to Ft Carson next.

The best day of my life, 3 Jun, was also the same for **Anne (Chiarella)** who was married to **Scott** at Ft Carson. Also attending were **Robin Albertella, Karen (Wiggins) Fair,** and **Jean (Nguyen) Doyne**. Jean reports that her sister recently got accepted to the USAFA. Congrats!

1985: Noel squeezing the air out of her newborn!

1985: The magnificent seven!

1985: Jean, Anne, Robin and Karen, Jun

Pat Gaston is now in FRG after finishing up a busy 4 yrs which included a tour at Ft Hood, OUTREACH at WP, and OAC at Ft Lee. He sends his best to I-2 and is also concerned about the PERSCOM slowdown on promotions! I hear you Pat! Can you believe it; once again the payback to those who are excelling is the 'ole "melting pot" syndrome where when it comes to promotions, everyone is equal. But I must admit, it is our dear congressmen who are putting it to us! We all need to write our congressmen and thank them for caring so much about those who serve their country. What kills me is their impressive track record as a "team" over the past two yrs, yet their pay increase came about with no problem . . . funny how that works. Oh well . . .

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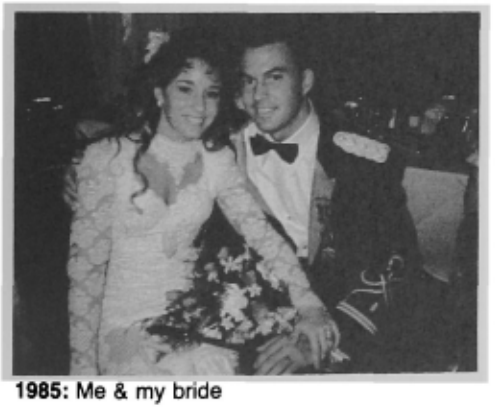
suck it up . . . drive on . . . is that it?!

John & Cheryl Muller are here at EOAC after a tour in Karlsburg, FRG. They are also headed to Ft Drum. The picture of them is in Amsterdam.

1985: Cheryl & John Muller, Amsterdam

That brings me to a close. Also here with me at EOAC are **Mike & Toni Rubitski, Randy "Coz" & Dee Cozzens, Sean & Maria Weidman, Rusty Stewart, Sharon Jezior, Ralph Corradi, Steve Brown**, and some others.

We're the last of a dying breed here at Belvoir as our branch is moving to Ft Leonard Wood. **Randy Cozzens** and I are in a basketball league where I am the leading scorer even though Randy is doing pretty well! (Hey, if you believe that send me $100.00 and I promise I'll give it back, Ha!) I already gave you my political speech so I'll spare that part again, but I've got something better. **Dee**



1985: Me & my bride

& Hel Bryant were blessed with Thomas Maurer Bryant on 10 Jul, their second boy. Now, I'll give you 3 guesses who he's named after and the first two can be Magnum and Jefferson. That's right, he's my namesake, of which I am very proud and have vowed to make a "leftie" if it kills me. That's it until next time. You have my best '85. . . .

'86

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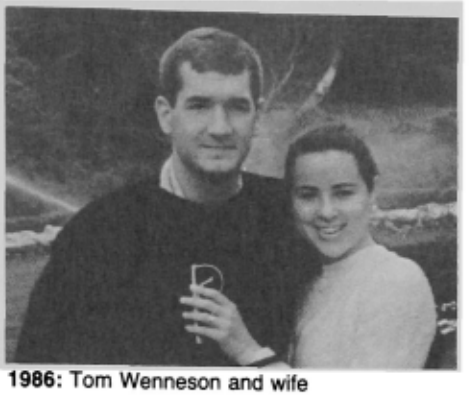
I'll make no excuses or apologies for the last *ASSEMBLY*'s empty space or for myself. I will, however, apologize to **Tom Wenneson** & wife. Tom wrote in Mar or Apr announcing the birth of his little girl; had some tidbits of info about some of you out there somewhere but—I know Tom, this is the second time I've done this to you—I'm trying to put it together.



1986: Tom Wenneson and wife

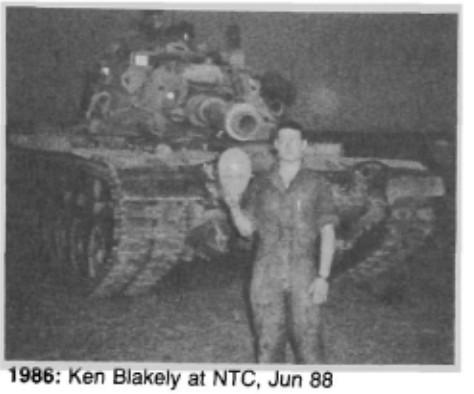
Stephanie Stephens is an aide to the first female post cmdr of Ft Belvoir. She is extremely busy with the transition of that post from being a major tng center to a processing point. Stephanie sees LTG Scott & Dusty at many of the functions of the "Old Guard." Dusty still wears the ever present flower. The Scotts feel they are also grads of '86 since they entered and left WP with our class. Likewise, we are extremely honored and proud that they served and guided us for those 4 yrs.

1986: Founders Day 1989, Ft Lewis

Bill Walter's "Suds Express" came to an end. The drive thru liquor store was so successful that a local LA businessman bought the store from Bill in a friendly takeover. Bill recommends the adventure to anyone willing to make a few extra bucks and gain some practical experience.

Mike O'Leary and wife **Christine** had a baby boy, Robert Patrick, on 9 Mar, and Patrick is already fitting into clothes that seem like they were made for **Lloyd Walker**. Also, Mike feels Congress should allocate funds for an officer diaper allowance. Mike is a cav troop XO in Fulda and passes this info on:

• —While conducting a movement to contact during REFORGER 88, Mike almost collided with the "enemy" which turned out to be led by **Mike Curran**.



1986: Ken Blakely at NTC, Jun 88

• —**Paul Humphreys** wrote to tell Mike that he is back from Korea and is a plt ldr in a Rgr bn at Ft Stewart.

• —**Ted Cummings** and **Vince Trollan** are stationed at Fulda. Mike has tried unsuccessfully to get Vince to give his unit some Blackhawk lift support for border missions but the weather hasn't cooperated. (Anyway, what do pilots do when they don't fly?)

1986: Founders Day 1989, Ft Riley

• —**Pat Kilroy** & wife are alive and well in Budingen FRG with the 4/7 Cav.

• —Mike also ran into **Randy Glaiser** in Fulda while Randy was trying to scrounge a jeep tire.

Richard McAdams married his HS sweetheart, **Annette**, 9 days after grad and they are proud parents of an 8 mo old girl, Brittney Nicole. **Dave & Shelley Alexander** live down the street with their daughter Ashley Elizabeth. Across the road live **Dave & Sheila Harmon**, who have a 7 mo old girl named Sarah. **Kirk & Mary Rose Gill** have an 8 mo old boy named Ryan. Of the whole crowd in VA, only **Rich Gabaldon** has managed to stay single, but as for kids . . . : The McAdamses keep in close contact with **Mark & Theresa Ladu**, who also have a daughter, Christine Marie, who was born on 1 Jun 88. **Dennis Watson** is loving all the good tng that he is getting with the 4/64 Ar, and looks forward to the next 27 yrs. **Bill Kearney** finally bit the bullet and got married in Oct 88. **Jim (Cheesedog) Morris** is a bn S-2 and lives with Will Duke in Savannah. **John (Buckethead) Recke** is courting southern belles from AL—which he let me interject since I grew up and live here—a

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waste of energy cause these girls so so aaaarrrrhhhh. **George Bond** stopped by the McAdams' during Christmas and is still the same. **Colyn (Eggs) Bacon** is enjoying himself as he travels all over the country playing "Do I feel lucky?" with his EOD unit.

From the "Old Ironsides" **Steve Warnock** and **Eric Whipple** send word. Both are XO's of line cos. Eric is still single and not even looking for a better half. However, Steve married **Hilary Schweitzer** in Dec 86. They met at Ike Hall when she came up to WP to visit her sister who is in the Cl of '89.

1986: Bill Walter's Suds Express

Ken Blakely married **Janice Finley** of Ft Worth on 6 Dec 86. They were HS loves which makes them part of the 3% club. Ken is at Ft Carson with D Co 4/68 Ar as a XO. **Steve Smith** is a sct plt ldr at Carson where he is doing superior things. Ken says that **Rodney Lusher** is stationed at Ft Hood and is looking at becoming the BMO. Rodney was married to **Rebella Halden** in Jul 88.

1986: Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

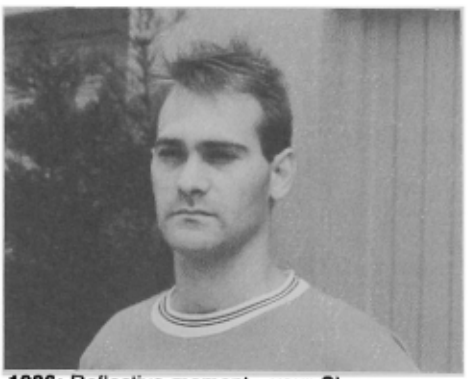
Mark Brick sent me a large update on all the people in C-1. Mark, like **Mary Ellen Conway Piccutio** (sorry, ME, don't have an old letter on hand to spell your last name correctly), have started co newsletters which are filled with plenty of good juice. It's an idea some you co reps may consider if you are motivated and take the time. Mark, I'll include a goodly portion of your letter next go around, cause this column is already too long and the eds at the *ASSEMBLY* have given strict guidelines.

Theo Johnston extended in Korea for an

1986: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

extra yr to fly the CG and C/S of the Combined Field Army. In Oct Theo will head to Ft Rucker for AOAC which is designed to improve your golf game and tanning techniques at PC beach. **Dave Meyer**, who also extended in Korea, will also be with Theo at Rucker. Theo, on a trip back stateside, stopped by Ft Lewis to party with **Deano Doorman** who left him stranded in downtown Seattle. Theo confirms that **Cliff & Jodi Mainor** not only have a house with a white picket fence, but one that overlooks the sound and is gorgeous. Theo then headed to WP for Deano's wedding to **Mary Beth. Rick & Julie Martinez**, the Rat family, attended the festivities. Deano, Rick and Theo reaffirm that their first-born male child will be named RED (Ratman, Eaglebeak, Deano)—a very important side note. **Andy Napoli** was also at the wedding and passed on the story that **Bruce Ollstein** is the personal pilot of choice of the Ft Stewart CG.

1986: Janice & Ken Blakely in their house, Christmas



1986: Reflective moment—your Class historian

Jim Howard wrote to curse me out and let everyone know that **Steve Sicinski** is running a hotel at Ft Benning. Jimmy was staying in the BOQ when Steve took him in. Jimmy started helping with the cleaning and cooking so Steve stopped beating him as much.

That's all I have to say. If by chance, CPT White, MAJ Kane, you read this article, please forward me your new addresses, thank you.

'87

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Well I guess it's about that time to take another world tour with these classmates of ours! We'll start with one of the most creative letters that I have ever received. Let it suffice to say that it was half sand and half paper stuck in this envelope. **Tim Currier** just had to give the full visual effect of his stay in the Sinai. He was joined by fellow inf types **Al Bilou, Mike Repetski, John Whalen** and **Dave Whiddon**. Tim informs us that their stay from Oct through Apr was filled with plenty of trips to the Holy Land, lots of concertina wire and some very interesting encounters with Egyptians, Israelis and some angry Palestinian folks. By the way, thanks for holding my right flank, Tim!

This time we've only got one note from Korea, but it is a good one and long overdue! **Brace & Trista Barber** put a jump on their plans and got married on 2 Jul 88 in Waimea, HI on the isl of Oahu.

1987: Brace & Trista

By press time they will be nearing the end of their stay in Korea and shall be making a quick stop at Ft Knox before heading to their new asgmt at Ft Lewis, WA. The enclosed picture shows **Pat Mathis, Ellen Adams, Mike Mathis** and **Mark Mitchell** and Brace enjoying a night out in Uijonbu (we jon bu). You know, you would think that those Koreans would be courteous enough to name their towns something that I could maybe spell. Anyhow, a belated congrats to the Barbers. Thanks for keeping in touch!

You know that every time I sit down to

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1987: Pat Mathis, Ellen Adams, Mike Mathis, Brace Barber and Mark Mitchell

write one of these articles I say to myself, "Self—why don't we try to link all of these letters together—ya know a little continuity—but then I thought Naaa!" So on that note I'll throw all the letters down the stairs, in the best traditions of the Sosh Dept, or Plebe Engl Dept and start with the letter that makes it downstairs first! Wow there's a tie. **Todd Messitt** sends me this post card from Ft Carson that registered an 8.7 on the Richter scale when it hit. It was so large, and of course, it muscled its way to the bottom of the stairs in a dead heat with **Paul Murphy's** card loaded with a picture of **Rich Muschek's** wedding back at WP. Yeh, Paul adds that Rich married **Marie (Franck)** last Oct 88. **Chris Wil-**

1987: Maria & Rich

liams, Sam Homsy and the Murph all graced the occasion (also pictured is Bob Muschek) in TRUE ZOO fashion. Way to go Rich & Marie! Todd's card fills us in on the latest Ft Carson poop. Todd & his wife **Kelly** left Rucker in Dec 88 after transitioning into OH-58D's, had a great stay at the NTC, and hosted **Wen Barber, Bob Allen, Bill Metheny, Scott Peters, Bill Hamor** and **Al Seise** at a knock down, drag out, good ole American barbecue. That really hits home with us folks over here in Ger. He closes with a rumor about my good ol' buddy **Brandon Jenkins** who made it to Carson in Apr. Our "Spanky" was to tie the knot back in Aug with a wonderful girl named Sarena. You big DAWG you!

Our next letter up the stairs is from **Michael & Tamera Duckworth.** Wonderful news from the Pacific Northwest capital of Hooah—Ft Lewis! Tamera gave birth to Candice Leigh on 16 Nov 88. Don't worry, Mike hasn't lost his mental toughness by having a little girl to soften him up: to commemorate her birthday he joined **Dave Duffy** and **Pete Badoian** in earning his EIB only hours after her birth. The enclosed photo pictures **Ken Gross, John Higgins, Rob Hulett,** Mike (holding *S of F* magazine of course), **Bent Knapp** and **Mike Iacobucci** posing next to the remains of a 5-ton after it had a little run in with some fire and a few HE and WP rounds out at the NTC. I hate when that happens.

1987: All burned up and no way to go

While he was participating in Ft Lewis' first Mech rotation to NTC, he ran into **Gary Linhart** who was playing a Red bastard from hell as an OPFOR PL. Ducky also mentioned that the Ft Lewis folks had quite the time last yr combating those godless communist fires in Yellowstone and earning the Humanitarian Service Medal. Thanks for the help guys, and Mike & Tamera, thanks for keeping in touch. By the way I received a similar letter from John Higgins and I flipped a coin to see which picture I was going to use. Thanks, guys.

Well we've heard from **Kevin & Elizabeth Houston** quite a bit, so now here's a line from Kevin's sister's husband—confusing huh? Well **Jim Gagliano** sent word that he married **Gina (Houston)** on 10 Jul 1988 at the Catholic Chapel at WP. Incidentally, Kevin was his best man and **Jack McGuiness** ushered the occasion. **Reggie Fullwood, Gil Brady,** Tom Smith '86, and Scott King '88 were saber bearers.

1987: Jim & Gina Gagliano, 10 Jul 88

After graduating your basic HOOAH schools at Benning, Jim & Gina eventually made it up to Ft Drum as a PL/XO. Although her jumpshot isn't quite as good as Kevin's she is adapting quite well to the harsh weather of the great white North and to the rigorous Army pace. Good job, Gina!

There I was knee deep in hand grenade pins, hot brass and M&M wrappers back on my 4 hr break at Ranger school when I ran into **Evan Huelfer.** Yeh, ol' Evan, you see, was down and out. An accident at Abn sch had incapacitated him, for what would become 5 mos, and he was left on blackbird status at Benning. This could very likely be the comeback story of the decade. Well, Evan eventually nursed his knee back to health, although he can probably still predict the weather with it, and graduated Abn, RGR and Pathfinder Schs. He was headed for Jungle Sch from Ft Ord when he got married on 8 Oct 88 near Atlanta to a wonderful gal named **Holli.**

1987: Holli & Evan Huelfer

Although **Terry Williamson** couldn't escape a field problem to perform as the best man, **Gunter Seeger** broke away to serve in the wedding party. Congrats, Evan & Holli!

Debra Shultis dropped a line to announce the birth of Ronald Lee Shultis III. "Trey" was born to Debra & **Ron "Otis" Shultis** on 21 Sep 88 and weighed in at 6lbs 13 ozs. Thanks for the news, Debra.

OK, OK, we're moving up the stairs now and another pile of great news awaits. This letter finds **Marty Holland** doing great things, most notably taking the marriage plunge last 27 Aug 88. **Anne** & Marty were married as a whole host of grads looked on. **Chris Rigoni** came through in the clutch and pinch hitted for **Chip "Boo-Boo" Holton** as the best man. Unfortunately, Chip was on advance party for REFORGER and couldn't make the special day. **Keith La France** & his wife **Robin** stopped en route to Ft Bragg; **Terry Ormsby** and Steve Sliwa '86 made the trip from Ft Campbell and CPT Strehle '77 flew in from CO Springs where he was an exchange Tac. **Bert Finkenbeiner** also had the good fortune of making the festivities

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1987: Holland wedding party

1987: Robin & Daniel Rodriguez

1987: Brenda & Gary

after arriving from Ft Rucker. Marty apparently loves his time with the King of Battle at Campbell having completed a trip to the NTC, Naval Gunfire Sch, Air Asslt Sch, JOTC and plenty of field time. His stay is made even more pleasant by the company of fellow grads and REDLEGS Terry Ormsby, **Pat Pollard, Brett Guthrie, John Whitenack** and **Rob Olson** (who wed **Holly Hagan** last 13 Aug 88). Nice hearing from you, Marty & Anne!

Wow, 13 Aug 88 must've been quite the day for lovers for we also get word that **Anthony Johnson** married **Rinna** on that day at St Matthew's Cathedral in Wash DC. Both were attending the mil med sch, Uniformed Services Univ of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. They were also gracious enough to pass on that **Shawn Buck** had earned the Honor Graduate title at Ranger Sch in Apr 88. Additionally **Daniel Rodriguez** wed **Robin** back on 19 Dec 87.

Well, next up is a short novel from **Joe "Simbo" Simonelli** who greets us from his ADA home in Bitburg, FRG. **Keith Greaux** took the vows after ADAOBC in Feb 88 and now lives with wife **Yvonne** in Spangdallem AFB.

Dana Snare dropped me a quick note to mention her wonderful wedding on 12 Nov 88 to **Ross William Snare III**. **Russell Lamarre** was a groomsman and **Axa Perwich** graced the ceremony as a guest. Ross is doing great as the Scout PL for 3/37 AR at Ft Riley, KS. Thanks for taking time to fill us in, Dana.

Sonja Fugate also took a moment to fill us in on the action in her part of the world. Her husband, **Rich Fugate** graduated number one from the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Crse 88–06. Also in the top 5 at the class were **James Parker, Michael Gajewski** and **Stephen Shea**. Since then Rich has attended Chinook transition and is residing in Mannheim, Ger with Sonja. Thanks, Sonja.

Well, slowly but surely we're making it to the top of the stairs, letter by letter. It's rough, but it's a technique. I hope that I'm not bouncing around too much. Are you following me? OK. We've got ourselves another 12 Nov 88 wedding. This time we hear from **Brenda (Childs) Jordan** who married **Gary Jordan** in Hampden, MA. They apparently met at Signal OBC and "communicated" a desire to take things a little further. Unfortunately, they took that too literally and ended up stationed a little further apart after the wedding. After a romantic honeymoon in the Bahamas, Brenda ended up as the CESO for 52d EN in Carson while Gary ended up with the 82d Abn. Hopefully by the time this issue hits print they are enjoying joint domicile!

Well, I didn't quite make it to the top of the stairs, so I'll have to put off some of these letters until the next issue before I overdue my picture quota and get slapped around by the *ASSEMBLY* folks. I really appreciate all the notes, cards, phone calls and tidbits of info. Have a wonderful fall and I guess I'll talk with you again in Dec or so.

'88

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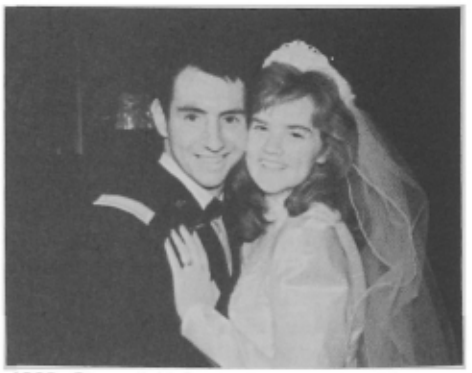
Contrary to popular belief, I have not fallen off the face of the earth. I apologize for missing the last article but I was busy helping **Mike Hawn** save GTA and HTA from the ugly OPFOR hordes. My loving, gracious and considerate wife **Cathy** was kind enough to collect all of your cards and letters for me. What a saint!

The list of married classmates is growing ever longer and more distinguished. **Steve Egbert** married **Helen McGoldrick** on 17 Dec 88. They are now living near Bindlach, FRG where Steve is assigned to the 2d ACR. **Mike Manion** married **Kelly Ward** (not our classmate!)

1987: Rinna & Anthony Johnson, 13 Aug 88



1988: Steve & Helen Egbert, 17 Dec 88

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and is alive and well stationed at Ft Stewart, GA. **Ed Struzik** married **Marsha Long** and is stationed in Hanau, FRG.

1988: Marsha & Ed Struzik, 11 Jun 88, Presidio, CA

Carmen Pino married **Gabriela Boll**. Hopefully "Ranger" Pino is finished with MIOBC by now. **Chris Siegwarth**

1988: Gabriela & Carmen Pino at the Catholic Chapel

1988: Kelly & Mike Manion, 4 Mar

married **Rick Meyer** '87 on 26 Dec 88. Chris decided that she would tackle the mil progression sequence in reverse order; she started as an XO and now is a plt ldr in the 101st. What's next, CQ? 2LT **Michael W Noble** should read 2LT & Mrs Michael W Noble thanks to **Theresa**. It helps if you tell me her maiden name Mike! **Robert (Harey) Harris & Deanna Bernard** were married on 15 Apr. Both Harey & Deanna are stationed at Ft Bragg. **Mathew Kirt** married **Shauna Lewis** on 11 Feb. Matt thought the gang from C-2 might want to know.

The population of Ft Richardson, AK was increased by one on 11 Jan. **Tom &**

1988: Rick & Chris Meyer

Karen Hallet had an 8 lb 3 oz girl, well actually Karen had the girl, Tom only watched and took credit. The child's

1988: Tom, Karen and their unnamed baby girl

name is still a mystery to me.

Here is some news from the rest of the world.

Missy Cochrane writes that Korea is high speed, low drag and a great deal of construction. She, **Steve Chi** and **Chris Held** are keeping more than busy. **Don Tillar** has nothing better to do at Ft Rucker than take group photos with his roommates. **John Schoeppach, Erik Ku-**

1988: Deller, Bideford, Ebrecht and Tillar—roommates

rilla, "Big" **Jim Murphy, Jim Demoss** and **John Schotzko** are doing that Abn thing at Ft Bragg. **Mike Gillette** and **Sean Corrigan** are also stationed at Ft Bragg. Mike just happens to be a scout plt ldr in the only Abn Light Cav Trp in the US Army. **Mike Aleman** was awarded an AAM at his OBC at Redstone Arsenal. **Magda & David Bennett** are expecting a

1988: Magda & David Bennett, Apr

little Bennett sometime in Jan. Ranger class 4–89 would like some info about **Greg Louks**. How about dropping me a line? **Mike Hawn** and **Frank Maresco** are living together again; they have graduated, however, to a 6 bedroom condo with a courtyard and a vineyard. We can expect to see bottles of "Wine Gut Frank and Mike" being imported into the US any month now. **Dewey Sutton** won a tight buns contest at a local dance club in El Paso. Go Zoo!

Some somber news. **Tim Clouser** is now at WRAMC, diagnosed as having a brain tumor. Your prayers would be appreciated.

For those of you who sent letters and photos which did not appear in this column, do not despair. I will try and get them in as soon as possible.

Keep writing.

'89

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The following is a thank-you letter from Vice President Quayle, dated 7 Jul, addressed to **Brian Roberts**:

Dear Brian,

Please excuse my delay in writing to tell you and the other members of the Class of 1989 how very much I enjoyed having the privilege of making your Commencement address at West Point.

I would also like to thank you and your classmates for the handsome Cadet Sabre you presented to me at that time. Please be assured that it will be treasured and proudly displayed.

Good luck to all of you. I feel confident that you will all stay true to your motto: "We strengthen the line."

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,
Dan Quayle

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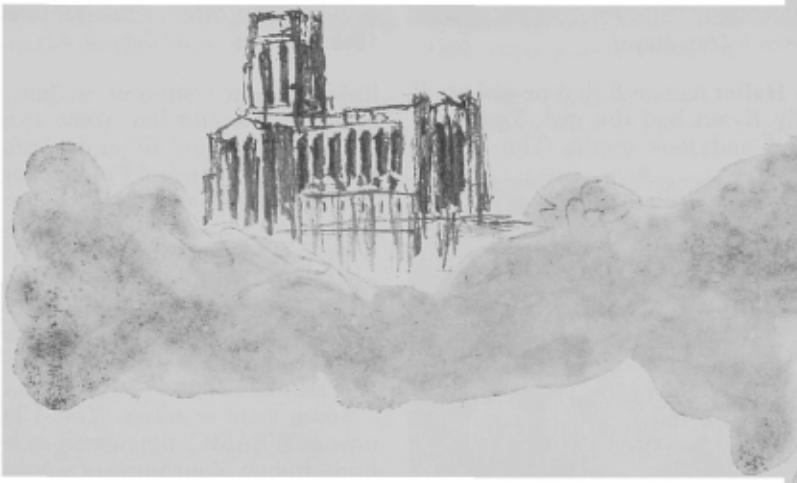
Be Thou At Peace

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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Peter Edward Traub

NO. 3127 CLASS OF 1886

Died 27 September 1956 in Manchester, New Hampshire, aged 91 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Peter Edward Traub

MAJOR GENERAL PETER EDWARD TRAUB, soldier, scholar, diplomat and citizen, died after a lengthy illness in Manchester, New Hampshire. In his 91st year, he was the next to last survivor of the Class of 1886. Born in New York City on 15 October 1864, General Traub was commissioned into the 1st Cavalry after graduation from West Point and served in the last of the Indian campaigns of the West in 1887 and 1890-1891. His long military career included service in Cuba in 1898, where he was recommended for brevet promotion for saving the life of a wounded soldier under fire. He was also military aide to the Governor of Puerto Rico and fought against both Insurrectionists and rebellious native tribesmen in the Philippines.

As a young officer, Traub showed an interest in and flair for foreign languages. At various times he was a Spanish instructor at West Point and founder of the Department of Modern Languages at the Army service schools at Leavenworth. He authored a Spanish grammar text and numerous pamphlets on language studies to aid his students. His ability was widely enough recognized for him to be invited to be an observer at the German military maneuvers of 1906 and to serve as a member of the commission sent to observe the Panamanian elections of 1908.

In 1917, at the end of a six year tour with the Philippine Constabulary, Colonel Traub returned to the United States in time to take command of the 51st Brigade, 26th (Yankee) Division barely a month before the division embarked for France. Promoted to brigadier general (to rank from August 1917), Traub led his brigade through its training phase, early trench warfare in static sectors, and in the first offensives of the Spring 1918 campaign. This period included the German raid on the lines of the 26th Division at Seicheprey in April 1918, at the time the largest action in which Americans had been engaged in France.

For his conduct at Seicheprey, in June 1918 Traub was promoted to major general in the National Army and in July took command of the 35th Division (Kansas and Missouri National Guard). One of his battery commanders was Captain Harry Truman. Traub led his division through its controversial role in the Meuse-Argonne where, in a five day period, it sustained losses of almost 7000. The division was withdrawn from the line, a shattered unit. Traub was severely criticized for making wholesale changes in the division command structure on the eve of the battle. An investigation by the First Army chief of staff also concluded that he had not maintained good communications in the division area during the action. Traub was transferred to the 41st Division in December 1918 and returned to the United States with that organization in February 1919.

In hearings before the US House of Representatives Rules Committee after his return, General Traub defended his actions against charges of misconduct brought by the governor and adjutant general of Kansas and by a number of Congressmen. Secretary of War Baker and Army Chief of Staff March joined in his defense. No conclusion was ever reached but Traub won praise for his personal bravery, having been gassed in action five times. He later was awarded two Purple Hearts for his wounds. His other decorations included the Silver Star, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm and the French Legion of Honor, rank of Commander.

Reverting to his permanent rank of colonel in 1919, Traub subsequently commanded different military posts, led the national recruiting drive of 1920, directed reserve training camps and was chief of staff of the 77th Division (New York Reserve) from 1923 to 1927. In April 1928 he was promoted to permanent brigadier general and took command of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division at Madison Barracks. This was the position he was holding when he was retired for age in October 1928. In June 1930, in the general promotion of retired veterans, he was advanced to major general on the retired list.

After retirement General Traub moved to Augusta, Georgia where he lived for a dozen years, engaging in many civic duties and responsibilities. He continued to be a popular and accomplished public speaker, giving addresses on such varied topics as preparedness, humanitarian aid for Filipino orphans, civil liberties and tuberculosis relief. It was in Augusta, in November 1942, that his beloved wife of many years, the former Katherine Hamilton Chapman of Albany, New York, died.

Following Katherine's death, General Traub returned to the Northeast to be nearer his remaining family. He remained active in alumni affairs, attending his class's 60th reunion in 1946. As his health declined he reduced his activities and at the last was living with his daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Frank) Bohr in Manchester. Besides Mrs. Bohr, General Traub was survived by two other daughters, Katherine (Mrs. John) Cairns of New Britain, Connecticut, and Elizabeth (Mrs. Karl) Jones of New York City. There were also seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The cremated remains of General and Mrs. Traub were interred in the West Point Cemetery on 4 October 1956. A memorial marker was erected by their children in 1957.

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Peter Cleary Bullard

NO. 5210 CLASS OF 1914

Died 16 May 1972 in Atlanta, Georgia, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Peter Cleary Bullard

BORN 8 NOVEMBER 1892 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the second son of Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard (USMA 1885) and Rose Douglas Brabson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Peter was raised in the Army in many and various places such as the Southwest Indian

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country, Dahlonega (Georgia), San Francisco, the Philippines, Texas, and Minnesota, and upon graduating from USMA in 1914 (fifth in his class) was commissioned second lieutenant of Corps of Engineers at age 21.

During World War I Peter went to France with the 17th Engineer Regiment which landed at St. Nazaire. There he met and married Hélène Tournier (Mimi), daughter of Capitaine de Frégate Eduard Tournier (a recalled naval reserve officer in charge of the port of St. Nazaire) and of Marie Coquet (daughter of Général Coquet.) During WWI Peter reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. On 8 January 1919 his son Bob was born in Toulon, in "La Villa Simone" the house of Eduard Tournier.

After WWI various assignments were in the US: Wilson Dam construction in Alabama; instructor at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; student (and first in his class) at Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth; and in France student and graduate of the Ecole de Guerre in Paris and then assistant military attaché, Paris. Daughter Nel was born during the Fort Belvoir assignment.

From 1928 to 1932 Peter was the district engineer, Lake Superior with office in Duluth, Minnesota. While in Duluth, he and Mimi were divorced. Mimi and Nel moved to Paris where her mother, brother, and two sisters lived; the son Bob, stayed with Peter.

From 1932 to 1936 Peter was the engineer instructor at C&GSS, Ft. Leavenworth. In 1932 he married Helen Wall Evans, a divorcee with two children, Edward and Helen.

From 1936–37 Peter attended the Army War College in Washington, DC, then in 1937 became executive officer, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas (he had transferred from Engineers to the Infantry) where he participated in developing the organization of the new triangular Infantry division. His son Bob entered USMA as a cadet on 1 July 1939. In the 1941 Louisiana maneuvers Peter was chief umpire and later a brigade commander, a colonel by now.

In 1942 Peter was sent to Aruba and Curacao, Dutch West Indies, to organize the anti-submarine defenses. Aruba, which had the world's largest oil refinery, refined Venezuelan oil (from Lake Maracaibo) which was most important to the Allied effort.

Later in 1942 Peter became chief of staff of the VII Corps, first in Jacksonville, Florida and then in England where he helped plan the Normandy Invasion. He moved to SHAEF where he was until the end of the war.

Then Peter commanded a redeployment camp (Camp NY) until he went with the first Americans into Berlin and became chief of staff of the US part of the Berlin Kommandatura (the quadri-partite military government of Berlin which was divided into four sectors: US, British, French, and Russian.) In 1948 he and Helen were separated and lived apart from then on.

In 1948 Peter returned to the US where he held various assignments: chief advisor to Indiana National Guard; commander, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; chief of Kansas Military District; and then post commander, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

In 1952 he retired, bought a house trailer, and traveled all over the US visiting national parks, relatives, friends etc., such as daughter Nel in Los Angeles; son Bob at West Point; Lieutenant General R.C. Richardson at Bath, NH; sister Rose and brother Keith in the New York City area, and then drifted down to Florida where his trailer finally "grew roots" in a lovely mobile home park in St. Petersburg.

In Florida his particular interest became shuffleboard playing; he won tournaments locally and statewide. He wrote a column "How to Play Shuffleboard" for the *St. Petersburg Times* and eventually published the columns as a book which drew interest and praise. For these activities and successes he was inducted into the Florida Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

In 1967 after suffering a heart attack, he allowed himself to be moved to an apartment in Atlanta where he could be near his son Bob and daughter-in-law Libby. They were thus able to generally look after him, have him for dinner, take him shopping, to hospital appointments, etc. Though his activities were physically limited, he continued to enjoy his many intellectual activities, especially books and book collecting, assembling high fidelity equipment, collecting and playing phonograph records—especially opera music.

During several illnesses he came to stay with Bob and Libby, and there were several hospital stays, and then an operation when an inoperable cancer was discovered. He finally was so unwell that he entered a nursing home where they could see him daily. He died peacefully on 16 May 1972 with Bob and Libby at his bedside.

After services at Ft. McPherson, Georgia, his body was taken to West Point where he was buried with full honors in the USMA cemetery where his father is buried. Present were his sister, Rose Bellinger and her family; his brother Keith; his daughter Nel; his son Bob and daughter-in-law Libby; his nephew Frank Taliaferro; a classmate Major General Charles P. Gross; LTC Estelle Gorreck (ANC Ret); Colonel and Mrs. John Elting (friends of Bob); and two of Bob's classmates, Lieutenant General William Knowlton, Superintendent of USMA at the time, and Colonel Tom Griess, Professor of Military History at USMA at that time.

Mourned by family, friends and classmates, he was truly an able soldier, a dignified gentleman, and an honor to his beloved country and West Point.

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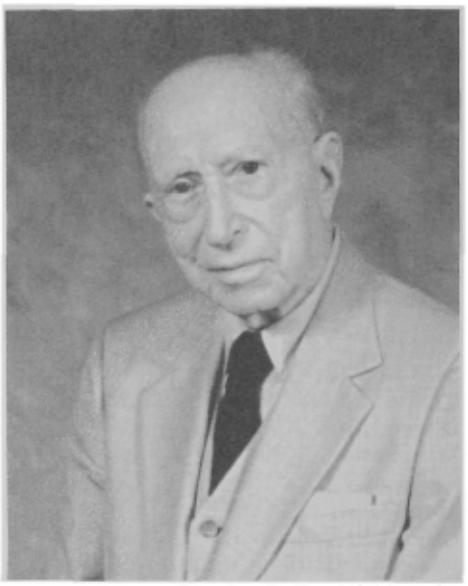
Charles Rolland Gildart, Sr.

NO. 6125 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 15 June 1988 in San Diego, California, aged 93 years.

Interment: Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California



Charles Rolland Gildart, Sr.

COLONEL GILDART WAS born on 14 October 1894, in Stockbridge, Michigan, the son of William B. and Henrietta (Sawyer) Gildart. His father was an attorney at law, was the founder, editor and publisher of the *Stockbridge (Michigan) Sun*, and later the editor and publisher of the *Albion (Michigan) Leader*. Charles was the youngest of a family of seven children, one of whom was Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Gildart, USMA Class of 1911, who died in the 1919 occupation of Germany.

When Charles Gildart was eight years of age, the family moved to Albion where his father purchased a second weekly newspaper, having sold his property in Stockbridge. Charles learned the printer's trade as he grew up and entered Albion College with the Class of 1916. While nearing the end of his senior year he received a senatorial appointment to the Academy which he entered in 1916, with what was then known as the Class of 1920, but which, because of the coming of WWI, became the Class of November 1918. Though not present, he was graduated from Albion College with the degree of AB with its Class of 1917.

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He was graduated from USMA early (on 1 November 1918) because of the war, and he became a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. Assistant Secretary of War Crowell delivered the graduation address, promising that all of the class would be in France by 1 January 1919. Ten days later the Secretary was released from his promise by the Armistice, which came while Charles was at home on graduation leave.

The School of Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma was his first assignment. This was followed by a tour of duty with the 7th Field Artillery of the 1st Division stationed in the Rhineland, Germany. When he sailed from Hoboken in June of 1919, a dense fog settled on the ocean, resulting in a collision some fifty miles out of New York. Passengers were put in life boats and picked up by another outgoing transport, which towed the badly injured ship back to land. He sailed again on the *Mount Vernon*.

After service in Germany in the Army of Occupation, he returned to the US with the 1st Division and began a series of duty assignments that included the Field Artillery School, Camp Knox, Kentucky; 78th Field Artillery, Camp Grant; 9th Field Artillery, Fort Snelling; University of Chicago; 8th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks; Reserve instructor, Louisville, Kentucky; senior instructor, 108th Field Artillery, PA NG, Philadephia; commanding officer, 2d Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Clayton, C.Z.

Early in World War II he was assigned to the General Staff Corps by War Department order. He served as assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Caribbean Defense Command, Quarry Heights, C.Z. until the spring of 1943 when, after four years' service in Panama, which had included three promotions reaching the grade of colonel, he returned to "stateside" assignments.

As division artillery officer, 12th Armored Division, he sailed for Europe in September 1944, landing at Avonmouth, England. Training continued in the vicinity of Salisbury Plain until mid-November, when he embarked with his unit at Southampton for the cross Channel trip to Le Havre.

With the 12th Armored Division his Division Artillery became a part of the Seventh Army in the Vosges near Luneville, and when his battalions were committed to action he used the head start to get off the first round of ammunition fired by the division in its part of the war, at 1638, 5 December 1944, from a battery position of "A" of the 493d A.F.A., near Weisslinger, Lorraine, France. The 12th spearheaded the progress of the Third Army from Trier to the Rhine, reverted to the Seventh, and crossed the river on a pontoon bridge at Worms on 18 March 1945. The division seized a bridge over the Danube intact at Dilligen, and artillery positions had to be organized for fire against a possible counterattack, which came, however, only by air, and futilely. The war ended for the division, and for him at the foot of the Alps.

Post-war assignments included chief of staff, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix; commanding officer, Fort Buchanan General Depot, Puerto Rico; chief of staff, US Army Forces, Antilles, Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico. He was retired 31 March 1951 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington DC and in a short time proceeded to Sierra Madre, California where he and his wife, Isabel, made their home for twelve years. Here he responded to numerous appeals from civic affairs: moderator, Sierra Madre Congressional Church; fund chairman, local American Red Cross; member, board of directors of the City Library and that of the Community Fund; associate director, Civil Defense.

Writing, oil painting, genealogy and travel were retirement hobbies. For the former, he received two awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, one of which was the George Washington Honor Medal. He was careful to take regular exercise, which took many forms: walking, swimming, horseshoe pitching, lawn bowling, golf. By religious preference he was a Congregationalist. He had great interest in genealogy, and wrote, and had published, a history of his family. He was a member of the California Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Sons of the American Revolution and the local Rancho Bernardo Community Church.

His wife, Isabel Seguine Gildart, died 20 March 1980. Living with him at the time of his death were his daughter, Ruth Gildart Lewis and her husband George Draper Lewis, III, at 16842 Pinata Drive, San Diego, California 92128. Deceased is survived also by his son, Lieutenant Colonel Charles R. Gildart, Jr., USMA 1951; by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His son and his wife, Blanche, reside at 20 E. Neck Road, Huntington Bay, New York 11743.

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Luther Lyons Hill

NO. 6318 CLASS OF 1919

Died 14 February 1988 in Des Moines, Iowa, aged 91 years.

Interment: Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

LUTHER LYONS HILL, former publisher of *The Des Moines Register* and *Tribune* and a prominent Iowan, died at his home in Des Moines Sunday, 14 February. He was 91.

A publisher of the Des Moines papers from 1950 until his retirement in 1960,

Luther Lyons Hill

he had been associated with the newspapers and the Des Moines broadcasting operations.

He had served as a trustee of Drake University and was involved in many other civic enterprises. *The Story of Iowa*, a book published in 1952, said Hill's "contribution to business life here has been a substantial one, rich in its benefits to the city and to the state. He has interested himself in numerous enterprises."

Kenneth MacDonald, a long-time editor of the newspapers, recently said in the 25 years Hill was with the company and its affiliates, "he developed a reputation for astute business judgement, penetrating knowledge of financial affairs and a confident, resolute approach to problems. As an individual, he was known for his contagious humor and exuberant spirits, delighting his friends and associates."

A descendant of prominent Southern families, he was born in Montgomery, Alabama, the son of a distinguished surgeon who performed the first successful suture of the human heart in the Western Hemisphere. After graduating from Starke University School in Montgomery, Alabama, Hill attended the Virginia Military Institute for one year. He then went to the University of Alabama and was graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1916. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1917 and was graduated with the Class of 1919.

After service with the 7th Infantry Division in the Army of Occupation in Germany and attending the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas with the 19th Machine Gun Battalion. In July of 1920 he transferred to the Cavalry and was posted to Fort Des Moines, Iowa where he served in the 14th Cavalry Regiment. While at Fort Des Moines, he met and married Mary Hippee, a mem-

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ber of a well-known Des Moines family. He was then transferred to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, but in 1922 resigned his commission and settled in Des Moines.

He worked for a wholesale grocery company and an investment firm before founding his own investment firm, McMurry, Hill & Co., in 1928. He left his firm in 1935 and went to work for the Cowles family, who owned the newspapers and radio stations in Des Moines.

In 1942 he volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps, entering as a major and being discharged as a brigadier general in 1946. During his service he was asked for by name to serve on the staff of Admiral Mountbatten, but could not be released due to the critical nature of his Air Corps assignment. He served as commander of the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station and the Miami District Army Air Forces Personnel Distribution Command. In the closing months of the war and for a short time thereafter, he worked in the Pentagon on the staff of General George Catlett Marshall. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service.

He returned to the Cowles companies in 1946 and remained associated with them until his retirement. Then, he and his wife moved to Naples, Florida, where he was director emeritus of the First National Bank of Naples.

He was appointed civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for the state of Iowa in 1954 and served in that capacity until 1958. Civilian aides provide advice to the Secretary, the Chief of Staff and local commanders on matters concerning the US Army and represent the Army in their respective states.

The Hills returned to Des Moines in the early 1980's. Mrs. Hill died in 1985.

Mr. Hill is survived by his daughter, Mildred H. Starzinger of Norwich, Vermont, and a son, Luther L. Hill, Jr. who is executive vice president of the Equitable Iowas Cos. He is also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Throughout all of his years, Luther Lyons Hill remembered the mottos of his preparatory school alma mater, Starke University School, and the United States Military Academy. These were "Work Wins" and "Duty, Honor, Country." They were the benchmarks of his long, successful, highly productive life.

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Edgar Hoffmann Price

NO. 7010 CLASS OF 1923

Died 18 June 1988 in Redwood City, California, aged 89 years.

Interment: Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo, California

FOR TWO REASONS, my story is one which I, rather than a classmate, should

Edgar Hoffmann Price

write: first, because more than forty-seven years have elapsed since I quit the service, there is no one who could get the facts about events after the end of the official record. Second, the loyalty of a classmate would induce the composition of an unmerited eulogy.

I was born 3 July 1898, in the farmhouse of my parents, Murtillah Elijah and Maria Theresa Hoffmann Price, near Fowler, California. After spending two years at San Jose Normal School, I enlisted in the Regular Army, 12 June 1917, and was assigned to the 15th United States Cavalry, Fort William McKinley, Rizal, Philippines. Returning to the States, this regiment presently embarked for France, arriving March 1918. The 15th Cavalry, dismounted, was assigned to the Service of Supply, well away from the combat area. Some months after the armistice, I entered the West Point candidates coaching school at Beaune, Cote d'Or, and with 16 others, returned to the States to be sworn in as a cadet, 12 June 1919. Upon graduation, I was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps and was assigned to take the basic course of that branch.

An unconventional and injudicious romance, off the post, both literally and figuratively, caused my commanding officer to request my resignation. This I tendered, rather than request a court-martial. Over the years, classmates and others have debated the merits of my resigning, versus demanding a day in court. *Pro* and *con* remain evenly divided, and for many a year, the question has been devoid of interest even as a conversation piece.

During the eight years following, I was employed by Union Carbide as a plant superintendent. In 1932, I set out as a fiction writer. During the twenty ensuing years, I sold nearly 500 stories to various pulp magazines—crime, adventure, westerns, fantasy, and science fiction. One screenplay, and one paperback novel terminated the writing venture, which ended because of ever-decreasing profits. Since 1952, I worked at microfilming, custom processing, and other commercial photographic enterprises, combining county civil service and self-employment as an "independent contractor."

Upon retirement from this work, I returned to fiction writing. My first "hardcover" book was published by Arkham House, 1967—it is an anthology of fantasy stories originally published in magazines, and is in the US Military Academy Library. The title is *STRANGE GATEWAYS*. There are other stories in the library, principally historical novels and wartime fiction, with a few articles on fiction writing techniques. At the time of setting down this biography—1971—I have had several pulp magazine acceptances, and have three paperback novels in my agent's hands for marketing. I am about to start my first nonfiction book. The outcome of my proposed "comeback" remains to be seen.

In 1942, I tendered my services. Despite the sponsorship and comradely assistance of Colonel Felix Usus, 1918, and Colonel Leonard Waldron, Yale, 1898, nothing came of this attempt to serve in whatever grade the War Department would assign. Whether too old for grade or, because of the facts leading to my severance from the service, is another of those questions on which speculation would be idle.

The many years of civilian life have sustained and increased my respect for the United States Army, and my admiration of the careers of my classmates. However rich and varied my years have been, the summation falls far short of what might have been, but for an adventure not worth the undertaking! This is not so much my *apologia* as it is my testament to every graduate: my long sustained opinion to the effect that a commission in the United States Army offers a life and a career more *meaningful* than any civilian career I have observed.

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Harold Peabody Tasker

NO. 7282 CLASS OF 1924

Died 28 December 1987 in Neptune, New Jersey, aged 86 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

HAROLD PEABODY TASKER—or Tad, as he was known to most—was born in Dover, New Hampshire on 26 June 1901, son of Edwin and Grace (Pitkin) Tasker. After graduating from Tilton School, he attended Wesleyan University for one year before he was appointed

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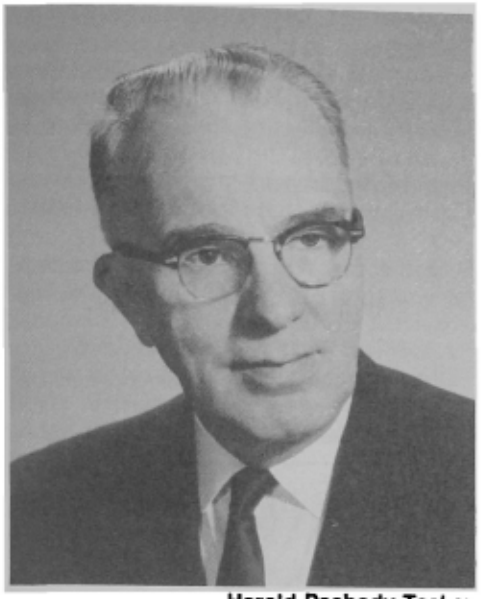

Harold Peabody Tasker

to the Military Academy from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Following his West Point graduation in 1924, Tad served with the Coast Artillery at Fort Hancock, New Jersey; Fort Sherman, Canal Zone; Fort Monroe, Virginia; and Fort Mills, Philippine Islands. In Panama he contracted a fatal strain of malaria from which he would—miraculously—be cured, though it would leave him nearly deaf in one ear.

He returned to West Point in 1935 as an instructor in the Departments of Mathematics and Natural and Experimental Philosophy. Back at Fort Hancock in 1938, he commanded an Army mine planter before he was retired (for physical disability) with the rank of captain in September 1939.

He worked for the Prudential Insurance Company in New York until he was recalled to active duty as associate professor of Military Science and Tactics at The Citadel in South Carolina. In 1942 he joined the General Staff of the War Department in Washington where he helped organize the WAAC before becoming executive officer of the Strategy and Policy Group, Operations Division.

Retired again from active duty in 1946, with the rank of colonel, Tad pursued a career in which he could combine his talent for teaching with his love of West Point. After teaching math at Stanton Preparatory Academy in Cornwall, New York (1946–48), he established the Hudson-Severan School, a correspondence school preparing candidates for West Point and Annapolis.

From 1953 until retirement, he worked in life insurance as a general agent, first for Leiwant & Co. and then for Wulster Associates. He spent his last 19 years in Little Silver, New Jersey, just a short distance, curiously, from Fort Hancock. He was headed back and must have known that when he died on 28 December 1987 the next and final stop would be West Point. On 4 January 1988 he was laid to rest there; in many ways, he had never left.

Raised in the heart of New England, the son of a Methodist minister, Tad was endowed from childhood with a strong sense of discipline, duty and affection for his country and his fellow man. By temperament he seemed destined for a military career, and surely he suffered no greater disappointment than that of knowing he could not pursue the career that he had so ardently sought. He continued to work for West Point, on a volunteer basis, as an active member of the Retired Officers Association.

This was an extraordinarily engaging man. Blessed with great natural charm, a gentle wit, and a fine intelligence, he was above all a man of genuine warmth and unfailing hospitality. He is survived by his wife Margaret; his four children, William (by his first wife Mildred, who died in 1935), Karin, Peter, and Joan; his sister Pauline; nine grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

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Carl William Albert Raguse

NO. 7323 CLASS OF 1924

Died 1 March 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 85 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas

Carl William Albert Raguse

CARL W. RAGUSE (RAGS), was born in Auburn, New York of German immigrant parents. He received a Congressional appointment to West Point, and upon graduation commissioned a second lieutenant, Cavalry, he was assigned to Fort Myer, Virginia. During this period of duty, he was a member of the Rough Riders who regularly participated in the Friday Cavalry exhibitions. Following duty at Fort Ringgold, Texas (1928–29), he was ordered to Fort Riley as a student in the Troop Officers Course (1930–31). At the conclusion of this course, he was assigned to the US Olympic Team. He remained a member of the Olympic Team through 1936, participating in the 1932 (Los Angeles) and 1936 (Berlin) Olympics. After the Berlin Olympics, in which he was a member of the Three-Day Team as well as the Prix des Nation Jumping Team, he was assigned to troop duty at Fort Clark, Texas.

In 1938–39, he served at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, as instructor in Advanced Equitation until he became a member of the 1940 Olympic Team. After the National Horse Show in 1939, the war having started in Europe, our Olympic Team was disbanded and Rags returned to the Cavalry School as chief of the Department of Horsemanship.

There followed various troop duty and staff assignments, including command of the 8th Cavalry (1st Cavalry Division) in Australia, a student assignment at the Naval War College, a member of a military mission to Peru, followed by a detail of duty with the Quartermaster Corps. During this time, he was assigned to the Remount Service, with a short tour at Fort Robinson. He was then named officer in charge of the Central Remount Area—an area covering 15 states from Canada to Florida and including Kentucky, the thoroughbred center of the United States. This assignment embraced all purchasing and breeding activities of horses of the United States Army in those 15 states. In 1947, he commanded the Reno Remount Depot at Fort Reno, Oklahoma. His last three years with the Quartermaster Corps were spent in Paris, France as chief of staff, American Graves Registration Command.

Following retirement in 1954, Rags kept his love of horses active by becoming a registered judge of the American Horse Show Association in dressage, hunters, jumpers, hunt seat equitation, and was a technical delegate in combined training events. He was also director of riding at The Ethel Walker School.

In the early 1930's, Rags was the youngster among the famous American riders, including Harry Chamberlain, John Tupper Cole, William B. Bradford, and Earl E. Thompson. These riders with regular Army horses that received special jumping training, chalked up a long string of championships against the top military riders of Italy, France, Canada, England and Ireland.

Rags and Catherine moved to Florida after "retiring" from the teaching and judging, later moving to San Antonio, Texas. He died in his home after many years of deteriorating health. Rags is survived by two daughters, two stepdaughters, one stepson, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ann Raguse McCroskey

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Daniel Harrison Hundley

NO. 7592 CLASS OF 1924

Died 17 May 1988 in St. Louis, Missouri, aged 87 years.

Interment: Oak Grove Mausoleum, St. Louis, Missouri

Daniel Harrison Hundley

DAN WENT TO Jefferson Barracks, Missouri after graduation where he enjoyed his service. He became very interested in horseback riding and was successful in the horse shows. He also enjoyed his family and friends in nearby St. Louis.

After Jefferson Barracks Dan served in the Philippines; Plattsburg Barracks, New York; the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia; back to Jefferson Barracks for a second tour; and then Puerto Rico after CCC duty in Wisconsin and Springfield, Illinois.

Upon return from Puerto Rico he served at Fort Sam Houston, Texas then was sent to school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The war was starting in Europe so his class was graduated early in 1940. He was in the Louisiana maneuvers, then returned to Fort Benning for duty with the 8th Infantry. Soon after arrival he was transferred to the Infantry School as an instructor in Infantry tactics.

Six months after the war started he was assigned as chief of staff of the 43d Division then at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. During the war he served as regimental commander of the 103d Infantry, chief of staff of the 103d Division, and G-1 of the Ninth Army. He served in both the Pacific and European areas.

After the war, in 1945 he was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of CGSS at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He remained there almost four years as the director of instruction for the G-1 section. It was during that time that his section developed the G-1 Manual, a new text which was later adopted as the FM 101–1. After Leavenworth he was sent to Japan to serve on the staff of the GHQ there. Unfortunately a condition which had started at Fort Leavenworth became much worse in Japan so he had to be returned to Walter Reed Hospital for treatment.

He was eventually retired for that condition after serving on the staff of the Infantry Center at Fort Benning and then at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The dizzy spells and nausea were with him the rest of his life, but they became less frequent with treatment and a course of exercise.

After retiring in 1954 he took a job as assistant professor of Engineering at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. He taught the subjects of engineering economics and industrial relations more than others. He stayed with the university for twelve years, enjoying his work but felt that he had to retire because he had become so deaf it was difficult to hear the student discussions. The deafness was all part of his disability. Dan had earned his MBA degree while at the university by teaching in the daytime, and going to school at night.

While on Christmas leave in St. Louis in 1932, Dan visited an old friend and met again a young lady he had known for many years before. She was then a widow, and Dan became very interested in her. Shortly after Dan was assigned to Jefferson Barracks in 1933 they became engaged and were married in 1934. She, Virginia, was a wonderful helpmate and companion for him all the rest of his days. They had one son Douglas.

Dan always enjoyed teaching and even after he retired he would teach a class in Sunday School or give a talk on some historical subject. He kept up his exercises as long as he could, taking a three mile walk or playing eighteen holes of golf every day. He belonged to the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars and the Sons of the Confederacy and was active in all of them. He also kept up his membership in three veterans organizations.

His church meant a lot to him. He was the fourth generation member of the Christian Church on both his mother's and father's sides. Virginia was also a member of the same church, where they had known each other as children. They both served on the board and had taught classes and served as deacons or elders.

Dan's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Order of the British Empire, French Legion of Honor, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Belgian Order of Leopold, Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Order of Orange Nassau, the Russian For the Fatherland 2d Degree, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Dan was always proud of his graduation from West Point and his membership in the Class of 1924. He served as the president of the St. Louis West Point Society twice and made the "Oldest Grad" talk for them a number of times.

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William Murlin Creasy

NO. 7897 CLASS OF 1926

Died 22 March 1987 in Palm Springs, California, aged 81 years.

Interment: Graceland Cemetery, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

William Murlin Creasy

WILLIAM MURLIN CREASY, JR. (name changed as above 6 October 1942) was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, 26 April 1905. As a Son of Cincinnati, he was destined for the military. The story is told that while seeking admission to West Point, he had an appointment with his local congressman, normally requiring a train trip. Since the train schedule did not match, he arose early and rode his bicycle arriving on time, a feat that so impressed the congressman that he granted him the coveted appointment. History also tells us that at the Academy, he was a member (apparently charter) of the T.A.O. (Try Anything Once) Society. This is believable since BillCreasy tried a lot of things but profited from the experience. Please note that Bill and Creasy were used as a single word, a tribute to his individuality.

After graduation from the Academy he was married, an affair of the heart that ended by mutual consent prior to his arrival at his first station at Brooks Field, Texas as a second lieutenant in the Air Service. Graduating from Primary Flying School, he went to Advanced at Kelly Field with the Air Corps where, as he put it, he met some unforgettable characters

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and was lucky enough to be disqualified. In rapid succession he was assigned to the Field Artillery, Pack Artillery and then to what was to be his primary vocation, the Chemical Warfare Service and duty with the 1st Chemical Regiment at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He paid his dues as regimental adjutant, graduated from the Line and Staff Officers Course of the Chemical Warfare School and was assigned to the 2d Chemical Company at Schofield Barracks, T.H. Here his horizons broadened as he and a fellow officer spread terror in the bridge circles at the Royal Hawaiian where he substantially added to his meager salary as a 1st lieutenant and also, where he won a reputation as a defense attorney and was much in demand by those facing court-martial. Closely related was his skill as an umpire where he maintained law and order without mayhem at regimental donnybrooks. And . . . it was here that he met, courted and married Lillian Frances Cone, 3 August 1932, his devoted and loyal wife during the whole of his active and much of his retired life.

From this point on, Bill's career in the CWS took off with constant and steady assignments, both in staff and command, to positions of greater responsibility and technical complexity. In 1933 while at Edgewood his sister-in-law, Betty Dean Cone, was added to his family and became a daughter in spirit if not in fact. A great jump forward was attendance at MIT (1934–36), attaining a master's in chemical engineering practice (Captain AUS). It was during this middle period that he established a solid reputation in the Chemical Corps. He enjoyed equal success as a raconteur, speaker and as a poker player. In 1940, at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, he was promoted to Major, AUS and acquired a brother-in-law about whom he told endless stories, mostly untrue, but with enough fact to establish an aura of veracity with the clincher" . . . he is in the Air Corps (Force)." For example, it was close but not true that we ran out of fuel taxiing to the ramp. In 1941 (LTC, AUS) assigned to the Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas as deputy commander, he was instrumental in its construction and effective productivity.

World War II dictated a departure from the main stream of the CWS in his assignment to the CBI where he served with distinction in both India and China in Plans and Logistics and the MAG, China. Entering overseas duty with the Army Commendation Ribbon and the Legion of Merit, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Legion of Merit (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Distinguished Service Medal, the Collar Order of Precious Tripod (Pao Ting), the Special Breast Order of Pao Ting with ribbon, and the Special Breast Order and Banner (Yun Hui) with ribbon.

The decade following World War II was to reveal the full flowering of his influence within the CWS. A major milestone was promotion to brigadier general (1951) and to command of the Army Chemical Center at his beloved Edgewood Arsenal. Finally, the capstone, promotion to major general as chief chemical officer of the United States Army. In his mind, during his tenure as chief, the honor he most enjoyed was his caricature which appeared in *Pravda* as an enemy of the Soviet Union. During his service with the CWS, in all ranks, he firmly believed that the defense of the US required research, production and a stockpile of chemical weapons sufficient to deter their use. Retiring in 1958, he acquired two Oak Leaf Clusters to his Legion of Merit and one Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal.

During the immediate post retirement period, Bill joined the Lummus Corporation as VP and manager of the NY division where he maintained his many contacts with friends in the service. It was also the beginning of two major law suits as a defendant together with the United States amounting to several millions stemming from experimental chemical weapons research conducted during his aegis of the CWS. Retiring again in 1966, the Creasys moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Lillian's hometown . . . but not to inaction. The law suits were laid to rest with decisions favorable to the United States due to the inimitable testimony which Bill provided. He served the state in the Arkansas Turnpike Authority and was considered the unofficial commander of the Pine Bluff Arsenal. As an unexpected honor from the service and perhaps one of exquisite irony, in 1978 he was inducted into the Ordnance Hall of Fame. As an aficionado of the Rotary Club with 20 years of perfect attendance, the combined clubs of Pine Bluff honored him in 1985 by creating a BillCreasy Day to be marked each November. The same year, Lillian died after a long illness. Recovering, Bill took great pleasure in announcing his marriage to Sarah (Sally) Helfrick, a friend to both of them for forty-four years. Sally and Bill were well matched, supremely happy and looking forward to years of blissful and gracious living. Unfortunately this was not to be, for in little more than one year, Bill died of a stroke while visiting in California.

In summary, I choose the words from his eulogy given by a protege and comrade-in-arms, Major General John K. Stoner, USA who said, " . . . (He was) a legend in his own time—a man who was a soldier, statesman, businessman, leader, citizen, a caring family man and a friend—"

A. Evans '39

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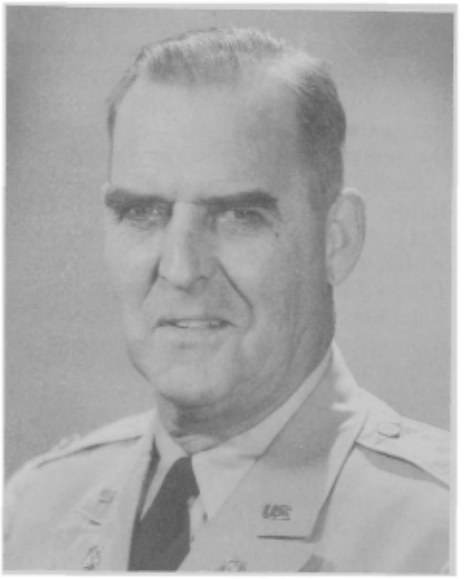
Ralph Harold Sievers

NO. 8408 CLASS OF 1928

Died 7 May 1988 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Ralph Harold Sievers

RALPH HAROLD SIEVERS was born 16 February 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Adolph and Antonie Sievers. He attended grammar school and Carl Schurz High School in Chicago. He had the opportunity to enter the Naval Academy in 1923 or West Point in 1924. He chose the Army and attended Northwestern University a year prior to going to West Point.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, married Ruth Berglund and started his initial tour of duty at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in the summer of 1928.

His assignments prior to World War II were oriented on motor transport. They were at Fort Holabird, Maryland; Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; and Corozal and Fort Davis, Canal Zone. He graduated with a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1938.

At the start of World War II he was with the newly formed 5th Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky and then at Camp Cooke, California. He attended the Command and General Staff Course. His initial overseas assignment during the war was in the CBI theater staff with station at New Delhi and tasks in India and China. After attending wartime Armed Forces Staff College, he saw service in New Guinea, and in the Philippines, where he commanded the 100th Highway Transportation Service. In 1946 he returned to assignments as regimental commander and post transportation officer at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

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He graduated from the Industrial College in 1950 and stayed as a member of the faculty until 1953. His final tours were as Army Transportation Officer at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, and with Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Upon retirement he and Ruth made their home in San Diego, where he was an account executive for a stock brokerage and a real estate agent.

While in San Diego he was an active member of the Association of Graduates, the Military Order of World Wars, and the Seniors at the Sail Ho Golf Course, at the Naval Recruit Training Center.

Ruth died in 1980. They had one child, Ralph H. Sievers, Jr. (COL EN, USA Ret.). A very depressing time followed, which was turned around when the San Diego Chargers drafted his grandson Eric Sievers in 1981. This opened a different world and greatly expanded his acquaintances and enthusiasm for life. Eric lived with his grandfather until he married in 1982. His granddaughter, Karin Sievers, then lived with him until Ralph married Elizabeth Barrus of Castile, New York in November 1984. They lived in the home in San Diego until Ralph's death after a short hospitalization while on a trip to attend a granddaughter's wedding in Arlington, Virginia.

Ralph leaves his widow, son, grandson, five granddaughters, a year old great-grandson, and many friends. His way of life and character exemplified the West Point code: Duty, Honor, and Country. His duties, his responsibilities, his commitments were honored through his dedication, his resources, and his giving of himself throughout his life.

The well-being and security of our nation were always serious concerns and were reflected also in his devotion to his family.

He enriched the lives of all those who knew him. He has left his personal characteristics with those who succeed him. May he now live again with Christ and with those who have gone before.

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Walter Ferris Ellis

NO. 9071 CLASS OF 1931

Died 18 March 1988 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, aged 81 years.

Interment: Fairview Gardens, Fayetteville, Arkansas

BORN IN CHICAGO, Illinois, on 28 April 1906, Walter was orphaned when his mother, Emma Minnich, died in 1908. Walter and his brother Roy were sent to live with distant cousins on a farm near Chicago. Roy was adopted by George and Emma (Wehr) Ellis, but Walter was left behind. Roy, aged 4, cried for his little brother, aged 2, every night; and

Walter Ferris Ellis

the Ellises were left with one alternative: to adopt Walter as well!

The boys were raised in West Allis, Wisconsin. When Roy and Walter were beginning their years at West Allis High School, their adopted father abandoned the family to follow a "gantryesque" evangelist to Florida. Emma, Roy, and Walter Ellis were left in West Allis. Roy dropped out of high school to work full-time, but Walter was to graduate from high school, receive a basketball scholarship to Marquette University, and work part-time as a draftsman. His ambition was to become an architect.

On 19 February 1927, Walter received notification to report to Fort Sheridan, Illinios as "first alternate" candidate to West Point, contingent upon the failure of the principal candidate to qualify for admission. Fortunately for Walter, the principal candidate came down with the measles, and Walter received his appointment via Western Union on 28 June 1927.

Our most cherished legacy began on 1 July 1927, when Walter began his books: *West Point*, for example, documents Walter's four years at the academy—from Summer Camp 1927, through June Week 1931—with his own pen and ink drawings, maps, calligraphy, photographs, football and dance programs, and cartoons. (Cadet W. Ellis received $65 monthly pay, $24.90 in rations, and was $8.19 in debt, according to his 31 July 1927 account with the Treasurer, USMA.)

Following graduation, Walter was first assigned to the Philippine Islands, via New York, Panama, San Francisco, and Hawaii. Before his return to Fort Sheridan, Illinios, in 1934, he served in Corregidor, and as commanding officer of a mine planter operating out of Fort Drum.

A passenger list for the *SS Princess Louise*, sailing from Victoria, B.C. to Skagway, Alaska, dated 7 August 1925 was found, placed at random, inside the cover of *West Point*. Among the passengers—a Mr. W. Ellis (17) from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a Miss Miriam Wedge (16) from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Miriam (Mim) Wedge was to marry LT Walter Ferris Ellis ten years later, 13 December 1935, at the West Point Cadet Chapel. In 1938 a true Army brat was born at West Point, Margaret Adrienne, while Walter was an instructor of Scriptive Geometry and Surveying.

The books continued: Fort Monroe, Virginia, where Barbara Ann was born on Halloween 1943; to the Philippines (during WWII); to Japan, during the occupation following the war (*The Far East* in three volumes); returning in 1949 to the Industrial War College; on to Fort Lewis, Washington; to Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs; then to the Pentagon in 1954.

Tours in Stuttgart and Mannheim, Germany. (*Europe* is documented by three more illustrated books.) Walter last served as commander of the 4th Region, Army Air Defense Command in Kansas City, Missouri, receiving the Legion of Merit before retiring in June 1961.

Walt and Mim Ellis retired in Fayetteville, Arkansas, attending the University of Arkansas, both receiving master's degrees. While Mim went on to receive her doctorate, Walter returned to his first love, architecture: building a home and moving those Arkansas boulders and rocks about, single-handedly, creating terraces, pathways, and creek beds. He was president of the Retired Officers Club and the Republican Men's Club, and he put his master's degree in business and economics to good use, as well. They bought a condominium in Butterfield Trail Village, in Fayetteville, but in November 1984, Miriam died before its completion. Walter moved there just before his 80th birthday.

Walter's last book, *Memorabilia*, traces his family from Sevenoaks, Kent, England, and Hohenkirch, Germany, 1826-1934. *Memorabilia* was made in duplicate for his survivors: two daughters, Marty Savage and Barbe Kackley; six grandchildren, Sheryl Lynne Ashley, Stephen Garrett Savage, Scott Thomas Savage, Shannon Christine Kackley, John Arthur Kackley, and Sean Michael Savage.

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James Thomas McClellan

NO. 9306 CLASS OF 1931

Died 27 January 1945 in the straits of Formosa, aged 35 years.

Interment: North Pacific

I LAST SAW MY FATHER just after my third birthday, in the spring of 1941. He was holding me in his arms on board the

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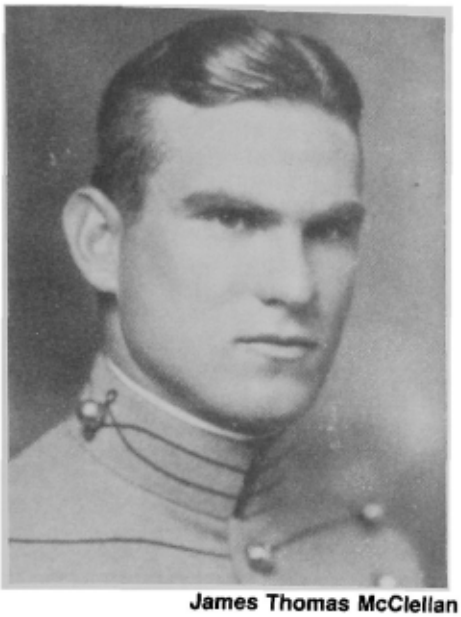

James Thomas McClellan

evacuation ship that was to bring my mother and me back to the States from the Philippines. I remember daddy's hug, the cigar in his hand, and its smell. That is all I remember. What appears below comes from many people—his wife, his mother, his sisters, and especially his classmates, Colonel Parks Houser and Walter Krueger, Jr., all who shared with me their memories of my father.

He grew up in the small southern town of Flora, Mississippi. His was a large, loving family. They were all very close. He grew up hunting and fishing, as seems to be the born right of every southern boy. His family was proud of his leadership in all things boys do: basketball, baseball, football, even the fighting that high young spirits engender.

This was "Mac's" heritage and life up until the time he walked through the sallyport into the area of South Barracks on 1 July 1927. By then, he was ready and eager for that next phase. Mac's cadet life was marked by his honesty, his friendliness, his easygoing attitude, his love of sports, and his consideration of others. That's all I am told about Mac, the cadet, my father. I am proud of it all.

Upon graduation, although assigned to the Infantry, he, along with more than a hundred others, was detailed to the Air Corps. Flying turned out not to be his cup of tea, so he was returned to his basic branch in February 1932, and was assigned to the 9th Infantry, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Here, as a company officer, he began a solid foundation of troop duty experience. In 1934, he went to Fort Benning for the Infantry Officers Basic Course. Then, a few days before Christmas 1934, Mac was assigned to Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone where he took command of E Company, 33rd Infantry.

There soon began in the 2nd Battalion a very serious competition among the four company commanders—all class of 1931. There was only one winner. Mac's company was always outstanding in its endeavors. For the longest time, his classmate-competitor company commanders in the battalion could not understand how his company seemed to consistently win all of the athletic trophies.

Finally, they learned—too late—that he always sent his first sergeant to the Atlantic side to meet every incoming troop transport. By the time those ships finished transitting the canal, every good athlete on board, and every man with even slightly better than average athletic skills, had been persuaded to request assignment to E Company! On 1 December 1935 came Mac's first promotion, to first lieutenant. There followed on 11 June 1941, his first AUS promotion to captain, and then on 19 December 1941, to major.

From the Canal Zone, he was assigned in December 1936 to Fort Williams, Maine. It was here that he met and married Evelyn Brown. I was their only child and was born at Fort Benning, Georgia where my father was a student at the Infantry School. He graduated in June 1938 and we moved to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Here, his last service in God's Country saw Mac assigned to the 11th Infantry from July 1938 to May 1940, with his second company command.

In July 1940 we arrived in the Philippines. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 45th Infantry, a Philippine Scout unit, Pettit Barracks, Zamboanga. This battalion had the only Moro company in the Scouts. The Philippine division, consisting predominantly of Scout troops, constantly distinguished itself during the intense fighting in the defense of the islands against the Japanese. The first recipient of the Medal of Honor in the Philippines was a Scout sergeant. Mac was justly proud to be a member of the 45th Infantry. On 9 May 1941, he was assigned to the G-4 division, Headquarters, Philippine Department.

He was captured in Zamboanga and moved to Luzon, where he was placed on board a Japanese prison ship bound for Japan. Our navy bombers stopped the voyage of this unmarked vessel before it got very far. Mac was instrumental in organizing the American servicemen as they went overboard in Subic Bay. While on deck busy with this rescue work, Mac was horrified to see his close friend, Dale Kinnee '29, shot dead in the water by the Japanese. Shaking himself momentarily free of this terrible experience, he finished helping the Americans abandon ship, then made it ashore himself. Some time later, the dates are uncertain, he once again was placed on a Japanese prison ship bound for Japan. This time, the rigors of being a prisoner under inhuman conditions overcame my father; he died of starvation in late January 1945 aboard ship somewhere in the straits of Formosa. His body was committed to the sea by his comrades.

My father saw his friends die under unbelievable circumstances, and died thus himself. From what I have learned of him, I know he would have blessed his comrades for the sorrow they must have felt in seeing him, and so many others, succumb at sea as they did.

His daughter, Nancy McClellan Sewall

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Lon Harley Smith

NO. 9526 CLASS OF 1932

Died 5 May 1987 in Anniston, Alabama, aged 79 years.

Interment: Houston Cemetery, Houston, Mississippi

Lon Harley Smith

PINKY SMITH WAS a neat man.

Webster defines neat as clean and orderly, skillful and precise, unmixed, well-proportioned, cleverly done, and nice, pleasing. Those words help describe Pinky. Neat was his way of life.

Lon Harley Smith, affectionately called Pinky, was born in Houston, Mississippi on 7 June 1907, the youngest of three sons of Biggus M. and Alice (Davis) Smith. He grew up in Houston and maintained close connections with relatives and friends there throughout his lifetime. Following graduation from Houston High School in 1925, he entered Mississippi State University where he was a student until he became a member of the Class of 1932, United States Military Academy, in July of 1928.

Pinky always said he went to West Point because his mama said he should go to West Point. He thought she meant

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West Point, Mississippi where he sometimes went dancing. He was appointed to the Academy from the Fourth District of Mississippi by then Congressman Jeff Busby.

Pinky's approach to cadet life indicated the pattern his life would follow. He was a conformist. He handled academics with no apparent stress, participated in cadet activities quietly but effectively, making no waves but going his own way as he chose. He was an excellent cadet. Neat and dapper in uniform or civies, coordinated, even graceful physically; he was a splendid athlete for his stature. He loved sports and participated enthusiastically. He was an avid baseball fan from childhood. In fact, his older brothers nicknamed him Pinky after a cartoon character bat boy who, like our Pinky, tagged along after the big boys to their game.

Pinky made solid, lasting friends. Congenial, warm, and companionable, with a great sense of humor, he flashed an irresistible smile which attracted men and women alike. Pinky always enjoyed people and people enjoyed Pinky. If Pinky was your friend, you had a friend indeed.

Following graduation from USMA he returned to Houston where he promptly sought out Carrie Bess Davis, a hometown girl whom he'd known all his life. They were married in August 1932.

With a great, loving partner at his side, Pinky began his Army career by joining the elite 29th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia. The 29th was the only full strength Infantry Regiment in the Army at that time and was a magnificent training vehicle for young officers. Assignment to the 29th was choice. This was the first of many deservedly choice and highly responsible assignments which were to mark Pinky's career.

He remained with the 29th until the fall of 1936 when he became a student officer at the Infantry School. Thereafter he served successively at Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where his tour ended less than a month before Pearl Harbor; and next at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Then, with the nation at war in 1942, he attended the Command and General Staff School during which time he was promoted to major.

Shortly after leaving Leavenworth, he went overseas to serve with the II Corps in combat in North Africa. There as assistant and then G-1 of the Corps, he was directly involved in the collection, confinement, control, and administration of one of the largest groups of enemy prisoners ever to fall to a unit of the US Army. This operation, without precedence in our green Army at that time, was conducted smoothly and efficiently although the collapse of German and Italian resistance was sudden and on a scale hardly anticipated.

Pinky, now a lieutenant colonel, returned to the US in 1944 for duty in Washington with the prestigious Operations Division of the War Department General Staff. There he served until the end of 1946, having been promoted to colonel the year before. In early 1947 he was selected to attend the first class of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. From there he went to Berlin where he served with the Office of Military Government and as executive officer of the Berlin Military Post, this during the perilous days of the airlift emergency.

With the reactivation of the Army War College, Pinky became a student, again of the first class, in 1950–51. Upon graduation he returned to Washington for three years duty with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. From there he went to Korea where he successfully commanded the 32nd Infantry Regiment and filled a G-3 staff position with the HQ Eighth Army. During the period 1956–58 Pinky served a second tour with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His last years of service were probably the most self-satisfying and personally rewarding in his Army career. From 1958 until his retirement in July of 1962 he commanded Fort McClellan, Alabama.

As the top dog, Colonel Smith endeared himself to military and civilian personnel on the post and in the city of Anniston. By his outstanding command and administrative skills, he gained the respect and admiration of his associates in and out of the service. His tenure at McClellan was so successful that upon retirement he was received enthusiastically into the local civilian community. He contributed immensely to Anniston civic activities as a bank official, president of the Rotary Club, chairman of the United Givers Fund, and, symbolic of his interest in sports, captain of the Quarterback Club. He was also very active with the Boy Scouts. In short, besides being a good soldier, Pinky was a good civilian.

That he was a good soldier is attested by the fact that he was twice decorated by his country and also by the governments of South Korea and Ethiopia.

With all his other interests he found time for fun. He had a passion for dancing and music. He could beat out a terrific rhythm on a mock piano keyboard.

In 1966 Pinky suffered the first of several debilitating strokes which led to increasing degrees of physical handicap. Through the years of reduced activity, Pinky maintained an attitude of cheerfulness, interest in life and love of family and friends. He was devotedly supported by "his girls"—wife Carrie Bess and daughters Cissie and Jo Ann. Love was obvious in that family, but characteristic of Pinky's life, his love and concern extended to friends and organizations as well. He was a fierce defender of those he chose. He never let anyone down.

Pinky died in May 1987 in Anniston. He returned to his native Houston for the last time for burial with honors. He will not be forgotten. As his friend and classmate, Major General George Duncan wrote, "as long as friendships are treasured and music is played we shall remember him."

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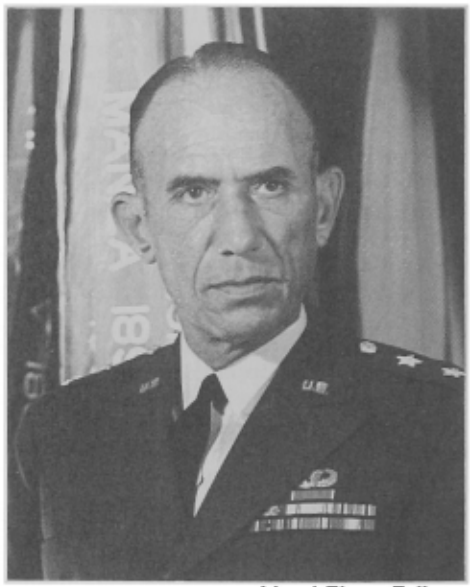
Lloyd Elmer Fellenz

NO. 10068 CLASS OF 1934

Died 21 August 1987 in St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Lloyd Elmer Fellenz

LLOYD ELMER FELLENZ, known fondly by many as PeeWee, was thought of by his classmates as one of the more talented members of '34. His lovely widow, Mary, speaks glowingly of him as a husband and father of six fine children, who have now sired twelve grandchildren, all of whom lighted up the lights in the eyes of their devoted father and grandfather. PeeWee's athletic skills are well-documented, having been a fine tennis player, a top golfer, and a rifleman who shot on the Army Rifle Team for several years. He was a natural athlete and could have excelled at whatever sport he wished. As a soldier's soldier, he was highly respected by all ranks, both military and civilian. His professional career spanned 39 years during which he received numerous awards and decorations, among which were the Legion of Merit and Commendation Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

PeeWee was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 28 June 1910, the son of an Army family. His "growing up days"

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imbued him with a strong desire to become an officer in the Army. Upon completion of his high school days, he enlisted in the Regular Army in order to obtain an Army appointment to West Point. After two years of hard study, he finally won his competitive appointment in 1930 and entered with the Class of 1934.

Life as a cadet did not present any great obstacles for PeeWee. He had a penchant toward and worked hard on those things which he liked but, like so many of us, he simply tolerated the less likable matters. One vital matter he did not shirk—meeting and courting one Mary Higgins of Flushing, New York, which culminated in their marriage two days after PeeWee's graduation in June 1934. Being commissioned a 2d Lieutenant of Infantry, his first assignment was with the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Our first child, Dorothy Ann (Dody), was born in April 1935. We had happy times at Fort Sam with the Higginses, Tuckers, Richardsons, Cooks, and Carys. In the summers, we lived at Camp Perry, Ohio, where PeeWee was a member of the National Rifle Team.

In 1937, PeeWee went to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia and upon graduation in 1938, he was ordered to Fort Adams, Rhode Island, where a recent hurricane had caused extensive damage to the post. The commanding officer ran all his lieutenants ragged in cleaning up the mess, causing all of them to seek transfers to other branches. PeeWee went to the Chemical Warfare Service. Our second child, Mary Regina (Genie), was born in Newport just before we left for Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland in 1939 (now known as the Army Chemical Center.)

PeeWee never regretted the move. He was greatly liked by the temperamental scientists and learned a great deal of knowledge from them. We made some wonderful friendships among this group which enriched both our lives.

Our first son, Denis, was born two weeks before Pearl Harbor and, shortly after this, PeeWee attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, his birthplace. Now the promotions began and before we knew it, PeeWee was a lieutenant colonel. I was pregnant again and moved to Great Neck, Long Island, to be near my family for the duration. PeeWee was sent to Florida and then to New England and finally, overseas. He participated in the invasion of Sicily and served with the British in North Africa. Our fourth child, André, was a year old before he saw her for the first time.

When PeeWee returned to the States, he was assigned to the Pentagon and, shortly thereafter, he was given command of Fort Detrick, Maryland. Our fifth child, Lloyd, Jr., was born soon thereafter. In 1948, he was chosen to attend the National War College, and, at the ripe old age of 40, we had our sixth and last child, John A., who was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

From the War College PeeWee was ordered to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to command the 81st Chemical Group. While in this assignment, he graduated from Jump School at Fort Benning. From Bragg, he returned to Edgewood Arsenal where he commanded all the various laboratories of the Chemical Corps. This was followed by a tour in the Office of the Chief, Chemical Corps, from which he returned to command Edgewood Arsenal, where he received his first star. Subsequently, he was given command of the Desert Test Center with headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah. After Fort Douglas, PeeWee went back to the Pentagon. He got his second star and was given command of the US Army Japan. This last assignment was the highlight of his career, and it was fun for his family as well.

We entertained constantly and were entertained in return. PeeWee and our youngest son, Lloyd, Jr., played a lot of golf together. Lloyd was in West Point, Dodie was working in the District of Columbia, Denis was a private in the Army, André and Genie were married. After we had been in Japan for one year, we were notified that Dodie had been operated on for cancer. I returned to the States until Dodie was on her way to what we thought was recovery. We had another good year in Japan. At the end of that year we returned by ship to the States, stopping in Hawaii for PeeWee's retirement ceremony.

Dodie lived for two years after our return to the United States. She died in July of 1969. We were heartbroken by the death of our lovely 34 year old daughter. During this time PeeWee had been working for Monsanto Chemical. He retired from that job and we moved to Florida.

During those good years in Florida, before PeeWee's illness, we were frequently visited by our many grandchildren—seven boys and five girls. To the very end of PeeWee's life with us he was surrounded by the complete love of every member of our family.

Mary Fellenz and a classmate

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Daniel Henry Heyne

NO. 10076 CLASS OF 1934

Died 28 July 1986 in Glen Flora, Texas, aged 75 years.

Interment: Wharton City Cemetery, Wharton, Texas

DANIEL HENRY HEYNE was born in Columbus, Texas on 15 January 1911 to Julius Ernest and Anna (Baumgartner) Heyne. He attended grammar school and high school in Wharton, Texas.

Daniel Henry Heyne

Appointed to the Military Academy from Texas, Dan, during his four years as a cadet, exhibited the rare quality of refraining at the right time from idle and desultory conversation, and applying himself to that which must be done to completion. Conscientiously, he concerned himself with the tasks at hand but at the same time, he had a light and whimsical side speckled with a good sense of humor. Upon graduation, he chose the Field Artillery and was ordered to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for his first station.

Not long after reporting to Fort Bragg, Dan discovered a lovely young lady in Fayetteville, North Carolina, just outside the post, who took charge of his heart and led him to the altar on 28 May 1936; her name, Kathryn (Kitti) Maxwell. Their marriage was blessed with two children—Pamela Ann, born in April 1941 in San Antonio, Texas; and Peter Marshall, born in September 1945 in Fayetteville.

Dan's career pattern was quite similar to those of his many contemporaries; troop assignments interspersed with service school assignments. He completed the Regular Course at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in February 1940. For part of 1940–41, he served as a battery commander in the 65th Field Artillery at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1941–42, he was battalion operations officer (S-3) and then commander of the 95th Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Cooke, California. Late in 1942 he returned to the Field Artillery School to serve on the staff and faculty until 1944, when he was ordered to Camp Bowie, Texas as commander of the 498th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 13th Armored Division. During this time he went on temporary duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to attend the 19th Gen-

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eral Staff Class of the Command and General Staff School. He then returned to Camp Bowie and went with the 13th Armored to the European Theater as the commander of the 497th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

Until conclusion of hostilities in 1945, Dan fought with the 13th Armored Division, as part of the famous Third US Army, commanded by the legendary General George S. Patton, Jr. For these services Dan was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Returning to the US after WWII, Dan was assigned to Camp Buttner, North Carolina, as the G-4 of the 4th Infantry Division. In 1947, he returned to Europe to command the 51st Constabulary Squadron, and later he took over the command of the 94th Field Artillery Battalion. In 1949–50, he completed the course at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, after which he was ordered for duty in the Office of the Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia. In 1954, Dan attended the Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and, upon graduation, he was posted to the 24th Infantry Division in Korea where he served in the Division Artillery through 1954–55. In 1959, he was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

His last post was Fort Hood, Texas. While there, he began taking law courses at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Shortly after his retirement from the Army in 1964, he received his law degree and, after admission to the bar, he set up practice in Houston, Texas, and subsequently in Wharton, Texas.

Dan is survived by his daughter, Pamela, a practicing architect in Washington, DC; and his son, Peter, a writer in Houston, Texas; also by three sisters, Lydia Stone, Glen Flora, Texas; Bertie Glaze, El Campo, Texas; and Esther Philips, Angleton, Texas.

Peter Heyne and a classmate

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Paul Lawrence Barton

NO. 10097 CLASS OF 1934

Died 13 May 1985 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 73 years.

Interment: Belmont, Vermont

PAUL LAWRENCE BARTON, scion of a long line of Vermonters, was born in Plymouth, Vermont, 27 May 1911, the oldest son of Lawrence W. and Helen Barton. He attended elementary and high school at Black River Academy in Ludlow, Vermont, as had his distant cousin, Calvin Coolidge. He began his military career by enlisting in the Vermont militia in Ludlow, and after graduation from Black River Academy, he attended Norwich University for one

Paul Lawrence Barton

year before becoming the first person appointed from Ludlow to West Point. He entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1930.

As a cadet, Paul tried out for polo as a plebe, was on the track team four years, was assistant manager of the hockey team as an underclassman, and manager first class year. His *Howitzer* write-up says he disproved the assertion that Vermonters are quiet; although in later years he never wasted any words. He was never fully satisfied with things as they were and would advance new ideas, sticking to them, with pleasant persistence. This desire to improve things stuck with him throughout his career.

Paul graduated with the Class of 1934 wearing sergeant's stripes, and was commissioned second lieutenant of Infantry. He spent the first five years as a doughboy. He served in the 26th Infantry, the 35th Infantry in Hawaii, and graduated from the Infantry School in 1936. He was promoted to first lieutenant on 12 June 1937, and married Ara Armstrong of Belmont, Vermont on 11 July. While with the 8th Infantry, after Fort Benning, Paul requested transfer to the Air Corps, took his pilot training at Randolph and Kelly Fields and received his wings 11 May 1940. His promotion to captain followed on 9 September 1940.

After Pearl Harbor, Paul was in a B-17 training wing, serving at Wendover Field, Utah, and at Walla Walla, Washington. He was promoted to major on 23 July 1941, and to lieutenant colonel on 23 January 1942. Ara presented Paul with daughter Sally in September 1942, but he could find very little time to spend with this blessed addition. He formed and trained the 483d Bombardment (H) Group, comprised of the 815th, 816th, 817th, and 840th Bomb Squadrons. He was promoted to colonel on 7 February 1944, and took the group to Italy to join the Fifteenth Air Force in March. Paul was the first and only commander of the 483d; he flew 35 of its 215 combat missions.

On 15 April 1944, Paul led the Group in an attack on Nis, Yugoslavia, for which he received the Silver Star and Purple Heart. His citation read, in part, "—suffering intense pain from a severe wound caused by a direct hit of enemy flak, —Colonel Barton, with great personal courage, refused first aid, maintained the integrity of his formation and led it in such a manner that a normal rally was accomplished in formation, and badly damaged planes were able to let down after the flight. By his exceptional leadership, skill, and devotion to duty, together with courage and personal example, Colonel Barton reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of America."

From 10 May-11 June 1944, Paul led the successful planning, administration, and execution of the first Allied Task Force sent to Russia, and staged bombings from there, which meant that East German targets were no longer safe. For this effort, Paul received his first Legion of Merit.

On 14 July 1944, Paul led a B-17 mission against vital oil refineries at Budapest, for which his first Distinguished Flying Cross citation read, in part: "With great professional skill and judgment, in the face of determined enemy opposition, Colonel Barton led his group—to accomplish a perfect bombing run. . . . By his outstanding skill, courage, and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire, Colonel Barton has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of America."

On 18 July 1944, the 483d engaged the enemy in an epic air battle over Memmingen, Germany, when, without fighter protection, it battled more than 200 Luftwaffe fighters, losing fourteen B-17's, while the surviving twelve B-17's destroyed the target and over 100 enemy aircraft. For this heroic action, the 483d won its first Distinguished Unit Citation.

Paul won his second Distinguished Flying Cross for successfully leading a B-17 mission against one of the last remaining German synthetic oil refining and storage installations at Bleckhammer on 14 October 1944.

Paul was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for leading the 483d's missions from 28 March to 15 April 1944; from 2 June to 9 August 1944; from 15 August to 11 December 1944; and from 26 December 1944 to 16 April 1945. During the war he won eight Bronze Service Stars, led the 483d to a second DUC, and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm. Other decorations include American Campaign Medal, Occupation Medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War

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II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Air Force Longevity Award with Cluster.

After the war, in 1945, Paul commanded the Air Force base in Alexandria, Louisiana and received his senior pilot rating. He returned to Europe in 1946 as commander of the 305th Bomb Group at Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany. Paul, Jr. was born in Rutland, Vermont in July 1946, after which the family joined Paul, Sr. Back to the States in 1947, Paul commanded the 22d Bomb Group at Salinas, Kansas. In 1948–49, Paul attended the Air War College, followed by attendance at the 18th Advanced Management Program at Harvard. In 1950 he commanded the Officer Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base, and subsequently became deputy base commander.

In 1953 Paul graduated from the National War College, and in July was assigned as deputy base commander at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, becoming commander in October. During this assignment, Paul received letters of commendation from Brigadier General C. Pratt Brown, Base Commander, for outstanding service as his deputy, and from General Rawlings, Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, and from General Twining, Chief of Staff, US Air Force, for his outstanding performance in the conduct of the 50th anniversary of Powered Flight, and the National Air Show. Also, during this tour, he received his command pilot wings, and the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit, which reads, in part: "—renovated and strengthened almost every phase of the administrative and support roles, making Wright-Patterson a model of efficiency and support services. He re-vitalized relationships with the civilian community. . . . His achievements have resulted in important additions to the body of Air Force policy concerning base commands and led the way to important advances in inter-service, inter-community, and inter-governmental agency relationships. . . . "

On 10 July 1957, Paul was promoted to brigadier general and ordered to Tachikawa, Japan as commander, Northern Air Material Area, Pacific, and deputy commander, Air Material Force, Pacific, in which capacity he served until 1960. During this tour, he was awarded the Japanese Third Order of the Rising Sun in the name of the Emperor and signed by the Prime Minister.

Returning to the US, Paul finished out his active service as director of Logistics Planning, deputy chief of staff of Systems and Logistics, Headquarters, US Air Force, retiring 1 August 1964. He received the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for this period, the citation for which reads, in part: ". . . the exemplary ability, diligence and devotion to duty of General Barton were instrumental factors in the resolution of many complex logistical problems of major importance to the Air Force." This tour was saddened by the untimely death of Sally from spinal meningitis. At Paul's retirement, General Curtis LeMay, Chief of Staff, US Air Force wrote Paul a letter which read, in part: "Throughout your distinguished military career, whether in peace or in combat, you have met the highest standards of service to your country. Your unusual initiative and personal leadership have brought about significant inprovements in the management of personnel and resources. Your varied and extensive background in command and staff positions has improved not only the Air Force, but also the entire military establishment."

After retirement, Paul worked four years for the Logistics Management Institute in Washington, DC, but his cottage on Thirty One Mile Lake in Canada became more and more attractive so, until Ara died in December 1977, the family spent about six months a year there, fishing for lake trout and loafing.

After the sadness of Ara's illness and grief at her death, Paul was lost and lonely, until he became re-acquainted with Helene Day Blount, she having become the Air Force widow of Colonel Robert Blount in 1973. They married in June 1980 and again knew happiness, sharing their numerous hobbies and traveling together.

Paul was always active and helpful in Class matters, and held several offices in '34, and with Helene was able to attend his 50th Class Reunion at West Point, before he encountered the grave illness which took his life. After suffering an attack while visiting Vermont in 1984, he fought manfully for many months at Malcom Grow Hospital to overcome cancer and regain his strength. It was really tough to watch his losing battle. He was released to return to his home to Arlington, Virginia, where he passed away shortly thereafter, on 13 May 1985. Full military honors with classmates as honorary pallbearers were accorded at the Fort Myer Chapel. He was buried in Belmont, Vermont, after a formal military memorial service at the chapel there on 25 May 1985.

The 483d Bombing Group (H) Association's report of Paul's death remembered him with fondness and respect, noting that his success in combat was due to his low key common sense type of compassionate leadership and his quiet sense of humor. The Air Force General Officer Branch evaluation of Paul reads: "Frowns on insincerity, premature judgements; has a penchant for accuracy and detail; strives for perfection himself and demands quality work and productivity from his subordinates; firm but fair in evaluating individuals, he advocates assuring justice to the individual and to the Air Force." As General LeMay said: Paul improved not only the Air Force, but also the entire military establishment. He will not be forgotten; the Class of 1934 will always remember him as one of their own.

Paul is survived by his widow at 4912 North 37th Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22207; his son Paul, Jr of Annandale, Virginia; his stepdaughter Michele Noyes, of Portland, Oregon; two sisters, Betty B. Bailey of Boston, and Barbara B. Chiolino of Rutland, Vermont.

Johnny Stevens

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Durward Ellsworth Breakefield

NO. 10254 CLASS OF 1935

Died 29 July 1987 in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, aged 76 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Durward Ellsworth Breakefield

DURWARD ELLSWORTH BREAKEFIELD returned for the last time to West Point on 5 August 1987, where he was interred with full military honors on a bright, golden day in that peaceful, shaded cemetery. He rests amid contemporaries and surrounded by other distinguished soldiers. In attendance were his admiring family, classmates, and friends from far and near. After long and faithful service Break was home in the place which was dearest to his heart and which played such an important part in his life. As Taps was sounded, Break, his family, and all assembled knew the peace of a completed journey.

Born in Centralia, Illinois, 23 September 1910, the son of Luther and Iva Ball Breakefield, Break was a sturdy, wiry lad. The great tragedy in his life occurred when he was 8 and his father died in the flu epidemic. His grandfather,

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Charles, took his father's place in Break's affection and the Breakefield farm in Illinois was often to provide a haven for Break in later years.

The family moved frequently; Break attended many elementary schools and two high schools in Colorado and New Mexico. He graduated in 1928, an athlete with letters in football and basketball, and with an abiding love for tennis that would continue throughout his life.

It was at the time of his graduation that Break swore his closest friend to secrecy, made him custodian of a bicycle and a tennis racquet and, without telling his family, hitchhiked across the Midwest to his grandparents' farm. He delighted, later on, in telling about the cold ride on the rails, his face full of cinders and about narrow escapes from railroad authorities. Eager and venturesome, he built a moral courage and self reliance on that trip that would serve him all his life.

When he returned to his family in late summer, Break enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was first stationed at Brooks Field. He was soon selected for the Army Preparatory School, Fort Sam Houston, where his leadership abilities blossomed. He was made first sergeant of the school and one of his contemporaries remarked, "He was a splendid influence on all of us." Always a competitor, Break won an appointment to the Military Academy from among the 34 Army-wide "at large" vacancies in 1931.

West Point's challenge was met with cool deliberation. Break's first goal had been achieved; he was a cadet. Now he started afresh, in a new and stimulating environment, to become an officer in the United States Army. Past experience, maturity, and previous achievements gave Break an immediate identity, while his prior military training eased the impact of plebe summer. To his delighted amusement, the typing course his family had insisted on led to his selection as company clerk. He quickly came to know well his fellow cadets and this allowed him, more than once, to give timely assistance. Having no trouble with academics himself, he spent many hours coaching those less fortunate than he. His competence was evident, his honesty absolute. These qualities, coupled with his unbiased application of justice, ensured his later nomination as an honor representative and eventually his membership on the Cadet Honor Committee. Because of his fondness of children he became a Cadet Chapel Sunday School teacher, giving meaning to the religious studies of the garrison youth. Break gloried in cadet life and West Point gave him the roots he had missed in childhood. For him there was never a dull moment. He proved he could stay up with the best.

Lettering in cross country and captain of that team, Break excelled in one and two mile runs, and he played tennis whenever possible. Later, as a member of the West Point faculty, he would act as advisor to the track team. He loved athletics and believed that one should try to excel in a few sports rather than play many.

As company commander of K Company, Break developed a great rapport with the Tactical Department, particularly with Lieutenant (later Brigadier General) G. Bryan Conrad, Nov '18, alias "Pete Newby." Break stood between Pete and the company and the company generally won. The mutual respect and admiration shared by them was evident throughout their lives. Break won his spurs in the "Nubian Guards," Pete's favorite rifles.

On graduation Break selected Artillery and Panama as his first station. This was a fortunate choice, for at the end of the line were his battery and Annabelle Eliza Owens, daughter of Major (later Brigadier General) Alexander Owens. One hears of love at first sight, but rarely does one witness the complete infatuation of two young people who moments before had not known of the other's existence. It seemed they had known each other forever. They were married April 1936 and spent two happy years at Fort Clayton. There Break honed his mountain battery to a high state of perfection, so perfect that a report credits him with firing an initial salvo directly on target and then querying: "What do I do now, Sergeant?" Before returning to the States, Break volunteered to march across the isthmus with the 14th Infantry, primarily to give himself some infantry experience.

Break had given considerable thought to transferring to the Ordnance Corps where he believed his inquisitiveness and technical ability would be productive. His and Annabelle's next post was Watertown Arsenal. There he invented and was given a patent for "Centrifugal Castings in Thick Walled Cylinders." This patent was used at the arsenal to produce gun tubes in huge numbers for artillery use during the war. It was a great contribution, but frustrated his desire to participate in the action overseas. It was not until August of 1945, after the award of the Legion of Merit for his services, that he was given command of the Base Ordnance Center in Manila, P.I. Annabelle and his first two daughters, Susan and Xandra, joined him there. His third daughter, Beverly, was born at his next assignment in Michigan where he received a master's in business administration at the University of Michigan.

In 1950 Break returned to West Point as Associate Professor of the Ordnance Department. As teacher, coach, counselor, and confidant of cadets, he was able to serve the institution that molded his life. Cadets were exposed to a man who had the highest ideals. He was admired for his professionalism and loved for his compassion and humanity.

In 1953 Break went to his first service school, the Army War College. The lapse in formal Army schooling had not interfered with his professional progress. He had kept himself well informed and diligently studied Army doctrine, literature and technical publications. He was ready for the War College. That year at Carlisle was followed by four arduous years in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Pentagon, as director of personnel. The duty hours were long, but living in Washington had its compensations; there were many classmates and acquaintances in the area with attendant convivial gatherings.

He and the family were overseas again in 1958 with MAAG in Vietnam where he headed up the effort to locate and assess the material left by the French. Later upon retirement from the Army, he would return with the Logistics AID program to Vietnam.

Upon return to the States in 1960, Break was given command of Letterkenny Depot, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He was promoted to brigadier general. When faced with difficult decisions, Break met his responsibilities with skill, confidence and integrity. His efforts, often intense, were made always for the greater good of the Army and his country, never for an instant with the thought of self aggrandizement.

In 1963 he was sent to Korea as Commanding General, Eighth Army Support Command. Here Break again demonstrated his outstanding leadership, and he and Annabelle the teamwork that made so many friends and admirers. When he left, the Koreans raised a huge banner: "FAREWELL TO OUR GENTLEMAN GENERAL." Break was a gentleman as well as an able general and Annabelle a lady equally able as his partner.

His final Army post was director of Maintenance, Army Support Command back in Washington. He retired in 1965 with the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding contributions to his country.

Break was not ready to quit. He undertook another federal position with the Logistics AID to Vietnam. While Annabelle remained in the DC area, he shuttled back and forth to Vietnam for five years while planning, building, operating, and stocking the port of Saigon. It was not until 1970 that he returned permanently to the States.

His final career was as a farmer. He and Annabelle purchased Rowe Run farm near Letterkenny Depot in Pennsylvania. He remained active; the farm's needs were unceasing. He planted trees, raised Polled Herefords, plowed, harvested hay. He returned to the land and

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the simple joys he had shared with his grandfather, Charles, those many years before.

He and Annabelle, now settled permanently, watched their family grow during those years, beyond traditional limits. Their three birth daughters were joined by Juanita in 1971 when she arrived to help care for Annabelle's mother. Grandchildren multiplied with Xandra's two, Susanna and Sarah, being joined by Sung and Beverly Ann, children of his friends, the Choes, and Juanita's Alexander, Anna, and Yvonne. Break gloried in his daughters' accomplishments. Break always had room for one more in his family, and he reveled in the family gatherings at the farm.

On Easter morning, 1987, Break suffered a severe stroke. His family was all gathered at Rowe Run for the holiday. That Saturday a festive lunch had been held to celebrate Sung's acceptance at Princeton. Saturday afternoon had been spent at his daughter Susan's neighboring farm watching young grandchildren gambol on the lawn and enjoying a picnic.

Break fought back against the stroke in Walter Reed and at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington until July 29th when he asked his beloved Annabelle to take him home. That evening he was carried into his home by a neighboring Amish farmer. His son-in-law, David, had spent weeks building the apparatus that might help him stay at home and he reviewed it all with thanks. Home again he died that night with Annabelle and Beverly by his side.

Break leaves us bright memories, a lasting sense of his admirable integrity and indomitable spirit, his affection and respect for his friends and West Point, and his deep love and gratitude for his family.

At the funeral 5 August one of his classmates remarked "That man was a miler." And so he was. Adios, amigo! May you soar like an eagle on the other side of the Great Divide where we shall meet again.

CFL and the DEB family

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Benjamin Walker Hawes

NO. 10403 CLASS OF 1935

Died 8 February 1988 in Louisville, Kentucky, aged 78 years.

Interment: Hawes Family Cemetery, Daviess County, Kentucky

A FEW MILES northwest of Owensboro, Kentucky, lies the Ben Hawes State Park, a recreation area for the city, planned and completed while Bennie was mayor of the city. The park was dedicated while he was still living, over his objection that it was bad luck to have

Benjamin Walker Hawes

a monument prior to your demise. Bennie would laugh about it when viewing his monument. He knew he would be long and well remembered. In the words of one Owensboro citizen, "The moral impact of Mayor Ben Hawes' unimpeachable integrity will live as long as there is an Owensboro, Kentucky."

Ben joined the plebe class of 1935 at West Point to participate with his classmates in Beast Barracks. He learned to negotiate the steps of the old 13th Division of Central Barracks two steps at a time with a mattress or some other impedimenta on his back or in his arms. This, and learning to march and drill, occupied that period. Charlie Hoy was our mentor. Charlie said, "Drilling is easy. Just put one foot in front of the other" by way of encouragement.

When academics began he could be found reading his Bible after completing his studies for the succeeding day and prior to taps. He also enjoyed short naps as time allowed and was a great letter writer. Excellent in science and mathematics, he had problems with French, and later Spanish.

He enjoyed an evening walk around the West Point Plain after dinner and listening to the band concerts near the superintendent's quarters. One evening after a lecture by then Major Omar Bradley in the academy drawing lecture hall, Bennie asked him about hunting and was given a late slip for return to his room for study an hour later.

An excellent shot and avid hunter, he qualified as a rifle sharpshooter and a pistol expert. His horsemanship was furthered by an interest in polo.

Bennie's first assignment after graduation was to the 31st Infantry, Philippine Department, Philippine Islands. While awaiting transportation at Fort Jay, New York, he took the Company Officers Course, Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. Assigned to Company M of the 31st Infantry, he served as machine gun platoon leader and battalion adjutant from 1936–38. His West Point roommate for four years served in the same regiment. He participated in training and maneuvers for defense of the Philippines. It is of interest that the defense of the Lingayen Gulf sector and the withdrawal through Bataan to Corregidor was rehearsed many years prior to the actual Japanese attack in 1942.

An enthusiastic student, Bennie spent much of his time while quartered at the Army and Navy Club in Manila to a study of Plato's dialogues. The *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* of T. E. Lawrence was another volume on which he spent many hours. Continually he worked to improve his knowledge.

He returned to the United States by way of Asia and Europe on commercial transportation, spending time in India visiting with the various elements of the British forces stationed there. Upon his return to the United States, he took the Regular Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. While there he married Constance Gatewood of Columbus, Georgia. In 1940 he was assigned to the 66th Infantry (Tanks) and to the 2nd Armored Division, 1940–41; 3rd Armored Division at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; 758th Tank Battalion, 1941–42; Advanced Tactics Course, Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1942–43; Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1943; 4th Armored Division, 1943; G-3 Plans, Allied Forces Headquarters, 1944, where he worked on a peace treaty between France and the Allied Forces. He served in southern France as a general staff advisor. In late 1944 he assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry, 36th Infantry Division where he was awarded two Bronze Stars with V clasp in the invasion of southern France. He also holds the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart. He lost his right leg below the knee in a land mine explosion during combat and was evacuated to the Zone of the Interior for wounds, spending 1945 and 1947 in Army hospitals. In 1947 he retired as a colonel for physical disability.

He earned a master of science in mathematics from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1950.

The years after 1944 were a period of adjustment to the loss of a limb. He lived in Columbus, Georgia, his wife's hometown, before moving back to Owensboro, Kentucky where he continued to enjoy riding his horse, supervising his farm and becoming involved in community affairs.

He worked as a civilian with the Reserve Officer Unit at Fort Knox, Kentucky and would visit his classmates stationed there. On a trip to England to

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check on farming procedures for Daviess County, Kentucky, he jokingly told his English friends he had returned to Europe to look for his lost limb. His deep religious faith carried him through all of life's vicissitudes.

Notices in the Louisville *Courier Journal* and the Owensboro *Messenger-Inquirer* marked his passing.

He served as City Commissioner and Commissioner of Public Works in 1952 and 1953. He was mayor of Owensboro from 1958-1964. The mayor who preceded him said, "I believe he made us one of the best mayors we've had, at least in my lifetime." He was the only Owensboro mayor to serve for six consecutive years in this century.

Bennie served on several committees and was active in civic affairs during his time at Owensboro. He was general chairman of Brescia College's first annual planning conference. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association, Army and Navy Clubs of Washington, DC, and Manila, Philippine Islands.

He was also a member of the Elk's Club, Rotary Club, American Legion Post #9, Sons of the American Revolution, 40 and 8 Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the First Presbyterian Church where he was twice a deacon.

Bennie and his wife had a son and daughter. Their two children, Benjamin Walker Hawes, Jr. and Laura Hawes, were a source of deep joy to them. The death of Laura, a hauntingly beautiful girl, was a source of profound sorrow. Benjamin Walker Hawes, Jr. was wounded in Vietnam. He is presently a practicing attorney at law in Owensboro. Katherine M. Hawes, granddaughter, brought Connie and Bennie much happiness in their senior years. Connie died in 1984 of cancer. Bennie later married Mary McCulloch. His two brothers, Holloway S. Hawes and Powhatan Hawes, both live in Daviess County.

Members of the Hawes family served in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War II, and the Vietnam War. Colonel Nathaniel Massie and Ensign Thomas Massie served in the Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War circa 1778; 2nd Lieutenant Jonathan D. Taylor, Company D, 1st Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A. died in a military prison, Rock Island, Illinois, 1864; Robert Walker Taylor served in Company E, 10th Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A.; a member of the Hawes family was a commander in the Confederate Cavalry at the Battle of Shiloh. Bennie lost a leg to a land mine in the WWII southern France invasion and Benjamin Walker Hawes, Jr. was wounded in Vietnam. The Hawes family followed the dictates of their conscience and fought for what they believed in. They sealed their basic beliefs with their blood.

Bennie was his company's elected representative to the Honor Committee at West Point, the highest accolade his Company D classmates could present. The 1935 yearbook states, "Honor is the inherent moral force that is molded by West Point into a ruling attribute of character." At the US Military Academy, in his military service, and in his service at Owensboro, Kentucky, as city councilman and mayor, his character left an imperishable mark on all with whom he came in contact.

Like the knight in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* he faced life and death with "ful devout courage."

Benjamin is buried in the Hawes graveyard in Daviess County, Kentucky, with his forebears who crossed the mountains through the Cumberland Gap by ox cart to claim the land from a royal grant from the king of England, circa 1756.

The quiet beauty of the location breathes serenity. May our classmate, good soldier, distinguished civic servant, and friend rest there in peace.

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Benjamin Franklin Taylor

NO. 10951 CLASS OF 1937

Died 15 May 1987 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Benjamin Franklin Taylor

COMING TO WEST POINT with three years of university life behind him, Frank Taylor already had a philosophical view of life that was to serve him so well through two different and highly successful careers. He never let the system frustrate him, quietly accepting it with determination to become the best Army officer he could be.

Benjamin Franklin Taylor was born in Washington, Pennsylvania on 3 April 1912. After graduating from Washington High School, he attended Ohio State University for two years, and Washington and Jefferson College for one year before appointment to West Point. Upon graduation in 1937, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry. He was married on graduation day to Mary Stevenson of Washington, Pennsylvania, which later ended in divorce.

Frank's first assignment was with the 11th Infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, serving there until 1942. Upon graduation in April of that year from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served in the 605th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Fort Custer, Michigan, and from there went to the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduating in September 1942. Shortly thereafter, he assumed command of the 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, stationed successively at Camp Bowie and Fort Hood, Texas.

In October 1943 he graduated from the Army and Navy Staff College, Washington, D.C., Frank was then assigned to the China-Burma-India Theater as a strategic planner in Admiral Mountbatten's Southeast Asia Command. In May 1944 he became executive officer to General Wedemeyer, who was the deputy chief of staff of that command. He accompanied General Wedemeyer to China, where he was secretary of the general staff, China Theater until 1945, when he returned to the United States for duty with the War Department General Staff in Washington, D.C. In January 1946 he became a member of the Joint War Plans Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In April 1947 he was appointed liaison officer between the State and War Departments, and in March 1948 became assistant chief of Plans and Policy Group, Plans and Operations Division.

Taylor was assigned to the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division in Germany in July 1948 and served as regimental executive officer, as commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, and as regimental commander until 1950, when he was transferred to Headquarters European Command. The following October he became chief of the Special Plans and Policy Branch of G-3 and concurrently the representative of the Commander in Chief, Europe, in Bonn negotiations leading to the reestablishment of German military forces.

Returning to the United States in July 1952, Taylor was appointed deputy director of the executive office of the Secretary of Defense. In March 1953 he again was assigned to the Joint Strategic Plans Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In September 1953, Frank entered the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and graduated in June 1954. Later that year he became the regimental commander of the 130th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington, and in October, regimental commander of the

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38th Infantry, at the same station. In September 1955 he was assigned to the I US (Group) in Korea and served as deputy chief of staff from October to December, and as chief of staff until his return to the United States in July 1956, for duty once more with the Pentagon.

Taylor became deputy secretary of the Department of Army General Staff in September 1956 and concurrently served as White House Liaison Officer. From 8 July 1957 until 1959 he was assigned to Secretary of the Army Brucker as his executive. During this assignment he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. His next assignment took him back to Germany, where he served as assistant division commander of the 3d Infantry Division. On 15 October 1960, he became Chief of Staff of VII US Corps in Germany, remaining there until 5 April 1962, when he assumed command of the well-known 24th Infantry Division, with the rank of major general. On 30 September 1961 Frank was married to Sarah (Sally) Louise Kirkman of Washington, D.C.

The Taylors returned to Washington in May 1963 and Frank was named to the post of Director of Army Programs in the Army Chief of Staff's Office. Later that year he became director of Army Budget and remained there until 1 September 1966, at which time he assumed duties as chief of staff of one of the key NATO military commands in Allied Command Europe, the Central Army Group. On 1 May 1968 he was named chief of staff, United States Army, Europe and Seventh Army, and served there until his retirement from active service on 1 November 1970.

Among his numerous decorations, Frank held the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Commanders Knights Cross with Star (Germany), and the Special Breast Order of Pao Ting with Ribbon (China).

Upon retirement from the Army, Taylor became vice president of International General Industries, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., and its president in 1972, as well as senior vice president-industrial of International Bank also in Washington. He also served as chairman of the Board of Globe Industries, Incorporated, a member of the boards of directors of eight companies, and a member of the Washington Board of Trade. He was also president of the George Olmsted Foundation, a position he held until his death.

Frank Taylor was active and energetic right up to the last two weeks of his life. At that time an exploratory operation revealed such extensive cancer that he was never able to recover after the operation.

Survivors include his wife Sally, who continues to live at their home in McLean, Virginia; two daughters, Mrs. Linda T. Drustrup of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mrs. Joan T. Moore of Lake Oswego, Oregon; one stepdaughter, Sister Ellen Karena Taylor of Lipa City, the Philippines; one sister, Mrs. Roxanna T. Davis of Longwood, Florida; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Frank was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing and hunting in far off places with groups of friends, both American and foreign. He liked the companionship as much as the sport itself. He was a very social person. At the Academy he preferred to spend time in bull sessions with friends rather than in studying for academic honors. He enjoyed personal relationships and was always at the center of interest in social gatherings. Yet behind this social case was a man very serious, indeed, about his profession. He loved the Army and would probably have considered commanding the 24th Division as the most satisfying time of his life. He had great loyalty to West Point and retained strong ties to the Academy and to his Class, even as he went on to excel in the totally different world of banking and industrial management. A measure of the man and his regard for his profession can be seen in his request that his grave be marked by a simple soldier headstone.

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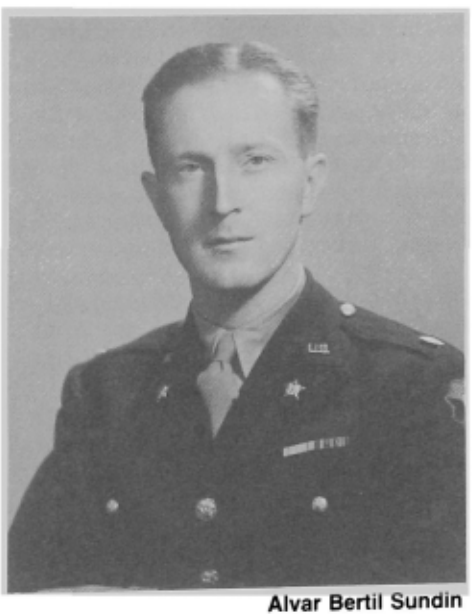
Alvar Bertil Sundin

NO. 11110 CLASS OF 1938

Died 2 July 1981 in Charleston, South Carolina, aged 66 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Alvar Bertil Sundin

ALVAR BERTIL SUNDIN was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on 28 February 1915, the third child of Carl and Hannah Sundin. In later years, one of Red (as he was known by his many friends) Sundin's favorite stories was how his mother as a young girl came to America from Sweden on a ship by herself during the 1890's. Because she spoke no English, she had a card with her name pinned to her dress and had braved all the hardships of the long sea voyage with no adult guardian.

His father had also emigrated from Sweden at an extremely young age. At the age of 38 (with a wife and three young children) he volunteered (along with his two brothers—one died in France) to enlist in the Army to fight in World War I. He could have easily received an exemption both for his age and family status, but he fought as a sergeant with Battery D, 102nd Field Artillery in the 26th "Yankee" Division. He was gassed and wounded during the fighting in the Toul-Lorraine Sector in April 1918. His wounds would later contribute to his early death in 1928 during a gall bladder operation.

Somehow these two circumstances of conviction and strong character to survive displayed by both his parents seemed to capture the essence of the dominant features of Red's own character, and his admiration of strong principle, courage and self-reliance. Red was a hard taskmaster, of himself and others. He told it like it was, good news and bad, let the chips fall where they may. When they fell on him he took his licks. He expected others to have the same integrity and courage, and was disappointed when they did not.

After Red's father died, his mother did not remarry—she raised the three children (Elsie, Carleton and Red) by herself. After graduating from New Bedford High School at the age of 16, Red went to The Citadel ('35) for 2 1/2 years. Red's mother and sister Elsie and other relatives made many sacrifices so that he and his brother Corky (William & Mary '32) could pay for and attend college. Red did well—he was a battalion sergeant major in the corps of cadets and won the Star of the West Medal awarded annually to the best drilled cadet in the school. With such a sterling record, it seems strange that Red should spend four years at West Point with a clean sleeve. I guess he changed priorities when he changed schools.

Red entered West Point in 1934. He sailed through the school with a minimum of effort, graduating in 1938 in the top 25% of his class. His "one and only" was Eugenia (Jean) Pauline Fischer of Montclair, New Jersey and Skidmore College (Jean's sister Madge marrried Don Williams '38), who became his wife and lifelong companion shortly after graduation.

Red's first troop duty was with the 12th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division at

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Fort Sam Houston. From there, in 1940, he went to Fort Bragg with the cadre that activated the 9th Infantry Division. He was the aide-de-camp to Brigadier General DeRussy Hoyle and by 1942, when the division landed in North Africa, was S-3 of the division artillery. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel and made the division G-3 during the campaigns in Tunisia and Sicily (for which he received the Legion of Merit) and later in England, where the division was preparing for the Normandy invasion. He then was the commander of the 34th Field Artillery, which position he held for the remainder of the war, from Normandy (where he won the Silver Star) through northern France and the low countries to the north shoulder of the Bulge (Ardennes) and, finally, to the Rhineland and Germany.

After the war Red returned to the United States for CGSC at Fort Leavenworth, before reporting to Army Ground Forces, with the G-3 section. From there he went to West Point for duty with the Department of Tactics from 1948-1950.

Other than his command of a battalion during the war, Red considered this assignment as a tactical officer as one of his best. He truly enjoyed working with the cadets and also the association with the other officers stationed at West Point at that time. West Point and especially the Tactical Department had a unique concentration of officers who had extensive combat experience—all at such an early period in their careers during World War II. It was an exceptional opportunity to work alongside these magnificent soldiers and share professional ideas and experiences. People like John Corley (his plebe year roommate), Bob York, Johnny Jannarone, Ben Sternberg, Frank Miller, Jeff Irvin, Art Collins, Jack Norris, John Tillson, Birdsey Learman and Mick Amick—all from '38; from other classes, Johnny Waters, Vic Hobson, Tommy Lang, Dwight Beach, John Watt, Paul Tuttle, Walt Higgins, Dan Cullinane, Ben Evans, Bill Holm, John Williamson, Jim Pearsall, Dean Short, Bill Mckinley and the many other officers assigned at West Point during that period.

He then was assigned to Vienna, Austria with the G-2 section and promoted to colonel in June 1951. After the Armed Forces Staff College in 1953, Red was on the Army Staff, then was the G-3 of the Military District of Washington (MDW); he next earned a master's degree in international relations at Georgetown University in 1956 in preparation for his tour on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He then went to the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks and in 1959 proceeded to Korea on a short tour as the executive officer and group commander of I Corps Artillery. The Sundins then went to Fort Monroe, Virginia in 1960 where Red was chief of a division in the Combat Development Section of Continental Army Command (CONARC), and later Deputy Chief of Staff of CONARC. He also attended the University of Pittsburgh course on Management Problems for Executives.

Red retired from the Army in 1966 to accept a position at The Citadel under General Hugh Harris. Red held a succession of jobs at The Citadel, from Assistant Dean for Cadet Affairs to director of Personnel and Administration. Perhaps the job he enjoyed most was faculty advisor to the Cadet Honor Committee, where he strove to impart his own high sense of honor and strength of character to the young men with whom he worked and, through them, to the corps of cadets. There is no doubt that The Citadel is a better institution, and its graduates better men, because Alvar Bertil Sundin passed their way and gave of himself. He retired from The Citadel in 1976 but Charleston remained his home until his death.

The last two years of his life he became increasingly ill with heart-related problems and leukemia. He fought these horrible sicknesses with tremendous courage and an intense determination to survive; he never complained even though he was in great pain and progressively became weaker from the continuous hospitalization. At the last family reunion in April 1981, he knew he would never see his children again and said goodbye to his family. On 2 July 1981 with Jean at his side, he died at the Charleston Naval Hospital.

As an Army officer, Red was decorated with the Legion of Merit (twice), Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Ribbon (twice), Belgian Fourragere, DOD Identification Badge and several foreign decorations. As a husband and father he was decorated with a charming, loving wife and four fine children—Eugenia Aubry, Allan Carl, Eric McChesney and John Alvar—good citizens all. He is rightly mourned and sorely missed by his family and host of friends. All of us are better people for having known him.

Ray Brownfield
USMA 1939

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William John Bennett

NO. 12239 CLASS OF 1940

Died 17 February 1988 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, aged 72 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WILLIAM JOHN BENNETT was born in Highland Falls, New York, on 27 August 1915, the son of William and Nora Fay Bennett. Bill's early attraction to West Point was nurtured in the Boy Scouts.

William John Bennett

He became an Eagle Scout and credited his scoutmaster, Andrew Borger, as the man who most influenced his life and encouraged him to try for West Point. Bill is one of that admirable group of graduates who enlisted in the Army to get into West Point. He served two years in the 16th Infantry and received a Senatorial appointment from New York while at the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Totten.

We classmates in I Company had a special affection for Bill. He liked people and had a keen empathy for the feelings and problems of others. He was devoted, perhaps sooner than most of us, to the principles of West Point. He had a faith and optimism that left him unscathed from academic skirmishes, and he delighted in relating the viewpoints and vicissitudes of those of us who encountered academic difficulties. Through his abundant good humor Bill made gloom periods and the daily monotony of cadet life less onerous for us.

Graduating in 1940, Bill was commissioned in the Coast Artillery. After duty in the Panama Canal Zone, he commanded an officer candidate battalion at Fort Davis, North Carolina. He served with troops in the Southwest Pacific in World War II and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1946. Bill's Army service reflected his interest in people. He instructed at the Artillery School, served as personnel staff officer at Headquarters, US Army Caribbean, commanded the 764th AA Gun Battalion at Fort Davis, Canal Zone, served at Headquarters, Carlisle Barracks and in Korea with G-1 of I Corps. After duty at Headquarters, Continental Army Command, Bill was able in 1959 to give again of his exceptional talent for guiding and teaching young people as professor of Military Science and Tactics at La Salle College. After serving again overseas at Headquarters, Nellingen

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Barracks, Colonel Bennett retired in 1964. After retirement he taught mathematics at Hatboro-Horsham High School, Pennsylvania until 1968.

Bill married Kathryn McCune with whom he attended high school in Highland Falls while her father served as Navy doctor at Iona Island. Kathryn writes:

"We met when Bill was sixteen and I was fifteen and that was that for both of us. Some of our high school classmates attended Bill's funeral at West Point.

"Bill still remained in touch with students he taught after retiring from the Army. They credit him with great influence on their lives.

"He loved nature and found his ideal spot to live in Willow Street just two years before his death. The good people and beautiful farmland brought him great pleasure."

Bill is also survived by a son, William John, Jr., who is a writer in New York City.

In a letter written six weeks before his death Bill enclosed the usual clippings from the Highland Falls paper about West Point and the Army teams. His indomitable spirit is reflected in this which he wrote regarding the cancer he suffered from:

"So far so good with my treatment. There is no complete cure. Two years and a butt is my current goal—the 50th Reunion. Then I'll set another goal. Just the first goal will make me happy." Bill concluded with, "Alors, then," an expression with which he enjoyed fracturing French as a cadet.

Those of us from I Company, Class of 1940, who do make the 50th Reunion will raise our glasses to Bill Bennett. We are privileged to be the classmates, colleagues, and friends of this fine officer and wonderful human being.

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Arnold Jacob Hoebeke

NO. 12489 CLASS OF 1941

Died 13 December 1987 in Santa Maria, California, aged 70 years.

Inurnment: Presidio of San Francisco National Cemetery, San Francisco, California

ARNOLD PERSONIFIED ALL that a graduate of the Military Academy is trained to be. His class *Howitzer* stated that "efficiency and conscientiousness" were among his numerous and obvious qualities. These qualities and characteristics stood him in good stead in the careers that followed his graduation. His infectious humor, coupled with his ability to remain calm and steadfast in the face of adversity, impressed all those who knew him. Arnold selected the Infantry as his chosen branch of service, and he followed the usual assignment pattern in

Arnold Jacob Hoebeke

the hectic days leading to, and following, the early days of World War II. Upon being assigned to the 86th Infantry Division in the European Theatre of Operations, he saw combat duty with an infantry battalion and was decorated for his service. Following the war he attended various military schools. Among his assignments was that as an instructor at the Infantry School. Here he was particularly commended for his innovative and inspirational instruction. Later he returned to Europe for duty with the Seventh Army. During that assignment, he commanded an armored infantry battalion which consistently was awarded outstanding ratings in combat tests and exercises. He later returned to the United States and was assigned as chief, Manpower Division, in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Military Personnel and Reserve Forces. As a result of this service and prior outstanding performance, he was promoted to colonel in the "below the zone" early promotion program for especially promising officers.

Following his retirement in 1961, his civilian careers were marked by the same outstanding performance and achievement that had marked his military career.

Arnold was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on 5 June 1917, and was orphaned at the age of eight. It was during his early formative years that he set high goals for himself and developed the motivation and determination to achieve these goals. His brother Adrian's graduation from West Point with the Class of 1933 served as a challenge to Arnold's desire to attend the Military Academy and pursue a military career. His desire to excel in all that he undertook was exemplified by his record on the golf course. He was chairman of the golf committee and captain of the golf team at the Army/Navy Country Club, where he established a course record not equalled by any professional or amateur golfer.

Arnold married his wife, Elizabeth (Betty), following graduation. He considered his successful courtship of Betty to be the major achievement of his life and frequently alluded to this to his host of friends. Together they raised a closely knit and loving family of four fine daughters—Pandra, Lynn, Gail, and Susan; all but Lynn survive. The grandchildren brought great joy to Arnold during his last years. Arnold fought a series of health problems following his final retirement, accepting all of them cheerfully and courageously. His fortitude during this period brought strength and encouragement to all those who knew him. His last few days were spent playing his usual game of golf until death came suddenly and peacefully at home.

Arnold left all of us who were fortunate to have known him wealthier and stronger for that privilege. The Long Gray Line has a fitting and deserving addition to its ranks. For such as Arnold, there is no death.

A Friend and Classmate

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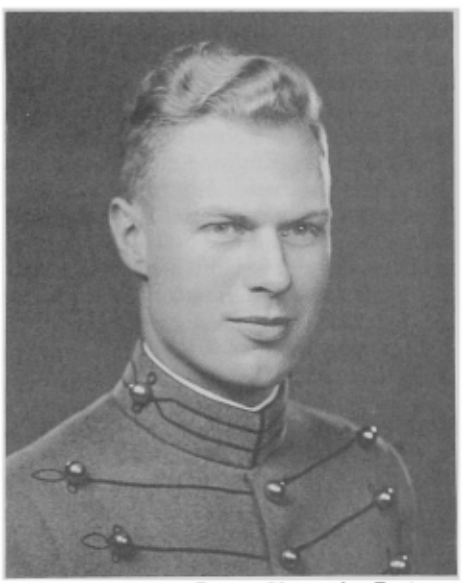
Roger Alexander Bertram

NO. 13113 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 15 July 1973 in Winter Park, Florida, aged 55 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Roger Alexander Bertram

ROGER BERTRAM WAS BORN 2 October 1917 in St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated from high school in 1935. He worked for the St. Louis Can Company until being appointed to West Point with the Class of 1941, entering in 1937. Found deficient in mathematics and French in January of 1938, he decided to take the long course and attended St. Louis University and Washington Uni-

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versity during 1938 and 1939; then he was reappointed for admission with our class. Perhaps because he was older, he took West Point in easy stride, uninterested in athletics, with few extracurricular activities, but able to graduate in the top fifth of a competitive class.

Roger selected Coast Artillery for the anti aircraft specialty and was soon put on a fast track for radar skill, with further schooling at Harvard and MIT. He served in the 131 and 546 AAA AW Battalions in the ETO until late 1945, eventually becoming the battalion CO of the latter. A series of theater support jobs followed and then the 1st Constabulary Squadron at Kassel. But engineering had attracted him and Roger transferred to the Corps of Engineers in April 1947, and returned to the States.

With summer sessions studying at Columbia, Roger taught geography, history and modern government to second classmen at West Point, a tour he considered stimulating. In 1954 his graduate schooling was supplemented by an MS in civil engineering from the University of Illinois, and that set an assignment path both in and out of the service. Between the USMA assignment and earning his MS, he served two years in Austria with a construction battalion and two years in Leghorn as resident engineer and plans officer.

Then came Belvoir with nuclear planning at the labs there, followed by two and a half years in Taiwan. Part of this tour was spent in construction for US forces there, and part as engineer advisor to the Chinese First Field Army. Fort Leonard Wood came next—plans officer for the engineer brigade there. After a year in Korea in a construction unit and as chief of the Engineer Section in the 7th Log Command, Roger returned to Fort Benning as family housing officer. It was there he approached his 20 year mark, and a crisis point which changed his professional direction.

Roger and Betty (Beatrice Dalrymple) had married on graduation day. Gail and Sally were born at West Point; Frederick and Roger D. came along later. But by the time Roger returned from Korea on a curtailed tour because of family problems, a divorce was looming and he soon became sole parent for the four children, the last quite young. The Army of that day was not constructed for single parents and Roger felt strongly that his sense of duty and his family requirements were incompatible. Accordingly he retired, and sought in civil life the same kind of work he had done in the Army. For several years he was the director of public works for the city of Maitland, Florida. He was particularly active in planning for the new sewer district for the area and in pushing its adoption through the City Council. That done, in May 1966 he resigned from that post with the commendation and reluctant concurrence of the council. His resignation was prompted by an opportunity to acquire the post of superintendent of buildings and grounds at Rollins College, a post he held until 1970.

Not only was the Rollins job in line with his extensive post engineer experience, but the two daughters enrolled there. Gail graduated in 1970 and Sally in 1971.

From this point, Roger's health began to deteriorate. But he had shepherded his family through their youth and seen two daughters graduate from college. He died on 15 July 1973 from what appeared to be a stroke, and is buried in Arlington among his fellow veterans of World War II. We have lost a classmate whose dedications to country for 20 years was matched by dedication to family for the next ten. RIP, good soldier.

Roger is survived by Gail (now Mrs. James Campana); by Sally (now Mrs. Takesh Yamagishi); by Frederick, who served in the Air Force for some time; and by young Roger, who served in the Army for six years. At his death he was also survived by his sisters: Edith Stroback, Isabel Shreve, and Alice Spiegelberg.

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Hiram Glenn Turner, Jr.

NO. 13149 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 10 March 1970 in Tampa, Florida, aged 49 years.

Interment: Myrtle Hill Memorial Park, Tampa, Florida.

Hiram Glenn Turner, Jr.

DEDICATED. CONSCIENTIOUS. Serious and studious, yet easygoing and well-liked by everyone. These are the attributes remarked by all who were touched by the fruitful, but too brief life of Glenn Turner. A native Floridian, Glenn at an early age was attracted to the military life, largely due to the influence of a favorite uncle. As a junior in high school in Tampa he enlisted in the Florida National Guard. Shortly after graduation he joined the Regular Army and was assigned to the West Point Prep School at Fort McPherson, ultimately winning a congressional appointment from Florida.

As a cadet, Glenn demonstrated his many capabilities, graduating well within the upper third of our class despite participating in a broad spectrum of extracurricular activities. As with many in our class, flying called and he left to be an Air Cadet, returning to graduate with his wings. This was the start of a lifelong passion for flying.

There followed the usual series of advanced piloting courses and then assignment to P-38's with the 434th Fighter Squadron of the 479th Group. With them he moved to England, and as a captain and flight leader logged 145 combat hours, being awarded three Air Medals in the course of his 36 combat missions over the Continent. But on 15 August 1944 he strafed, in his words, ". . . a flak trap doubling as an airbase." Shot down and badly wounded, he was hospitalized first in the Netherlands and then Germany before being interned in Stalag X-B in Sandbostel, Germany. After his release by the advancing British Army, he spent another five months in stateside hospitals before being reassigned to the Air Training Command.

During his initial assignment at Boca Raton Army Air Base, Glenn got his first touch of staff duties in progressive assignments in the personnel field. This was extremely fortunate for him, since in this capacity he discovered working for him a Pennsylvania girl named Helen Raymer; they were married in September of 1946. At the end of 1947, they were transferred for a year and a half to Scott Field, Illinois.

West Point then called the new major. In preparation, Glenn attended the University of Pennsylvania during the 1949–50 academic year, earning his MA in international relations. On top of his teaching duties in the Department of Social Sciences, he helped rewrite a textbook, manage the debate team, supervise the preparation and conduct of major seminars, and attend a two-month summer course in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. Promotion to lieutenant colonel came during this USMA service.

The summer of 1953 brought an unaccompanied tour in Goose Bay and Baffin Island. This was followed by his student year at the Air Command and Staff College, and then by short assignments at Tyndall, Wright Patterson with the 58th Air Division, and then Langley as com-

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mander of the 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. These latter assignments were made additionally memorable by the arrival of a daughter and son.

The spring of 1958 brought promotion and assignment as director of operations for the New York Air Defense Sector at Stewart Air Force Base, followed in October 1959 by a step up to director of operations of the Eastern Air Defense Force at McGuire. In early 1962 the family moved overseas for two and a half years in France with duty in the Air Defense Division of Allied Air Forces Central Europe. From Europe it was a logical step to the Operations Directorate of the Air Staff in the Pentagon for what was to be his last two years of active duty.

In 1966 Glenn retired from the Air Force and returned to Tampa. He immediately went to work for Goodbody & Co as a stockbroker, a role for which he showed great promise. However, in March of 1970, before his fiftieth birthday, he succumbed to cancer. He was survived by his wife Helen; their two children, Kathy and Michael; his father, mother, brother, and sister.

Glenn leaves a solid record of achievement from combat in World War II through a series of command and staff positions allied to air defense and operations. When he left active duty for retirement and new challenges as a broker, we all hoped he would have many years to enjoy his children together with Helen and to meet their grandchildren. But the Fates left him only a few years—not enough. He has left a host of friends and the gratitude of the nation he served so well.

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Charles Alvin Wirt

NO. 13335 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 14 August 1981 in Alexandria, Virginia, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FROM HIS YOUTH, Charles A. Wirt was dedicated to an Army career. He turned down a Congressional appointment to the US Naval Academy to compete for appointment to West Point from the National Guard. Once a cadet, his primary goal was to be an Infantry officer. After graduation he did this with the highest of valor.

Charley was born in Cookeville, Tennessee, 16 April 1920, the son of Alvin Bryan Wirt, a member of the Tennessee bar and editor and publisher, and Conway Lee Gragg Wirt, his mother. Mrs. Wirt lived for many years in the Washington, DC area and became well-known to many of Charley's classmates and friends.

Charles Alvin Wirt

He was graduated from high school in 1937 and attended Vanderbilt University for one year. He had wanted to go to West Point from his earliest years, and joined the Tennessee National Guard while in high school and attained the rank of sergeant. He competed for and won a Presidential appointment from the National Guard. While competing for the appointment, he attended Marion Institute in Alabama for six months.

He entered West Point on 1 July 1939 and it wasn't long before he was taking everything in stride. He played on the Army lacrosse team from plebe year on and won a major A. His primary goal was an Infantry commission, and his favorite reading was the *Infantry Journal*.

Upon graduation and completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, Charley joined the 66th Infantry Division as a heavy weapons platoon leader. After a year of stateside training with the division, he volunteered for overseas duty and in March 1944, joined the First Army Group HQ in England. He served in the G-3 Air-Ground Section in planning Operation Overlord.

Again, however, he longed to be closer to the action and requested a "D-Day transfer" to a combat unit. He joined the 16th Infantry Division in August 1944 in Normandy and served as a platoon leader and company commander through Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He was wounded twice at Aachen, but not evacuated.

Charley distinguished himself in the Ruhr to the Rhine operation as commander of Company G, 16th Infantry. The 16th Infantry seized and secured Bonn 10 March 1945, shortly after the Remagen Bridge across the Rhine immediately to the south of Bonn had been taken intact. Charley's regiment crossed the Rhine shortly thereafter to enlarge the Remagen bridgehead. The Germans threw carloads of artillery at them and executed counterattack after counterattack. It was later learned that the Germans were scheduled and positioned to counterattack the northern flank when the 16th Infantry jumped the gun to thwart their plans. Charley's Company G was one of the lead companies in the American attack. The climax of the battle involved action around two towns, one of which was Giesbach, defended by Company G. Charley and his troops successfully held Giesbach against all counterattacks with heavy losses, so heavy that the company had to be reconstituted. Charley gallantly led this defense and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his valor.

At the end of the fighting in Germany, Charley became executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, which moved to Berlin for occupation duties.

Charley met Jutta Grunewald in Czechoslovakia when the 16th Infantry was located there. They were married in Berlin in March 1947. Charley and Jutta had two children, both girls, born at Fort Benning—Pamela in 1948 and Adrienne in 1949. The marriage ended in divorce in 1978.

Upon return to Fort Benning from Germany, Charley completed airborne training and became a senior parachutist in 1950. He then entered Army Aviation training and became an aviator.

In Korea, Charley was CO of the 2d Battalion, 38th Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, and CO of the 2d and 3d Battalions, 17th Infantry, 7th Infantry Division. From Korea he transferred directly to Europe where he commanded the Seventh Army Aviation Training Center and was Aviation Officer, V Corps. This assignment was followed by service on the staff and faculty of C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth, where he was heavily involved in the airmobility concept. He helped form the Combat Arms Group as part of the new Combat Development Command and served as subcommittee chairman of the Howze Board on Airmobility Concept.

He chose to retire in 1963 at the end of twenty years of service to join TEMPO, which was General Electric's Center for Advanced Studies connected with airmobility. He was their manager for military projects for the DC office. In these civilian pursuits Charley also distinguished himself in being selected for membership in the ELFIN Society of GE as one of their top managers. He retired from GE in 1970.

Upon his death in August 1981, he was survived by his two daughters, Adrienne Wirt Bourroughs of Erie, Pennsylvania, and Pamela Faye Wirt of Washington, DC; and by his mother Conway Lee Gragg Wirt also of Washington, DC.

R.E.B.

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Roald Max Andresen

NO. 14057 CLASS OF 1944

Died 26 December 1987 in Placentia, California, aged 68 years.

Cremated with remains dispersed.

Roald Max Andresen

ROALD MAX ANDRESEN was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on 12 November 1919, one of three children to Adolph G. and Helen I. (Beal) Andresen. He attended grammar school and high school in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Max spent seven months as a private in Troop E of the 105th Cavalry of the Wisconsin National Guard prior to serving as a sergeant in Battery H of the 61st Coast Artillery Battalion at Fort Sheridan, Illinois for 19 months. After his appointment to the Academy by Senator R. M. LaFollette, Jr. from Wisconsin, Max spent 5 months in the VI Corps area West Point Prep School at Fort Sheridan. He entered West Point in July of 1941 and graduated 97th in the class of June 1944 at which time he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

After attending the Basic Officers Course at the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma he was assigned to the 616th Field Artillery Battalion of the 10th Mountain Division as a battery officer. He served with the 616th from November 1944 to May 1945 as a forward observer, earning two Bronze Star Medals while in combat in the Apennines located in the Po Valley, Italy. He was promoted to first lieutenant on 1 March 1945. He returned from overseas to Camp Carson, Colorado with the 10th Mountain Division where he remained assigned to the 616th Field Artillery Battalion as a battery executive officer until 25 October 1945.

His next assignment was with the 75th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a battery officer from which he was sent to the Student Officers Motor Course at Camp Hood, Texas. At completion he was assigned to the newly organized 533rd Rocket Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana as a battery officer until 10 June 1946. Upon his application, Max was selected to attend the Army's civil schooling program at the Illinois Institute of Technology located in Chicago. He graduated on 15 June 1948 with a master's degree in electronic engineering.

While going to school Max married Frances Marian Sweet on 28 December 1946 from Stone Lake, Wisconsin. He subsequently was assigned to the staff and faculty of the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he taught in the Communications and Observation Departments until 19 January 1949. He specialized in radar system technologies. He next was assigned to the 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion at Fort Sill and accompanied the unit to Korea (1951–52). In May of 1951 he was promoted to captain. Upon his return to the States he was sent to the Advanced Officers Course at Fort Sill from which he graduated in mid-1953. Shortly thereafter, Max resigned his commission in favor of performing engineering functions for a small company in Rockford, Illinois.

His first child, Eric Beal Andresen, was born on 14 December 1953 in Rockford. In 1956 Max joined the Glenn L. Martin Company in Denver, Colorado and helped in the development of the Titan 1 ICBM as an engineering supervisor. On 24 February 1957 Barbara Gail was born to Frances and Max in Denver, Colorado. Max next took advantage of an opportunity to go into business for himself in the sales field for about a year but decided that a technical field of endeavor was more to his liking. He joined the Autonetics Division of North American Rockwell Corporation as an engineering supervisor in the development and production of guidance systems for ICBM's. In January of 1985 he retired and tried his hands at going back to school to get a law degree. This he did and practiced law as a tax specialist until illness and death overcame him on 26 December 1987. He is survived by his wife, Frannie, his two children and six grandchildren. Max can be best remembered as being very serious and intent in every endeavor started and dedicated to completing each effort in the most professional manner.

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Saul Horowitz, Jr

NO. 15368 CLASS OF 1946

Died 24 June 1975 in New York, New York, aged 50 years.

Saul Horowitz, Jr

IN 1975, at the private graveside service for Saul Horowitz, Jr, West Point Class of 1946, this classmate folded the flag and presented it, assisted by the chairman of the 1976 Honor Committee, Cadet William E. Andersen. Taps were sounded. Days later, there was a moving memorial service at the Jewish Community Center in White Plains, New York. Cadet Andersen again participated, carrying the American flag down the aisle to a stand in front of that large assemblage. I then read the Cadet Prayer, as we had recited it thirty years before in our interfaith services at West Point. Saul—or "J.R." as we knew him—was of the Jewish faith; I was Methodist; the cadet was Roman Catholic.

J.R.'s wife "Tykle" Horowitz had requested that all this be done, knowing that J.R. would have wanted it that way. The participation of a loving classmate was not unusual, but that of a Cadet Honor Chairman was. It was also appropriate, however, for no West Point graduate nurtured and won a vast reputation for honor, integrity, and devotion to country more than did J.R. Horowitz.

J.R. was born in New York on 5 May 1925, and he died in an airplane accident at Kennedy Airport on 24 June 1975. Between those dates, he grew into a giant of a man, who enriched our lives, raised a fine family, and gave freely of himself to public service. He served in the Corps of Engineers for eight years, and became chairman of the Board of the HRH Construction Company; mayor of Scarsdale, New York; and president of the Associated General Contractors of America. He built skyscrapers in New York City, banks in Puerto Rico, and apartment buildings in Paris. He headed great national philanthropic organizations and was pivotal in the development of the Jewish Chapel at West Point. And all in the first fifty years.

Saul Horowitz, Jr, was the son of Saul and Miriam (Ravitch) Horowitz. After early education in New York City public

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schools, he was graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1942. He attended Yale University for a year, and entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1943, with an appointment from Congressman William B. Barry of New York's Second District.

In F-2 Company, we remembered him as a quiet, studious fellow with an avid interest in city sports like baseball. He accumulated the usual demerits from Major Powell and Colonel Williams, but when he was packed off to Fort Bragg for two weeks instructor duty in the Replacement Training Center, an Artillery captain wrote that he would particularly desire to have him as an officer because "he is consistently devoted to his work, shows unexcelled enthusiasm for any job, and is resourceful, punctilious, and most attentive."

During those war years, we company mates of J.R. could not travel home, and often accepted the invitations to dine at the Horowitz apartment in the city. When we all went our separate ways on 4 June 1946, J.R. was among our smartest, graduating 82nd in a giant class of 875.

Commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, J.R. attended a Branch Immaterial course at Fort Benning and a Basic Engineer Course at Fort Belvoir. Following parachute training, he was assigned to the 127th Airborne Engineers of the 11th Airborne Division in Japan. He was moved to the Office of the IXth Corps Engineer in late 1948, and when he left in March 1950, was praised for having "constantly displayed initiative, common sense and good judgement commensurate of officers many years [his] senior."

Before he left Sendai, Japan in 1950, J.R. was married to Mary Elizabeth "Tykle" Blakeney, daughter of Colonel Charles and Mary Blakeney. The newly marrieds traveled first to Boston where he undertook graduate engineering studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When the Korean War intervened, he was sent to Fort Belvoir, where he served in the Engineer Replacement Training Center and attended the Engineer Advanced Course.

In his final year on active duty, J.R. served in Korea as S-3, executive officer, and finally commanding officer of the 76th Engineer Battalion (Construction), which received the Meritorious Unit Citation for unusual accomplishments on facilities in the Demilitarized Zone and bridges over the Han River. His citation for the Bronze Star Medal noted the "superior efficiency and leadership which characterized his efforts," and the "exemplary manner in which Captain Horowitz repeatedly performed duties normally assigned to officers of field grade rank." As he left active service in July 1954, he received a letter from the Chief of Engineers, Major General S.D. Sturgis, Jr., who wrote, "I assure you that your recent resignation from the Regular Army is a source of real regret to your brother officers and friends in the Corps and to me personally."

The decision to leave active service was made with great reluctance and under considerable pressure to assure the continuance of a family business. The Horowitz and Ravitch families had been in the construction industry in New York since the 1880's, and incorporated as the HRH Construction Company in 1925. When two of the partners died, all eyes focused on J.R. to keep the firm running. He set out to learn city construction from the bottom up.

J.R. became executive vice president of the firm in 1958, president in 1965, and chairman of the board in 1972. He then noted with some wryness, "When you ultimately get to the top of a company your daddy runs, it's hardly a Horatio Alger story." During J.R.'s tenure, HRH Construction expanded its operations into commercial and institutional building, while keeping housing and construction management in its mix of contracts. Specializing in high-rise buildings, J.R. and his team constructed the Gulf and Western Building, Citicorp Center, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the New York University Hospital, and scores of other public and private buildings.

During these years, I often asked J.R. about his decision making. "Reading a lot and talking to people. But there is a heavy component of gut hunch; when you see everyone going in one direction, it's time to start moving the other way." In 1975, the *Engineering News-Record* quoted a colleague of J.R.'s: "As a bidder he is a good river boat gambler. . . . He knows what he is doing, where he should gamble and where he should be conservative. He has great analytical ability."

When the New York City Subcontractors Trade Association gave J.R. an award in 1972, they said, "In New York City's cut-throat building industry, he has earned a reputation for fairness and integrity." These words were used liberally in the many tributes and articles about him, and he used them frequently in his advice to other businessmen. "In order to be a leader," he said, "one must have moral courage, physical courage, a high pain threshold, and be honest." It is this philosophy which placed him in such great demand to serve as a director or trustee of a variety of corporations, banks, hospitals, trusts, and foundations.

But he further reflected a sense of obligation to take responsibility for sustaining our great public institutions. "I think everyone who has the opportunity to do so should make deposits in our system to keep the system working. I feel very strongly about this. I learned it from my father. That's why we have been so active philanthropically in our family." In the arena of community affairs he served Scarsdale, New York as a member of the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees, and as mayor, 1969-1971. He was a trustee of the Mount Sinai Hospital, a director of the 92nd Street Young Men's Hasidic Association, and in 1963 served as campaign chairman of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. From 1969 to 1972, he served as a member of the Republican National Finance Committee, and before then he served for eight years as a member of the Finance Committee of the American Heart Association.

Many of the tributes to Horowitz came from within his second profession as a construction executive. His greatest honor, and the locus of his greatest impact on the construction industry nationally, was his election in 1973 to be president of the Associated General Contractors of America. This affiliation of thousands of firms representing general contractors in construction as diverse as skyscrapers and highways, looked to J.R. for commentary on values, and he emphasized SKILL, INTEGRITY, and RESPONSIBILITY. He gave them new structure by setting up the National Construction Industry Council. After his death, many of his peers from within the affiliated firms set up scholarships in J.R.'s name.

Among his many buildings, J.R. had been particularly attentive to the construction of the Mount Sinai Hospital Medical School in New York. Now, awards are given each year in his name at the school's graduation exercises, to alumni for outstanding service as teachers, investigators, or as professional practitioners. This is a specially apt commentary on J.R.'s life.

Saul Horowitz, Jr. left a legacy in his words and deeds. It is a legacy that comes from solid character and an inner drive to serve the public good. It is a legacy of gifted leadership in both the military and civilian arenas. The direct heirs of this legacy are his family, who have established annual scholarships in his name at Phillips Academy at Andover. Preference for the scholarships will be given to "children from families on active duty in branches of the United States Armed Forces or for young people who hope to attend one of the United States service academies." The donors are listed as "his wife Tykle, and his four children BeeBee, Mark, James (PA 1976), Sarah (PA 1981)."

Thirteen years have gone by since that fatal crash at Kennedy Airport and since the flags were carried at half-staff in Scarsdale. HRH is no longer a family business, and Cadet Andersen is now running for the United States Senate

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from Tennessee. The Jewish Chapel has been built and dedicated at West Point, deeply indebted to an initial interest by J.R. Horowitz, who contributed early concepts and architectural plans. A memorial garden has been given in his name by his wife and children. Here one can recall a rich past, and J.R. often saying, "Dear God, help me to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong." Or remember his devotion to West Point, as he said in a talk to his colleagues: "Most contractors build buildings pretty much in the same way. The thing that makes it possible to choose one or the other has to be in the area of integrity and willingness to accept responsibility for performance . . . I learned that at West Point. I've never forgotten it. It's the most important thing I've ever learned in my life."

So be it, J.R.

Roger H. Nye, '46, Chairman,
Friends of The West Point Library

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Murray Putzer

NO. 15402 CLASS OF 1946

Died 16 July 1987 in West Caldwell, New Jersey, aged 65 years.

Interment: Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge, New Jersey

Murray Putzer

MURRAY WAS BORN on 24 October 1921 in Brooklyn, New York. Both of his parents had emigrated to this country from Galicia, Poland. At an early age, his family moved to New Jersey. He graduated from high school in Elizabeth, New Jersey. An early school trip to West Point impressed Murray, and from that time forward his ambition was to become a cadet. After high school he attended Newark College of Engineering. He was drafted in 1942 and while in the Army attended Texas A&M College. In 1943, Murray received his appointment to West Point and fulfilled his ambition by joining the class of 1946.

Cadet life was a breeze for Murray. He was gifted academically and spent a good deal of his time coaching his less gifted classmates. The "Tacs" knew him as a good soldier, a conscientious "straight arrow." He loved informal "bull sessions" and was unsurpassed as a debater in that arena. His good sense of humor didn't let cadet pressure get him down; he was always upbeat. One of his company mates remembers Murray as an outstanding "human being."

Murray was commissioned in the Signal Corps, and after the usual schools, was assigned to the 58th Signal Battalion in Japan. He returned to the States in 1949 to get his master's in electrical engineering at the University of Illinois. A tour at the Pentagon in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer followed, then a tour in Korea. After Korea, Murray taught at Worcester Polytechnic in Massachusetts. In 1956 it looked like our class would be perennial captains as a result of the World War II promotion hump. So Murray, like so many others, decided to try life as a civilian and resigned his commission.

With his electrical engineering background, Murray became a senior engineer with the Bendix Corporation. He later joined Varian International as an electrical engineer. Murray loved his work and was particularly proud to have played an instrumental part in the design of the altimeter for the Supersonic Transport and in the development of the Landing Excursion Module for the Apollo moon landing. In 1958 he married Dolly and they had three children: Mike, Janet, and Helene. Living in New Jersey, Murray loved gardening and spent a great deal of time with his children. An avid reader, he was a true "renaissance" man. His quiet and gentle demeanor, coupled with a tendency to downplay his accomplishments, allowed only his close friends and family to know the brilliance of his mind and his intense loyalty to them. To have known Murray was a privilege, to have been his wife was a joy and an honor; his family adored him and his loss is a tragedy they will never get over.

"He taught us how to live. He taught us how to die."

This was his family's epitaph for Murray Putzer, delivered by the rabbi at Murray's funeral. How Murray lived is described above; the unusual legal aspects of his death have been elaborated by his attorney, Bardin Levavy, who said, "I would like to thank you for the opportunity to write about Murray. He was an extraordinary man who died in an extraordinary way." Mr. Levavy's story follows:

"In December 1983 Murray Putzer suffered a stroke which separated his mind from his body. His mind was intact; his body was virtually inert. Between that time and July 1984, he underwent various unsuccessful forms of therapy. In August 1984, after he had suffered two additional 'insults to the central nervous system,' he was discharged from his last hospital and brought home, where he remained for the three years preceding his death on 16 July 1987.

"From the date of his discharge until his death, his sole links to others were through his ability to blink his eyes and nod his head. He required 24 hour nursing care. He was maintained mechanically through a gastrostomy tube, through which his nourishment passed, and a tracheostomy tube, suctioning of which prevented his death by choking. He was maintained spiritually through the 24 hour efforts of an unusually caring wife and family.

"Murray and Dolly Putzer developed a method of communication through the use of nods and blinks which became so sophisticated that a professional who examined Murray indicated to Dolly that she would use some of the techniques in her own practice. Even though Murray had no physical control, he was able to maintain communication with others in a manner which amazed all who were party to it. Despite these and similar prodigies of communication, Murray's life was continued against his will. From the beginning, he had been made aware of his condition and its prognosis—that, with proper care, his life expectancy was not significantly less than that of any other man of his age, but that his condition would not improve.

"From the beginning, Murray had been opposed to extraordinary efforts to preserve his life. While he was a man of outstanding intellect, physical activity had always constituted a major part of his life. Deprived of that activity, stricken into a state in which it was impossible, Murray Putzer had lost his desire to live. His desire to die was bred neither of depression nor of frustration, but of an acknowledgement that, to him, the limited life which he was required to live was not a life at all.

"By August 1986, all vestige of hope had left both Murray (from whom it had departed much earlier) and his family (who clung to him from both a powerful love and an equally powerful desire to communicate with him to the full extent of his possibilities). In fulfillment of a promise made much earlier, Dolly and the children, at Murray's request, commenced an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey to allow discontinuance of Murray's gastrostomy and to permit him to die as a natural consequence of his illness, at home with his family.

"The legal issue posed by the lawsuit was simple. 'Can a competent patient

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direct the course of his medical care?' Despite the simplicity of the question and the apparent obviousness of the answer, the question was complicated by the mortal consequences of an affirmative answer in cases such as Murray's. Indeed, the question had been asked only once before in New Jersey under similar circumstances—and that case was in the process of being decided by the New Jersey Supreme Court at the time the Putzer case was brought. All prior 'right to die' cases in the State had concerned patients of various degrees of incompetence.

"The very obviousness of the answer was the reason for the relative novelty of the legal issue. Prior 'right to die' cases had affirmed a competent patient's right to control his own course of treatment. The right was based in the common law and was therefore as old as the republic. However, where this right would be exercised in such a manner as to produce the death of the patient, societal concerns mandated that the question be considered by the courts. Prior to filing the complaint, it was read to Murray in its substance. He approved it. An affidavit which was executed by Dolly on Murray's behalf was read to him, paragraph by paragraph. He approved it. The papers were filed and the question of whether Murray Putzer would be the master of his fate was placed in the hands of a judge.

"The first day of the hearing was conducted at Murray's bedside, where he gave testimony by answering questions 'yes' or 'no' by nodding his head. However harrowing an experience it was to the judge, attorneys, and members of Murray's family who were present, for Murray it must have been so painful as to defy expression. But that hearing and Murray's response to it were a testament to his bravery and purpose. The questions put to him by the judge and counsel were short, to the point and unambiguous: 'Do you realize that if you do this, you will never see your grandchildren again?' While under questioning, although he emitted signs of severe anguish, he never wavered. He recognized the consequences of what he intended to do and intended to do it nevertheless. No military experience could have provided a similar test of nerve under fire.

"Decision in the Putzer case was delayed pending the decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court in the cases to be heard before it on similar issues. On 24 June 1987, the New Jersey Supreme Court issued its opinions, one of which clearly required the judge in Murray's case to rule in favor of Murray's right to choose his medical treatment. The order in Murray's case was entered in the morning of 9 July 1987. Later that day, as required by the order, Murray was asked once again if he wished to have his gastrostomy discontinued. For the last time, he responded that he did. The feeding tube was discontinued that evening. Murray Putzer died quietly, peacefully, at home and among his family, in the early afternoon of 16 July 1987."

Murray, like the rest of us as cadets, probably wondered how he would stand up to a battlefield situation. Although on a different battlefield, Murray displayed a bravery and courage that must be unique. Murray, your classmates salute you!

'46 Memorial Article Project And His Wife Dolly

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Salvador Enrique Felices

NO. 15563 CLASS OF 1946

Died 14 July 1987 in Vienna, Austria, aged 63 years.

Interment: Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Salvador Enrique Felices

SALVADOR E. FELICES was born 13 August 1923 in Santurce, Puerto Rico. From that day forward, he was known to his family and friends as Cucho. After high school, Cucho attended the A & M College of the University of Puerto Rico until 1943, when he received his appointment to West Point.

The whole class knew Cucho because of his prowess as an intercollegiate boxer. No one who saw him box could possibly forget his grace and catlike quickness, nor doubt his toughness and physical courage. That same grace was certainly evident on the dance floor, particularly to any Latin beat. He opted for the then Army Air Corps and received his pilot wings one day prior to graduation from West Point.

His first assignment after multi-engine transition at Enid, Oklahoma was to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) in September 1946. He served with the 97th Bombardment Wing at Schilling Air Force Base, Kansas in 1946 and 1947 as a B-29 pilot. In 1952, while serving as operations officer for the 359th Bombardment Squadron of the newly formed 303d Bombardment Wing, Cucho was selected to represent the 303d Wing in the Strategic Air Command bombing competition. He participated in an old B-29 equipped with the APQ-7 radar set and a Norden bombsight rate head. This innovative approach led to the current techniques of synchronous radar bombing. 1953 saw Cucho in Japan during the Korean War assigned to the 98th Bombardment Wing at Yokota as combat operations officer for the 344th Bombardment Squadron. During this tour he flew 19 combat missions over North Korea.

From February 1954 through January 1957, he was stationed at Castle Air Force Base, California. A B-47 aircraft commander, Cucho worked in the B-52 special project office, and as a B-52 instructor pilot participated in the first jet non-stop flight around the world in January 1957, circling the globe in 45 hours and 17 minutes. Afterwards he set up the combat crew training school for all crew training in the KC-135 Jet Tanker, the military version of the Boeing 707. He attended the National War College and, after graduation in 1965, served as head of the Reconnaissance Operations Division in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1967, he assumed command of a B-52 wing at Griffith Air Force Base, New York. The following year, Cucho became commander of the B-52 wing at McCoy Air Force Base, Florida. He took the wing to Anderson Air Force Base, Guam and flew 39 combat missions over Vietnam. While at McCoy, Cucho was promoted to brigadier general and assumed command of the 42nd Air Division. In 1970 he went to Strategic Air Command headquarters as deputy chief of staff for Logistics, and received his second star in 1972. Cucho then was assigned as commander as the 1st Strategic Aerospace Division at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, where he supervised the operational testing of ballistic missiles in the Pacific Test Range. In 1973 he was assigned as vice commander of the Sixteenth Air Force, Torrejon, Spain. He retired from the Air Force in August 1974.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters; Distinguished Flying Cross; and the Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters.

Following his retirement, Cucho joined a multi-bank holding company in Boca Raton, Florida. During the next three years, he rose to the presidency of First Bancshares of Florida and served

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as president and chief executive officer for one year following the death of the founder of the company. In 1977 Cucho joined ComBanks in Winter Park, Florida. In this organization he was responsible for community relations and the fullfilment of special projects.

Cucho died on 14 July 1987 while vacationing in Vienna, Austria.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; three children, Sherryl, Mark, and Steven; and three granddaughters, Teri, Shon-del, and Michelle. Sadly, he didn't live to see Michelle, who was born 5 August 1987.

In the words of one of Cucho's classmates and very close friends, "What is not clearly noted in the record of Cucho's accomplishments, is the deserved respect he attained from so many of his classmates. As a military professional in the US Air Force, he lived up to the standards of a West Point graduate. He could and did achieve those high standards of excellence in performance which he demanded of his officers and airmen. There are many who did not know the warmth and generosity of this unique officer. His personality, his sense of humor, his deep concern for the welfare of his subordinates placed him a notch above the ordinary general officer. He projected his feelings with clarity, and his dedication to his men and his mission was always evident. He worked excessive hours to insure that a best effort was always made.

"In his private and his social life, there was never a more pleasant person to be with. He delighted in being a generous host and would seek and welcome guests from all walks of life. The friends he made throughout the world were numerous. None who got to know him will ever forget Cucho. All who had this privilege will truly miss him. It was not difficult to find Cucho at large gatherings among his classmates. One merely had to look for a dozen chairs arranged in a circle. In the middle would be Cucho. In each chair surrounding him would be smiling, happy faces listening to this wonderfully warm man telling delightful stories."

Cucho was no less well thought of in his second career after he retired from the Air Force. One of his close associates at the ComBank provided these thoughts: "Cucho brought order and organization to our institution. He was a key element to our long-range planning activities. He knew virtually everyone in our growing town of Orlando. If we needed a door opened, or a difficult issue resolved, Cucho was the person we counted on. It was evident from his wisdom, and the way he organized and ran meetings, that he had been an excellent student of military discipline. Cucho wanted everyone at ComBank to succeed. He delegated opportunities to the up and coming officers and employees of our company, and worked side by side with them to insure their success. He considered himself one of us, not one destined to oversee us from a distance. To summarize, the best analogy that I can adapt to the personality of Cucho is that, to us, he is one that would *lead* us into battle at the risk of personal sacrifice, rather than direct us into battle from a distance in the rear. He was a dear friend, leader, and brother who is deeply missed by all of us in Central Florida."

To this, we can only add, "Well Done, Cucho, Be Thou At Peace."

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Shirley

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David Bartholomew Spellman

NO. 15922 CLASS OF 1946

Died 4 February 1951 near Chechon, Korea, aged 25 years.

Interment: Seattle, Washington

David Bartholomew Spellman

DAVE WAS GENETICALLY endowed with those qualities of personality, intelligence, leadership, and athletic ability which were mentioned in the 1946 *Howitzer*, as well as with personal integrity and an ability to function well under pressure. These endowments were carefully nourished while he was growing up in the Seattle area as evidenced by this account of his early years in the words of his brother, John, former governor of the state of Washington.

"My brother David was the second of three children, including our sister Mary (now Mary Tully) and me, the younger brother.

"Our parents, Bart and Lela Spellman, moved us out of Seattle during the depression of the 1930's into a rural area. David and the family resided there throughout his life. We settled on Hunts Point, a peninsula in Lake Washington, across the lake from Seattle.

"The Hunts Point school had six grades in three classrooms in an area of vegetable, berry, bulb, and horse farms, and residences on the lake. Growing up on the lakeshore, Dave was a strong swimmer. He also skippered our 18 foot sailboat in weekend races throughout the summer, with me as the crew, and was an avid competitor in pick up games of football, baseball, and track events. He and I were altar boys at the small mission church in nearby Bellevue. Our father raised some of the first Labrador retrievers in the northwest as a hobby, and David and I participated in the raising, feeding, training, showing, and field trial competitions of hundreds of Labs, while growing up.

"After two years at Kirkland Junior High, about six miles away, David began high school in 1939 at Seattle Prep, a Jesuit school. We took a small passenger steamer across the lake to get to and from high school. Despite the lengthy commute, David competed in football and boxing, and was a star debater and public speaker. Our father having been a University of Washington football coach, we avidly followed all sports.

"When my appendix ruptured in class and I was alone, lying in pain in the athletic equipment room, Dave had the presence of mind to call a taxi and take me to the doctor's office across from the hospital where I underwent emergency surgery. Always a take charge person, David probably saved my life.

"Dave took an honors classical course, studying Latin and Greek, and was salutatorian of Seattle Prep's class of 1943."

From this background Dave arrived at West Point on 1 July 1943, and, like the rest of us, was subjected to the trauma of Beast Barracks. I doubt if anyone could be said to thrive in this environment, nor did Dave, but he came close. He seemed able to draw upon some inner strength which enabled him not only to survive, but to grow from the experience. He emerged from plebe year as a most capable and confident cadet. This inner strength also helped greatly in sustaining and even buoying up the spirits of his classmates who had the privilege of associating with him during this period.

As an upperclassman Dave was involved in a multitude of non-academic activities, which may have adversely affected his class standing, but this was more than compensated for by the further development of his character and natural leadership abilities. Not all of Dave's extracurricular activities were those which were officially sanctioned; many long hours were spent in extended bull sessions where Dave could be depended upon to defend Roman Catholicism, conservative Republican politics,

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and the State of Washington. Also, during first class year, many other long hours were spent playing bridge, another endeavor in which Dave was especially skilled.

After graduation Dave went to the basic course at Fort Benning. Afterwards he finished jump school and, on 23 June 1947, was assigned as a platoon leader to D Company of the 187th Airborne Regiment, 11th Airborne Division, in Japan. D Company would have been the Heavy Weapons Company of the 1st Battalion. Dave was to serve with this company until his death almost four years later.

In April of 1949 the division was ordered back to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. En route to the States Dave had a few days in which to renew acquaintances with a great many classmates who were in the Tokyo-Yokohama area. At this time Dave was executive officer of D Company. At Fort Campbell Dave met and married Bonnie Tressell.

Less than a year later, the Korean War began; the regiment returned to Japan and was subsequently ordered to Korea, where the first elements arrived on 24 September 1950. It became part of the Eighth Army reserve with a mission of defending Kimpo Airfield near Seoul.

These were the glory days for our forces in Korea; the Inchon landing took place about ten days earlier, the recapture of Seoul was imminent, and the North Korean army was everywhere in retreat from the Pusan Perimeter. The rout continued with Pyongyang falling on 20 October, and by late November, United Nations forces were nearing the Yalu River.

Simultaneously with the capture of Pyongyang, General MacArthur decided to employ the 187th in a vertical assault on two locations about 30 miles north of Pyongyang. Dave's battalion would drop on Sukchon, about 10 miles from the west coast. The mission was to cut off escaping enemy forces and rescue American prisoners. The regiment at Kimpo turned out in a heavy rain for reveille at 0230 hours on 20 October, then waited in the downpour for the weather to clear, which it finally did about noon. One can imagine Dave's anxious impatience during this wait. The regiment loaded into 113 planes, C119's and C47's. The drop took place at about 1400 hours with a minimum of casualties and damaged equipment. Dave's battalion proceeded to seize the dominant terrain and clear the town of Sukchon. All-in-all, it was in General MacArthur's words "an expert performance."

On 23 October the regiment returned to Pyongyang and reverted once again to reserve status with the mission of protecting the road from Pyongyang to Seoul. At this time I believe that Dave was in command of D Company. Two days later the Chinese Communists made their first real contact with United Nations Forces and, by late November, the long withdrawal began. Pyongyang was abandoned, Seoul was abandoned, and by 24 January, the front lines extended from Pyongtaek (about 40 miles south of Seoul) on the west, to Samchok on the east. Here the lines seemed to stabilize. During this withdrawal Dave's regiment remained in reserve, covering the withdrawal of IX Corps units.

In early February 1951, the regiment was ordered to relieve the 8th Republic of Korea (ROK) Division, so as to enable that division to move about 20 miles to the northwest, where it would be properly positioned for a new offensive. The front occupied by the 8th ROK division was obscure, consisting of loosely connected defensive positions; in short, a condition particularly vulnerable to enemy guerrilla and sniper activity. The line was generally considered to run from about Chechon due south to the Han River. This relief was to have been accomplished by noon on 3 February. The operation was completed successfully, but almost as soon as the regiment was in its new position, Dave was killed on 4 February, apparently by sniper fire.

What can be said at this point, almost 38 years later? Dave certainly exemplified, in his life and death, the ideals of Duty, Honor, and Country instilled in him at West Point. But so did many others who did not die in combat. I think Dave, himself, with his strong religious convictions and Jesuit training would simply say it was God's will.

A Classmate and Friend

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Gilbert Everett Perry, Jr.

NO. 16018 CLASS OF 1946

Died 11 September 1946 near Belmont, Kansas, aged 22 years.

Interment: Harper Cemetery, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

Gilbert Everett Perry, Jr.

GILBERT EVERETT PERRY, JR., always known as Gil, was born 30 January 1924 at Charles Town, West Virginia. Even as a small child, Gil had a deep love of airplanes and knew that someday he would become a pilot. In addition to flying, his other great interest was history, particularly, his own Harpers Ferry. Today it is a national historic park, largely due to the efforts of Gil's father who was mayor of Harpers Ferry for many years. His mother was also elected to the Harpers Ferry city council for 6 years. Gil attended and graduated from Harpers Ferry High School, a member of a class of 28 students. The small size of his high school precluded his having the advantage of a good athletic program, although he was a natural athlete. In 1938, Gil's parents took him to visit his mother's relatives in Connecticut. En route, they stopped to visit West Point. His mother vividly recalls Gil walking up and down the center aisle of the Cadet Chapel and looking at all the flags. Gil was most impressed and this visit inspired him to seek an appointment to the Academy. After high school, Gil attended Shepherd College for a year and then transferred to West Virginia University for one year. On 1 July 1943, Gil achieved one of his dreams, and joined the Class of 1946 at West Point.

Gil's easy-going nature and good sense of humor helped him fit into the plebe system with little trouble. He had a Beast Barracks roommate who had received a qualified alternate appointment, resulting in his arrival on the Hudson 13 days after the start of Beast Barracks. This drew upperclassmen like honey draws flies, and he recalls that the only thing that saved him was Gil Perry. Gil made every effort to help his new roommate adjust. Gil was not only patient and kind, but if his roommate fell behind in some preparation, he would finish his own work and help him. In the words of his roommate, "I will never forget his big smile and easy-going nature. Without his help, I am not sure I would have still been there on September 1st."

With the start of academics, Gil displayed little concern, but he did manage to get turned out in Spanish. Once past this hurdle, he was always capable of getting by with little apparent effort. He played plebe football, and in another era and perhaps with a better background, he probably could have made the varsity squad. Plebe year was relatively uneventful for Gil. A roommate recalls one incident when Gil stood in the hallway and yelled "West Virginia was never like this!", then went into his room and slammed the door. To this day, the roommate cannot understand why this did not bring a swarm of upperclassmen. The

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upperclassmen probably couldn't believe that the easy-going Gil Perry would do such a thing. This same roommate has a sister who taught dancing at Arthur Murray's in Washington after she finished college. She dated Gil several times while he was a cadet and says that he was absolutely the best natural dancer she ever met. Gil's mother recalls that he loved to dance and was an excellent dancer.

Gil's love for flying was always uppermost in his mind and he jumped at the chance to take flight training when it was offered. In April 1945, he and a close friend were on a troop train to take Primary Flight Training at Uvalde, Texas. The train had a couple of empty coaches at the front, so Gil and his classmate decided to go into one of them and proceeded to have a lengthy discussion about the Civil War and historic Harpers Ferry. During this two plus hour discussion, the train stopped for an exercise break which the history buffs ignored. Once the train was underway again, the inevitable roll call was taken and Perry and Gavin were reported missing and believed to have been left behind at the last stop. The two Civil War devotees were never charged with being AWOL, but did manage to cause considerable consternation in the "command" at the rear of the train. Gil graduated and received his wings June Week of 1946.

After graduation leave, Gil reported with his classmates who had chosen bombers to Enid Army Air Force Base in Oklahoma. Their training was in B-25 aircraft. It was a happy and carefree time for these new 2nd lieutenants; flying during the day and pursuing the attractive Enid girls in the evening. As one of them recalls, they all thought they were in heaven with easy flights during the day and their slouch hats and Army uniforms. However, the whole experience changed for them with the untimely and sad loss of two classmates, Gil Perry and Myron Benefield.

It was getting towards the end of their training and the class was scheduled for a low level cross country training mission on Monday, 11 September 1946. On the weekend before this scheduled flight, Gil and his very good friend, Myron Benefield, drove from Enid to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to visit their classmates attending the Artillery Basic Course. After a weekend filled with reminiscences and excitement about what future assignments held in store for these friends, Gil and Myron returned to Enid on Sunday. The next day was a beautiful fall day, clear blue skies and warm sun. The '46ers were all excited to have the opportunity to fly a legalized buzzing mission north to Kansas and back, about a two-hour mission. In some of the aircraft there were two student pilots—Gil and Myron were in the same plane; in others, a student pilot and an instructor. The first leg of the mission was to fly 50 feet above the terrain to practice low level navigation into a target area. About a half hour after takeoff, some of the student pilots saw a ball of black smoke rising in the distance and several miles to the side of the track they were flying. At the time, they did not know what it was, but they learned to their sorrow that what they had seen was the crash of Gil and Myron's plane. It appeared that their plane hit a telephone pole and sheared off the right wing. At that altitude, there was no chance for anyone to survive.

Gil had completed all his training requirements with excellent marks and was on his way to a superb career. He was extremely popular with his classmates and also with the officer instructors. His classmates left Enid shortly after the accident, but they never left behind the bright and unfading memory of an outstanding man.

There is little that can be said that makes sense about the death of such a young, talented, capable man just starting to make his mark in the world. A world that he had dreamed about all his life. One can ponder the imponderable, ask the unanswerable question that has been asked over the ages, "Why Gil at that time and that place?". As always, there is no answer that makes sense, yet his family, friends and classmates can take some consolation in the remembrance of a very fine young man. His potential was not yet touched, but one could sense that Gil had great things in store for him. Gil Perry joined the Long Gray Line early, almost 44 years ago, but his memory has been with us all these years and will remain with us forever. Rest in peace, Gil.

'46 Memorial Article Project and his mother

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Alvyn Lofton Woods, Jr.

NO. 16100 CLASS OF 1946

Died 8 August 1946 at Williams Field, Arizona, aged 21 years.

Interment: Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Paulina, Louisiana

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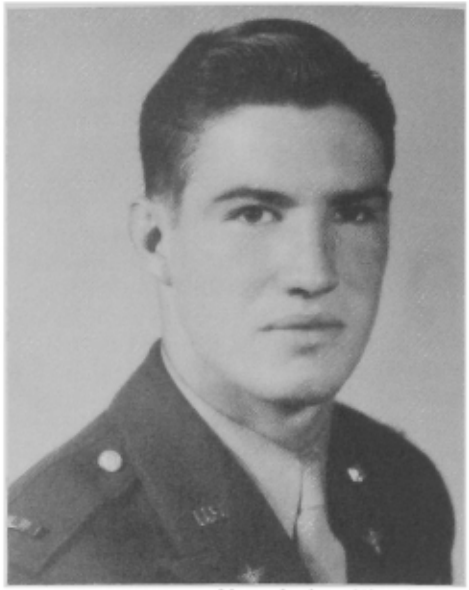
THE CLASS OF 1946 graduated on 4 June. After graduation leave, half of the newly commissioned second lieutenants, US Army Air Corps, reported on 20 July to Williams Field near Mesa, Arizona, for fighter transition training. One of these was Al Woods. It was an exciting time for Al. Not only was he finally realizing his lifelong ambition of becoming a fighter pilot, but he was busy making plans to be married to his fiancée, Miss Betty Lindsey, of Fort Worth,



Alvyn Lofton Woods, Jr.

Texas, who was in Arizona seeing to the final details. The wedding was scheduled for 14 August 1946. On 8 August, Al's father telephoned Williams Field to discuss the wedding plans with Al. When the call was completed to Williams, instead of Al, it was his commanding officer on the line. He informed Al's father that Al had died just two hours previously as a result of injuries suffered when his P-51 crashed as he was preparing for a landing. Thus, 69 days after graduation, Alvyn L. Woods, Jr became the first of our class to join the Long Gray Line.

Al was born on 8 June 1925 at Lutcher, Louisiana, midway between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Lutcher was a small town, remaining after the Lutcher and Moore lumber company left the area after cutting out the local cypress trees. Al began to show his exceptional talents at an early age. He started school at age four and graduated from Lutcher High School at age 14. During his school years, Al exhibited a rare musical gift. At age 11 he played the saxophone and clarinet in the school band. His mastery of musical instruments is illustrated by an incident with his sister, who was taking accordion lessons 40 miles from home in New Orleans. It was the middle of the depression, so only one member of the family could travel to New Orleans for the lessons. One morning, Al's mother heard beautiful accordion music coming from Al's bedroom and thought his sister was finally progressing in her studies. To her surprise, she found it was Al playing his sister's accordion. But, music wasn't Al's first love. It was aviation. All during grade and high school, Al's consuming interest was in flying. He spent his meager spare money on model airplanes, building and flying them. Even with the inefficient gasoline engines used in the 30's and early 40's to power

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model planes, Al managed to build and fly a gasoline powered model. His first job during summers in high school was working in his father's Spanish moss gin. The highlight of this job was that one moss collection route passed by a dirt landing strip near New Orleans. Al would spend his entire week's pay to fly with the barnstormers who operated there. It was this fierce interest in flying that first sparked Al's desire to go to West Point. He realized that he could combine flying with a lifetime career in the service of his country. So, after he graduated from high school in 1940, he spent the next three years further preparing himself to get into West Point. He stayed an extra year at Lutcher High taking advanced work, then he spent a year at Georgia Military Academy, where he excelled in the military part of the curriculum. Al then spent a year at Millards Prep School to further his goal of getting into the Academy. This goal was reached when he entered on 1 July 1943.

As a cadet, Al was almost derailed by plebe math, but he managed to squeak through, and he was off and running towards his goal of becoming an aviator. His superb athletic ability provided him with a vehicle to make his years on the Hudson as enjoyable as they could be. He was a Corps Squad gymnast each year, with the parallel bars being his specialty. His classmates were universal in their assessment of Al as someone to look up to, possessing high ideals, the first to extend himself to help someone, an all-around fine southern gentleman. When he was selected for Air Corps training, his ultimate goal was in sight. His innate ability, superb athleticism and motivation translated into assignment to fighter training upon graduation.

After graduation leave, Al reported to Williams Field, Arizona where he took fighter transition in the P-51 Mustang. Again Al's superb coordination, athletic ability and desire came to the fore, and he was one of the first in the class to solo the P-51. It was this solo ride that resulted in a stall upon landing and the crash that cost Al his life. His classmates at Williams learned of Al's death at the Officers Club during lunch that 8th day of August 1946. This fateful news filtered out to Ajo, Enid, Benning, Knox, and Sill, and as each member of the Class of 1946 learned that the first of us had lost his life, we individually had a moment of contemplation in memory of Al, and in reflection upon the career we had chosen. Who knows what wonderous things Al could have accomplished, had not the vagaries of fate ended his career on that fateful day in August 1946.

'46 Memorial Article Project with his brother Lew and sister Lirette

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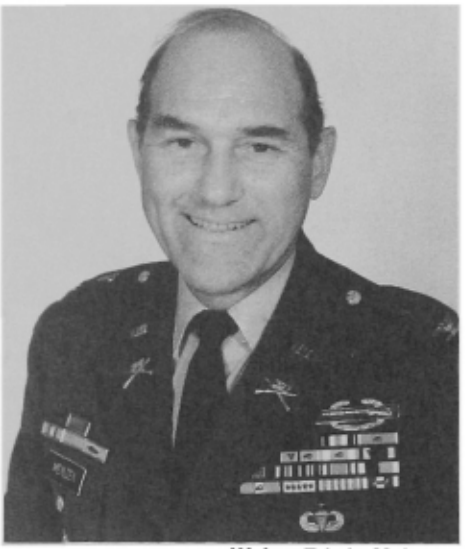
Walter Edwin Meinzen

NO. 16641 CLASS OF 1948

Died 22 December 1982 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 57 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Walter Edwin Meinzen

WALTER EDWIN MEINZEN was born on 14 August 1925 at Fort Benjamin Harrison while his parents were en route to Fort Benning. He was the third of four children born to Colonel Lawrence William and Edna Markworth Meinzen. As a youngster, Walt traveled with his parents around the world with vacations in India, China, and a tour in the Philippines. It was not surprising that he fell in love with the Army and set his sights on West Point. Hard work and "Sully's" Prep School helped him earn a Presidential Appointment in 1944.

Walt soon became known to his classmates as an open, energetic, bright, and confident cadet with a friendly smile. Classmates, sports, and academics were his priorities. A broken wrist precluded Corps Squad sports; however, he was a leader in virtually all intramural sports and many cadet activities.

Graduating on 8 June 1948, Walt was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry and married the lady he loved, Katherine Becker Codling. Walt attended the Ground General School, the Basic Infantry Course, and served with the 350th Infantry in Austria (1949–52) where he gained valuable experience at platoon, company, and regimental staff level. During this period, Karen Elizabeth and Robert William Meinzen were born to his joy and delight.

Returning to the States in August 1952, Walt gained additional experience with the 3rd Armored Division, served as aide-de-camp to the Commandant, US Army War College (1953–55), and was assigned to Fort Benning, where he graduated from the Infantry Advanced Course, Ranger, and Parachute Schools. Eager for more troop duty, he volunteered for a tour in Korea where he served again as a company commander and regimental staff officer with the 19th Infantry.

Posted to West Point in December 1957, Walt served as Assistant S-3, United States Corps of Cadets, and then as Tactical Officer, Company D-1. This was followed by the Command and General Staff College, two years at Mississippi State University, earning his master of science in mechanical engineering, and two years utilization at Fort Benning with the Infantry Board. By this time the Vietnam War was heating up and Walt volunteered for combat.

In October 1965, Walt was assigned as deputy G-4 of I Field Force Vietnam. He pitched into an overwhelming workload with determination, and was rewarded in March 1966 when he assumed command of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry.

During the next ten months, his battalion experienced some of the toughest battles of the war, earned the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Valorous Unit Award. His brigade commander said of him, "Your leadership, aggressiveness, responsiveness, and results were outstanding." Despite such laurels, Walt consistently downgraded his role and passed credit to his men. That they admired and respected him was no surprise.

Walt returned to Fort Benning in December 1966, served first with the Infantry School's Brigade and Battalion Operations Department and then as deputy director of Instruction. In 1968, he was assigned to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) as a student. Using his "spare time" to good advantage, he elected to earn two diplomas, one from ICAF and a second master's degree in business administration from George Washington University.

Despite efforts to return to Vietnam for brigade command in 1969, his experience and academic background resulted in an assignment with OACSFOR, Department of the Army. He worked long and hard at his job, learned how to cut through bureaucracy, produced professional results, and constantly reminded the Military Personnel Center that he was available for combat. His efforts bore fruit. Once again, he was posted to Vietnam in September of 1970.

Initially, Walt served as G-3, XXIV Corps, with the hopes of commanding a combat brigade. This was not to be. The phase down of US forces in Vietnam was

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underway and there were far more applicants for command than spaces. With the phase out of XXIV Corps, he was reassigned as the chief, Operations and Training Division, US Army Vietnam. In both assignments, he produced outstanding results.

Returning to Washington in September 1971, Walt spent a brief tour with Office of the Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army. One year later he was selected as president of the US Army Infantry Board. His tenure lasted for six critical years. The modern Infantry weapons and equipment in the hands of our soldiers today, and those coming on line, are due in large part to his vision, knowledge, drive, and leadership.

One can best summarize Walt's military career by the valor and meritorious achievement awards which he received: the Silver Star for gallantry in action; the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and V for heroism in ground combat; the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster; the Air Medal, Sixth Award with V for heroism in aerial flight; the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; Gallantry Cross with Palm (Republic of Vietnam); and the Armed Forces Honor Medal, First Class (Republic of Vietnam).

Retiring in June of 1978, Walt and Kathy settled in Columbus, Georgia. To Walt, "retirement" meant "new opportunities." Soon he was completely involved at Brookstone School, leading, working with youngsters, teaching, and coaching. To Walt, this was a continuation of the troop duty he loved so much.

Unfortunately, illness intervened four years later. On 22 December 1982, Walt succumbed to cancer and joined the "Long Gray Line." Throughout his illness, his mental composure and courage were monumental, not only encouraging and sustaining his family, but his close friends as well.

His daughter wrote of his leadership qualities, "the mechanics of living among, and inspiring others of varying ideals, flaws, personalities, and abilities, was a particular gift with which my father was blessed." To his loving wife, "he was a man of great courage and self-effacement, always a team player, always dedicated to the mission and the troops, and not to himself. As a husband and father, he was joyful, optimistic, loving, kind, fair . . . a man for all seasons." To his fellow soldiers, Walt was a born leader and one of a kind. To see his son, Rob, is to see Walt.

His family and friends will cherish his memory and his confident, friendly smile for the rest of their lives.

Patch '48

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Frank Owen Bonnarens

NO. 20975 CLASS OF 1956

Died 19 September 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam, aged 36 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Frank Owen Bonnarens

FRANK OWEN BONNARENS was born in Washington, Iowa on 11 February 1932, the son of Edward and Alice Bonnarens. He graduated from high school at Our Lady of Victory Academy, Waterloo, Iowa.

Entering the Air Force in 1950, he subsequently attended the Preparatory School at Stewart Air Base and won an appointment to West Point in 1952. As a cadet he was a steady scholar, a highly competitive athlete, and active in the Catholic Chapel. His extracurricular interests ranged from pistol and skeet shooting to membership on the Public Relations Council. At graduation he chose Infantry as his branch and Aviation as his specialty.

Shortly after June Week, Frank married Rina Sabini of New York City, and took his lovely bride with him to Fort Benning, Georgia, his first assignment. There he completed the Officer Basic Course and Ranger School, and went on to fixed wing training in 1957. Interrupting a two-year hitch with the 4th Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, he completed rotary wing transition and then moved out smartly to Korea for a one-year assignment with the 1st Battle Group, 8th Cavalry.

Following this tour as an Infantry "paddy-pounder," it was back to Fort Benning and the Officer Advanced Course. After a short stint with the 2nd Infantry Division, Frank was picked for duty with the newly formed 11th Air Assault Division and participated in all the tests of this new concept of aerial warfare. He deployed to Vietnam with the division in August 1965 and stayed with it until April 1966 when he was assigned to the 171st Aviation Company, directly supporting the Special Forces Group, Vietnam. In recognition of his outstanding performance during this period, Frank was awarded the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and eight Air Medals.

Returning to Fort Rucker, Alabama, Frank served with the staff and faculty of the Army Aviation School, passing on to others the knowledge he had gained as a combat aviator. This sojourn was brief and, in 1968, Frank, now a major, was posted back to Vietnam for duty with the I Field Force. On 19 September 1968, Frank died as a result of injuries received when the aircraft he was piloting crashed. His body was escorted back to West Point by a classmate, Paul Merola, and he was interred at the Post Cemetery on 4 October 1968. His memory lives on in the hearts of all who knew him. As a man, his ready smile and quick wit won him friends wherever he went. As a soldier, he always demonstrated strong leadership and a sense of mission accomplishment. His career stands as an example to us all.

Frank is survived by his wife, Rina; his son, Frank, Jr.; and three daughters, Joanne, Michele, and Maura.

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Frank Cornelius Gibbs III

NO. 24422 CLASS OF 1963

Died 20 March 1988 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, aged 45 years.

Interment: Memorial Park Cemetery, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Frank Cornelius Gibbs III

EACH OF US takes many things with us when we leave West Point to pursue careers in the different branches of the service. One gift that is perhaps not as

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well recognized as others is the gift of true and good friends. Frank Cornelius Gibbs III was such a friend. Friends like Frank become more dear as their numbers dwindle and as we realize that friendship will outlast most of the temporary measures of success that we encounter from day to day. Frank was a friend for more than twenty-five years. I was deeply saddened to learn of his death.

Frank entered West Point as an honor graduate from Oklahoma Military Academy. He was a brilliant student—one of those who understood what we were studying so well that, with a few memorized scientific principles, he could solve almost any engineering problem. He was a "star man" all four years at the Academy, graduating sixth in our class of 504.

There was no hint of intellectual arrogance or snobbery in Frank. His "Redman" nickname derived from his American Indian ancestry, of which he was justly proud. We also called him "Gibber" or, when we wanted to tease him a bit, we became very formal, addressing him as Cornelius. We were sure this name was taken from a famous Roman orator—possibly a contemporary of Cicero. I remember one occasion when we were assigned an economics paper which would count for six grades. Frank turned this six-week project in a month early. The professor returned it with an A+, noting, "This paper is so outstanding that I have overlooked certain minor errors and have left it uncorrected."

Frank was commissioned in Artillery and served two tours in Vietnam, receiving the Bronze Star.

In 1970 Frank left the service to study law at Harvard. On graduation, he set up a law practice in Houston, Texas. Later, he moved his law practice to Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Frank honored me in many ways. He was my friend. I was best man at his wedding. He asked that I write this article informing you of his death. I shall miss him.

Peter L. Sawin, '63

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Louis John Speidel

NO. 27543 CLASS OF 1968

Died 25 June 1971 in Army Hospital, Okinawa, aged 25 years.

Interment: Milford, Ohio.

"We die with the dying:
See, they depart, and we go with them.
We are born with the dead:
See, they return, and bring us with them."

T.S. Eliot

JOHN WAS BORN in London, England on 23 April 1946, but grew up in Milford,

Louis John Speidel

Ohio. He graduated in 1964 from Milford High School, fourth in his class of 450, member of the National Honor Society, active on the track team, and lead drummer of the school band and orchestra. He was also vice president of his high school class. During the spring of his senior year, John received, among other academic honors, appointments to both the Coast Guard Academy and to West Point, and chose to enter the US Military Academy with the Class of 1968 on 1 July 1964.

When we think of John as a cadet, we remember his consistent willingness to help his classmates. He was a good student and was always able to explain a difficult idea or concept to his less academically gifted friends. We also remember his love of music, not only his participation in the cadet band, but also listening to the records popular in those days. Among his particular favorites were the Four Seasons and the Beach Boys.

John was well liked by all of his company mates. Many of our weekends during upperclass years were spent playing golf with John. After we had our cars in firsty year, we tried out most of the courses in the area. He was as enthusiastic a golfer as we have ever known, and continued this love even after graduation. In the winter we switched to squash; countless games whenever time permitted.

During his first class year, John joined the Rocket Society. He was deeply interested in the exploits of past USMA graduates who had become astronauts. He thought that one day he might try to get involved in the astronaut program himself, and that was probably one of the inspirations that led him to get his wings.

John was commissioned in Armor and, after Ranger school and the Officers Basic Course, he was stationed in Germany with Company C, 1/64 Armor. Upon his return to the US, he entered flight school and was married on 20 June 1970 to Ellen Early, his high school sweetheart. He graduated from the Officer Rotary Wing Aviation Course at Fort Rucker on 3 November 1970. John left for Vietnam a few days after Christmas in 1970.

He was assigned to Troop B, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). On his 25th birthday, 23 April 1971, John was piloting a UH1H on a resupply mission for a Ranger team dug in on a mountainous ridge line near the A Shau Valley. Although John got in and dropped his passengers and supplies without difficulty, the helicopter came under intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire upon liftoff. The aircraft crashed only 150 yards from the Ranger team position, but due to heavy enemy activity it took 48 hours and the insertion of another infantry company to reach John, who was pinned in the cockpit and severely wounded. He was evacuated to Phu Bai, and then to an Army hospital on Okinawa. John died of his wounds on 25 June 1971.

His commanding officer wrote of John as a fine leader, an outstanding officer, and an exceptionally brave man. His mother, who was with him for his last seven weeks in Okinawa, remembers his bravery in those final, painful days. As was his character, through his last ordeals, he never complained, never was bitter, and his only concern was for his friends left behind in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart and, posthumously, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star.

John is survived by his wife Ellen; his daughter Gretchen, born only six weeks before he died; and by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Speidel, now living in Palm Harbor, Florida.

"We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Through the unknown, remembered gate
When the last of earth left to discover
Is that which was the beginning. . . ."

T.S. Eliot

We stand by the black granite memorial walls, an attendant takes a rubbing of your name, the emotions of loss flood our eyes and we walk slowly away, the memories locked for almost twenty years, rushing back. We, the survivors, have aged and gray is coming to our hair; you, who died on those fields half a world away, are never forgotten. Though years may separate us from the time, they can never separate us from your memory.

Rest in peace, brave soldier and dear friend.

From his roommates, Dale and Dan

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Frederick McKendry Maddock II

NO. 38601 CLASS OF 1981

Died 27 April 1987 in the Pacific Ocean off the Coast of Huntington Beach, California, aged 27 years.

Interment: Lost at sea

Frederick McKendry Maddock II

FREDERICK, KNOWN AS KEN, MADDOCK II, died in a helicopter crash 25 miles off the coast of Huntington Beach, California early 27 April 1987. He had just completed special night flight training with Task Force 160 and was preparing to head back to Long Beach, California. Ken and his OH-6 helicopter were flying 60 knots at an altitude of 38 feet just before crashing. The other pilot survived, but Ken was unable to escape from the helicopter. The rescue mission failed to recover the OH-6 or Ken's body. He is survived by his mother, Dee (Wise) Ellison and his stepfather, Eugene J. Ellison; a brother, Harry; a sister, Julie; three stepbrothers; four stepsisters; and a grandmother, Ria Thibodeau. He was predeceased by his father, Frederick M. Maddock.

Born 18 August 1959, in Detroit, Michigan, Ken was destined to lead men, thus the reason he chose later to attend the United States Military Academy. Leadership came natural to Ken as he demonstrated by the numerous accomplishments throughout his short but fulfilling life.

Before graduating in 1977 from Austin High School in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, Ken applied his leadership skills while achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of sixteen. He was recognized by the school's administration by being elected into the National Honor Society. Excellence in physical fitness was always Ken's forte and he developed his athletic skills while lettering in track and swimming. His early dedication to striving for perfection was enhanced by his strong spiritual faith in Christ.

On 6 July 1977, Ken began his quest to be a member of the Long Gray Line. He entered the Academy with many goals and high aspirations. No one seemed better equipped to accomplish such goals. He excelled in physical fitness, almost setting the record for the indoor obstacle course his first class year. He excelled in academics, making the Dean's List regularly. He excelled in cadet leadership, being selected as the Outstanding Company Commander of 1st Regiment while commanding Company B-1. Ken participated in several cadet activities to include Rabble Rousers, Scout Masters' Council, Parachute Club; he was chairman of the 1981 Car Committee. His four years at West Point were certainly full of great accomplishments, building a most competent Army officer.

Commissioned in Armor on 27 May 1981, Ken set out to be the best Army officer he possibly could. He wasted no time proving this as he graduated from the Armor Officers Basic Course winning the physical fitness award and being named a Distinguished Honor Graduate. He then attended the Junior Officers Motor Course before being assigned as a tank platoon leader in A Company, 2nd Battalion, 72d Armor, 2nd Infantry Division in Camp Casey, Korea. There, he was promoted to first lieutenant in November 1982 and later awarded the Army Commendation Medal. While in Korea, Ken decided that he wanted to be a helicopter pilot.

Ken again showed his ability to learn quickly as he mastered the skills of flying in the Officers Rotary Wing Aviation Course and Aeroscout Course. Completing the course as an honor graduate, he left Fort Rucker, Alabama, and in February 1984 was assigned as an aeroscout platoon leader in B Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea. On 1 December 1984 he was promoted to the rank of captain. Ken did an outstanding job flying in Korea, often being selected to fly VIP missions. For his dedication and efforts, he was awarded a second Army Commendation Medal before leaving Korea.

Upon completion of his second tour, Ken attended the Aviation Officers Advanced Course. As could be expected, he graduated at the top of his class and was named the Distinguished Honor Graduate. Even though Ken had not been flying his entire career, he had the credentials to be accepted for an assignment in the elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Group, otherwise known as "Task Force 160," located at Fort Campbell.

Ken was a rarity in our profession; physically, tactically, and technically the leader, his soldiers followed him anywhere. For these and many more reasons, he was assigned as a platoon commander in Alpha Company "Little Birds." Ken's task was to maintain a highly proficient, combat ready assault helicopter platoon subject to no-notice, worldwide national command authority directed missions. His acceptance of this responsibility went without question; his innovative ideas and continuous development of the company aircrews enabled his men to maintain the tremendously demanding night vision goggle flying capability unique to this unit. Ken developed an outstanding rapport and enjoyed an unequalled reputation for excellence with the supported units throughout the Department of Defense, which made his transition to company operations officer very logical for all concerned. As Alpha Company's point man, the chief operational planner and organizer, he was responsible to initially develop and author any operations order in support of joint service special operation contingencies or real world missions. He met every challenge, rose to every occasion, and accomplished every task flawlessly. For this he was awarded an Army Achievement Medal and his third Army Commendation Medal. Possibly more important to Ken was the camaraderie he shared with this nation's elite sailors, airmen, and soldiers. On 1 May and 17 July 1987, Ken was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit respectively. Ken excelled as a night stalker, from the moment he drove through the main gate at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, as a member of Task Force 160. He demonstrated the skills required for a position that truly defines Duty, Honor, and Country.

Ken will best be remembered for his willingness to accept any responsibility, no matter how difficult. He was a professional soldier who was dynamic, forceful, alert, and imaginative. He was a strong and knowledgeable leader who instilled confidence in his men with the soundness of his decisions. A soldier's soldier, and one for all to emulate.

Looking back on my friendship with Ken truly saddens me to think that I'll never again be able to share his zest for life. As cadets we used to plan our weekend ventures to football games, other schools, Washington, DC, New York City, Atlantic City, and the beach. We lived for the longer breaks from academics to go to Fort Lauderdale, Florida over Christmas and spring leaves. Whenever one of us had an idea to do something daring or fun on the spur of the moment, but it seemed like time wouldn't permit it, all one would have to say to the other is, "Go for the Gusto, Bud!;" and we invariably followed through with the idea.

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The friendship endured our assignments to different countries with phone calls, letters, and several trips to visit each other. Just a moment . . . maybe Ken has left something back on this earth that will allow me to still share that same zest for life that he lived. Maybe the memories of Ken will encourage all who knew him to never settle for second best, and to always "Go for the Gusto!." Now, looking back on my friendship with Ken truly enlightens me, and makes me feel very thankful that I was fortunate enough to know him.

Ken was remembered during several services that were attended by his family, soldiers, and many close friends. On 4 May 1987 the Central Chapel at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, held very dignified memorial services in honor of Ken. He was quite active in his parish in Clarksville while he made time to teach high school seniors and assist with the Catholic Youth Sports Program. On 6 May 1987 a memorial service was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Ken's parish while growing up in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

On Memorial Day 1988, Ken was honored with a new memorial plaque in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. The plaque will recognize those Grosse Pointers who through acts of heroism and courage, gave their lives while on active duty in the service of their country in non-war years. As a source of inspiration for the Corps of Cadets, the Ellison family of Jupiter, Florida, has sponsored the Captain Frederick M. Maddock, II Memorial Award. Annually, this award will be presented to the cadet in charge of the cadet Sport Parachute Club.

Shortly before Ken's tragic accident, he underscored some verses from Second Corinthians, Chapter Five, in a *Bible* that he carried with him. I think these verses show that Ken was a man of great faith, and a man who was prepared to meet the Lord. *II Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 5:2 For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven. . . . 5:17 Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are to become a new.*

Even though I cannot think of a friend who had more to offer this world than Ken, I must find solace in the fact that Ken was prepared to leave; and he is now paving the way to make life better for those temporarily left behind. Ken, we'll always remember you.

Walt Raymond

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been recognized at West Point. After World War II, many senior leaders, including then Superintendent Maxwell Taylor, recognized the value of debating to future military officers also and strongly championed forensics at West Point. From 1947 through 1966, USMA hosted the National Debate Tournament. Successive Superintendents have continued that support in the belief that the skills and knowledge gained through competitive forensics contribute directly to the purpose of the Academy.

Now here is the answer to your question. This spring, in a dramatic reaffirmation of that belief, the current Superintendent, Lieutenant General Dave Palmer, announced a decision that both acknowledges the merit of competitive debating, and underscores the continuing commitment of West Point to academic excellence. He has done so by linking the Army athletic program to an academic activity in a direct and unambiguous way. The proud tradition of Army football now includes a chapter that is almost certainly unique in American education: the Superintendent has established an endowment with funds received from the Army football team's participation last year in the Sun Bowl. One hundred thousand dollars has been set aside, and the interest on that amount will be used to finance the annual participation of the West Point Debate Team in the national competition of our intercollegiate league.

Cadet debater Don Pruitt and Colonel James R. Golden, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, accept a check which will provide an endowment for the West Point Debate Team to participate in the national tournament each year from LT Chris Deisto, co-captain of the Army Football Team in the Sun Bowl in 1988, and Carl Ullrich, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The endowment will guarantee that our debate team will be able to compete in the national tournament without having to rely exclusively upon appropriated sources. In some recent years, budget constraints in fact would have precluded such competition, and it was only through the generosity of the Pfizer Corporation and the West Point Fund that USMA was represented at the national tournament. Starting in Academic Year 1990–91, the accrued interest from this endowment will pay the fees and reimbursable expenses for four to eight cadets, depending upon the location, to compete at the national tournament.

In a world of accelerating change and increasing complexity, we will obviously need leaders who can deal with ambiguity, appreciate legitimate differences of opinion, reason logically, organize their thoughts, and persuade others. An effective program of intercollegiate debating at West Point will foster precisely those skills, and the support of the Army football program will make a substantial contribution to reaching that objective.

Submitted by Colonel Hobart B. Pillsbury, Jr., Department of Social Sciences, USMA

West Point Officers Club Membership

By a recent change of policy, membership in the West Point Officers Club is now offered to all USMA graduates at a dues rate of $10 per month. Membership entitlements include not only full privileges at the West Point Officers Club but also reciprocal privileges at virtually all club systems throughout the world. For membership applications or additional information write the West Point Officers Club, West Point, New York 10996 or call 914-938-5120.

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AOG 1990 Travel Program (Correction):

The July 1989 *ASSEMBLY* entry describing the August cruise should have read "Rhine River-Overland-Danube River, *Vienna* and Budapest, 14 days."

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Notice

On 28 July 1989, the Academy lost the copper beech tree in the Superintendent's Garden. Disease and age—a long life spanning two centuries—had terminally weakened it. With but a crack or two of warning, following an afternoon thunderstorm, it fell in awesome suddenness, shearing itself off level with the ground. The tree was the oldest living thing at West Point when it died, which may warrant a eulogy for it. The following words were adapted from the Superintendent's letter in the March 1987 issue of *Assembly*.

Editor's Note: The age and decay of the original trunk stem made it impossible to date the birth of the tree precisely. The surviving two stems, that had enveloped and replaced the original one, began their growth about 1870.

The Superintendent and Mrs. Palmer survey the fallen tree (Photo by CPT Jeffrey LaMoe)

(Photo by PFC Paul Wilson, US Army photographer)

Eulogy for the Copper Beech

Spreading shade in a circle a hundred feet across, and reaching some six stories into the air, the copper beech dominated the Superintendent's Garden. Like most of us, the tree traced its ancestry to another land. Beeches of this sort are native to England. Now, whether it immigrated or was a second or subsequent generation American no one seems able to say. By virtue of longevity, though, it owned the very clearest of claims to citizenship—it was planted by the first Superintendent in 1802, the year the Academy opened. Every single member of the Long Gray Line had shared the air at West Point with that noble tree. It was the personification of continuity for the Corps.

High among its branches were a few alphabet scars where children of superintendents over the years had climbed to carve initials. The gnarled trunk was a jumble of wrinkles, testimony to its decades. Befitting the tree's senior citizen status, its larger limbs had supports, relieving them of some of the burden of their own weight. It was a hallowed and somewhat pampered patriarch of a plant.

The copper beech, a seedling of some 10 or 15 years when it was planted in 1802, was a contemporary of our Nation's Constitution. That's noteworthy, because every graduate of the Academy has taken an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Before each class—from 1802 to 1989—graduated, all its members had marched in reflection past the old copper beech, "treading where they of the Corps have trod" and pondering the connection between commission and country. That connection is bonded by the knowledge that the Constitutional goals of providing for the common defense and securing the blessings of liberty were—and will continue to be—attained by the sacrifice of soldiers. The tree is gone. The bonding endures.

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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

DUTY—HONOR—COUNTRY. "Those three hallowed words," as Douglas MacArthur called them, are familiar the world over. More than just a motto for cadets, they are a virtual trademark of the Military Academy itself, a taut trilogy describing and defining a member of the Long Gray Line. They shape a powerful vision, inseparable from the very image of West Point and West Pointers.

But have you ever wondered where they came from? When and why they were written? The story of their origin reveals something important about our Alma Mater.

In the late 1890's, as the Academy's Centennial was approaching, those in charge here decided that a crest and motto should be devised. The Superintendent, Oswald H. Ernst, appointed a three man committee of the Academic Board "to consider and report upon a device for the Military Academy." The committee (C. W. Larned, E. W. Bass, S. E. Tillman) was nothing but thorough, consuming well over a year in careful research.

Selecting an appropriate crest turned out to be relatively easy. A coat of arms and seal had recently been "adopted by the Academic Board for display over the sallyport of the Academy Building [today's Pershing Barracks], and is thus sculptured in the most prominent and significant position at the Military Academy." This particular crest had been associated with West Point for decades, having been used in decorations at least as early as the 1840's.

Finding a motto was a different matter. One had never been used. The three professors painstakingly dug through stacks of documents recording the Academy's first century of existence. Reports of Boards of Visitors, Superintendent's Annual Reports, writings of professors and graduates, etc. From the historical record emerged three words that had appeared over and over through that century, three words that, by the sheer volume of their use, stood apart from all others. The committee combined them, and duly reported:

> After much thought and inviting the opinion of many others, the Committee is satisfied that the sentiment expressed by the words: "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY" more clearly and concisely express the genius of this institution than that embodied in any other motto or quotation which has suggested itself or has been suggested by others.

The Crest and Motto are over the entrance to Bartlett Hall. (The helmet and eagle face the wrong way, an early error in design.)

In a meeting on 4 February 1898, the Academic Board adopted the motto, but not without a close vote on the sequence of the three words. Although the records don't reveal which alternative order was considered, the Board purposefully left HONOR in the center, a position of much symbolic significance.

You might be interested in a story of a more recent but similar process. As we began thinking about 2002—the Bicentennial—we came to realize that no statement of purpose had ever been written. Furthermore, and perhaps for that reason, there existed no small amount of confusion as to what the Academy's actual purpose was. Ask three people and you might have gotten four answers.

To fill that void and focus our thinking, I convened a committee comprised of the top policymakers here. We set out to distill the essence of two centuries of service into a single, concise statement. A statement of purpose must answer the question, "why?" It describes an institution's quintessential reason for being. It must be enduring, pertinent alike to the West Point of 1802 or 1902 or 2002. The mission and the environment may change over time, but the purpose can't—or else the very life of the institution has ended and something else has taken its place.

The process proved to be much more difficult and time-consuming than any of us had imagined. Eventually, though, in the spring of 1987, these thirteen words coalesced: "To provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense."

Each part conveys a special meaning. *"To provide the nation. . ."* Although graduates today go into the active Army, that has not always been so; there have been times when some went into the Air Force, times when all went out to be engineers, times when they did not have to serve at all. *". . . leaders of character. . ."* Being a leader is not enough; our graduates must be leaders-of-character, men and women who know the difference between right and wrong and who have the courage to act accordingly, who have the moral strength to take the harder right instead of the easier wrong. *". . . serve the common defense."* Adapted from the Preamble to the Constitution, this phrase dictates that graduates must be selfless servants of the country in peace and in war, not only while in uniform but for a lifetime.

The day we finished, and were sitting back somewhat smugly satisfied that we had indeed recorded the essence of our Alma Mater, one member of the committee glanced over at an Academy crest. In a hushed voice, he drew our attention to it and wondered aloud, "What took us so long?" The purpose statement had been there all along, right before our eyes. It had been recorded a century ago.

> To provide the nation (COUNTRY)
> with leaders of character (HONOR)
> who serve the common defense (DUTY).

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

P.S. Flowing from that definition of purpose has been an intense effort to chart the Academy's course into its third century and beyond. Articles elsewhere in this issue provide some of the results of that effort, particularly in the areas of leader development initiatives and the recently concluded honor reviews.

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