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Dear Graduates and
Friends of West Point:

West Point is peaceful during the Christmas holidays. This is the only period when it is truly quiet around here. Summers may once have been calmer than other times of the year, but not anymore. Crowded with academic courses, seminars, conferences, Beast Barracks, Camp Buckner, cadets coming and going to training sites around the world, not to mention the swarms of tourists, summertime is a busy time. Autumn and spring semesters, meanwhile, remain as fully packed as ever. So the Academy is in repose only during the two weeks or so from the final term-end exams in December until classes resume in early January. The Corps is gone then, many of the staff and faculty are away visiting families, and tourists are elsewhere. The Plain rests in tranquility. It is a time for contemplation and reflection.

Trees have long since dropped their leaves, providing unobstructed views of the monuments circling the Plain. Early snows have powdered the open expanse of level land, silhouetting and emphasizing the "ghostly assemblage" of the

marble and granite and bronze forms, standing timeless watch over this hallowed field.

Silent barracks form a brooding backdrop, forlorn in the absence of the cacophony of cadet sounds—shared laughter, shouts, commands, the staccato of minute callers, distant music, sounds of exuberance.

In the stillness, the monuments seem to speak. In their day, they paternally remind us, the Corps didn't get Christmas leave. The holiday break then was very short, just a brief respite from classes, and cadets remained at West Point throughout. Unless one was fortunate enough to be invited to an officer's house, Christmas dinner was merely another meal in the cadet mess.

Over the years, a body of tradition grew up around Christmastime at West

traditions fell to the fourth class. "Plebe Christmas" was a fixture in the Military Academy experience for generations of cadets until it ended a quarter of a century ago. (That change left the members of the Class of 1967 able to boast ever afterwards that theirs was the last class to have had a *real* plebe year.)

Time moves. Traditions grow and fade. Institutions either evolve or face obsolescence. To remain unchanging in a changing world risks decay from irrelevance. Still, the Military Academy must never abandon its fundamental values, the very source of its uniqueness. To change capriciously, chasing whim or fad, risks decay from irresoluteness. The challenge—a timeless one for our Alma Mater—is to find the right balance between regenerative creativity and the stability required for longevity. In that balance lies excellence.

The monuments, marking in the lives they represent some sixteen decades of the Academy's development, would surely agree. While probably regretting, in the time honored way of old grads, the passing of things as they were in their day, they nevertheless appear to welcome the serenity of this mid-winter pause, concluding that the decision to let all cadets go home at Christmas was right. They must also appreciate this quiet moment to ponder the elements that have made West Point great for nearly two hundred years, and to contemplate the Academy's direction into its third century.

The holidays here may never have been better—the silence is full of the sounds of the Long Gray Line, celebrating Christmases past. They are good sounds, sounds of excellence, sounds of the future.

Best wishes from West Point for a healthful and happy 1990.



Point, with an array of social events coming to lessen the loneliness of young men far from home at a time of the year when the tugs of family become especially strong. Later, when officials decided to permit cadets to take leave over the holidays, the burden of carrying on those

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USMA—Class of 1920

When at the age of 89, General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Class of 1920, died 12 November 1988 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, America lost one of its great 20th century soldiers. General Mathew B. Ridgway summed up General Lemnitzer's accomplishments so well when he wrote: "Few U.S. Army officers have had as varied service in high posts as has General Lemnitzer—in both military and foreign relations fields.

"In all of them he has served with great distinction and credit to the Army and the nation—characterized by sound judgment, professional competence, vision, courage, and the power of decision, accompanied by a warm engaging personality and a wonderful sense of humor. The word SUPERIOR sums it all up."

"He was a skilled tactician, planner and negotiator. His career was marked by unrivaled skill and unselfish devotion," was President Ronald Reagan's tribute to his character in presenting to Lemnitzer the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1987.

His was a special talent—the ability to get along with all people and accomplish much. His daughter Lois states of his disposition: "He had no phoniness or pretensions. He was very straightforward. He had friends in all areas—the troops, civilians, kids, and neighbors." According to General T. W. Parker, who worked for the general for 9 years, General Lem was exceptionally loyal to subordinates, perhaps even to a fault at times. Naturally his loyalty developed great loyalty in return. Lem's colleagues almost universally greeted him as "Lem," and his subordinates, out of his hearing, always spoke of "General Lem." This was less a means of shortening a long name, than an expression of the intimate regard they had for a caring leader.

He, above all, was a family man as his daughter-in-law, Lydia, attested to with the following story: "On one of his trips to Washington, Billy, his grandson, asked Pop (family title for the general) if he would have time to visit his 4th grade and tell them a little bit about NATO, since the class was studying European countries. . . . Pop said he would make the time and the following morning he visited the school. The teacher asked Billy to introduce the general. All Billy could think of was what the general



Cadet Lyman L. Lemnitzer

meant to him; he spoke up: "This is my grandfather."

General Lemnitzer was also a man of singular accomplishment recognized by 46 medals, badges, and decorations. In whatever position placed he succeeded.

As a result of the above expressed characteristics, the honor of being the first and, up to this time, the only officer to achieve the distinction of filling virtually all of the key high command positions belongs to General Lemnitzer.*

The general's daughter Lois, when asked what contributed to his phenomenal success, replied without hesitation: "Duty, Honor, Country." As readers will know, that is the motto exemplifying the ideals of West Point. Yet the basis of this creed was learned by the general long before he entered the Academy—it was assimilated in his childhood Honesdale, Pennsylvania home. Of second generation Bavarian lineage, he had, while growing up, instilled in him the charac-

*These positions and the years in which he filled them are: (1) Commanding General, United States Armed Forces Far East, Eighth Army (1955); (2) Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command and Governor Ryukyus (1955–57); (3) Chief of Staff, U.S. Army (1959–60); (4) Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (1960–62); (5) Commander-in-Chief, European Command (1962–69); (6) Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (1963–69).

teristics of discipline, family unity, strong religious belief, personal responsibility, and love of country; these were stressed, practiced, and accepted. His years at the Academy, as a member of the Class of 1920, reinforced and solidified these home-taught principles.

As a youth he displayed unusual skill in rifle marksmanship. Later, he became one of the Army's best rifle marksmen. He merited the Distinguished Marksman's Medal, a decoration he always wore proudly as one of his primary achievements.

His military career started slowly. As a cadet, he found the academic curriculum, with its emphasis on mathematics, science, and military to be advanced beyond his high school preparation. By hard study, he graduated No. 86 in a class of 271. While never wearing cadet chevrons during his years at the Academy, he nevertheless showed a ruggedness of character as a catcher on the baseball team. He always savored the "star" he won by a victory over Navy.

For the Class of 1920, the climate for a military career was not auspicious. As "Benny Havens O" says: "Promotion's very slow." For his class the situation was exacerbated—graduation was delayed one day so that all who served in France and who had applied for and were accepted in the Regular Army were placed on the rolls one day ahead of the Class of 1920. The bulge in the list held back promotion of the future general from lieutenant to captain for 15 years. Unless war intervened, and the war to end all wars had just terminated, the outlook at best for the graduates was retirement as colonels after 30 years.

Regardless, Lyman's enthusiasm for the Army remained high. His career was greatly enhanced and abetted by marriage to a Honesdale girl, Katherine Mead Tryon—a lifetime commitment blessed by two children—a son Brigadier General William Lyman Lemnitzer, Retired, Class of 1951, and a daughter Lois. Their wedding having been in New York City on 6 November 1923, Kay and Lem had just celebrated their 64th anniversary before Lem passed away on 12 November 1988.

Upon graduation, Lem chose the Coast Artillery Corps (CAC) as his branch. In his career, up to 1940, military schools played an important part in his development as an officer. During that



Aboard U.S. PT boat off Anzio beaches on morning of landing, 22 January 1944; General Alexander, General Lemnitzer, and Admiral Trowbridge.



Lemnitzer is presented the Honorary Degree of Commander of the British Empire by King George VI, Italy, 1944.

period, he attended the Basic and the Battery Officers CAC courses, he taught Tactics at the CAC School at Fort Monroe, and twice he was stationed at West Point as an instructor in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. However, the most influential schooling events were attendances at the Command and General Staff School (1935–36) and at the Army War College (1939–40). Both of the latter schools expanded his knowledge on how the Army functioned in time of war. He responded creatively to the instruction, took deep interest in the planning exercises that such courses required, and established an Army-wide reputation as an up-and-coming young staff officer ready for higher rank and responsibility.

Shortly after graduation from the War College (having returned to CAC duty in Georgia), he was brought into Washington as a member of the War Plans Division of the War Department's General Staff. Here he learned detailed war planning working on Operation Torch (the invasion of North Africa) under the mentorship of two outstanding veterans of World War I, Generals George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and Lesley J. McNair, Commander, Army Ground Forces.

In 1942, now a brigadier general, Lem was in England as CG of the 34th Anti Aircraft Brigade. His outstanding staff experience with Operation Torch, becoming known to General Eisenhower, brought him into Allied Headquarters as Chief, Plans and Operations, G-3.

It was in this latter position that he became involved in a most dangerous mission; he was selected by General Mark Clark to accompany him on a secret

submarine trip to the coast of North Africa. The purpose was to contact friendly French officials three weeks in advance of the Allied landing there. With his penchant for understatement, General Lem stated of the trip: "The real excitement came when we left Africa. We were nearly captured by the Vichy French, who sensed something was going on. We had a hard time getting away from the coast because of ten feet high waves, but we finally managed to get back to the sub." For his part in the maneuver, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

An exploit of which the general was most proud occurred a few days later. En route by air to Gibraltar with General Jimmy Doolittle and other top brass, their plane was attacked by German planes. General Lemnitzer manned a B-17 machine gun and shot down one of the attacking JU-88s. This accomplishment represented one of his most vivid memories of World War II; his marksmanship had remained undiminished by time.

In January 1943 he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff to General Mark Clark in Morocco during the early phases of the organization of Fifth Army. Resuming active command of his brigade in late February 1943, he led it through the Tunisian Campaign and the early landing phases of the Sicilian Campaign.

General Lemnitzer's service during the remainder of the war was as Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff to General (later Field Marshal) Sir Harold Alexander who eventually became the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean. Responsibility and diplomacy

proved to be in these posts two of General Lem's strong points. The following illustrates well his sense of responsibility:

In 1943, Prime Minister Marshal Badoglio agreed with General Eisenhower to announce jointly an armistice on 8 September. The plan was named Giant II. It called for combined parachute and air landings at five airfields near Rome and for a small seaborne unit with weapons and supplies to land in support of the airborne troops. On 8 September, Eisenhower received a message from General Taylor in Rome stating "Situation Innocuous," indicating that Giant II should be cancelled—the Italians were not ready. General Lemnitzer was directed to send a message to General Ridgway to cancel the mission and an acknowledgment of the message was requested. None was returned. Lemnitzer remembered the admonition of General McNair that "Paper is no good; it must be translated into action." He flew to the airborne division airfield. There he contacted General Ridgway who was sending his troopers aloft. The message of cancellation had not been received. Fortunately the planes could be recalled by radio. Generals Ridgway and Taylor were both impressed with Lemnitzer's sense of responsibility that on that day averted a catastrophe.

The general's success in the diplomatic field was displayed on several occasions. He had an active part in the discussions with Marshal Badoglio that subsequently led to the capitulation of Italy on 3 September 1943. Likewise he dealt with Marshal Tito and Soviet Marshal Tolbutkin for the coordination of final military operations by the Allied



Preparing for a jump as CG, 11th Airborne Division, 1951.



General Lemnitzer as CG, 7th U.S. Infantry Division, March 1952.

Forces in Italy and the Yugoslavian and the Russian armed forces against Germany in southern Europe. In March 1945 General Lem entered Switzerland in civilian clothes, charged with management of the discussion with German representatives which resulted in the unconditional surrender of the German armed forces in Italy and southern Austria (Operation Sunshine). In discharging these responsible and important functions he earned a widespread reputation as an able negotiator and a military diplomat.

In recognition of his commendable success in diplomacy, Lemnitzer was awarded the Companion of the Bath. Field Marshal Alexander wrote of his very sensitive position in an Allied Headquarters: "No more loyal officer could be found, either from the British or American point of view and his ability as a Staff Officer is beyond question exceptional. He has done as much as any man to cement the friendship between our two nations and to bring to a successful conclusion the campaign in Italy."

When asked his opinion of the inevitability of World War II, Lem replied: "In my opinion, if the U.S. had been militarily strong in 1941, the Japanese would never have attacked Pearl Harbor and Hitler would at all costs have avoided provoking the U.S. in the Atlantic area."

After the war, the general, acknowledged as a superb planner and skilled

negotiator, proceeded to Washington as Senior Army Member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a little later was made Deputy Commandant of the National War College. Of this latter assignment, Lemnitzer stated: "I was very much involved in the establishment of the National War College and strongly supported its being the highest element of our military school system. It was obvious to Generals Eisenhower, Gruenther and myself that there was a most important requirement for such a military-civilian school in the U.S. postwar structure."

He was intimately involved with NATO even before its beginning and was present at the NATO treaty signing ceremony in Washington on 4 April 1949. In fact, he participated in the drafting of the NATO treaty and in its presentation to the U.S. Senate for ratification. He continued to be one of NATO's strongest advocates. After his retirement as SACEUR General Lem spent uncounted hours advancing the cause of NATO. He made speeches everywhere; he testified in its behalf at every opportunity; he headed the SHAPE Officers Association for many years, faithfully presiding over its meetings and activities. No one did more to support NATO than Lem—because he truly believed in its importance.

On the strength of his experience as a military diplomat, in 1949 Lem was

named first director of the Office of Military Assistance, under Secretary of Defense James Forrestal. In this capacity he played a key role in establishing the Military Assistance Program, which has provided a major element in the Free World's mutual security activities.

By this time, a major general for five years, General Lem reviewed his military record. His contemporaries were convinced he merited higher rank; his record however showed a lack of command in combined arms functions. About this deficiency he determined to take action. It would be done the hard way; at age 51, he became a student in the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning (the drop-out rate for even younger men in good physical shape was 30 to 35%), and entered into the rigorous training to qualify as a parachutist. He succeeded and was made CG of the 11th Airborne Division. A year later, he welcomed the opportunity of being a combat commander in Korea as CG, 7th Infantry Division. Here he participated in the battles of Heartbreak Ridge, the Punch Bowl, and Munding-ni Valley, and in the fighting in the Chorwon Valley. Here he won the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry.

When asked what were the primary lessons he learned in the Korean War, he replied, "I learned once again that the US was involved in a war because of our lack of military preparedness. In my opinion we were, five years after World



General Lemnitzer at the time of his appointment as Chief of Staff, US Army, 18 March 1959.



Lem and Kay.

War II, more poorly prepared to fight in Korea than at any time in our history except possibly in the Revolutionary War. The Soviets and their surrogate Kim Il-Sung would never have attacked the Republic of Korea if we had been better prepared to respond quickly and effectively to a North Korean attack."

With division command experience now added to his record, General Lem was on track, all signals green, for assignments to higher responsibility. He soon was to demonstrate to successive Presidents that he was a talented officer with unmatched credentials of courage, diplomacy, foresight, and successful know-how to merit continued recognition, as a commander and as a skillful planner. He did not seek positions; rather the positions called for a man of his demonstrated qualifications, talents, and skill.

In March of 1955, now a full general, he took command of the US Armed Forces, Far East; in June 1955, he became the Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations and Far East Commander and Governor of the Ryukyus Islands.

In July of 1957 he returned to Washington as Vice Chief of Staff. In this role, despite the fact that the Army had the most effective Space program (von Braun team) of the services, Lemnitzer concurred with Eisenhower that a separate independent space program was best for the country—NASA was born. The good of the country transcended a

narrow parochial Army viewpoint on the subject.

On 1 July 1959, General Lemnitzer became Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. Of the appointment, the *Newsweek* reported: "Last week, President Eisenhower nominated Lemnitzer as Army Chief of Staff. . . . But it was not for his cloak-and-dagger exploits or his combat experience that Lemnitzer got the job. It was for his ability as a planner, strategist, diplomat, and negotiator." His tour as Chief of Staff was beset by the conflict of Flexible Response versus Massive Retaliation. Never one to shy away from a conflict of ideas, Lemnitzer concurred wholeheartedly with the need for a conventional arms capability as well as a nuclear one. Flexible Response was not an idea easily sold. For instance, President Eisenhower was inclined to favor Massive Retaliation.

In Lemnitzer's own words: "We must maintain a wide variety of military forces which, together with the forces of our allies, are extremely tailored to fight in the great variety of wars, short of general nuclear war in which we might become involved. We must maintain strategic retaliatory forces that can deliver nuclear firepower against appropriate targets in an enemy's territory." Congress stepped into the picture. The Johnson Committee concluded that General Lemnitzer was right.

His logic was always driven by the concept that military strength and the

resolve to use it, if necessary, are what prevent war. He abhorred war and its waste of men and material; he was totally committed to prevent it. But, if war was inevitable, he was like Stonewall Jackson in the Civil War: he drew his sword and threw away the scabbard.

His efforts as Chief of Staff were to improve things by first working intelligently with what he had. Then he tried to make further improvements through hard, persistent work, quiet negotiations and the attitude of a realist. As Chief of Staff, General Lem's working habits included starting his day between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and usually ending about 6:30 p.m. He worked hard while in the office but rarely took work home. His pace was to start slow and to increase in intensity as the day progressed. He was not impatient; he would listen to all presentations until the presenter had finished. He did not mind somebody answering a question with an "I don't know" as opposed to someone trying to give him a "snow job." Snow jobs would really annoy Lem and he let the individual know it. Whenever he had a recommendation to consider from a member of his staff, he did so meticulously. He had the staffman's instinct of wanting to go over every detail with great care to make sure each alternative had been considered and evaluated.

If he disagreed with a proposal, he never told the officer involved in a blunt way. He would point out different alter-

natives that might be considered and, thereby, coax his subordinate into the direction he thought best. Lieutenant General Arthur G. Trudeau, who served as Chief of Research and Development under General Lemnitzer, put it this way: "I knew the general for a long time and never saw a single instance where he made an enemy—he just was always reasonable." He was very interested in each member of his staff and their families. Nobody stayed with him unless they wanted to. If anybody asked for a transfer, they got it. And he insisted on doing things like personally giving new insignia to anyone on his staff who got promoted.

General Parker recalls General Lem's remarkable memory. "He would come into the HQ in the morning and say, 'Do you know what happened on this day five years ago (or ten)?' Then he'd describe in great detail where he had been and what he had done at that time. This faculty contributed, I'm sure, to his great success and popularity with Congressional committees. He could always illustrate a point in testimony with a real life incident. Perhaps it was his great memory, too, that made him such a fine extemporaneous speaker."

One of his great strengths was the orderly way he thought and wrote. Being a superb staff officer was one of the factors which made him an exceptional Chief of Staff. This included the clarity with which he thought through a problem and, most important, the precise way he communicated and wrote. He was living proof of the maxim that if you think well, you write well.

On 15 August 1960, President Eisenhower nominated him to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Senate approved and on 27 August he was sworn in. He held this position until 30 September 1962.

During his term as Chairman, the Bay of Pigs fiasco occurred. By direction of President Kennedy, the JCS was shut out of the planning of the project in the name of secrecy for a covert CIA scheme. When the plan failed, General Lem, to avoid embarrassing the President, moved that the Chiefs would not keep the situation in the headlines by making any further statements; the Chiefs voted unanimously in favor of the proposal—again it was a decision solely for the good of the country.

During the Berlin crisis President Kennedy asked Lemnitzer for a recommendation. The general countered with a question: "What do you want to achieve?" The President answered: "I want to make it crystal-clear to the Russians that we mean business and we will fight." The general recommended an immediate increase in the size of the

Army, a call-up of selected Reserve units, and an increase in the Army budget. The Russians got the message and backed down. Force, as Lem knew, was a powerful argument.

As General Lemnitzer approached age 64 and retirement, President Kennedy, faced with the retirement of General Lauris Norstad as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. European Command, chose Lem as the replacement. The NATO Council, also pleased with the appointment, agreed on him as SACEUR. He served in this position from 1963–69.

On 1 September 1969, General Lemnitzer, after 49 years of active duty, retired from the Army. On 11 July, President Nixon, aware of the impending retirement, awarded him the U.S. Distinguished Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters) plus the Navy and Air Force Distinguished Medals—the first time in our history that the three medals were awarded simultaneously.

As mentioned earlier, he thought highly of NATO. In his opinion: "The NATO Alliance formed a shield of military security behind which the stability and prosperity of Europe have been created out of the havoc left by World War II." In answer to the question: "Do you find that NATO still commands considerable support in Europe?" He stated positively and succinctly: "Yes, I do. Most people know there hasn't been a single square inch of NATO territory lost to Communism. There have been no wars in Europe."

That his work in NATO was appreciated by its members was shown by the West German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. The unique editorial accolade read: "He is an American but always considered himself to be more an Atlantic general. Late in his military career, he has shown Europe that the rating by a former superior (General Eisenhower) who described Lemnitzer as the best man ever to graduate from an American military academy was well-founded."

In retirement, Lem maintained an office in the Pentagon and spoke to many interested groups of the advantage of supporting NATO and of its necessity to the security of the United States. His views on the future of the United States was based on moral character: "To meet the challenge of this era, we must have the sustained strength derived from the determination, stamina and unaltered dedication to our high purposes as a people and a nation under God."

He never forgot his childhood home in Honesdale. The rapport between Lem and the town, throughout his career, was intimate and close. In appreciation of the man, its favorite son, Honesdale, on this

past Decoration Day, dedicated a bridge, and a National Guard armory, to his name.

Too, he remained ever proud of his association with West Point. A memorable moment in his life was the notation in the Genealogical Succession of the 1980 USMA *Register of Graduates*: "6625 Lemnitzer, 18021 Son, 35753 grandson."

In later years, at least, Lem rarely missed attending the five year reunions of his Class of 1920. Upon his return from such reunions he would always complain about that "damn class of '15!" 1915, of course, was the famous class "the stars fell on," counting among its members Eisenhower, Bradley, Van Fleet, and other WW II heroes. Since class reunions at West Point are regularly held every five years it was always the fate of the Class of 1920 to be overshadowed by 1915.

General Lem expressed his gratitude to the Military Academy in these words, spoken at the end of his career: "I considered that one of the highest and most patriotic honors I could receive was to attend and graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. . . . I feel the same about it today."

In his own words, as expressed to the graduating Class of 1960 he gave this opinion of the continuing value of USMA: "The importance . . . of education, discipline, and character as the basis for military leadership was first recognized and formally applied at West Point by Colonel Sylvanus Thayer. . . . The merit of his concept has been proved throughout the years.

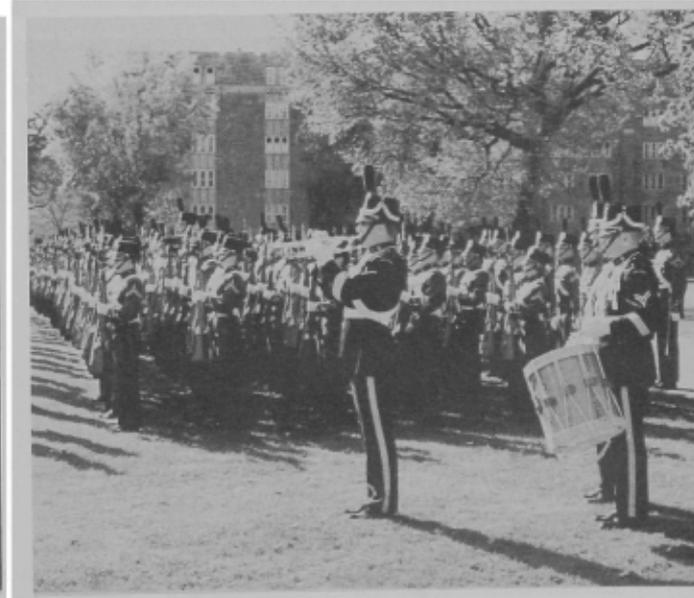
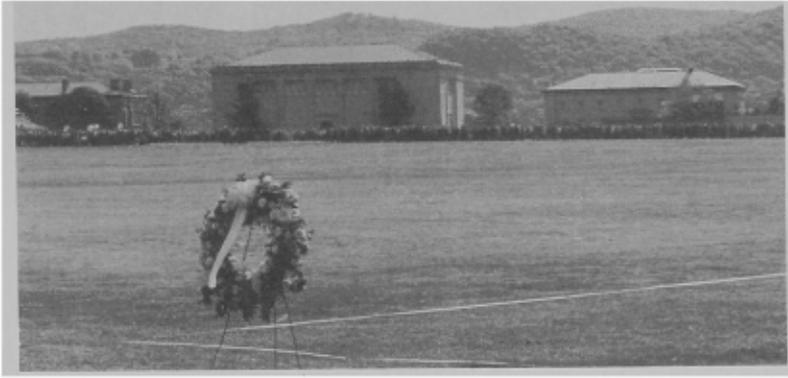
"Because of what they have received from West Point, all West Pointers have a vital obligation. The country looks to the officers of the Army and the other Armed Forces to provide the leadership which is needed in times of military emergency. The Army, in turn, looks to West Point as the fountainhead of the standards and qualities which typify the officer corps. Today as throughout the past, West Point looks to its graduates to sustain through their actions the great traditions of service, leadership, and patriotism—of Duty, Honor, Country—with which they have been imbued here."

With the passing of time, General Lemnitzer's merited place in history will certainly be established; meanwhile, having lived true to the words expressed above, he demonstrated by his accomplishments the validity of adherence to the motto: Duty, Honor, Country.

Colonel Robert M. Stegmaier, Retired
Class of 1937

Homecoming 1989 Alumni Exercises

Over 900 graduates returned to West Point for Homecoming Weekend, 13-15 October 1989. Reunion classes present included 1969, 1974, 1979, and 1984. The Class of 1969 had the largest number returning with approximately 400 graduates. The oldest graduate present was Lieutenant General Arthur G. Trudeau '24 who led the march across the Plain to Thayer Monument and participated in the wreath-laying ceremony.



1969 Homecoming

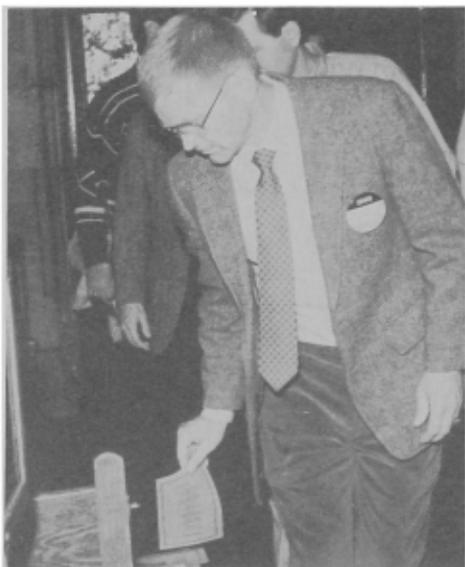
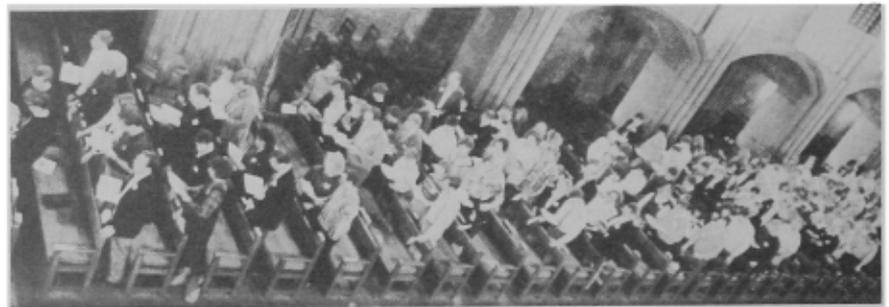
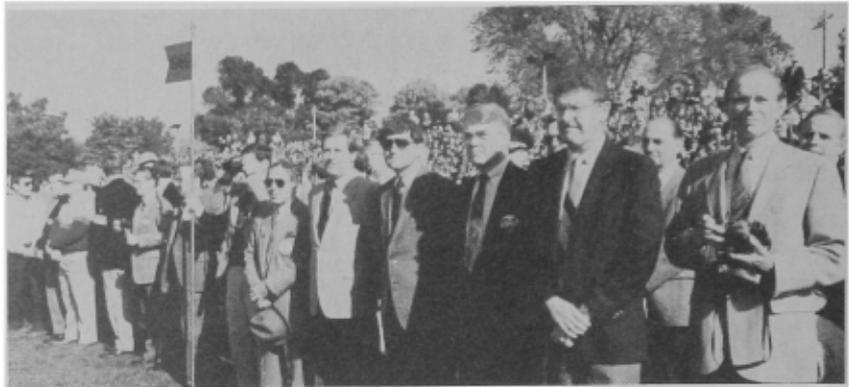
"The best party ever!" This refrain was heard often on Sunday, after four glorious days of bright sunshine and renewed friendships.

The largest such gathering ever—400 classmates—began Thursday evening. After Chris Sautter's delicious ziti dinner were six hours of warm embraces, many twenty years in coming.

Friday ushered in a Class meeting (ably led by Mike McGovern), luncheon (with a terrific talk by Mike Krzyzewski), memorial service (officiated by Father McCormick), and Class dinner.

Saturday saw a group of precision marchers at alumni exercises, a tailgate luncheon, annihilation of Holy Cross, and the alumni dinner dance. Later, the Reunion's highlight: dancing into the early hours at the ski lodge to the music of B. Arnold & the Traitors, coincidentally at West Point on their world tour.

Sunday saw a farewell brunch, which ended much too quickly. The "Best of the Line" then fell out, eagerly awaiting Adjutant's Call in 1994.





1974

Homecoming

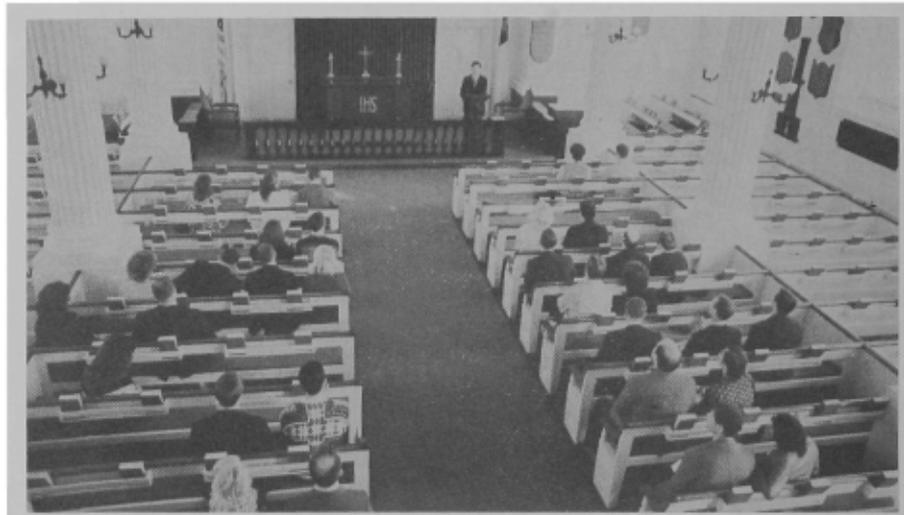
Fifteen years already? doesn't seem possible. The weekend was a great success with a good time had by all. Well, most all anyway. West Point was happy to see so many "Old Grads" and put out the fine fall foliage and perfect weather. One hundred and twenty five from the Pride of the Corps renewed old friendships and started some new ones. The most often heard greeting was, "The face is familiar, but I don't recognize the waistline." One classmate wanted to know who all the "old folk" were at our activities.

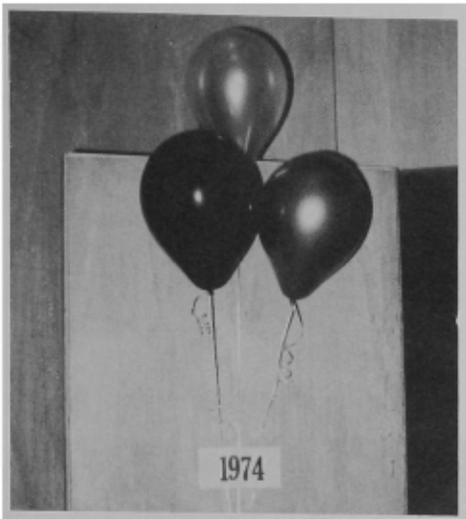
The weekend began with briefings on USMA today on Friday morning and the Class was brought up to date on a few of the many changes here at the Academy. We then had a picnic at Camp Buckner which allowed many to relive old memories of a place they had not been to since cadet days. Friday night saw us at Bear Mountain for lots of talk and dancing to old songs. Saturday began with a business meeting where we elected a standing committee consisting of MAJ Jim Loy, Mr. Vinnie Mauro, Mr. Pat McBrayer and MAJ Buddy Blackman, as chairman. After the parade and tailgate at the 49er Lodge, Holy Cross fell, 45-9, and so did lots more beer at the post-game tailgate.

Vinnie Mauro did a super job with the memorial service on Sunday morning as we took time to remember our departed classmates: 1LT Geary O. Bauman, CPT Ralph E. Bower, III, CPT Fred B. Giacometti, CPT Dwight A. Helton, Mr. Keith B. Holmes, and CPT Gary M. Pestrak. This was followed by a farewell brunch where we ate lots, talked about the many changes at the USMA (The Corps really "has"), and said our good-byes. We also discussed some plans for the 20th reunion.

Thanks for the success of the weekend go to many folks, but especially to Gary Coleman for getting it started, Paul Lemley for the brunch, and Jim Loy, R. C. Anderson and Buddy Blackman for getting it finished. Finally, special thanks go to Sandy Blackman (Buddy's CO) who really went "above and beyond the call" and kept things organized and running smoothly.

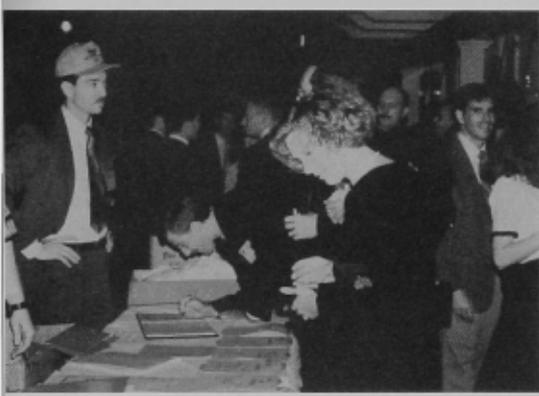
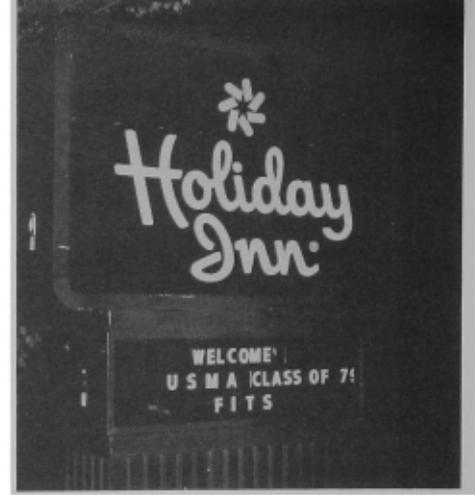
We had a great time, but missed all of you who couldn't be with us. Hopefully we will see everyone for the 20th reunion on 14-16 October, 1994. BEAT LOUISVILLE!!!!

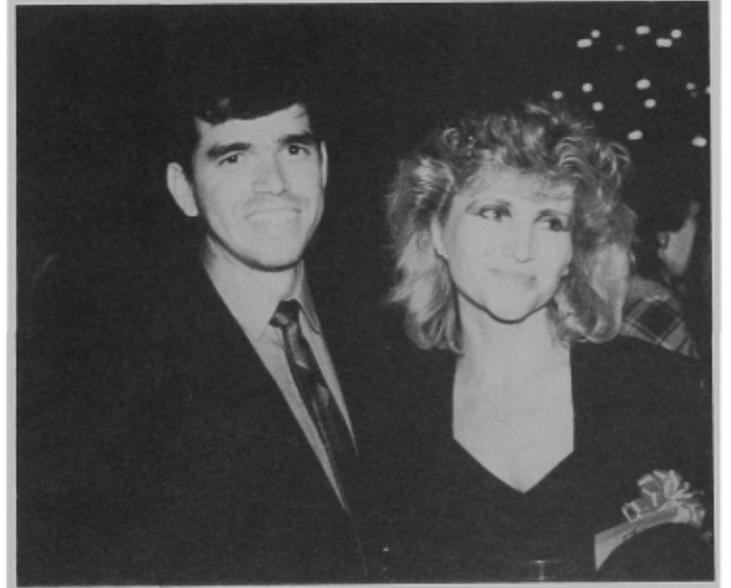




1979 Homecoming

The Class of '79 Reunion ARTEP went well in mid-October. We had about four hundred classmates in attendance for what seemed to be non-stop activities. Starting with the Class Gathering at the Ski Lodge on Thursday and continuing through Sunday, the "Top Of The Line" really enjoyed the many opportunities to visit with old friends. One of the highlights of the weekend occurred on Friday, when the Class resurrected the old game of "Stump the Stars" in South Auditorium with the Dean, Com and Supe. The game hadn't been played at WP since BG Ulmer used to tell us we were asking bogus questions. It was a worthwhile experience for many of us to get updated on the status of the Academy. For all, the reunion was an opportunity to become reacquainted with friends, visit the Academy and enjoy an excellent weekend back at West Point.





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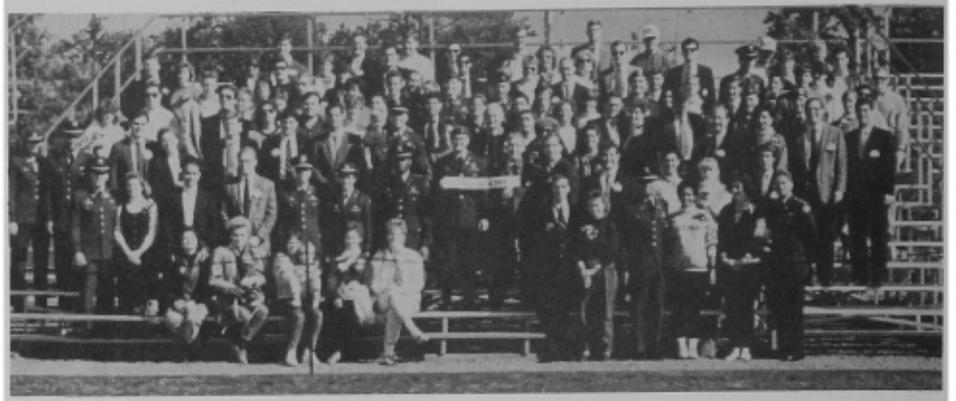
Homecoming

The "Best of the Corps" returned to a changing West Point and enjoyed our reunion with the same energy and enthusiasm that has always allowed us to live up to our motto. Over 100 classmates renewed friendships, witnessed the changes that have been taking place at USMA, and enjoyed a resounding victory over Holy Cross.

Beginning with a social on Friday night, the camaraderie which distinguishes our Class was evident. Reminiscing with good food and good friends, we shared the five years of varied experience that we had enjoyed and became as close as we had been on that May day when white hats soared toward the sky.

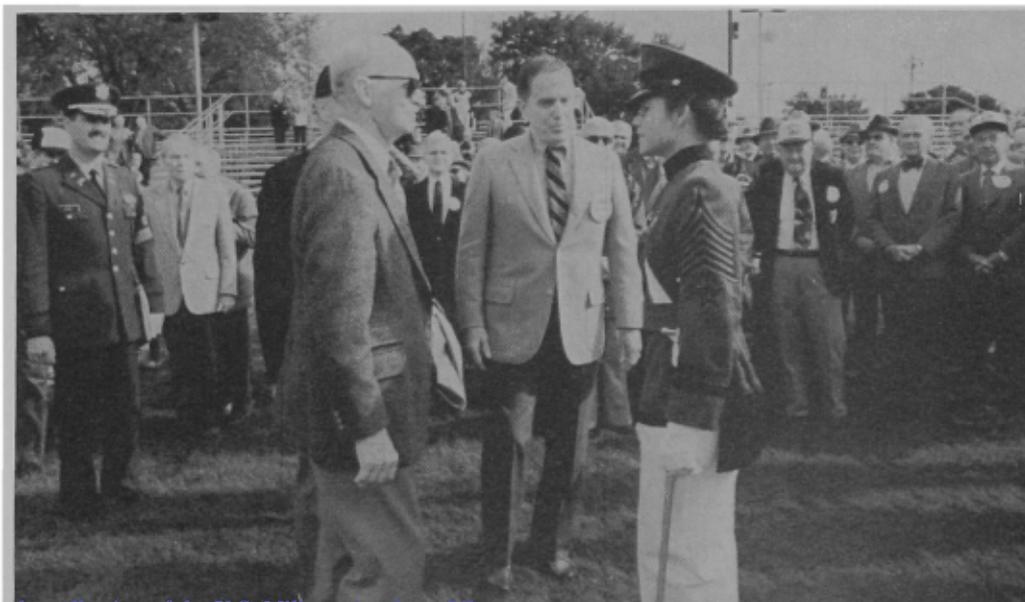
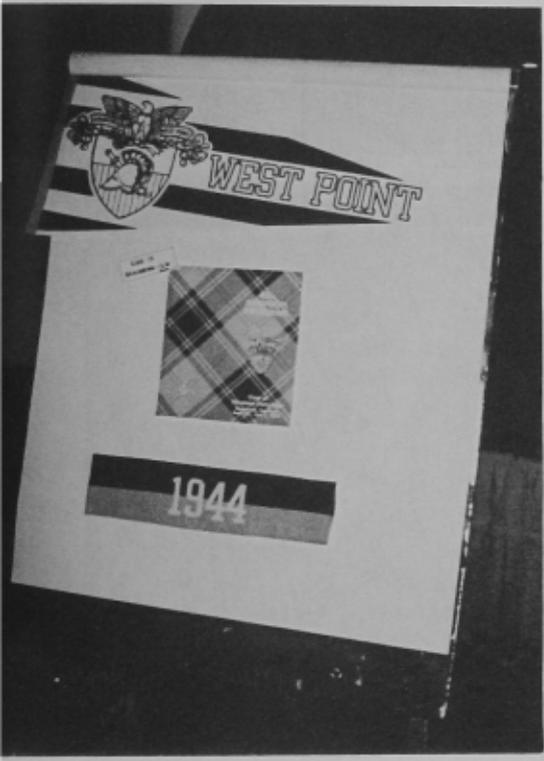
Saturday allowed us an opportunity to remember those whose lives had been lost as we stood with others of the Long Gray Line and placed a wreath honoring them at Thayer Monument. We then got our chance (a first for some of us) to see a parade from the vantage point of a spectator. Immediately following was our Class tailgate where we prepared for the game. The team did not disappoint us as they destroyed Holy Cross. A full day concluded with a return to the mess hall where so many of our most vivid (and humorous) memories came flooding back.

Leaving the Academy once more for our individual lives, one could not help feel lifted by the enthusiasm that abounds when we are together as a Class. This same spirit will carry us through the next five years until we once again unite as the "Best of the Corps."



Fall Reunions 1944

29 September–1 October

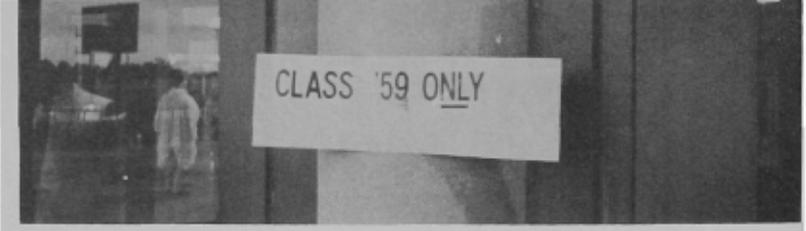


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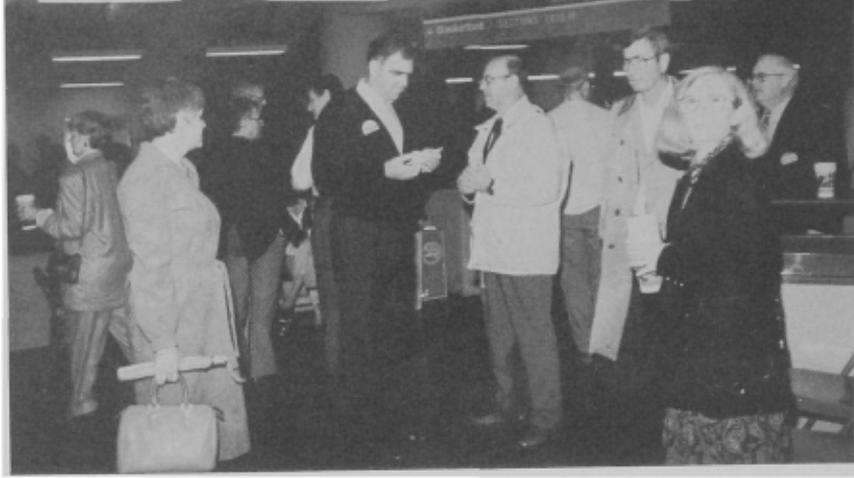
21-24 September



The Class of '59 held its 30th Reunion half at West Point and half at a hotel about 40 minutes away in Mahwah, NJ. Much of our quality time with classmates, catching up on those perhaps seen only fleetingly five years ago, or not at all, was found on those 40 minute bus trips, in the hotel hallways, and at impromptu company parties wedged amidst a full schedule of events arranged by the committee: a mixer on Thursday night, briefings and tours on Friday, a quiet memorial service to say aloud the names of our fallen friends, a dinner dance on Friday night, beating Wake Forest on Saturday. Hurricane Hugo, which had battered Charleston late Thursday, played havoc with our Saturday schedule when some attendant rains cancelled a parade in our honor and made the football game and ensuing picnic at Buckner a bit chillier than some had dressed for. But another bus trip and a last evening of camaraderie at the hotel warmed us up; and, as we checked out on Sunday, we wondered where, once again, the time had gone.



JANUARY 1990



An Honor Overdue

Luftwaffe Major Adolf Reuter drove slowly through the green hills of eastern Austria. It was 26 June 1944. Reuter knew that Germany had already lost the war. He watched the familiar vapor trails of enemy bombers on the blue sky above him. Air raid sirens sounded their mournful alarm in nearby villages. Although Reuter could not see the fighters rise from his base outside Vienna, he had no illusions about the odds they faced. Even in the skies over the Fatherland, the hunters were rapidly becoming the hunted.

Meanwhile at 22,000 feet, the B-24 Liberator "Honey Chile," its engines sputtering, dropped out of formation. The bomber dumped its high explosives and headed back toward Italy. Robbed of the collective firepower of the other Liberators and slowed by the malfunctioning engines, the lumbering aircraft quickly attracted the attention of German interceptors. An ME-110 attacked with cannon fire ripping apart a wing and the fuselage just behind the cockpit. First Lieutenant Jack Weller Smith, the pilot, realizing that the "Honey Chile" was going out of control and in danger of exploding, ordered his crew to bail out. Smith remained at the controls of the stricken bomber.

Standing next to the staff car, Major Reuter watched the burning plane glide downward. "I saw the American machine begin its final dive. It started to spin slowly. The two engines on the right side were ablaze." Reuter counted only three parachutes, although seven crewmen, including copilot Billie B. Blocker, floated to the ground and were quickly taken prisoner. Reuter hurried over to the crash site, a pile of burning wreckage. Then he noticed "something white" about a 150 yards away. "Approaching I discovered a parachute, and next to it a man, an officer, lying on the ground. I placed him on his back. He was moaning. His injuries must have been very severe. I tried to lift him. His legs and arms hung down limply. I laid him on his parachute. I knew I could not be of any help. He opened his eyes and said slowly, 'Please . . . after the war . . . tell my parents. My name is in my ring.'"

Lieutenant Smith died a few moments later and was buried in the Deutsch-Wagram cemetery near Vienna. Reuter was not able to attend the funeral. Ironically he was checking on the pilot of the ME-110 who shot down the "Honey Chile." The German had been bagged by American escort fighters the same day he had destroyed the Liberator.

In May 1945 Reuter was captured by an American armor unit, but was soon

released. He returned to his native Marburg, a quiet university town 50 miles north of Frankfurt. A gifted manager, he soon found employment with the U.S. Military Government rebuilding the civilian transportation network.

In a letter to Smith's parents dated 11 June 1945, Reuter described in detail the fatal plunge of the "Honey Chile" and the death of its pilot. "In writing this I am experiencing the whole accident [sic] all over again. I know I cannot be of any comfort to you, but I hope to have relieved you of uncertainty. Your son did his duty. I honor his memory."

Reuter entrusted Lieutenant Smith's ring, a West Point Class of 1942 ring, to



LT Jack Weller Smith, June 1943.



Jack Smith, Reuter, Rear Admiral James Smith, USN ret., in Reuter's home in Marburg.

his friend and supervisor U.S. Army Captain James McGrath to deliver it to the flyer's parents. In the confusion of postwar Germany, the elder Smiths' letter to Reuter thanking him for his thoughtful narrative was lost in the mail. By the time McGrath sent the ring to the Smiths, Mrs. Smith was dead. Mr. Smith's letter thanking Reuter for his part in returning his son's ring failed to reach the former Luftwaffe officer.

In January 1983 Billie Blocker, Smith's copilot, established contact with Reuter, now a successful businessman. Blocker believed that Smith should have been decorated posthumously for bravery. Blocker maintained that his friend had stayed at the controls of the "Honey Chile" in an effort to crash land the aircraft and perhaps save the lives of gunners Fred Haas and Richard Geist, who apparently had been unable to bail out. Blocker concluded that only when Smith realized that he could not pull the bomber out of its spin, did he abandon the aircraft. Unfortunately by the time Smith jumped, "Honey Chile" was only about 600 feet above the ground. Smith's parachute did not have time to fully deploy, thus he was fatally injured when he hit the ground.

Blocker nominated Smith for a decoration in 1946, but the War Department turned down his request as "lacking

sufficient proof." Blocker carefully reconstructed the evidence and contacted Reuter asking that he provide him with a statement detailing his observations regarding the destruction of the B-25 and the death of Lieutenant Smith. Reuter produced the narrative and contacted the American Consulate General in Frankfurt requesting that a consul witness his signature. On 21 October 1985 the author drove to Marburg, translated Reuter's statement into English and notarized his signature. Blocker submitted Reuter's testimony and other evidence to the Secretary of the Air Force.

On 17 April 1986, Rear Admiral James Smith, USN ret., Lieutenant Smith's brother, and other members of the Smith family accepted the Distinguished Flying Cross during a ceremony at Bolling Air Force Base, near Washington, D.C. Copilot Billie B. Blocker was present at the presentation. The citation read, ". . . with complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Smith guided his disabled aircraft to provide sufficient time for other crew members to bail out. . . ." Later that day the Smiths and Blocker visited the flyer's grave in Arlington National Cemetery. The ring now belongs to Lieutenant Colonel Jack Smith, U.S. Air Force, ret., nephew of Lieutenant Jack Weller Smith.

Thomas F. Johnson

West Point Rings

By PHILIP S. GAGE, JR., Class of 1936

The subject of this article has been around for over a century and a half. Therefore it is far from new. From the *Pointer* of 11 September 1964, we can find the origin of the ring. It says, "... in a Greek fable told by Pliny in his *Natural History*, Prometheus stole fire from heaven for mortal man and was doomed by Jupiter to be chained for 30,000 years to a rock in the Caucasus. Jupiter relented and liberated Prometheus, but it was ordained that he should wear a link of the chain on his finger as a ring."

Academy rings are unique because they may have been the first ever worn by collegians to commemorate their alma maters, and unique because rather significant changes have developed in recent years (since 1980).

Some details as to how rings have been made and who have made them could interest certain readers. Therefore, let us start with "how made."

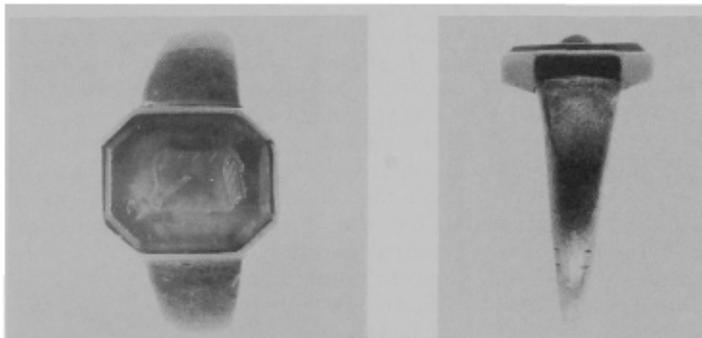
To begin with, there are three parts to every ring: one side carries the college crest; the other side carries another crest; and the third, or top, is known as the bezel. This portion holds a jewel, a stone, a crest, or a motto. Earlier rings were "die struck." A *reverse* of the crest was produced in a piece of tempered (hard) steel—this was known as the "die." Then an 80 ton *force* would force the ring's metal into the die. The three pieces would now be welded together to form the finished ring. In more recent years a second process has been used. It is called "die casting" or "lost wax system." This method requires molten gold to be poured into the die—which happens now to be called a *mould*.

From information available, the last "struck" rings were made in 1970 by Balfour. Since that time the "casting" method has been in use, and officials at West Point (Treasurer, USMA) claim this procedure is the method of choice because it provides "greater duplication of details."

Prior to the class of 1981 all rings were made of 14 KT gold. However, because of that metal's cost, 10 KT gold was requested. And today, 10 KT is the metal used in 75% of all rings.

Records show that in the early history of rings each was made *individually* and by hand. The ring was in a sense an engraved seal and was used with sealing wax to close letters. In 1897, engraved sealing gave way to glued envelopes and the Academy's "Duty, Honor, Country" motto became the only engraving (if any) on the bezel. Crests appear now on the ring's sides or shanks. In 1917—due to an enlarged class—rings were made from one standard die(s) for all. The one-die-per-class has persisted ever since.

The record of "who" made West Point rings develops an interesting—although not complete—history. Marquand Jeweler, New York designed and made the ring of 1837. This bore



Class Ring 1837

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	3548	3549	3550
14-kt gold	\$2.75	\$3	\$4.75
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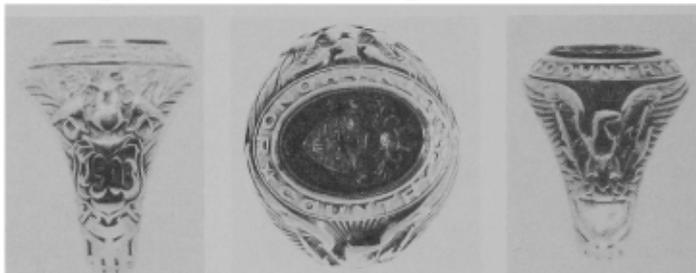
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Ad in 1912 *Howitzer*.

a copy of the seal of the Frenchman, Voltaire and cost \$8. The firm changed ownership several times, but is still extant and known as Black-Starr, Gorham, NY. This company is credited with rings for 1897 and 1899 through 1908.



Ring of Douglas MacArthur, Class of 1903

In 1848 Charles Lewis Tiffany began the manufacture of gold jewelry in New York, and the subsequent famous Tiffany and Co. produced West Point rings for 1874, 76, 77, 80, 81, 91, 94, 98, 1902, 17, 20–21 (graduating in 1918), 24 to 35, 37 to 41 (the last class from Tiffany).

Stebbins & Co, NY made the rings for 1852, each costing \$20. Bailey, Banks, & Biddle made Academy rings possibly for 1879 and 1905, but certainly for 1909 to 1916, 18, 19, 20–21 (after 1918), 22, 23, ?, 36, ?, and 56 (the last year from BBB). Herff-Jones & Co of Newark, NJ was another West Point ring maker. They supplied classes 1987, 90. Josten's, Washington, DC and Owatonna, MN has produced for 1989.

L.G. Balfour, Greevale, L.I., NY has made the rings for 1970 (die struck), 1971 (casting—henceforward) through 1986, plus 1988. The last listed ring maker is Dieges & Clust, Providence, RI and New York. The ring contributions of this jeweler are not accurately known.

The style of the Academy ring has undergone certain changes which have already been referred to, but specifically here are more details. The custom of rings originated in 1835 although there is no documentation to verify this. The USMA Library ring collection does have a very early ring—one from 1837. In the beginning the ring constituted an engraved seal (up to 1897) which carried some type of device together with

a motto. Those mottos that have been verified are listed herewith:

Year	Motto	Approximate Meaning
1835	"Amicitiae Periculque Foedus"	Danger brings forth Friendship
1840	"Adsum Amicis"	Ready for Either
1845	"Unitas Amicitiae"	Unity in Friendship
1851	"Pro Marte et Arte"	For Mars and Art
1852	"Inter Nos"	Among Us
1854	"When Our Country Calls"	
1855	"Arma Pacis Fulcra"	Arms are the way to Peace
1856	"Separated Yet United"	
1857	"Above Us and Around Us"	
1858	"For These We Strive"	
1859	"Ad Utrumque Paratus. In Utroque Fidelis"	Ready for Either. Faithful in Either.
1861 (1st class)	"Fidele à Oustrance"	Faithful to Death.
1861 (2d class)	"Per Angusta, Ad augusta"	Through difficulties to the Heights
1862	"In Causam Communem Conjuncte"	Joined in Common Cause
1870	"Spectemur Agendo"	We will be Judged by our Endeavors
1871	"Loyauté m'Oblige"	Loyalty is my Obligation
1872	"Vota Vita Mea"	Vows are my Life
1898	"Duty, Honor, Country"— <i>and this was the only motto ever after!</i>	

So somewhere after 1897 (when the ring lost a primary purpose to act as a seal) the shanks assumed engraved significance. It seems somewhat interesting that no civilian college ascribes importance to these engravings as do the Academies. On perhaps all non-Academy schools, buildings, symbols of memorials, etc are used indiscriminately and randomly. Perhaps one reason for this is *fraternities*. A majority of collegiate experience is involved with Greek-letter societies. Within these groups men (and women) build lifelong associations that are not limited to only a single school. Because of this, civilian colleges normally have a college ring mounted by a stone which bears the owner's fraternal Greek-letter affiliation. Such connections being non-existent, the Military Academy focuses on *class* loyalty and brotherhood. Each class ring bears a common Alma Mater (West Point) crest on one shank and a class-adopted and designed crest on the other. Since class identification is of great importance, the four-numbered-graduation year predominates the design. This is somewhat of an artistic failure or coarseness: almost all class crests resemble each other rather than offer certain originality as did the mottos



From upper left clockwise: ring of Douglas MacArthur '03, ring of Class of 1837, ring of Dwight Eisenhower '15, and ring of Omar Bradley '15.

of the nineteenth century's last half!

Accomplishment, heredity, identification, memorialization, pride, recognition, symbolism, tradition—all contribute to ranking West Point rings individually, and certainly as a group, some of the most important pieces of personal jewelry in the nation.

Vicarious employment of the ring are numerous, if not (frequently) historic.

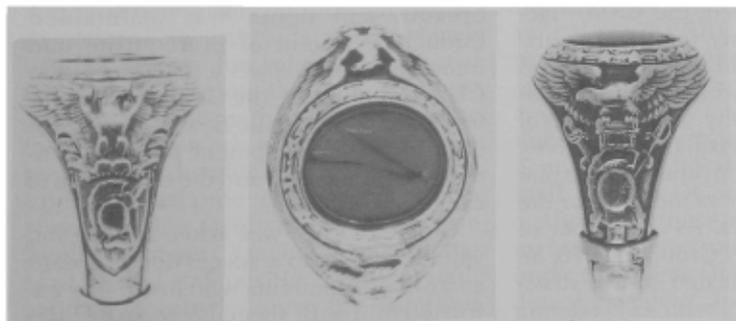
Before WW II there were no ID's, no Social Security, so occasionally a young Pointer would show his ring in order to identify himself—as for cashing a check. During the war (II) several rings turned up to affirm or reinforce the deaths of officers—as on Japanese POW ships. One young fighter group commander was the first casualty of his unit in Egypt. When his body was recovered behind enemy lines it was found that his ring was placed on his grave so that it could not be missed. Both were returned to his widow.

Up until the 1970's miniatures were the great preference for engagement rings and for years—and world over—women have made friends and identified as "West Point wives." Of course, the miniature was ubiquitously used for a gift of endearment to mothers and other cherished female family members. There was one elderly World War I nurse assigned to the Academy in the last 1920's or early 1930's. She endeared herself to young cadets unfortunate enough to become patients at the hospital. The Class of 1933 made her an honorary member and gave her their class miniature. Inscribed inside the ring was *Carrie E. Dunn*.

Today the class ring is again becoming unique. With the advent of the first women cadets graduating in 1980, a *change* is in the wind. There are now three class rings: the male, the female, and the miniature. They are all identical except for size. Up through the class of 1988, 759 females graduated from the Academy. The largest contingent yet (119) joined their sisters in June 1989. From conversations with faculty and females, criteria emerging are the following:

1. Women graduates may wear their mid-size rings on the ring finger of the left hand.
2. However, if they marry, the class ring will be switched to some other finger on the right hand. (A civilian engagement ring may be used—but not a miniature.)
3. There are no known female graduates who wear a husband's miniature.
4. Whether or not the use of the miniature by West Pointers' wives of the future will be diminished is not known.

Photographs courtesy of Special Collections, USMA Library.



Ring of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Class of 1915

Lee Donne Olvey, Head of the Department of Social Sciences Retires

*Major Christopher J. Littel
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On 30 June 1989 another milestone in the history of the Long Gray Line was reached with the retirement of Brigadier General Lee Donne Olvey, Class of 1955, and Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences since 1973. Few graduates of West Point have made as significant and lasting a contribution to the education of cadets as BG Olvey. As a soldier and scholar, he was superlative; as a teacher and mentor of future Army leaders, he was unparalleled.

Originally from Hinesville, Georgia, General Olvey was graduated in the second class following the end of the Korean War. He was the Brigade First Captain, graduated first in his class in General Order of Merit, and was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, thus embarking on his career of excellence. After graduation and airborne school at Fort Benning, he spent two years at Oxford University. He departed Oxford in 1958, having been awarded the highest academic rank possible, First Class Honors in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Following assignments as an Armor officer at Fort Hood, Texas, and as an advisor to the Artillery Center in Iran, General Olvey joined the faculty of the Department of Social Sciences in 1961. At that time the department was headed by Colonel (later BG) George A. "Abe" Lincoln, USMA Class of 1929, for whom Lincoln Hall, the new home of the Departments of Social Sciences and English, was named in May 1989. General Olvey was appointed a Permanent Associate Professor of Social Sciences in March 1965, and attended Harvard University for two years of graduate study, attaining a PhD in Economics in 1967.

As a professor of Social Sciences, General Olvey was an unsurpassed teacher. He taught formal courses in economics, European and American History, U.S. Government, the Economics of National Security, Comparative Economic Systems, and Microeconomics. As such, he had a lasting impact on over a generation of USMA graduates, many of whom are currently serving as permanent and rotating faculty members. In recognition of his distinguished achievements as a

scholar and teacher, General Olvey was appointed Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Social Sciences in June 1970.

In 1972, General Olvey was appointed Head of the Department of Social Sciences, a position he would hold for the next seventeen years. He served during a period of intense change and turbulence in the Academy's history and left an indelible and permanent mark on the West Point academic program. As chairman of the Committee on Faculty-Mix in the mid-1970's, he directed a major review of the structure of the USMA faculty, prepared reports for the Department of Defense and the Congress, and solidified the framework of a predominantly military faculty in the face of pressure to do otherwise. General Olvey truly recognized the invaluable role that faculty members play as mentors for the Army's future officers. As a member of the Curriculum Study Group in 1976, he contributed to the design of a restructured core curriculum with 42 academic courses, a proposal that was the basis for

virtually all the curricular reforms of the following decade. As the chairman of the Committee to Select Professors of Discipline, he helped to sustain the appropriate balance between teaching and research responsibilities. As a member and chairman of the National Security and Public Affairs Committee, he insured appropriate coordination of courses across departments and promoted depth in elective concentrations. As a member and chairman of the Management Field Committee, he worked to insure that an optimum balance of breadth and depth was maintained through a system of prerequisite and integrated courses. As a member of the Class Committees, the General Committee, and the Academic Board, he contributed to the development of clear standards for admission and the evaluation of cadet performance.

General Olvey was also a trusted and valued advisor to a succession of Deans and Superintendents who invariably entrusted him with special responsibilities regarding faculty and curriculum devel-



Newly promoted Colonel Donne Olvey and Kathleen at ceremony with Brigadier General John R. Jannarone, Dean, 1 September 1972, the year that Donne was named Head of the Social Sciences Department.



BG Olvey's retirement ceremony, 30 June 1989. Left to right: LTG Dave Palmer, Superintendent; BG and Mrs. Olvey; Elisa Olvey; CPT Patrick Olvey and Nancy with granddaughter Taylor; 1LT John Olvey; 2LT Anthony Olvey and Vera.

opment. From 1986 to 1988 he served on the Academic Policy Board, providing advice to the Superintendent on a broad range of issues affecting every aspect of the Military Academy. In each of these positions of responsibility he made enormous contributions to the development of an academic program and a faculty focused on excellence.

During his tenure in the Department of Social Sciences, General Olvey also made numerous contributions to the structure of the social sciences curriculum and faculty. He was responsible for the introduction of majors in economics and political science, for the evolution of an interdisciplinary program in management, for the development of integrated courses in each field focused on defense issues, and for a significant expansion in the elective opportunities available to each cadet. As an innovator, he stressed the use of computer spreadsheets and other programs in economics education. He supervised an expansion of the tenured faculty that produced a dramatic improvement in the quality of teaching, in the depth of the academic program, and in research and publication related to national security affairs. He developed a system for selecting potential instructors, placing them in the best graduate schools in the country, guiding their graduate work, and sustaining their professional development at West Point, a program that produced a steady stream of outstanding faculty members. Those faculty members moved on to fill the most critical staff positions dealing with national security issues on the Army and DoD Staffs, at NATO and SHAPE Head-

quarters, and on the National Security Council staff, to cite a few examples. While he served as department head, the majority of Army officers selected to serve as White House Fellows were current or former members of his department.

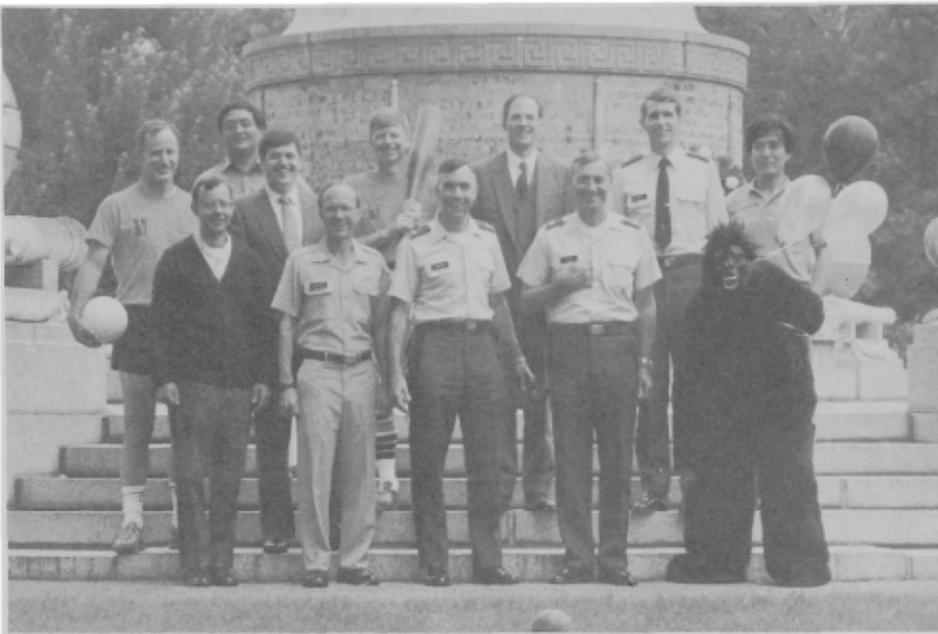
General Olvey set an example for the rest of the faculty in the quality of his teaching, his scholarship, and his contributions to clear and substantive analysis of defense issues. His own publications include *The Dynamics of International Politics*, *The Economics of National Security*, and *Industrial Capacity and Defense Planning: Sustained Conflict and Surge Capacity in the 1980's*. He was also instrumental in guiding others in the preparation of their research and in providing policy papers for various defense agencies. The annual senior conferences on defense issues he directed attracted top leaders from government and academia, contributing important analyses of defense issues. He also established the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis in the Department of Social Sciences, in cooperation with the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER) in order to provide timely analysis of key Army issues. That office has had a substantial impact on the analysis of Army manpower policy, with numerous reports and briefings for the Army Chief of Staff, the Vice Chief of Staff, and the DCSPER.

Above all these remarkable achievements, however, must rank the profound impact General Olvey has made on cadets themselves. In addition to his formal teaching responsibilities, he direct-

ed a wide range of academic extracurricular activities, including the Intercollegiate Debate Team, the Intercollegiate Speech Team, the annual Student Conference on United States Affairs (which this November hosted its 41st annual conference), the Domestic Affairs Forum, the West Point Forum, and the Finance Forum. His department also has the responsibility for the cadet Crossroads Africa and Summer Intern Programs, and as chairman of the Scholarship Committee, he played a critical and active role in assisting cadets in applying for postgraduate fellowships such as the Rhodes Scholar and Marshall Scholar Programs (the Academy has had three Rhodes Scholars and five Marshall Scholars selected in the past two years). In each of these demanding areas of responsibility, General Olvey set the standard in establishing excellence, and in motivating faculty and cadets to reach their highest potential.

This is not to imply that General Olvey was always a doctrinaire academician. In 1976, General Olvey, (then) USMA Chaplain Ford and two other cohorts taught themselves to sail by reading a book, then sailed across the Atlantic, in part to celebrate the American Bicentennial. But this adventurous endeavor caused General Olvey to wonder why midshipmen spend four years learning this at the Naval Academy. As in all things, he demonstrated his humor, brilliance, and innate curiosity of the unknown.

Finally, it must be said that Lee Donne Olvey personified the West Point Motto of "Duty, Honor, Country." He served over thirty-five years of commis-



In a lighter moment, Donne with his permanent faculty, Department of Social Sciences: (first row, left to right) Major Tom Daula, LTC Dan Kaufman, Colonel Jim Golden, Colonel Donne Olvey, Colonel Hobart Pillsbury; (second row) Colonel Ace Clark, LTC Dick Norton, LTC Tom Fagan, LTC Earl Walker, LTC Bob Baldwin, unknown passerby; (top row) unknown passerby.

sioned service, twenty-eight as a teacher of future leaders at the Academy. All three of his sons graduated from West Point, the most recent in 1988. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. Above all, however, General Olvey is a man of great wit, humility and kindness. Indeed, it is a tribute to him that the motto of the Department of Social Sciences remains "Be Kind." He and his lovely wife Kathleen will be sorely missed by the cadets and officers who have known them. But we can all take heart that he continues to be an innovator and educator. He has taken a key position with the largest on-line computer library system in the country, based in Columbus, Ohio to continue his twin vocations of opening educational opportunities and experimenting with computers. For all of his notable contributions to West Point and a generation of graduates, Lee Donne Olvey will take his place as one of the finest soldier-scholars in the history of the United States Military Academy.

Golden Heads Social Sciences



Upon retirement, General Olvey passed the reins to Colonel James R. Golden. Colonel Golden, Class of 1965, lettered in soccer, commanded a cadet company, and graduated fourth in his class. Following graduation, he attended the JFK School of Government at Harvard earning a master's in public administration in 1967.

After Field Artillery command and staff positions at Fort Carson and in the Republic of Vietnam, COL Golden returned to Harvard and completed his PhD in Economics in 1972. During his first stint with the Department of Social Sciences, Colonel

Golden taught Advanced Economics, U.S. Government and the Economics of National Security. Following completion of the resident Command and General Staff College, he returned to West Point as a member of the permanent faculty. He was selected as Professor and Deputy Head in 1980. Golden held that position until assuming duties as Department Head this past summer.

Colonel Golden has also served with the President's Council of Economic Advisors, directed a Presidential Task Force on the Administration of Export Controls, and consulted with numerous government agencies on economics and national security. Additionally, in 1981-1982 he completed research as a Fulbright Professor in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Among his many publications are *NATO at Forty: Change, Continuity and Prospects*, co-edited with Lieutenant Colonel Kaufman, Colonel Clark and Major Petraeus; *The Dynamics of Change in NATO: A Burden Sharing Perspective*; and the *Economics of National Security*, co-authored with Brigadier General Olvey and Robert C. Kelly.

Colonel Golden shares his devotion to soccer with his entire family. He and his wife Elaine have three children: Jeff, a junior "sweeper" at Princeton; Heather, a senior "center halfback" at Choate Rosemary Hall; and Erin, a freshman "sweeper" at O'Neill High School.

A Short Halt on the Albany Road to Boston

Recounting a rare visit of the West Point Corps of Cadets to the Shakers of New Lebanon, the summer of 1821

by Stanley Joseph

Every now and then an event of no great consequence captures one's imagination if only for its unlikelihood, its oddity or its rarity. Such is the occurrence of a visit by the United States Military Academy Corps of Cadets to the Shaker village at Mt. Lebanon, New Lebanon, New York, one summer morning in 1821. The visit, presumably no more than an incidental event occasioned by the village simply happening to be located on the Corps of Cadets' line of march—the Albany road to Boston.

The march had been conceived as a summer exercise for health and practical experience, and as a display of goodwill. Academy Superintendent Sylvanus Thayer was seeking to dispel bad publicity incurred a few years earlier as the

About the author: Stanley Joseph, a retired psychologist, spends new-found time indulging his enthusiasm for local history and historic preservation. He and his wife, Sally, live in Canaan, Columbia County, New York in an 18th-century dwelling, WOODBINE, where they operate a bed and breakfast guest house. WOODBINE accommodates folks touring the nearby Shaker sites, taking in a concert at the celebrated Tanglewood Music Festival, or putting themselves in touch with the natural splendor of the Berkshire Hills. In his earlier days, Mr. Joseph served as an Sp/3 with the Ordnance Training Command at Aberdeen, Maryland; proudly, if without distinction.

result of a cadet mutiny incited by Thayer's bitter predecessor, and as an aftermath of regrettable excesses among an enlisted company of the post. There was reason to believe a watchful public had cast a cautious, doubting eye on the Academy and the future defenders of the country.

Beyond taking immediate steps to restore order and discipline among his charges, Thayer invited citizen scrutiny of the Corps of Cadets (and by extrapolation, the Army) through a series of summer marches; in 1819 to Hudson, in 1820 to Philadelphia, and in 1821 to Boston.

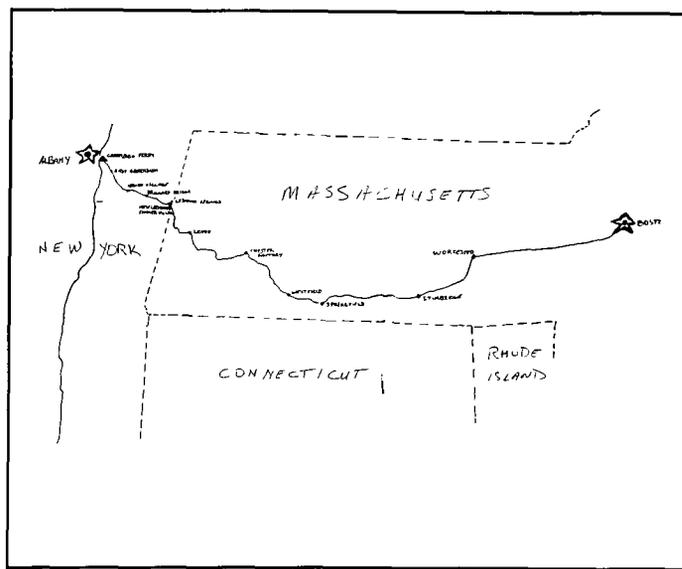
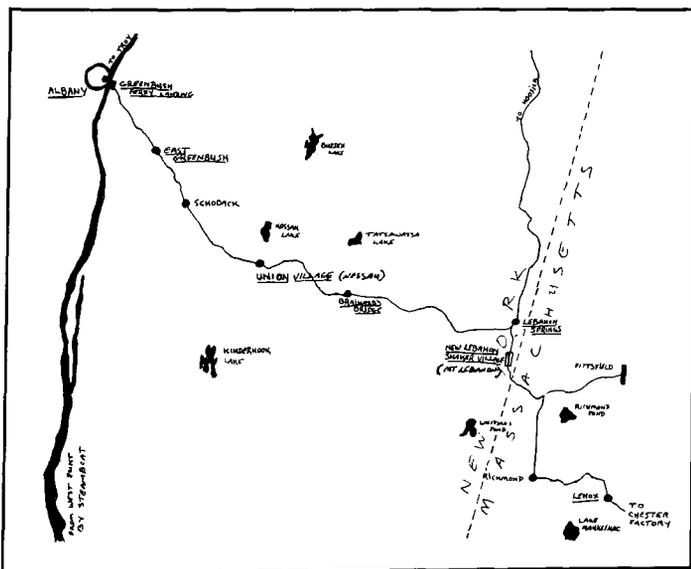
The march to Boston was possibly the most ambitious and fully realized of the three outings. The expedition proceeded at a leisurely pace affording the cadets ample time to take in the sights and social offerings without having to stint on the staging of obligatory ceremonies. Newspaper accounts that summer—July 20th to September 26th—assure us the young men were popular with the people and won favorable publicity wherever they went.

If a leaflet published and distributed in Boston serves as a measure of public sentiment, then Superintendent Thayer's mission was a consummate success. It salutes the West Point cadets in a period-piece of heroic verse and, with a touch of prideful Puritan playfulness, welcomes them to the "Head Quarters of

Good Principles." The Corps of Cadets were dined at Harvard College and at Faneuil Hall, and paid their respects to former President John Adams.

I first learned of the march to Boston at dinner one evening at Mt. Lebanon in 1973. Not of course among the Shakers at that late date, but rather at a table of the Darrow School, contemporary proprietors of the historic Shaker settlement. The then headmaster, John Joline, mentioned the matter in the course of our customary dinner conversation, exactly in what context, regrettably, I do not recall.

In any case, this tidbit of local history went unpursued. Unpursued yes, but not forgotten! As often happens when a lack of closure attends to some subject matter, it hangs on, past expectancy. The strength of the image itself, however, must account in part for the hold it had on my memory. It would seem that over the years I remained bemused, if not amused, by a vibrant, fancied approximation of this chance meeting of two very distinctive, incongruous fraternities. In the mind's eye I envisioned eager young militarists calling, in most neighborly fashion, on a solemn society of declared pacifists, a people living what they held to be the authentic Christian existence. Nevertheless I had not taken the time to find out what I could of the reality of that curious encounter.



After steaming up river to Albany, the Corps of Cadets marched to the celebrated springs at Lebanon, passed the bright-yellow buildings of the Shaker Village, and proceeded over the mountain to the gleaming village of Lenox.

The marching part of the expedition from the ferry landing at Greenbush to the Head Quarters of Good Principles . . . Boston.

On Wednesday, the 25th, the cadets "remained at Lebanon and bathed in the water for which the place is celebrated." Latrobe is clearly impressed with the American Baden and tells us that "Lebanon, so deservedly celebrated for the beauty of its scenery, is situated near the head of a deep valley, in the highest possible state of cultivation. Even on the summits of the mountains around it, immense fields of grain are seen intermingled with the dark green foliage of the forest, and forming a scene more resembling an immense garden than a tract of country, and terminated by the boundary line between New York and Massachusetts.

"THURSDAY, 26th. Having breakfasted at Lebanon, we started at 9 o'clock for Lenox, a distance of 12 miles, and soon reached the Shakers' village (2 ½ miles), the neatness and regularity of which, together with the size and bright yellow colour of the buildings, form one of the most pleasing objects seen from the valley. Conspicuously placed on the side of a mountain, and everything around them bearing the greatest care and cultivation, it would seem that the beauty of the spot, and the certainty of support, would, exclusive of religious motives, be sufficient to induce many to enter a society and embrace a religion, where, while living, they had no care for the morrow, and when dead were certain of a decent grave. Be this however as it may, during the hour's halt we made in the village, we had every kindness shewn us, refreshments were largely distributed among the corps, and we left them, highly gratified with the entertainment received from a body, who (on account of their religious principles), we had as little to expect as from any."

What remarkable commentary! Just who was this discerning young soldier of the republic? He was but an eighteen year old Marylander, academic head of his class (1822), the Academy's assistant instructor of drawing under Whistler's father (G. W. Whistler was an earlier graduate of the Academy and its drawing instructor), appointed by Commandant Worth as both Topographical Engineer No. 2 and historiographer of the Boston expedition. More significantly, he was the son of Benjamin Henry Latrobe Sr., the English emigrant engineer that Thomas Jefferson appointed Surveyor of Public Buildings. The elder Latrobe became Jefferson's successor as America's premier architect and the man that ushered in Greek Revival as an expression of the ideals most befitting the young new republic. The ideals the father first expressed in architecture must certainly have helped shape the character of his beloved son. That very next year, while supervising the construction of the waterworks at New Orleans, the elder Latrobe contracted yellow fever and died.

Young Latrobe returned to West Point for his final year in the fall of 1821, but was compelled to resign from the Academy as he was the only member of the family capable of working for a living. As much as he would have liked to remain with the Army and as much as Superintendent Thayer would have wanted him with the Corps of Engineers, Cadet Latrobe knew that he had to begin preparing himself for a career outside the Army.

At their departure from the Shaker village at New Lebanon, the Corps of Cadets proceeded to Lenox, crossed the mountains to Chester Factory, then to Springfield, Worcester and Boston. At almost every turn, Cadet Latrobe delivered a discriminating observation that today would delight anyone familiar with the route of that early excursion. After Boston, the march continued to Providence and New London where the Corps once again boarded a steamboat for New York and back to the Point.

Now that I had the cadet perspective on the meeting of the West Pointers and the Shakers that July morning of 1821, I felt compelled to search out complementary commentary from Shaker sources. Jerry Grant of the Shaker Museum in Old Chatham, New York helped by identifying a handful of entries in three New Lebanon Shaker journals. From the Western Reserve Historical Society collection we have an Elder Sisters' entry for July, 1821: "The Cadets of the Military School at West point passed here on their way from Albany to Boston." Another Western Reserve document credited to Brothers in their collective journal of domestic occurrences shows an entry for July 25th as follows: "Military [sic] School pass here going to Boston." And lastly, from the Shaker Museum collection there is an entry from the *Journal Kept by William Tripp*, dated July 26, 1821: "About 200 soldiers passed by here. We began to dig the seller under the board house."

All the notations are made with characteristic Shaker terseness; meager, matter-of-fact comments reflective of the society's scant interest in matters of the outside world.

Even if the avowed anti-militarists did not greet the Corps of Cadets with the patriotic fervor of the people of Albany, or the enthusiasm of Boston, we do know they received the military school with the same kindness and courtesy they showed other visitors. There is no reason to infer that they were in the least made to feel threatened or irritated at the arrival of the Corps. They saw no contention or insult—no concealed agenda—in the brief, friendly visit of the young marchers.

If it appears I make a bit much of all this, it is only because in the years immediately prior to the West Pointers'

arrival in New Lebanon, the Shakers were embroiled in controversy and litigation stemming from their pacifist stance. They were well aware that their position was antithetical to the disposition of the nation, and had every reason to be a bit unsettled by the appearance of an armed federal force at their doorstep.

The substance of their pacifist position was published in Albany just six years earlier, in 1815, and read:

A Declaration of the Society of People (Commonly Called Shakers) Shewing Their Reasons for Refusal to Aid and Abet the Cause of War and Bloodshed, by Bearing Arms, Paying Fines, Hiring Substitutes, or Rendering Any Equivalent for Military Services.

Cadet Latrobe, I do believe, would have understood that the Shakers were completely sincere and conscientious in their objection to war, armed force and violence in the household, and that that sincerity, and their sublime "no care for the morrow" attitude, would lift them to an enviable plane far above the uneasiness, insecurity and rancor that might ordinarily burden people espousing an unpopular view. The civility and equanimity that greeted the cadets on Mt. Lebanon parallels the "neatness and regularity" of the Shaker village as historiographer Latrobe found it.

I think it fair to say that the march to Boston and the short halt on the Albany road has given us the opportunity to dip into the treasure trove of color and texture, sentiment and principle, that characterized a younger, simpler America. It is such tidbits of local history that put us in touch with what we were and help us appreciate where we are. They entertain, instruct and enrich. And though we are wise to educate ourselves to the momentous events of our broader history, it behooves us to illuminate some of the lesser occurrences.

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Bell, Book, and Brainstem: The Psychobiology of a Ghost

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The most amazing parts of the whole business were the reliability of the witnesses and—even over years—the sameness of their accounts. The thing would strike in the very early morning; the subject would find himself awake, but unable to move, pinned to the bed by an unseen but irresistible pressure. Sometimes there would be nothing visible, at other times the hazy figure of a man in antique uniform, gazing benignly at the paralyzed observer. After some long minutes, the subject would overcome the paralysis and the figure would be gone.

This is now the most famous of the West Point ghosts, surpassing in notoriety even the phantom cook in the Superintendent's quarters, old Paddy Murphy in Sylvanus Thayer's office, and the evil spirit that creeps by night into my word processor and wreaks havoc with the power supply. Much of its renown is due to the explosion of publicity in 1972, when one of the periodic visits entertained the national media for an over-long spell before being eclipsed by Watergate. Reports traversed that fabled twilight world between ridiculous and sublime; editorial attitudes were mostly amused, occasionally scornful. Then the furor died down and the ghost disappeared from public view.

But it did not disappear from West Point. In preparing the novel *Shades of Gray*, I spent hours talking to officers (then cadets) who had been around for the 1972 uproar, including one who had slept in the haunted room (in the 47th Division) and who offered a remarkable description of the ghost and his accompanying paralysis. The description of the ghost in *Shades of Gray* is abstracted in almost all details from this amazing interview; the only change I made was to allow the mythical Captain Proctor to wear the plain wool undress uniform authorized in 1825 to supplement the more formal outfit with its distinctive shako.

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Shortly before publication date, a cadet company commander approached me on the subject of ghosts; one of my students who knew the details of his company's problems knew about the novel and suggested me as a source of help. My interest in the paranormal is actually about as strong as my interest in great heroes of slow-pitch softball, but he asked for a hearing. His tactical officer agreed, and so it was arranged.

The ghost was back (actually, it had never left; reports appeared again and again, but they were brief and sporadic). It was a familiar enough problem in Pershing Barracks (where it had presumably moved since 1972) to have a nickname: "the Pusher." There had been two reports, with one cadet afflicted several times.

As I listened to the descriptions, I found myself visiting familiar territory: the intruder arrived in the wee hours of the morning, the sleeper awakening to the sensation of a great weight pushing him down, holding him immobile. This time, there was only the hint of a ghostly figure in one case, but the pushing sen-

sation was accompanied by strong feelings of fear, sometimes tending to panic.

After listening to the descriptions, I reported back to the company commander and the tactical officer that the cadets were almost certainly reporting their experiences accurately, and were not lying, haunted or crazy.

Evolution and the busy sleeper

The origins of the ghost are extremely ancient. The "Pusher" is reported by classical authors (*incubi* and, to the extent they leave us breathless, *succubi*) and is the subject of a particularly horrible painting or two. The French term *cauchemar* is sometimes applied to these creatures that crouch on our chests, pressing the breath from us as we sleep.

But the Pusher really resides elsewhere, and is a peculiar product of evolution. The problem is a simple one. We (that is, endothermic or warm-blooded vertebrates) pass through several stages of sleep in a given night, from deep, inactive rest to active sleep. "Active" or *paradoxical* sleep is anything but rest-

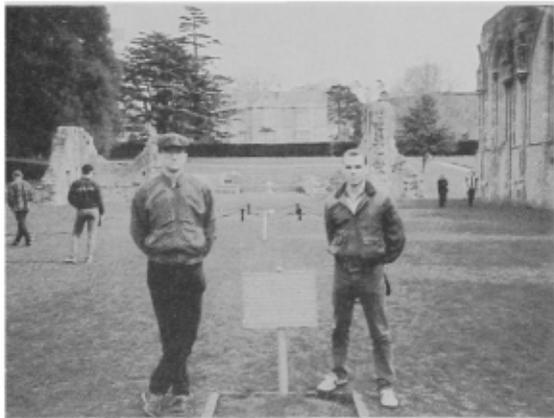
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The cone-shaped hill wears the clouds like a halo, splitting the sun's rays into twin fingers of iridescent glory. The light seems to magnify the tiny temple perched atop the crest of Glastonbury Tor. I feel ancient power emanating from the ground itself, like steam rising from a wet road on a cloudy summer day.

The Tor was, in ancient times, the highest point on the mystical island of Avalon, home of the Lady of the Lake and resting place of King Arthur Pendragon. The lake has long since drained off, leaving Glastonbury Tor surrounded by two smaller hills and a low-lying area that remains swampy and mysterious. The Tor overlooks the ruins of a once-great Abbey, said to have been founded by the lost tribes of Israel and to have housed, in all of its splendor, the mystical Holy Grail.

I begin to walk toward the Tor, mindful of the fact that it is still quite a distance away. I trudge on the wet ground for about five minutes when I happen to look up. The Tor has disappeared! How is it possible for a hill several hundred feet high to disappear? Totally disoriented, I begin walking back the way I had come. After a few minutes, I am able to see the Tor with its temple again. Strange.

The Tor is also the resting place of the bishop who was in charge of the Abbey when King Henry VIII split from the Catholic Church. Wanting the treasures, to include the Holy Grail, supposedly



2LTs Lars Danner ('89) and Jon Castle ('89) flanking King Arthur's tomb: new candidates for the Round Table?

kept within the Abbey, Henry ordered the church to surrender its lands and property to the English government. When the bishop refused, Henry had him dragged to the heights of the Tor, hung, drawn, and quartered.

Walking back toward the Abbey, I find myself approaching a marker sticking out of the ground. I read the inscription: *Here lies Arthur . . .* Suddenly the ground starts to move: not shake, or even split, but undulate, like it's not solid, and someone or something is swimming in it.

THE RUIN

Its im-
perfect outline
pierces the smooth,
blue skyline.
In climbing the crooked
and winding
steps, I am Elizabeth,
as she so long before climbed
and was Queen.
I imagine how in its youth,
unbeaten and unworn,
it stood for king, for the Glory of
Him, or simply for war.
Now, upon a solitary hilltop,
blemished in battles
and storms, the ruin endures
only to dissolve, to tell, and amaze.
Looking up I am as lost as sound
and feel utterly powerless.
The brilliant sun protects the towers from my
critical, modern eye. What could be more
perfect? Yet, what is more imperfect?
Nothing. Nothing. Nothing. The ruin.
Cadet Martha Granger, '90



ALONG THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE

We set out that morning, our journey began,
along the English countryside where
daffodils laid a golden path
along the plush green hillside,
where proper fences ran over proper fields.

We set out that morning, a course well-planned,
along the English countryside where
the early March air hung heavily over the
chilled and silent hedgerows,
where noble farmhouses stood at attention.

We walked briskly that day, our steps light and soft,
along a traveled avenue where
playful vine's blushing roses grasped at small
trees aside the narrow pathway,
where robins returned safely to nested homes.

We walked briskly that day, the sun aloft,
along a travelled avenue where
trees stretched their budded branches
and thrust their roots aground,
where castle walls seemed impregnable.

We talked softly that night, of the sun's retreat,
along the darkened corridor where
shadowed figures of kings and queens
gallantly rode astride white horses,
where nightingales whispered secrets.

Yes, we talked softly that night, our journey complete,
of the darkened corridor where
the war drums' echoes faded and
tired soldiers finally stacked arms,
where castle and abbey walls crumbled to dust.

Cadet Heather Anne Herring, '90

Cadets Visit Arms Control Delegations in Vienna and Geneva; Visit With Attaches in East Bloc

by Major Christopher Littel

From 3–11 March 1989, six cadets and their instructor for their course on arms control visited the opening round of the negotiations on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE), as well as the United Nations Conference on Disarmament. The group also made a short trip to Hungary to meet with U.S. officials there. Funded in large part by the West Point Fund, the trip sought to expose the students to negotiations in arms control as they occurred. The cadets were enrolled in a colloquium offered by the Department of Social Sciences entitled "Arms Control and the Security Dilemma." Given the recent increased pace of arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union, particularly after the signing and ratification of the Treaty on Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) in 1988, this was a unique opportunity for the cadets to see firsthand how the U.S. and other nations conduct themselves in such an environment.

The main purpose of the trip was to give cadets a greater insight into arms control negotiations, as well as give them an opportunity to meet with U.S. officials, including Army officers, currently involved in those negotiations. They got their first opportunity right away on the 4th of March, when we were met at the Vienna Airport by Major Robert Lovell, USA, the deputy Army attache at the U.S. Embassy. Our arrival was very fortuitous; had we arrived a day later, the embassy would have been inundated supporting the arrival of Secretary of State Baker and his traveling party, who would attend the opening round on the morning of 6 March.

After a day of sightseeing in Vienna, we were given an opportunity to witness one of the ministerial sessions at the Hofburg Palace (Foreign ministers from 35 nations were in attendance: the "Group of Twenty-three" representing NATO and the Warsaw Pact, as well as the twelve neutral and nonaligned nations in Europe). On Monday we met all day with representatives of the U.S. Delegation to the CFE, including MG (Ret) Adrian St. John (USMA Jan 1943), permanent JCS representative to the CFE delegation, who had been in Vienna for seven years; LTC(P) F. Charles Parker IV (USMA '68), also a JCS representative to the negotiations, and Mr. John Matheny, director of the European Security



The Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Home of Emperor Franz Joseph II until the outbreak of World War I, and site of the 23-nation negotiations on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE). Adjacent to the Palace is the Spanish Riding School, home of the world famous Lipizano stallions.



Cadets touring Vienna on a beautiful Sunday. Europe had its mildest winter in seventy years.



Seated at the foot of Mozart's statue. The opera is still one of the most popular and affordable activities in Vienna—standing room seats at the volksopera can go for as little as \$1.50, and on any night there are as many as seven different operas in the city.

Negotiations Division, Department of Defense. The cadets were briefed thoroughly on the evolution of the mandate for these historic negotiations, which had culminated in a final mandate communicate signed by outgoing Secretary of State Shultz only five weeks earlier.

They also received an incisive briefing from a Joint Staff Officer on the rationale and makeup of the Western proposal for CFE, which aims at reducing major categories of equipment (tanks, artillery and armored troop carriers) to equal levels between the two treaties of alli-

At the American Embassy in Budapest. From left to right, Cadet O'Connor, Cadet Hager, Cadet George (selected as a Rhodes Scholar in 1988), LTC Sean Maxwell, USMA 1970, Army attache to the U.S. Embassy, Cadet Mannes, Cadet Workman, Cadet Blain, MAJ Littel. Behind the group is the headquarters for Hungarian State Television.



The Parliament building in Budapest. In October 1989, Hungary created a new socialist party, the first time since the end of World War II that a noncommunist party has existed in Hungary.



ance from the Atlantic to the Urals. While the mandate called for only four seven-week rounds (which will culminate in spring 1990), recent unilateral reductions by the Soviet Union, combined with ongoing political and economic changes in Eastern Europe, appear to provide a unique opportunity for the United States to reach an agreement on conventional forces in Europe.

On Tuesday, the cadets were given extensive briefings by the other U.S. delegation in Vienna, that concerning Confidence and Security-Building Measures (CSBM), which involves all 35 nations. This negotiation's primary goal is to increase transparency and openness in military activities, as a way of enhancing predictability, and therefore stability, throughout the European theater. Moreover, while the CFE and CSBM negotiations are deliberately separate, the CSBM delegations are periodically briefed by the CFE negotiators as to the progress of their talks. The JCS representative to the CSBM talks, BG Charles Hooper (USA), expressed his view that arms control, particularly in the conventional arena, will be a "growth industry" in the next decade, requiring officers with diverse skills, including languages, to support verification and other essential activities.

On Tuesday evening, COL James Ford (USA), the Defense attache to the U.S. Embassy, hosted a reception with both allied and Eastern bloc attaches for the cadets at a local hotel. The cadets, Mike George ('89), Dave Blain ('89), Dave O'Connor ('89), Jeff Workman ('89), Fritz Hager ('89) and Albert Mannes ('90), had some lively conversations, particularly with the Soviet attache, MG Tartonikov.

We departed Vienna by train early Wednesday morning for Budapest, Hungary. Since the opening plenary sessions for CFE began that morning, our hosts were extremely busy, giving us an opportunity to make a short side trip to the East Bloc. We were struck by the generally lax security at the Hungarian border; we realized later that Austria and Hungary have had an open border for several years (indeed, this past summer Hungarian border guards tore down the fences separating the two nations, a symbolic gesture that some feel encouraged vacationing East Germans to flee through the open border into Austria). We were met in Budapest by embassy personnel, and had a short meeting and luncheon with LTC Sean Maxwell (USMA '70), the Army attache. LTC Maxwell served as our host, including a tour of the ancient fortress, the Var, high on

the west bank of the Danube overlooking the former city of Pest. We also had a tour of the Hungarian People's Museum, and met with the general in charge of the War Institute there. To the best of our knowledge, we were the first official West Point group ever to visit Hungary. We also had time for shopping in downtown Budapest, witnessing firsthand the beginnings of what may become the most mixed economy in the Eastern bloc.

We departed Budapest late on 8 March and took an overnight train through the Alps into Salzburg, Austria, then on to Geneva. We were met by a representative of the U.S. Mission there, whose primary function is to support U.S. diplomatic activities in the "2nd U.N. city," as well as other organizations, such as the International Red Cross. After a quick lunch, we met for several hours with U.S. officials involved in the U.N. Conference on Disarmament, which currently has forty nations represented. We also met with the U.S. representative to the UNCD, Ambassador Max Friedersdorf, who gave us his personal impressions on the likelihood of an international chemical weapons ban in the next year. We then went to the residence of the Ambassador, Joseph Petrone (USMA 1944). Ambassador and Mrs. Petrone were wonderful hosts and gave a dinner party for the cadets, the Marine guards for the Mission and some Smith College coeds who were studying in Geneva for the year. We departed by plane for New York early on the eleventh, culminating a hectic but fascinating trip, made possible by the generosity of the West Point Fund.

A brief postscript: In May of this year, President Bush, attending the annual NATO Summit in Brussels, agreed to Soviet requests to include combat aircraft and helicopters in the CFE negotiations; he also proposed a bilateral U.S.-Soviet ceiling of 275,000 stationed troops (each) within West and East Europe. Additionally, in July negotiations resumed on the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), as well as on Defense in Space, the Threshold Test Ban (TTB), and on Chemical Weapons (in fact, the U.S. and the USSR are close to a bilateral agreement on verification of chemical stocks, as a prelude to an eventual global ban on chemical weapons production). Arms control has become a busy agenda for the Bush administration, and it is likely that USMA graduates will become increasingly involved in this complex yet important aspect of U.S. defense policy.

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Admissions Field Force Bucks Enrollment Trends; Makes Gains in Quality

By Joe Dineen, Admissions Media Office

Freshmen enrollment at more than 225 of the nation's most competitive colleges declined by an average of 1.6 percent this fall. Among public educational institutions the decline was much steeper, averaging 3.4 percent.

Those statistics, uncovered during an annual survey conducted by Peterson's, do not come as a surprise considering the demographic forecast among the college bound population through 1995. Compounding the population decline are recent studies indicating that 50 percent of entering freshmen end up leaving their institution because of dissatisfaction with college life. Many eventually transfer to another college or university, but it is a sobering fact that concerns college administrators because of the increasing costs for higher education.

The U.S. Military Academy was among those who suffered a decline in applicants, dropping more than 12 percent to 12,858. The pool of qualified candidates also declined by 8.3 percent, dropping below 2,600 for the first time in a decade.

Despite those somewhat negative facts, the quality of the Class of 1993 which entered West Point in June is just as strong, if not stronger, than other recent entering plebe classes. Members of the Class of 1993 exhibit a higher quality of academic achievement, and were better prepared physically for the challenges of Cadet Basic Training.

How did the Admissions Office maintain or exceed the quality of recent classes during its Class of 1993 admissions cycle? Hard work by Admissions field

force members throughout every region of the United States is the simple explanation.

"We are succeeding in our efforts to attract quality West Point candidates because of the strong grass roots work of our field force," says Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., director of Admissions. "Our liaison officers, West Point graduates, parents and friends are developing their network and contacts within our nation's secondary schools, making sure more and more students have a full understanding of the benefits of the West Point experience."

This grass roots work begins in the Admissions Office by dividing the country into seven regions—Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Southwest, Far West, North Central and the Great Lakes. Each region consists of an average of seven states, and each state is broken down into zip code areas.

It is in the zip code area where examples of outstanding grass roots work are uncovered after Admissions officials evaluated the Class of 1993 admissions cycle in August. Three zip code areas in the states of South Carolina, Texas and Washington recorded some outstanding and highly successful enrollment recruitment results this past year despite the declines in the applicant pool.

Twenty students from South Carolina are among the members of the Class of 1993, their best enrollment in the last five years under the guidance of Colonel James Michael, the state coordinator. What is more significant though is that half of that enrollment came from zip code area "C" which includes Colum-

bia, the state capital.

Much of that success was achieved through the efforts of Colonel Robert W. Reese and Lieutenant Colonel Martin D. Goslar, both of Columbia. Among 22 students who were nominated in this zip code area, 13 were qualified for admission to West Point and 11 were offered admission. Ten entered the Class of 1993 while one other student is attending the U.S. Military Academy Prep School at Fort Monmouth, NJ. The total entering the Class of 1993 was the highest in five years from this area, thanks in part to the efforts of these two reserve officers.

COL Reese, the education program supervisor for the South Carolina Department of Education, has been involved with the West Point admissions program since October 1985. He retires from the Army Reserve in July. A graduate of the University of Georgia where he earned a B.S. degree in forestry in 1960, COL Reese also has a master's degree in forestry from North Carolina State University.

"We would not have enjoyed the success we had this year if we didn't have a good team in this zip area," admits COL Reese. "LTC Goslar has only been in the program for over a year, but he has done an outstanding job. I'm glad the program won't falter after I retire because he will be here to handle it. You simply can't beat teamwork."

Teamwork is necessary to cover more than 100 high schools. Reese says West Point admissions work is effective in his area despite studies that show that 75-80 percent of today's college bound stu-

Table 1

Southeast Region: South Carolina Zip Code Area "C"

Coordinator: COL Robert W. Reese

Population: 100,572, .49% of 17-21 year-old Population (U.S.)

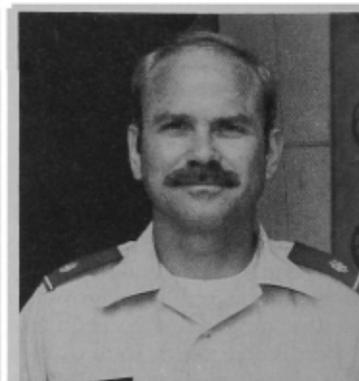
Annual Fair Share Range of Cadetships: 6 to 7

Number of Active High Schools: 108

USMA Class	93	92	91	90
Applicants	58	62	58	65
Interviews	24	28	23	20
Offers	11	11	3	8
Enrolled	10	7	3	5



Colonel Robert W. Reese



Lieutenant Colonel Martin D. Goslar

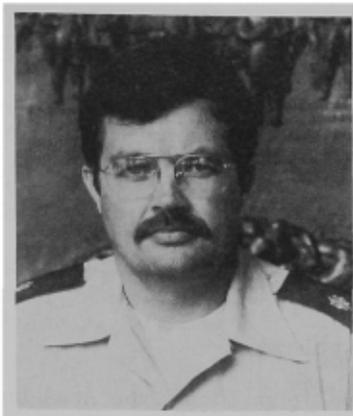
dents elect to remain in state to attend college.

"When I talk to students I remind them of all of the opportunities that are available to them by attending West Point and going away from home," says Reese. "I tell them about the career opportunities and to consider what they might be doing 10 years from now, although it is hard for students to focus on that. I tell them they will receive an education that is one of the finest in the country. I also tell them that their parents will visit frequently and become just as involved with the Academy, even though they are leaving home."

Reese and Goslar have developed a successful program by building strong working relationships with school counselors during their active duty days in the fall and spring; by conducting effective by-invite and school counselor luncheons; by using cadets from the Cadet Public Relations Council, particularly during the spring and Christmas periods; by working with Admissions Project Outreach officers to promote minority recruiting; by assisting parents clubs and encouraging students and parents to become more involved; and by generating publicity through media outlets in the area. It is not easy, given their busy schedules, but it is very successful.

LTC Goslar, a professor in the College of Business at the University of South Carolina where he teaches courses on computer information systems, joined the admissions program in 1987. He is a 1968 graduate of Arizona State University, holds an MBA from Northern Arizona University and a PhD from Arizona State.

Cutting across the nation to the Northwest and the state of Washington, Lieutenant Colonel Wolfgang A. Fletter, a 1963 West Point graduate from Steilacoom, Washington, had a banner admissions year in his zip area. A total of 18 cadets were enrolled from zip area "C" which includes the Tacoma area, contrasting sharply with last year's total of three cadets. During the past five years the best enrollment figure during an admissions cycle had been eight cadets. Overall, the state of Washington recorded its best enrollment figures in five years as 48 entered the Academy, an



Lieutenant Colonel Wolfgang Fletter

increase of 20 over Class of 1992 figures.

"It sometimes runs in cycles," says LTC Fletter. "To be quite honest I didn't realize we enrolled that many this year." Of the 63 students from Fletter's zip code area who opened admissions files, 36 received nominations. Of those, 21 students were qualified for admission and all 21 received offers. Just three declined that offer of admission.

Fletter has enjoyed success working closely with U.S. Army Recruiting Command and the ROTC Cadet Command personnel in the Tacoma area. While he admits there is some direct competition between those service agencies, Fletter feels school officials seem more receptive to the Army's "one image" effort.

"I had success after becoming acquainted with the company commander of the Army recruiting office here," says Fletter, a project manager for the Department of Correction's Correctional Industries in Olympia. "It may have been coincidental with the help the Army recruiters gave my sons who both enlisted."

Fletter says all Army recruiting personnel are not always receptive, but those who are, have been very effective. One effort that has proved beneficial is an early morning breakfast for educators sponsored by the Recruiting Office.

"The recruiting sergeant would make a good presentation, and then I would follow with a short briefing," says Fletter. "I will use slides or one of the Admissions videos. They are always effective and the counselors are interested. If it weren't for the prestige of West Point, I'm not sure the Army recruiters

would be received as well in the high schools, so in effect we help each other."

LTC Fletter says working with recruiters and high school counselors is effective because they sometimes will see the college potential in a 10th grader. "The earlier we can uncover a prospect the better I like it," says LTC Fletter. "At least we have the time to help a youngster. Sometimes it may be too late if it comes during the senior year. I always ask high school counselors if they will recommend a sophomore when I visit. They are receptive because they are interested in helping the youngster get into college."

Another Admissions success story emerged in the Texas "A" zip code area which encompasses Dallas and the rural areas to the north and east of the city. Dick Nowak, a Class of 1964 graduate and captain of the 1963 Army football team, coordinated an admissions effort that enrolled 15 cadets and two others to the U.S. Military Academy Prep School.

Those are the best enrollment figures for that area in the last four years. About 150 admissions files were opened by students from the Dallas area and 56 received nominations. Among those, 30 were qualified and 22 received offers of admission.

Nowak, vice president of Human Resources for Elk Corporation in Dallas, was commissioned in the Artillery branch upon graduation from West Point. He served in Vietnam in 1965, also had tours at Ft. Sill, OK, the Sixth Army and as a member of the staff and faculty at West Point. Nowak resigned from the Army in 1971, served as a personnel manager for Martin Marietta Company and as vice president of industrial relations for Wylain Inc. before joining Elk Corporation in 1979.

"It is important for us to recognize the efforts of our field force personnel," says COL Rushton. "They provide the one-on-one contact with college bound students around the nation and assist them as they consider one of the most important decisions of their life, selecting a college and a career direction. It is gratifying to document these success stories because the efforts of our field force are not only a credit to West Point, but a service to the nation."

Table 2

Far West Region: Washington Zip Code Area "C"

Coordinator: LTC Wolfgang Fletter

Population: 67,093, .33% of 17-21 year-old Population (U.S.)
Annual Fair Share Ranges of Cadetships: 4 to 5
Number of Active High Schools: 42

USMA Class	93	92	91	90
Applicants	63	52	73	61
Interviews	29	22	28	25
Offers	21	4	10	10
Enrolled	18	3	6	4

Table 3

Southwest Region: Texas Zip Code Area "A"

Coordinator: Mr. Dick Nowak

Population: 203,354, .99% of 17-21 year-old Population (U.S.)
Annual Fair Share Range of Cadetships: 13 to 14
Number of Active High Schools: 219

USMA Class	93	92	91	90
Applicants	160	185	165	121
Interviews	19	34	32	29
Offers	22	15	12	12
Enrolled	15	6	8	11

Academic Limits

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



ACCREDITATION REVIEW NEARS COMPLETION

Accreditation is simply certification by an external group that an institution or program meets the group's standards. Colleges and universities usually seek institutional accreditation from regional associations. Such accreditations ask whether or not the institution has clear goals, the resources to meet those goals, and evidence that it is in fact meeting them. The Military Academy is a charter member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and it has been accredited by the Association for the past fifty years.

Other professional agencies provide accreditation of individual programs offered by the institution. The Military Academy did not seek programmatic accreditation until it adopted majors programs in the early 1980s. The Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) professionally accredited the civil, electrical, mechanical, and engineering management majors programs for six years in 1985, thus acknowledging the strength and excellence of those programs. ABET programmatic accreditations occur on a six year cycle. We are currently preparing for an ABET reaccreditation review of our accredited engineering programs in 1990.

Institutional accreditation reviews occur on a ten-year cycle. Our last institutional reaccreditation was in the spring of 1980. This fall is the culmination of our fifth decennial reaccreditation review of the entire institution by the Middle States Association's Commission on Higher Education.

Accreditation evaluations provide a valuable source of feedback on our programs. Through the accreditation process the Middle States Association assists members in their continuing efforts to analyze goals, evaluate performance, review planning, and identify steps that might be taken to enhance effectiveness. The Association's Commission on Higher Education identifies and publishes *Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education* which lists attributes common to superior educational institutions in order to assist members in that evaluation. The decennial cycle includes a sequence of institutional self-study, external review by a team of outside observers, and institutional response to its own study and the comments of the visit team. The Middle States accreditation process reviews the ability of the entire institution to meet its goals rather than accrediting individual programs within the institution. According to the *Characteristics* booklet, the decision to accredit or reaccredit an institution is

an expression of confidence in an institution's mission and goals, performance and resources. It attests the judgment of the Commission on Higher Education, based on the results of an internal institutional self-study and an evaluation by a team of outside observers assigned by the Commission, that an institution is guided by well-defined and appropriate goals, that it has established conditions and procedures under which its goals can be realized, that it is accomplishing them substantially, that it is so organized, staffed and supported that it can be expected to continue to do so, and that it meets the standards of the Middle States Association. (p. 4)

West Point's preparations for the decennial accreditation actually began in 1986 with Project 2002, which sought to

define the Academy's traditional strengths, to highlight the challenges that Army leaders will face in the next century, and to find an appropriate balance of stability and creativity in adapting the Academy's plans to insure that its graduates can meet those challenges. The product of the study published in March 1988, *2002: A Road Map to Our Third Century*, contained a new purpose statement, a slightly revised mission statement, an analysis of challenges facing Army leaders in the next century, a description of the desired West Point experience and environment, concepts for intellectual, military and physical development, and a paper stressing the central importance of moral-ethical development in every activity. The strategic guidance provided through Project 2002 was the spring-board for our self-study.

In September of 1987 the Superintendent appointed a Steering Committee, chaired by Colonel James R. Golden, now head of the Department of Social Sciences, to conduct a comprehensive self-study in preparation of the Academy's accreditation evaluation. The design of the self-study began with an assessment of the role the study could play in the major review of strategic planning that had been initiated in 1986. The following paragraphs quoted and paraphrased from the self-study report outline the process.

In January of 1988, based on the Steering Committee's recommendations and the concurrence of the Academic Board, the Superintendent approved a study design with the following central objectives: to test the consistency of current program goals and structures with the strategic guidance emerging from Project 2002; to insure that total requirements imposed by all programs were consistent with the level of quality desired in each of them; to develop better procedures for systematic evaluation; to highlight areas of concern and new opportunities as a part of the Academy's strategic planning effort; and to broaden the base of participation in institutional governance by engaging the entire community in an open, analytical review of Academy programs.

The study design included the creation of eight subcommittees — leader development coordination, academic program, military program, physical program, cadets, faculty and teaching, outcomes, and masters degree program — involving 114 members of the staff, faculty, and Corps of Cadets. From February to October of 1988 the subcommittees reviewed the USMA strategic planning guidance, considered new opportunities or approaches suggested by the concept papers, reviewed institutional goals in the area under study or recommended such goals if they were not explicit, evaluated their area of responsibility based on those goals, identified strengths and areas of concern, and made appropriate recommendations. Following extensive discussion of their draft reports with various Academy groups, the subcommittees made appropriate modifications and submitted their final reports to the Steering Committee in December 1988.

The Steering Committee published the preliminary findings and recommendations of the self-study in December 1988 in a three-volume Interim Report that became the basis for broad Academy discussion and action. The central thrust of the Interim Report was that the planned requirements of all programs taken

together were excessive, leading to a fragmentation of cadet time and a sacrifice of quality to quantity in several areas. The Interim Report urged the adoption of more explicit Academy goals and the initiation of a revised planning process under the direction of the newly formed Office of Leader Development Integration. The Academic and Policy Boards endorsed the central thrust of the recommendations in the Interim Report, approved many of the recommendations immediately, and referred other issues to appropriate agencies for review.

Based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee in the Interim Report and the comments of the Academic Board, the Policy Board approved the following Academy Goals on 17 February 1989.

Academy Outcome Goals

1. Provide the nation graduates who have a foundation of knowledge in the sciences and humanities, an understanding of various methods of inquiry, the ability to communicate clearly, creativity, intellectual curiosity, and a commitment to continuing intellectual growth.
2. Provide the nation graduates who have the military knowledge and skills required for commissioning in the Regular Army, self-discipline, selfless commitment to service, and motivation to continue professional military development.
3. Provide the nation graduates who have the ability to think clearly, decide wisely, and act decisively under pressure; a foundation for continuing development as leaders in military organizations; and the motivation to seek ever greater leadership responsibilities.
4. Provide the nation graduates who have the ability and motivation to achieve and sustain, in themselves and their organizations, the high standards of health and physical fitness essential to military service.
5. Provide the nation graduates who have an abiding commitment to live according to our national values, our constitutional system, and the ethical standards of the profession of arms.

Academy Process Goals

1. Challenge all cadets to strive for excellence by providing a consistent, integrated structure of resources, incentives, and standards.
2. Coordinate the integrated process of leader development by establishing clear priorities and harmonizing the contributions of the academic, military, and physical programs toward the achievement of Academy goals.
3. Sustain continuous self-study through periodic reviews of goals and objectives, systematic assessment of outcomes, and the integration of outcomes evaluations into the decision making process.
4. Ensure the continuing development of the staff and faculty as teachers, scholars, and soldiers through a comprehensive system that includes graduate schooling, instruction on teaching techniques, opportunities for personal growth, and performance evaluation.
5. Provide a challenging program of instruction that fosters academic growth, stimulates intellectual curiosity, and promotes integrity through a close interaction of cadets and the faculty and staff.
6. Maintain an open climate of academic freedom, consistent with the requirements of military courtesy, through a governance process that encourages and responds to participation from every segment of the staff and faculty and the corps of cadets.
7. Conduct all activities in a manner that nurtures an abiding commitment to moral principles with emphasis on integrity as one of the key foundations of ethical behavior.
8. Emphasize positive leadership, respect for the individual, and equal opportunity, through consistent instruction, example, and evaluation of cadet performance in leadership positions with progressive responsibilities.

9. Provide a smooth transition from civilian to cadet to commissioned service by fostering self-discipline, adaptation to the military setting in which graduates will serve as leaders, respect for military customs and traditions, and the social skills necessary for effective and proper interaction with others.
10. Maintain an active, integrated network of advising and counselling that emphasizes close interaction among cadets, staff, and faculty supported by a structure of coordinated, and when necessary confidential, professional services.

Academy Input Goals

1. Maintain a high-quality, predominantly military faculty who are representative of the officer corps with an appropriate balance of tenured and extended-tour positions to provide continuity and shorter-tour positions to sustain close contacts with the field Army.
2. Enroll entering classes of outstanding men and women who show promise of excelling in the academic, military, and physical programs, who have demonstrated high moral standards and leadership potential, who are motivated toward completion of West Point and a military career, and who represent the diversity of the Army officer corps.

Another major result of the review of the Interim Report was the initiation in February 1989 of Project Enrichment, an institution-wide undertaking to find the ideal balance and weight of effort among USMA's three developmental programs — academic, military, and physical — in order to maximize the quality of the four-year experience.

Based on reactions to the Interim Report and the initial decisions reached under Project Enrichment, the Steering Committee drafted a final report including detailed recommendations and action notes that highlighted steps the Academy had already taken in response to the Interim Report. On June 6, 1989, the Academic Board approved the final report and directed the Steering Committee to forward the report to the visit team.

The following extracts from Chapter Ten of the report summarize the major conclusions of the study.

Virtually all of the indicators examined in this study suggest that the Academy is providing the nation leaders of character who serve the common defense with distinction. But the focus of our review has not been on current successes or past laurels. Instead we have examined our current programs in the context of the challenges we anticipate graduates will face in the next century. Is the Academy properly positioned to meet those challenges?

The review process began by deriving clear Academy goals from the broader Strategic Guidance developed in Project 2002. As the various self-study subcommittees evaluated current programs from the perspective of those Academy goals, articulated in Chapter One, several strengths and areas of concern emerged.

The following sections recapitulate those goals that are being accomplished in ways that reflect major Academy strengths, and those goals that are being met less fully and are therefore areas of concern that warrant heightened emphasis.

Strengths

- Outcomes.
 - foundation of knowledge in the science and humanities;
 - understanding of various methods of inquiry;
 - ability to communicate clearly;
 - military knowledge and skills;
 - self-discipline;

(Continued on page 41)

The COM Reports

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



Believe me, this is as surprising to me as it is to all of you. I did indeed expect to be reassigned during last summer, or at least shortly after it ended. Yet here I am with the Army football team five games into the season and no announcement yet concerning a next assignment or the new Com. Though things have not quite materialized as expected, Marcia and I remain "on alert" for an announcement, orders and reassignment — perhaps before the Christmas holidays. Meanwhile, continuing in the best job in the Army for a brigadier, I can scarcely complain.

Speaking of the Rabble teams being well into the fall season, the women's soccer team is currently ranked ninth nationally and across the board the Corps is off to a good start. Homecoming weekend has just concluded with a very upbeat air and the Corps receiving favorable marks throughout — the victory over Holy Cross contributed greatly I am certain. The Board of Trustees also met over the homecoming period and joined the classes of '69, '74, '79 and '84 in checking on things. As this was the largest alumni turnout ever for the fall reunion weekend, you may find someone who was here and they will be able to give you a firsthand account.

In doing so, they will doubtless mention some of the initiatives undertaken or being considered as outcomes of the two-year accreditation self study and the accreditation itself which was completed in September. Several were outlined in the last issue of *Assembly*. Let me report to you about one not covered in that issue that is specifically related to cadet military development. It will be called Intersession, and will involve a two-week period in early January just after Christmas leave and prior to academics in the second semester. With the winter months upon us, I thought there could be no better time to bring you up to speed on Intersession '90.

Intersession will focus on classroom instruction in those individual and small unit leader skills comprising the four-year core military science courses, which will no longer be taught during an academic semester. It will allow more concentrated focus on military subjects and knowledge geared to our summer training sequence and required upon graduation and commissioning. Military

science can now receive the full weight of cadet effort during Intersession and not be subject to tendencies toward lesser priority and effort relative to academic courses.

Intersession will also provide time for other mandatory professional knowledge instruction and required administrative tasks such as drugs and alcohol, honor, *Howitzer* photos and the like. Additionally, Intersession will provide upperclasses the opportunity to take their one required physical education carry-over sport. This in turn will allow them to either schedule an additional course during an academic semester, or pursue excellence in other academic areas. However, the bulk of the subject matter taught during Intersession will consist of commissioning prerequisite military science courses for which full academic credit will be given. In short, Intersession will incorporate instruction that is usually spread throughout an academic year for each class, allowing concentrated pursuit of excellence in military subjects.

In order to maintain the goal of having a 15:1 student:teacher ratio, we will be augmented by over 120 instructors from the Office of the Dean, and additional post personnel, to assist us in our instruction. These officers will not only bring a wealth of experience to enhance the instruction of the cadets, but will also be sharpening their own military skills in the process. Even as I write, my staff continues to look for additional ways to make this period of instruction rewarding for all involved. As always, the lessons learned this first year will serve to help improve the program in the coming years.

As a complement to this initiative, the Director of Military Instruction, Colonel "Tex" Turner, has been tasked by the Superintendent to explore the possibility of developing a field of study within the department. Ultimately this means that cadets, after taking the core military science courses, could elect to concentrate their four-year education on professional military related subjects. The first military science elective has already been added to the list of courses available to cadets, and several more are in the final phases of preparation. Excellence in the military aspect of the formation and preparation of our graduates

will be greatly enhanced through this program.

Dare I presume this will be my last report? Should that turn out to be the case, please accept my appreciation for the privilege and honor to have served you, the members and friends of the Long Gray Line. Should it not, the sentiments remain the same.

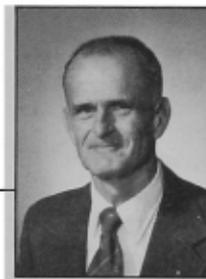
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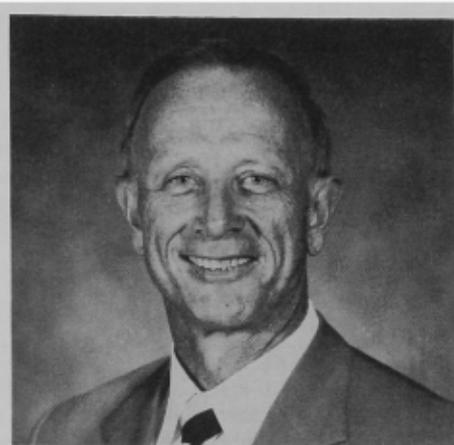
By CARL ULLRICH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*



It's never easy to write this column after a disappointing loss, and I dictate this the Sunday morning after our game with Duke in Durham, North Carolina. Although, as you saw from the score when you read it in the newspapers, the Army team gave a tough and competitive account of itself, the loss was indeed a bitter pill. Coach Young had prepared the team magnificently I thought, but we simply could not execute, especially during the second quarter when Duke really dominated us. The last quarter was very exciting with three Army touchdowns and two onside kicks in an attempt to again wrest control of the ball and perhaps tie or win the game in the very final minutes. We sustained a further season-ending injury in our defensive backfield and together with the injury of O'Neill Miller a few weeks ago, coupled with this loss of Steve Stark, we find ourselves going into the last seven games of the season very short in that critical area.

The rest of the football season has been exciting and reasonably satisfying. As you know, the team gave a courageous and outstanding account of itself in the Carrier Dome against Syracuse losing by three points and, again, being in the game with a chance to win on a number of occasions. A close defeat of Wake Forest (who had beaten us the last two times) and Harvard (after a scary first quarter) bring us to this point in the season with a 2 and 2 record. I think if you ask any of the players or coaches or certainly me, we would have said we would have expected 4 and 0 or 3 and 1. I know the team will continue to make you proud as we go through the season. We have a critical game upcoming this week against Holy Cross who will come into the game undefeated, followed by Lafayette and Rutgers and then, of course, the first of the critical games for the continued possession of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy—Air Force at Colorado Springs. We wind up the "initial season" with Boston College and Colgate and then play the most important game of all against Navy on 9 December in Giants Stadium at the Meadowlands.

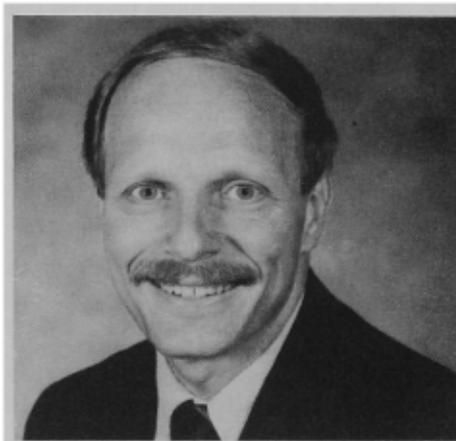
It is a wonderful and proud pleasure to talk a little bit about the Athletic Director Search Committee and General Palmer's selection of Colonel Al Vander-



Colonel Al Vanderbush

bush as the next Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at the United States Military Academy. Al has been my Deputy Director and partner in the management and leadership of this organization for the past five plus years, and I can't tell you how pleased I am that the committee and the Superintendent have chosen Al to take over this important position. He will do an outstanding job and I know will provide great leadership for this organization for many years to come. Walter Littman is quoted as saying, "The final test of leadership is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction

in the world to carry on. The genius of a good leader is to leave behind him the situation which common sense, without the grace of genius can deal with successfully." I would certainly not speak of myself in terms of "genius of leadership," but I feel very proud that when I leave West Point next spring I will leave behind a great staff of people to manage this organization. A man who will lead them to "bigger and better things" is Al Vanderbush, and I know you will be pleased and proud with the job that he



Gene Uchacz

1989-90 Sports Summary*

Fall

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	PCT.	Navy	Captain/s
Men's Tennis	1	1	0	0	1.000	—	Mark McMullen
Women's Soccer	12	10	2	0	.833	—	Kelly Demers
Men's Cross Country	6	5	1	0	.833		Mike Dolan
150-lb Football	2	1	0	1	.750		Dan McCarthy
							Brian Swarhout
Women's Volleyball	21	15	6	0	.714		Joy Ebberson
Water Polo	18	12	6	0	.667		Dan Ewen
Women's Tennis	6	4	2	0	.667	—	Julie Hiebert
Men's Soccer	11	5	5	1	.500		Mark O'Donnell
Football	4	2	2	0	.500		Game
Women's Cross Country	4	2	2	0	.500		
Totals	85	57	26	2	.682		

Winter

Rifle	1	1	0	0	1.000		Sandra Stevens
Overall	86	58	26	2	.686		

*As of 7 October 1989

will do.

An important change in the organization of the Army Athletic Association this past summer took place with the departure of Chuck Winters who became Director of Athletics at Gettysburg College, and the promotion of Gene Uchacz to the position of Associate Director for Team Support and Scheduling. Gene

has taken over this position throughout the summer and is performing in a truly outstanding manner. He is wonderfully organized, has a tremendous work ethic, has the confidence and respect of our coaches and administrative staff, and has continued the great job Chuck Winters did without a missed beat. Gene came to us in 1985 as Director of the then un-

named Holleder Center during its construction. He made many suggestions for improvement as the building was finally put together and then for the first years of its use treated and cared for the building as if it were his own home. Those of you who have visited Holleder Center know the job that he has done. Gene has a great family with wife Ellie, who also works

A List of Do's and Don'ts for our Alumni and Friends.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association:

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, commonly known as the NCAA, is the national governing body for amateur collegiate sport in the United States. As a member in good standing of the NCAA, USMA is obligated to abide by NCAA rules and regulations governing the eligibility, amateur status and recruiting of student-athletes. Under these rules, alumni and friends of West Point are just as responsible for rules compliance as are our coaches and staff members. Thus, the athletic departments must take every effort to educate those supporting our program.

Rules Governing Currently Enrolled Student-Athletes

1. **DO NOT** give money to any student-athlete, even if it is for the purpose of paying expenses to amateur competitions. All expense funds must be provided through the school or officially registered amateur sport clubs. For instance, alumni cannot sponsor a golfer or tennis player who competes in program competition over the summer.
2. **DO NOT** provide employment to a student-athlete during the regular academic year unless you have checked with the athletic department regarding his/her financial aid status. The NCAA does not permit a scholarship athlete to work during the regular semesters he or she is enrolled except for Christmas break, and spring vacation. It's better to check first than risk loss of a student-athlete's eligibility.
3. **DO NOT** provide "extra benefits" to student-athletes. The NCAA considers extra benefits to be: taking a student-athlete out to dinner, providing any gift of material value (including cash loans, free use of an automobile, Christmas presents or co-signing a loan), not charging for professional services that other students have to pay for (haircuts, dental work, etc.) or any other benefit not available to non-athlete students on the same basis.
4. **DO NOT** buy athletic event tickets from student-athletes. The NCAA prohibits a student-athlete from receiving and selling game tickets.
5. **DO** provide employment at regular rates of pay for similarly situated non-athlete employees during the summer or during times specified by NCAA rules as permissible work periods. We welcome the positive involvement and support of alumni in obtaining summer jobs and internships. Please let us know of opportunities.

6. **DO** feel free to call a coach or athletic director to ask questions about the permissibility of any activity involving a student-athlete.
7. **DO** feel free to invite a team to meet with alumni or friends in a city where they play. Student-athletes may participate in many events and are allowed to receive benefits as a team which individual student-athletes may not. Always make arrangements through the head coach or an athletic department administrator.

Rules Governing the Attendance of High School Athletes at Alumni Events

1. **DO NOT** invite selected high school student-athletes to alumni events. NCAA rules prohibit contact between alumni and friends at any off-campus site. Alumni and friends of a university can entertain high school students under certain conditions that do not involve singling out athletes for special treatment such as inviting all high school seniors who have been awarded scholarships (academic and athletic) to an Ex-Students Association event.
2. **DO** tell athletic department personnel invited to speak at alumni functions if high school student-athletes will be in attendance. There are certain time periods when coaches are prohibited from any contact with a student-athlete off campus.
3. **DO** call the athletic department if you are uncertain about an NCAA rule. Our rule of thumb is: IF YOU HAVE TO THINK TWICE ABOUT THE PROPRIETY OF ANY ACTION, ASK BEFORE YOU DO.

Rules Governing Contact with Recruitable High School Student-Athletes

1. **DO NOT** provide transportation for a local high school or junior col-

lege athlete who wants to visit West Point.

2. **DO NOT** entertain in any way or give gifts, benefits, special treatment, or free services to any high school or junior college student-athlete or his/her parents or relatives.
3. **DO NOT** arrange a face-to-face meeting with or go to talk to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or relatives.
4. **DO NOT** provide a free ticket or transport a high school or junior college athlete to any USMA athletic event whether the event is at West Point or any other city.
5. **DO NOT** bring any guest to an alumni gathering or booster event (unless the event is conducted on the campus) if he or she is participating in athletics at the high school or junior college level. Your own son or daughter would be an exception.
6. **DO NOT** telephone or write to high school or junior college prospective athletes about attending USMA. This activity is prohibited by new NCAA Legislation!
7. **DO** call or write to a coach if you know of a talented student-athlete who might benefit our program or who is already interested in attending.
8. **DO** feel free to offer your assistance to a coach who is recruiting in your city—such as providing a car or private plane transportation or suggesting people to contact for information concerning prospective student-athletes.

The USMA DIA and coaching staff appreciate your interest and involvement. We know that you demand integrity and honesty in the conduct of our program. We will do our very best to be deserving of your support. We would appreciate your assistance in helping to educate others about NCAA rules. Thank you.

for the Association, and two great children, Travis and Amanda. We are hopeful that Gene will remain with the Association for many years and continue to provide the marvelous support that he has exhibited in the early months of his tenure in this responsible position.

We have two new head coaches since my last column. The departure of Ed Steers, who was our head wrestling coach for 10 years, was very sudden last spring and this summer we promoted Jack Effner, an assistant in the program for just one year, to the position of interim head coach with the expectation that Jack will continue to provide outstanding leadership for that important program.

The sudden departure of Al and Helen Arceo (Al was interviewed in the last issue of ASSEMBLY) left a big void in our softball program and in our operations office. CPT Gary Winton (known to

all of you as an Army basketball star of the 70's) has taken over as head coach of our softball program, and we are in the process at this time of replacing Helen Arceo in our operations office.

Our fall teams are doing well; no team has a losing record and, of our 85 contests, we have won 57 for a .682 winning percentage. Men's tennis at this writing is undefeated; women's soccer has won its last 10 games in a row and is 10 and 2; men's cross country is 5 and 1; women's volleyball and women's tennis, men's soccer, and varsity football all have .500 records.

Of special note this fall is our water polo program which is 12 and 6 at this writing under new coach Mark Pruss. Mark joined our staff last spring and is doing an outstanding job providing the leadership for this program.

150-lb football has won one and tied one at this stage of the season, tying

Princeton last week in the annual Anthracite Bowl in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. This is the first time that Army has not won that game. Princeton came from behind in the final seconds of the game, blocking an Army extra point and running back 95 yards for the two points under the new football scoring rule just adopted this past year.

I think I have covered all the areas I wanted to for this issue. By the time you read it the football season will be over. I know you will be pleased and proud of the team as they go through the balance of our challenging 11-game schedule. We continue to attempt to provide you with teams of which you can be proud and, of course, a program which in every sense contributes to the leadership development experience that West Point is about. Thank you for your continued friendship and support.

Academic Limits

(Continued from page 37)

- selfless commitment to service;
 - motivation to continue professional military development;
 - think clearly, decide wisely, act decisively under pressure;
 - foundation for continuing development as leaders in military organizations;
 - motivation to seek ever greater leadership responsibilities;
 - high standards of health and physical fitness.
- Process.
 - close interaction of cadets and the faculty and staff;
 - open climate of academic freedom;
 - conduct all activities in a manner that nurtures an abiding commitment to moral principles;
 - equal opportunity;
 - respect for military customs and traditions.
 - Input.
 - high quality, predominantly military faculty;
 - balance of tenured and extended-tour positions;
 - enroll entering classes of outstanding men and women who show promise of excelling in the academic, military, and physical programs; who have demonstrated high moral standards and leadership potential; who are motivated toward completion of West Point and a military career; and who represent the diversity of the Army officer corps.
- ### Areas of Concern
- Those impressive strengths suggest that the Military Academy is well prepared to meet coming challenges. Yet there are limits on the resources available for Academy programs that force difficult choices in program design and institutional emphasis. The self-study suggests that additional emphasis is warranted on several goals to properly position programs to meet the anticipated demands of the future.
- Outcomes.
 - creativity;
 - intellectual curiosity;
 - commitment to continuing intellectual growth.
 - Process.
 - consistent, integrated structure of resources, incentives and standards;
 - harmonizing the contributions of the academic, military, and physical programs;
 - systematic assessment of outcomes, and the integration of outcomes evaluations into the decision making process;
 - continuing development of the staff and faculty;
 - governance process that encourages and responds to participation from every segment of the staff and faculty and the corps of cadets;
 - positive leadership and respect for the individual;
 - smooth transition from civilian to cadet to commissioned service;
 - social skills necessary for effective and proper interaction with others.
- This past summer we provided the self-study report to a nine-member visit team, chaired by Professor Richard C. Richardson of Arizona State University. From 17 to 20 September the team visited West Point as part of the accreditation review process. During the visit team's exit briefing, Dr. Richardson observed that the self-study process and the report West Point provided were the best he had observed in eighteen years of work with the Middle States Association. The team found no areas of concern that West Point had not already identified, and Dr. Richardson praised the actions that the Academy had already initiated in response to the self-study. The Academy will receive the full written report of the visit team's findings later this fall, and we should receive official notification of our reaccreditation by the end of the year.
- Institutional and programmatic accreditations symbolize the Academy's commitment to self-study and external review as essential elements of ongoing planning. Clearly our most recent self-study has paid enormous dividends in helping us to align our programs with our long term goals. We look forward to receiving the formal comments from the Middle States accreditation team later this fall as another important step in insuring that our programs consistently achieve the level of excellence the Army and the nation expect and deserve.

U.S. Army Logistics Center Honors Brehon B. Somervell

by Dr. John K. Ohl

On 28 March 1989, the main foyer of Somervell Hall at the U.S. Army Logistics Center, Fort Lee, Virginia, was rededicated in honor of General Brehon B. Somervell, the Army's top logistician during World War II. The occasion for the rededication was the placement in the foyer of a bronze bust of Somervell. The bust had originally been located in the lobby of the Koppers Research Center, Monroeville, Pennsylvania, and was donated to the Logistics Center in 1988 after the sale and subsequent breakup of Koppers Company. In the rededication ceremony Lieutenant General William G. Tuttle, Jr., commander of the Logistics Center, and Mrs. W. S. Brenza, Somervell's daughter, unveiled the bust. The dedication address was delivered by Somervell's biographer, Dr. John K. Ohl, professor of history at Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona. The following abridgement of Ohl's presentation overviews Somervell's accomplishments as a military-industrial manager and provides an insight into Somervell's personality.

The 1914 *Howitzer* commented that a photographer who wanted to capture the essence of Cadet Somervell in a picture "would show a stiff hurdle on most any race course with a thoroughbred ridden by an Army engineer, just taking the jump." The picture would be titled "Two Thoroughbreds." In these words one of Somervell's West Point classmates perceptively anticipated his career, for it would be replete with many high hurdles and the triumphs one expects from a spirited mount.

Possessing great native intelligence and supreme self-confidence, Somervell was an outstanding cadet at West Point, ranking sixth out of 160 in the 1914 graduating class. Along with the other top graduates he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Engineers. Shortly after the United States entered World War I in the spring of 1917, Somervell went to France with the first contingent of engineer troops. There he selected sites for railroad yards and regulating stations and built ammunition dumps, depots, and barracks. In late October 1918 Somervell was appointed acting G-3 of the 89th Division, just in time to take part in the final push of the American First Army to the Meuse River. During this operation he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross after



Bronze bust of General Somervell in main foyer of Somervell Hall (US Army photo by C. Sherwood)

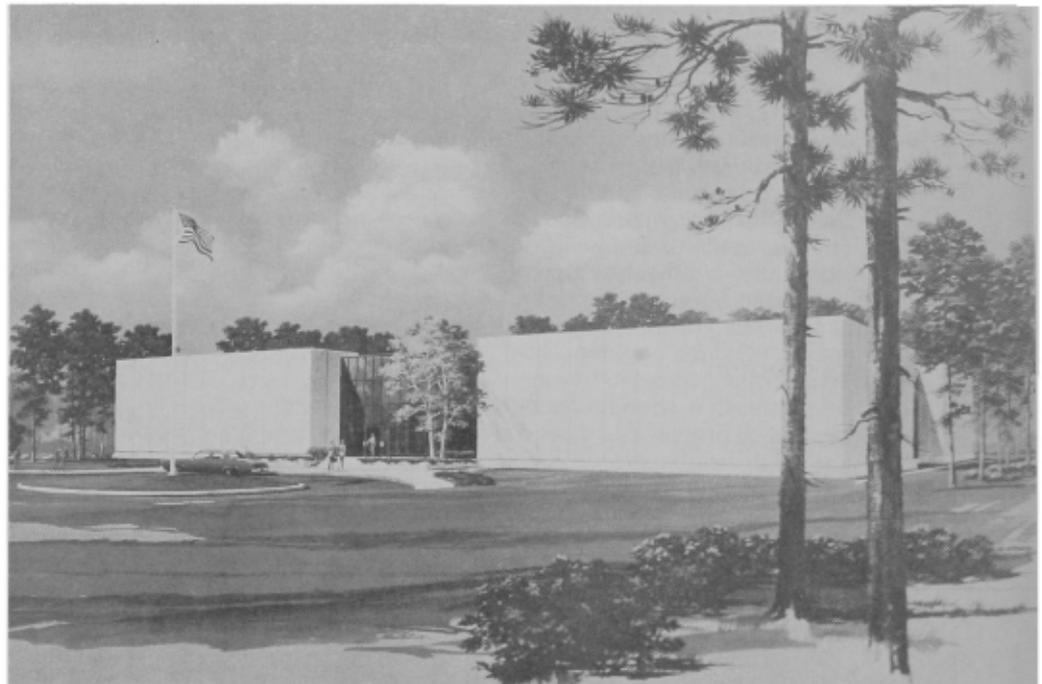
reconnoitering damaged bridges over the Meuse River more than 500 yards beyond the American outposts. After the Armistice, Somervell became G-4 of the 89th Division and then G-4 of the Third Army, the American occupation force in Germany.

During these formative years as an officer the salient elements of Somervell's personality fully emerged. "Dynamite in a Tiffany Box" was how one industrialist described him during World War II. Extremely well-groomed with a close-cropped mustache as one of

his trademarks, Somervell could be a man of great personal charm. He normally presented himself as a gentleman and regularly used flattery to get people to do what he wanted or to forge good relations with an important person. Beneath this velvet exterior there was an utter unwillingness to suffer fools gladly or to tolerate mediocre performance. When angered by dullness or indecisiveness, Somervell readily lost his temper. Over the years soldiers from private to general who let him down would be subjected to his wrath.

The most striking feature of the Somervell personality was an unbridled ambition to excel in his profession. Reveling in tough assignments, he attacked every job he was given as if it were the foremost thing in his life, and indeed in the whole Army. Hard work, long hours, and red tape never deterred him. When given a construction job in France, his way had been to grab everything available and drive the job through to completion with little regard for the costs. Somervell's methods made his superiors uneasy. But he always got his jobs finished on schedule, or sooner.

Between 1920 and 1940 Somervell held a number of Engineer assignments, (Continued on page 45)



Drawing of Logistics Center building, Fort Lee, Virginia (US Army photo by B. Lee)

Book Reviews



THE LONG GRAY LINE

By RICK ATKINSON. *Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1989, 565 pages.*

This recently published non-fiction work is an expansion of Rick Atkinson's four-part, Pulitzer Prize-winning series that appeared in the *Kansas City Star* in 1981. The subject is the West Point Class of 1966, their four years at the Military Academy, Vietnam, the aftermath of the war and years of healing.

In a larger sense, the book recounts the honor, the brotherhood, of all U.S. Military Academy graduates and is a chronicle of the past quarter century of American society.

Like cadets since the founding of the Military Academy, the 807 men who entered West Point in July 1962 had dreams, dreams of all that they would accomplish, all that they would experience. Inspired by a youthful President who urged that they "ask what you can do for your country," they swore to support the Constitution of the United States.

Four years later, following a graduation address by Vice President Hubert Humphrey, 579 idealistic young men swore to "support and defend" the Constitution. That defense was to begin almost immediately. When that first oath

was taken that sunny day in 1962, few could see the dark clouds of war gathering. By the time the war was over 30 members of the class had been killed in Southeast Asia, the highest number of any West Point class, and more than 100 had been wounded.

Many in the Class of '66 are here at the Academy today as staff and faculty members: Colonels Donnithorne, Grice, Hays, Leach, Mulligan, Roseborough. Several from the class have sons or daughters here as cadets, including Colonel Robert M. Baker whose daughter Kristin became the Academy's first woman to lead the Corps of Cadets in August.

The book moves chronologically, beginning with Beast Barracks. The rigors and stress of Beast are painted in clear hues that leave the reader alternately both laughing hilariously and spitting with fury.

"Other cadets," writes Atkinson of one incident during the summer training, "after futilely fumbling with the little chain that was supposed to run across the tarbucket bill, had raced out with the links dangling beside their ears like a yeshiva boy's curl. Years later, men who had been in horrific combat in Vietnam would wake up shrieking from nightmares—not that they were about to be overrun by the Viet Cong, but that they couldn't find the proper hat during clothing formation."

Each year at the Military Academy is detailed, primarily through the exploits of Cadets Jack Wheeler, Tom Carhart and George Crocker. Along the way many others are introduced, cadets like Richard "Buck" Thompson, who Carhart thought "is going to be a great soldier. He's going to be a general. He's going to be chief of staff." Instead, Buck Thompson's career ended on Thanksgiving Day near the crest of Hill 875 in Vietnam.

The carnage of combat is at the same time riveting and almost unbearably painful. Through 200 pages the reader is introduced to the young men in uniform; they are not fictional characters but close acquaintances, and their pain is acutely portrayed. One of the most agonizing is the loss of Lieutenant Frank Rybicki.

"Shortly after arriving [in the Rung Sat Special Zone], Rybicki bogged down in the mud. Without flipping the safety on, he thrust the stock of his rifle to one of his

men to pull him out. The soldier accidentally grabbed the trigger, and Rybicki fell dead in a burst of his own gunfire. . . . Twenty years later, some of Frank Rybicki's classmates would recall his death with particular anguish; to them it seemed the ultimate metaphor of self-destruction in Vietnam."

The years pass for the members of the class, and many of the wounds heal. But as Douglas MacArthur said just two months before they arrived on the banks of the Hudson, ". . . always I come back to West Point." Members of '66 were returning by the mid '70s as instructors, including Major Billy Frazier, who was course director for Electrical Engineering 304. It was the take home examination from that course that led to the "cheating scandal" of 1976. One of the judge advocate officers appointed to represent several accused cadets was Captain Arthur Lincoln, Jr., a classmate of Frazier.

The book recounts the grisly murder of one graduate on a snowy night in Boston; it also details the gruesome ax murder of another on the DMZ in Korea. Their bodies were brought back for burial at the West Point cemetery where so many of their classmates were laid to rest.

I feel the denouement of *The Long Gray Line* is in the building of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial—The Wall—in Washington, D.C. Engineered largely through the efforts of Jack Wheeler, who had resigned his commission to earn a law degree at Yale, the memorial serves as a symbol of healing for the nation and for the members of the Class of '66.

"Jack thought of miracles when he looked at the wall. . . . His favorite author, C. S. Lewis, had warned that one should always be careful in praying for miracles because they were inevitably accompanied by a great shaking of the earth. The earth had indeed shaken. Now Jack could only hope that the trembling signified what he thought it did: the grace to face the past."

Son of a career Army officer, Rick Atkinson earned an appointment to the Military Academy but elected to study journalism. He writes today for the *Washington Post*, where he serves as an investigative reporter.

The Long Gray Line is a major work. It

THE LONG GRAY LINE

THE AMERICAN JOURNEY OF
WEST POINT'S CLASS OF 1966

RICK ATKINSON

is surely one of the most important books to come out this year, and it ranks with any other book in the "must read" category. For the American public this work will generate a great interest in West Point and in military life in general. For those of us here at West Point familiar with so many of the landmarks mentioned in the book, Atkinson's work will be hard to put down.

It may drive you, hauntingly, as it did me, to Section XXXIV of the West Point cemetery where so many tombstones have the chiseled words "Class of 1966." After having read the book, you will leave the cemetery a different person, changed for having visited with some old acquaintances.

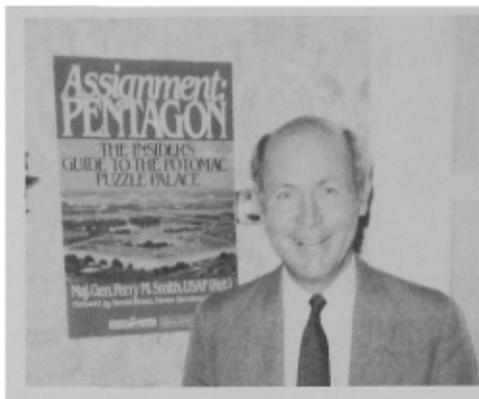
Reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel Bruce K. Bell, Directorate of Academy Relations, USMA.

ASSIGNMENT: PENTAGON; THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE PUZZLE PALACE

By PERRY M. SMITH, MG, USAF (RET). *Pergamon-Brassey's (In conjunction with AUSA and AFA), 1989, 264 pages.*

For many officers (and most civilians), the Pentagon, which houses the Department of Defense as well as the service staffs, is an enigmatic monastery when viewed from the outside. Once inside, however, it becomes a swirling cauldron of activity, almost a chaotic environment which operates 24 hours a day. For anyone who arrives for their first assignment, regardless of rank and experience, the first months of duty at the Pentagon can be a traumatic and frustrating ordeal. Perry Smith's book *Assignment: Pentagon* is an earnest attempt to lay bare some of the myths about life in the Pentagon, as well as provide some basic survival techniques to succeed as an action officer (the most common assignment for officers) and senior managers (also known as branch and division chiefs).

Ostensibly aimed at the mid-career officer who has never served in the Pentagon, Smith has an admittedly breezy, almost conversational style which makes the book very readable. This is fine, except when he intersperses anecdotes with general personal observations. For example, in his first chapter, "Realities and Myths," Smith dispels certain Pentagon myths ("everybody works 14-hour days; everyone is so busy that no one has time to think or plan"). But he makes an interesting observation that "when the Republicans are in power there tends to be more decentralization within the Department of Defense than when the Democrats control the executive branch of government." Given that the Democrats have only controlled the executive



branch four of the last 21 years, this may give an uninitiated officer the wrong impression of defense management.

However, on balance Smith approaches the Pentagon and its bureaucracy with an evenhandedness that is unusual in former military officers who have served several tours in Washington. His best chapters (there are twenty-six) concern preparation for briefings and anticipated changes in defense policy in the 1990's. Indeed, one other weakness of the book is that it is perhaps too readable. Most of the chapters are under fifteen pages, and the supplemental reading list that Smith recommends, while useful, is too brief. Some chapters could be consolidated, and others expanded (particularly on the Pentagon's budgeting system, which, more than any other activity, drives the "pace" of life there). But there is great value in simplicity and common sense, and Smith provides a good deal of it, particularly when he reveals his personal experiences.

There are also several chapters on living and working in Washington, which is quickly becoming a densely populated metropolitan area, with all of the attending problems of traffic and high living costs. Smith addresses these in a general way, since Washington really encompasses three separate municipal areas. Moreover, the pace of change in housing costs and development in and around Washington makes it difficult to provide any accurate information on, for example, how to decide where to live. The book's sections on these issues are accordingly of limited utility. Some other material in the book is equally perishable, which will require almost an annual new edition.

Smith's "survival guide" to a Pentagon assignment is a worthwhile first effort at easing the transition into a Washington assignment. I recommend it to those who have not served there, and I encourage General Smith to continue, as he did with this book, to solicit comments and suggestions from veterans of what has to be one of the most complex bureaucratic organizations in the world.

Reviewed by Major Christopher J. Littel, Department of Social Sciences, USMA.

INDOMITABLE.

By BEN ALVORD SPILLER. *Pikes Peak Publishing, Colorado Springs, 1989, 259 pages.*

Colonel Ben Alvord Spiller's *Indomitable*, subtitled *The Story of the First Women at West Point*, is dedicated "To the intrepid 62, the women of '80—who despite the efforts of sundry males in and out of West Point to dominate them, remained indomitable." As one of those 62, I appreciate his dedication. I enjoyed this easy-reading novel and once I started I did not want to put it down.

Colonel Spiller, the "fourth West Pointer with Benjamin Alvord in his name" is a 1941 graduate of the Academy. He is currently teaching in the English Department at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. The inspiration to write this book came from his daughter who wanted to enter West Point with the class of 1980, but was physically disqualified. The main character in the book is Maggie Loving, hoping to become the fourth generation to graduate from the Academy. She is affectionately portrayed as the daughter of the Head of the Department of English, Colonel Ben Alvord Loving. Although this situation appears to parallel a woman of the Class of 1980, a comparison is not supported, the main character is fictional. Spiller realized "it was next to impossible to get inside the skin of a young woman and feel the mental anguish experienced by those first females." His research, however, proves extremely accurate in this book that he describes as "faction"—fiction based on fact. Certainly the book is fictional in its characters and their associations. It uses literary license to add flavor to the story. The flavor added is conservative and does not alter greatly the basic facts of actual events.

When reading the book, one must keep the use of "faction" in mind. The combination of fact and fiction is a little confusing to a person who actually knows most of the facts and was a part of the true story. Many fictional characters in the book are easily recognized as actual members of the class of 1980, but the storyline is inconsistent in mixing the facts with the fiction. Interestingly, Vince Brooks remained as the First Captain, and John Zoccola as alphabetically the last cadet in the class. Leamon Hall, Clennie Brundidge and George Dunaway are mentioned as true Army football bright spots during Class of '80's plebe year. Andria Hollorman is most definitely portraying Andrea Lee Hollen, the first woman to graduate and the sole Rhodes Scholar in the class of 1980.

The book concentrates on the events which occurred during the 11 months of plebe year. Colonel Spiller's dedication in presenting factual events through fic-

tional characters and personalities allows the book to accurately describe and portray that first year to the reader. Incidents such as name-calling, constantly being singled out, and being hated simply because of one's sex are described throughout the book. The seldom upset Maggie accurately captures the depth of this frustration at one point exclaiming, "with the upperclassmen you expected to get insulted, . . . but with your own classmates?" The book also describes the ugly incident of an upperclassman attempting to rape a woman plebe; the plebe leaves the academy and the upperclassman graduates without a commission, "the honor of graduating, . . . but doesn't have the obligation to serve out his five year commitment." Although only the 119 original women of the Class

of 1980 actually felt, to varying degrees and through various events, the "mental anguish" described by Spiller, the author's portrayal allows the reader to identify with those feelings. The reader can then realize some of the very true experiences that shaped the Class of 1980.

I raced through the book with few interruptions due to my curiosity about what events would be included and how they would be presented. The few times I put the book down were mostly for reflection. It was difficult to remind myself of the not-so-memorable occasions. At times I had to stop reading to simply quiet my feelings of frustration and depression stirred by Colonel Spiller's pages of "faction."

Colonel Spiller's *Indomitable* will not be a best-seller, but that was not his

intent. For those associated with the academy during its initial integration of women, the book serves as a reminder of the events of that period, both good and bad. The reader who is familiar with the academy will find *Indomitable* fascinating. And for the general reader, the novel offers interesting insights into West Point, and its traditions, during its historical transition from an all male institution. Any reader will certainly realize why Colonel Spiller saw the first 62 women graduates as indomitable.*

*indomitable, adj. (untamed, ungoverned) not easily discouraged, defeated or subdued: unyielding, unconquerable. Webster's New World Dictionary, College Edition.

Reviewed by Captain Kathleen G. Snook, Department of Mathematics, USMA.

Brehon B. Somervell

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attended the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College, supervised an economic survey of Turkey that was to be the basis for a five-year plan of industrialization, and, beginning in 1936, managed the sprawling Works Progress Administration program in New York City. At the time it employed nearly 250,000 relief workers, had an annual budget of \$200 million, and was plagued by widespread boondoggling, internal bickering, and conflicts with city officials and labor leaders. As a lieutenant colonel on detached service, Somervell over the next four years transformed the city's WPA program into a business enterprise that served the community well.

Somervell's proficiency in managing New York City's WPA program led Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall in December 1940 to place him in charge of the foundering Construction Division. Employing more than 400,000 persons on defense projects, it had been quickly overwhelmed by the demands of the defense program following the passage of the Selective Service Act in September 1940. In a flurry of activity Somervell streamlined the division's organization, speeded up the construction of training camps and ammunition plants, and convinced President Franklin D. Roosevelt to build the Pentagon, the largest office building in the world.

Two weeks before Pearl Harbor, Somervell was named G-4 of the War Department General Staff. In this post he played a key role in the early deployment of American troops, aggressively urged the development of programs for mobilizing the forces, munitions, and shipping necessary to achieve victory,

and helped plan a drastic reorganization of the War Department in March 1942. As a result of this reorganization, Somervell, with the rank of lieutenant general, was appointed head of the Services of Supply, later designated the Army Service Forces. A somewhat unwieldy



General Brehon B. Somervell (Photo courtesy of US Army Logistics Center)

collection consisting of administrative agencies, corps areas, and the Technical Services, it was responsible for the supply and administration of the Army within the United States and the support of troops overseas. For all practical purposes, Somervell was now the Army's number-one logistics operator.

As head of the Army Service Forces, Somervell set out to make "the U.S. Army the best-equipped, the best-fed, the most mobile Army on the face of the earth." Preaching that the United States could not afford the "luxury of leisure,"

he demanded that everyone in his organization devote all of his energies to seeing that the fighting men at the front were fully supplied. His exhortations were reinforced by a full-scale war against red tape, the removal of colonels and generals who were not up to their tasks, the setting of high goals and short deadlines and for production and tonnage shipped. Despite its hodgepodge character and far-flung operations, the Army Service Forces met the test of global war, largely because, as one admiring subordinate related, Somervell was "enough of a S.O.B." to make it work.

In addition to commanding the Army Service Forces, Somervell was Chief of Staff Marshall's principal logistics advisor. Realizing that logistical limitations inevitably dictated the practicality of strategic plans, Marshall took Somervell with him to every important wartime conference. Somervell also played a vital role as a trouble shooter, making a number of overseas inspection trips to unravel supply tangles.

Somervell's achievements mark him as one of the preeminent military-industrial managers of his era. What he meant to the Army as its chief logistician during World War II was aptly expressed by the tribute paid to him by General Marshall: "He was one of the most efficient officers I have ever seen . . . he got things done in Calcutta as fast as he did in the meadows around the Pentagon. Whenever I asked him for something he did it and he got it." Marshall went on to say, "if I went into control in another war, I would start looking for another General Somervell the very first thing I did and so would anybody else who went through that struggle on this side."



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AUDITOR'S REPORT 1989

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

We have audited the balance sheet of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy (the Association) as of March 31, 1989 and the related statements of revenue and expenditures and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

the financial position of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy as of March 31, 1989 and the results of its operations and changes in fund balances and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

White Plains, New York
July 14, 1989

Peat Marwick Main & Co.

BALANCE SHEET March 31, 1989 (With Comparative Totals for 1988)

	1989				1988	
	Operating Fund	Equipment Funds	Restricted Funds	Agency Fund	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 10,844	\$ 497	\$ 45,952		\$ 57,293	\$ 368,843
Accounts receivable	38,057				38,057	8,086
Inventories	155,150				155,150	174,181
Investments, at cost (note 3)	342,387	152,326	22,195,859	713,066	23,403,638	22,531,234
Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation: 1989, \$179,250; 1988, \$148,378) (note 4)		237,664			237,664	226,247
	<u>\$546,438</u>	<u>\$390,487</u>	<u>\$22,241,811</u>	<u>\$713,066</u>	<u>\$23,891,802</u>	<u>\$23,308,591</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,258				21,258	1,994
Deposits held in custody for others (note 5)				713,066	713,066	628,984
Fund balances	525,180	390,487	22,241,811		23,157,478	22,677,613
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For the Year Ended March 31, 1989 (With Comparative Totals for 1988)

	1989				1988	
	Operating Fund	Equipment Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Total All Funds	
Revenue:						
Contributions	\$ 78,950		\$ 2,346,083	\$ 2,425,033	\$ 2,133,412	
Bequests and grants			2,253,878	2,253,878	706,101	
Royalties			30,762	30,762	41,716	
Investment income and gains/losses on sales of securities	632,427	11,103	934,411	1,577,941	2,002,212	
Sales—gift shop	303,016			303,016	289,174	
Subscriptions and advertising	424,385			424,385	386,418	
Dues and memberships	24,720			24,720	26,265	
Other	168,717		23,481	192,198	288,927	
	<u>1,632,215</u>	<u>11,103</u>	<u>5,588,615</u>	<u>7,231,933</u>	<u>5,874,225</u>	
Expenditures:						
Awards, grants and contributions	19,550		4,792,400	4,811,950	4,022,152	
Finance and services	357,329	25,381		382,710	336,421	
Publications	494,124	1,870		495,994	420,307	
Gift shop costs	299,173	1,752		300,925	281,210	
Development	338,278	3,214		341,492	344,087	
General and administrative	185,960	3,078	2,025	191,063	175,066	
West Point Societies	136,957	521		137,478	105,585	
Other	59,109	6,000	25,347	90,456	102,687	
	<u>1,890,480</u>	<u>41,816</u>	<u>4,819,772</u>	<u>6,752,068</u>	<u>5,787,515</u>	
Reimbursement to Operating Fund of certain general, administrative and development expenses incurred on behalf of other funds	(387,398)	45,086	342,312	6,752,068	5,787,515	
	<u>1,503,082</u>	<u>86,902</u>	<u>5,162,084</u>	<u>6,752,068</u>	<u>5,787,515</u>	
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	129,133	(75,799)	426,531	479,865	86,710	
Transfers—board designated	(55,816)	55,816				
Net increase (decrease) in fund balance	73,317	(19,983)	426,531	479,865	86,710	
Fund balances, beginning of year	451,863	410,470	21,815,280	22,677,613	22,590,903	
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 525,180</u>	<u>\$390,487</u>	<u>\$22,241,811</u>	<u>\$23,157,478</u>	<u>\$22,677,613</u>	

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

News from the Societies



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

A quarterly meeting on 14 Jul highlighted the summer activities of the West Point Society of No CA. MG Frank Schober (Ret) former AG of CA, who was the guest speaker for the occasion, presented some humorous anecdotes of life as a "non-grad" professor at West Point. He also provided everyone with an incisive view of the major defense issues of our time. The members also participated in the society's first annual business session with several organizational issues being discussed and acted upon. The miracle of satellite TV is making it possible for our society to host early Sat morning gatherings at a neighborhood sports bar to watch the Rabble tear into its opponents. Everyone is looking forward to a big gathering on 9 Dec to watch Army do it again to Navy! Come and join us if you're in the area.

—George Grayeb '52

LOS ANGELES

My first duty for the new year as President of the Los Angeles Society was to attend the Presidents' Conference sponsored by the AOG at West Point. It was good to visit West Point again and see old friends.

The conference was enlightening, challenging and fun! It was initiated by **Denis Mullane '52** three years ago to provide better communications between West Point and the many societies. The 105 societies now functioning around the US, and in some cases overseas, were well represented with the greatest attendance to date.

In his final address as chairman of the Presidents' Conference and as the new president of the AOG, **Denis Mullane** challenged us to rethink our mission in terms of better serving our graduates as well as representing and supporting West Point in So CA. He suggested that there are at least six areas that should concern an effective, successful society. *To have fun* through activities and programs which bring us together. *To promote the well-being of graduates* through career advisory programs and other means of supporting graduates in our area. *To support the Academy admissions program* through the Academy Admission Field Organization, work

with parents clubs, assistance with our Congressmen's candidate selection process. *To support cadets as they enter the Academy and continue* by utilizing a "buddy" system, providing housing and support for visiting teams, encouragement of new cadet parents, etc. *To support the Academy through public relations* in our area by publicizing visits of teams and clubs, getting press releases to local papers and otherwise representing West Point in our communities. *To support the Academy by giving and fund raising* by encouraging annual giving and supporting the other fund raising programs not funded by the Congress.

To fulfill these functions and meet our objectives, we are organized with various committees and groups. We are fortunate to have able, dedicated chairmen to lead the activities of these committees this year: Activities, **Tay Yoshitani '58**; Admissions Support, **Bill McLaughlin '60**; Career Advisory, **Jim Kenney '60**; Membership, **Ed Olivares '57**; Information and Public Relations, To be announced.

—Shankle '50

PIKES PEAK REGION

The WPSPPR remained active over the summer by hosting an outdoor Hawaiian Luau at the home of **Jack & Pat Forrest '49**. Eighty people attended the event, which featured a delicious catered buffet dinner, tiki gods & tiki torches, Hawaiian music, and a real live mini volcano fabricated by **Leo Hobbs '54**. **Shirley Poirier**, wife of **Jack '55**, led the hula dancing demonstration after dinner. The only casualties of the evening occurred when a "party ball" of beer exploded in the faces of **Jack Forrest** and **John Epley '70** when they bumped it.

With summer over, society attention is directed toward what will be an exciting Army-Air Force weekend. Fri, 3 Nov events planned are a USMA Field Force Workshop hosted by Soc MALOs **Ed Freund '72** and **Jim Jameson '57** at the Country Club of CO. Honored guests will be the USMA Supe, Com, Dean, and the Directors of Admissions and Athletics. That evening, the grads of the 4th Inf Div (Mech), headed by COL **Tony Trifiletti '64** and MAJ **Chuck Hendrick '73**, will host a pre-game rally at 1900 at the

Ft. Carson OC, complete with mules, Rabble Rousers, and skits.

After Army beats Air Force on 4 Nov, there will be a joint-soc victory celebration buffet hosted by the West Point Soc of Denver (POC is **Bill Cooper '47**) and assisted by our own **Bud Sterling '46**. The location is the Woodmoor Country Club in Monument. Festivities begin at 1700 hrs. Of course, all grads everywhere are invited to all events to help Army smash Air Force and to partake in post-game victory celebrations.

Looking further down the road this fall, the WPSPPR is planning an Army-Navy football game party on 9 Dec to be held at the Dublin House in northern Colo Springs. Doors open tentatively at 1100 hrs. Come join us to watch our team beat Navy, and help to make this an even better party than last years'!

—John Epley '70

DC

The West Point Society of DC held its fall luncheon at the Ft McNair OC on 2 Oct. Guest speaker was GEN **Andrew J. Goodpaster '39**, presently serving with the Atlantic Council of the US. About 200 members and guests were enlightened by his very interesting remarks concerning "glasnost" and "perestroika," as these events affect NATO and military planning for the future.

GEN **Goodpaster** presented timely insights into the situation vis-a-vis NATO and the Warsaw Pact within the framework of changes emerging in the Soviet Union under Gen Sec Mikhail Gorbachev. "We are in the midst of changes of major proportion," he pointed out, and said "even the social structure of the Soviet Union will take a different course under Gorbachev."

All these things, he noted, pose new challenges to the US. GEN **Goodpaster** focused his remarks principally on the security phase of these challenges. Some of his conclusions were that, (1) "we want to see concrete reductions in Soviet military weapons and the military budget, and (2) we want to see convincing changes in their doctrine."

The soc was indeed fortunate to have GEN **Goodpaster** present these significant views to its members. He was introduced to the audience by another

former Supe of USMA, LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48, Soc Pres.

Gen Scott announced that for our winter luncheon in Jan, we will be honored to have as guest speaker Dr. Wesley W. Posvar '46, Pres of the Univ of Pittsburgh, who will report on the findings of the Special Commission that reviewed the USMA Honor Code and Honor System at West Point. Dr. Posvar headed this committee.

—Phil Farris '46

CHICAGO

The West Point Society of Chicago reports participation in two events of interest. First the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations extended to the members of the society an invitation to attend their Oct meeting which featured Rick Atkinson, a 1982 Pulitzer Prize winning journalist speaking about his recently published book, *The Long Gray Line: The American Journey of West Point's Class of 1966*.

Our society also sponsored the 2d Annual West Point Society of Chicago "Goat vs. Engineers" game with the kickoff scheduled for Sat, 21 Oct at noon.

SPACE COAST

Upcoming events: The society will celebrate the holiday season with its Christmas party on 11 Dec. On 6 Mar we will be pleased to have the Superintendent, LTG Dave Palmer, as our Founders Day speaker. Visiting grads wishing to attend—call John McKeown (407)-727-6166.

ANNAPOLIS

This year we are privileged to report on the visit to West Point for our two Leadership Award winners and their escorts. Despite the rain, attendance at the Wake Forest game put an appropriate garnish on their overnight in the barracks with local cadets from Maryland, and helped us accomplish our mission of increasing awareness of the USMA in a heavily USNA dominated area.

We want particularly to thank COL Jack Woodruff, ODIA, for his assistance in getting excellent seats on the Army side—his efforts played a key part in the success of our mission.

—English '49

NEW YORK

The West Point Society of New York kicked off its 89-90 season with the election of officers and some organizational modifications by the Board of Governors in Jun. Selected to serve were James R. Gardner '66, Pres; Stephen R. Metcalf '69, VP; Richard J. Chappo '76, Treas; and Edmundo M. Colchado, Jr. '76, Secy. Under the

able leadership of Metcalf, the Career Advisory Board has been revived and the work of the ad hoc advisory group is proceeding. The board was given new direction and guidance in order to best serve our membership and fellow graduates. The Society's Admissions Program, chaired by John E. O'Hara, Associate and assisted by Colchado has joined with the West Point Parents Club of New York City to sponsor events supporting Admissions Office efforts to increase NYC cadetships. O'Hara expects a banner year in NYC admissions efforts. The membership drive under Robert T. Luckese '50 promises to break the 1000 mark. The 200 page annual membership roster has been compiled and is being published for immediate delivery.

The 1989-90 Program promises to be very exciting. The traditional Kick-Off Luncheon brought Jim Young to the Union League Club on 6 Sep to tell us about the 89 Army Football Program. A rousing time was had by all, with the watchword for the day being, BEAT NAVY!! On 28 Sep, the soc was co-host with the NY Chapter of AUSA of Casper Weinberger, former Sec Def and currently publisher of *Forbes*. As usual, Cap's comments were hard hitting, frank and focused on the hard realities of today's international politics.

We continued the first-rate program on 1 Nov with Rand Araskog '53; CEO, ITT and author of *The ITT Wars* as the guest speaker. Araskog provided hard hitting insight on American industry today. Included in his comments were the shortsightedness of corporate raiders and the bitter battles for control of ITT. ARMY-NAVY festivities were the next major activities for the soc. Kicking off these festivities was a concert at Carnegie Hall on 29 Nov by the US Army Band/Chorus and the West Point Glee Club. Jim Peterson's '62 fine leadership enabled 2800 individuals to be treated to a spectacular evening of military music. On 9 Dec, the soc held a Victory Party at the Meadowlands Racetrack. A. Ross Wollen '65 arranged the affair which included a superb dinner at the world-class Pegasus East Club as well as full admission to the evening's racing program. Continuing in the tradition of a strong speakers program plans are in the works to schedule more distinguished speakers for our spring program.

Finally, following in the tradition of outstanding events, Founders Day 1990 will be held on 20 Mar at the Starlight Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria. The evening will include a fine dinner, dancing and, of course, a distinguished speaker.

—Edmundo Colchado '76

CLEVELAND

The West Point Society of Cleveland

began its fall activities with two luncheon guest speakers. In Sep, Fred Heierding and Melissa Sabroff of the USO of No OH presented an overview of local USO activities. These events are more numerous than expected due to the high volume of enlistments and associated active duty recruiting personnel. Jim Day '46 immediate past soc pres, active on the USO council of No OH, sponsored the event.

At our Oct luncheon meeting, George Qua, honorary member, delivered a well researched presentation on the life and times of LTC Oliver North. George, it turns out, had worked with LTC North on two occasions while on JCS duty. He delivered an entertaining firsthand perspective of North's personality and professional behavior. George also related some hearsay accounts of LTC North's legendary exploits.

Finally, with "that" time of year approaching, numerous soc members have been making or are planning pilgrimages back to West Point to help the twelfth man. Ralph Burr '62 led the charge to the Syracuse game and returned to fire up the rabble. Bill Willoughby '61, Merritt Bumpass '65, Al Catani '69, and Dick Luecke '69 all have Holy Cross tickets at this writing. All sights are set, obviously, at supporting the Army team in its quest to inevitable domination over the boys at Canoe U... BEAT NAVY!

—Al Catani '69

GREATER HOUSTON

LTG Richard G. Graves, CG, III Corps, was the guest speaker at the 20 Sep luncheon. General Graves presented a very interesting and enlightening talk about today's Army; specifically, the current readiness of III Corps and the fighting capabilities of the new Army soldiers.

The Bi-Invitational is scheduled for 30 Dec, and Coach Young has agreed to be the guest speaker. College Night activities started the end of Sep. Plans for Founders Day are underway and tentative plans are for the West Point Glee Club to be here in concert on 15, 16, and 17 Mar.

PUGET SOUND

Our annual family picnic was held on 27 Aug at the Fort Lewis Off Beach Club on American Lake. This year was the largest turnout ever.

We were joined for the first time by eight parents of cadets. Mr. Ray Brown, pres of the Parents Club of Puget Sound, presented a great cake from the club to help celebrate the occasion.

Many thanks are due Patricia & Gen Ed Trobaugh '55, our VP, and Louise & Gen Flip Fenili '43 for making the arrangements for the picnic.
B E A T N A V Y !!!

—Win Curley '41

Bulletin Board



West Point Museum Reopens

Notes from Michael E. Moss
Director, West Point Museum

After ten years of planning and construction, moving over 45,000 historical museum artifacts, and an expenditure of nearly \$10 million public and private dollars, the West Point Museum reopened at its new location in Olmsted Hall on 1 September 1989.

Nearly 250 guests previewed the new exhibitions on the eve of the grand opening of the West Point Museum, followed by an appreciation dinner at the Hotel Thayer recognizing the many efforts required to open.



LTG and Mrs. Dave R. Palmer at Museum opening in West Point Gallery

The Superintendent, LTG Dave R. Palmer, extended West Point's gratitude and deep appreciation to the museum's major benefactor, Major General George H. Olmsted (USMA 1922). Without the Olmsted funding, the museum would have been unable to finance the nearly \$4.5 million of specialized museum equipment and building systems essential to the care and preservation of its collections. In addition, the Olmsted monies paid for the design and fabrication of all museum exhibits in the six galleries, as well as the future construction of the museum annex to commence in 1990.

The annex shall provide a much needed temporary exhibition gallery as well as a large objects and collections study area. The Olmsted Foundation, under MG George and Carol Olmsted, also announced the creation of an endowment for the museum to support future collection needs and acquisitions.



Over-size artifacts and mural on exhibit in Large Weapons Gallery

The generosity of the Class of 1918 (November) is especially evident in the displays of the new museum where their class gift of nearly \$35 thousand funded the making of replica uniforms, models, dioramas and collection research needed to complete displays throughout the museum. General William W. Wannamaker spearheaded this project over five years ago and in concert with his classmates from the Class of November 1918, provided invaluable objects for cadets and visitors to enjoy.



Museum Director, Michael E. Moss presents appreciation award to LTC Michael Kimel, Provost Marshal, in recognition of outstanding museum security support from the USMA MP's.

The West Point Society of New York teamed its resources with special Olmsted Foundation funds to produce nearly \$60,000 for twelve maps depicting American Wars from the Colonial Period to Vietnam. Selected officers from the Department of History at West Point researched each of the maps and provided data as well as historical review for each of these maps unique to the West Point exhibition program.

The six exhibition galleries focus on key topics of military interest: tactics, strategy, the technological development

of arms, as well as a view of U.S. Army history seen through the contributions it has made to the building of our nation. These subjects as linked with the rich resources of the West Point Museum's collections form an entirely new basis for the exhibit program and displays in Olmsted Hall. The most popular of these galleries will most likely be the West Point Gallery telling the story of our history from fortress West Point of the Revolutionary War to the present Military Academy where the most interesting aspects of West Point's history are joined with significant artifacts of cadet military and academic training for display.

During the first six weeks of the museum's reopening, over 24,000 visitors have come to see the new facility. The new museum reflects many changes in display techniques and will delight both the casual and serious visitor interested in the vast array of military subjects incorporated in the new West Point Museum.

A future issue of *Assembly Magazine* will detail the gallery layouts of the West Point Museum and provide a longer history of the moving project of the museum to Olmsted Hall.

Flight Project Update

The campaign to raise money for the Flight Project (see April *Assembly*) was launched in early August. Guided by a special committee chaired by BG Robert F. McDermott, USAF Retired, \$322,247 has been raised as of 19 October 1989. This includes \$165,942 cash, \$56,305 pledges and matching corporate gifts, and \$100,000 from the trust of a widow of the class of November 1918. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$750,000 by the end of 1990 so the three-phase project can be accomplished. One phase is the renovation and decoration of the Arnold Auditorium in Mahan Hall (dedicated in memory of GEN "Hap" Arnold just before last year's Air Force game), displays in Mahan Hall and the museum depicting West Point's role in the conquest of flight and space, and the erection of the Flight Memorial in a glade just north of Lusk Reservoir to honor all graduates who have died in flight.

If you have received a blue envelope asking for your financial support for the Flight Project please send in your con-

tribution or pledge. For those who have not been asked yet (letters went only to those who have served in the air services or Army Aviation) and who desire to contribute, send your checks to the West Point Fund marked "Flight Project."

Class of 1940 Anniversary Gift

For its 50th anniversary gift to USMA, the Class of 1940 is funding the preparation and initial publication of a definitive illustrated history of West Point.

Most graduates feel that USMA would not be the same had it been located elsewhere in a less dramatic and historic setting and without its military gothic structures, monuments and trophies. These features have been treated before only briefly and in piecemeal fashion. To introduce them, the unifying theme for the book will be an institutional history of USMA, extended to cover briefly the Colonial and Revolutionary War history of West Point as a location.

Following discussions with the Superintendent, and while the project was being formulated, the Class learned that also interested in such a history was the foremost international publisher of art and illustrated books, Harry N. Abrams, Inc., of New York City, with branches in Tokyo and Europe. Abrams in recent years has published a number of books melding tradition, history and art with such wide-ranging topics and titles as *The Illustrated History of the Supreme Court of the U.S.*, *Maritime America*, *The National Air and Space Museum*, and *Golf in America*.

Abrams' own, separately established thoughts on purpose, scope and content of a book about West Point were quite similar to the goals of the '40 project. The two have joined forces, with '40 underwriting the work of the author and guaranteeing a minimum quantity purchase.

The author, Dr. Theodore J. Crackel of Carlisle, PA, is a military historian with 20 years of active military service. He taught for two tours in the USMA Department of History, served as director of Military History and Strategy Studies at the Army War College, and was a senior fellow with the Heritage Foundation. One of his many publications, *Mr. Jefferson's Army*, was reviewed in the April 1987 *Assembly*.

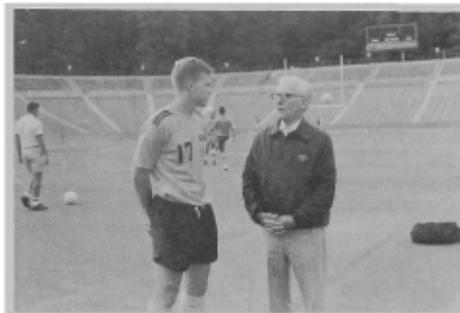
The project has been underway for about two years, and substantial work has been accomplished on both the manuscript and the illustrations. It is hoped that the first edition will be available in late 1990. A special flier will be sent to all graduates when a firm publication date is established.

The Class of 1940 is enthusiastically supporting this project which they believe will reach a wide, international audience and will help to perpetuate the ideals and traditions of West Point.

An Army Soccer Captain Returns

When Robert M. "Steggy" Stegmaier '37, and his brother visited West Point last September, he dropped in on the AOG offices to say "hello" and exchange a few stories about Army athletics. The soccer season was already underway, and Steggy wondered if he might interrupt an Army practice for a few minutes to meet the coach and wish the 1989 Army captain the best of good luck.

One short phone call arranged it: Coach Joe Chiavaro was delighted to have Colonel Stegmaier come to practice, and when we mentioned that we'd like to take a picture for *Assembly*, Coach Chiavaro said he would have team captain Mark O'Donnell show up in his game uniform.



Army's 1936 and 1989 soccer captains discuss the finer points of the game.

Coach Joe Chiavaro has achieved an enviable record in his eight seasons coaching Army. After finishing either 2nd or 3rd in the MAAC conference in his first 5 seasons, Joe's teams have won the title twice in a row, and at this writing are unbeaten in conference play and looking for a third consecutive conference championship. Now completing



Whattmore Manager Stegmaier Captain Mr. Marchand Coach

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The lineup in 1936 . . . seems like yesterday!

his eighth season as Army's mentor, Chiavaro has had only one losing campaign, and began the 1989 season with a 69-47-8 record overall. Under Chiavaro, Army routinely plays several top-twenty ranked teams. In 1988, the Cadets set an Academy record by scoring shutouts over 9 opponents on the way to a 13-5-1 season.

With a night game coming up against Rutgers on their AstroTurf, Army was practicing in Michie Stadium to get used to the artificial surface when the two Army captains—53 years apart in time but very close in spirit—met to discuss their favorite sport. Defenseman Mark O'Donnell '90, played his high school soccer at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Robert Stegmaier played two years at Potomac State before coming to West Point, where he lettered in both baseball and soccer as a cadet, and captained the 1936 Army soccer team that won 6, lost 0, and tied 2. Steggy's team was the first unbeaten Army soccer team in a sport that began at West Point in 1921.

Colonel Paul J. Black Leaves a Bequest to West Point

Colonel Paul J. Black of the Class of 1926 left a portion of his estate to West Point to be used however the Superintendent decides. The bequest came to \$55,363.02.

Colonel Black served thirty years in the Infantry, including duty as commanding officer of the 11th Infantry Regiment of the 5th Infantry Division in the European Theater. He retired in Carmel, California, where he remained until his death in March of this year.

Colonel George W. Heck Estate Given to West Point

Colonel George W. Heck of San Antonio, Texas, left his estate of \$655,980.00 to West Point. He died in May of 1989 leaving no immediate heirs. Colonel Heck was unable to enter West Point in the 1930's, but became an officer and served thirty years on active duty. He always retained a love for the Army and felt that by helping cadets he would give something back to his country. His wife, Geneva, preceded him in death. They had no children.

The money will be used to establish the George and Geneva Heck Endowment. The income will be used annually to support Cadet Activities.

Romance of the Seine

In September 1989 a contingent of the USMA alumni participated in an Association sponsored travel program which included Paris, the Seine River, Normandy and London. This wonderful 12

Class of 1993 Cadets Whose Fathers Are Graduates

Cadet's Name	Father's Name	Class
Adams, Eddie	Adams, Robert	1968
Alch, Steven T.	Alch, Wayne F.	1953
Armstrong, Charles S.	Armstrong, Charles H.	1961
Baerman, Megan A.	Baerman, V. Paul	1968
Benchoff, Peter	Benchoff, Dennis	1962
Bigelman, Kevin A.	Bigelman, Paul	1967
Blaney, Jeffrey D.	Blaney, Thomas	1967
Campbell, Jennifer C.	Campbell, Paul C.	1969
Curl, David H.	Curl, Gilbert	1965
Davis, Daniel M.	Davis, Ted	1974
Doyle, David S.	Doyle, James T.	1966
Fellows, Christian H.	Fellows, Michael H.	1968
Graf, William E.	Graf, William	1958
Hansell, Charles E.	Hansell, Charles	1961
Hunter, Michael	Kolb, James T.	1954
Hustead, Thomas R.	Hustead, Michael W.	1966
Jenkins, Harold A. III	Jenkins, Harold	1965
Kaine, James W.	Kaine, Jay W.	1970
Kays, Michael J.	Kays, James	1962
Kimball, Terence A.	Kimball, Jeffrey L.	1969
Lenz, Robert J., Jr.	Lenz, Robert J.	1967
Lima, Paul	Lima, Paul E. L., II	1967
Lynn, Patricia C.	Lynn, William R.	1967
Mandry, Philip	Mandry, Paul	1960
Markowski, Mark P.	Markowski, Gene	1964
Mischler, Jennifer L.	Mischler, Walter	1969
Mulligan, Kathryn M.	Mulligan, Arthur G.	1966
Napier, Joseph T.	Napier, James W. III	1955
O'Donnell, Carolyn F.	O'Donnell, John	1963
O'Hara, Patrick	O'Hara, Kerry	1967
Olmstead, Kim	Olmstead, Kim H., II	1965
Olson, William T.	Olson, Alan D.	1967
Pais, Lisa M.	Pais, Randall	1967
Phalan, Andrew M.	Phalan, Richard A.	1967
Pistone, John N.	Pistone, Ronald A.	1959
Raney, Ashleigh D.	Raney, Michael L.	1974
Rowe, Robert S.	Rowe, Robert	1969
Saine, Samuel J.	Saine, James	1967
Scott, Andrew B.	Scott, Gilbert	1952
Seaworth, Douglas A.	Seaworth, George	1965
Simpson, Sean D.	Simpson, John D.	1959
Stader, Matthew N.	Stader, John F.	1951
Staley, Robert D.	Staley, William D.	1976
Stephenson, Dan T.	Stephenson, Dan T.	1962
Stidham, Melinda K.	Stidham, Robert	1963
Taylor, Douglas	Taylor, Douglas J.	1969
Thome, James J., Jr.	Thome, James J., Sr.	1968
Thompson, Matthew G.	Thompson, Leon G.	1963
Vanaskie, Stephen J.	Vanaskie, William	1969
Wall, Anthony B.	Wall, Kenneth	1963
White, Thomas E. III	White, Thomas	1967
Wilcox, Ann E.	Wilcox, William H.	1955
Yankoupe, Nicole M.	Yankoupe, Roger F.	1964

day trip was enjoyed by our alumni group of 37. We were joined by an equal number from Southern Methodist University and smaller numbers from Pennsylvania State University and Indiana University.

Our "home" in Paris for three days was LeGrand Hotel adjacent to the Grand Opera of Paris. At our gala welcoming reception, a veteran of the Normandy invasion recounted his experiences and heightened our interest in our later visit to the beaches and the recently opened Peace Museum in Caen. Many

of the group participated in the several tours offered in Paris. All of the prominent landmarks were visited to include the most recent addition, the "I.M. Pei Pyramid" in the Louvre courtyard which provides a most striking entrance to the noted museum.

The final night in Paris was spent aboard the *M.S. Normandie*, our home for six nights. Paris by night, extensively illuminated, is truly a sight to experience. The *M.S. Normandie* is a deluxe river ship, christened in June 1989, and has a passenger capacity of 106. Cabins

were comfortable with TVs in each room and a spacious dining room and lounge areas were available. The ship's crew did a fine job. The cuisine was superb as was the service. An English pianist provided "Golden Oldies" on the keyboard throughout the cruise.

There were many memorable stops along the Seine and several short trips by bus as we made our way to the French Coast and English Channel. At Giverny, the group visited the home of Claude Monet, impressionist painter, and its magnificent gardens. At Les Andelys we visited the Lyons Forest and Abby and the Gaillard Castle. The latter was built in the 12th century by Richard Couer de Lion overlooking the Seine. An old town tour of Rouen was most interesting. The gate of the "Gros Horlog" (Great Clock), the numerous quaint shops and the Cathedrale Jeanne D'Arc were highlights. Immediately outside the cathedral a 40-foot pole marked the site of the saint's burning at the stake. At Caudebec the group enjoyed some local entertainment aboard ship.

Our final stop along the Seine was at the picturesque fishing village of Honfleur. From there the group visited the Caen Peace Museum, the Normandy Beach landing area and the U.S. Military Cemetery. For many, this will undoubtedly be the most memorable portion of the trip. (A group photo which accompanies the article was taken at the Peace Museum.)



A 36-minute, 23-mile jetfoil crossing of the Channel from Calais to Dover brought the group to England. After viewing the "White Cliffs" and a delightful lunch and visit to an English castle, the group settled into the Churchill Hotel in London for three nights. Many of the group participated in the several tours offered in London. Others chartered their own course and or shopped. All enjoyed the farewell reception on the final evening and headed home with many memories of a most enjoyable tour.

Seeks Old Howitzers

Colonel Edward J. Geaney, Jr., (Ret), June '43 collects *Howitzers* as a hobby and is looking for copies of the 1924, (Continued on page 130)

Report from the Classes



'03

Teresa M Milton, who celebrated her 100th birthday last 14 Feb, entered into eternal life on 25 Sep 89. Tess and **Johnny (Alexander M Milton '03, Cavalry)** were married in Honolulu in 1913.

She is survived by her sons Gen TR Milton, USAF (ret) '40 and COL JM Milton, USA (ret) '48, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren, LTC TR Milton, Jr, and CPT TJ Milton are Inf offs serving at Ft Lewis, WA and Cairo, Egypt, respectively.

Tess was always such an enthusiastic and proud supporter of the Class of '03 that it would please her to know that in her peaceful passing, she once again resurrected the Class numerals to be included in the alumni news.

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Helen Atkins sent greetings to '15. She is the only one of '15 now in Army Distaff Hall. Her son and his family visit her frequently. **Vera E Clark** has been living on the Keys, FL with her daughter Donna. This is on the Gulf, with a beautiful view. She has a bad back and does not get out often. She sent Happy Holidays to '15.

Lucy Fox is well and is still living at the Univ Convalescent Hosp, 2122 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Her mind is still quite clear. **Marguerite Gilkeson** reports that Tom is out of the service and is with AL govt as research monitoring and evaluation dir. Bob is ret and living in Harleysville, PA. She was in CA this spring.

Eileen Leonard, to quote: "A happy Christmas and a good New Year to dear friends of '15. My big Christmas present arrived early this yr: a new great-granddaughter, Bridget Claire Logan, born 7 Sep. Her parents are my granddaughter Kathleen Leonard Logan & her husband, Patrick Thomas Logan. They live in Seattle, WA where Pat is an architect.

Alice Mason is on a visit to family and

friends in IA. She was born and grew up there. Jean & Richard S Morrison '39, sent greetings to '15 from the Isle of Jersey. Bad weather prevented a visit to Sark. They visited Scotland and London and are now at Cape Cod. Jean is a daughter of our **John S MacTaggart**.

Satchie Naiden sent greetings to '15. She is well and happy in her new home at 901 Murphree St, Troy, AL 36081. This enables her to spend more time with her daughter Charlotte and some of her grandchildren and great-grands. She visits her daughter Satchie in TX at intervals.

Mary Larkin suffered a stroke this past summer, is very frail, but is getting along very nicely. She sent love to '15 through her daughter, Betty, whose husband is COL RE Rochfort '45. **Mary Tate** was in the hosp in Apr with back trouble. She is at home now with a nice girl from Trinidad to help her. Some of Clifford's family recently had dinner with her. A great niece and her husband live across the river from her, and she enjoys seeing them at intervals. She sent greetings to all of '15.

Bea Watson still lives at home and has excellent nursing care. She sent greetings to '15, through Antoinette (Watson) Sanderson, daughter of our **LeRoy Hugh Watson**, who mentioned two sisters, and her brother, Robert. The latter is still in retail sales and lives in Laguna Hills, CA.

Kitty Bradley has just returned from Pasadena where she gave a talk on our **Omar Nelson Bradley**. She is writing a pictorial biography of her husband. She sent greetings to '15. **Bruce Eloise Lorch** is fine after a few wks of not enjoying bursitis. She evidently worked too hard digging in her garden. She is now going to school again, this time at the nearby Shelby Campus of the Univ of KY. She recently went to Lexington, KY for a football game, and to visit her sister.

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It is with regret that I must announce the death of BG **Roland Paget Shugg** on 28 Jul, at Lake Park Ret Residence, Oakland, CA. Our condolences are ex-

tended to his family. He is survived by four daughters: June (Mrs Ralph Carter) of Corvallis, OR; Blanche (Mrs George Cushman) of SW Melbourne, FL; Frances (Mrs Donald MacMannis) of Larchmont, NY; and Patricia (Mrs Douglas Neely) of Colorado Springs, CO; two brothers, Carleton of Mystic, CT, and Roger of Albuquerque, NM; a sister Dorothy (Mrs Richard Angell) of Wash, DC; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

I also have word from one of our most steadfast contributors, Mrs **Fay B Pickett**, that she attended services on 22 Aug for **Mary Scott**, wife of MG Stanley Lanzo Scott, at Ft Myer. She was able to extend her sympathy to Mrs Scott's two sons, William and Gilbert.

Apr '17

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In 1946 the Belgian city of Antwerp made **Clare (Strong) Armstrong** an honorary citizen, a Freeman of Antwerp. Strong had cmded the 22,000 AAA gunners who in 44-45 defended the great port against V-1 missile assault. Of almost 5,000 V-1s launched against Antwerp, only 211 got through, and the Antwerpians felt Strong had saved their port, their cathedral, their people. Over the yrs which followed, the city has continued to show its gratitude in many ways. Now in Sep 89, Antwerp has brought Strong's son DeWitt Jan '43 & wife Kay to the city's 45th anniv celebration as guests of honor. There, in the 1565 city hall's grand council chamber, DeWitt presented to the city of Antwerp Strong's colors, mounted in brass shell-cases. These are from 90mm rounds fired at incoming V-1 missiles. One now stands on either side of the bust of Strong commissioned by the city and displayed ever since 1947 in the ceremonial room in Antwerp's city hall. Strong's eldest grandson and namesake, **Clare H Armstrong III '74**, son of **Clare H Armstrong Jr '41**, came over with his wife Mary Jane from the 3d Armored Div in Ger for the ceremony, lending tone to the affair in his major's blues. So Antwerp's gratitude for that successful Allied action continues through the generations.

Aug
'17

Jun
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Betty & Mike Grenata spent a wk in Bermuda in early Sep before that terrible storm. Mike had his 92nd birthday on 28 Sep. He just passed a complete physical at Walter Reed.

Bud Miley will be 92 next Dec. Charlie Blanchard is 93. So for the 4 of us it is: Slow Speed Ahead for 100!!!

The Mileys report the arrival of their 8th great-grandchild. Steve & I have none though we have 3 grandsons! No reports of any great-greats.

In Sep, Bee Rundell enjoyed a cruise along the SE coast of AK from Seward to Ketchikan. This reminded me of my trip to AK back in 1921. My trip was longer, just 2 yrs. My first was at Ft Gibbon on the Yukon about 100 mi NW of Fairbanks. The second yr was at Ft Wm H Seward about 15 mi (by water only) south of Skagway. In 1921 there was a 20% increase in pay for foreign service (including AK) and you had the option of being paid in gold coins.

Nov
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'19

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Majorie McLean finds herself facing a dilemma encountered by many '19ers recently; i.e., what household goods to take and how and where to dispose of the remainder when moving to smaller quarters. In her case, the accumulations of living 33 yrs in the same house must be considered. We wish her success in the garage sale friends are helping her stage, and (after 13 Oct) contentment in her new home, a condominium at 139 Bluff View Dr, #207, Belleair Bluffs, FL 34640. She retains the same phone number: (813) 584-2848.

Although Al & Dade Wedemeyer, Les & Katharine Flory, and Jeanne Burgess moved into temporary apts at the Fairfax, the following addresses and phone numbers are correct now and will be the same for their permanent apartments: Gen & Mrs AC Wedemeyer, 9100 Bel-

voir Woods Pkwy, Apt 107, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060, tel (703) 780-6367; BG & Mrs LD Flory, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 112, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060, tel (703) 360-6151; Mrs GR Burgess, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 205, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060, tel (703) 781-3830. (Nancy Echols' street address—9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy—as previously reported is correct. She is in a different building.)

One more new address to report—Conchita Sorley is now residing at 6200 Oregon Ave, NW, Apt 359, Washington, DC, tel (202) 541-0359. I hope to contact every one at Knollwood eventually. This time my info came from Rhonda Springer who is recovering from a series of illnesses and a recent hosp stay and now “doing very well,” and Herb Jones whose daughter, 4 grandchildren, and 2 greats are celebrating his 91st birthday on 11 Oct. He may join in! Herb will soon have male company as another couple is expected to move to Knollwood in Oct/Nov. Dotty Wilson and Rosalina Kerr are in the infirmary. We wish them well.

Ham & Viv Hamilton spent 6 wks in Canada in late summer where Viv researched the history of the Acadians from whom she is descended through her maternal lineage. She has finished a resumé recounting the deplorable expulsion from their homes and the break-up of families to the heartening courage and successes of the survivors and their descendants. A fascinating story—if you publish, Viv, let us know. Ham is busy trying to augment the membership list of the WP Soc of San Ant by finding additional alumni in the area. Viv and Mildred Stearly are involved in AF Village's preparations to host the 25th annual meeting of AF Offs' Wives Clubs. Delegates come from around the world, so planning for this large gp is a many faceted project.

Cookie Zimmerman, accompanied by her daughter Joyce, traveled from her home in FL to Mt Kisco, NY in early Sep to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Donna, to Mr Cesar Perez. The bride and groom met as students at Syracuse Univ.

Lambert & Pauline Cain lead a quiet life, but are kept busy with the mechanics of living and maintaining health. Although Lambert's arthritis seems intractable, his problems of uneasy balance and hearing loss stemming from his days as a machine gun co cmdr are correctable with mechanical aids. A hearing aid allows him to enjoy a favorite activity of listening to classical music, and a walker allows him to wheel around the house supervising Pauline. Skag Faine reports that he has reduced his civic involvement but is still an active member of the Florala Rotary Club. Billie is busy with civic and church activities but takes time out to play bridge.

After suffering two strokes, Don Nelson resides in Vancouver Vets' Nursing Facility with short visits at home with Paula. He maintains good humor, a smiling face, and lots of courage and hope. He would welcome letters or cards from his classmates and friends mailed to his home address in Portland. Phil & Irma Lauben are living quietly these days, but avidly following granddaughter Melanie's progress as a cadet and future officer.

Robert Hill is an Alzheimer's patient at the Phoenix Vets' Nursing Facility receiving marvelous care and immense respect from the staff. Virginia, who visits frequently, has ordered carnations for all the nurses to wear in honor of his 93rd birthday, 31 Oct. Bill Regan lives alone in the gatehouse on a friend's estate. He is happy to be among long-time friends and claims he is “spoiled.” Let's hope that is true.

Elton Hammond lives with his daughter, Georgina Lamb, in Silver Spring and spends a great deal of time reading despite a history of eye problems. He takes pleasure in memories of his active yrs and in projections of the future through the activities of his 10 grandchildren and 9 greats. From San Fran Bette Vance reports life as usual and that she, Ruth Ruth, and Louise Paquet enjoy an occasional lunch together at the Presidio.

Weakened by a respiratory insufficiency and diabetes, John Denny entered a convalescent hosp in Jul. Eunice reports that he is in good spirits, has a good appetite and declares that, “This place was designed for napping!” Hei Heiberg was feeling very uncomfortable after undergoing a cornea transplant on 4 Oct. However, Ann assured me that the prognosis for successful recovery was good. It just takes time, Hei, and we hope it's all behind you by the time this item appears in print.

Lynn Marlow, who suffered a massive hemorrhage, not a stroke as previously reported, is departing on a 2nd trip to Borneo in mid-Oct. She visited the Indonesian side before. This time she will explore the Malaysian side with a small gp of companions and stay in a “long house.” We expect a report when she returns. Fred is occupied with business as usual—still involved in a law suit.

I am personally saddened to report the deaths of Class members, wives, and widows and the Class wishes to express their condolences to surviving families and friends through this column. MG Herbert B Loper died of cardiac arrest on 25 Aug at a nursing home in Palm Bay, FL. Memorial service and interment will take place at Christ Episcopal Church, St Michaels, MD when the church rebuilding project permits. Mrs John R Hardin (Bert) died after a long illness as a result of a stroke from which she never recovered. Services were held

in St Michaels, MD and interment in Arlington Natl Cemetery. John continues to live alone with the help of a housekeeper. Luke Finlay '28 reported to the former scribe that Mrs Sydney W Gould (Bea) died at her home in Madison, CT on 20 Sep. Memorial services were held in the Madison Congregational Church Chapel on 23 Sep. To my knowledge, the death of Mrs Michael G Smith (Zelma) on 9 Jan has not previously been reported in this column. I have no further details. However, Mike reports that arthritis has got him "completely" but he can still "shuffle" around. His town of Barnwell, SC apparently escaped the wrath of Hurricane Hugo.

'20
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With great sadness I report that JK Mitchell died 4 Oct of a heart attack in the Meridian Manor Nursing Home, Lititz, PA. He had been there for some 3 yrs after a serious stroke while on a trip. It left him paralyzed and bedridden with speech almost gone. He was buried at WP beside his wife "Red" who died in 85. Attending with family members were Sherm & Clara Hasbrouck. JK's WWII service included PM Hq Channel Base Sect T-E 44-45 (BSM) and Ch of MP Hq US FET 45-46 (BSM-CR). We extend our deepest sympathy to his son JK Jr (ret MAJ USAF), 3 grandsons and a granddaughter.

Erica Samouce, wife of Duke's brother Sammy '24, died of cancer 12 Aug at their home in Virginia Beach, VA. Sammy will be moving in Dec to The Fairfax, the Army ret home near Ft Belvoir, VA where he'll be a neighbor to Duke & Elton only 20 mi away.

Duke has recovered from his heart attack of last Aug, but Elton continues suffering more from arthritis and osteoporosis.

Anne Farrell Moore is the first member of '20 to move into The Fairfax which is not yet completely built. Kay Burns plans to move there in Nov when her apt will be ready for occupancy. Kay's son, MG George K Withers, DCE, has just ret to pursue a civ career.

Helen Bailey, now at Knollwood (formerly DC's Army Distaff Hall) is well except for arthritis according to her son ret LTC Bill III '57. Ruby Adamson says she is now bed fast. Eloise Smith (RO) plans to attend our 70th reunion next May. Martha Merritt has moved from her home in Hampton, VA to The Devonshire, a ret home in Hampton. She is happy there near her daughter Polly Chisman and her family.

Isabel Romain regrets not being able to plan on our 70th reunion. It is also her

70th wedding anniv—"I still remember the thrill of walking under crossed swords."

Janet Claterbos is quite well but can't navigate very much. Rachel Herrick also regrets having to miss our 70th—"I'm well and happily located here in Ft Collins, CO, surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and old friends." Dick Singer writes that he & Nena are doing fine. Still getting around, but no long auto trips lately.

Sid & Gina Hinds wrote 11 Sep: "On 1 Sep we had Dick & Nena Singer and Marian Johnston for a small gathering on Nena's birthday. . . . We had a happy time together. We try to see each other as much as possible but often other needs and health prevent. . . . Though the temperature outside is at 100 we're always more than comfortable with all conveniences under one roof at our Army Ret Residence here. . . ."

A letter came from Rhu Taylor's daughter Nancy Evans of Falconer, NY: "I belong to the org 'Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor' comprised of survivors and friends who maintain contact through a magazine of their own because I lived there pre-war with my parents and loved Manila very much. . . ." She enclosed a copy of a letter to the ed from Carl Engelhart, published in the Sep issue, opposing proposed legislation to reimburse Japanese residents of our West Coast who were moved out and interned for the duration of the war when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Carl knew whereof he spoke. Beginning his language study in 24 in HI he followed it up in 27 when attached to the military attache office at the American Embassy in Tokyo for full-time language study. From his Japanese teachers he also learned their customs and culture and that "the official attitude of the Japanese govt was that every Japanese person, no matter where he was residing in the world, owed his loyalty and allegiance to the . . . Emperor." In his intelligence duties in Manila before and after Pearl Harbor and as a Japanese POW for over 3 1/2 yrs he saw this attitude in actual practice. American "citizenship had nothing to do with it."

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Bill & Marge Lawton spent part of last summer at Ogunquit, ME as was their usual custom. While there they toured around New England including Newport, RI, Bill's hometown, and while there he saw his two brothers who still live there. Upon returning home the latter part of Sep, they will move from their Bethesda home to Fairfax-Marriott Ret Home at Ft Belvoir, VA. Since they

do not know if they are going to like the ret home they will not sell their Bethesda home. Even though they have lived in that house for the past 25 yrs, I am sure they will like the ret home.

In a phone conversation with Carol Olmsted, she told me that George's condition is about the same. I think about you a lot George, and here's extending to you my best regards.

PD Lynch's autobiography is about to go to the press. Let us know when it is ready so we can buy a copy. Mark McClure wrote me that he is reading Max Taylor's biography which has been written by his son John.

Last Sep Hazel & I celebrated our 66th wedding anniv.

Meps' son wrote that Meps has moved to Forrest Lake, PO Box 11529, Martinez, GA 30907. Meps' son is a graduate, Class of '56. He is a ret MG.

Carroll Sullivan phoned me asking about how we survived Hurricane Hugo. Actually all we got here was a slight breeze, thank God.

Once again, please write about what you are doing.

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We are truly sorry that Wendell Johnson, due to painful arthritis in his fingers, has had to resign as scribe. He has done an outstanding job with the same excellence displayed by Baron Kehm and Don Tredennick. He has the thankful appreciation of the Class and our hopes that he will soon recover full use of his hands.

James Landrum '36 has kindly forwarded an AK newspaper clipping announcing the establishment of the John Rutherford Noyes endowed scholarship by John's widow, Lily Noyes. It will be awarded to students at U AK Southeast majoring in science or education who demonstrate motivation plus academic and leadership potential. Judge spent much of his service in AK and, at the time of his death in a 1956 plane crash, was AG of AKNG with BG rank.

The Ray Pierces suffered a drastic change in traveling plans in Jun when Ray fell and injured his back. His recovery has been slow, and he still avoids long car trips. He & Mary are near neighbors of Ruth Johnson, widow of FR who was USMA's first Rhodes Scholar. Ray reports that PD & Mary Weikert are doing very well, despite both being legally blind. They have an excellent helper who drives their car when needed for shopping and other desired activities.

Pinkey Palmer had a gathering of family and friends on 8 Aug, his wedding anniv and Elizabeth's birthday, to honor the memory of Elizabeth who died in

early spring. He was particularly happy to have Glenn Jr '52 and 3 grandchildren present. Unfortunately neither the **Pierces** nor the **Buckleys** could attend; the former were grounded and the latter were in HI.

Eleanor & I had 12 good days on Oahu, Kauai, and Maui, all in the custody of our son Tom S.J. He received a plane ticket to Honolulu to witness the marriage of two of his former Loyola Marymount U students, and when not otherwise engaged he drove the car many mi and walked us hrs. How we envied the 6 and 7 yr olds who scampered up and down the trails while we homeward plodded our weary way, to borrow from Gray with modifications. We recommend highly the Sunday brunch at Tripler.

Bill Craigie in early Sep made his 7th annual fly-in from Carthage, MO to Galesburg, IL. The flight was with his friend Dan Buck, the Stearman owner. In Oct he made a similar fly-in to Jennings, LA. Bill was the project off for the testing of this plane in 1935. It became the PT-13 of which 10,000 were produced and about 1500-2000 are still operational. Understandably Bill has a paternal interest in the plane. In 35 I escorted a Zouve ROTC team from Purdue to Ohio State U for a Pershing drill meet. On return we stopped at Wright Field where Bill gave us a tour. As a result many fine Purdue men became Air Corps offs.

Bill writes that **Dot Robinson** had a party for **Robby's** 90th birthday, a grand affair held a few mos ago at March AFB OC. A note from John Coulahan '45 requests assistance for **Edith Cowles**, the second wife and widow of **Charlie Cowles** who died in 74. They had been married 12 yrs. She knows very little of his cadet yrs and mil service and is desirous of knowing more. Anyone who can help her with stories or incidents, please write to Edith S Cowles, 15 1/2 Water St, Mystic, CT 06355. Tel: 203-536-3131.

As Hurricane Hugo was bearing down on him in Charleston, SC, I phoned **Bill Lucas** to see how he was doing. Bill was still low-key and riding out the storm at home. His situation reminded me of his remark some yrs ago when the 7 Div Arty CG was concerned that Bill was not moving fast enough to prepare for the Kwajalein op. Bill told him, "Let's not confuse activity with accomplishment."

Marge Rich from SA writes that at her luncheon in Jul **Emily Timberlake** and "**Punkey**" **Jasmison** were guests. In May Punkey cruised for 10 days along the eastern shore in a clipper ship. Emily visited her brother and wife at Midland, TX in Oct, and Marge visited her daughter and son-in-law in Boyce, VA.

Marge also wrote that **Lucy**, widow of **Tom Lewis**, died last yr as a result of a fall. Lucy had very poor eyesight for

many yrs. **Slats Schlatter's** widow, "**Berbie**," died 29 Jun. Marge, Emily and Punkey attended the memorial service at Christ Episcopal Church in SA. Pete Leone, Jr '54 sent an announcement of the death of his mother, **Caroline** ("**Pee-wee**") **Leone**, in Jun. Our condolences are extended to all the children and grandchildren of these classmates' wives.

Moe Cavender's wife **Lois** died 27 Aug in Sun City, CA. Burial services, attended by **Robby & Dot Robinson** and **Lyle & Louise Rosenberg**, were held in a local chapel. Lois had been a nurse for 20 yrs, a member of numerous civic orgs and an accomplished artist. Our condolence to Moe on the loss of a wonderful wife whose acquaintance we were happy to make at the 65th.



1923: Lois Cavender, 1917-1989

Howard Serig died 3 Feb in Bedminster, NJ. After ret in 53 he worked in the research div of NYU until 68. His wife **Chris** predeceased him in 75. Howard was interred in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. **Ken Sweeney** has made a contribution to WP Fund in his memory, and **Bill Craigie** has expressed the condolences from the Class to his son Howard Jr of Vienna, VA. Ken is in good health and he & his wife are taking their daily walks. In the summer they enjoyed a visit from their son and daughter-in-law, and Ken reports that much work was accomplished in the garden.

Frank Beadle died 13 Apr in Portland, OR and was buried with full mil honors in the Williamette Natl Cemetery. He was healthy until late Mar when he suffered a massive stroke. Marion, his first wife, died in 79. Frank married **Emmer** in 81, and she survives him as do sons David and Douglas and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ken has made a contribution in his memory, and Bill has expressed to Emmer the condolences from the Class.

To **Lee Shafer** we are indebted for **Tommy Timberman's** long obituary published in the *Washington Post* from which we get the following info. Tommy had the good fortune to come to the attention of MAJ (later GEN) Stilwell and LTC (later GEN) Marshall in China in the 20's; both of them were to have a

major impact upon Tim's later service. In 42 he was chief of the China Div in OPD where Stilwell brought to his personal attention shortcomings in support that Stilwell thought he needed and which were not being honored by WD. He later joined Stilwell, and when the latter was relieved, Tim joined Mountbatten's staff in Delhi as Dep US rep. He was with Marshall on the latter's mission to China in 46 and from 52-54 was US cmdr in Berlin. He terminated his mil career in cmd of ASA, after which he joined the Research Analysis Corp in McLean, VA.

Tim served the Cadet Sunday Catholic Mass for 4 yrs. When he graduated Fr Langdon is reputed to have told him that he would be a better priest than an Army off. So the church missed an exceptionally able cleric. Lee represented the Class at the funeral. Tim is survived by his daughter, Virginia, married to JW Callaghan '46; his son, Thomas, a Foreign Service officer who is US consul gen in Madras, India; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We would like to hear more from the Class widows and Class children. This has been a very rough yr with so many going to God. There are 35 left of 292 graduating, all living on the edge of eternity. But as **Gjelsteen** remarked some yrs ago, "Old age is not for sissies but it sure beats the alternative." It may be appropriate here to quote one of the most well-known remarks of the Com: "Gentlemen, I don't like it. It has to be stopped."

Since these notes will be published in Dec, this occasion is taken to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 1990.

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Tommy Holmes writes that the Class reunion in May was made more enjoyable for him by the company of his son, Tom, Jr. They stayed over through Sat which they spent driving around the post and "exploring" all the old familiar scenes of Tommy's cadet days. Sunday they crossed the river to Peekskill and drove back to LA by way of the eastern shore of the Hudson River.

John & Mae Hincke celebrated their 65th wedding anniv by opening a bottle of sparkling champagne on 28 Aug. That date antedated by only 5 days the same anniv on 2 Sep of the nuptials of **Ken & Melba Strother** who journeyed to Winfield, KS for the occasion. Their celebration included a dinner, organized and attended by many old friends, at least one of whom had been present at the original ceremonies in 1924.

Ken also recalls an unrecorded event

in the spring of that famous yr. As a substitute on the Army tennis squad he accompanied the team which played the Navy at Annapolis. While the Army team was well on its way to being completely shut-out by the Navy, Chaplain Wheat, the coach, sent for Ken, who had been watching the track meet, and entered him on the second double team. They won their match, making the final score 1 to 5 in favor of Navy, but qualifying Ken for the minor sport A.

Milrae Nelson is continuing her world travels. On 25 Aug she departed NY on the *Queen Elizabeth II*, arriving in Southampton, England on the 30th. She spent 3 days in London, sightseeing and going to the theater. Of particular interest was her visit to the American Chapel in St Paul's Cathedral. The chapel had been dedicated by VP Nixon in the presence of Queen Elizabeth in Nov 58. Milrae had been present for that affair as a staff member in charge of protocol and travel for the US Senate Foreign Affairs Comm from which she ret in 73. The most uniquely interesting experience on this latest trip to London was Milrae's return flight to NY on the British Airways CONCORDE. The plane departed London on 2 Sep at 6:45 pm and arrived NY on the same day at 5:35 pm, one hr and 10 mins before it departed. (We'll leave that to the reader to figure out.) In Oct Milrae attended a golf tournament in Bermuda after which she returned to her FL home for the winter.

Tom Malin writes that the CA Thundering Herd had its quarterly get-together on 6 Sep at the home in Santa Cruz of **Mike & Eleanor Buckley**, honorary members from the Class of '23. Present besides the Buckleys were **Martha Conrad, Jule Justice, the Malins, Pat Stebbins** and daughter, **Bettie Stephens** and her daughter, and **Bettie Van Wyk**. Following a no-host lunch at the Buckleys' club, Pat Stebbins gave a wonderful talk about the Class 65th Reunion at WP in May. Tom also says that he is ret from his job in estate planning because he has developed a tremor in his hands which prevents him from writing in long hand.

We have received an announcement from **George Finnegan** of his marriage on 22 Jul to **Fidella L Church**, a long-time friend in CA. We wish the happy couple all the best. They have stated that our kind thoughts are our best gifts to them.

Anne Moore is interested in obtaining a Class of '24 *Howitzer* because **Jim** had given his copy to his son. If anyone has an extra copy which they wish to dispose of, please notify Anne.

Classmates in the Wash area held their annual Class luncheon at The Westchester on 5 Oct. Those present included **Agnes John, Doug & Kitty Smith, Muriel Elmore, Marien Weinaug** and

guest, **Art & Rosalie Trudeau, Betty Mac Closkey, Milrae Nelson, Lorein Vogel, Clyde & Lorraine Eddleman, Betty Beurket, Bob & Florence Dewey, and John & Mae Hincke.**

Sammy Samouce has informed us of the sudden death of **Erica** from a massive heart attack in their home in VA Beach on 12 Aug. They had both been previously married and each has numerous children, grandchildren, and other relatives, living in many countries. Sammy has provided us with a copy of an obituary of Erica which he has written for the benefit of the 20 families now comprising the family "Clan." In it he describes their life together since 1959 and their travels to the many countries in Europe and around the world, during which they spent much time visiting those families.

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.



Russ Finn of La Jolla, CA sent me the following info about a program known as "Books on Tape" furnished by the Library of Congress (free) to help those of us who need it to keep up with book reading. He states: "My eye doctor told me about the Natl Library Service. A Partial Vision Center is located in La Jolla, and I went there with a note from the doctor, was interviewed and accepted as eligible for the Natl Library Service. . . . The patient can opt for books on cassettes or discs. . . . Borrowed tapes may be kept for 12 wks and the postage is free. I would expect that most eye doctors are familiar with this program. If not, one may call 1-800-252-9846."

MG Fred Zierath '33, who lives nearby, recently returned from the 24th Div reunion where he saw and brought greetings from **Red Newman**. He states that Red still retains his keen sense of humor and is as alert as ever.

In our Oct notes we gave an abbreviated report of **Don Bailey's** death. A letter from **Amy**, his widow, states that he died after a long illness at his home in Bethesda, MD on 18 Jul and was buried at WP on 21 Jul. Don's mil education started at Marion Mil Inst, Marion, AL, then at Culver, and finally at WP. Amy has donated Don's two Silver Stars and records to Marion Mil Inst where they will be displayed in MMI's new museum.

Frank Steer sent me a copy of his talk as the Oldest Grad at last yr's Founders Day banquet in HI. I think it will be interesting to all classmates.

"I have been the oldest grad at Founders Day banquets 11 times in the last 13 yrs; also, I have been around a long time, a little over 88 yrs and I wish to share with you some of my experiences with mil men before they became famous. First, there was 5-star GEN Douglas MacArthur. During WWI we both participated in the battles of St Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne. I was a private in the 33rd Div and he was chief of staff of the 42nd Rainbow Div. Later in 1920 I attended his wedding reception at WP. He was Supe for 2 yrs during my cadet days. In 1930-32 I served in the Philippines where BG MacArthur's 9 yr old son (by his second wife) was evacuated from the Philippines through Honolulu; I was charged with providing security for the son until his departure for the mainland. Late in WWII Pres Truman ordered 5-star GEN MacArthur to meet on a cruiser in Pearl Harbor and I was to provide the security for that meeting. GEN MacArthur kept Pres Truman waiting for about 30 mins and that was the beginning of the hard feelings between the two, which ultimately resulted in MacArthur's relief from cmd in 51.

"Next on my list is "THE BOY CAPTAIN" as he was known to the cadets in 1920. He was drilling the plebes in close order drill and gave the order, "SQUADS RIGHT" when we were in "TO THE REAR MARCH FORMATION" and the plebes wandered all over the parade ground. He started chewing us out and I asked to make a statement. I told "THE BOY CAPTAIN" that we were in rear march formation and could not possibly execute SQUADS RIGHT. He really heaved my puss back. And thereafter, whenever I was on guards he made me recite all the 12 general orders and the 17 special orders as well as a lot of other nonsense. His name was J Lawton Collins. After graduation I did not see him again until Dec 41, shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack. By that time he was a LTC, aide to LTG Delos C Emmons and had just arrived in HI. Their luggage had been lost and I was told to try to find it. I did locate the luggage, but kept it overnight and gave it to them the next day. He later became a 4-star GEN.

"The next mil off was known as the SOLDIER'S FRIEND, Omar Bradley. I was an instructor at WP and Omar Bradley was a LTC, asst to the Com. Once a mo for 4 yrs, we had a poker club (10 dollar table stakes) and I used to beat him regularly. One night during a game, I had a "KING UP AND A 5 IN THE HOLE" and I bet like I had KINGS backed. After 5 cards I had a king and three 5's showing. Omar had three 4's and a 10 showing. I made a sizeable bet and he tapped me. (Meaning he raised me all I had on the table). I could not get

my money in fast enough. I had four 5's and he had four 4's. We had many good times together.

"In 47 I was the air provost marshal of the Army Air Corps. LTG Touey Spaatz was the C/S. One day after a staff meeting, he told me to wait. He said, 'Steer, I notice you are wearing Inf insignia. I would like for my staff to wear the EGG BEATERS (Air Corps insignia).' I told him that the Air Corps did not want any 46 yr old cols. At that time, the average age of eagle cols was about 36 yrs. He replied, submit your application for transfer and see what happens. I did and he approved the transfer, and I became the sr col in the Hq, Army Air Corps.

"I think I have time for one more. I have to tell you about my RUN-IN with Majs Butcher, Bonesteel, and Simon Boliver Buckner when I was a first classman.

"I was 4 hrs late returning from a Navy game and had to appear before the Bn Board, and the three B's, Butcher, Buckner, and Bonesteel. When they asked me why I was late, I replied that I had unfinished social business and was not ready to return. MAJ Buckner said, 'Young man, don't you know that is desertion?' I replied, 'No,' and proceeded to explain the difference between desertion and AWOL. It didn't do any good. They gave me 22 demerits, 6 mos confinement and 100 punishment tours. And I became the King of the Birds."

Recently, I talked to **Harry Spillinger** in Seattle. He & **Peg** are fine, or to use his words, at least "up and about." He expects to attend our 65th reunion.

Received a short letter from **Bill Gilmore** along with a photo of himself and his daughter, **Frances** (Mrs Autrey Maroun), taken at the 89 Founders Day banquet at Ft Ord, CA. He stated that



1925: Frances Maroun and Bill Gilmore; Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

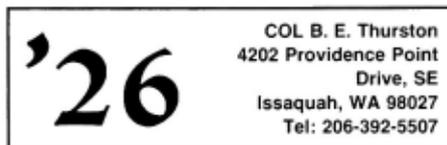
Sylvia was not feeling well, so **Frances** accompanied him. He also stated that all was well in the Carmel area.

Hoppie Hopkins & Sophia have sold their apt at Rehoboth Beach, DE and are now in their home in Longwood, FL. (Address: 307 Spring Run Circle, Longwood, FL, 32779.) Hoppie says they will consider themselves Floridians from now on. Sophia's relatives live in the

area which makes it pleasant to be there. He states that he is still recovering from some sort of illness which keeps him sleeping a good part of the time and his thinking is still a bit "fuzzy," but he still hopes to make the reunion. While **Hoppie** is no longer the designated recipient of Class dues, I feel sure that he would still appreciate receiving your letters.

Haydon Grubbs sent me a copy of an invitation he received to **Wilmer Bennett's** birthday party. **Wilmer** reached the ripe young age of 90 on 14 Oct 89, and is still going strong. **Haydon** also reported that as a result of correspondence with **Charlie Saltzman**, **Charlie** seemed to be in fine shape.

Let's close ranks and rendezvous at WP for our 65th. Time for us youngsters to live it up.



The good news for '26 in this issue: there isn't any bad news or at least nothing serious. A fine letter from our oldest living grad, **Jimmy Wade** who will reach 90, Deo volente, by the time this squib sees print, was written in thick, black ink (and printed, too) owing to **Jimmy's** difficulty in seeing finer work. He was particularly concerned over the condition of **Matty Matthias** inasmuch as the two were roommates during our yearling and second class yrs, thanks to their Tac, **Vernon Prichard**, who paired them off. **Jessie** still drives their auto and drives well; **Jimmy** hopes that she'll be able to continue as family chauffeuse for a few more yrs.

Edwina White was a member of a delightful party **Marje Roosma** gave at the Army and Navy Country Club in Wash, DC as she passed through from her annual stay at Rehoboth Beach, DE. Guests included son **John S Roosma II** & wife, grandson **John S Roosma III**, **Ada Collins**, **Marje** and **Edwina** (of course), **Leon Johnson**, **Freddy Munson**, **John Eakin** et al. **Edwina** recounts what she calls "a minor mishap," a fall as she exited her car, though nothing more serious (not even her glasses were broken) than a gorgeous black-and-blue eye plus assorted facial bruises. **Edwina** has visited the Army Ret Res in Ft Belvoir. She reports that **Ada Collins**, **Red & Dort Reeder**, **Vald & Ev Heiberg**, **Leon Johnson** are either in residence or headed thereto. The ambiance delighted her and the food, too. But she loves her present home too much to leave it as long as she can drive and chooses to stay put even though she has given a deposit on an apt in the Fairfax.

Margaret McNeerney sends greetings to all the Class; yrs ago she knew many of our members and wives and now still hears

from **Betty James**. Now **Margaret** is still doing the same old things, walks slower, paints less though she continues volunteer work at sr centers (teaching a painting class) as well as driving people who have no wheels. **Margaret** has also added bingo and blackjack (in the sr centers and at Reno) to her activities because she can sit down for both. She still drives the free-ways through the fearsome 24-hr traffic. Recently her lovely white Chevy Caprice Classic was stolen, then recovered stripped and grease sprayed (to obliterate fingerprints). The good USAA gave her a comfortable settlement with which she bought a fully satisfactory car from a neighbor. How about a few letters to her from former friends to renew acquaintances?

Our Class Pres, **Red Corderman**, writes that he & **Virginia** are both fine though they've slowed a lot. Still they play golf and bridge and bowl in a league. In Aug they celebrated their 60th wedding anniv. Present were 3 children, 14 (out of 15) grands and 5 great-grands, plus assorted nephews and nieces who came to help celebrate the great day. **Red** reports that the **Bayers** are "not too good healthwise but they are getting about." **Red**, you and **Virginia** have the admiration and respect of the Class for the splendid family you have given our nation. A grand salaam to you both!

A short note from **Rod Smith** remarks that the dwindling Wash area '26 contingent is being augmented by the arrival of Class members at the Fairfax Army Comm Ctr (**Freddie Munson** once reminisced that only a few yrs back more than 20 class members and/or widows showed up at the monthly Class dinners). **Rod** picked up **Red & Dort Reeder** and brought them to a luncheon at the A-N Country Club arranged by **Leon Johnson**; also attending—**Freddy Munson**, **Frances Hutton** and **Edwina White**. **Rod** had a few words about the rioting students who tore up **Virginia Beach, VA**, earlier this yr in an imitation of the annual Palm Springs fracas and then complained of "police brutality" as the townspeople tried to put down looting and to preserve basic property rights.

Mac & Kay McFarland with the help of their younger son moved into a ret home at Woodway Inn, Apt 309, 205 E Anton, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. Their new home has 2 BR, 2B, large LR though no Ki, all meals being furnished. **Mac** knows some of the inmates already and claims he is most pleased and happy with the move. He now has a license which permits him to drive in daylight; **Kay** will soon get her special license, too. So both feel more secure being able to depend on their own wheels for transportation. Meanwhile, instead of waiting for death to do it for them, the **McFarlands** have distributed some of their estate to their children.

POT POURRI: Don & Ro Booth have returned to their Santa Barbara home from a visit to Ro's sister & husband in Las Vegas, claiming that they had had a fine time. **Hal Doud** asserts he is supporting 4 MD's who give him good reports; nevertheless he is still bothered by prostate troubles despite that attention. He continues his usual exercises at the gym which he visits tri-weekly for what he claims are "not too strenuous" workouts which include a 4-mi walk around the gym track. We'd not take much joy in one of your strenuous workouts, Hal. **Angela Kaylor** continues her customary work with veterans, abused and/or battered women and suchlike people. For a more pleasant side of her volunteer work she continues to use her experience through teaching swimming and diving to handicapped children. During her spare moments she takes care of a grandson, babysitting or tending him overnight or during a wkend. Pretty nice to have a babysitter like Angela, isn't it? **Aline Kirchoff** moves on 1 Nov into the Army Ret Center where she has a comfortable apt with adequate space. Meanwhile, she has sold her home. When the real estate agents first showed it, Aline ducked out. When she returned she found that the agent had sold the place at Aline's asking price. So a fine and happy ret, Aline! By the time you read this, **Hal Forde**, who is utterly fascinated with the African scene, will have returned from an AOG-sponsored trip to Kenya, spending 2 wks to visit a series of game refuges in Kenyan Natl Parks. He and his gp travel over elementary and broken dirt roads in vans with lifting tops so that viewers may stand up to catch the amazing sights. Hal couldn't wait to get started. All the foregoing PP from our inquiring reporter, **Spud Murphy**, who remained silent on his & Gen's circumstances—good, one hopes.

'27

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A note from **Mac Miller** reports that the **Garlands** and **Millers** are driving to Durham, NC for the Army-Duke game in early Oct. Mac had asked **Dan (DP) Miller**, who lives in Durham, to join them. Dan answered that his wife was seriously ill but that he would join them if he possibly could. **Nelly Fooks** plans to join the party!

'28

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Susan Finch, daughter of **Paul Sanders**, sent me some news of her daughter CPT **Mary M Finch '83**. You may re-

member that **Mimi** and her parents added much to our 55th by their presence there. **Mimi** has finished all of her course work for her master's degree in leader development. This is the first time in history that WP has offered a master's degree. The 88-89 yr was spent in course work in which she did very well and this second yr is called a practicum. The 4 officers in the course are all Tacs. **Mimi** is the Tac for A-2 and was one of the Tacs for Beast Barracks. WP is now planning to take in 12 a yr for this program in leader dev to train Tac officers. **Mimi** has also been elected as AOG Trustee-At-Large and may be the youngest. Congrats from '28.

Dunc & Dinny Sommerville stay on the go. They had a trip a while ago starting at Istanbul and going on a river steamer to Vienna. Lots of red tape with the Rumanian and Bulgarian officials but saw beautiful scenery. This past summer they took in our western natl parks, and Zion Canyon was breathtaking. It is good to travel while you can.

Yesterday (11 Oct) **Luke Finlay** had me to lunch at the Yacht Club of Annapolis, a delightful spot. We had a fine get-together. Saw **Annie Sue** briefly at his home. She requires constant nursing care.

'29

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Hadn't realized the pictures of the classmates attending the reunion were difficult to identify so here are the names L to R Front—**Royall '30, Keeler, Thompson, McCulla, Steinbeck, O'Hara, Hail, Rear—Vittrup, Stevning, Horton, Sundt, McClelland, Stephenson**.

Among other things the 60th Reunion has infected several attendees with the "Travel Bug." **Don & Vonnie Stevning** spent a mo on Maui and the Big Isl in HI; **Paul Steinbeck** followed up his pursuit of Spanish by going to Costa Rica, enrolled in a language class there and lived for 3 wks with a family of 5 who spoke no English; **Libby & Jack Latimer** Bracken, after attending from other reunions, had a Latimer reunion at the first granddaughter's wedding. There were 36 Latimers there including 18 grandchildren (3 from the West Coast, 2 from CO, 1 from London, and the rest from the Eastern seacoast) and 3 great-grands (almost runs **Jack & Rhoda Stone** competition). The **Keelers** in CT to NE; the **Hails** with stopovers en route to S.F. Bay; **Jim & Lois Stephenson** taking the long way to S.A. via NE; **Paul & Josette Thompson** over a mo in France. Expanding on **Pat & Betty O'Hara's** two trips—the first to Seattle, Vancouver then up to AK on the S.S. *Universe* which was an educational rather than a vacation cruise. Professors

gave lectures on history, flora, fauna, and special things to look for at the next of 11 ports in 2 wks. Later in Jul they made their bi-annual trip to New Braunfels, TX for the O'Hara family reunion with 27 attendees. **Pat** was amazed to discover that the "bunch of kids" has become a gp of smart, well educated, resourceful and handsome ladies and gentlemen. A feature was a dinner **Jim & Lois Stephenson** had for the O'Haras, **Red & Bette Cooper** (**Pat's** roommate first class yr) and **Billy & Helen Greear**. See photo.



1929: Red Cooper, Pat O'Hara, Billy Greear and Jim Stephenson

Ruth & Don Sundt went to Pittsburgh to see grandson graduate with a 4.0 index and head for VA Tech. (Next yr I'll tell you more about Dan and the Newark Memorial Parade). Not to be outdone, **Dot** (w/o cast) & I went up to Cape Cod for a couple of wks of enjoying its "coalth" and catching some nice bluefish. Now we're on Sanibel Isl enjoying doing virtually nothing except admiring the results of **Jean's** shelling and not worrying about the hazards of Hurricane "Hugo."

One of the recent notes promised **Slim Vittrup's** poem "Vanished Weekend," so here it is, but will have to omit **Jack Horton's** travelogue on So American visit because of editor's restrictions on space. Sorry.

VANISHED WEEKEND

Gone, gone forever, never to return again.
Blended like the colours by a weaver into the pasts of men.
The sun meets the purple hills, and the rays of the passing day.
Cut out from the autumn background that line of invincible gray.
The roar of the mechanical world, and the hills and the mountains are
Brought into a common union with the spit from a tongue of fire,
And the echo resounds from hill to hill thru the twilight air.
There's a thrill that bites you to the marrow when you see them standing there.
With the blast from the blaring trumpet, and the beat of the thundering drum,

Row on row, that long gray line in rhythmic cadence comes,
 Then, as the gray turns to black in the last of the shimmering light,
 They disappear into the shadows of the slowly enveloping night.
 The motors begin to roar and the trains begin to groan,
 The weekend is over, they are here to take Her home,
 Back to the land of reality, back to the dollar and cent.
 It is gone forever, never to return again, the weekend; the weekend—is spent.

Soon after our return we visited **Marion McDonald** & **Harvey Sheppard** for a few days and were also dinner guests of **Bob & Mary Cook** and **Tommy & Rose DuBose**. They have enjoyed the Reunion "A" Book which was on display at our 60th. Hope to have the "60th 'A'" book ready to show them. **Midge Ward** wasn't at the 60th but she visited **Midgie** in Indianapolis and made several jaunts to outstanding antique and Oriental art shows before **Midgie** brought her home. About the time you read this she will join us in Pinecrest Place.

Jim Stephenson made a visit to his mother in Amarillo, TX. She is 102, about the same age as **Pat O'Hara's** mother at their previous reunion.

Considerable progress has been made in finalizing the enhancement of the '29 Corridor. Details will be reported in the next issue.

Unfortunately, we have several losses to report. When we learned of **Ernie Heidland's** death on 12 Jun we found that **Davie** pre-deceased him on Christmas Eve. Both were cremated and their ashes scattered over the Pacific. **Charley Tench** died 12 Jun and was buried at WP where **Paul & Josette** represented the Class. **Marian Calloway** died 27 Jul and was buried in Arlington. **Elin (Pete) Pearson** died 10 Aug. No particulars or preferences for memorials are yet available for **Pete**. At **CG's** request the Class contribution was made to the AOG.

Many changes, in addition to the above, are needed in the 60th Reunion Roster: **Charles G Calloway**, 9210 Belvoir Woods Pkwy #205, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. **Desirée Huglin**, 111 Old Hickory Blvd #186, Nashville, TN 37221. **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss**. **Marshall Stubbs**, 353 Springmoor Dr, Raleigh, NC 27615. **Donald A Stevning**, Thunderbird Country Club Box 5005, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 (Yvonne). **Russell L Vittrup**, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-2712. **Mrs Robert W Ward**, 1150 8th Ave SW #102, Largo, FL 34640. Geographical: AZ-4, CA-21, CO-5, FL-24, PA-5, TN-5, VA-17.

Some good news that **Bill Bullock** is recuperating from abdominal surgery. **Maxie & Evelyn Noble's** oldest grand-

son, **Mark Noble McLean**, was married and he really looked like **Maxie**.

Apparently we are not the only ones to have difficulties with **Horizon Photography**, so it is no longer the AOG photographer and any comments I made about ordering any copies of reunion pictures are no longer valid.

There have been many complimentary letters to **Paul** & me about the reunion, and we appreciate them. **Ben Wimer** spoke very highly of **Doby Kraft** and his intentions of being at the 60th. Also how few and far between are any WPers around *Terre Haute*. **Jim Stephenson** confirmed **Pat O'Hara's** report and reiterated that the party where he read the telegram **Paul Thompson** sent for **Gen Bob McDermott** was a huge success tho' he didn't quote **McDermott's** comments. **Dee Dee Armstrong** very happy about reunion and because of ample rain not having to drag hoses around. **KD & Jackie Nichols** report that if last May he'd felt the way he does now, they would have been at the reunion. He seems to have a real "green thumb" when it comes to growing melons. Both **Freddie & "Little Abe" Lincoln** appreciate everything about the 60th. The date has not yet been set for the dedication of *Lincoln Hall* at *Ft Leonard Wood*. I hope that the wording on both plaques is quoted in *ASSEMBLY*. **Joe Devney** didn't know how he missed being in the Class picture, but everything else was fine.

The Class of '29 can take a great deal of pride in the magnificent job our **Paul Thompson** has done as a key member of the comm to administer the gift of \$2 million *Olmsted '22* made to WP in '79. It is comparable in magnitude to the more familiar one *Gen Cullum* made by his will of \$250,000 in 1892 when both are converted to current dollars. Because of the way it was managed, as are other AOG funds, its present value for paying the bills is almost double the original so WP has a truly magnificent museum. You can read about it elsewhere in *ASSEMBLY*, but not really the parts that are self effacing. **Paul** did a lot to insure its success. Both he & **Josette** attended the dedication where he made a few short remarks as member of the *Olmsted Gift Comm*, not as former pres of AOG.

Some late reports—the **Keelers** in *Charleston* sat out "Hugo" in their home which had been a point of refuge in "Gracie," a much smaller hurricane 30 yrs ago, and declared it "a great experience." **Larry & Betty Bork** on *Hilton Head*, having seen a dozen typhoons and the '44 hurricane on *Cape Cod*, evacuated as directed and so did **Lou Quill**. They ran into terrific traffic jams on the way out and had much worse rain and wind inland than *Hilton Head* received. On their return, damage was minimal, mainly due to *Spanish Moss* absorbing

so much water that trees broke or were uprooted.

The *Ft Ord Stadium* was named for **Paul Freeman** on 7 Sep. **Chuck Rau** was there to see **Gen Cavezza** preside at the ceremony, but didn't see **Mary Anne Freeman** or **Dutch & Hank Kraus**. **Bill Francis** was just out of the hosp and unable to attend. In May, **Jim Winn**, *Gen Marshall's* grandson, spoke at the 25th anniv of the *Marshall Library*. Sorry his dad couldn't have been there instead of in the *Vets Hosp* in *Martinsville, WV*—**McKenzie** is fortunate to have grandchildren who hosted an 85th birthday party for him in *Duxbury, MA*. Sixteen adults were there, and 2 of the 9 great-grandchildren. He had planned a short trip to the *Virgin Isl* but I think "Hugo" changed his mind. During the Labor Day wkend, **Hunt & Anita Bassett** had the good fortune to be able to assemble most of the members of 4 family generations. Included were their daughter **Frances Hill**, her daughter **Heidi** and son **Michael**, his wife **Linda** and their 3 children. **Bill Vestal** is plugging along despite lost weight. **Vivi** takes good care of him and still plays lots of good golf. **Red Cooper** is back from a "big game hunt" but didn't bag the mouse in their cottage. **Helen Poinier** was a very attractive model at an *ARC style show*. **Marilu Hammock** is quite seriously ill at *Brooke Army Med Ctr* after a stroke. Her 2 sons live there and are very attentive. **Billy Greear** saw her 18 Sep and said she was improving. **Caroline Jark** is attractive as ever and enjoying life, although her son recently married and moved from *S.A.* **Betty Harkins** seems to enjoy life to the fullest and stays busy. About this time her daughter **Virginia** and **Les Carter '48** (neighbors of ours) should be visiting her. Both **Helen Greear** and **Jim Stephenson** are active in bridge and indoor activities, and **Helen** does a lot of church work for the benefit of sinners, such as **Billy**.

In addition to the floral piece at **Tench's** services and a memorial contribution in memory of **Marian Calloway**, we are making one to the *Cabanatuan Memorial Maintenance Fund* in memory of our 6 classmates, **Byrd, Fries, Kinnee, Latimer, Noble**, and **Smothers** who were lost in the *P.I.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'30	COL O. B. Beasley
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	Falls Church, VA 22044
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I ran across a picture in the file recently (unfortunately not reproducible). In Jan 74 **Larry Talcott** was elected Commodore of the *Coral Ridge Yacht Club* at *Ft Lauderdale, FL*. The club's Jan publication, *Squall Lines*, had good photo

coverage of the event. Larry was proud of this achievement; and, he & Buddie definitely enjoyed their "tour" as Commodore. The Class should know that one of our members made the illustrious rank of Commodore!

On 16 Aug **Jean Quinn** called to say that **Connie Booth** had called her about the upcoming ceremony at Arlington Cemetery which she hoped to attend. She also said that she plans to attend the 60th Reunion with **Eleanor Bogart**, a close neighbor. Jean is in good shape now after illness in the winter, so, she now plans one more trip to the West Coast of So America. She is one traveling lady!

Received a very nice letter 18 Aug from **Bob Cron** in Walnut Creek. Bob assures me he has prepared an obit and has given copies to various family members. He had 27 yrs of regular service in 3 different branches. He then had 17 yrs as an educator. Since that time he has served as a volunteer in numerous orgs, but is now cutting back on responsibility and leadership positions.

Bob says his health is not too bad, even after 3 operations. His **Elnora** is still bubbling with energy. The two of them hope to be able to resume traveling next yr, if not sooner. Many thanks, and good luck Bob.

I reported in the Oct notes that we would present a 1930 Class plaque to Arlington Cemetery, at a special full dress ceremony on 20 Aug. Well, it all came to pass in great style under a blue sky in perfect weather. There were several hundred public visitors at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the time of the 11:00 a.m. ceremony. **Pete King** presented the Class wreath at the Tomb. His accompanying party consisted of **Carter, Mitchell, and Beasley**.



1930: Pete King laid wreath for Class at Tomb of Unknown Soldier

After the wreath ceremony, the Class plaque was officially presented by **Andy O'Meara** with very appropriate remarks to a rep of the Memorial Affairs Div of Arlington Cemetery.

Thereafter the Class of '30 party adjourned to the OC at Ft Myer for a delicious lunch and joyous celebration. There were some 46 guests including a very happy **Pete & Betty King**, their son



1930: Andy O'Meara presents Class plaque to Arlington Cemetery

and several personal guests; **Andy & Ellen O'Meara**; **Connie Booth**; Mrs **Irving Schimmelpennig** from the Virgin Isls with two daughters and a son; **Sterling Wright** from Fiddler's Green; **Pat Dodge**; **Charlotte Brisach** who managed the lunch; **Herb & Site Mitchell**; **Dick & Louise O'Keefe**; **Adam Koscielniak**; **Bill Carter**; **Ned & Vivian Moore** with a son and a grandson; **Max & Amelia Janairo** with son Tony, his wife, and two grandchildren; **Bob Porter** with his daughter and son-in-law; **Janet Packard Pritchett**, Ila's daughter, and her husband; **Charlie Dodge's** daughter **Sue** and husband; **Hank Royal** from Chapel Hill; **Fergie & Pat Ferguson** from near Philly; **Fran Kromer** who drove herself safely from DC; **Millard Lewis**; and, **Ben & Mary Beasley**. **Charlie Olin** was at the ceremony but could not stay for lunch. Some of the lucky ones there are shown below.



1930: Mrs Schimmelpennig and Sterling Wright; Ft Myer, 20 Aug

I say again that the Class is much indebted to our Pres **Pete King** for persisting in bringing this long enduring project to a resounding successful conclusion! For an 8"x 10" color picture of the plaque, send \$8.00 to your scribe.

Tom Miffin wrote me on 1 Sep that "**Turk**" **Nelson's** grandson, **Tom Nelson**, is now a yearling at WP. He enclosed a picture of this young man with our Tom, which I show herein. They are at lunch in Wash Hall. Tom & **Ellen** are now settled and happy in their new home in McLean Village, Simsbury, CT, after their recent double move. Many thanks to you good folks.



1930: Earl Casner, Pat Dodge and Bill Carter; Ft Myer



1930: Ben & Mary Beasley; Ft Myer



1930: Tom Miffin at WP with Landy Thomas Nelson '92, March

Ralph Swofford wrote me a welcome note on 16 Sep. He & "**Marty**" are doing well in their high in the sky apt home in AF Village in San Ant. They see very few classmates, but would love to do so. If you go that way, give them a call; they are in the phone book.

I am very, very sorry to report that **Millard Lewis** fell and broke his hip yesterday, 27 Sep, and is now in Walter Reed Hosp, Ward 56. **Bill Carter** plans to contact him today, as does **Pete King**. So far I have not been able to reach him by phone. Millard was in the midst of having our letters and envelopes printed for the 60th Reunion. He is most generous about this work, having handled it for the last several reunions gratis. We do sincerely hope he is well treated, and has a complete recovery soon.

In spite of the above, you can be sure your Reunion Comm is hard at work.

Bill Harris (Bethesda) wants you all to know that although he is in semi-con-

finement at home, he still gets out several times per wk, has excellent help, and continues to enjoy life.

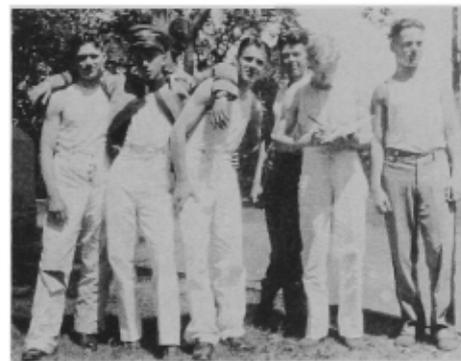
For all of you out there, the DC Gang hopes you had a hearty Thanksgiving, and will have a joyous and blessed Christmas. We would be very happy to hear from you.

'31

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In the last issue you read about **Tommy Howze's** receipt of her Red Cross chapter's 1988 award for her long, dedicated service as a volunteer and of the inspiration she instilled in others. And now Tommy has been presented the prestigious natl Red Cross citation, the Clara Barton Honor Award, in recognition of meritorious service in volunteer leadership over an extensive period.

Jake Smart is doing just fine after an updated replacement of an earlier hip replacement. **Johnny Davis'** knee renovation is doing so well that he now moves about caneless. He & **Wilma** spent 3 wks at Leavenworth, KS, the site of his birth, early last fall and thence to Houston, TX for the 13-14 Oct meeting of the Assoc of Former Intelligence Officers, of which both are members, and he also of the Bd of Dirs. Incidentally, it was the proximity of Johnny's birthplace to the Inf-Cav post that gave him the urge to WP. **Warren & Margot Hoover**



1931: Dickey, Carter, MS, Williams, Coyle, Thomas and Cosgrove

recently visited **Moppy Perry** and his daughter at their place near Susquehanna, PA and dropped by to see **Gussie Hardick** at Rainbow Farms, Eaglesmere, PA. **Mac & Georgia McBride** stopped by to see **George & Tommie Speidel** in Raleigh, NC on their way to one of Mac's battery reunions. After several yrs and much effort, **Martha Bethune** has finished her book, *Race with the Wind, The Personal Life of Albert B Fall*. Ubiquitous **Harry & Norma Cooper** were off again in Oct—this time for Bay City, MI for a visit to their daughter, Barbara & her husband, Don Anker '51. **Dee Spangler** is reported to be recovering from a

broken hip. And **Dean Herman** was on the recovery trail from a light heart attack.

Moppy Perry was a third of a mini-reunion when our WI-MI members, **Art Hercz, Les Kunish**, and he met at the rainy MI State-Miami of OH game in Sep. **Patsy**



1931: Damberg, Stroker, Welsh, Burroughs, Green and Hampton

& **Pat Hunter's** youngest grandson, carrying on the traditions passed along to him by his father, Howard W Hunter Jr '54, is a plebe at WP and on the plebe lacrosse team. **Curley & Marion Wilson**—this is news—traveled x-country to San Jose by train to see one of their sons. After this currently unusual experience they did return by air. **Ozzie & Allison Tyler** spent another of the last 20 odd summers in their cabin in the Huckleberry Mt area of NC in the delightful country a bit SE of Asheville. They



1931: Jewett and Lester

crossed paths with **Dick & Priss Jewett** and **Fletcher & Miss Anne Cole** at luncheons, respectively, in nearby Hendersonville and at the lively club in Cashiers. Also, **Chickie Buck** stayed a couple of days with the Tylers, who later took her over to her brother's at Linville. **Ozzie**, in consideration of a prime time piece last summer to the effect that Americans led the world in fat people, has set down in poetry his thoughts to guide our great-grandchildren:

FAT AMERICANS

Chubby, healthy babies
Are a pleasure to behold
And from nourished sturdy children
Come strong adults we are told.
But in affluent America

We do not stop at that
And from sturdy healthy children
They wind up getting fat.
With Wendy's on every corner
And a Coke at every turn
When will we indulgent parents
Learn the lessons we must learn?
It takes real character to diet.
If we stop an instant to reflect
We must discipline ourselves and
our children
Or what can we expect?
Greece and then Rome both tum-
bled
Our fate will be just as rude
In each little pocket there is money
In each little stomach—junk food!
—OZ Tyler, Jul 89

John Sullivan died in San Ant on 18 Sep. You will all remember that he was our first cpt during yearling deadbeat and summer camp. He was a leader from beginning to end. John was laid to rest on 21 Sep in the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, **Florence**, to whom we give our heartfelt sympathy.

Address changes: Two friends from Providence, RI girlhood days met again at the new Fairfax ret facility built by Marriott at 9120 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060: **Betty Stiness**, Apt 219, tel (703) 799-4947; **Betty Frederick**, Apt 410, Tel (703) 781-8259; and the **Littles** are in Apt 101, tel will be published later.

'32

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14 KARAT WEDDING DAY. **Tiny Hartshorn** drove up to Bayview, MI (closer to the North Pole than it is to the equator) to attend **Harry & Isabel Porter's** golden wedding splurge. It was a gala luncheon with champagne and toasts put on by the Porters' 3 children who are a class act in themselves. **Paige**, the oldest and mother of their granddaughter, is on the other side of the equator at the Univ of Queensland with 35,000 students in Brisbane, Australia. **Paige** is a PhD, a Prof of Education, Dean of the Faculty and head of the Education Dept.

John Porter is a free-lance advertising marketer living in Minneapolis, and he is a charmer. Everybody smiles when they see John. The younger son is a Navy LCDR stationed at Norfolk where he has quarters on the base.

Tiny said there wasn't a dry eye in the place when **Harry** made a little speech about their life together, and when **Isabel** responded they got choked up all over again. **Tiny** also told about the wedding of her grandson, daughter **Ellen's** middle boy. Held in Memphis, with bridesmaids and families on both



1932: Harry & Isabel Porter

sides present—the works. It also served as a pleasant family reunion.

FINAL FAREWELLS. Just the day after I mailed the copy for the last issue, I got a phone call from Phil Pryor '58 who told me that his dad, our classmate **Del**, had died. Phil followed up with a good letter including the accompanying pic.



1932: Delbert Pryor with granddaughters Janet and Penny Pryor

Over the years **Del** had a good record. On D-Day he was with the 27th Inf in HI and continued in the Pacific until V-J Day. He then had a tour on the staff and faculty of the C&GS until he went to the 24th Div in the Korean War in 1950. On that job he was awarded a Bronze Star.

After 5 yrs service in the GHQ of the Far East Cmd and with the US Navy Western Sea Frontier, **Del** ret in 60. He & **Helen** moved to Orlando, FL where they had some pleasant yrs together, and when **Helen** died in 67, **Del** moved back to his hometown of Lemoyne, PA. Last Jul he was hospitalized with a heart condition and his passing was peaceful. He is survived by sons Phil '58 and Ralph '62, as well as daughter Mrs Lynda Fink. Phil wrote, "**Del** had many fond thoughts of the Class of '32 and his career in the Army . . . he shared these memories with us over the yrs. . . . He was an inspiration to all of us. . . ."

So long, **Del**.

NEW ADDRESSES. **Jack & Rick Coffey** spent a day with us in their swing around this portion of the country, and gave us new news of '32s they had seen and talked to recently.

Carol Power sold her El Paso house which had been too big for her since



1932: Rick & Jack Coffey

George died, and is now in a new Forum ret home, the Montevista at Coronado. It is a full service rental ret community at the foot of the scenic Franklin Mountains, overlooking western El Paso. **Carol's** new address is 1575 Belvedere #113, El Paso, TX 79912. Tel (915) 584-3463. Office 833-2229.

Jack & Rick visited **Carol** and say the apt is ideal for her. Two bedrooms, two baths on the ground floor with a lovely patio and **Carol's** own carpets in place. **Carol** is still interested in the opera in which she has been so active over the years, particularly the Opera in the Round in Denver.

Lauri & Edna Hillberg are still in Tacoma; now in a very nice new ret home. 9201 6th Ave #246, Tacoma, WA 98406; tel (206) 584-8225.

Joe & Jeanette Golden remain on their ranch in MT and are still getting "fresh" eggs but have cut back on the livestock. **Jack & Rick** report that **Joe** has been coming along just fine and that he & **Jeanette** are now considering moving to a smaller place.



1932: Bob Moore and Joe Golden

I feed my address changes to Secy **Archie Lyon** as soon as I get them so he can keep our master list up-to-date. He and **Mary Cain**, who does so much secretarial work for our secy, deserve a big hand from all of us. As of this writing, they have sent out the annual '32 ballots for election and collection; for officers selection and dues extraction. I feel fine with my dues paid up to 2014 AD and hope you are the same.

It was a most pleasant visit with **Jack & Rick**. In their brief stop here they had



1932: Mary Cain and Archie Lyon

lunch with me at the Gazebo, one of the 3 excellent restaurants on the scenic Los Patios grounds. When the Inn at Los Patios, a new ret facility, is completed about next Sep, **Pat & I** shall move in. It is 1/2 mi from us as the crow flies, and we already have our apt selected and confirmed—2 bedrooms, 2 baths, enclosed patio for our 3 little dachsies to play in. It is up to our current high standards with the only difference being that someone else will do the work. Rooms for house guests will be available elsewhere in the building so come down and see us sometime.

WORLD TRAVELERS. **Mary Rowan** warmed up with a bus excursion from San Ant to Dallas to see the superb Egyptian exhibit, "Ramses." She followed that up with the train ride from Laredo to Monterrey, Mexico and topped it all off in Oct with a visit to the Cayman Isls with her son who lives in Dallas.

Jane Smith wrote from Nairobi in the middle of a 25-day photo safari of East Africa, including the gorilla country in Rwanda with pix of elephants and butterflies.

SPORT REPORT. **Chris Dreyer** sent a copy of the bi-monthly *Super-Senior Tennis, Inc* which had an item headed, "**Nick Powell** Team wins Grant Trophy." The 80-and-over team of which **Nick** (**Ernie** to us) is the non-playing cpt (the kid who won't be 80 until 91) won handily against a team of Europeans played near London just before Wimbledon with **Nick** "performing in his usual creditable manner."

In his letter, **Chris** said that at age 83, he was ret from serious tennis competition. Looking at the accompanying pic that **Phyl Dreyer** took at the Natl Hardcourt Championship Tournament for Super Srs at Goleta, CA where **Ernie** again was chief referee of the tournament, it is apparent that neither **Chris** nor **Ernie** is keeping his eye on the ball.

ONLY YESTERDAY. When I was back at WP as a 1LT teaching chemistry, electricity, and hockey from 39 until Pearl Harbor at which time I went forthwith to a new inf div, we had about 40 classmates on duty there. One of the classes exposed to us regularly in the



1932: Ernie Powel and Chris Dreyer during floor show at old folks tennis tournament

best of times, when one of us with wife chaperoned a cadet hop, and in the worst of times, when one of us stood on the balcony of the south barracks guard-house as a Tac overlooking the area birds, was the Class of '42.

After they were liberated, all of us who went back to our Class reunions every 5 yrs greeted '42 men and wives having their own reunions. At one reunion, both classes stayed at the Holiday Inn in Newburgh. (And thereby hangs a tale too facetious and irrelevant to recount here.)

This past Oct, '42 had a mini-reunion here in San Ant which drew about 200 classmates, wives and widows. At their kind invitation Pat & I attended the opening and closing cocktail gatherings with plenty of remember whens and you haven't changed a bits. Reminded us of the minis that the John Pughs and later the Frank Bessons used to throw annually at their respective estates in VA between our big ones at WP.

The old man with the scythe is thinking out the ranks all around, but he can't remove the memories.

And keep this permanently engraved in your memories. Your next deadline to me for ASSEMBLY news is whenever you get some. And always mit pix, if possible.

'33

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MERRY CHRISTMAS! Dear classmates and readers—we hope this will reach you in time, notable where changes of address may apply. As you will have noted, ASSEMBLY now comes out 5 times/yr.

Natl & intl events move at a quickening pace. *Perestroika* & *Glastnost* have entered the language; the East Germans are on the move; Noriega hangs on. . . . On the domestic front Hurricane Hugo has come and gone (see **Henley, King** below). "Catastrophic Health Care" appears to be on the way out; we shall see how our insurance companies react. (Unlike Congress, the latter must operate in the black.)

We have 2 casualties to report: On 10 Jul **Ben Harris's** widow, **Ruth**, died at Cape Canaveral Hosp as the result of a heart attack, her 3rd in recent yrs. (Ben had died in Mar of this yr.) She was buried with him in Arlington Natl Cemetery. "Mother felt that her responsibility was to take care of my father," writes their son Ben. "When he died I believe that she felt her work was done and she could pass on." Besides her son she is survived by two grandchildren.

On 25 Aug **Frank S Henry** died of cancer at St Luke's hosp in Chesterfield, MO. He was interred in Cambridge, NY. He is survived by his and **Nell's** (who predeceased him) daughter, **Joan E Gooding** of South St Louis County, MO, and 3 grandchildren. To the Harris and Henry families the Class extends its deep sympathy. Please stay in touch.

We've received a cordial note from the **Conways'** plucky granddaughter, **Meg Helmer**, of Eagle, AK, thanking us for the (Jul ASSEMBLY) account of the birth of their baby **Daniel**: ". . . There's only one thing I and (correspondent) **Lynn Watson** would like to correct," writes Meg. "Your account twice mentions 'the gods of the North.' But there is only one God and Creator. He deserves all credit for getting [us] through safely [and] strengthening me so I wasn't afraid . . . and even now, as **Daniel** has grown strong and healthy . . . a constant joy. We praise God for such a blessing." Thanks, Meg, for your forthright and inspiring letter (here curtailed). Our ref to "the gods of the North" was meant only as a figure of speech, rather than in any religious sense. We too believe in God and thank Him daily for His goodness to us and ours.



1933: Margie Corum; Founders Day 1989, Orange County, CA

"Did you know that **Ray** & I had planned on selling our house and moving into AF Village West?" writes Ray's widow, **Margie Corum**. "It is quite near March AFB. I will go ahead with this plan and will have a small two-bedrm house, to which I'll move in Nov."

"Here's a pic of **Tommy** & me taken aboard the Russian ship *M/V Ukraine*," sez **Chet Dahlen**. "We were on the IN-

TRAV Danube River Adventure 5-17 Jul from Vienna to Istanbul—a delightful trip, full of history. The 19 mi down the Bosphorus from the Black Sea to the Golden Horn was esp interesting. **Jean & Bill Hipps '37** were with us, plus many passengers who'd served in WWII and Korea and sought me out to listen to their war experiences. . . .

"We're planning another freighter voyage to the E Coast of S America in Jan. Age 80 is the normal limit for freighter passengers, so this may be my last. . . ."



1933: Seagoers Chet & Tommy Dahlen at Bosphorus

"**Dottie** & I had a fine trip to Morocco, Portugal and Spain in Apr-May," **Sam Donnelly** reports. "We liked Morocco very much and we'd like to go back. We stayed at the Hotel De La Marnounia in Marrakesh, where Churchill used to go to paint—a beautiful place, recently renovated, with 17 acres of gorgeous gardens. . . . Spain is cheap no more—Madrid is as expensive as Tokyo. Enclosed are pics of two of my recent paintings. . . . Have just talked w/**John Honeycutt**, who is still working on his violins and says he feels well."

Jane Douglas writes to **Abe Lincoln** (Aug) that following open heart surgery "4 yrs ago and a slight stroke a yr ago, **Bob** is mentally disabled and is now in a rest home—not a nursing home. . . . He is fond of all his classmates. I'm sure he would be pleased that I am writing to you." We send our best to **Bob & Jane**—two stalwart friends.

Ned & Gladys Gee have sold their home in Arlington and will move (end Oct) to a 3-BR apt at Indian River Estates Apt D 202; 2350 Indian Creek Blvd, West; Vero Beach, FL 32966. Active and interested in Class affairs, they will be sorely missed here. Daughters **Jane** and **Kacky** are helping with the move.

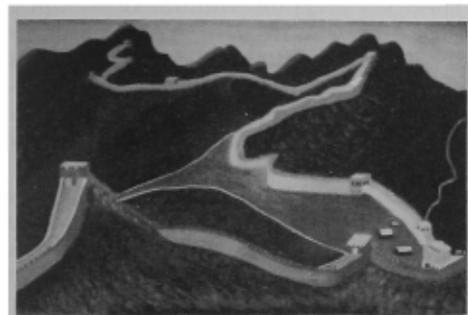
Fritz Hartel to **Abe**: "We really appreciate being kept informed (of Class activities), and we appreciate the tremendous amount of work you do, and the time it takes to do it."

Checking on our East coast classmates after Hugo, we learned from **Lelia Summerfelt** that **Frank & Holley Henley** weathered the storm in their winter

quarters in Waynesville, NC. They heard from their Charleston neighbors that their home there was unscathed except for "a tree falling on the greenhouse." **Dick & Claire King** at Myrtle Beach, SC, report that they too suffered only minor damage—mostly an accumulation of debris—from the fury of the hurricane.

By telephone **Charlie & Mildred Leydecker** tell us they've moved from their house into a nearby condo. New address: 1750 Jamaica Way, Unit 234; Punta Gorda, FL 33950. Tel: (813) 639-2698. "We have more floor space than before," sez Charlie.

"Our summer has been very active, with our two oldest grandchildren being married," writes **Joey Polk**. Laura, the daughter of our daughter Jody & husband Jonathan Schwartz, married Bobby Smith of El Paso. They will reside in Georgetown (DC)—isn't that good for us! Then soon after that lovely wedding we had Jon III & Tracy Lee's wedding—all a most wonderful time—but fairly worn out, too."



1933: Sam Donnelley painting, Great Wall, near Beijing

Bill Quinn showed up at our Sep DC Class luncheon looking very fit, and sporting his knee replacement from AZ. (The rest of him, we believe, came from MD.)

Bert & June Sparrow Elderhosteled again this summer (Bridgewater College, VA; Crieff Hills, in Canada) and to Rio Salado, AZ, they hope, in Nov. C'mon in, the water's fine!

"I've wanted to give you the good news," writes **Hap Tubbs**. "My grandson, Tag Greason, son of my oldest daughter Patricia & her husband COL Earl Spencer Greason, entered USMA this yr. If all goes well he'll graduate 60 yrs after me.

"My son Tom, ex-USNA left the academy before finishing and is now a CPA working for the Navy as a computer supervisor at Patuxent, MD. We're looking forward to celebrating **Eddie Doleman's** 80th b-day. Expect to see **Duncan Hallock, Wally Andrews** and perhaps **Hurley** at the same party. Aloha!"

Further Hugo effects: **Hum Versace's** widow, **Tere**, postponed her planned

trip to Puerto Rico to visit her brother, "who has plenty on his hands without me!" (She's considering moving there permanently.)

Abe and your scribe have received beautiful notes from **Soapy Watters'** widow **Bernie**, thanking us and through us the Class for kindnesses extended at the time of his illness and death. "Soapy counted his friends his most valued assets. He had hoped to be well enough to attend the last mini-luncheon. His spirit was stronger than his body. He died peacefully and without pain."

A newful letter from Floridian **Red White**: "Sue had a rough winter—flu-pneumonia and atrial fibrillation. After hospitalization and extensive tests she's now getting along reasonably well. . . . We've had a good summer at our cottage in Chautauqua, IL, where all of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchild have visited for 1–2 wks. Happy to report that we met the challenge, which peaked at 10 people here for as long as 10 days at a time. Our guests included son Larry '70 and his family of 6. On completing his tour as Bn CO in the Berlin Bde, Larry was awarded the LM and the French Natl Defense Medal. He's been selected for Col and is currently attending the AWC."

Red also sent us a flyer announcing the **Charlie Chase Memorial Golf Tournament** (9 Oct) at the Indian River Colony Golf Club, Melbourne, FL; the flyer said (in part): "Playing golf with Charlie was an experience. The rules were exotic, and the play was loose and fun. When Charlie and his friends 'swang' at the ball, things seemed different from the standard game. . . ." The purpose of the tournament: "A good time for all and to pay our respects to Charlie, who often said, 'That's better than I can play.'" Few of us will leave memorials better than that spontaneous tribute. Thanks, Red!

CLASS MATTERS

Continuing Maintenance of Memorials. An interesting and timely postscript was added to the Charlie Chase Memorial Golf flyer: "Note: The plaque at Patrick AFB honoring 'Uncle Charlie' is in need of repair. A contribution of \$2 per player is requested."

No doubt they got the contributions and made the repair. But in a larger sense that small need symbolizes the difficulties of insuring that any monuments/memorial gifts we may wish to leave to mark our passage, will be properly preserved into the yrs beyond our times.

The Sheridan Memorial, '33's Clock and Sundial are cases in point. There is deterioration from the ravages of wind and weather; trees and shrubs have overgrown; stonework has eroded and cracked. Academy policy now requires that donors of such gifts must also pro-

vide the funds to restore/maintain them. These matters have been under discussion for some time.

Under authority of '33's DC area contingent, **Abe Lincoln** has acted for the Class. He reports that as of Oct 89 we have established a Consolidated Endowment Fund (CEF) for "Maintenance, Repair and Improvement of the Sheridan Memorial and Class of '33 Clock-Sundial and Premises." (This is the title of the agreement made between the Class and the AOG "for the above stated purpose.")

There is no way that needed income from the CEF can be diverted to other purposes. The total requirement for the CEF was set by the AOG at \$40,000. \$25,000 of this has been transferred from '33's WP Fund Gift Account to establish the CEF, where it is now generating income for future needs. We hope that contributions (tax-deductible) to our gift acct will soon make up the balance required.

In addition, and prior to application of any income from our CEF, there is a requirement for one-time maintenance. This maintenance is under way at an estimated cost to Class funds of \$10,000.

There is justifiable criticism of the failure of USMA to maintain our projects properly; however, our actions on immediately needed maintenance and the establishment of the CEF should insure against similar conditions in future.

Postscript: The visibility and value of our Clock-Sundial project are being greatly enhanced by new work in the area: construction of a walkway which will lead more cadets to walk through that area en route to activities in the North Athletic Field (site of the old range).

DC Group Activities. 25 Oct—Class party (luncheon) with wives at ANCC (arranged by **Hurlbut, Reynolds, Schmelzer**). 14 Nov—Pre-Navy game stag luncheon with USNA '33 (hosts) at Washington Golf & Country Club.

Philatelist Note: *West Pointers on Stamps.* Thanks to **Fritz Hartel** we have a xerox of an interesting article on this subject from Feb 89 issue of *The American Philatelist*. Many of us might be surprised to see so many West Pointers' faces on postage stamps from a number of nations besides the US. Your scribe will send this item gratis to the first person who requests it of him. Merry Christmas!

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Classmates, you were encouraged to send poop but with little response this issue, the pickings are slim . . . but special. **Jud Reeves & Willie Mae** looking on wrote, "I have sent USMA my con-

tribution to the Airman Memorial, but did not include one of our pipelines or pumping stations. We need them up here [Reeveses were writing from Anchorage] but we don't need any more oil spills like the one at Valdez!! We are in good health and still going as strong as age permits. Our bank is doing great . . . one of the best in the country. [Scribe wonders if he means the whole USA or just 'country' above the Arctic Circle.] Best wishes to ever'body, an' we were really sorry to have to miss Reunion 55!"



1934: Holdovers from 50th: Lawlor, O'Connell, Hanley, Foote and Arosemena

We are indebted to **Jody Hanley** and **Betty Moseley** for some beautiful and sentimental thoughts after an earlier column report of the death of **Elizabeth Catherine Hopkins Wilson**. "We loved her dearly. She was a lady to the core: well-read, interesting, compassionate, fun to be with and . . . she had perfect pitch! We were amazed that Betty could identify any note immediately when it was played on the piano. We all served together, first at Randolph and Kelly Fields, next at March Field and then at the Pentagon, joined by the **Lignons**. We had lots of good times. We were able to pick up, where we left off, at the 50th reunion."

Al & Betty's daughter, **Judy Wilson Kramer**, wrote to Betty Moseley: "I write to you tardily because my husband & I were stationed in Belgium when mother died. I returned and have been busy ever since with my duties as executrix of the estate. Your lovely sentiment expressed in your Christmas card to mother has been a bright spot during my handling the complex issues in the administration of her estate. You probably know her health had been frail for 18 mos since the hepatitis' final blow. She was spared a lingering illness, since there were only 6 wks from onset to her death." Judy enclosed a program of the memorial service at the Natl Presbyterian Church in DC. How we would have loved to have heard the 40 voices choir singing Brahms, and Judy singing, "The Carpenter's Son" by AE Housman and "I See Blood upon the Rose" from *Modern Religious Poems!* Judy also arranged the music. We thank Judith, Betty and

Jody for sharing these intimate memories of a great lady, **Betty Wilson**.

To resume with **Jody Hanley's** letter: "In Sep we did the honors at the wedding of our granddaughter, **Robin Farrell**. She had been our dependent the past 9 yrs. **Paul & I** lived at Palo Alto for 13 yrs after his PhD at Stanford. Then 12 yrs at Pebble Beach, until it got crowded and smoggy, when we moved to the Country Club at Vandenburg Village, where we were surrounded by family: granddaughter at Santa Barbara, another at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, **Paul's** brother in L.A. We got to East Coast only when we visited daughter at North Miami Beach each 6 mos. She lives in Italy the other 6. **Paul** celebrates birthday each yr with two long-time friends from Foreign Service. This year in S.F. We have just finished furnishing an elegant home on the ocean near Pismo Beach. This property will be a rental as we did a tax deferred exchange with a house we bought in Palo Alto in the '60s. I had longed for a house on the beach and this one has more than I dreamed of having: a spa on the roof deck, a lagoon at our doorstep and mirrored walls to reflect it all!"

The Class last enjoyed the company of **Urquhart P Williams** at the 55th, for **UPS** died at home in Austin, TX 20 Aug. Classmates attended the memorial service and the interment at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. What our attendance means at these sad occasions was well said at **Jabo's** funeral: Our presence contributes a fellowship of support to the family and other relatives and friends. They appreciate our personal appearance however inadequate their and our words may seem. By being here we communicate that we care, a gesture of immeasurable value, which speaks significantly about the impact of the life we commemorate.

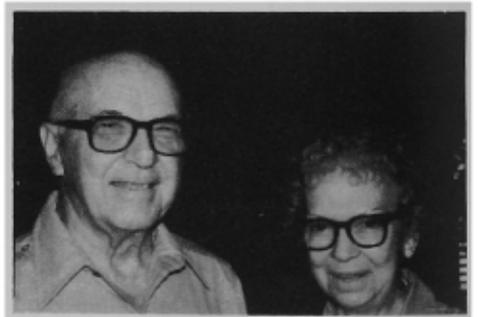


1934: Family at the funeral of **Dave Routh**: grandson **Frederick Wright '81**, daughter **Kim Gaines**, daughter **Caroline Huskey**, former spouse **Helen**, and granddaughter **Melissa Wright**

This will not be my best column as scribe. It is certainly not the easiest. We report the death of **David Belmont Routh** on 13 Aug. He was buried 3 days later at

Hampton Natl Cemetery, a solemn site lined with hundreds of white crosses, and bordered with majestic elms. That day I decided that is where I want to be buried, rather than any reserved hillside in Arlington. **Evelyn & Pete Ward** and I represented the Class, attending with many alumni, service friends and relatives. Following the mil honors provided by Ft Monroe, the chaplain led several prayers and psalms. **David's** grandson, **David Starr Wright IV '80**, quoted the Cadet Prayer, and I gave a brief eulogy based on his bio in our 50th yrbook. At the WP Prep at Ft Monroe **Dave** was known as **Cabby** because he drove a taxi after duty. He also drove the school bus where he was called **Rusty** for his sandy hair. **David & Helen Kimmel Routh** were serving at Pearl Harbor 7 Dec 41. His battery was one of the few to return the Japanese fire, and it was credited with one kill! After a heart attack brought on his ret, he served in business and community service. In his later yrs as during their marriage he was served by his beautiful wife **Helen Routh Bentley**. **Dave** had been an ardent hunter, fisherman and bridge player, but in his later yrs despite blindness, nothing pleased him more than to hear about his family and to have **Helen** or the nurses she provided read to him from *ASSEMBLY* about his classmates. **Dave** often recited the Cadet Prayer, and it probably was on his lips when he died.

The Alma Mater in its closing lines surely refers to **Jabo**, to **UPS** and to **Dave** in its closing lines, "When our work is done . . . may it be said, 'Well done,' be thou at peace."



1934: **Severin & Mary Beyma** at home in **Phoebus**

After **Dave's** funeral, **Pete** and I made an impromptu call on **Severin & Mary Beyma** at their handsome riverview home in **Phoebus**. (The town's name should stir up a lot of memories and imagination about our first class yr VA trip, from green beer to the blast of 8"howitzers which implanted flecks of sand through our denim jeans and into our skin.) We kept **Sev & Mary** from lunch while we caught up on 45 yrs without communication, showing them the scrapbook of the 55th Reu, which

they missed. Their son is an exec with NASA at Wallops Isl, VA. Sev is prof emeritus ret from Hampton Univ, where he served as chm of its math dept and dir of a State commission on teaching math. Mary has been active in community service volunteer work since Sev went to HU in 53. He has innumerable books, manuals and articles published and which fill a shelf in their library/den. Sev & Mary are in excellent health and we count on their experience to be of invaluable help to the Class and the WP Soc of Hampton Roads.

Anna & Bill Wise write from Golden, CO: "We had **Dick Legg** and daughter **Karen** to lunch *chez nous* in Sep. Dick has a health problem that made him uneasy living alone where he was, so he recently moved into a ret community in North Denver. He now has immediate medical care if needed and is only 30 mi from Karen, who holds a responsible position with IBM at Boulder. Dick's address is Sunny Acres Villa, Apt 1217, 2501 E 104th Ave, Denver, CO 80233. Phone (303)-457-0217. Further he reporteth naught. Lout!"

Francie & Johnny Stevens check in new phone: (703)-780-5055. Address: 9120 Belvoir Woods Parkway, 316 Madison, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. The Fairfax. A prestigious address also enjoyed by **Ginger & Burt Bruce**. New addresses are an invitation to call. Let's!

This from **Betty Moseley** just beat my deadline: "Thanks for memorial to **Betty Wilson**. I am over a bout w/summer flu . . . but never again. Yes I let the kids raise bait worms both at Randolph and Air War College. I even fed 'the things' coffee grounds each a.m. But that's over! [Boys & Girls, now hear this! She adds:] Keep the '34 news coming." (Bs & Gs, that means y-o-u!)

Recent letters from **Mary** (widow of **James O**) **Baker** in Hillburn, NY and **Diane Fajardo** in the US Virgin Isls thanked the Class for friendliness and courtesies shown them at the reunion. Mary baked the giant cake for the Reu, and Diane made a generous contribution to the Class Fund. You will find the names and addresses of Friends of the Class on the last page of the roster. Thank these ladies for their contributions of beauty, charm and generosity. Mary Baker sends her new address via the **Finkenauers** whom she saw in the PX who relayed it via **Ellis Davis**: Apt 7-1, Regency Arms, Highland Falls, NY 10928. Phone: (914) 446-2952.

As this issue went to press, **Evelyn & Pete Ward** returned from 3 wks in San Diego with Nat's family: On the DC-Ft Worth leg of our flight a wondrous thing happened. In the seat in front of us was **Jabo's** daughter, **Alice**. It was great seeing her again: for over 5 yrs she and our daughter, **Chartley**, had adjoining condos in ParkFax, Alexandria. This was the

first time together since, en route home from the 50th, the **Wards** and **Jablonskys** enjoyed another reu with our daughters.

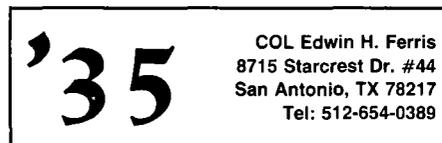
James D Wilmeth sends, philosophically: "Life begins at 80, although the view ahead is short range. I would be better off reading than writing. [Scribe: Dud, our lives need your encouragement, and my column needs your report on the state of the nation.] When I write, I never come across anything I did not know. I like to learn something new rather than to repeat something old. I talked with **Faith Edson**, a remarkable person, who carries a heavy burden with grace and dignity. **Gilmans** are also in Fairfax. **Mary Fellenz** is in the same area. **Bill & Anne Kern** gave a spread for **Bert & Lanille Spivy**. She may be new to us, but Bert & Fran knew her for yrs. **Bob & Rita Kyser** are models of good cheer, despite a plague of poor health. They are resilient and effervescent, like chewing gum and champagne. **Jean P Craig** whose long record of cardiac problems put him on a regime of carefulness supervised by **BW, Bonnie**, will probably outlast the rest of us. JP has transferred his prescription, physical examinations, and commissary/exchange affiliation from Navy Dallas to AF Ft Worth. O, well. *Chacun a son gout*, Big Fixe would have never said. Classmates leave town, when they hear I am coming. I thought it happened only in San Ant, where I have been often. I am as popular as a flood. A flood is a river that got too big for its bridges. Ten of 12 classmates there voted with their feet, cars, planes and boats to get out of the path of Hurricane Dudley, when I swept in. It was quite a blow to my sensitive feelings. The same lack of enthusiasm greets my overtures to classmates in NM. When I told **Frances & Mac McKinney** that **Frankie & I** were coming, they prematurely winterized their second home in Santa Fe and fled. **Natalie & Stacey Gooch** took off for England paying full fares because there was not time to apply for economy rates. I plan to just POP in on **Womack** without notice. If he's gone, I'll know you called him when you got this letter. That's 1030 from the **Wilmeth Dead Letter Office**." Scribe sez: Dud, do not stop sending such good copy. 'Pun my word, we'll give you 4 para every column.

Finally, a word about the WP socs which abound around the world and are located at big cities and Army posts. They do a great job keeping up with graduates and former cadets, maintaining files of our whereabouts, and planning social events, like Founders Day and Beat Navy parties. And they are the first to respond when there is a death or an emergency in your family. It was an officer in the WP Soc of Central TX who notified us of **UPS Williams** passing.

Societies have also sent us news and photos for this column. If you are not already a member of a soc, find one and join it. Also, become active in its board and its activities. Socs are our real contact with WP and to the AOG, the Admissions Office and DIA.

Let's close with the names of classmates who died for America in WWII, 7 Dec 41—15 Aug 45. At the reunion we were told that our Class gift to the library will buy books for aeons to come, and each book will have a bookplate bearing the names of 19 brave and generous, heroic WPers: **Howard M Batson, Jr, Paul H Berkowitz, Byron E Brugge, Joseph A Cleary, Eugene H Cloud, James A Costain, Joseph M Cummins, Jr, Edward Flannick, Floyd F Forte, Stanley Holmes, Thompson B Maury III, Lawrence K Meade, John W Merrill, Robert H Sanders, Richard A Smith, Sidney T Telford, William S Van Nostrand, Edward EB Weber, Edmund W Wilkes**.

"The last bugle note dies away. The last roll of the drum is sounded. The evening gun is fired. . . . All that we are, all that we have been we owe to WP. May the Keeper of All preserve her for the sake of these our classmates' past glories and high destiny, and for the sake of their ideals of a Soldier and a Gentleman."



A long lazy summer produced little mail; maybe vacation "wish-you-were-here" postcards; but not to me. The period was highlighted by the opening of the Fairfax Ret Community at Ft Belvoir, VA. In Sep, immediate occupancy couples were **Mike & Marguerite Bowyer, Milt & Irene Taylor, and Les & Dottie Wheeler**; singles: **Edna Hill and Kay St John**. In Oct **Charlotte Rumsey, Jean Horstman and Charlie & Marge Leonard** joined the happy gp. Some minor resettlement problems attended the move—due to construction delays—but all permanent qtrs are now occupied and all "welcome mats" securely in place. With such a concentration we have virtually a "Class Annex"—a "knock-on-any-door" situation. Interest in the Fairfax continues lively with **Art & Sally Fickel** on a reconnaissance there in Sep; they were dinner guests of **Carmon & Rosalie Rogers**. **Marge Harris** and daughter **Marny** revisited the Fairfax from GA in Sep and stayed with **Al & Jean Robbins**. They also attended the first Class co-ed luncheon of the fall 19 Sep along with 30 other loyal DC/vic stalwarts. On the change-of-abode front, **Phyllis Glass** moved into the Knollwood (formerly ArmyDistaff Hall), 6200 Oregon Ave, NW,

Wash DC 20015. Also, here in San Ant, **Ella Wallace** sold the gracious home-stead that she & **Dave** bought 25 yrs ago and which was homebase to them during the time of **Dave's** last Army and civ asgmts. The Wallace residence was also a mecca for innumerable relatives, friends and classmates—including the entire **Musgrave** family. Ella and her mom, Mrs Ella Bergman, moved into the ARC in late Oct—Apt 516. All the foregoing relocations augur for a revised class roster—so please cooperate and file new address promptly.

A welcome letter from **Senaca Foote** tells of his role as an extra in a movie entitled "Driving Miss Daisy," produced in Atlanta and for which his daughter, Sharon, was asst casting dir.



1935: Senaca Foote's daughter Sharon, Senaca and Sharon's friend

He didn't explain the exact nature of his part but the pic supports something along "G-man" type—fedora, etc. The film is due f/a fall release; we'll follow with enthusiastic anticipation—keeping you informed—maybe along the 1920's lines—see next episode! Some few yrs ago, **Marie** & I visited **Hoot Gibson** in Atlanta and the 3 of us were luncheon guests of **Senaca** & **Phyllis**. (We'd served together late 50's in Greece). **Phyllis** showed us her superb collection of hand-decorated eggs which she, alone, designed and created—fabulous is an understatement. There are eggs all sizes elegantly and artistically finished to represent everything from "Humpty-Dumpty" to "Cinderella's coach"—a veritable museum. From **Hart** & **Betty Caughey** comes word they're back to Ormond Beach after summer at rustic Canadian cabin. Earlier, **Hart** underwent successful surgery for malignant prostate (join the club!). Recovery was slow but complete (ditto). They visited family in Phila and Santa Rosa, CA. Their plans for occupying the Fairfax are right now on "hold." **Arlene Cole** was in Richmond to see **Johnny's** sis, **Diana**, following same with a trip to Williamsburg and a drop-in on **Nat** & **Ginny Martin**, to include a tour of their elegant new home. (We saw in the blueprint stage in Natick, MA while on visit to #3 son '71, who was neighbor of the Mar-

tins. Conclusion: it could have been a mountain lodge.) **Arlene** had a telechat with **Chuck** & **Ann Symroski** who report all's well with the Peninsula contingent. **Fred** & **Rusty Hall** have had 2 moves since that shown on current roster. They're adjusting their domiciliary situation to their physical capabilities—aren't we all! Their current and "stand-pat" address (says **Fred**): 2223 Astor St, Granada #2, Orange Park, FL 32073. **Bernie** & **Harriet Waterman** had a full travel summer; to NH early Jun for grandson's grad from St Paul's (magna cum); thence their Bethany Beach condo 2 wks followed by Cape Cod in Aug and 12-day swing through PacNWUSA winding down with a long Boston wk-end. **Bud Russ** had 2 distaff reports—**Jane Mente** & **Edie Os-manski**. **Jane's** doing fine in L'ville; young Pat '68 now with the H Ross Perot Org in Dallas. **Edie** was evacuated from Beaufort at **Hugo's** "insistence" but happily found her house intact on return.



1935: The sisters Swift—Suzanne Cherry and Sally Haines

Word from DC is that **Annabelle Breakefield** died 4 May, only 4 wks after diagnosis ALS (Lou Gehrig disease). She was interred at WP by **Breake** 10 May. RIP, dear **Annabelle**. We recall how she & **Breake** hosted Class picnics on the farm and the tireless efforts put forth to entertain, and perhaps to "re-cruit" a few new farmers.

A WPSOCSTX luncheon at USAA Towers, San Ant, was attended by a rep gp of the Class. Two USAA staffers ex-



1935: Standing: **Armogidas**, **Lapsley's** daughter **Lynn**, **Haines**, **Lapsley**, **Ingram** and **Ferris**. Seated: **Sally Haines**, **Marie Ferris** and **June Ingram**

toll advantages of Tower living (and ownership!). **Bill Lapsley** and daughter, **Lynn**, attended. He is settled into his elegant Tower apt and has posted the "social shingle." **Bill** keeps active by frequent trips to NY to serve CONED in an advisory capacity.

Ralph Haines, as Chm, Armd Forces Comm for Episcopal Diocese, W TX, arranged with CH Nav Tng, Corpus Christi, to spend a day with the comm and his bishop, aboard *USS Lexington* observing flt ops. The gp made an arrested landing and were catapulted off f/ return. All were initiated as "Honorary Tailhookers" (no snide thoughts/remarks, please!) and so became eligible to attend annual Assoc meeting (bash!) Las Vegas. So—sharpen wits, memories and energies to fill the Class news bag.

'36

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After a bit of nature's rampaging with record rainfalls, hurricanes, and heat we now relax in the beginning of a brilliant and cool Indian summer. But as we mortals may not cross Mother Nature, she runs her immutable course. And so, our Class has again been visited by the loss of loved ones since last this column appeared. On 15 Sep **Ned Broyles** said goodbye to his dear **Lucile**. She was buried in Raleigh and was attended by the **Dickens** and **Pages**. **Ned** was touched by the black, gold, and gray ribbons on the Class flowers, and has acknowledged his gratitude for '36 support.

On 21 Sep ex-classmate **Al Geist**, an AF COL (ret), died in Sun City, AZ. **Al** & **May** wanted very much to join the Huachuca reunion, but his yr-old brain tumor made it impossible. Bless these '36ers and their descendents who have contributed to the tremendous success of our Class.

At this point we should like to focus on a related subject: obituaries. We have found through the yrs that perhaps most classes consider this item of historical data rather unimportant. We disagree! For anyone who has been even mildly interested in American history, he has found that human beings who went to WP are "valuable jewels" in the raiment of this nation's chronology of events. At WP there is a treasure of Americana info—but there are also some awful voids. It does not seem too outlandish to consider that in about 100 yrs some historian or author might wish to describe the men, the manners, the mores, and even the maneuvers of a group—not simply an individual. And may we remind you that '36 has established a gp identity, if not so great as '15, that is considerable? May we remind you that no class has a 4 volume (very large) book containing data on every grad? What

would be superior is that an obituary—or an “attempt” of one—were in those books—for every classmate!

Out of 226 graduates we have suffered 115 deaths (not including non-grads). Unfortunately there is a very high number without an obit: 32 to be exact. Some of these omissions are from fallen comrades who've only recently died. But the more realistic picture is that surviving widows are old and lack the urgency that we foresee. But then there are a majority where there is no widow, unresponsive other relatives, no addresses, etc. There are 18 classmates who've died in the 80's on whom no obituary has been written; 6 in the 70's; 3 in the 60's; one in the 50's and 3 in the 40's. Here are their names: **Barrett, Bartella, Benson, Bothwell, Brimmer, Cole, Covington, Crandall, Dowling, Garland, Gaston, Furphy, Gooding, Jordan, Kessler, Kimball, Klock, Landry, Lee, Mattern, McCoach, Priestly, Robbins, Seagrist, Shea, Len, Sikes, Singletary, Sullivan, Trout, Turner, Whitehead, and Wildrick.**

Please volunteer to write an obituary on at least one of the above comrades. Upon receiving your offer we feel we can furnish you certain guidelines and ideas which will make your work easier than you may believe. We are looking forward to your offers!

We've very sparse news from **Sally Beard**, it seems, since she didn't show at Huachuca. But now it's learned that she has just sold her old homestead and moved into a new condo—still is moving and with a bad back. And speaking of that old post in AZ, **Louis Chappelle** just happened to write to review what a grand time that was. At the end of Sep, the **Chaffins** held an annual picnic supper at their home for all '36ers in the DC area. The **Hiesters** attended a graveside service for **Dorothy Grothaus** at WP cemetery. In late Aug **Hiatts** wrote they'd just returned from their European trip and that '36ers are dwindling in HI. The **Landrums** leave for their new San Ant home in Oct, resulting in only **Hiatts** and **Ripples** in mid-Pacific. It's possible that **Clark Hosmer** has crossed the continent at least 3 times since Lyn left. But, on his final lap home, he spent 3 days with **Gages** in Atlanta. Perhaps it can be said Clark observed a very great amount of rain and Civil War history! The **Kieffers** are moving to 9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy #410, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. **Nadine Kingman** is going there also—but we as yet have no address. The **McElhenys** were in Atlanta for several days in Aug. They talked about a 1990 reunion, but so far the possibilities seem bleak. Something weird happened to the **Meanys**: they took a 7,000 mi auto trip through a large part of the USA! But they spared us further anxiety by adding that they were headed for an Oct cruise. So again it's “Bon voyage, ‘Admiral and Mrs.’” Received a reminiscing report

from **Eve Noake** concerning her & **Don's** courting yrs 32–36. She has copied her diaries and sent them to her Smith College archives. Some items she shared with us were the famous Army-ND game of 35, and the earliest post-graduation nuptials between themselves, the **Hesses**, the **Evanses**, the **Buynoskis** and the **Furphys**. (You perceive, of course, that between 1936 *obituaries* and *Smith Archives* all this column harps on is “nostalgia city!”)

Some recent correspondence has developed between **Al Peck** and your scribe over incidents related to '36 POW's. It seems that “**Inch**” **Williams** related to Al what a great time we had at Huachuca, so Al is now reconsidering joining the fold starting with our next mini. Heard from the **Quinns**—less than 100 mi south of Charleston. They had no real damage from Hugo's visit. They plan to join “The Clans” in Atlanta in Oct. This is an annual affair. **Charlie Stewart** is impressed with his Seattle area and was kind enough to consider quite seriously inviting the Class to a mini in his vic. However, after long deliberation he felt it necessary to decline for reasons of health. He says he has a form of leukemia that has already begun to enervate him. The Class will be doubly deprived: of an ideal place and of a devoted classmate. All should salute a great man, **Charlie Stewart**. **Howie Snyder** called to report he & **Loaine** are in fair shape and looking forward to cooler weather. **Clint True** was in London in Jul. His son and family are visiting him from New Zealand in Oct. He has been having a little bother with heart difficulties and skin cancer. **Westy** reports that Hugo was kinder to them than to some. **Kitsy's** car was “totaled” by a falling tree and another (tree) damaged another house (not their home). He says **Betty Connor** survived fairly well except she moved a lot of furniture upstairs causing some kind of mess. He reports the **Turnages** are o.k. except for some water damage. No report was available from **McCarty's**. **Eddie Wildrick** writes from home of one of her sons. She was recuperating after 2 mos in the hosp. She initially suffered a mild stroke. Then had two cancers and 4 ulcers removed. After appropriate chemotherapy she hopes to return to her own apt.

As of 8 Nov, **Landrums'** new address is One Towers Park Lane, #2207, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Hope this column is early enough to wish everyone a very happy holiday.

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At our Aug luncheon we were honored to have Gen Eddleman '24 join us as **Bob Seedlock's** guest. All of you remember

him as the spoony Tac of D Co, and many of us have had the good fortune of serving with him during our Army careers. He has held some of the top positions, G-3 of Sixth Army in New Guinea and PI, DCSOPS of DA, CINCEUR, to name a few. In his brief remarks he gave us the benefit of his thinking concerning devs at our Alma Mater.

In early Aug our kids celebrated our 50th at the Bethesda Navy Club. The entire **Shive** tribe was in the receiving line, making it the longest ever. Relatives and friends made it a memorable event, particularly the presence of one of our ushers, **Perry Eubank** with his **Shirley**. I was the first bachelor of many at Ft DeRussy-Ruger to take that giant step. At that time **Shirley** was the sparkling young daughter of our CG, **Fulton QC Gardner '04**, then just a gleam in **Perry's** eyes. More later about this wonderful couple.

Later in Aug, the remains of CPT **Henry Spengler III '68**, his copilot and crewman were returned home 17 yrs after his helicopter was shot down in Vietnam. On the 28th we gathered at Arlington Natl Cem with **Betty** and her family and many of his classmates for the interment ceremony with full mil honors. One of his classmates gave a very fine eulogy, and colors were presented to his mother, and to his widow and son and daughter. After the ceremony, **Betty** held a reception where we had an opportunity to meet the family. The TV coverage of this sad occasion, which included an interview with **Betty**, was exceptional and inspirational. It brought home to viewers the tremendous debt of gratitude we owe to our fallen heroes and their families.

I received word later that **Jack Minor** died of a heart attack 3 Sep in Westport, CT, where he & **Sherry** reside. He was buried at WP after services in the Catholic Chapel, 1100 hrs 7 Sep. **Finn** extended condolences of the Class to **Sherry** and flowers were sent, but individual notes to **Sherry** would be appreciated. **Jack** served in the China-Burma Theater during WWII where he became ill and was ret for phys disability in 46. He then joined GM where he became a wheel as gen mgr of Overseas Ops after having served in Argentina, Uruguay, Lisbon, and Paris.

More bad news. On 7 Sep, **Obie Oberbeck** died at San Ant after a debilitating illness (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was a resident of the Army Ret Community. **Obie** was buried at Arlington 13 Sep beside **Marty** in a simple mil ceremony as specified by him. Sons **Donald D** and **Michael M** from his marriage with **Marty**, his second wife **Carol**, and their daughter **Tracy (17)** and son **Scott (12)**, classmates and friends attended the ceremony. The colors were presented to **Scott**. These are our youngest Class chil-

dren and were Obie's consuming interest. The only mark of distinction at the ceremony for our No 1 classmate was the brief display of his 3-star flag, but he left a history of extraordinary accomplishments as chronicled in the San Ant newspaper obit: "A mathematical genius who assisted in the development of nuclear weaponry and also enjoyed exploring electronics with his children." After ret from the Army, Obie received his law degree and was a member of the State Bar of TX and the ABA.

In early Sep, **Stegmaier** attended and spoke at the reunion in Monticello, NY of the 100th Inf Div in which he was QM during WWII. He also visited WP to coordinate with the AOG on an *ASSEMBLY* article on Gen Lemnitzer '20. On 12 Sep he came to Wash to collect data at **Trixie Zehner's** for an article he is doing on Bud's exploits in the 100th Inf Div where he was an outstanding Bn CO. Outside Rockville, MD his car skidded to a crash landing and the **Fraziers** rescued him and delivered him to a delicious meet-the-author brunch at Trixie's. There was a good turnout, including a contingent from the Army Fairfax Ret Community—**Bud Hines**, the **Palmers** and **Hyzers**, chauffeured by **Marge Bailey**. Steggy just happened to have his brag book with him and gave us a run-down on his 11 grandkids. He also showed us a pic of the present cadet soccer team cpt taken with him, the '37 cpt. Steggy lives right on the golf course in Sun City, AZ between the 17th and 18th holes with his invalid **Ruby** and devotes much more time to his hobby, writing mostly about the Arty, his adopted branch.

We had another lively, informative and enjoyable luncheon at Ft McNair on 15 Sep. **Finn** read a sweet note of appreciation from **Betty Spengler**, thanking the Class for our support through trying days. **Fred Diercks** reported that there are still 33 obits to be volunteered for. Let's get cracking on this important project. **Scott Hall** was at the luncheon, having just returned from their ME retreat where they had a visit and dinner with the **Curt Lows** who send their regards. The Halls also participated in the Kennebunk Art Show at which Scott's only sculpture of the yr was snapped up. By now you should have received a revised list of the Class. If not, contact Scott.

A Sep letter from **Ken Sanborn** to **John Frazier** contained his vote for the Bermuda cruise in 90. He has just passed his physical, plays golf regularly with **Holcomb** and **Swede Ohman**, travels to NH where he still owns a house and where his daughter **Caroline** and 3 grandkids live. Their other daughter **Diane** is in Rocky Mt, NC with 3 more granddaughters. His C/S is still her sweet self and cares for her 91 yr old mother who lives

with them. He putters around the house, surrounded by their cats and dogs, 7 raccoons and many deer. He sends regards to the Class.

Karol Ames recently went to England where she met cousins on the Ames' side, and then to Europe where she visited the **Evanses'** daughter **Carole** who works and lives in Brussels. She



1937: Karol Ames, Myron Miller and Carol Evans Miller

notes that her mother will be 75 on 5 Nov. She and her brother plan a surprise party.

On 16 Sep, **Marty Green & Margaret Johnson** tied the knot in a beautiful ceremony in Walker Chapel, Arlington, VA. Guests were mostly from the two families. Her eldest son **David** gave her



1937: Margaret & Marty Green leaving Walker Chapel

away, her other son **Tuck** was an usher, her daughter-in-law was matron of honor and granddaughter **Sarah** was the flower girl. Marty's son **Maurice** was an usher, and his daughter **Jeannette's** husband, **Jim Tomaszewski**, was best man. The **Wilhoys** represented the Class and reported the big event. An elegant reception was held at the A-N CC where the wedding cake sported two wooden ducks which represented the inhabitants of Marty's lake. Marty has spent many enjoyable moments feeding them. Marty & his bride spent their honeymoon at Tides Inn, VA. They are now living at 1524 Woodacre Dr, McLean, VA 22101.

After Hurricane Hugo, repeated calls to the **Eubanks** on Sullivan's Isl and the **Randy Hineses** in Charleston netted nothing but busy signals. Finally word

was received from **Bunny Hines** in Ellicott City, MD that her parents were all right but that their historic home had taken 3 ft of water on the first floor, making their antique Persian rugs and furniture quite soggy. Some of their furniture was expertly built by **Marge's** father, COL Charles A Walker, Jr '11. Later the *Wall Street Journal* did an in-depth front page article on the disaster in Charleston. The first of the prominent Charlestonian ladies interviewed was our own **Marge**, making her the first of our Class to be featured on the front page of the *Journal*. It was unfortunate that it took a disaster of this magnitude to attain this prominence. Many thanks to **René Lopez-Duprey** and **Mary Edwards** for sending me clips from the *Journal*.

I then received a frantic call from **Perry Eubank** who was living with **Shirley** in a motel. They had been evacuated from their home on Sullivan's Isl. The swing bridge to the mainland was spun up like a top by **Hugo** and settled in a cockeyed position. His architect son had gone to the isl by launch to survey the damage to their house which he had designed. No major structural damage but some window and wall repair needed. **Perry** expected to return home with **Shirley** in a wk. **Shirley** is having difficulty with her heart medicine. The purpose of his call was to cancel their **Wmsburg** reservations and asked me to do it since he had been unable to get in touch with **Bill Lewis**. I called **Bill**, and he & **Margaret** had just walked into their home. They had been on a 3-day cruise to Tides Inn to participate in a rally of Grands Bank Trawlers (that's what **Bill** sails). Before that they spent 2 wks in England and Wales and now they were home to wrap up the **Wmsburg** Mini.

In a brief note **Mary Edwards** said she had to pass up **Wmsburg** because she was having a brace made for her ankle which was operated on Jun 88. It should increase her mobility. We are counting on it so that she can add her considerable spirit to our Class functions.

Jim Duncan has moved to the Fairfax and is recuperating from an op which should improve his general health and well-being. He is optimistic on his recovery but knows that it will take time.

Another on the sick list is **Luis Mercado** who has been ailing for the past yr. They have put their home in McLean on the market and have selected an apt in the USAA Ret Home in San Ant where they will be near their son **Kim '60** and family. They are excited about the USAA place which they had just visited. Their apt on the beach in San Juan came through **Hugo** with no damage, but the beautiful palm trees on the beach were wiped out.

Re the CatCap caper, **Geo McDowell** and **Swede Ohmam** decided to put the "multiplying factor" to their gripes and

fired off letters to the ed of the San Ant newspapers to the effect that discretionary income usually devoted to the charitable causes will be wiped out by the surtax and appealed to charitable institutions to write pointed letters to congressmen, etc. We'd like to think their efforts turned the trick.

On 6 Oct I received a call from our revelers at the pre-game rally at the Metzses in Raleigh. **Bud Hines**, **Randy** (sounding slightly waterlogged), **Marge** and **Anne** and **Pop Metz** were building up a head of steam for the next day battle between Army and Duke. In spite of their best efforts the outcome was unfavorable.

Now for a last min note on **Sally Taylor's** elegant brunch at her lovely home in McLean on Sun, 8 Oct. There was a delightful mix of our Class and older and younger ret mil types and their ladies. This reminds me of an event that **Frances & I** lucked into on our trip to WP to attend the change of cmd ceremony in which our son, **Don, Jr**, who cmded the 1st Bn, 1st Inf, switched jobs with LTC Schwabe, the Dir of Ops on the Supe's staff. We were invited to a preview of the opening of the new museum in Olmsted Hall on South Post (Ladycliff) and met the pres of the Olmsted Foundation, Mr Hussing, which made it possible. The point of this is that **Frank Taylor** had been pres of the foundation before he passed away.

We are looking forward to the co-ed luncheon and Wmsburg, both of which will be reported in the next column. As our salty friends from Crabtown say, "Keep revvin' with '37."

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On 15 Aug **Betsy Vail** died at home in El Paso after 8 yr fight w/cancer. Over 200 friends and relatives attended memorial svcs at Ft Bliss. She is survived by our classmate, **Bill**; her mother, Mrs Ward Becker, and her brother, Ward Becker Jr—both of New Haven, CT. She had been active in many community activities, also in golf and in bridge—a life master since 1961. Here are some extracts from my contacts—**Bill**, "We were at USMA 46 to 50—about the most pleasant 4 yrs in our service. We had all just returned from WWII—it was wonderful. Long ago we had planned to return for a final stay. The flowers from USMA '38 at the Ft Bliss memorial svcs were beautiful, but no classmates are here. Betsy & I had a special reason for looking forward to the Mini. We were married 4 Nov 38 and went to a USMA football game the next day—not w/USA-FA!" We sympathize deeply w/**Bill** in mourning her death, and her many friends will miss her.

Bill cancelled their reservations for the mini and will be at WP on 3 Nov for **Betsy's** interment. He has not received all of the golf scores for our annual golf classic but will provide them to me for a future column.



1938: Alan & Gloria Self at lunch; Manila Hotel, Philippines

From **Al Weinnig**, Hilton Hawaiian Village 7 Aug, "We left our home in Sajardo, PR on 20 Jun for our home in Warrenton, VA. On arriving we discovered that our tenants had not vacated, leaving us homeless for the moment. So we decided to come to HI—this visit had been in our plans. We have a daughter and her family living in Hawaiian Village. For the last 7 wks we have rented an apt here. We expect to return soon to 184 Fairfield Dr, Warrenton, VA 22186."

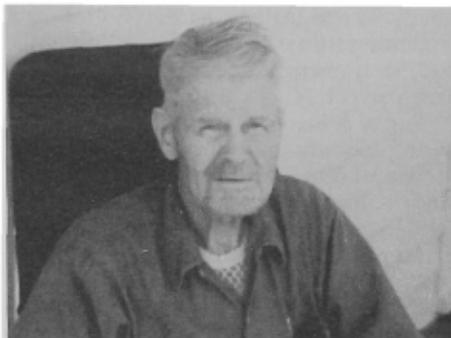


1938: Macon & Al Weinnig at home; Sajardo, Puerto Rico, Jun

Welcome back **Al & Macon** to NVA! On 15 Aug **Jim Taylor** discussed catastrophic health insurance w/me. **Charlotte** has over 200 points and plays bridge 3 times/wk. She should become a life master soon. They see the **Deans** frequently and the **Kieffers'** son is a local stock broker. **Bill Kieffer** is an accomplished bridge player and plays in tournaments throughout USA.

From **Ole Danielson**, Walnut Creek, CA, 11 Sep, "I did the same thing as last yr, but in reverse. Returned to the land of my roots, the Black Hills, taking the northern route out and southern back. We went thru OR, WA, ID, MT, WY, and finally to Spearfish Canyon. Major stops included Hayden Lake, ID, staying w/relatives for a few days at their lovely

summer place; Kalispell MT, where I had dinner w/very old friends and talked for a few min by telecon with **Neil Van Sickle**; Sundance WY, where I spent a delightful day w/**Swede & Edith Swenson** at their ranch. They still have their



1938: Swede Swenson on veranda of his ranch house

noses to the grindstone. Swede and son **Danny** manage a spread of about 11,000 acres in the beautiful Devil's Tower country. Once again I managed to round



1938: Swede doing chores on his WY ranch

up as many as possible of my living relatives, and we had a good time at the old rustic Latchstring Inn in the Black Hills. The main part of the Inn went up in 1892, not too long after Custer got it at Little Big Horn. Then we went on to North Platte, NE, where we spent a few days w/my close friend **Ila English's** sister & brother-in-law. Then we took the long trip back to CA. We hope to see you at the mini."

22 Sep luncheon at Ft McNair was cancelled due to imminent threat of Hurricane Hugo. Fortunately the Wash, DC area was bypassed despite forecasts and news media coverage. However, we regret missing our monthly luncheon. **Welby & Margaret Beverley** were visiting their son and family here and planned to attend. By telecon they gave very favorable reports on their new home in Bermuda Village. We expect **Welby** to get out his golf clubs and challenge NVA classmates during their future visits. Apparently there are many activities and new friends to keep them both busy. In the Oct issue of **ASSEMBLY** I reported the following address for

Junie & Shirley Lotz: 604 Wedgeford Dr, Sun City Center, FL 33573. The correct street address is 604 Deep Lake Lane. Much to their consternation and considerable extra changes of address, they found that the county and the developer had selected a street name already in use in the county. That meant changing title of house, cars, stationery, notifications to friends, etc. Please note this correction.

Peggy & Frank Miller celebrated their 50th wedding anniv on 23 Sep w/a Renewal of Vows at Christ Church, Alexandria, VA, followed by a reception. All of their children and grandchildren (29 strong) were present, as were a number of Wash, DC area classmates, wives, and widows. All of Peggy's original attendants came from around the country, including Judy Cole Shoemaker (Roy '40), Louise Stengel Wilkens, who was a popular '38 Kaydet Girl, Polly Prickett Roberts (Fran '42) and Ginger Prickett Cage (Lee '42).

On 1 Oct, from **John Bailey**, Madison, IN, to **Bill Smith**, "Our big adventure for the yr was a 2 1/2 mo voyage on a British Flag freighter from Charleston, SC (so lately battered by Hugo) to Australia and New Zealand, returning to Port Everglades, FL. Accommodations were marvelous; offs and crew very pleasant, and our 7 fellow passengers very congenial. 'Twas our 8th freighter trip—the only way to travel in my opinion."

From **Bill Strand**, SA, TX, 2 Oct, "**Batt & Paulette Batterson** celebrated their 50th wed anniv on 25 Aug. They were joined by their son, Paul & wife Constance, their daughter Kerelle, and grandchildren Kimberley, Chandra,

and Kirsten. Also nearly 100 friends and classmates helped them celebrate at the historic Club Giraud on the bank of the San Ant River. With cocktails on the



1938: Batt & Paulette Batterson—50th wedding anniv, San Ant

terrace, guests could view a long mosaic of events in their 50 yrs together. Class of '38 was represented by **Singers, Wrights, Wallaces, Strands, Knoxes and Jo Ryan**. On 3 Aug **Mert & Jean Singer** hosted a lovely dinner party for friends and classmates, including **Irvin, Artmans, Wallaces, Strands, Macombers, Wrights, Skaers, Coiras, Mona Preuss, Jo Ryan, Evelyn Hartman, and Mary Kelley**. On 15 Sep the WP Soc of So TX held a luncheon at USAA Towers. A large turnout included **Bayers, Artmans, Strands, and Evelyn Hartman**. The program included interesting info about ret living and USAA Tower facilities." 2 Oct from **Hugh Wallace**, SA, TX, "**Babbi Irvin & daughter** recently visited **Jeff Jr '72** in Frankfurt, Ger where he is w/an engring firm. While in Europe, London and Munich were also looked over. **Nev & Lenore Howell** were recent visitors

of the **Irvin**s, also lunching w/the **Skaers** & visiting **Mary Kelley** and **ARC** here. **Bill Kieffer** participated in a **Masters Bridge** tournament in **Chicago** recently, garnering more **Master Points** to add to his totals. **Omar Knox** has stashed his wheelchair and is getting about on his own. **Hugh & Jan Wallace** have wandered over lots of **Europe** the past 3 mos—in Jul w/an **AOG** tour thru **Central Europe**, visiting **Vienna, Budapest, Cracow, Warsaw, West & East Berlin**. **Pat & JB Coleman**, **Swede & Eleanor Ohman '37** and **Helen & Dick Hunt '32**, were among the other grads along. After recuperating during **Aug**, **Hugh & Jan**, along w/the **Hunts**, went to **Paris**, boarded a deluxe passenger barge—its first yr in opn—and slowly made their way down the **Seine River** to the coast, visiting many monasteries, old castles, **Monet's home and studio**, ending w/a visit to the **Normandy beaches**. Off to **London**, and then to **NY** where the **Wallaces** enjoyed some **Broadway shows** and the **Aida** performance for the opening of the **Metropolitan Opera** season—truly delightful."

Betty & George Bixby celebrated their 50th wedding anniv on 6 Oct w/a delightful cocktail buffet party in the **Castle Room, Ft Belvoir OC**. As a young off prior to **WWII**, **George** had eaten many meals in the **Castle Room** as a member of the **Engr Mess**. This picturesque room is emblazoned by **Engr brigade, gp, regt and bn insignia**. **Ft Belvoir** was home to **Betty & George** when first married and now in ret. On 20 Sep they moved to the **Fairfax Ret Ctr**, and their new address is **110 Belvoir Woods Parkway, #310, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060**. Tel: (703) 799-7897. About 20 classmates, wives or widows were present. **Betty's brother, Bill Walson**, proposed a toast to the **Bixbys** and led us in wishing them many more yrs together. Their daughter **Bonnie**, her husband **COL Ken Zitz**, plus grandchildren **Ken Jr, Patrick, Katie, and Robert Zitz** participated in this happy occasion. Many **Pohick Episcopal Church** members and other friends enjoyed sharing this evening with **Betty & George**.



1938: Peggy & Frank Miller and family—50th wedding anniv



1938: George & Betty Bixby—50th wedding anniv with daughter **Bonnie Zitz** and family, **Bill Walson**

Ed Machen and Ken Wickham completed excellent obituaries for Larry Wernberg and Martin Webb respectively. Ken reports, "All's well w/me and my family. I'm the proud great-grandfather of a charming 5 yr old girl and of a husky 2 1/2 yr old boy." 7 Nov Sara Williams' new address will be 4204 Tarlac, ARC, San Antonio, TX 78239. 9 Oct Dick Stilwell maintains his usual busy schedule, but will be at WP 14 Oct for the Army football game. 16 Oct he will brief the Pres of South Korea at the Blair House about the Korean War Memorial.

The mini reunion will be reported in a feature article in a future issue of ASSEMBLY. We are anticipating visiting w/everyone and an Army victory over USAFA! Many thanks to Wallace, Strand and Mrazek and other contributors to these notes.

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My thanks to Bill McCaffrey for preparing the Oct notes whilst I toured about after leaving Suffern, this past summer. It was a great 50th reunion; all my correspondents acclaim it! We owe a dept of gratitude to Andy, Bill, Gene, Mike, Don, Harry, George, Mickey, Link, Lou, Joel and all the others who in any way contributed to this memorable occasion. Even those who did not make it participated, because they were in our thoughts.

Don Miller sent along a picture taken at the Wintons' in Columbia, SC last Mar. "Lucille engineered a fine dinner," he said "and invited some classmates in to join us. The conversation centered around the upcoming 50th (which he thought a great success) and respective upcoming wedding annivs, the Wintons' and the Millers', that is."



1939: Lucille & Geo Winton, St Clair, Reba Clifford and Millers

Harvey Fraser wrote McCaffrey, "Thanks for the after action report. Your comm put on a great show. . . . Jean & I have just returned from a wk in northern Saskatchewan. Had a great time, but the fishing was poor. Jean was on crutches

from knee surgery, but it did not slow her down much. Since the reunion, we have heard from Dawley, Bartel, Tom Crawford, Habecker, Walt Smith (ex-'39), Matt Smith and Brad Smith. All had great things to say about it." In Aug, Harvey & Jean planned to go to Ft Ord to visit family.

Howard Penney '40 sent pics taken at a get-together in Jul with Huey & BJ Long, Woodie & Kate Wilson, Bryce & Sherry Denno '40, Howard & Midge.



1939: Woodie Wilson, Huey Long



1939: Long and Wilson, varsity squad '39, work out behind linemen Penney and Denno '40

McCaffrey wrote in Sep: Norm Farrell is away for the mo visiting family in MT. Harry Kinnard is going to Holland to participate in celebration of the 45th anniv of its liberation. Julian & Bev Ewell, Bob & Vi Camp will soon be moving into the new ret community operated by Marriott Corp near Ft Belvoir. And Jack Myer and Dick Cleverly are actively making plans to move to a ret community in FL where Ken Scott is already resident. Andy & Dossie Goodpaster celebrated their golden wedding anniv surrounded by family, classmates and friends in the club at Ft McNair where they had the reception 50 yrs before.

Bill, as most of you know, is coordinating the writing of obits for those of our deceased classmates who have not already been remembered in ASSEMBLY. He said that John Carpenter promised to do one on John Davis. Carpenter contacted Chris (John's widow) and submitted an excellent column for Davis. His is the first obituary completed in our pro-

gram. Carpenter deserves the appreciation of us all for his prompt and fine response. We urge any classmate who can to volunteer in preparation of an obit for a former roommate, friend, or companion-in-arms from the Class who has not been so remembered.

Frank Kobes wrote of the death of Ginny Batson on 7 Jun last in Savannah. Burial was in Forest Glenn Cemetery there. She had cancer and was hospitalized in Mar. Betsie Goodwin told Kobes by phone of her death after Frank & Lydia returned from the reunion.

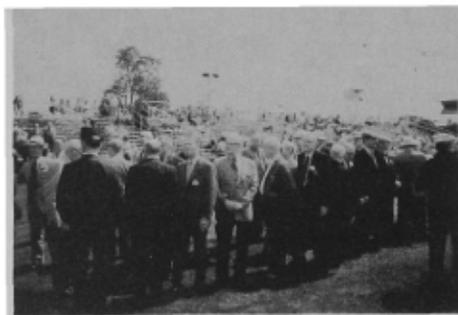
Jerry Blair '34 scribe sent a pic he had taken at reunion time. He could not identify the people in it, but John Ray is so distinguished he was immediately recognized. And there is no doubt this is his fine family in the picture with him.



1939: The John Ray family at 50th reunion in May

We were all sorry to hear of Jim Richardson's death in San Ant, after a long illness, on 30 Jun. Interment was at WP 21 Aug. We of the Wash contingent enjoyed many a fine party at the Richardsons' over the yrs before they moved to S.A.; first at Harper's Ferry, then in Arlington and at Northern Neck. Our deepest sympathy to Trudy, Jim's daughters and son.

The two pics shown herein were taken by John Dickerson during the assembly for the alumni parade at the reunion.



1939: 50th reunion assembly on the Plain

Seems like if you were there you were in one of these.

During reunion wk at USMA, the swimming pool in the new athletic complex was dedicated to the memory of our



1939: 50th reunion assembly

classmate **Bob Crandall**, an outstanding member of WP's swimming team tradition, and a fine soldier. Here are 3 pictures taken during the dedication ceremony.



1939: Crandall Pool dedication, USMA: Bob Crandall's brother with Supe LTG Palmer

Although the deaths of **Phil & Harriet Royce**, who died of the same malady within hrs of each other on 22 Jun were reported in the last issue, I wish to add: "Their family and their friends remem-



1939: Crandall Pool dedication: cadet swimming team cpts and Crandall's brother

ber them especially for their exuberance, their forthright caring of others, their radiant love of life and their intellectual buoyance," said by daughter Patricia Daniels. Our condolences to Tricia, Cynthia, Elizabeth, and Phil, Jr.

Please note the change in my mailing address, above.



1939: Earnest & Georgia Lasche with William Henry; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

Happy Holidays!



1939: Barnetts, unknown, Lees; Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss



1939: Jim & Katie Roosa; Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

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Don & Sandy Baumer did it again! **Innisbrook III** in early Oct had all the success of the previous **Innisbrook** mini-reunions in 84 and 86. More than 80 attended; **Rollie & Helen Hamelin** came the longest way from Honolulu, but **Hal & Terry Brown** were close to that in coming from Seattle. There were lots from the FL area, of course, but also many from out of state who considered this a proper warm-up for the 50th next May. All enjoyed the good food, comfortable lodgings, excellent transportation, and courteous pampering given by the resort's efficient staff.

The golfers were happy; **Thad Nosek** is still explaining how he hit the longest drive and **Barney Barnard** how he came up with low score. Such activities as these, with tennis, swimming, tours, and shopping, filled the time between the Class gatherings each evening.

At the closing dinner-dance, **Thad Nosek** told a little about the planning that his comm is doing for the 50th Reunion next May. He's had responses to his recent newsletter showing that some 170 classmates definitely plan to attend with another 50 in the possible category. Including wives and widows, **Thad** now plans for a head count just over 400. These planning figures generally agree with the experience of earlier



1939: DIA Carl Ullrich, Bob Crandall's brother, Supe Dave Palmer at Crandall Pool dedication, May

50 yr classes. Thad outlined briefly the program for the Class participation in the next alumni wk, noting the extensive effort his comm is making to reduce the effect of the horrendous traffic and parking problems at WP during that period. Thad closed his remarks with a comment that he would have to reconvene his comm shortly after he got home. Get your own planning in line; when you read this, it'll be close to 150 days.

In early Oct, **Woodie Vaughan** sent the AOG his second annual report from '40 on our 50th anniv gift of an illustrated history of WP. He said the Class has continued to fund the project generously during the past yr, so that the projected cash flow will cover anticipated costs. Woodie told the AOG that we had hoped the book would reach the market during 90, but the new author needed more time than originally estimated for some of the basic research. There is still a chance that the special pre-publication edition may make a 90 date, but the regular edition will probably go on the market in 91. We remain enthusiastic about the project and the quality of the work and believe it will be a major contribution to WP.

The letter you received in early Oct from **Woodie Vaughan** very quickly produced a substantial number of orders for the 50 Yearbook. The book, you recall, is now at the printer and is built around articles written by about 100 classmates. It is a unique departure from the usual biographical approach in such yrbooks.

Sam & Kim Webster came out of the west in Sep so Sam could play in two natl 70-and-over championships—grass court in RI and clay court at Army-Navy CC in Arlington. **Woodie Vaughan**, who was referee and asst dir of the ANCC tournament, reported, "Sam, famous in the Class of '40 and one of the top players on the west coast, unfortunately drew his first match against the top 70-yr-old in the US and lost, though he acquitted himself well."

Jack & Ruth Harnett wrote from Olympia, WA, where they've moved after 32 yrs in the S.F. Bay area. This summer, they've explored the northwest and the Canadian Rockies, have entertained S.F. visitors **Mark & Frances Klunk** and **Dalt & Helen Green**, and still have found time for golf with such stalwarts as **Frank Mandell**, **Roy Nelson**, and **Harry Stella**.

A quick note from **Stew & Pat McKenney**, just before they left for Sea Isl, said they'd just returned from the championship golf match for the Nine Hole Ladies of the ANCC. Seems the final round was between **Marnie Kent** and **Pat Cassibry** with, in a hotly contested round, Marnie coming off the winner.

The Fairfax, the Army ret community planned by the Army Ret Residence Foundation in the DC area and being



1940: Mandell, Cameron, Harnett, HC Brown and Klunk at Olympia, WA, Jun

built and operated by the Marriott Corp, commenced occupation of most of its common facilities and a number of living units earlier this yr. **Joe & Mary Couch** were among the first to move into the new area this past Aug; their address is now 9074 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, #32, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. And it turns out that **Stuart Woodward** has also moved there; she left her townhouse in Old Town Alexandria and can now be reached at 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, #209, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060.



1940: Longs and Wilsons '39 with Dennos and Penneys at Mission Beach, CA

Larry & Mary Legere are now settled at Bermuda run, about 10 mi west of Winston-Salem, NC after Larry's ret as Def Adv, US Msn to NATO. Larry told us more about his ret after serving 6 Sec-Defs and 6 ambassadors to NATO, "Those were 15 perfectly fascinating yrs. Leaving the job was tough, but Mary & I decided the time had come. In a farewell ceremony at Brussels, Sec Cheney presented me the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, an impressive medal hung on a broad, colorful ribbon around my neck. After the ceremony, Bob Grey, the political counselor, came up to shake my hand and say, 'Jeepers, Larry, you look just like the President of Ecuador!'" The Legeres can now be reached at Box 621, Bermuda Run, Advance, NC 27006.

I'm sorry to pass along some bad news. First, a letter from **Dave Crocker** reports that his roommate, **Joe Leedom**, died in Silver Spring, MD on 7 Aug. Dave enclosed a letter from Joe's son, Ian, who



1940: Raye & Ed Wynne, Pretoria, S.A., Apr

said Joe had died in the midst of his favorite occupation: preparing for his annual migration to WY. We offer our sympathy to **Eugenia**, who is at 2517 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Next, **Al Gillem** sent word to the AOG that his roommate, **Jim Humphrey**, died in Miami on 5 Sep. We send our condolences to **Jean**, who is at their home at 9365 SW 77th Ave, #1002, Miami, FL 33156.

Marge & I send our very best wishes to each of you for a gala Holiday Season and for a happy and successful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all at the 50th in May.

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Service Academy Football Today — Excitement + Color + Playing before natl TV audiences! The Mix: Army, owner of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy—Navy, owner of an offensive line averaging 263 lbs—Air Force, owner of Dee Dowis. Meld in a new contract that will send the winner of THE TROPHY to the Liberty Bowl! How far things have come from Yankee Stadium and Philadelphia during the 1940 season!

And on 4 Nov the AF/Army game will be played here in Falcon Stadium. The CoSp Chapter will join the Denver WP Soc's bash after the game, and we will have out-of-towners **Roger & Ann Neumeister**, **Pete Dilts** and 2 sons, **Ralph & Betty Upton**, plus **Bill & Jerry Brier**. **John & Dottie Henschke** will be back from their enjoyable teaching stint in MO.

We were expecting **Tom Cleary** and he was committed until he got word that son, **Tommie**, CPT Inf, stationed in HI, would fly East for a buddy's wedding on that wkend. We are still hoping that **Johnny Brooks** can make it. **Skip Brown** will fly in on the C/S USAF's aircraft for her annual meeting of the Falcon Foundation Board. We are hoping that the Chief will RON so that we can include Skip at the party. **Jack & Muriel Christensen** will be at the Raffles Bar in Singapore, and he just called to "coordinate

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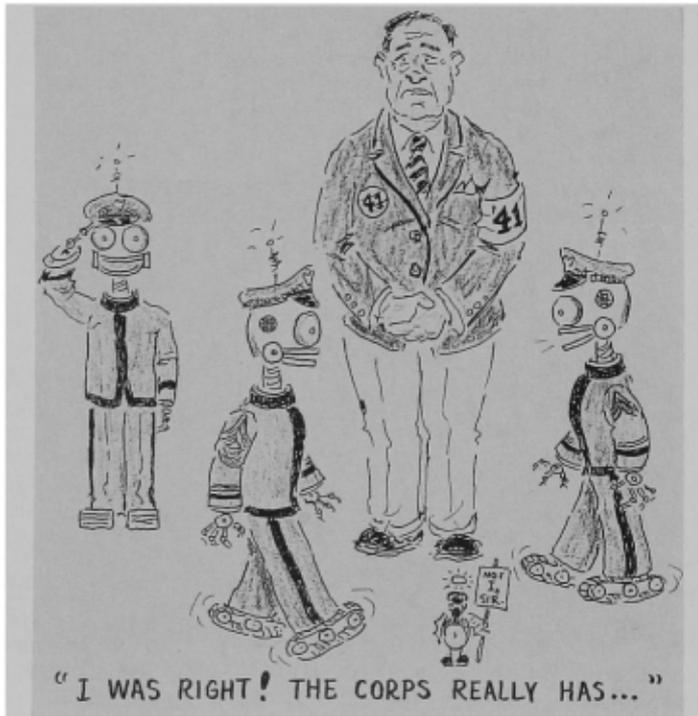
1941: The Thayer's cadet special rates—circa 1938

a concomitant toast to the Big Army Team!" The game is expected to be a battle as it should be. Regardless of the outcome, there is one thing on which we can all agree: "BEAT NAVY!"

THE BOOK is on its flight plan, Joe Gurfein and comm have the BIG RE-UNION well organized, and at the rate the wks go by, we will have to start packing before we know it. But the usual breakdowns in communication which tend to proliferate at our age persist. The latest example: Bill Vaughan heard a sinkoid that the Class Board would review the allocation to the History of his cartoons and Jog Green's pics at the Dec

meeting. Bill's letter to Mike Greene included these classic lines: "When I visualize a meeting of maybe a dozen officers and dirs . . . going page by page through the 100 plus pp of Walt's History and passing around my 40 plus cartoons and Jog's 40 plus photos and trying to decide which is best and suggesting other ideas . . . my eyes glaze over and I drop to the floor and go into the fetal position like Jimmy Bakker."

Happily, this was not the plan. Bill is working his you-know-what off creating new cartoons for the book, some of which have been highly classified and you won't see them until you get your book—know-



ing how hard pleasant surprises are to come by these days. But one has been declassified to permit you to see that Your Old Will has not lost his touch—See "The Corps Has" enclosed! Many of his Cadet Days classics will also appear.

The valiant team of Co Rep Dirs who have done the pick-and-shovel work on the bios and obituaries hope everyone will understand that a publisher's deadline is keyed to a vast amount of processing for a 288 p book. Thus, as Pres Mike stated, after almost two yrs of urging people to get the poop in, we are forced to go with whatever is available if you haven't sent in something more current. We will not leave any grad or active ex-cadet out, but a very few will show only what appeared in the *Howitzer* or one of the anniv books.

Some of the original plans for the book have been modified with better or more economical ideas. One is Ben Spiller's humor section. His request for funny stories netted only a few good ones, but as Ben points out, there is a need for fillers and "change of pace" inputs, particularly if they are upbeat—the *Reader's Digest* is a perfect example.

So this is a request of all of you for short items that reflect the '41 pizzazz—examples: a two-liner such as— 1939: Yes, Sir; No Sir; No Excuse, Sir!—1979: Yes Ma'am; No Ma'am; No Excuse Ma'am! Another has been recommended: 1939: Crank that dome back, Dumb-crot! 1969: Having advised you of your rights, I now request that you stand up straight, Mister! We can also use such



1941: Howdy Clark and John Van Hoy enjoying the plebe hike

short classics as Frank Linnell's casual remark to a visiting classmate in New Guinea as they sat watching an open air movie in the jungle. When a burst of machine gun fire ripped over the pavilion, the visitor said, "Frank, does this happen often?" Answer, "Only when the Japs don't like the show!"

One more item about the book. One classmate has already asked if we were finished with his Zenith picture. The answer is the pictures used in the book will not be back from the plant much before the date the book is distributed in 91.

The CoSp Chapter had our now traditional golf tournament, and Journalism Prof and Golf Expert, **Ben Spiller** files this report: "The Fourth Annual **Dave Gauvreau Memorial Golf Tournament** came off on 3 Aug at the AFA course with its usual display of joviality, along with the incidental bogey barrage, which took minor billing. The night before the big tournament, Spillers entertained the guests in their new-addition family room with plywood still on the floor, but it didn't spoil the enthusiasm of the participants: **Jack Christensen** from CA; **Pat & Justine Tansey**, Kansas City; **Bob & Jo Kramer**, Atlanta; **Curt & Terry Chapman**, Mount Senapee; **Al & Louise Hayduk**, Grand Junction; **Bill & Jerry Brier**, Cheyenne; and **John & Dottie Henschke** and **Renee Linton**, Denver. Local CoSp people included **Burt & Kay Andrus**, **Jim & Lou Carroll**, **Mary Gauvreau**, **Malcolm & Alma Troup**. **Tom & Jean Corbin** could not come because Tom was still on a walker from his hip-replacement operation; however they made the victory dinner the next night after the tournament at the famous Margarita Restaurant.



1941: Troop, Spiller and Carroll at the Gauvreau Memorial

"Victory went to sandbagger, **Pat Tansey** who claimed a 15, so with his 83, netted 68. Gross went to—who else—the gross Californian **Jack** with an 87. All players got a ball with Falcon crest, while **Bob Kramer** was awarded "most colorful dresser."

"You real players out there who are thinking we make more bourbon shots than golf shots could be right, but if you want a good time golf tournament, circle your calendar for the first wk in Aug next yr (1990), and let **Ben Spiller** or **Mal Troup** know by Jun that you want to come play. Amen, brethern and sistern!"

At a reunion of my WWII B-24 Sq in Atlanta recently, **Kay & I** had the great pleasure of seeing **Georgia Gillis Carroll**. She was kind enough to take Kay on a tour of the famous city. After the reunion, I had a wonderful evening with **Jo & Bob Kramer** before they took me out to Dobbins to Space-A homeward. Had a chance to talk to **Jack Murray** on the phone. They have just returned from a

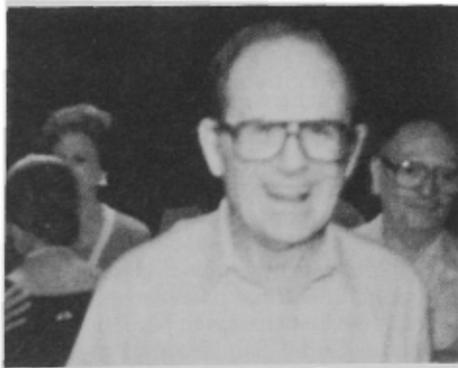
continental tour, westward through Canada and eastward through the lower part of the lower 48. Also talked to **Roger & Connie Lawson** who reported the Gung-Ho Atlanta Chapter in top shape.

Tom Fisher reports "... a Class 'assembly' to ride the steamer *Mt Washington* around beautiful lake Winnepesaukee and thence to repair to *Chez Fisher* for refreshments. Invitees were **Dixons**, **Browns (E)**, **Atteburrys**, **Chapmans** and **Kelleys**. The **Campbells** were invited but had to Be-No at the last minute."

We have had some wonderful inputs from several of the children of our Class. **Ben Spiller** has successfully tracked down **Dr Joseph T Spaulding**, the son of **Dick Tindall**. He is a highly regarded urologist in San Fran, specializing in urologic cancer surgery. **Joan Tanous** lives in Boulder, CO, has a new and fascinating job with The Natl Center for Atmospheric Research, and has just bought a ski chalet in Vail. **Dr Jack Richards** & his wife, **D-Rosa Lee Unger Richards**, have furnished vital assistance on their respective father's input for the book. **Jack** reports prepping for his 25th at WP Homecoming. You'll remember that he was our very effective aide at our 25th just a bit ago. **Steve Curtis** has helped put together the obit on **Pooge**, and tells me that his son, a 4.0 student, is boning the USAFA. **Sharon West, MD**, has put **Ben's** bio together and ordered 4 books for the family. **Dr Steve Mayo** has completed the obit for **Ben**, and **Jim Weidner** is putting **Joe's** together. The good news is that the achievers are still out there, and many of them bear our names.

The sad news is that **Al Muzyk** died on 22 Aug of leukemia. His reputation for the work he did for handicapped children is one to be proud of. Please write **Evelyn** at 6520 Broxburn Dr, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Stan Ramey reported a most successful "G"Co mini at Eureka Springs, AR in Aug.



1941: Pres Mike at the "G" Co Elephant Stomp

At the "Elephant Stomp" were **Fred & Gerry Baker**, **Marion Camp**, **Mike & Eileen Greene**, **Roy & Kay Kelley**, **John & Wanda McIntyre**, **Walt & Midge Mather** together with hosts **Buddy & Stan**. The Passion Play, sightseeing, and best of all,

reminiscing, argued the **Bakers** and **McIntyres** into planning another next yr.

POTPOURRI: New addresses: **Mary Lib Peddie**, PO Box 182, Washington, KY 41096. **Cliff Cole** (Winter) 1401 S Cage Blvd #23, Pharr, TX 78577. **Bill Sawyer** ordered 5 books. **Jack Kelsey** was planning to attend a WWII unit reunion here in CoSp, but a bad cold forced him to scrub. He maintains, however, that he is at his "zenith" now—a blueberry farmer for sure! **Harry Trimble** got smacked by Hugo, lost a bunch of trees and almost a roof. **Ham & Hilda Avery** had to evacuate Myrtle Beach but were lucky with their home. **Marcie Ramee** reported no serious problems at Savannah or Hilton Head but that Charleston would make anyone weep. **Dennis Grace** sent an interesting article from *The Army Magazine* Sep 89 issue about **Gen Hugh Drum** and his tussle for top cmd in WWII. During his recent trip to Europe, **Steve Plume** posed for a picture which I have been urged to and not to include in the book. I have decided to make a politician's wimp decision: I am submitting it with these notes and awaiting feedback.



1941: Steve Plume taking a ride on the wild side

The USMA Athletic Assoc's Army Annual 1989, just arrived, opens with a letter from our Commander-in-Chief who says, "Participation in sports is a valuable experience . . . but it is a vital element in the education of America's professional mil officers. Athletics not only develop physical strength and skill but also help teach important lessons about teamwork, leadership, and perseverance—qualities that are essential to effective military command. I applaud the Academies' dedication to providing a wide range of intramural and intercollegiate sports activities."

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We came, we saw, we conga-ed—well, not really, but there was some pretty fancy rug-cutting done on the two nights that we had music at the incomparable

Mini! And much, much more! We came from really far—HI, WA and OR, ME and MA, FL and GA, and CA and AZ—and near—and darned near everywhere in between! I can't say we had everyone from A to Z because no A's attended and we have no Z's, but we did make it from B to Y! **Ray & Sue O'Neal**, plus their helpmates—**Don & Margaret Bolton**, **Fergie & Peggy Fergusson**, **John & Peggy Heard**, **Frank & Lyn Koisch**, **Ted & Millie Marks**, **Jim & Pat McAdam**, **Joan Michel**, **John & Ann Murphy**, **Rene Murray**—who provided handsome, pocket-sized copies of the US Constitution—**Betty Lou Plott**—who provided USMA windsocks used as door prizes—**Karl & Betty Retzer**, **Bud & Cald Ryder**, **Bill & Kitty Shedd**—who helped assemble the Reunion packet—**Louise Stapleton** and **Genny Urrutia**—all did a magnificent job from start to finish. By my undependable count, there were 96 classmates, 83 with chaperones, 6 of our widows and some 20 guests in attendance. How 'bout that?! And appropriately, "A" Co led the list!

Although all of you were advised of the mini schedule, I'll repeat briefly for other readers and prospective mini chairmen. We checked in at the Menger on Wed afternoon—some directly from home, others had used the mini as an excuse to do other touring—hastened to the Hospitality Room for a warm-up, and had a Mexican Fiesta buffet—excellent assortment—at the hotel that night. We were entertained by a delightful group of youngsters from the San Ant Ballet Folklorico. Ray had a few announcements, **Ed Farrington** made a few comments on planning for the 50th and **Bob Terry** brought us up-to-date on the Class gift. Thur was opening day for the golfers and the chance for all to see the Army, AF and USAA ret residences, with our locals guiding the tours. Everyone was well impressed. Dinner and dancing at the Roaring 20's was obviously successful as the last bus was far better patronized than usual! Friday a.m. provided more golf and a trip to Sea World. A hot and humid TX day tempted many to join the critters in their inviting environment! The Texan Dining Train had a full house for the gourmet dinner that evening, while some of us cheapies enjoyed one of the fine San Antone restaurants. As was typical during our stay, wherever you wandered, you found some of the gang ahead of you! When we reached the eatery that the Boltons recommended, there were the **Kosters** and guest as well as the **Robinsons** and some of Chardy's family already ensconced! A very damp Sat morning greeted those busing to the hill country, but the weatherman relented and gave them a pleasant outing. The events concluded with a TX barbecue buffet—again excellent food—at the Menger, enlivened by a truly fine

band, well-versed in what we wanted to listen and dance to.

The Hospitality Room, manned by the locals and a few "volunteers" was a real plus, providing many chances for the one-on-one visits that are so rarely possible at the big affairs. Ray had it so well stocked with snacks, soft drinks and booze that a number of us urged that the mini be extended. Strangely, Ray, Sue, and their weary cohorts declared the motion out of order!

Some side lights. The first night's happy hr kicked off under the approving (?) eyes of our good friends the Zitzmans of '32. A real treat to have them with us, even though the crowd dictated that a warm hello was all that could be squeezed in. Those who skipped some of the daytime activities enjoyed the beautiful Riverwalk area which was just around the corner. The Alamo, also close by, was a popular attraction as was a giant screen theater next door which featured a spectacular film of the battle.

With apologies to guests I'll miss, noted were **Margaret Bolton's** twin sister and husband. (One clever devil slipped up behind "Margaret," kissed her behind the ear and was taken aback when it turned out to be "Sister"—or was he?!). **Mary Snow's** sister was there as was **Lynn Sifford's**, giving him an acceptability beyond the norm. Others included the **Roberts'** charming daughter **Murray**, **Eph & Dottie Graham**, **Bub & Nancy Brinker**, **Alan & Vivian Pixton** and **Des & Jackie Desobry** (and she still stirs some '42 corpuscles!)

Ray had put the notes from absentees into a book for all to scan. The **Barts** had church commitments; he's a minister for their church at Goodfellow AFB. **Eleanor & Bunny Bonasso** were attending her brother's wedding. **Marcie Bringham** was not feeling up to the long trip—and probably the rowdy company! The **Lu Clays** were in the middle of the move to their new pad at 204 Vassar Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. **Vinnie Coates** has been fighting an on-going battle with cancer. The **Crittenbergers** were in the midst of marrying off one of his brother Jack's sons. As you know, after Jack was killed in Korea and his widow died, the Crits took over the brood. **Jerry Ellis** reported too many ailments to allow the trip. **Sam & Jackie Gustaves** were in the midst of a "major move." **Betty Hays** probably didn't miss us because she was getting her first chance to play the mother of the bride! **Sam's** wallet probably wished that they'd been with us. **Dottie Waddell Harrington** couldn't squeeze the necessary funds out of a meager budget. Godson Jay Jaynes had been invited, but the USAF had temporary chores for him in Europe. Guess what **Rita** was doing? Babysitting with Jay & Pam's offspring so that Pam could accompany Jay! **Dick & Pauline House**

were doing Australia and NZ. **Jim Newman** was attending his son's 20th at USMA, primarily to entertain his 9 yr old granddaughter while the kids lived it up! **Bud Roecker** just can't handle any travel, more's the pity. **Jeanne Stann** has back problems and will probably need some serious encouragement to attend the 50th. The **Vivians** were gadding about Turkey and Russia. **Ray Murphy** was in a hosp in Portland, OR for diabetes testing I'm told. **Bob Clagett** was undergoing back surgery at WRGH. **George Hesselbacher's** kids were hosting a 70th birthday party for him. **Ben Hill** is undergoing radiation therapy for prostate cancer. **Lee Cage** is bouncing back from a mini-stroke but didn't feel up to bouncing quite that far. **Jeff Davis** had a last min physical problem. He did send a copy of a clipping of his ma'n pa's wedding in San Antone in 16. Jeff sez that the reception at the St Anthony Hotel—a candidate for our mini—was a classic, what with all the 2nd LT's from the border posts getting a rare shot at civilization! He also sent a copy of a letter to the ed, advising that Lafayette is buried in a tiny cemetery on the outskirts of Paris, in soil brought from VA, and that the US flag always flies over his grave—and did so even during the Nazi occupation! The **Horridges** were trapped by the apple harvest. Still no buyer in sight. **Tom Rienzi** advised that **Clare** needs to have both hips repaired and is mustering up her courage to go for broke. **Enid Hyde** was busy escorting the—ahem—Castle Owners Soc on a NE and mid-south US tour. Speaking of class!!! And that about wraps up my hazy but happy recollections of the mini. To all who were ailing, our love and our prayers. We missed you mucho! To the O'Neals and their strong supporting cast, what a great show and what a springboard for the 50th!

Before leaving San Ant—we had to stay until Tue in order to fly on our Delta old folks coupons—we had an enjoyable dinner and visit with **Bob Offley's** sister & husband, a tough pair to match up with after a debilitating fiesta! I mentioned her to Doc Hyde who allowed as how a.) he didn't know that Butch had a sister and b.) he hadn't realized that Butch was an Army brat! I'd have thought that anyone knowing Butch would have realized that he had to be an Army brat!

Among items since the last go-round is word that **Pat Gates Lynch & Bill** are back home at Harbour Square, Apt 615-N, 560 "N" St SW, Washington, DC 20024.

George Allin reported briefly on his Battle of the Bulge tour, with a limited clientele, under the aegis of author and friend Chas MacDonald. Friendly citizens of Belgium and Luxembourg made it most enjoyable. I was delighted to be able to read most of the account—in French—from a clipping he sent!

Andy Anderson wrote about his &

Lib's move to 701 Lancaster Dr, Irvington, VA 22480, a ret community where Lib's mother could join them and be close to her brother. Their treasured ME home sold reasonably well, and they're now across the street from the golf course of the Tides Inn, an enviable site indeed. **Jean Hughes** was to be their first visitor on her way to visit Jeff and family and to do some research on the ancestors.

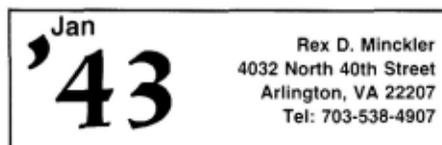
From someone (whaddya mean I'm not organized?) came a copy of a letter from the Secy of the Interior to **Mr John Crowley** appointing him to the Golden Gate Natl Recreation Area Advisory Commission for a 5-yr term—and soliciting his advice and counsel! At least a congratulatory letter from Sen Pete Wilson was addressed to the BG! I'll go even farther and just send congrats to plain old Jack!

Received a copy of the report of the Chm USMA '42 5/88 to 5/89—**Floyd Robinson**—along with a letter of thanks to the scribe, reminding me that while talking to **Danny Halpin** at the mini, he made reference to the days after the war when he was a lonely soul in the office of the AOG. I suddenly remembered that he was the (expletive deleted) who wrote that I was his replacement as scribe and had at least 10 days to submit the first column! Anyhoo—Robbie's report assured that the DC O's are on top of present and future activities. You perhaps know that **Ed Farrington** is his successor, with **Pete Flor Cruz** as his Dan Quayle. All other O's were "re-elected," a euphemism for a more apt dragooned!

No other outside news so forgive a word about our 2 wks in CO Springs in early Aug. We could have stayed home and gotten rained on every day but two of 15—on one of which we were hailed on! Actually, we had a great time, starting with a night with **Bill & Mary Gernert** and rejoining them one evening, along with the **Garvins**, when most of their clan was gathered. Also a session or two with them at what I laughingly describe as golf! Met with **Lu & Betty Clay** along with the **Gernerts** and **Maupins** for a bash at the Clays' lovely Garden of the Gods Club. Also dined with **Jere & Peg** (getting a look at the **Murphys'** lovely home) another time, and admired Jere's backswing on the Petersen AFB course. Did the usual touring of the Royal Gorge and Pikes Peak, met with 3 of my best friends from Ilworth High, including one who drove all the way from Santa Fe for dinner, and enjoyed a super brunch with **Burt & Kay Andrus**. He and I commiserated with each other on the life of a scribe while we had a tour of their happy hillside hacienda. A special bonus of the trip, courtesy of Pappy, Doc, Charles (choose one) **Garvin**, was a set of the "K" Co

poopsheets which Pappy had initiated during WWII and which **Bill Gernert's** dad continued when Pappy took off to make the world safe for democracy. As warm and stirring as **Fred Rosell's** *Thames Turbulence* and even more personal. Should anyone be interested, I'll forward them. One other acquisition was a letter from **Marie Hennessee** to the Gernerts. Seems that just as **Joe** was recuping from a lens implant, the well rusted out, one car conked out, the sprinkler system went to pot, the lawn was infested etc, etc! At least all was in order by the time of the mini because they were on hand and going strong!

If we prove to be missing from your Christmas mail, please remember that the AOG has ordained a column in mid-Dec—and time is usually quite precious about then! Hope your holidays are joyous and your New Year blessed with good health and happiness. Should I mention that it will be the start of the 9th decade on this planet for many of our number/or does the decade start in 91???



Although Hurricane Hugo was an unmitigated disaster for thousands of people in the Carolinas, reports from some of our classmates in the path of the storm indicate that they didn't "fare too badly," but

• **Bud Hood** wrote from Charleston to say that 4 large trees fell on his home and 6 others in his yard which did put a few holes in the roof of his house and caved in his porch, but no one was injured. However, the home of his son and family on the Isle of Palms was so badly flooded that it will be some 3-6 mos before they'll be able to live in it again. As **Bud** philosophically observed, "All in all, it could have been worse—but not much." He appreciated all of the calls and notes from well-wishers and is looking forward to joining us at the "best little mini-reunion in TX" (Old San Antone, that is) on 2 Nov.

• **Don Vlcek** reported from Columbus, OH, that his "secondary home" in Eutawville, SC (midway between Charleston and Columbia) "has a fallen tree lying across it," and he doesn't know whether or not there's a hole in his roof. With no power, water, fuel, and what-have-you available in literally demolished Eutawville, **Don & Betty** are waiting for a call to tell them it's all clear to pay a visit.

• **Ralph Hofmann** in Columbia, SC told **John Norris** that he and **John Mitchell** had only fallen trees to contend with—but none on their homes, including the **Mitchells'** "secondary home" on Hilton Head Isl.

• **Dimitri & Virginia Kellogg** on St Thomas, V.I. returned home from a trip to San Fran via ship just after the hurricane had passed to find that they and their family had escaped with little damage to their properties but, as **Dimitri** said, he was writing under the lighting provided by an emergency generator. According to **Dimitri**, his sons operate car and yacht rental businesses while he does a "bit of tax consulting (just to keep his hand in) among the rather odd lot of people that we have here on St Thomas. For example, a typical question that I recently received from a female client was 'should I marry him or sue him to get the yacht?'"

• **Jim Hackler** called from Myrtle Beach to report that the hurricane caused no damage to their home and family properties, but that they did have to clean up their golf courses a bit after the storm before re-opening a day or so later.



Jan '43: Our "senatorial clansmen" Bob Fiss and Jim (J) Cobb "tell us how it was" at our 45th

Some 38 classmates & wives of our Wash contingent (including **Bob & Frances Wood**) assembled at the ANCC on 9/13/89 for our annual fall luncheon and business meeting with **Jim Dempsey** (our new Class pres) presiding. Dur-



Jan '43: "Aloha" from Frank & Billie Shaw at an ANCC roof party

ing the course of our business meeting,

• **Frank Camm**, chm of our 50th Reunion Gift Comm, advised us that our plan for the construction of a Constitution Park with walls, walks, benches, and plaques adjoining the **Supes'** garden has been approved by USMA authorities

so that we may now proceed with the actual work.



Jan '43: Frank & Arlene Camm with grandsons, Sammy and Nicky, in front of the "Engr castle" that Frank built for them at their home in Palo Alto, CA

• **Bill Knowlton**, chm of our 50th Reunion Gift Fund Comm, reported that 78 (now 80) members of our Class have contributed at least \$500 and 18 (now 20) have given more than \$1000 of which 3 are in the "multi-thousand dollar category." As a result, our 50th Reunion Gift Fund now totals some \$62,700 or about 75% of our goal.

• **Pete Grimm**, ed of our 50th Anniv Year Book, announced that **Joe Conmy** and **Pat Wardell** are now assisting him in the development of this year book. He also urged everyone who has not already done so to submit their 250-word biographical sketches and preferred photo as soon as possible.

• **Pat Wardell**, our new Class sec, stated that he is about to publish/distribute copies of a new (89) "Roster of Classmates and Their Wives"—hopefully in time for our forthcoming mini-



Jan '43: Our "perennial cheerleader" Jack Wood with some attractive assistants at our 45th USMA homecoming celebration



Jan '43: Our "bearded clansmen," Harry Pritchett, Ray Ruyffalaere and Jim Schofield at our 45th

reunion in TX. In this context, **Wendell ("super Sherlock") Bevan** located our last "missing classmate," **John Healy**, who was "happy to be found" at 276 Kathleen Drive, Elgin, IL 60123.

In other bits of news from here and there,

• **Brad Lundberg**, who was in DC helping his 97-yr-old mother with her

bills/taxes, advised me that he & **Millie** have moved into the Indian River Colony ret village at 1255 Continental Ave, Melbourne, FL 32940 and have been joined by **Kirby & Barbara Gean** from Winter Park, FL and **John & Alice Nazzaro** from right here in the DC area. The



Jan '43: Romaine & Eddie McGough and Alice & John Nazzaro at our 45th

new addresses of these classmates/wives will appear in the 89 roster that **Pat Wardell** is preparing for publication/distribution.

• While **Bill Knowlton** was leading his 11-man 7th Armd Div contingent in the parades celebrating the 45th anniv of the liberation of Holland in the Arnhem area, **John Norris** was parading with other veterans of his WWII 102nd Inf Div in Heerlen, Holland. While in Hol-



Jan '43: John Norris (foreground) marching in the "liberation day" parade in Heerland, Holland

land, **John & Irene** visited the grave of John's cadet roommate, **Ernest (Buck) Lacy**, in the Margraten Mil Cemetery. According to John, Buck was killed at the very end of WWII when he crossed the Elbe River with an inf co of the 102nd (as an "enr advisor") to contact the Russians.

• **Dee & Kay Armstrong** were the guests of honor of the city of Antwerp, Belgium for the 45th anniv celebration of its liberation during WWII—"complete with parades, speeches, tattoos, and musically accompanied fireworks. The ceremonial room of the 1565 city hall has for 40-odd yrs contained a bust of my father (Apr '17) commissioned by the city. Now it is flanked by a stand of colors that I (all



Jan '43: Bill & Peg Knowlton reminisce at our 45th



Jan '43: Dee Armstrong and the Clan Elliott piper on the Scottish border for the unveiling of a memorial plaque to Dee's famous cavalryman ancestor, Johnie Armstrong of Gilnockie

decked out in de-mothballed blues) presented to the city of Antwerp during a ceremony in the great council chamber." Additional details with regard to this proud occasion are provided in the Apr '17 class notes in this issue of the *ASSEMBLY*. From Antwerp, **Dee & Kay** journeyed to the border of Scotland where Dee participated in a ceremony at the site where the famous Scottish cavalryman, Johnie Armstrong of Gilnockie, and some 40 of his principal warriors were treacherously murdered by James V King of Scots, in 1530. After a formal procession with banners, ancient swords and the Clan Elliott piper, a minister re-consecrated the site and Dee lifted the Armstrong tartan from the memorial plaque.

• **Elvy Roberts** (from his new residence in Alameda, CA) wrote to say that he's still active on the Boards of the Meyer Friedman Cardiovascular Inst, and Guide Dogs for the Blind Assoc.



Jan '43: Our "perennial MBFR/CFE negotiator," Adrain St John (right) in Brno, Czechoslovakia with Soviet and Czech gens and a Mig "backdrop"

• **Bob & Kay Burlin** were proud to announce the arrival of a new grandson (Thomas Kennedy) by their daughter (Patty) and son-in-law (Kevin Kennedy) on 9/17/89. In this context, **Nancy Benson** would greatly appreciate any info with regard to our offspring who attended any one of the Service Academies for inclusion in our 50th yrbook.

Now, if you're looking for a fascinating

book to read, pick up a copy of Rick Atkinson's highly acclaimed *The Long Gray Line: The American Journey of West Point's Class of 1966*. John Wheeler (a member of that class and the son of our **Jack & Janet Wheeler**) wrote a fine review of the book (which devotes quite a number of pages to the Wheeler family) in the 10/9/89 issue of the *Washington Times*.

In closing, the good news is that we apparently "lost no one" since our last Class notes went to press. Keep up the good work!

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Last time, this column opened with news of newlyweds (**John & Rosemary Lucas**), and I'll bet you thought I couldn't come up with another one like that. Read on.

In the Jul 89 issue I reported that **Arch Hill** had sold his house and was preparing to move into "The Fairfax," the new ret community coming on line near Ft Belvoir. Then, in Sep, my antennae began picking up contrary signals; Arch's reservation at The Fairfax had been cancelled, and the "Sante Fe Express" was gone! But, with the aid of **Les Hardy**, I at length located Arch—in (where else?) Sante Fe. It seems last May he went back home for his 50th HS reunion and there met a lady long unseen, and now also unattached, who came from Salt Lake for the reunion. Yes, they had once been HS sweethearts; but, yes, Arch went away (to That Place on the Hudson River), romance languished (sigh), and they went their separate ways. Now the clock turned back for them, and as Arch said: "We had such a good time together at the reunion and later that we decided to get married without delaying any longer." And so, on 22 Jun, **Sarah Barton Prince** ("Sally") and Arch Hill were duly reunited in a garden wedding at Salt Lake City. Between the two of them they have 9 children and 19 grandchildren. The newlyweds themselves settled down back in the old hometown: at 340 Calle Estado, Sante Fe, NM 87501. Congrats to you both, and welcome to the Class, Sally. We all look forward to meeting you.

Meanwhile, back at The Fairfax, it seems now that our first Class residents there will be **Alan & Lynn Jones**, who as of mid-Oct were waiting to move in momentarily; new address: 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy—#223, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-2714.

It was my sad duty to report in *ASSEMBLY* for Jul the death of **Al Shiely** at Pease AFB on 27 Feb, with the funeral ceremony at Hanscom AFB, MA, and the



Jun '43: Sally & Arch Hill, 22 Jun

burial at WP on 6 Mar. Al had been cmdr of the Electronic Systems Div of AF Systems Cmd at Hanscom AFB, from Oct 71 until his ret in Mar 74. There, the new engring building at that base was dedicated to his name and memory on 2 Oct. **Edie Shiely** cut the ribbon and unveiled the portrait and plaque, assisted by LTG Fornell, the present ESD cmdr, and Gen L Skantze, former AFSC cmdr. In their remarks, these officers noted Al's outstanding contributions to the dev of cmd, control, and communications systems at the highest natl levels, and recalled particularly the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. **Ed & Helen McCabe**, from Brookline, NH, were present at the dedication ceremonies, and we thank Ed for sending the news of this splendid recognition of our classmate.

At this early Oct writing, the football season is well underway, there is a nip in the air here in the northland, and autumn leaves are drifting by my window. And what is the status of our West Wall addition at Thayer Gate? Completion, after certain delays in Sep, is now set for late Oct, and thus will be accomplished before you read this column in Dec. So, I cannot show you a picture of the completed new wall, but should have one next time. Regarding the staining of the limestone block in the East Wall, this condition has been carefully examined by Mr WH McDonald, the exec dir of the IN Limestone Inst, who has prepared for **Jack Morris** and **Bill Glasgow** a detailed analysis and prescription for cure of this problem.

Notable inclusions in the West Wall structure are the bronze Dept of the Army seal sculpted by Alison Adams, and the decorative vertical limestone panel, or "fleche," showing a cadet sword backed by oak and olive leaves. This panel and sword were prepared and carved, of course, by honorary classmate **Tim Doyle** out in New Haven, IN. Both the bronze seal and the limestone fleche were completed and shipped to WP by mid-Sep, as scheduled, and will be appropriately mounted on the West Wall. As the work out in New Haven was drawing to a close, Tim wrote on 31 Aug to **Wickert**, who has allowed me to ex-

tract some lines from this remarkable stone carver and orator/penman:

"Tom Cole, the foundryman, called Alison yesterday to say that he has a good casting of the bronze, and asked if it would be all right if he drove it over (250 mi one way!) from Cleveland today. He came, and the casting is a good one. There is chasing and patination, etc still to be done; but it's here and in good shape. Tom is only one example of the 'healing effect' of this Class gift. He is a somewhat 'turned off' veteran of Vietnam. Though he won a Silver Star there, he lost a lot of faith. But when we explained what we were doing and the quality of work you guys were seeking in making this gift to *our* country, at WP, he gave it his best—including personal delivery. This gate is a chance for many to be creative in stating how much this common dream, 'America,' means to us. The beliefs that we share count for more than divergences in lifestyle. In America there is room—and many are those who want to turn their hands to this task as if they were lifting them in prayer. I hope you guys are pleased to know how much your gift is giving. It is a time to build, not forgetting what we've learned in pain."

On 7 Sep Tim wrote further: "The sword fleche was officially finished on Wed, 6 Sep, at 1500. That, I suppose, wraps up the Thayer Gate for me. I did very much enjoy the last two days—the fine detailing of the sword and the carving of the surface on the leaves—this last act of my favorite job." . . . Tim, be assured that for you the Thayer Gate will never be "wrapped up." You have cast your lot with us, and you will be part of it forever.

Let me pass on to you two more vignettes from the same source. When the design of the stone panel (fleche) was first decided upon, **Tim Doyle** began shopping about for a suitable piece of limestone. He found one, and began discussions about price. In so doing, he told the supplier of the intended use at WP, and the supplier donated the stone! Much later, when both the casting and the stone carving were complete and ready for shipment, North American Van Lines (Ft Wayne, IN) set up a special routing to insure expeditious delivery to WP.

To me, these stories of the foundryman, the quarryman, the van line, the whole story of **Tim Doyle** and the "Midwest Task Force" of custom carpentry, blacksmithing, glass work, and other work in support of our Gate gift have a profound significance. I think that among the American people at large there is a deep-felt sense of pride and faith in WP as an emblem, or epitome and guardian of our natl identity. This pride and faith is strong in support—and strong in expectations, as the old grad

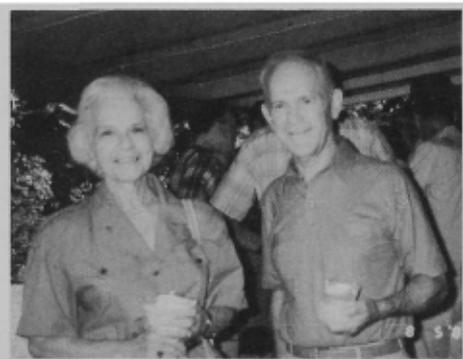
remembers and the new cadet must learn. It is fair to say that our Gate story has illustrated these truths.

So, tally-ho! "Do ye ken John Peel?" **Art Surkamp** tells me that he has no thought of moving from Middleburg, VA hunt country so long as he continues to enjoy riding to hounds. And he still does, as evidenced by the photo.



Jun '43: Art Surkamp up on Chancellor

As my final item last time I reported that **Art & Barbara Surkamp** had hosted their landmark annual Class picnic on 5 Aug, but I did not yet have pictures when my copy had to go forward. Since then, **Arch Hamblen** has kindly provided the following photos from this cool occasion.



Jun '43: Anna & Mo Mazingo



Jun '43: Bob & Florence Plett

Bob Hersberger, the Sage of Peru (Peru, IN, that is), in a recent phone call mentioned that he still has an active pilot's license, and wondered who else might still be holding the ticket. I suggested **Dave Galas** and **Dick Wheeler**, but I don't really know. So, if all holders



Jun '43: Dorothy & Roger Ray



Jun '43: Kathy & Lemon Blank



Jun '43: Arch & Diana Hamblen

of active licenses will please notify me or Big Bad Bob personally, we can get this settled. . . . Incidentally, you may recall an item I did before the reunion called "the last shall be first," because Bob, who lives not far from **Tim Doyle**, had seen the great, stone "fried egg" in finished form before anyone else. I do believe the same was true presently for the bronze seal and the limestone fleche on the West Wall.

Last time I reported to you on an advisory from Dave Ott '44 that his brother and our classmate **Stan Ott** underwent emergency brain surgery on 28 Jul in New Orleans. Subsequently, Stan was taken home to recuperate. By the end of Sep, he had completed a program of radiation therapy, and in early Oct was stable but under continuing medical scrutiny. Again, his and **Marilyn's** address is 1 Oriole St, New Orleans, LA 70124.

Now here is a neat note from **Cab Brannon**:

"A recent travel package offered by

our USAA insurance outfit brought together, in Aug, two Jun '43 grads who hadn't seen each other since graduation, although both of us served full stints in the Air Corps/AF: **Andy Boreske** and yours truly. Enclosed photo shows, L to R, **Brannon**, *Queen Elizabeth II*, and Boreske aboard the *QE-II* in mid-Atlantic outbound for Southampton.

"We both agreed that neither had changed, but, as best I can remember, no one gave an 'All right, sir' on that. It was a great trip, including a visit to London and a trip back on the *Concorde*. I first hit Mach 2 in 63 or thereabouts, but Mach 2 aboard the *Concorde* was much more pleasant with a glass of claret in hand. Three hrs and 27 mins from London's Heathrow to New York's JFK airport wasn't too shabby either." Many thanks, Cab.



Jun '43: Cab Brannon and Andy Boreske aboard the *QEII*

Also encouraging the British maritime establishment last summer were **Joe & Jean O'Hare**, who flew to London in Jul and took the British cruise ship *Royal Princess* for 12 days, including port calls and shore excursions at Copenhagen, Leningrad, Helsinki, and Stockholm; then back to London for a few days of touring, shopping, and theatre before returning home to McLean, VA. . . . Thanks to you, Joe, and thanks also to **Clare Farley** in LA for further news of the Southern Cal coterie. It seems that **Dick & Alice Wheeler** have moved to Ramona, CA, and were given a sendoff party by **Dave & Kaye Galas**. (Dick—please send me, and the AOG, your new address). Somewhat later, the **Farleys** and **Kristjensons (Pat Buyers)** convened a Sunday brunch in the **Kristjensons'** garden to consider, among other things, whom (or what) to honor at the next party. When they decide, they are going to invite us all, Clare said; so if you are out L.A. way, better check in with him.

Back on the East Coast, the fall luncheon sponsored at Ft McNair by WP Soc of DC on 2 Oct was honored to have as featured speaker Gen Andrew J Goodpaster '39, who presented with splendid clarity of concept and precision of speech his view of the strategic outlook for Europe in

the mid-90s. Jun '43 troops on hand included **Quint Atkinson**, **Ernie Buzalski**, **Deke Childs**, **Walt Hutchin**, **Dick McAdam**, **Bill Roos**, and your scribe.

Now I must report the death of **Al Ellis** on 23 Aug at Walter Reed. After mil honors and a graveside service, burial at WP followed on 28 Aug. I talked with his wife, **Bunny**, by phone, and learned that Al had succumbed to the rapid onset of cancer of the lung and liver. **Bunny Ellis** continues to reside at 80 Mt Royal Ave, Aberdeen, MD 21001. I also regret to report the death of **Anthony (Tony) Durante** on 10 Oct in Phoenixville, PA. He was buried at WP on 16 Oct. Tony's daughter, Mrs Donna Marie Perkins, resides at PO Box 357, Bridgeport, PA 19405. Other somber news includes the death of **Ray Blatt's** sister, **Betty Jane Blatt** of Annandale, VA, on 16 Sep and of their mother, resident in a nearby nursing home, on 1 Oct. To the **Ellis**, **Durante** and **Blatt** families, the Class extends sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

As I close this column **Cecile & I** are preparing for a short trip southward, during which we plan to visit **Bill & Janey Glasgow** at their new home in Melbourne, FL and to see **Lee & Anne Hogan** at nearby Satellite Beach, as well as the rest of the Jun '43 Thursty Night Squadron in that area. Tell you about it next time. For now, Beat Navy, Merry Christmas, good bye to 89, and Happy New Year to all as we stride briskly into 90!

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Avis! To those kind enough to notice, there were no '44 notes in the *ASSEMBLY* due out 15 Oct. Any fault is mine; not much news arrived by 15 Aug—a poor deadline date for us.

The *Long Hot Summer* found many of you scattered worldwide: the **Ott**s in Ger to see grandchildren, then joining the **Maishes** and **Pattons** for bare-boat barging on the Loire canals of France. The **Ginsburghs** treated their family of 13 to the Greek Isls and elsewhere in Europe for a fortnight. The **McAuliffes** traveled to Tacoma, where they included **Tommy & Lynn Moore** in official functions, encountered **Frank Moon** in Crested Butte, CO, and to DC in Jul and a Class picnic, again in the backyard of **John & Annette Sullivan** (thank you, hosts!). The **Elys** made their way by air to Dubrovnik, thence by sea to New Zealand and somehow back home. **Audrey & I** spent a mo with g-chilluns in Singapore whilst their parents endured the Paris Air Show, wine expositions and heat wave in France. **Staser** and **Fuller** herded a block-long 82 diesel Cadillac 4000 mi

from Palm Desert along the coast and Alcan Hwy to Anchorage. They refueled and "awaited parts" at haciendas of **Barb Brown** in Fremont, **Roddens/Mitchells**



1944: Rock, Barbara and Nick

in Carmel, and **Roy Marshalls** in Portland. **Ted Altier** and daughter, as well as



1944: The Marshalls and Nick; Portland, OR



1944: Rock and Willie Burr

Rock-Nick, stopped off with the **Burrs** in Eugene, OR. **Dean Bressler** headed home after a rdv with **Oz Duttweiler** in Roma. **Jimmy Downs** turned up in Anchorage.

The summer took its toll: **LTC Ralph L (Dusty) Rhodes**, USAF (ret) succumbed to a heart attack in Sarasota, FL on 5 Jun, just 45 yrs to the day after he was awarded his wings. We shall miss **Dusty**, who was a loyal classmate and a first-class member of the fighter pilot brotherhood. He was buried in Barrancas NAS Cemetery, Pensacola, FL. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

On 27 Jul, we saw **Gerry Hall** at the Kirov Ballet at Kennedy Center. On 13 Sep, **Gerry** died at GWU Hosp in DC. He



1944: BJ Staser, Jimmy Downs; Anchorage

was buried in his hometown of Dayton, OH. **Ken Cooper** led our Class contingent at a memorial service in the Washington Cathedral on 5 Oct. Gerry will be missed by many. Our condolences go to his family.

Al Weston brought **Bryan Leeper**, now a ret banker in Ava, MO, to his first visit with plebe roommate **Johnny Calhoun** since graduation. **Jane** endured some



1944: Weston, Calhoun, Leeper; Ruston, LA

roof-raising talk for a couple days. —Aug brought a welcome report from **Claudine (Mahin) Putnam**, **Frank Mahin's** widow, now married to MG **George Putnam, USA (ret)**. Frank's daughter, **Leslie**, graduated from U VA this yr, is in U Texas Austin grad school and engaged to be married. **Philip Mahin** is Princeton



1944: Leslie Mahin, Frank's daughter with fiancé; VA

'85 and works in that little town (and overseas) for an intl firm. Frank would be proud of them, as we are! —**Wally Moulis'** son, **John**, is at U New Orleans for an MSEE with a 4.0 avg. John's proud

mother, **Pat**, recently ret as dir of patient care at our own Alexandria, VA hosp after 15 yrs exemplary service. Thanks, **Pat**. —Kinda late, it came by **Ididerod dog sled: Anchorage Daily Blatt sez Rock Staser** was chosen **LORD TRAPPER** by his peers for the 1989 Fur Rendezvous. I'm pouting; I received no invite to their Pool Shoot-out on Northern Lights Blvd or to the Co-ed Snowshoe Softball Tourney!

Reunion

Friday afternoon. The white monuments ran in curving rows toward the ledge above the Hudson, which slipped timeless, unheeding to the sea. The Old Cadet Chapel was cushioned by faintly tinting maples in early autumn sun. The chapel ceremony, led and honored by our own **Monsignor Moore**, had closed with hopeful hymning and sent us drifting among the stones. We wended our separate ways to graves that belong forever to '44: of our classmates, yes; and wives, husbands, fathers, mothers; and our children. And too, a glancing prayer for old taskmasters encountered there whose lashing tongue or lifting word helped shape us as we are. There is comfort —to think that one should be buried in so sweet a place." We left behind a draining, fulfilling day and headed for the buses.

It had commenced Thur with shouts and hugs, laughter and kisses that pulled the day seamless into evening's welcome cocktails and buffet. But bar and board were overarched by the smorgasbord of conversations; eating ran a poor third!

Friday's breakfast business meeting (30 min) was our longest in history; class officers re-sentenced, we had an **ISSUE**, pros and cons, and a resolution: that a Class news letter will go out to round up the "dogies" —the 40-odd percent of the class who do not subscribe to **ASSEMBLY**. (A companion resolution by the scribe: he will not duplicate items in said news letter, reserving license to bore you in his own way.) The ladies in their breakfast meeting decided to form a loosely structured phone/mail chain to keep in touch on matters of illness, deaths and other family events. Interested ladies may send name/phone to **Pat O'Donnell**.

Lunch with the Supe brought me back to the Thayer after 40 yrs; still didn't make it upstairs! He was persuasive that "the Corps has—not quite yet!"

The ceremony dedicating the sports arena in honor of '44's **Ed Cristl** was well conceived and memorably executed. Roommate **Jack Peterson's** remarks were poignant. **Jack Cushman's** dedication address was splendid; it was worthy of the honor bestowed on **Cristl** and embellished the occasion it was set out to serve. It was from this high ceremony that we went off to the cemetery to

honor, more quietly, others among our Class family who have fallen or slipped away through the yrs.

Friday's banquet and hop, a plotted mood shift, rolled to a cadet orchestra well-drilled in music of the 40's. Memories of **Glenn Miller's** last gig before departing for England and forever! **Helter-skelter**, "beatya there" seating assured spontaneity. "The Persian Kitty" was about as raucous as we needed to get—and cost me my voice for a day! As usual, the dancing ended too soon, at 11, in deference to our age? I danced with only a fourth of my mental hop-card; certain greedy husbands kept running off with their "proies."

So the day came to its official end, with an "Army Blue." Except, of course, for **McGlothlin, Staser, Geltz, Weston, Dravo, Farris** and other rowdies intent on closing the bar.

Saturday launched us through the woods at 0800 bucking football game traffic, finally MP-escorted to screech up to our Cadet review formation on the Plain. There we stood motly in dress but uniform in our pride of '44 (the last peacetime plebes), and the Corps. We came away as widely split as ever—the men that is—on women in the Corps, who were amply defended by **Sally Morrison** and other ladies. All were impressed, notwithstanding, with the young lady First Captain both in the review formation and in informal conversation after "march-off."

The opportunity to enter the Mess Hall again, to see the Mural and the '44 Class windows, our 30th reunion gift to the Academy, was worth the so-called lunch all faced, some nibbled and few ate. Honest ladies, cadets eat better than that! Football game? I appreciated the parachute demo and sunny weather presented in honor of my first live football game in 20 yrs, but the hot dogs—Ugh! No mustard! But Army won.

Back at **Suffern, Betty Wear, Joyce Ott, Jim Campbell** and I played our every-five-yr tennis, mostly for fun but also to honor **Roy Bahls** who played with us for yrs. **Elys, Fitzpatrick, Eiler** and **Cooper** were at it, too.

We had a late buffet and an early evening Saturday, and melted away in the Sunday morning sunshine which had been with us from the first. We departed, secure that we had been part of a well-planned, well-executed operation led by **Bob & Sally Morrison**, generously and skillfully supported by **Jack & Bea Peterson, Cushman, Gruenther, Graves, Carter, and Hayman**. The 45th Reunion program and address roster, sent to all, details the contribution of each and I presume here to thank them again on behalf of all the Class.

As a final thought, we may well wonder, after the fact, about how well we contributed to the CBS "48 Hours" proj-

ect during Reunion. The producers asked some tough questions. They deserved good answers—to penetrate the maze of journalistic cynicism, editing, sound bites, and equating military service with militarism to reach an American audience which may wonder why a West Point if we have ROTC? Wish us luck! GSOYP, AL

'45

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Here's hoping you received and read all the poop in the Class mailing that was sent out in Aug. It had the proposed schedule for our 45th reunion which will be held during the period 4-7 Oct 90 at WP. Thanks to **John Tyler** for "volunteering" to be chm of this event. The mailing also included an up-to-date class roster with all known phone numbers. Thanks to **Jim Elkey** for keeping track of where almost all of us are.

Rusty Heilbronner wrote me that **Charlie & Merle Spann** stopped for a visit on their way back to Gulfport, MS from Greenwood, MS. Charlie had had an exhibit of his carvings in the museum in Greenwood. Later, on 27 Aug, **Nelle Preston** and her son, **John**, stopped en route to VA. Rusty said John was impressed with the Natchez Trace Parkway. It's been under construction for 50 yrs by the Natl Park Service because of its historical significance. It closely follows the historical Trace used by 18th century settlers returning to the Ohio River Valley after floating their crops down the rivers to Natchez or New Orleans. It is now about 85% complete, and runs from just south of Nashville, TN to Natchez, MS—about 450 mi. The Heilbronners are at milepost 161



1945: LaBoon, Wolfe, Wallace and Wichlep; 7 May at Byrds' home in San Marcos, TX

A welcome letter from **Marty Brewer** told about the trip that **Jane** and he took along the coast of Norway this past May. They took a coastal ship from Bergen to Kirkenes and return aboard a working vessel that visited 36 ports. Marty said it was a marvelous experience. The accommodations were comfortable and



1945: Wallace, Post, Hardy, Rochfort, Bev Wallace; 7 May at Byrds' home

the food was absolutely 4-star. The picture shows **Jane & Marty** while they were in a parade celebrating Constitution Day on 12 May in the town of Hammerfast. Their travel guide said it is the world's northernmost town (70 deg, 39', 48" Lat N), but uncommonly mild (41 deg F on 12 May) thanks to the Gulf Stream. Call or write Marty if you'd like more details.



1945: Jane & Marty Brewer, Hammerfest, Norway, 17 May

On Sunday, 13 Aug the Brewers entertained **Jim & Maudie Summer** and **Bob & Anne Duvall** from Santa Barbara, and **Jim & Kathie Golden** from San Luis Obispo. They had a great time swapping lies and look forward to doing it again. Marty said all the folks looked great. **Jim Summer** and **Bob Duvall** are ret while **Jim Golden** is a prof at Cal Poly.

Three classmates died the last part of Aug. **Joe Hill** (F-1) died in Punta Gorda, FL on 21 Aug; **Ken Blood** (E-2) died in Wash, DC on 27 Aug; and **Ernie Ferguson** (B-1) died in Springfield, MO on 29 Aug. **Bart Kerr's** ex-wife, **Bryan**, died on 19 Sep. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families and friends of each of these.

Jim Elkey wrote that he is planning another F-1 Co luncheon. It is to be held in the DC area on 4 Nov. He already has promises of attendance from 2 couples in FL, 1 in NC, and 1 in NM.

The end of Aug, **Mary Jane & I** had a delightful visit from **Billy & Ginny Holcombe**. They have a very comfortable house trailer which they pull with an ancient Cadillac. Bill said they've made

the trip from El Paso to Roanoke, VA and then south to Disney World for several yrs in the early fall. They visit friends, family, and know all the really nice camp grounds along the route.

Here are some more pics from our Mini-Reunion.



1945: Mini-reunion, Orlando, Apr



1945: Mini-reunion, Orlando



1945: Mary Jane Macintire, Pat Kelly, Harry Kelly; mini-reunion, Orlando

Have the happiest of holidays and write me your news.

'46

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These notes had to be in AOG's hands by 13 Oct, whereas the Oct issue of **ASSEMBLY** won't be mailed until 15 Oct. This means anything you are reminded to mail won't be used until my next due date which is 15 Dec.

Football 89 underway with two home game wins so far, one in heavy rain, one in good weather. As usual the Class has

its stalwarts in attendance. Those I've spotted to date include **Jack & Betty Barth, Hank & Pat Bolz, Gerry Epstein** (actually on a visit with other Sec of Army reps for the Harvard game), **Phil Frank, Dick & Sue Gruenther, Don Hughes, Stan Love, Dan & Jeanne Mahony, Tom & Babs McBryde, John Strat- is** and of course **Ethel & me**. I spotted some vaguely familiar faces, but can't put a name to them, so my apologies if you are not listed.

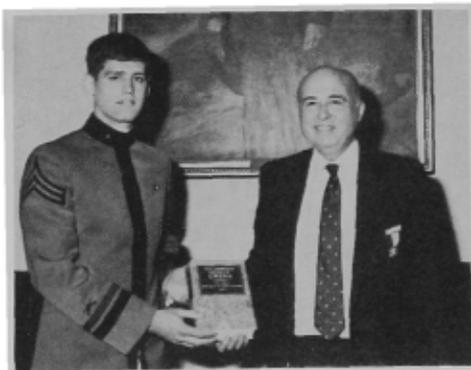
NECROLOGY: On 14 Jul **Bob Key** passed away in Wichita, KS. Don't know any other details. You may have already seen this in last issue's Last Roll Call. **Merl & Milada Hutto** mailed the details as received from AOG. In last issue I mentioned **Paul Ireland's** death but had no other details. However, I now have his widow **Mrs Betty J's** address—2037 Windy Trail, San Antonio 78232.

Here's the photo mentioned in last issue of gathering at WP Cemetery on Memorial Day.



1946: Memorial Day 89

Stan Love mailed a photo he received from Dept of History showing him presenting the Stanley J Love Award for excellence in Asian History to Cadet Christopher N Prigge '89 on 19 May in Grant Hall. Stan reports daughter Victoria and son William both finishing grad schools at Columbia this coming school yr.



1946: Love presents award to Prigge '89

Just received a letter from **Bob & Allison Douthitt** who now reside at 21 East 16th Ave, Apt 2 still in Spokane, WA 99203. They enclosed a photo of themselves with **Bab & Joe Rogers**. Bab and

Allison are sisters. Joe was in a serious motorcycle accident last May 88. He spent over 3 mos in U of MD shock trauma ctr and another 3 mos in Montibello Rehab Hosp. In the process Joe lost his right leg. To show his spectacular recovery Allison enclosed a photo of the Rogerses dancing at Allison's daughter Gabrielle's wedding recently. The Rogerses had motored from Crofton, MD, their home, to Spokane. The Douthitts have a 31 ft Airstream and plan a trip east this spring to visit Joe & Bab and also see a son-in-law get his MBA from Cornell.



1946: Douthitts and Rogerses



1946: Rogerses at their niece's wedding

The DC gp has set its upcoming social schedule and the first Class function was held 27 Oct at A-N Country Club. Hosts were G-1 Co with **Norm Watkins** and **Rube Pomerantz** as the coordinators. Naturally this will be history when you read this column. However, you may be able to catch the 19 Jan 90 Class dinner at Ft McNair with H-1 Co as hosts and **BJ Pankowski** and **Tom Provenzano** as coordinators. Other functions planned: 13 Dec 89 luncheon at the Pentagon; 14 Mar 90 luncheon at the Pentagon; 25 May 90 dinner at Bolling AFB. Although not noted in **Jim Loome's** poop you might assume a Jun date for the 9th annual Class picnic at Lake of the Woods.

'47

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The 42 1/2 is over. Held in CO Spgs 7(Wed)-11(Sun) Sep at the luxurious Red Lions Inn, it was a loose, comfortable,

exciting, overall memorable event. I will hopefully mention all those 125 +/- (62 classmates) attending. (If you miss your name here, pls write and complain.) The wx was mostly beautiful except when one wanted to go to the top of Pike's Peak where blizzards raged, or to visit the USAFA (Fri) where golf-size hail and flooding rain occurred off and on. I-25 was closed both ways half a day because of a natural gas eruption close by. But most just overcame the difficulties by relaxing or changing the routine.

The Reunion Comm (**Ginny & Bob White, Marge & Merlin Anderson, Mary & Jim Colburn, Ann & Bill Cooper, Neva & Hank Hill, Bobby & Mark Kinevan, Polly & Wells Lange, Pat & Bob Moore, Mil & Dick Steinborn, and Sue Biggs**) deserve a lot of credit for their thorough planning, hard work, and artful execution of another enjoyable mini. Scenic CO



1947: 42 1/2 Pike's Peak: Burners, Geraci, Frasers



1947: Bob White and Hank Hill like 42 1/2 and CO

mountains name-tags were supplied by Cooper, beautiful cowboy and cowgirl scarves were handmade by comm ladies and '47 early railroad tie date nails were provided by **Betty & Bob Sattem**. The wives were royally entertained, feted and fed at the Garden of the Gods Country Club, and the tennis players (**Al Geraci, Jack Faith, John Naill, John Lerohl**) were personally hosted by **Bob Moore** there for tennis and lunch.

The Red Lions Inn was an excellent selection by the comm. Many eating arrangements, luxuriously presented food, superb gym and swimming pool facilities made for a comfortable and



1947: 42 1/2: Butch Lilley, Doris Peckham and Lee Lynn



1947: 42 1/2: Burner, Gainey, Leech, Boerger, Wildrick, Chuck



1947: 42 1/2: Mil Steinborn, Butch Lilley and Marge Anderson



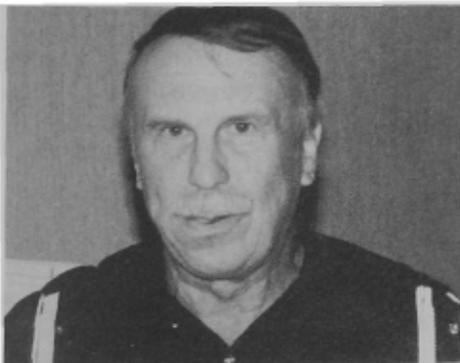
1947: Boerger, Geraci, Wildrick and White



1947: Kay Johnson, Betty Boerger and Gerry Coghill



1947: Jack & Jill Faith enjoyed the 42 1/2



1947: George Lynn, youngest-looking 42 1/2 returnee

easy reunion stay. Early in the morning or late in afternoon, I saw Janet & John Miller (who recently came back from Jordan and Jerusalem), Teenie & Jack Young, Dottie & Willie Knipe, Meg & Howie Sargent, June & Ray Hails, Jeanne & Don Robb with daughter Judy

(a good swimmer) swimming away. When it wasn't hailing, many played golf at the USAFA.

On Fri night flooding rain forced all indoors when we visited the Flying "W" Ranch for a cowboy entertainment and chuck wagon supper. Pat & Bill Byers (from San Diego) (I believe Coghill's and Knipe's roommate), Ken Barbers, Jim Hookers, Norm Lovejoys and Otis Moores (all local), all from '48 joined in the festivities as did Connie & Bud Sterling '46, the following night. Group tours visited the NORAD Cheyenne Mt complex and the Consolidated Space Op Ctn. On Thur night, many joined together in smaller gps after "happy hr" to scatter to one of the better restaurants. JoAnn & John Paules, Bobbi & Al Geraci, Madeline & Roger Bate, Jill & Jack Faith, June & Jean Burner and Doris & Dick Littlestone went north to the Imperial Woh Chinese Restaurant. Bev & Bob Rosen, Al Lembers, and Neva & Hank Hill were observed there also.

(Rosens just had their first grandchild; Bob will chair the comm for planning our 45th Reunion!)

Info garnered between drinks at the Wed cocktail buffet: Roger Bate had to fight a recluse spider bite effects to struggle to Reunion. Gibby Perkins is ret now and had a friend, Betty Thorne, accompany her to our mini. Mary Lou & Jim Edington earlier had a family reunion at Lake Tahoe where daughter Patricia was married, and then joined Doris & Bob Peckham on a zig-zag vacation en route to CO Spgs. George Dell (with Joy) is building a "Judge Wampler" family consortium with daughter Gloria and Adrian working in the office, and with George on cases. Millers are moving to Lexington, SC; son Bob already to Corsicana, TX. Ruth & Ike Snyder have moved to Hickory, NC to be near youngest son, Garrett and family. Many were reluctant to admit that they had difficulty making "right" turns to get into the Red Lions Inn. I won't mention names here. Nelda & Jim Fraser started out from FL and traveled 11,000 mi to arrive finally at mini. They will return home to take further tng courses in sailing (around world?). Burners have a new granddaughter, Kate Bischoff in CT, where they recently visited. Jean has extended his "work-out" periods to an easy, casual 12 hr/day now that he has fully ret; June is wearing out all different types of bicycles. Jean & Don Robb flew their own Piper Aero to Minneapolis, MN to pick up daughter Judy, who was very young when they were last in CO Spgs area and then flew to mini enduring the longest flight in his career (8+hours).

Frank Boerger delegated his presidential duties to Pete Boerger for reunion announcements and direction when Barb & he had to return to Lake Tahoe for business.

John Novomesky called in to report that an eye operation prevented his coming to reunion. He stated that he had Army football tickets to give away.

I learned some valuable bits of info at reunion in CO: if the mountains are on your left, you're going north and if, on your right, you're going south. Zebulon Pike never climbed Pike's Peak. CO Spgs gets about 300 days of sunshine a yr; the other 65 days occur when reunions are scheduled. Most of the mail carriers, waitresses, sales people, etc will address you as "You guys."

A few at mini stayed on to attend the USAFA-Wyoming football game Sun evening. They were rewarded by being invited to the Supe's reception prior to the game.

Don Burton had to take Mary very suddenly from the mini to the USAFA Hosp where a gall bladder op was required. Flowers from the reunion crowd and encouragement hopefully speeded her recovery.

Non-Mini Tid-bits: **Willie Munroe** drove back to Tucson in Nov leaving his habitat for 6 mos to the large bull moose.



1947: Willie Munroe and Bob Keller outside of Yosemite, Apr

We are extremely pleased to announce that **Marion Steininger & Dick McAdoo** married on 14 Oct in Westport, CT and sailed on the *QEII* for 11 days in the Caribbean. Their permanent address is now 6 Leslie Lane, Westport, CT 06880. Pictures and more next time. Paul Weaver '48 sent me a clipping of *Wall St. Jour.*, 7 Aug wherein it relates that 16 yr old Mary Ellen Blanchard, Doc's granddaughter, participated in the Phillips 66/US Swimming Long Course Championships and won a gold (200m breaststroke), a silver (100m) and a bronze (200m individual medley). By the way, Bruce Robertson '48 sent in a clipping also. But no '47'ers??!

Ed & Wanda Cottongim have changed addresses to 188 Whiteoaks Circle, Rose Hill Plantation, Bluffton, SC 29910-9504 (803 757-4976) for leisurely tennis and golf after 2nd ret.

Who collects stamps out there? **Dorothy & GG Kent** sent me a Silverdale, WA centennial special postmarked letter and Wash 1889-1989 stamp!

Jack Tully has finally ret from Combustion Eng as sr VP sales after 41 yrs of faithful service. Congrats, Jack. Sorry to hear about **Pat's** diabetes. We all hope that it continues to be controllable and containable.

Flankers beware. Runts are finally coming into their own. The new first cpt is only 5'4"! (Reported by **Mary & Ike Ickler.**)

Bobbi & I, on return from mini, side-tracked all around the Four Corners region to admire the majestic snowy scenery in Glenwood Spgs, Leadville, Eagle, Parachute, Montrose, etc and visit many of the historic Indian sites and museums: Black Canyon of the Gunnison Natl Mon, Anasazi Heritage Ctn, Dominquez/Escalante Ruins, Mesa Verde, Bandelier Nat Mon. The Indians back in 600-1000 AD made better and longer lasting mortar than we do today!

I am writing most of this column at the **Duquemins** in Roswell, GA, in their

very spacious and lovely home on the golf course with clay tennis courts close by. **Patt & Duke** took care of me for several days before I drove up to Knoxville for the Natl Sr Clay Court Tennis Championships. Playing lots of tng sets with Duke, Patt, Peter (son) and others enabled me to achieve the quarterfinals in Knoxville along with Warren Drake '45 (despite his age!). The Duquemins went to Spain and Portugal in Oct. While in Knoxville, I had a very pleasant visit with **Ann Heisser** who lives west of town on a hill in a wooded area. **George** was in the Law Dept at USMA, 60-63.

Natl Sec Adv **Brent Scowcroft** was the victim of a high-level golf course prank by the Pres. Brent is reported to have taken a mighty swing on the 1st tee at Kennebunkport, but the ball—an exploding chalk ball—disintegrated into dust. Get Pres Bush to play tennis, Brent!



1947: Infamous gang of four: Nairns and Congers in Moscow

OBITS: **Ann & John Lerohl's** daughter, Jane Rasmussen, died in NJ on 27 Jul from an unusual liver ailment. **Bob Ehrlich** died on 28 Jul in Austin, TX apparently from a heart attack. **Louise Rich-**



1947: Doc Blanchard, Perry Gainey and Bob Ehrlich in So TX

ardson has died (no details). Our heartfelt sympathies go out to **Ann & John, Patsy and Hal**, and families.

More pics and names on mini next time. Thank **June Burner** for the pics in column this time! Give me update on status of those caught in Hugo (**Lynns, Hayes, Forces**, etc). We called, but could not get through. Take care.

'48

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While this is written in Oct, it will reach you in Dec—I hope you all had a pleasant holiday season with friends and family. It was a pleasure to get a note from **Charley Wurster** forwarded from **Tom Ware**—his classmate from Chilli-cothe, OH HS, Class of '43. The Wursters report moving into the Indian River Colony Club, a mil ret community in Melbourne, FL. With the family all grown and moved away, Charley plans to ret in May 90 while he and **Dorothy** look forward to enjoying the grandchildren. The **Swarengens, Whiteheads**, and **Petersens** report on a wonderful 12-day cruise to AK with stops at Juneau, Seward, Anchorage, Sitka, and Victoria, BC. The travelers are shown here just before enjoying the CPT's Welcome Aboard reception. Last issue we showed



1948: Petersen, Swarengens and Whiteheads cruising in AK

a picture of some lovely spouses from Albuquerque, NM. It's only fair now that we show the intelligent classmates who selected such charming ladies—**Tom Clark, Stan Thevenet, Ed Nelson**, and **Fred Chanatry**. I heard via indirect



1948: Tom Clark, Petersen, Thevenet and Ed Nelson and Chanatry

sources from a long-time silent classmate—**Lou Haskell**. Lou & **Becky** live in FL but travel extensively in their trailer. This summer they are spending 6 wks in Hendersonville, NC while enjoying the

mountains of western NC. How do you take that shuffleboard court with you, Lou? Those of you who don't know Lou, and think I'm putting you on, should know that Lou hosts an annual shuffleboard tournament for Central FL every Mar and up until a yr or so ago was the pres of the local club.

Babs Wadsworth Nelson dropped a delightful note with news of the family and husband **John**. Babs has a new granddaughter, **Kalyn**, to add to her existing stable of two grandsons—**John** and **Christopher**. Son **Todd Wadsworth**



1948: Babs Wadsworth (Nelson) with grandsons John and Christopher

was married to **Diane Hron** in Minneapolis, MN in Jul where he is hopeful his PhD dissertation will be finished within the next yr. For all you 7th Cav Regt buffs from the Korean War, Babs sent a notice of a new book on your exploits entitled *7th US Cavalry Legacy* and is available from 7th Cav History Book, PO Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101. Ever since we published two issues ago where you could get replace-

ments for your lost Class rings and other USMA memorabilia, stories have been coming out of the woodwork about how many of you lost your rings and such. The most bizarre comes from **John Egbert** who on one of his infrequent forays into mowing and police of his postage stamp size town house back yard, found lying in the unhatched turf the Class ring he lost *two years previous*; now this is unusual enough, but then wife **Sandy** tells that this happened once before when the Eggs were at USMA; only on this occasion the melting of winter snow revealed the errant ring the following spring. Can anyone top this? Does anyone want to?

It seems every issue I report **Bob Ward** traveling somewhere; he gets a lot of press space because he stays in touch with some of you who don't check in very often. While attending the Am Bar Assoc mtg in HI (who else but the ABA would hold a convention in HI in the summer—this could lead to another lawyer joke), local classmates **Phil & Carolyn Whitney** entertained **Bob & Beji** with **Al & Jane Alfonso** also in attendance. The word is out that **Alfonso** took all the golf money while **Whitney** was left with the drink tab (see picture). We are happy to hear that **George Rutter** married the Rev **Deborah Smith Wood** in Mathews, VA on 15 Sep—congratulations from all of us **George**—we are looking forward to meeting her soon. **Paul Weaver** responded to my comment in the last issue that picture contributions were slim with a splendid pic of the FL west coast contingent at the last Founders Day dinner. **Bob Taylor** is standing all



1948: Alfonso and Whitney

alone with the **Carters, Doodys, Whitfields, Weavers, Bayers, and Burrows**. It's good to see you all looking so well with the arduous schedules you keep on the golf courses and beaches. **Woe & Marge Enderle** reported on some of their travels which included stops in the San Ant area where they visited their son **Scott** who works for Shell Oil in that city. **Woe** talked to **Billie & Rosie Rosencrans** on the phone—**Rosie** is still up to his eyebrows in AF Village and says he has his name on \$38 mil of notes which he's hoping to get out from under soon. Then the **Enderles** visited with **Robin & Beany Livesay**—**Beany** is all recovered from the cracked knee cap she suffered at the reunion; **Robin** gets around well in his wheelchair while managing his structural engineering consulting business from his home and doing historical research on Indians and old Army forts around the SW. The **Enderles** then joined **Ed & Elanita Scott** for dinner out on the town; **Ed** is an antique car aficionado; another phone call resulted in nice conversation with **John Edwards** who is spending a lot of his time these days as a consulting expert on a million dollar court case while having a lot of fun with his computer, looking forward to ret next yr and their move to Myrtle Beach. **Woe** apologizes for missing connections with the **Resnicks, Footes, and Tom Phillips** 20 mi N in Conroe, TX, **Grim Locke** 60 mi S in Galveston, or **Ken Ruddy** in nearby Beaumont. **Woe**, you're forgiven. If we all were so dedicated in looking up our classmates and their news this column would be a lot more stimulating and timely. Thanks for all the address and phone number checks and updates too!

Not many of you all know that **Dave & Sarah Mallett** run a very successful wine and cheese shop business in Asheville, NC. **Les & Ginny Carter** visited them recently and this wonderful picture in front of the Malletts' store resulted. **Lyle & Ginny Walter** wrote and passed on news of their extensive travel to see family and friends—3 wks in Scotland and England this past spring, two different trips to their time shares in CA and Ruidoso, NM, and other short trips to see family in Denver, Sedona, Douglas, WY,



1948: Carters, Bob Taylor, Doodys, Whitfields, Bayers, Weavers and Burrows; Founders Day 1989, FL West Coast



1948: Malletts and Carters in front of Malletts' wine & cheese shop

and Billings, MT; but perhaps the happiest news from the Walters is granddaughter #1, Raquel, born 31 Aug. A few issues ago we asked for help in locating two lost classmates—Adkins and Lewando. We've located Vince Lewando in VT, now we're down to one—Harry Adkins—anyone out there have any recommendations as to where we should start looking?

Kit Wilhide wrote a newsy letter from Ger where she & Glenn are living until at least Apr 90. They've had a busy summer with daughter Gretchen & husband Mike visiting with their little ones. The Wilhides love traveling around Europe this yr—to Budapest, Prague, Liechtenstein, and a visit with Terry Pabst in Wurzburg. Like the rest of us they are looking for the "ultimate" place to settle but have no definite spot selected yet. Jim Hooker wrote with news of a '47 mini-reunion held in CO Springs using the 42 1/2 yr of their grad as an excuse. '47 invited those of '48 who lived in the local area to join with them—Bill & Pat Beyers, Norm & Carolyn Lovejoy, Otis & Sherry Moore, Ken & Carolyn Barber, and Ann & Jim Hooker took them up on it. We've heard from the two classmates we know about caught up in Hurricane Hugo. By far the worst hit were Bob & Judy Cushing on St Croix who were all but wiped out—they are now back in the DC area staying with Bob's sister Marianne Kiernan while they try to put things back together. Robbie & Lynn Robertson in Charleston, SC came through with a little water damage and a tree leaning against the house. You both have our best wishes for a speedy recovery, and our thanks that you are all safe and well.

About a yr ago, all the '48 classmates in the Wash DC area organized a great 40th get-together; now it's time for some one or more of you to join together, pick a likely resort area suitable for the season, with golf, tennis, shopping and sightseeing attractions nearby, and organize a mini-reunion. It really doesn't take much effort, the resort area does much of the work, all you must supply is the willingness to volunteer and do it!

'49

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Charles "Andy" Anderson was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 6 Oct, following a memorial service at the Ft Myer chapel. A dozen or so classmates joined other friends and family at the service and interment. Andy died from heart failure on Sun, 1 Oct, at his home in Englewood, OH. He had had two kidney operations in the early 1980's which resulted in other medical complications, and has been on hemodialysis for several yrs. He is survived by his wife, Melvina, 4 children, and one step-child.

George Hoffmaster will be glad to see his name here as "one of the lucky ones"—thanks to wife Jean and modern medical care. George developed a serious heart problem in late Sep—a life-threatening blood clot. Fortunately, Jean talked him into going to the hosp in the wee hrs of the morning before the full force of the heart attack developed. When the attack did come, ICU pers quickly administered one of the new clot-dissolving drugs. George says that at one time he had 5 tubes running into his body and lots of blood being taken out for samples. George is on the mend and expects to go home on 10 Oct. So thanks to the medical pers at DeWitt Army Hosp, Ft Belvoir, for rescuing George safely from a very dangerous situation.

The Wash lunch bunch met at the Pentagon on 12 Sep. Present were Charlie Adams, Ted Boland, Dave Bolte, Bill Bumpus, Jack Carr, Jud Conner, Hill Dickinson, Al English, Bob Ennis, Al Fagg, Dick Gillespie, Harry Griffith, Bill Hoffmann, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Bill Huber, Art Kingdom, Wes Knapp, Bill Lake, Hal Lombard, John Maurer, Gene Mechling, Clay Moran, John Magnotti, Bob Pfeiffer, Duane Smith, George Summers, Ted Swett, George Sylvester, and Ed Yellman. The next luncheon, after you receive this issue of ASSEMBLY, is planned for 16 Jan 90. Out-of-towners who would like to attend should call Art Kingdom, 703-569-9360, a few days ahead for reservations and to verify the date.

At the luncheon Clay Moran reported the arrival of a new grandson, Clayton Louis Moran III. Clay says also that he bought and much enjoys the video cassette of the reunion-cruise.

John & Marge Maurer have moved to Fredericksburg, VA. Their new address: 13609 Fifth Corps Lane, zip 22401. Although the street may be in honor of battles fought long ago during the unpleasantness between the States, John's last AD asgmt was with today's V Corps.

The traveling Pfeiffers, Bob & Sue,

were in Japan in Jun and Bermuda in Sep. Bob said he had often flown to Bermuda but had never left the air base. This time he intends to see the isl. (Bob could have done this during the reunion-cruise, but he gave his tickets to son Greg and daughter-in-law.) VP Ted Swett chaired the luncheon in place of Pres Tom Marsh who was off on business somewhere. Among the announcements was that of another cruise, to be held 13 Oct—on the Potomac. Twenty-six couples had signed up for this dinner-dance affair, which is also to honor the reunion-cruise comm members, as of the luncheon. Some of us just can't get enough of the sea-going life. (Yes, Virginia, the river is tidal up to Washington.) For those on the reunion-cruise, it was noted that the ship's entertainment dir, Billy Boyle, was seen on TV on Masterpiece Theater. Duane Smith reported that the Class Treasury has about \$6,000, mainly in CD's. It produces \$80-\$90/quarter in interest.

The permanent comm to oversee the '49er Lodge, chaired by George Sylvester, has the following members: Ted Boland, John Maurer, Larry Ogden, and Ed Triner. George reported that we will need about an \$80,000 endowment fund to maintain it. (You should have received a letter from George on this subject.) Al English mentioned that some may wish to make a provision in their wills for this purpose. Walter Reed Army Hosp has hosted two '49ers recently. John VanderVoort reported that Pete Petrank came by for a bit of remedial surgery. And Pat Patterson stopped in for a "new knee." If he's happy with the results he may go for a second knee.

Dick Gillespie ret from his job as VP of the US-China Business Council in Aug. The *China Business Review* reports that Dick spent 10 yrs with the council, leading delegations to China, hosting Chinese gps in the US, and advising numerous engring and technological working gps. In Jul, he presented recommendations to the House Foreign Affairs Comm on the course of action for the US, as a result of the events at Tiananmen Square on 4 Jun. In ret, Dick plans to write and do consulting work on China.

If you want to stir up a bit of excitement at your next social event, Bob Ennis's son-in-law, Brian Mitchell, has written a book titled "Weak Link"—*The Feminization of the Am Mil*. Try that subject on your friends. . . . And re books, on 8 Oct the *Washington Post* reviewed *The Long Gray Line* by Rick Atkinson. This is a book about the Class of '66, from new plebes to the class "most bloodied by the Vietnam War." Please note that the above is not an advertisement or promotion for either book. We scribes have been reminded to be careful in not appearing to promote any book, product, or service which results in in-

come to someone other than the WP Fund.

The peripatetic **Charlie Smith** writes that he is now (temporarily?) living in Lima, OH, after about 2 mos in FL. His purpose, to show new wife **Geny** the US and to help her learn English. His longer range plans are to return to Brazil to live. But he mentions that Geny likes the USA—so we'll wait and see how this story plays out. In other heart-health news, **Ed Hindman** says his heart endarterectomy (surgical removal of arterial plaques to open the plumbing) was partially successful. He has been advised to avoid stress and is to return for evaluation in the near future.

To encourage us all to keep thinking about "fitness over 60," this report ends with a photo of **Tom MacKenzie** as he was winning a mi race last Jul. Tom



1949: Tom MacKenzie winning a mile race

writes: "The reunion was great! My wife & I had a wonderful time and returned West [Portland, OR] with enhanced pride in '49. At the reunion I discovered that at least **Charlie Palmer**, **Bill Dirkes** and I are still running . . . and competing up to 15K." He goes on to say he competes within an age gp (details not given!). He added that he and Bill Dirkes had a pleasant run from the *Queen of Bermuda* past the chapel and stadium while at WP. So remember your push-ups (away from the table) and if no jogging, then walking.

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For any of you who have not yet signed up for the 40th in May, don't delay. While we want everyone to come, even last minute decisions, it makes it much easier for all if we have your reservation in hand before we turn back the rooms we have reserved. You can either contact TROA Travel at 1-800-638-8784, Win Skelton (1-703-533-9545), or me (1-703-360-2277).

Jack Wagner reports that we are making good progress on our 40 yr Reunion Book (40-50). We have biographies and pictures from 20% of the Class and have

received orders for copies from 40% of the Class (Co M-1 and C-2 are nearing 100%). In order to meet schedules we urgently need your family photograph and short biography as soon as possible. If you have not yet responded please send your picture, biography and subscription (\$35/copy) to John E Wagner, 3229 First Place, North, Arlington, VA 22201 or to one of your Co Reps before the end of 89.

Unfortunately, not everyone can make the reunion. **Sam Nicholson** left a note on our machine in Aug saying that he & his wife would be teaching in China until next Jul. That must be quite an experience, Sam. Send a note with some of the details.

We missed that call in Aug while we were vacationing on the Outer Banks for the 22nd summer. The first wk with the children and grandchildren is great but hectic, so we have a second to rest up. This yr **Marilyn & Al Romaneski** were able to join us there for a few days of bridge, talking, bridge, eating, bridge. It was great fun, despite rainy weather. They were back from their OCSC Hospitality House in Stuttgart for the wedding of their daughter Jo Ann to Greg Conroy on 19 Aug; to see son Peter and his family, who have recently moved to Cincinnati for Delta Airlines; to visit other family and friends; and to tidy up business. Older son Mark '76 and his family will be stationed in Stuttgart for another 2 yrs. Mark runs one of the JAG offices there.

Frank Thompson sent a card telling us of the birth on 22 Jul of their first granddaughter, Erin Elizabeth—7lbs, 7 oz, 19 1/2 in. She was born to son Stuart '78 & his wife Kris in Columbia, SC, where Stuart works for Michelin Tire. Frank, who still teaches part-time for USC, says that students don't even remember WWII and think the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought in Vietnam. But then how many can identify the Battle of Fallen Timbers?

Speaking of new granddaughters, **Cynthia & DS Wilson** were in the DC area after visiting Kathleen, born 28 May to their daughter Melissa & her husband Michael Fox. Melissa is the Asst Dean of Admissions at Bryn Mawr College in PA. Son Brad & his wife Debbie were the attraction in the DC area. DS also reported on son Lawrence, who has been selected for the Space Cmd and will be out at Cheyenne Mt after his tng.

Still on granddaughters, here is a picture of the christening party for Cary Frances Clark, the **Picks'** first. L-to-R: me, **Robin**, **Andy Pick**, **Betsy Pick Clark**, **Cary Frances**, **Danny Clark**, **Fran Pick**, **Ann & Jim Tormey**. The picture was taken at the Clarks' place in Newport News, VA.

Frank Thompson isn't the only "professor" around. A recent George Wash-



1950: Christening party for Picks' granddaughter

ington U bulletin on continuing engring education showed **Bob Cheney** teaching a course on CALS— Computer-aided Acquisition and Logistic Support. The title alone is impressive. Apparently Bob also is involved with space def in the CALS area.

From the West Coast **June Elliott** sends word that her son Bruce has joined the Army, too. He was commissioned in RA from ROTC at USF and is on his way to flight school at Ft Rucker. **Muriel & Len Wegner** came up from Pebble Beach for the commissioning in May.



1950: Wegners and Elliotts

June's other son **Chuck** finished up his active duty with the Marines, coming home from embassy duty in El Salvador, Honduras and Chile. He is now back in college and is a reserve Marine sgt. Her daughter **Karen** lives in San Fran, where she works for a bed-and-breakfast chain covering the city and down on the Monterey Peninsula.

In Jun another important happening out in CA was the marriage of **Joy Viskochil's** eldest **Steve** to **Jaci Hain** on 12 Jun in Santa Cruz. **Jinny & Tom Loper** and **Dave Pettit** were out for the celebration. As you can see in the picture, **Dave** caught the garter, so WATCH OUT! Last word I had on him he was on his way to Switzerland. Back to **Joy**, she spent most of the summer at her new home in Melbourne, FL—near the golf course, of course. She is collecting quite a gp of the Class down there. **Bill Aman** is the pres of the Home Owners' Assoc, while the **Slays**, the **Sibbles**, the **Lewis**, and the **Striders** are all in the process



1950: Steve Viskochil wedding, Jun 89

of building places at IRCC. In addition Dave Pettit has joined but hasn't decided on building yet.

As I reported in the last column, **Betty Lou & Tom Austin** were expecting their 14th grandchild. Emily Louise Austin arrived on 19 Jul in Killeen, TX. At 8 lbs, 11 oz, 21+ in, she is the 3rd child of Dave & Tish Austin. Betty Lou & Tom went down to help out during the big event.

The Austins were not alone in adding grandchildren. Close on the heels of her first, **Kathy O'Brien** has a second: John K O'Brien, born to son Ned & his wife Kay on 6 Sep in Birmingham, AL. He checked in at 8 lbs even and 19 in. Kathy was down there for the birth but still managed to visit **Loris & Ken Ebner** for the Harvard game. The Ebners seem to be recovering from their big wedding for KR. Kathy also reports that the **Boyles** and the **Hooper Adamses** were up for the game with **Faith & Morris Herbert**.

The Herberts, too, rate in the new grandchild game. Their daughter Caroline gave birth on 11 Sep to Allison Michelle Lewis at 9 lbs, 3 oz. Caroline & husband Joe live near DC, where he is a lawyer and she an exec with an advertising firm.

At WP Chuck Phillips '79 & his wife Ingrid presented **Penny & Wendy Phillips** with grandson Carl Michael on 14 Sep, joining the 2 girls the younger Phillipses already have. Chuck, by the way, has volunteered to be one of our escort offs for the 40th.

Penny also reports that the '50 social activities in the DC area are going well. She oversees the dinner and bridge sessions that are normally held the 3rd Sat of each mo with 3-8 tables having great fun—and lots of good food. The last Wed of the mo the wives get together at Ft Myer O-club for lunch, though this past time they took a field trip to tour USNA. **Lois Rutledge** and **Audrey Shade**, who live in that area, joined the gp for lunch.

Wally Nutting is working with the Natl Def Univ on conducting a joint orientation course to newly selected O-7's, giving him a chance to visit some of the unified and specified cmds and other places. In Jun he took his gp to the Philippines, where **Eddie Ramos** shared some of his valuable time with them.

Wally says that **Eddie**, Sec of Natl Def, looks great and that he is quietly confident and obviously in cmd. Moreover he seems to be making real progress against the insurgency. All the Class, I'm sure, take great pride in having Eddie as a member and supports all his efforts.

Got a good picture from **Marie & John Watson** at their home in Lexington, MA, where both of them serve in the VA hosp at Bedford. Marie is a busy volunteer,



1950: The Watsons

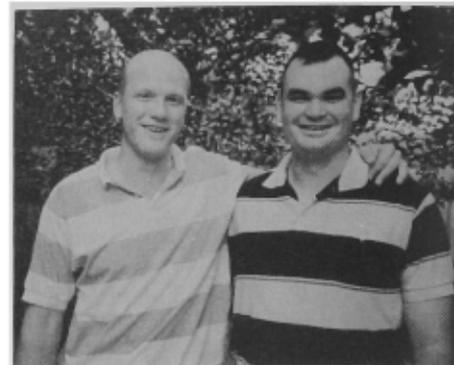
while John, who is an ordained Catholic deacon, was assigned to the hosp. He has become an LPN and is studying to become a hosp chaplain there. All 5 of their daughters are married and between them have presented Marie and John with 10 grandchildren, some of whom John has baptized.

Speaking of deacons, 10 Sep was a red-letter day for **Jean & Laurie Eek** as Jean assumed her new duties as chm of the Deacons in the Vienna Baptist Church. She and Laurie assisted in the ordination of their daughter & son-in-law, **Donna Veeve & Dennis McMillen**, to be new deacons. It is a real family affair, as Laurie has served as the deacon's chm in 1972-73 and is currently the church moderator. He also headed up the building comm that recently completed the new church building there.

Of course, **Peggy & Chuck Tonning** are still very busy with YWAM activities in Madras, India, where they have lived in one room for over 3 1/2 yrs. They will be leaving soon, however, since they have been accepted by YWAM Namibia to work there, as the next step in their ministries. Guess they will have to change their travel from Singapore and Bangkok to Cairo and Morocco. Good luck on the new asgmt!

From the deja vu file comes a picture of old roommates, one generation removed. **Tom Austin** and **Ken Ebner** (C-1 roommates) find their sons, David and Ken, Jr (KR to most of us), serving together in the 17th Engr Bn, 2d Armored Div at Ft Hood. David is CO of C Co, and KR a platoon leader in A Co.

For those of you who read the *Army Times*, you probably saw the cover story on the 24th Inf Regt during the Korean War. **Dave Carlisle**, who for many yrs has



1950: Ebner and Austin, jr version

led the effort to bring out the facts about the regt, is widely quoted in the article. The story gives a good insight into part of what Dave has accomplished.

Another of the daughters of **Pookie & Jack Crittenberger**, Julie, was married to Steven Douglas on 5 Aug in DC. Stand-



1950: Julie Crittenberger gets married

ing in the picture are **Sam Smithers**, **Sid Steele**, **Jeanie Steele**, **Macon Foeshe**, and her son Cabell. **Tillie Smithers** is seated with the bride and groom. Steve & Julie are now living in NJ, where Steven is part of a fruit and jam business.

Two mos later and in the same church on Capitol Hill, **Bill Crittenberger** married **Tracy Lee**, who has been working for the White House. Bill & Tracy will be in New Haven for the next yr, as Bill has received a fellowship for a master's in history at Yale.

Before the weddings, Robin got a picture of me with half the Foeshe and Crittenberger children during a pool party at our place. Don't know how all



1950: Pool party at DeGraf's

those youngsters grow so fast, but they are a grand gp. On my left are Cabell Fooshe and Julie Crittenger. To my right are Amy Taylor, Kelly and Bill Crittenger.

Since you should be getting this column near the holidays, I wish all of you the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years and hope that 1990 includes our seeing you at the 40th. We look forward to getting notes from you particularly when there is news for the column.

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Letter received from **Jim Guyer** dated 4 Oct 89: "... I'm again overwhelmed by the 'brotherhood' and unique closeness of our Class. We of '51 can be unutterably grateful for our fellowship. There have been many such instances that occurred in my life since graduation both in combat and in civ life—but now it's happened once again!"

Jim's 39' schooner *Sweet Misery* was extensively damaged while in a Charleston, SC marina. With the assistance,



1951: Joe receives blessings too! Kermit & Lynn Johnson, Rogers

guidance and support of **Joe Rogers**, **Pete Clay**, **Russ Walthour**, and the Coast Guard, **Jim** moved his boat to Jacksonville for repair—despite sails in shreds, en route loss of electronics and instruments, the motor dying, and **Jim's** drifting with the current and winds for hrs. After answering his "Mayday," the USCG towed him to a FL port from which he was towed to Jacksonville. Upon his arrival with what was left of *Sweet Misery*, **Jim** was greeted by **Russ**, the boat yard mgr, and the USAA claims rep. **Russ** then took **Jim** home for the night, to the **Irving's** for dinner, and the next day to the bus station for a return trip to Charleston so **Jim** could pick up his car. **Jim's** letter, written on the bus, ended with: "I have been able to help a few classmates out in small ways through the yrs, but my acts were nothing compared to all that happened to me in the last few days. I pray that I'll have

the chance to do more in return." As **Jim** says, "'51 is a unique class of which we're all proud."

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT. Southeast—(FL+) Rep: **Russ Walthour**, Dep: **Fred Irving**; (NC,SC) **Ed Matney** and **John Samotis**; (AL, AR, GA, LA, MS, TN) **Geo Meighen** and **Barnett DeRamus**. In addition to assisting people in distress, **Russ & Shirley Walthour** recently took a 2-wk trip during which they visited **Dan & Marilyn Sharp** in Boise, enjoyed 4 days of white water rafting on the Salmon Riv, and thrilled by the beautiful NW and Vancouver and Canada. Both **Ray & Betty Tague**, in Satellite Beach, and **Fred & Alice Irving**, JAX, had sons married in Aug and Sep respectively. It seems that all of our homes have become a little more silent lately. Of course, that doesn't include either the **Bradleys** or **Volks**, both of whom became grandparents of boys; **Bob** insists theirs goes very well with their Miss America circa 2005. Of course, **Bill & Dell** are also residents of NC w/completion of their home near Waynesboro. On the Gulf Coast the **Watseys** also moved into their new Clearwater home in Jul. **Steve** says their proj mgr, **Marilyn**, did a super job. Also reports Fla Power Corp keeps him busy and on the go—he just finished a yr as chm, Edison Elec Inst Comm on Matls Mgt & Proc. Lately returned from a reunion of his Korean War Tac Recon Sq where they were w/**Charlie & Julia Witmer** and **Sam Dickens**. **Bud & Irene Conti** stayed w/the **Gillettes** (M-1, '49) during a late summer visit to Walton Beach; they also saw the **Peckhams** in Cocoa Beach, where **Howie** continues his mgt functions in the dev and op of a ret community. In Bradenton, **Phil & Sybil Connolly** continue to enjoy FL from Nov to Apr, but now spend May through Oct in NH. As **Russ** says, "It must be nice!" **John Derrick** reports seeing **Don McGann** during an extended Western trip; incidentally, he ret from formal employment and now spends much of his time w/the Harbor City Vol Ambulance Sq. **George Harmon**, once again fully fit, thanks all for their many cards, letters, and kindnesses. Finally, down in Palm



1951: Relaxed and enjoying life—Libby & Ernie Peixotto

City the **Peixottos** continue to enjoy their return to sunny FL, a new home, and great surroundings. When you call be prepared to talk to a completely relaxed couple fully enjoying life. The **Matneys** report all is fine in Southern Pines, NC; as usual, their efforts along w/the other reg reps/deps provided more info than can be reported fully in a single column. **Joe & Cecil Clemons** are very happy in Hendersonville, NC. They have plenty of room and encourage visitors—of course, if we get there at the wrong time of the yr, **Joe** may put us to work. Recent trips by **Joe** in his Cessna 172 the Oshkosh Fair (w/grandson who probably couldn't say no) and to MT w/**Walt Russell's** son, **Brown & wife**, backpacking and flyfishing for 8 days. **Joe's** looking forward to a mid-Oct trip to TX w/son **Mike** for the Confederate AF fly-in. The **Partains** now fully ensconced



1951: A gathering in Carolina—Bradley, Fran Partain, Dell Bradley, Partain, Pat & Pete Clay

in Whispering Pines, NC say to potential movers Don't Do It Yourself!! Although all is well now, **Ed** ended up in Bragg's Womack AH for their 38th wedding anniv w/cellulitis and other complications. In late Aug they and **Mary Tatum** visited **Pete & Pat Clay** at St Simons Is—lots of laughs, walks on the beach and perfect weather. **Dave & Margaret Phillips** also recently visited **Howie & Mollie Peckham** at Satellite Beach—both were very impressed w/**Howie's** ret project—both beautiful and practical. While such reports may be grossly inaccurate, but it has been reported that when **Pete & Cathy Prehn** operate their Bonita Bowrider off the coast of Wilmington, NC distress calls are flashed along the entire coast. Recent visitors included **Paul & Sarah Coughlin** who vacationed nearby w/their 3 offspring. The Coughlin-Prehn beach get-together has been almost an annual event since an Okinawa tour in the '50s. In Winston-Salem, **John Spach**, who is involved w/historic restoration activities, was reappointed to that city's Historic District Commission. **Bill Barnett** was recently joined in his business of bldg and managing off and indus shopping ctrs by his son **Hall**, formerly in banking. In Wilmington, **Pete Thorsen** heads the local Civitan campaign to



1951: An annual event—Coughlin, Prehn, Cathy Prehn, Sarah Coughlin



1951: The Barnetts of Henderson—Bill & Ruth travel often

raise money for their local scholarship program while Nancy remains a "Professional Student." In New Bern, Dave Carroll still assists the elderly in preparing tax returns while maintaining a relaxed lifestyle; in Matthew Ed Willis, assoc prof at UNC-Charlotte, teaches cost estimating, proj scheduling, and const.

John & Peggy Samotis, Columbia, SC, are looking forward to visiting CA in Nov when they are scheduled to give Shawn Weatherly, Miss Universe 1980, and Peggy's goddaughter, away in marriage. Mary Tatum's HisTouy Inc continues to be successful; Mary also attended the Irving wedding in Sep. Phil Reed, in real estate in Anderson, SC is recovering nicely from a recent knee implant. In summer Dick & Joyce Breakiron visited son & wife who are stationed at WP. Both CPTs, Rich is w/PE while Jan is w/Soc Studies. Seth Scruggs, who is now ret, looks forward to '51's next mini; medical problems precluded his attendance at the mini in Apr, and Seth is determined to make one next yr. Bill & Audrey Malouche remain contented in Columbia while still w/Michelin. George Meighen received a very welcome letter from Geo Ritter who reported his recovery from by-pass surgery is proceeding very well. After many yrs w/Westinghouse, Geo terminated rather than leave Oak Ridge, their residence for many yrs. He is now pres, Performance Dev Corp, which specializes in dev and implementing engring mgt systems, mostly in the DOE area. Active in hiking, Geo is

treas of the Smoky Mts Hiking Club. Wife, Mike, is active in church activities and particularly in Recording for the Blind. Their daughter, 1 of 3 children and an MD, has become Geo's personal physician during his convalescence.



1951: Betty dressed him up! Bacon heads the East TN Soc

Geo has had contact w/Bud Bacon, Ike Issac and Lum Brantly. Also says he & Mike thoroughly enjoy getting together w/Bud & Bette Bacon who seem to enjoy life to the fullest in Knoxville, particularly now w/UT undefeated. Bette continues active as a fund raiser of Sigma Chi house renovations; also very active as publicity chm of the Garden Club. Bud planned getting together w/Lum Brantly for the Duke game. Lum & Lola live in Huntsville, AL where he works w/Teledyne. Stan Umstead is still working at long-range planning for the city of Montgomery while trying to keep his golf handicap respectable. Stan reports he & Dorothy are still enjoying an extended honeymoon (they married in Oct 88). With 3



1951: He still sends flowers—Dorothy Jean and Stan Umstead

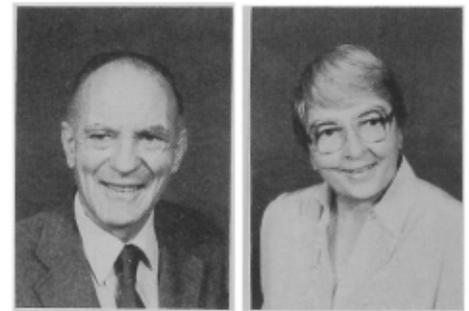
married daughters, Stan also reports 3 grandchildren so far. Mike Simpson in Spanish Ft, AL continues to sell waterfront lots while trying to build a fertilizer plant in Cent AM. The Pattillos, Pat & Pat, continued their annual family reunion on their lake in Jul—an annual event since 81; had 12 people ranging from 15 mos to 89 yrs. It's always a fabulous time.

While Barnett DeRamus teaches French at Birmingham Southern, Betsy teaches Italian at U of AL. He now has a publisher for his book and a literary



1951: With Dana, newest and littlest deckhand—the Pattillos on their lake in Hartselle, AL

study on 4 novels of the French pilot-author Antoine de Saint-Exupery. In Dothan Bill & BJ Crouch have two grandchildren within 2 blocks and thoroughly enjoy the relationship. Bill continues as mgr, Ft Rucker Office, McDonnell Douglas Helicopter. Sometimes they are happy and at other times they are hilarious!! After 17 yrs of having at least one, and sometimes 2 in col, Gary & Jessie Owens' 4 children have degrees and are currently employed. With



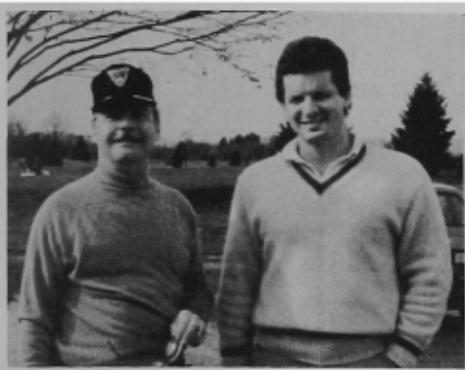
1951: True saints!! Harry & Marcie Lombard

the current status of the New Orleans Saints football fortunes, Harry & Marcie Lombard, Kenner, LA are very disappointed. However, they love the area and he is VP of a subsurface engring co which specializes in solution and hard rock mining for storage of hydrocarbons.

In Sunbury, GA Bill Grugin is VP, Liberty County Chamber of Commerce; wife Betty, a widely-known water color and oil artist, owns the Happy Palette Inc and opened a new gallery in Savannah and is presently working on paintings for widely known intl personages. Gil Stephenson continues as dir, Jr ROTC Prog, Muscogee County, Columbus, GA; while Phyllis supports Therapy for Handicapped Children. Bill & Betty Owens are expanding on their good life in Dahlenega while negotiating for a 27 hole country club on their property—dev will encompass 1000 acres. Don & Jean Sheridan are located in Stone Mtn, GA while the Phil Gwynns, Mike Kovalskys, Walt Russells, and Geo Meighens round out the Atlanta contingent.

Geo & Anne remain, as they have for yrs, among most active and contributing members of the '51 family.

CLASS ACTIVITIES: DC area luncheons, 11:30 a.m. each 3d Thur monthly at A/N Club, Arlington continue w/outstanding attendance. For info call **Bob or Tinky Hyatt**—703-425-4839. **SPRING FLING**—1990 at Carlisle 26–29 Apr at Allenberry Resort Inn and Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA, just 6 mi southeast of Carlisle: theatre, golf, tennis, tours of Lancaster and Gettysburg, antiques, hiking, fishing, trap-shooting, re-visit or visit Carlisle Barracks. Info: call **Charlie or Joan Crowe** (717) 243-5479 or write 220 Hickory Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013. It looks



1951: Not only younger, but better too—Crowe and "Little Charlie" finish a round of golf at Carlisle Barracks

like another of Charlie's great creations!! 40th REUNION 22–25 May. Reservations w/Sheraton Hotel, Mahwah, NJ. Sched: 22 May—Arrival Cocktails and Buffet at Sheraton; 23 May—Class Breakfast Mtg, then Chapel Memorial Svc, picnic at Ski Lodge, Visitor Ctr/gift shop/museum; evening—dinner & dancing in Cadet Mess. 24 May—alumni parade and luncheon, lunch in Cadet Mess, narrated bus tour. Evening—'51 dinner at Sheraton. 25 May—Departure/ no planned activities. **NEXT REGIONAL SPOTLITE.** Midwest: (IN, KY, OH, WVA) Rep—**Dave Bills**, Dep—**John Cousins**; (IL, IA, MI, MN) Rep—**Chuck Wallens**, Dep—**Jim Guyer**; (KS, MO, NE, ND, SD) Rep—**Guy Jester**, Dep—**Walt Johnson**.

'52

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I spent most of the summer at our cottage in NH, but kept in touch with events here in the Wash area and even managed to write the Oct column up there.

Ern Condina visited brother-in-law **Jack Foley** last Aug in Laguna Niquel, CA, to reminisce and see Jack's son, John, a carrier pilot and USNA grad. The photo shows them at El Toro MAS, CA. John has been selected to the Navy Blue Angels.



1952: Foley, John Foley, Jr and Condina

Deryle Whipple has published a standing invitation to his home in Marlton, NJ, (near Philly) for Army-Navy game attendees. The **Russomanos** will join **Deryle & Jane** for this yr's game. After 25 yrs full-time practice as a pediatrician, Deryle has retreated to part-time practice and the golf course. The latter is his (& Jane's) current passion: Doral in Sep and Hilton Head next spring. And they live next to their local course.

Bill Shields has been appointed prof of mech engring in the College of Engring of the FL A & M and FL State Univs. The college is a relatively new joint enterprise of the two univs. He & **Ruth** moved to Tallahassee in Sep. Bill confesses that starting a third career at this stage is clear evidence of his failure to decide what he wanted to do when he grew up. FL is the obvious benefactor.

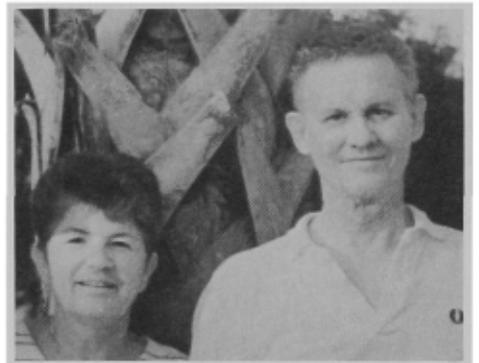
Thor Sundt's skills and natl reputation as a neurosurgeon were heralded recently in connection with Pres Reagan's surgery for removal of a blood clot at the Mayo Clinic. Thor is the chief neurosurgeon there and headed the team caring for the former pres. For more on Thor's outstanding career and accomplishments see Dec 88 ASSEMBLY.

Jeep Rollston gave me more news and photos of the I-2 gang and a tardy but welcome Founders Day photo. **Lou & Inge Churchill** live on the North FL coast. Lou will soon receive a PhD. Back in Ft Worth, **Dave & Marianne Lyon** have two of the biggest, friendliest Labradors to ever lick your face. (Their dogs have been notorious for friendliness over the yrs—a critter named Higgins once tried to eat my shoe (with me in it), but did in fact eat the padded dashboard of Dave's car!)

The summer Class party was held at the Army-Navy Country Club in Jul, offering the local crowd another opportunity to socialize and renew ties. Attending were **Dick & Delores Baker**, **Benedict, Phil & Johanna Coleman**, **Bob & Alice Craig**, **John & Catherine Keeley**, **John & Marie Kenney**, **Birt & Rita Kidwell**, **Dick & Donna Larkin**, **Hank & Marcia Lowder**, **Paul & Anne Malone**, **Mac & Barbara McKnight**, **Bill & Jackie Moore**, **Joe & Kay Paluh**, **Jack & Jean**



1952: Rollstons and Lyons



1952: Inge & Lou Churchill



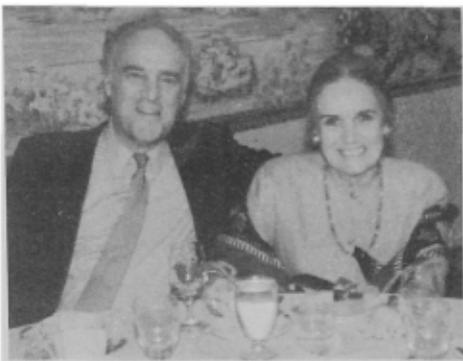
1952: Julia Dombrowsky (front), Joneses, Rollstons and Lashers; Founders Day 1989, San Ant

Pilk, Larry & Barbara Putnam, **Tom & Mary Rehm**, **Charlie & Jane Sell**, **John & Loretta Sullivan**, **Don & Betty Swygert**, and **Chuck & Inez Youree**.



1952: '52 summer party—Larry & Barbara Putnam

Wuzzy Scaman reports he is itching to write about his undergraduate days. All E-2ers are hereby warned.



1952: '52 summer party—Charlie & Jane Sell



1952: '52 summer party—Benedict and Moores

Dick Stanier called me in NH (603-679-5316 for those who may need it) and promised a report, with revealing photos, of his associations with Miss America 88 and others. Hurry, Dick. In the meantime, those of you attending home football games will see Dick in the Supe's box. He flies in from MI for all home games, which makes him, to say the least, an avid supporter of Army football.

Warren Spaulding writes that he & Jan joined Bill & Lou Snyder in Jackson Hole last Jun to celebrate wedding anniv. Their 3 days together included a hike at the base of the Grand Tetons, a tour of Yellowstone, a float on the Snake River, and much discussion of kids and grandkids. The Snyders were also celebrating the return of their oldest, Marshall, from the Western Pacific and his promotion to MAJ, USMC, and their youngest's, Murray, completion of a mech engring MS and reassignment to the advanced course at the Submarine School in Groton, CT. The Spauldings' newsflash is the wedding announcement of their youngest, Mimi, in Durango, CO, this fall. After the reunion Bill returned to his duties as a prof at the Air War College, and Warren to his as Registrar at the CO School of Mines.

I persuaded your Exec Comm to sit still for a minute with the following result: Wiles, Garver, Keeley, Kenney and Moore. Missing this photo opportunity were Paluh, Sullivan and Youree. The comm meets monthly at the call of Kenney; Larkin and your scribe attend as ex-officio members.



1952: '52 Exec Comm (-)

Our treas provided the following accounting as of 12 Sep 89: Cash in Bank 01/01/89—\$4,168.80; Revenue—310.93; Expenses—513.99; Cash in Bank (current)—3,965.74; Petty Cash—25.00; Total—3,390.74.

This column is being written early, because Cynthia & I will be leaving for a Far East trip later in Sep. In spite of my absences this season, I have been receiving an encouraging volume of letters and photos for the column. I appreciate your efforts and will continue mine to respond to all your contributions.

'53

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We had a Class meeting and luncheon at the Pentagon in Sep. Bob Bartlett opened the meeting with a moment of prayer, remembering our classmates, Dave Rumbough, whose death was reported in the Oct issue, and Leonard "Horace" Greeley. Horace finally succumbed, on 10 Aug, to the effects of an auto accident almost 2 yrs ago. He was interred in Arlington after services at Ft Myer.

'53's WP Prep Scholarship Fund went over the top! On 29 Aug, the fund was reported as \$25,673. This exceeds the goal of \$25K set at the reunion meeting last yr. Bob and the other Class offs asked me to pass on to you their congratulations and thanks. A special thanks goes to Neal Creighton, who administered the fund drive.

Although both the Library and the WP Prep fund drives are completed, in that they have met the goals set, this does not mean that the funds are closed to contributions. If any of you want to make a contribution, it will be gladly accepted. Just follow the previous instructions; send it to the AOG, made out to the '53 fund you are supporting. Any questions? Call me and I'll find an answer if I don't have one glibly at hand.

I have just realized one of the problems of writing for a periodical such as ASSEMBLY. With the suspense date for submitting material considerably ahead of the date that it is seen by its readers,

by the time something comes to my attention it's too late for timely mention in the column. For instance, the Army-Navy game is still 2 mos away as I write, but if I say "Beat Navy!," you won't read it until mid-Dec. I suppose if I work smarter and try harder, I might be able to anticipate with that kind of lead time. I do have a small crystal ball, from my days in Ops Dir, OJCS, but it didn't work very well then, either.

I had a long, pleasant phone conversation with Rocky Ventrella the other day, that I think is worth passing along. I have noticed that most of us are a lot looser and more relaxed than we used to be, but I haven't talked to anyone who is quite so pleased with what he is doing as Rocky. He got a job with Fairfax County, VA, and cmds a brigade of racoons, deer, ducks, and I-don't-know-what-all. Maybe even elephants. He is in charge of the Huntley Meadows Park, a wildlife refuge. This is a tract a bit over 1 sq mi in size, classified as wetlands, completely surrounded by suburbia. It has been the subject of controversy these past several yrs, as developers want to put a major road along one side and cross a portion of it. Rocky has, I'm sure, all of the frustrations of bureaucracy, hired hands, budget, reports and so on and on, which we all know and hate. However, he can compensate by being outside most days, in nature, and doing things that need doing and which mostly are evident when they are done. I envy him.

Here is a photo that I received from the AOG. There was no info with it and none on the reverse. I recognize (I think) Gary Colonna, and the sign says it's Founders Day at Ft Leavenworth. I don't recognize the ladies and I don't dare try to guess.



Please send in photos, but send them to me, and put the info—what, when, where, and who, left to right—on the back!

This is like the Beat Navy timing that I wrote about a couple of paragraphs back. Bud Ellis, down in GA, is running for governor there. Unless you are one of the nearly 100 classmates whose address we don't have, you will have received a letter announcing the election, at least

try to think of something you can do to help Bud win it.

Jana Nave, scribe for part of our TX contingent, sent 2 photos and the following: "**Stu McLennan** was responsible for organizing the 36th reunion of the S.A./Austin area classmates on 2 Jun. After a social hr, Congressman Lamar Smith spoke to the Class on a variety of political issues. Stuart is Lamar's right hand man in S.A. A German dinner followed along with a large amount of reminiscing. Plans are in the works for the 37th to be celebrated in Austin.



1953: Congressman Lamar Smith with Abbie & Stu McLennan



1953: At the reunion

Our thanks to Jana for that input. I hear that several classes have evolved networks of scribes across the country. I would certainly welcome any such effort. When you all have get-togethers, why not coerce a volunteer? Let's have some more support for the Class column. Lacking ESP, I have to rely on what you send me. Are you doing your part?

Bill Horton sent a very newsy one-pg letter. He & **Jo** attended graduation exercises at the U of IA in Aug, where their daughter, Diane, received her MA in expository writing. Diane, who got her BA there—Engl lit, summa cum laude—in 84, then worked in the Univ Hosp Cancer Ward as a nurses' aide for 2 1/2 yrs. For the MA, she had to write 5 true life essays. Her experiences in the hosp provided material for 2 of the essays. One was published in the *Iowa Woman* and another will appear later this yr in *The Iowa Review*. Her sister, Lisa, is also a published author, as noted in these pages in 87, when *Redbook* published

her as winner of their short story contest. Wait, now, that's not all; while in IA they were notified that Lisa had presented them with a grandson. They already were the proud grandparents of a daughter of Lisa's and 2 daughters of their son, Will '80 at Ft Hood. There's still more: when they got home, they received notification that they were Grand Prize winners. The US Comm for the Battle of Normandy Museum awarded them a round-trip flight to Paris and a guided tour of the museum, in Caen. They plan to go next spring.

Ralph Greer tells me he is an enthusiastic sky-diver. I would never get out of an airplane unless it was parked, but Ralph says his philosophy is that he will go to his grave at a dead run.

That's it for 1989. Stay tuned to see what the Nineties will bring!

'54

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This column was written and mailed in early Oct, so word of our 35th Reunion will have to wait until the next issue. The Highland Falls PD blotter is the source for attendees' off-post activities.

Tom McNeil '45 and AOG Trustee Emeritus, writes that **Jan LeCroy** is the subject of a tribute by the Dallas County Community College District Foundation. During their 18-yr association, Jan initiated programs & services that gained the DCCCD a natl reputation for leadership in higher education. Jan is currently pres of the Dallas Citizens Council, an org composed of business and civic leaders who work to promote a favorable business climate and a good quality of life for all Dallas citizens. To



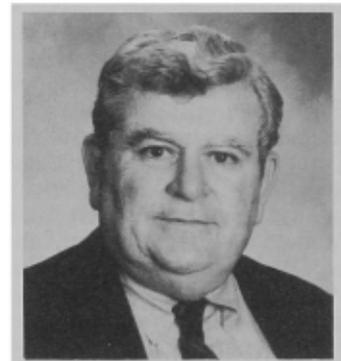
1954: R. Jan LeCroy

acknowledge Jan's exemplary leadership in education and the community and to foster the growth of young leaders, the Foundation created the LeCroy Scholars Endowment Fund. The fund will award student scholarships based on leadership, academics and financial need. Various corps, gps and individuals have contributed to the fund.

Bob & Charlene Goodwin in Irvine,

CA, are too late to claim the cup but proudly report the birth of their son, **Douglas Scott**, in Newport Beach on 3 Aug. One of the physicians was **Norma Jean (Blunck) Fuelberth** who entered USMA in 76 with the first women's Class of '80 and became an MD. Bob trusted her but stayed to help with the delivery. Bob is a dept mgr with Douglas Aircraft at Long Beach analyzing logistic support for the USAF C-17. On trips to Kelly AFB, Bob visits **Don & Carol Old** in San Ant. As the old saying says, many of 'em.

Dick Boyle was named managing dir of Andersen Consulting, the Mgt Info Consulting Div of Arthur Andersen & Co, Boston. Spooky also serves on the Board of Dirs of Andersen Consulting and is a member of the Worldwide Board of Partners of Andersen & Co. Spooky & **Maureen** live in Boston and have 4 children: Michael, James, Stephen, and Deirdre.



1954: Dick "Spooky" Boyle

John & Ann Ballantyne are reported ret and in SC, and **Jim & Mrs Moore** ret to Salinas, CA. With **Lou (Carson) Wagner's** ret in Sep, our sole classmate on AD is **Jack Galvin**, SHAPE CG, in Brussels.

COL Don McBride, USAF (ret), is the brother-in-law of **Guy McNeil**, our classmate killed in a chartered plane crash in 1951. COL McBride is collecting data on Guy, our Class and USMA for a social history. If you feel you have some useful info about Guy (as roommate, Co I-2 file, team/activity member), contact COL McBride, 9549 Elvis Lane, Seabrook, MD 20706, tel (301) 459-0705.

Send me your thoughts on the reunion. Mercy.

'55

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As I write this, the velvet days of autumn and Oct surround us, and I hope the beauty and symphony of colors are as enjoyable where you are as they are here in VA.

The activities of summer were many, and I was pleased to have an extensive letter and after action report from **Jack &**

Marlowe Viney, who have become my trusted and faithful West Coast reporters, about the great gathering they hosted in early Aug in their home in Huntington Beach, CA. The picture captures the guests at that happy convocation, but Jack was also thoughtful enough to send some news bits (30 second bites?) about each attendee, and some who couldn't attend. Jack reports the following in his run-down of those who shared his hospitality:

Chick Bossart: Chick is still with DCASPRO; right now he is at the Hughes-Fullerton plant, trying to keep Howard Hughes straight—a thankless task. Chick and Jack have the opportunity to visit on the job, and Jack reports that things are going smoothly with Chick.

Ray & Celia Dax: Two very enjoyable members of the Huntington Beach/Westminster community. Celia is ret now from her demanding work as an RN with specialty in cardiac care; she is really enjoying *Home* now as a principal involvement. Ray is still going full-bore at TRW, helping to build spacecraft both for NASA and USAF. Both are in super shape.

Stan Harvill: Stan came solo to the party, but Anne sent warmest regards; Stan is with Hughes/Vehicle and Space Comm—sys engr working on the space prog and its vehicles. He & Anne are looking forward to a cruise to AK this fall. Their 2 youngsters have graduated from college—Jennifer from UC-Irvine and Jay from Pepperdine.

Bob & Marvel LaFrenz: Bob has just received a well-deserved promotion to sr VP at S-Cubed/Maxwell Labs. He is working such prosaic projects as SDIO. He & Marvel just welcomed their first grandchild, Daniel, in Jan 89.

Dave & Tony Maurer: They also have a one-yr old grandson. Dave is dir of facilities, Pitzer College. Tony is recuperating nicely from a nasty traffic accident, feeling worlds better. They are both deeply involved in the planning for the wedding of their daughter Karen in Jun of 90.

Jim & Nancy Miller: Jim reminds everyone that the "good Doctor" has ret 3 times, and he is really going to ret in Jan of 90. Nancy is having a ball as proposal mgr and sr principal engr at Orincon. Jim plans to take up the word processor (who uses pens?) and write contemporary novels—he hasn't slowed down one step.

Chet & Mary Pond: Chet is fully ret after a bout with cancer; the doctors say there are no malignancies now and that everything is under control; his spirits are high, and Mary takes special care of our wry old friend and comrade.

Dick Regnier: Dick is a trial lawyer and partner in the firm of Ferguson, Regnier and Paterson in Santa Barbara, and loves the practice of law. He is definitely planning on representing the West Coast at our 35th.

Gerry & Bobbie Samos: Gerry is with Hughes in prog mgt; Bobbie & Gerry are avid rose-growers and have been awarded special commendations in local judgments based on the quality of their flowers.

Al & Dot Spaulding: Al is engrossed at McD Space Sys, and, treasure of treasures, is only 3/4 of a mi from his home to his office, which is probably something for the Guinness Book.

John & Shiela Wing: John is extra-busy in his work with Gen Dynam/Data Sys Div in San Diego, Shiela works with the Navy at Point Loma as a contract

specialist, and if that were not enough, their 5 children and 7 grandchildren take up a good share of their time and affection.

Jack & Marlowe had just completed a long trip to Vienna, Budapest, Cracow, Warsaw and Berlin; Jack is still a pillar of Hughes/Fullerton, and Marlowe continues her demanding regimen with the emergency room paramedic radio section at Humana Hosp in Huntington Beach. They have just been blessed with a 3d grandchild, first granddaughter, recently.

A number of classmates were unable to attend, but sent best wishes: **Del & Shirley Jacobs**, **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams**, **EJ & Doris O'Brien**; **Paul Smor** was en route, but went Tango Uniform with a failed transmission just out of rescue distance—he took a raincheck. This all sounds to have been yet another unqualified success for the Vineys and our CA contingent.

As the old song goes, "Only 45 minutes from Broadway," and that came to mind recently with a super letter from **Chuck Domeck**, who lives now in Parsippany, NJ, from which point (26 mi west of the GW Bridge) he operates as a dev and audit mgr for GPU Nuclear Corp, a triumvirate of smaller cos involved with govt work and "negotiations" with the NRC and the Dept of Energy—the *other* Dept! Chuck reports that his engr/nuclear contact world over the yrs has involved **Dave Maurer**, **Lee McKinney** (best twist serve ever to grace the tennis courts at USMA), **Rich Miller**, **Joe Franklin** and others. With his proximity to WP, Chuck is proud to announce he is an honor graduate of **Kelly Lightenberg's** Tailgating 201 class at Michie Stadium. Chuck now devotes a sizeable amount of time to counseling activities in a singles support gp in his church. Capping out his letter he says he and **Tom Horst** were about to scald the fairways for a little "fields of friendly strife" activity. Sounds like a dollar or two may change hands there. Thanks for the letter, Chuck.

My fellow scribe from '70, Don Frazer, sent along an article he had clipped from the *Natl Guard Magazine* that announces that **Joe Skaff**, who is now the Adj Gen of WV, was appointed to a second position as Secy of the Dept of Public Safety. Joe had just been made AG in Apr by Gov Caperton after his ret as ADC, First Army. In a move to streamline state govt, the Gov has created super-agencies to report to him. So now Joe will be responsible for the state police, prisons and the parole board as well as the WVANG. Much success, Joe, in your new double-big job.

Bill Anderson, busiest man Charlottesville, VA, took time from his law practice, Civil Air Patrol, Air Force Assoc, Boy Scouts, Pres of the WP Soc of



1955: Mini-reunion in CA, Aug

Middle VA, to report a virtual mini-reunion at the recent Duke-Army football game in Raleigh, NC. Bill & Anita found a treasure trove of '55-ers at the game and surrounding activities. Among those they saw: **Don & Mary Andrews**, who live in Raleigh; **Don Reid**, up from Fayetteville, as were **Dave & Marty Pemberton**; **Pres & Sara Mayson**, over from Roanoke, VA, where Pres has left med practice to pursue a law degree at Washington and Lee Univ as a part of his involvement with a Roanoke law firm; **Bob & Alice Johnson** from the Richmond area in Prince George, VA; **Bill & Sherry Welter**, down from lovely Williamsburg, VA; **Jim & Helen Drummond**, over from the Hamptons area above Norfolk, where they recently ret; **Jim & Nancy Cutchin**, from up our way in No VA; **Bob Henry**, who also lives in Raleigh; **Jim & Sue Seay** up from their home in GA; **Jack & Judy McCloskey**, down from Carlisle, PA; **Wayne & Louise Smith** down from Alexandria, VA; **Jack & Katherine Jeter** from SC; and **John & Mattha Feagin**, who, Bill reports, are relocating in Raleigh from their long-time home in Jackson Hole, WY, because Smirk will become the orthopedic surgeon for Duke Univ athletic teams—and to be sure the Atlantic Coast Conf can keep him busy! This truly served to be more than just an Army-Duke football game (sadly Army lost), but was a great opportunity for '55-ers to convene and reminisce. I sincerely appreciate Bill's taking the time to gather all this timely info for the Class.

On another note about univ positions, **Ski Ordway** called recently from CO, to advise that **Rich Cardillo** had been appointed as assoc athl dir at CO Univ in Boulder. He & **Inez** had been involved as academic counselor to the Athl Dept at CU, but now Rich will be closer to the total athl program. Congratulations.

During our phone conversation, **Bill Anderson** reminded me that there are a number of classmates who are closely involved with the leadership and mgt of WP socs around the country, all of which are certainly no easy tasks, and ones that require a sizeable investment of time and energy. Our hat is off to those who make the special efforts to direct and influence these fine organizations: **Bill Streett**, **Pete Hornbarger**, **Cliff Jones**, **Ed Zaborowski**, **Sandy Sanderson**, **Don Zaborwald**, **Bill Anderson**, **Don Andrews**, **Bob Johnson** and **Ed Trobaugh**. Chances are this list is now totally incomplete, since I'm sure there are many others equally active. Well done.

Time now, classmates, to mark your calendars for our 35th reunion; it's only a short yr away and plans are crisply moving out. We've got a great football wkend at WP to enjoy in the late autumn elegance of the Upper Hudson—Army vs AF—which should polarize a few of

us—and a chance to do a little Class business such as electing new officers and hearing the results of our donations efforts that **Bob Strati** so carefully and capably manages for us and for the AOG. So, while you're thinking and planning "35th," let me once again suggest you send me copies of your Christmas letters you should have all prepared by the time you read this. These really make great Class updates and wellsprings of news. Take care, and have a wonderful, happy and peaceful holiday season.

'56

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As most of you know, the *ASSEMBLY* is currently being published on two-month centers. Since the time lapsed since my last report has been fairly short, I don't have as much news as usual to share with you. I hope you understand, and will simply react by sending more cards, letters and photos to keep the grist mill full and the remainder of the Class happy. Meanwhile, here's what I have for now.

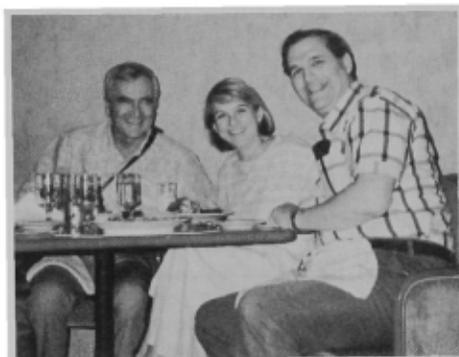
Thanks to **Jesse Blackwell**, I received several pictures relating to change of cmd from LTG **Charlie Bagnal** to LTG **Claude Kicklighter** at Hq, Western Cmd, Ft Shafter, HI on 31 Jul. **Charlie & Patsy**



1956: Charlie Bagnal at Hqs, Western Cmd, Ft Shafter, HI change of cmd ceremony

returned to the mainland and SC where Charlie ret at the end of Aug. Both of them can truly be proud of their service to our country, and be confident of our pride in them. As previously reported, **Jesse Blackwell** is a procurement analyst with the Off of the C/S for Acquisition Mgt. His off is at Ft Shafter. His wife, **Anne**, is a campaign publicity designer for a co called ADCORP in Honolulu. The Blackwells look forward to quarterly trips to Molokei to visit Anne's parents and Jesse's semi-annual TDY to the mainland for school which also offers them the opportunity to visit with relations in NC and GA. Jesse wanted me to remind all of you that the latch string is still out for any who may be stopping by his way.

Maury Cralle kept the faith by sending me a snapshot of **Keith & Kay Barlow** and himself at the Brooks AFB OC. Keith



1956: Keith & Kay Barlow and Maury Cralle at Brooks AFB, Jun

and Maurie were at Brooks for their scheduled physicals and visit with Dr Dale Clark. The Barlows are now living in Camden, SC, where Keith teaches English at the Camden Mil School. I also received a most welcome wedding announcement from **Judy & Roger Root**. Their son, Steve, also a USMA grad, and Linda Versace, were married 21 Oct in Raleigh, NC.

In the L.A. area, I talked recently with **Bob Stein**. He has accepted a position as program dir with Fairchild Control Systems in Manhattan Beach, CA. **Dex Shaler** reported on **Art & Alicia Evans'** great party at their lovely home overlooking the Pacific on 13 Aug. Fourteen classmates, most with wives, some with children, enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie, swimming, sunning, volleyball. The less adventurous watched the others from Art's observation platform on the bluff overlooking the beach activity area. The wives outdid themselves with their "pot luck" contributions. Art demonstrated his prowess at the BBQ. A gorgeous sunset over the Pacific was an appropriate end to a great day. Locals in attendance were the **JJ Evanses**, **Lisle Kendall**, the **Les McChristians**, **Joe Sanders**, **Dex Shaler** along with son **Scott** and daughter **Miki**, **Jerry & Sammy Kay Skatvold**, and **Bob & Joan Stein**. **Ren Hart** flew **Fred Fogh**, **Dick Hansen** and **Walt Urbach** down from the San Fran Bay area for the party. **Pete Judson** & his wife came over from Phoenix. **Dex**, on behalf of the Class, presented a framed watercolor of the Academy to **Art & Alicia** to show appreciation for their efforts keeping the West Coast '56ers in touch with one another. **Dex** has recently joined **5 Day Business Forms Mfg, Inc**, Anaheim, CA as marketing mgr.

As for the **Wilkers**, we are looking forward to the completion of our second home overlooking Lake Meade in Boulder City, NV. It is scheduled to be completed before the Christmas holiday this yr. Shortly after mailing this report, I am planning to leave for Huntsville, AL

where I will speak at the Fall 89 Regional Conference sponsored by the Natl Contract Mgt Assoc. **Bob Hammond** is also on the program for this conference, so I am particularly looking forward to this opportunity to see him again.

Stay in touch and enjoy all the best that life brings your way.

'57

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Happy 5750! It was a very happy new yr holiday for Bernice & me because we had all of my children home for a couple of days. I never thought about it before, but I've suddenly realized that we're living in the 5700's according to the Hebrew Calendar. What a coincidence.

It is my sad duty to report the death of John McKillop, an ex-classmate who graduated with '58; and of Michael David Thomas, the son of **Dave Thomas**. Mike, who was 16, was killed in a car accident when a dump truck collided with his car on Rt 7 near Ashburn, VA. Funeral services were held on 3 Sep. The obituary in the *Washington Post* asked that memorial contributions be made to the Michael David Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Linda Payne, Broadrun High School, Ashburn, VA 22011, and/or "take a friend to lunch and tell them the things you often think about after they are gone." John McKillop died on 3 Sep in Monument, CO, following a brief bout with a very aggressive cancer. A memorial service was conducted on 7 Sep in the USAFA Cadet Chapel. The Class was represented by **Bob Tener**, who was kind enough to send me the info, **Mal Duffek**, **Tom Hicklin**, **Jim Jameson**, **Art Johnson**, **Don Kutyna**, **Jack Murphy**, and **Stan Pore**. Bill ("Coop the Snoop") Cooper '47, as well as some members of '58 were also present. According to Bob, it was "A moving and fitting service, including bag-piped hymns and recessional, and a diamond-formation jet fly-by." His wife, Susie, and their family asked that memorial gifts be sent to the WP Fund, AOG (Attn: COL Tom Russell). On behalf of the Class, I would like to offer our condolences and prayers to the Thomas and McKillop families.

Bob Tener also provided some personal info. He & **Sara** have now adopted Dallas as their home, having lived there for 6 yrs—which is twice as long as they've lived at any of their previous addresses in the last 32 yrs. Their kids, however, live in Olney, MD, Bloomington, IN, and "in transition" to somewhere. In Jun, Bob joined the Sverdrup Corp as the gp leader for Construction Oversight on the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) Project. That's a high energy physics tool which will acceler-

ate particles to velocities close to the speed of light and then make them bang into each other. What fun. It will take 8 yrs and about 6 billion dollars (overruns not included) to build the SSC, which will be the largest scientific instrument in the world. He certainly has a job that enrgs dream about (at least I do), and it's almost a continuation of what he was doing in the Corps of Engrs during his last 7 yrs. Bob also recalled that during one of our cadet yrs the pres of the bd of visitors was Gen Lief Sverdrup, the founder of his new firm. Did anyone else ask him for a job then? In Aug, **Dick & Mary Christensen** (who live in Austin) had dinner with the Teners, and they had a fun evening poring through the '57 *Howitzer*. I guess when you get to be a sr citizen looking through the *Howitzer* is fun. Thanks for the letter and the info Bob, and good luck on the job. If you need help, give me a call. I'm into that high energy physics stuff. **Jerri** (wife of **Bruce**) **Turnbull** wrote and enclosed a couple of clippings about weddings. One was for Hillary Galloway, daughter of **Diane & Gerry Galloway**, who was married to Christopher Harrigan Davis on 30 Jul in the Catholic Chapel at WP. They are now living in Baltimore, and perhaps we may get to see Gerry & Diane at one of our Washington activities when they're visiting the "kids." Hillary is attending Baltimore U Law School and is employed as a legal coordinator by Alternative Directions, Baltimore. He is the owner of Court House Delicatessen in Towson. To my knowledge, no special discounts have been offered to classmates. The other clipping was for CPT Christopher Michael Aller, son of **Dwight & Virginia Aller**, who was married to Cheryl Lynn Slyfield on or about 25 Aug (would you believe there was no date in the announcement?) in West Palm Beach, FL. They are now living in Fayetteville, NC. He is cmding an Arty HQ Btry at Bragg, and she is employed as a commercial tng officer by Southern Natl Bank in Lumberton, NC. Back to Jerri. The reason she found the clippings is that she is now employed as the mgr of a bridal shop (Bride's Fantasy) at Lakeside Plaza in Newburgh, NY, and scans the newspaper each morning for announcements of their brides. She got especially lucky on 25 Aug. Actually her job has significantly changed the Turnbull lifestyle. Since she now works long hrs, including Saturdays and two evenings each wk, Bruce now refers to himself as "Henrietta Housewife" and brags that he can cook hot dogs 4 ways. Of course, he still manages to do a lot of golfing in preparation for his ret (in 4 or 5 yrs) to Lady's Isl, outside of Beaufort, SC, where they bought property on a golf course. **Bob Dagle**, who is a building contractor at Hilton Head, convinced them to leave the snow and high taxes of

NY for the good life in the sunny south. Of course he probably didn't say anything about the hurricanes, or that NY has just eliminated its income tax on ret pay. I wonder if their isl is still there. Jerri found the reports of strange encounters interesting and added to them. Since getting their "Black 57" license plate they keep running into classmates on the highway (nothing serious, I hope). The most fortunate encounter was with **Ray Bell** one dark, cold night in PA. After stopping to chat at a gas station before proceeding home they hit something in the road and had a blowout. Ray stopped and they were able to use his headlights to see what they were doing. Jerri said it may even have helped to fulfill a fantasy; having a Gen in uniform down on his knees by the side of the road helping to change a tire. Jerri also mentioned that they recently had dinner with **Carolyn Gaspard** and **Mac & Berta McCullom**. Thanks for a great letter, and the clippings. Speaking of encounters, a friend of mine was attending a wedding and was seated at a table with a WP grad. Since I'm the only WP grad she could think of, she asked him if he knew me. The grad turned out to be **Tom Kehoe**, who is working for JPL in their Reston, VA office as the dir, Program Evaluation Div for the NASA Space Station Project. Small world. He even admitted knowing me. The only other mail I got this time was a picture from the AOG of **Dick & Ginny Kenyon** at the Ft Rucker Founders Day.



1957: Ginny & Richard Kenyon; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

We did have our first Cl luncheon of the season at the beginning of Oct and it was very well attended. **Dick Fadel** was "inaugurated" as the new local Cl ldr and got to lead the discussion during/after the meal. One of the things we discussed was what to do for our 35th. The same thing was briefly discussed at a Cl party, graciously hosted by **Carol & Ed Hickey**, and I learned that the cruise I mentioned in the last column would cost about \$1500 per person, and that's if we share the boat with another class so as to fill it. Any comments? Ideas? Suggestions? **Tom Lindholm** was visiting DC on business from Lakewood, CO, where

he works for Martin, Inc (an engring firm), and came to the party with **JD & Esther Smith**. Also at the party, **Hank Hatch** mentioned that he has been visiting WP to talk to cadets at a Sat morning class on water resources mgt which is being taught by **Gerry Galloway**. That's one lucky class to have two such distinguished and knowledgeable teachers. Before closing, I would also like to thank **Fletch Elder** for preparing the beef, and serving it at the party. As usual, it was delicious. As for the rest of you, I'd really like to get some mail. Write! PLEASE.

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55th Column. Most of the column was written before the mini, but the sad news that our ranks were reduced on 3 Sep by the untimely death of **John McKillop** must move to the lead-off spot. I received calls from **Herb Johnson** and **Bill Miles** in late Aug when John was admitted to intensive care unit at Fitzsimmons. Bill is a chaplain at the hosp and was most helpful to **Susie McKillop** and their children during John's last days of his losing battle with cancer.

Members of both his WP Classes of '57 and '58 shared **John's** final hrs and attended the memorial service conducted by **Miles** at the USAFA Chapel. As I write this, knowing it won't be read till Dec, I also know that in the Oct **ASSEMBLY** you will see a Founders Day photo of a healthy-looking **John McKillop** taken in Mar at Ft Carson, two months before he became sick in May. Too fast. Too soon. Am thankful John gave us a page in the Reunion Book. "Well done, be thou at peace."

Time to get started and use info left over from the 54th column *before* the mini-reunion and even more poop. First,



1958: Gary Graves, George, Scott Graves, Ramsden

a photo if not too dark of **Gary Graves**, **John George**, and **Jim Ramsden** presenting our gift to **Scott Graves '89** upon his being the most recent of our prodigy to be graduated from our Alma Mater. Now I will quote liberally from young 2LT

Graves' thank-you letter to the Class dated 24 Jun:

"Dear Fathers, it was truly an honor for me to receive the beautiful silver tray from you at graduation this year; and truly an awesome responsibility to live up to each of you, having been lucky enough to be the only offspring from your Class this year.

"I especially want to thank Dr John George, COL James Ramsden, Chaplain Richard P Camp, and my father. Without their guidance and inspiration I would not have made it. I also want to thank Mrs Camp, Mrs Ramsden, and Mrs George not to mention my mother and sisters for all their love and support.

"I was privileged to share my first salute with my father, but I would like to extend an 'honorable salute' to each of you and especially to Gen Bradshaw for his encouraging words.

"God bless you all and especially your daughters. Please send names and addresses to our newest 2LT care of his parents: 206 E Poplar St, Salem, IN 47167.

In keeping with acknowledging firsts, this is the first "thank you" letter from a graduating son or daughter I can recall as scribe. Our only daughter is married, but others of you may send names and addresses to our newest 2LT care of his parents: 206 E Poplar St, Salem, IN 47167.

The honorable salute to "Gen Bradshaw for his encouraging words" was explained when our president, **Jack**, sent me a short letter informing us that he "has written a note of congratulations and good wishes to each of the sons and daughters of our Class who have also graduated from WP. **Stew Willis** helped with this for a long time, alerting me,

buying the silver gift from the Class, and arranging a suitable presentation. When he left, **Jim Ramsden** and **John George** picked up the task. I hope no son or daughter was missed in this process."

Jack continued, "I never expected a reply from those whom I have written and do not recall receiving one. Until the most recent graduate, **Scott Graves**, sent me the enclosed note. Maybe you would like to include it in a column, along with other stats and names concerning our offspring. Be nice to know which have graduated from USAFA and USNA also."

Jack enclosed a copy of his note to **Scott**, a small portion is quoted here: "We of the Class of '58 treasure our own experience at WP, and we treasure our comradeship with your father. It pleases me, on behalf of our entire Class, to commend you and to recognize the bonds we share."

And it pleases your scribe to extend our thanks to **Jack, Stew, Jim, and John** for their efforts on our behalf in looking out for the sons and daughters who attended and were graduated from WP. The list is in the "yellow pages" of the 30th Reunion Book.

For all parents, CCQs, others, please let your scribe know the names of offspring who served as midshipmen at USNA, cadets at USAFA, cadet-midshipmen at USCGA, the Merchant Marine Academy or any of the non-federal mil colleges such as Norwich, VMI, The Citadel or North GA (the latter was the first co-ed mil college; which will be last: VMI or The Citadel?).

Letter dated 13 Apr: "The Class now has one less COL on active duty as I 'reverted to ret status' on 31 Mar. **Barbara**



1958: 31st Mini-Reunion, Palm Springs



1958: Dianne & Jody LeTowt, Carole & Tony Smith at Mini

& I (Will Merrill) were abruptly withdrawn from Greece, where I was the AFSOUTH LNO, after it appeared that a local notorious terrorist gp was showing more than a casual interest in my activities. We left Greece in mid-Feb after spending over 5 1/2 yrs there. We spent a couple of weeks at my HQ in Naples and then departed for Vincenza, Italy. There we enjoyed the fine hospitality of **Ann & Linc Jones**. Can't think of a better place to spend our last two wks of active duty. Can't think of two finer people than Ann & Linc either!

"Barbara & I will spend a few mos traveling in Europe. We plan to go back to MN to see if the winters are still as cold as we remember, then make a decision whether to remain or move to a warmer location.

"Although we missed the 30th Reunion, we enjoyed the chance to visit with many classmates at the Army-Navy game (this was our first since graduation). Beat Navy again! Will Merrill."



1958: Mini-Reunion tennis—Sibert, Mason, Janet Eliot and Easley

Linc Jones sent his \$5 for mailing the book. Because of the change in reunion dates Ann & Linc were unable to attend. He wrote on 30 Apr, "Just got the Feb issue of the *ASSEMBLY* (great mail service). Great book—enjoyed it. Really missed the Reunion, but with the NATO exercise it was a no win situation. CSA just decided to leave us in cmd—we are slow learners! Going into our 8th straight yr overseas." An aside by your scribe: Linc has had almost constant cmd duty since taking cmd of 1/12 Inf Bn at Carson



1958: More Mini-Reunion tennis players

in 73, and other than the War College he's been with troops since arriving at Carson in 72. Unfair! How does one get to be that kind of slow learner?

Roger Waddell wrote in Jul (am getting caught up with the backlog of mail—can't wait till we get to 6 issues per yr. The limit on column length means each is about half to two-thirds of the length prior to 1987. The current 5 per yr is less, but 6 will get me back to normal. And, doing 'em more often and shorter will be easier).

Back to Roger's letter: he finished his 2-yr MBA effort in Jun and reports that **Laurelei** is even happier than he is not to have another paper or case study to do. "I'm happy to report that even though I was the patriarch of my specific course, I was one of 6 graduate students selected for Beta Gamma Sigma, the natl honor soc of bus and mgt."



1958: "The Rose of San Antone" singin' along at Mini

Major donors. Tom Russell '59 at the AOG gave me a list of our classmates on the major donor plaque as of 31 Mar: RN Groves, PA Penczer, JC Castle, JF Brinson, GK Phillips, JH Bradley, JC May, JM Daley, RE Clark, JF Corcoran, BA Worsham, JB Morgan, KN Henninger, EW Matthews, RJ Matsumoto, BG Crosby, and B Zwick. Major donor definition or criteria: \$1,000 in annual giving or \$3,000 lifetime.

Some other interesting AOG data as of 31 Mar. In terms of lifetime giving we have 28 who've donated over \$1,000 (not all of whom met the AOG major donor criteria, but all have met mine!), 42 over \$500, 221 over \$100. AOG then had 524

good addresses. The 4 "lost" classmates Russell listed were **Regut, Fisher, Lucci, and Warner**. Think **John Nun** and the CCQs might consider a few more "lost," but this status varies over time.

Based on the denominator of 524, our percentages are 5.3% (28) over \$1,000; 13.4% over \$500 (70, obviously, the 28 over \$1,000 are included here also); and 55.5% over \$100 (28+42+221=291). Sadly, non-givers during the 30 plus yrs from 4 Jun 58 through 31 Mar 89 number 131, or 25% of those 524 of us the AOG says it can find.

In the AOG fiscal yr 1 Apr 88—31 Mar 89 (basically our 30th Reunion yr) we donated \$14,950 from 121 classmates (24 of whom were first-time donors). Thanks to Tom Russell for the data, and thanks to **Tony Nadal** for his impromptu fund raising at the Class meeting at the 30th—which accounted for most of the 15 grand!

Off to the 31st Mini-Reunion in Palm Springs. **Dick & Margaret Groves** took on the task of organizing the first "off-yr" or mini-reunion. Dick "volunteered" during the bus ride to the football game at the 30th when your scribe was lamenting that he found no takers in the S.A.-Austin contingent to host the 31st. The real key to Dick's success was his assigning the project to an outstanding action officer, his daughter Kelly Norton! Thirty classmates, 64 total including wives, friends, offspring, even one grandson attended the 7–10 Sep affair at Marriott's Rancho Las Palmas Resort Hotel in Palm Springs.



1958: Charlotte, Dick and Kelly Groves—organizers of 31st Mini

Attendees (alphabetically by co): **Don & Sondra DeJardin (A1)**, **Jack & Henrietta Gordon (A1)**, **Ernie & Cecile Haselbrink (D1)**, **Sam & Leslie Myers (E1)**, **Jack Burke (E1)**, **Bob Rhodes (F1)** (with two guests: Jim & Sandy Fairchild '60), **Andy Andreson (G1)**, **George & Gale Robertson (H1)**, **Gerald & Kathleen O'Barr (I1)**, **Tony & Carole Smith (I1)**, **Dick & Margaret Groves (K1)** (and both daughters, son-in-law and grandson), **Tom & Barbara Sands (K1)**, **Tom & Herveette Mason (K1)**, **Ken & Sherry Herberger (L1)**, **Tony Forster (B2)** and friend Iowa, **Norb & Virginia Hulsman**

(C2), Jody & Dianne LeTowt (C2), Dan & Roxie Yarr (D2), Bob & JoLynn Puff (E2), Karl & Shirley Prunisch (F2), Jack & Rachel Bujalski (G2), Brad & Janet Eliot (G2), Tom & Alice Forman (G2), Fred & Joanne Easley (G2), Joe & Inez McElroy (H2), Lou Prime (H2) and his friend Nancy Yates (plus Lou's daughter Kim & husband David), George Sibert (H2), Larry & Becky Hunt (I2), Cary & Maria Martin (L2), John Rave (M2).

Reunion Sweepstakes. Lead co was G2 with 4 classmates attending. Runners-up were K1 and H2 with 3 each. The lead bn was 2nd Bn, 2d Regt with 9. First Regt had 14 and 2d Regt 16. Two were still on active duty (Robertson and Andreson), while Sands was the most recently ret (1 Sep). By branch choice a la '58, the leader was AT with 12 (remember, FA and AD used to be combined as AT), followed by AF 7, EN 5, AR 4, and SC and IN one each.

In the unusual or remarkable category we had **Tony Forster** arriving in his graduation auto, red 57 T-Bird. Tony



1958: Forster and Mini-Reunion gang with his '57 T-Bird

cited the following story to attest to his financial astuteness: seems he almost sold the car in 61 for \$2,000, but did not and the car is now worth \$20,000. Only trouble is, he was considering selling in 61 to buy land in HI. You guessed it, the land is now worth \$1.5 million.

Lou Prime was attending his FIRST Class reunion, complete with puny B-aches covering the 5-yr variety over the past 26 yrs. **Robertson, Rhodes** and **Sibert** tied in the traveled the farthest category. **Margaret Groves** was the golf champion, while the 12 or so tennis players had no formal champion (though I do not believe the G2 team of **Janet Eliot** and **Fred Easley** dropped even one set). For the other 494 classmates the AOG claims it can find, you missed a great one. See you next yr at the 32d Mini in Bar Harbor, 6-9 Sep 90!

Can't believe **Jack & Lee May** missed the Mini, but they sent a card from Italy. About 30 at ANCC lunch Fri 13th to hear **Joe Paes** from USMA Facilities Engring give an update on changes at WP.

Congratulations to **Bill & Helen Tuttle**. On 26 Sep Bill was promoted to



1958: "Esperienza Magnifica last a lifetime, Jack & Lee May"

GEN, our 2d US Army four-star, and assumed cmd of AMC. Best wishes for 1990.

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The end of our 30th yr, with reunion passed, finds us with most of our longest-serving classmates now on the ret list and, in many cases, in the excitement of new careers. Of the 20 still on active duty, **Peter Stromberg, Tex Turner**, and **Al Rushton** are on the faculty at WP; **Freeman Howard** and **Hugh Servis**—the latter back on active duty after a 7-yr civ hiatus—are physicians at Ft Carson AH; and 15 are generals.

Our roster of gen offs is impressive. **Ed Burba** received his 4th star on 27 Sep and now cmds FORSCOM. **Jerry Hilmes** received his 3rd star on 29 Sep and, although he was a career-long engr, is now the Army's Chief Signal Officer. The congratulations of the Class, and our very best wishes, are extended to them both.



1959: Geoff Davis and Bill Fitzgerald

Of the 3 stars, **Fred Franks** cmds VII Corps in Ger, **Tom McInerney** has the Alaskan Air Cmd, and **John Moellering** is ret. Our two stars include **Don Eckelbarger**, who is Dep CG V Corps in Ger; **Bill Burluson**, who is C of S of USAREUR; **Bill Fitzgerald**, in charge of Egypt; **Nick Krawciw**, recently back from cmd of the 3rd ID and now at the Pentagon; **Gerry Stadler**, Com of the

Natl War College; **Jim Van Loben Sels** at TRADOC; and **John Grinalds**, our Marine in San Diego.



1959: Polly Coreth, Nick & Chris Krawciw

The AF component of the one-star list includes **OK Lewis**, with the Air Tng Cmd at Randolph AFB, TX, and **Wayne Lambert**, recently ret from SHAPE. The Army one stars include **Bill Mullen**, who cmds the 1st ID (FWD) in Ger; **Bob Ryan**, who was scheduled to ret 31 Oct as Div Engr in Omaha; **Pete Dawkins** and **Charlie Getz**, ret; and **John Guthrie** and **Randy Bell** (active), USAR.



1959: Shapiro, Baldwin and Ruth

Once more, the sincere thanks of the Class go to those who labored on the reunion comm in Wash, to those on the ground at the hotel on D-Day (400 plus signed in), and especially to those at WP, upon whose shoulders (fewer each time) most of the hard work always falls. You have done it, yet again, with flair.

Hats off also to **Phil Gibbs, Dave Fried**, and the 30th Reunion Book Comm for a handsome tome that will serve as an unequalled source of poop for yrs to come. Some classmates were ebullient with their pages, others laconic, and a few produced real gems for the short takes dept. Call **Gudrun Burwell**, for example, if you'd like special treatment at the Hyatt Regency in St Louis. **Jerry Fogel** has a Coast Guardsman son who is stationed on Fire Isl. **George Friedel** has a 204 bowling average and collects baseball cards.

Bob Novogratz and **John McInerney** have, so far, gathered 7 children apiece. **Jack Mayers** is pursuing, full-time, an undergraduate degree in art. **Larry**



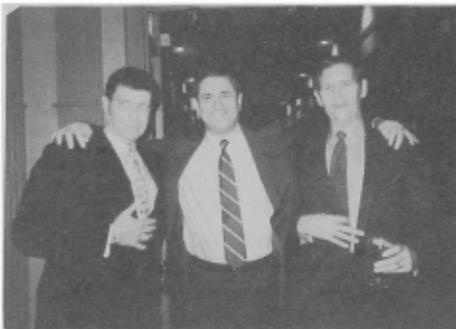
1959: An F-1 tableau

O'Neill, the youngest man in our Class (15 Jun 38), honored his roommate, **Samuel Donnell Gwin**, when he named his son Brian Donnell O'Neill. **Bob Wheeler**, **Don Davis**, and **Jay Warren** were in the US Embassy in Tehran when it was attacked by Iranians on 14 Feb 79. **Dick Hotchkiss** has been married 4 times. **Jerry Lhotak** has been married 5 times.



1959: Darel Johnson and Russ Street

Skip Tyler is a grand master model maker. **Don Simpson** and **Jack Knebel**, in different states, live on streets named Laburnam. **Karen Clark**, **Rich's** wife, led the fight in this country for a Free Afghanistan. Both of **Chuck Lutz's** daughters were born in Heidelberg. **Fred Malek** owns Northwest Airlines. **Al Hew** is a physician at Hotel Dieu Hosp in New Orleans. **Tim Matthes** is into bicycle racing. **Bob Holman** builds grandfather clocks. **Larry Minnich** was County Fireman of the Yr in 88.



1959: Fogel, Coreth and Enright

Bill Zaldo, **Dick Maglin**, and **John Gurr** run the Marine Corps Marathon.

Steve McSweeney can still fit into his cadet uniforms. **Marvin Moss** is admin asst to Senator Sarbanes of MD. One of **John Carroll's** hobbies is growing roses. **Tony Pokorny's** son is a rock star. **Guy Heath** rides a horse named Chili. **Ted Colby** has about 10 grandchildren. **Larry Palmer** and his son play hockey on the same team in Switzerland. **Kevin O'Neill** lives in a ruin in Portugal. **Gary Beech** directed the expansion construction program at WP in the early 70's. **Bob Frey** is a tennis pro.



1959: Scribe's version of class photo

Bob Cyr drives the U2 rock gp bus on concert tours. **John Shock** holds 3 patents related to eye surgery. **Paul Elias** hustles the old HS chums at pool. **Doug Campbell** once sang the title part in the *Barber of Seville* with a small opera co in Vienna. **Jerry Aamodt** is certified as an instructional coach in soccer. **Carl Weaver** is a published writer of short stories. **Dave Wheeler** is an antiquarian bookseller specializing in African big game hunting and exploration. **Bill Murry's** air ranch dream house has a taxiway for a street and a hangar for a garage. **Larry Burchell's** son is a dep sheriff in Bexar County, TX. And **Gropo Greene's** wife, **Gail**, runs a bookfinding service called Tome, Sweet Tome. OK, back to the column.



1959: Elsa & Rick Kocienda

RB Johnson had a pre-reunion reunion with **Bill Clarke** and his new wife, **Susan**, at the Grand Hotel on Mobile Bay in late Aug. The Clarkes were vacationing from their home in New Orleans, and RB was able to entice them to his place at the Gulf Shores, where, for a day and a night,

Paula plied them with boiled shrimp and her baked oysters casino while they re-wrote 50's history as they now remember it. On their way out of town they were able to visit with RB's father, who hadn't seen Bill since cadet days.



1959: Paul & Fran Elias, Don & Maddy Davis

Powell Hutton hung up his Army suit last summer after 4 yrs as dir of Academic Affairs, Natl Def U. At the end of Jun he packed **Joanne** and the kids (**Charolette** (8) and **Cecily** (6)) into the station wagon for a discovery trip out west. It turned into a 6-wk, 6,500 mi, 22 state odyssey, in which they sampled a slow, hot day on a covered wagon trip in SD, a fast wet day on a raft down the Colorado, Indian dancing in NM, and Cajun dancing in LA. A wonderful adventure, according to Powell, that is already providing them a rich stock of recollections.



1959: RB Johnson, Susan & Bill Clarke

I am sorry to report that **John Simpson** died on 21 Aug after a yr-long struggle with cancer. He was buried at WP on 25 Aug in a ceremony attended by three busloads and a bagpipe band up from the NYC Transit Authority, which John had headed in the early 80's, and by **Frank & Elaine Besson**, **John Gurr**, **Red Barry**, **Ray & Carol Baugh**, **Tom Russell**, and our classmates on the WP faculty. John's son is currently a plebe, his daughter works in NYC for Citibank, and Elli can be reached at 3333 Michelson Dr, Irvine, CA 92730. We extend our deepest sympathy to John's family and his many friends.

As this column went off to the printers, **Phil Gibbs** called to say that he has a number of the 30th Reunion Books left.

If you want one, send \$55 directly to Phil at 7903 Carrousel Court, Annandale, VA 22003.

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Well, the program of co reps sending scheduled summaries in has worked. **Linc German** reports that all 20 F-2 classmates are still alive, well and have lived by the co motto "Illegitimus Non Carborundum;" may be some cause and effect relation there.

Bill Hanne is/was the last F-2er on active duty, ret from his last post at NSA. **Don Barrell** will likely be the last in uniform though; Don is an ROTC "P," the State of HI HS ROTC coordinator. The jr grade and the first classmate to ret (medically) was **Ace Myers**, CPT, USAF. Fortunately, he is AOK on the ground, and Ace and family are doing well in Benbrook, TX, which brings up the point that TX has the most F-2 1960 families. Besides, Ace, **George "Rock" Wrockloff III** is in Austin, and **Joel Davis** is at San Ant. Two guys went AF out of F-2; the other is **Mel Hayes**, now operating his ins agency in Bolivia, NC. Mel flew AC-119 gunships in Vietnam. Any Army guys in trouble on the ground sure appreciated "Puff the Magic Dragon," coming to their support. The highest grade held at ret goes to BG (Ret) **Mike Ferguson** now the newest F-2 lawyer. Mike finished at the Univ of FL in May and has moved to Pensacola to practice. FL has another part-time lawyer, **Duke Schneider**, who splits his time between upscale Sanibel Isl, and his and Joan's home in NJ. Into the automation area, IBM and DEC get the talents of **Dick Holleman** and **Jerry Rivell** respectively. Dick recently took a lovely lady named **Mary** as his wife. Brings to mind another stat—only two first marriages out of 19 haven't worked out for the F-2 crowd; not too bad considering the era. One classmate who has yet to get hitched though is **Bill Hardenburgh**. Bill's with Westinghouse in Baltimore for ladies on the prowl. A rare doctor of medicine degree is also claimed by a '60 F-2 mate, that being **Joe Dean** who is practicing in Anderson, SC. F-2's two industrial entrepreneurs are **Grant Schaefer** and **Hal "Brownie" Brownfield**, both operating out of MI but in differing fields, chemical and automotive respectively. Among guys who hung in there for at least a 20-yr Army career (10-20 for F-2), most opted to begin other careers. **Joe Arnold** with Ford Aerospace in KS. Also in Leavenworth, KS is **Jack Hixson** with R&D Associates. **Chuck Belan** is running the Columbus, GA Housing Authority. **Bill Florence** and **Linc German** reside in VA. Bill's with the Army's Engr

Ctr at Belvoir. **Bill Scudder** ret last yr from TRADOC. Kay, Bill's better half, relates that Bill has really ret from the money-making rat race and is fully engrossed with various civic activities, Boy Scouts, etc. That seems to cover F-2 pretty well.

While **Dick Healy** writes an interesting E-2 tale which sounds very much like something by Baron von Munchhausen, your scribe takes no credit for its accuracy or truthfulness. (Although Bill attested to its accuracy, in writing no less).

The E-2 news brings mixed tidings. The Class and his comates still sorrow for the loss of **Jim Humphreys** in Feb, but recognize his passing as the beginning of the inevitable. Few outside the co realize that some 29 yrs ago, just before graduation, E-2 files each contributed one mo's boodlers money into a fund for a 29th yr bash. **DeMent** was placed in charge of investments, which he did from his office with Merrill and the other guys, in Richmond, VA. **Judson** (Grosse Pointe Farms, MI) was the primary consultant to keep the process honest. They did handsomely, and we decided to use the nest egg for a cruise, with wives and girl friends, in the East Indies. We went all the way to San Jose where **Witherspoon** and **Carmean** (El Centro) provided tents in their back yds for a marshalling area. **Garton**, now in the legal bus in Indianapolis, ensured all were POR qualified. **O'Donnell** (Vacaville, CA) arranged for a charter flight from his airline to take us to Kuala Lumpur and flew it with **Owens** (Valparaiso, FL) as co-pilot. It was a stretched Caribou. **Stukel** (Albuquerque) and **Struck** (Everett, WA), due to their greater experience, were the air hosts; their primary concern was recycling the small brown bags which **Davidson** (Atlanta) kept trying to pop, while full. **McQuillen**, the DATT in Kuala Lumpur, put everyone up in his mansion for the wknd prior to departure. While there, George was decorated by the King of Malaysia for many good reasons we've forgotten but probably related to adhering to the blue laws. **Gilmartin** (Glastonbury, CT) and **Drennen** (Richardson, TX) were in charge of security, and were remarkably proficient in seeking out hidden weapons 'til the police made them stop. **Collins** (Inst of Sec Asst, WPAFB) and **Bauer** (Marion, AL) were responsible for tng in repelling pirates, still prevalent in the straits, but **Chappell** (Charlotte, NC) kept trying to pull rank to be in charge. **Jones** (Tucson) was doing research on his next novel, supposedly about a small town in northern CA. He kept close notes on **Scott** (Denton, TX), but **Steve** objected to the "bug" in his stateroom. **Healy** who frequently gets things not quite right, recorded all this, and any errors in facts are his. Only **Griffith** and **MacLachlan** were missing;

we know not where they are. With all in readiness, we departed for an unbelievable wk. Where to? Where else, but Fantasy Isl. Details at the 30th! Guess the scribe has to ask that subsequent submissions be done on Sunday a.m. without giggle water.

Fred Rice sent along the photo of **Jud Bireley's** yacht (described as battleship size) in VA. [The class' boat owners ought to schedule a cruise some time, maybe a seaborne assault on Canoe U?] Fred has by now we expect received the videotapes of Nick's funeral at Arlington for the class archives. Fred further reported that **Maloney** and **Bireley** are in the DC area, **Hogarth** is in PA, **Harcke** in DE, and **Fred** is out in CA.



1960: Maloney, Hogarth, Bireley, Harcke, Rice

Unfortunately **Jim Godwin's** reply on D-2 got lost in the great postal warehouse in the sky and he graciously sent in another report as of Jul. [D-2 remains the most easy going group in 2nd Regiment it seems]. Of the 25 D-2ers, Stu located 22 and has heard from or has talked to 21. All 21 say they are going to make the 30th Reunion. Nine have sent in deposits on the Reunion Book, and 3 have sent in biographies! A fantastic turnout for D-2 so far.

Bob Ammerman is with Martin Marietta; he & **Sandy** live in Orlando, FL. **Joel Bernstein** is with Applied Info Dev, Inc "computer stuff" in Chicago, and reports as of 4/88 that he & wife **Edie** have 3 sons just about out of the nest. Stu had a short conversation with COL Richard Boyd '31, Dick's dad, who provided the name and address of Dick's sister. **Harry Calvin** has not been heard from, but it is known that he is out there somewhere in Houston.

Dick Carnaghi is with the Heritage Dev Gp in Newtown, CT. **Bob Castleman** is with ADTECH in Reston, VA, and he & wife **Liz** live in Oakton, VA. **Ted Crowley** is in Toms River, NJ with CIGNA Services. **Hank Drewfs** is a BG currently with J-2 Headquarters CENTCOM at McDill [your scribe tried to see him in Apr but couldn't get on post]; Sharon sent a note updating their info shortly after they moved down to FL. **Joe Fortier** is with DEA and he and wife **Analise** live in Phoenix.

Chris Gigicos is also with Martin Marietta in Orlando. His wife **Joan** reports that their daughter Laurie is a recreational therapist in Vero Beach, and daughter Christine is a recreational dir in Safty Harbor, FL. No word on Chris' recreation.

Godwins (Stu & Vickie) live in Fairfax Station, VA. He is with Eagle Tech as APM for SETA work. His son Dwight is a CPT in the AF, and he & his wife Lisa have a brand new baby daughter, Alyssa. They are on their way to England where Dwight will fly A-10's. Other son Gary is a LT in the AF and is an instructor at Reese AFB, Lubbock, TX. They both graduated from the USAFA.

John & Jackie Gulla are in Melbourne, FL. He is with AT&T. **Craig & Ginger Hagan** are at Schofield Barracks, HI; he is ADC with the 25th Div. According to **Joan Gigicos**, the Hagan offspring include LT Steve who just married and is en route to Ft Bragg; LT Jeff is in the Coast Guard; CPT Scott is in Ger.

Gino McLaughlin had 2 boys and 2 girls, the youngest getting ready for his last yr in HS. They live in New Berlin, WI. (Which ones play wing, Gino?) **Bill & Patty McNamara** live in Alameda, CA. Bill works for Lockheed in Sunnyvale as an engr. Bill takes the prize; he is the first to have turned in the Bio sketch for the 30th yrbook. They have 2 children, Kelly and Patrick. **Jack Misura** is with GTE Govt Systems; he & **Karen** live in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria.

Butch & Helga Nobles settled about a yr ago in Ft Sill when Butch was reassigned to the Field Artillery School. **Jim & Pauline O'Connell** live in Norfolk, VA. Jim ret from TRADOC about a yr ago, and when last heard from works for EER Systems, Newport News.

Sam & Anne Powers live in Columbus, OH. Sam is a partner with Laventhol & Horvath Real Estate Appraisers. **Jim & Connie Ramos** live in Cameron Park, CA. **Bud Roebocker** is now with Waddell & Reed Financial Services, and he & his wife **Shirley** live in Orlando, FL.

Ron Smith is with Memorex Telex Corp in Vienna, VA. He & **Pat** live in Potomac, MD. **Dick Sutton**, the second to turn in his Bio, is an author who makes his living as an orthopaedic surgeon in Oklahoma City, OK. He asks that we please buy his most recent literary effort *Operation White Star* (Daring Press). Stu hasn't had any luck in locating **Marcy**, **Trodella**, or **Schiemann**. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please let us know. If anyone wants addresses or phone numbers, you can reach **Jim Godwin** at (H) 703-690-2860 or at his off at (O) 703-359-9466.

Ozzie, Oswaldel (D-1) ever the ladies man, sent in a photo of himself and 3 lovelies, wife **Cathy**, daughter **Donna** and "friend." Every '60'er deserves such

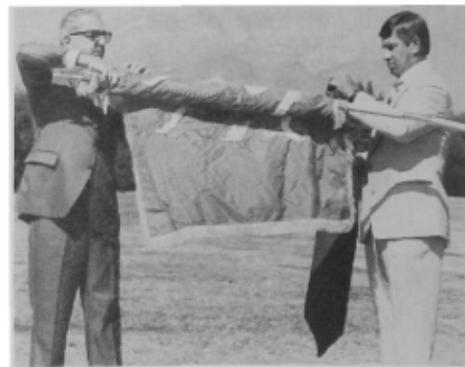
a good looking wife, offspring and "friend." This was a busy yr for the Oswaldels. Cathy's interior design efforts started with a designer show house, Chal-mar Farm, in Shrewsbury, NJ. Her 'Ladies Dressing Room,' was selected for a two-pg feature article, entitled 'Personal Style,' in the spring issue of *House Beautiful*. A follow-up feature in *House Beautiful*, fall issue, rounded out the yr. In the midst of this, Cathy dusted off her tap shoes and participated in the 90th birthday celebration for Russell Markert, the creator of the Radio City Music Hall "Rockettes." Cathy reports it was tough being back on the boards. Especially in the 90 degree heat of summer 89, but the event was a huge success. Bob Oswaldel attended the 30th yr reunion of the 1958 Army football team at the Army-Navy Game. Winning a large Marine Corps contract as a program mgr with ITTDCD further lifted life in 89. Bob, along with **Bob Anderson**, represented the Class at the memorial service for COL Blaik in May at WP. Ozzie & Cathy's daughter **Donna** graduated in Jun from The Fashion Inst of Tech in NYC and will start work with Macy's, NY this fall. Her graduation was held at Radio City Music Hall. The Oswaldels also managed to squeeze a trip to London last spring and had dinner with **John & Sheila Fyfe**. The high point of their trip was 'High Tea at Claridge's.'



1960: Cathy, daughter Donna, friend and Bob Oswaldel at Russell Markert 90th birthday celebration

Jack Fanning kindly writes from El Paso, where he ret last Nov. He & **Edith** decided to remain in El Paso because of their many friends there. His last duty asgmt was as the Dep Asst Com of the Air Def Artillery School at Ft Bliss. He is presently working with Raytheon in El Paso as logistics mgr, Patriot Program. The enclosed photo shows **Jack** and **Jim Griego** (CSM, Ret) during the Regimental Activation Ceremony on 21 Apr when Jack became the first Honorary COL of the 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment. Jack notes that **Fran & Frank Cremer** are also residing in El Paso.

I can't figure out what happened to the 1st Regt poop this issue. Well, hopefully



1960: Jack Fanning and Jim Griego— Regimental Activation Ceremony, 21 Apr

we'll hit that gp next issue. I had business in England in Jul and hoped to visit **Lowery**, but learned before going that **Mark** moved to Amsterdam. Guess he bought a bigger place on the Continent; he must be up to 100 acres by now. Look for **Paul Mandry's** son to help our lacrosse fortunes rise; he's a plebe and was an All Stater in NJ and maybe a HS All American if I remember correctly. **Cerjan** brought his War College gp through NYC to the UN and he, **Pat** and I had lunch to catch up.

Heading to San Fran shortly. Anybody out there or in the Upper Tyrol region of Austria? (Joint venture deal there in last quarter of 89). Usually try to meet with classmates in travels for more poop. That's all folks!

'61

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The predicted frost that is in the air likely will be snow for many by the time this hits the mailboxes; there should be the memories of a fine football season and sweet thoughts for happy holidays just ahead. Especially so for **Gene Witherspoon**—congratulations on being selected for BC! . . . and to **Al Vanderbush**, for being selected to become the Dir of Athletics! WELL DONE!

Adding to all of that is news from **Jim Staub**. **Jim & Pat** live in Stafford, VA, but he commutes wkly to Bethesda, working a special program at IBM, Systems Integration Div. He is looking forward to 1991 (not for the 30th) but for completion of the program; then he & **Pat** can resume a normal life of daily commuting. Even with all of the commuting, they have had time to entertain **Kay & Manny Sciveletto** who were on their way to Peekskill to visit family. **Manny** has ret from the AF and is now part of the civil side of the AF, and by publication date should be relocated in Reno, NV. Recently, **Tom Mercer** called the Staubs from Aberdeen Proving Grounds where he was doing Res duty. Being a superb map reader (having honed that skill dur-

ing those memorable hikes through Central Valley), Tom found his way to Jim's place and they all ended up on the Staub yacht (AKA 34 ft sailboat) and at Solomons Is, MD for an overdose of seafood and war stories. Reports are that Tom did E&E back to APG. Later on, after breaking away from the temptations of the sea, Jim traveled to CA; while at dinner, from across the crowded room he heard his name being called; it turned out to be **Mick Seidl** and daughter Michele, who is in grad school at Berkeley. Mick is continuing to honcho Kaiser Aluminum as chm and CEO and living in Oakland. Jim scored again while at Dulles and bumped into **Bob McConnell**, whom he reports to be in fine fettle. (No war stories tho') except that he bumped into **Jon Aaronson** in downtown DC. **Kyle "Butch" Bayless** has some interesting news for those who might be thinking of a ret move to NM. The NM Mil Academy, as of last Sep was looking for a supe. It is in Roswell and those with an interest can call Kyle for an update at 505-624-1535. Since ret in 86, he has been catching up on all of the things that hadn't been done: teaching SCUBA, being an aerobics instructor (argh, recall happy hr with Mr Lewis?) and doing a little bit of shooting. Kyle has also managed to keep in touch with **Bill Wright**, who is with Boeing in Seattle.

Down in Tampa, where many might like to be in mid-Dec, **Karen & Mike Urette** are enjoying the sun on behalf of those who must be elsewhere; in addition to their construction business, Mike also cmds a res transportation brigade that has been active in supporting exercise deployments, particularly in southern waters. The pictured vessel, however, is his and used primarily for other types of deployments. Up from FL was



1961: Mike Urette at home in Tampa—"launch the landing force"

Luke Boeve. He was in Manhattan on business and hosted a great evening at a posh west side watering spot.

At Ft Belvoir, **Sue & Paul DeVries'** daughter **Debbie** married **John Beins**. The wedding and reception were superb; the entire event was beautiful and memorable. **Bob Glass**, the **Blesses**, **Dewars**, **Rauchs**, and **Becketts** were

among the gathered well wishers and were able to restrain Paul who wanted to do PLF's down the aisle. In the same AO: **Marsha & Ray Starsman** are living in McLean, and he is at JPL, helping to design the NASA space station that is looking at a launch date sometime in 1995. Ray spends a lot of time in Houston, taking part in the planning for the many loads that will be sent into space in order to put it all together. Ray should have some great stories to tell at our 30th. Also along the Potomac, **Gracie & Howard Graves** have settled in well; working with the chm, JCS is exciting (a mild understatement). **Ron Hannon** always



1961: Gracie & Howard and ADM Crowe: "Well Done" and a third star

comes through with a lot of up-to-date info: **Ed Barry** is wearing 2 stars, at Wright-Patterson AFB, where he is the vice-cmdr for aeronautical systems within the AF Systems Cmd; in the past he has been involved with the B-1 bomber and missile related programs; **Dave Teal**, also laboring along with 2 stars, is the DCS for Systems AFSC, Andrews AFB. Among the green suit GO's, **Joe Stringham** is about to become the Def Attache in Brazil; **George Joulwan** has V Corps and **Dave Dluzyn's** son, DJ, is in the 3 ID; and the **Lionettis** are back "home" at Bliss; Don is the CG. **BJ & Don Lockey** are in Durham, following ret from Duke U after doing great things for the ROTC program there; he is now making his mark in real estate; down the road in Fayetteville, **Jack Dewar** is also making a success of the real estate market. **Judy & Jim Scott** are doing well in Denver (4471 S Xeric Way, 80237). **Maribel & Kaiser Bazan** RON'd with the Hannonns while en route to VT, to take son Gabriel to school there. Ron says that **Pete Heimdahl** has the 30th arrangements well in hand and is looking forward to a football wkend gathering . . . more to come.

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'62

Hello '62! Sounds of crushing sand hissed through the narrow street as the

sleek limo reached curbside. The driver hustled to perform door services. A firm, well tanned leg emerged from the rear-most door. A red, very high heeled pump ground briefly in the sand before the lithe torso emerged into full view.

"Most righteous, . . . look at that!" commented a passing teenager. "Chill out, her old man will take you apart!" warned his pal.

Her fawn lycra workout suit blended perfectly with the salon developed skin. Closer inspection could reveal a small bruise above her right knee from a recent workout with her hand-to-hand instructor. Behind her two well dressed men and another girl in black shorts emerged onto the sidewalk.

In distant Washington, govt officials pondered how they might do it right the next time someone mounted a coup against an irritating Third World leader. Here on the cool sidewalk all was right with the world. Down the narrow street past the plain looking bar she could see a sign declaring, "Today's game, Rutgers." She couldn't understand why her two male friends had told her so much about this drab, small town pub. Benny Havens looked like any hole in the wall from her native IA. **Jim Kimsey** and **Frank Caufield** had once again made their annual, triumphant return to WP for Bee weekend.

Dr **Ed Dwyer** wrote from 22 Vicksburg Rd, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021 that he has teamed up with a partner to teach the gospel on total quality mgt. He can be found at AC 609-784-3520.

Want to apologize to **Bill Ross** who sent a great letter in Mar. You saw the Ross boys picture last issue, but his letter got misplaced. He is active in the Res and attended a seminar in DC where he saw classmates **Chuck Dominy** and **Don Snider**. Chuck leads Army Cong In, and Don is with NSC.

Lee Pardi wrote from 6306 Spindrift, San Antonio, TX 78239, where he is with the Acad of Health Sciences at Ft Sam Houston. He transferred from Ft Bragg where he was MEDDAC cmdr and Corps surgeon. His wife **Shirley**, who was chief nurse of the 28th Comb Supp Hosp, is also assigned at Ft Sam.



1962: Lee & Shirley perform med exercises at his change of cmd

I spent an enjoyable evening with **Wayne Downing** at Ft Monroe in Aug. He is putting in the hard hrs and doing swell. **Bill Diehl** called in Sep as I was departing for Ger on a business jaunt. He was off to DC for two wks vacation in the service of USAR. **Duane Slater** has slimmed down, whereas my efforts are lagging. Heard from **Gus Fishburne** that **Barry Butzer** has departed the Academy on ret to coach football in NC.

Message traffic is slow. I recall how some of my pictures went over in the issue before the 25th. I've found some more embarrassing ones. Actually, several classmates haven't spoken to me since that publication. To stimulate some message traffic, I offer a bottle of good champagne to the person submitting the most embarrassing picture of a classmate. Judgment will be used in publication. All poor.

Sending this Sat after the market dropped 197 points. Hope next Mon goes well. The govt business market seems pretty much as predicted last yr. Hope 1990 is a happy one. Be well.

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Congrats and best wishes for continued success to our latest selectees for gen officer—**Harold W Nelson**, currently Chief of Center for Mil History, and **James S Dickey**, Exec to the Secy of the Army.

Received a nice note from **Mike Jenks**—he is the AAFES (PX) Engr in Dallas and will probably be there for another yr or two. Mike & **Denise** were



1963: Denise & Mike Jenks

married on 8 Jul and now reside at 1007 Wind Ridge Circle, Duncanville, TX 75137. The Alabama Bar Inst for Continuing Legal Education presented the 1989 Walter P Gewin Award for outstanding contribution to continuing legal education in AL to our own **Bill Clark**. **Brenda Capps** sent a short note from Redstone Arsenal, AL where **Larry** is Dep CG of MILCON—son David is matriculating with '92. **Bob Foley** re-



1963: Larry & Brenda Capps with son David '92

cently traveled to Palm Beach, FL to address the Natl Wrestling Coaches Assoc. Bob demonstrated one of his famous escape moves for an amused coach **Leroy Alitz** and a somewhat astonished **Frank Lennon**. **Dick "nature boy" Guthrie** recently spent time on the Appalachian Trail—as he said, "Even had Cynthia rucked-up for 4 days of family hiking—great fun." Do you believe that? Recent arrivals to DC incl **Gordy Arbogast**—6770 Blanche Dr,



1963: Dick Guthrie

Lorton, VA 22029, and Max Barron, 2953 So Columbus St, Arlington, VA 22206. I know Max works here in the Pentagon but don't know what either is doing yet.

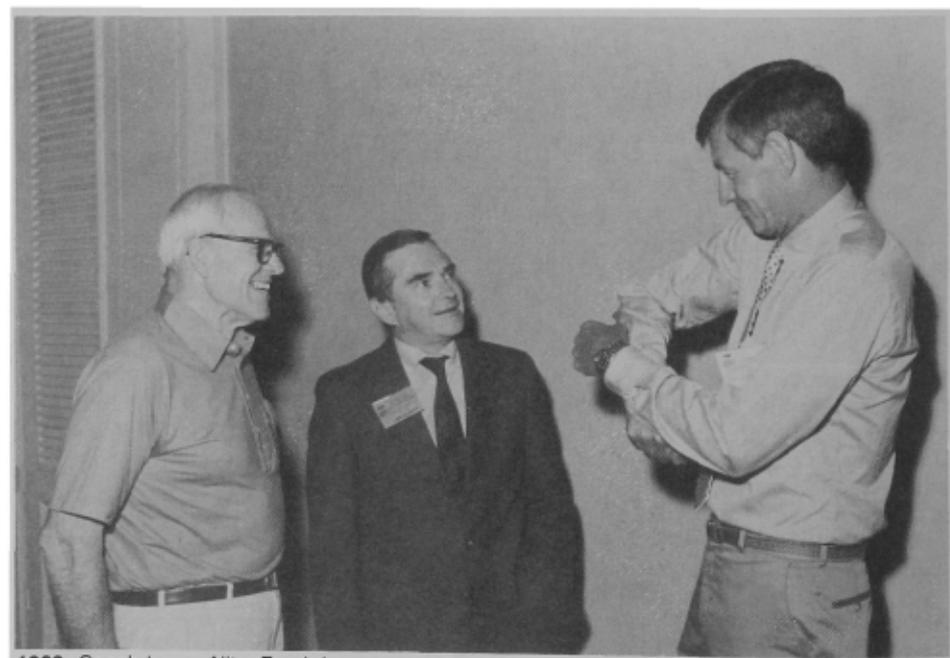
As reported in the last issue, **Carole & Bill Lutz** were involved in a tragic automobile accident on 2 Aug in Bangkok, Thailand, in which Carole was killed instantly. Bill is now recovered from broken bones, cuts, and bruises and has decided to continue his duties as the newly assigned Chief of MAG. For those



1963: Carole & Bill Lutz

of us who would like to remember Carole, Bill requests that you make a contribution to a library of your choice. In addition, Bill sends his thanks and appreciation for the many cards, letters, telegrams and phone calls he has received after the accident. Bill's address is Army Div HQ JUSMAGTHAI, APO SF 96346-500, Ph 662-287-1029, 287-1036 ext 640.

Since this issue will not reach you till late Dec, **Joanie & I** send best wishes to you and your families for a safe and joyous holiday season. BEAT NAVY!



1963: Coach Leroy Alitz, Frank Lennon and Bob Foley

'64

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Congratulations to our latest promotees, **Bob Wynn** and **George Fisher**, both from E-2, as was your humble scribe. Must have been the association. Talking about associations, I noted that **John Howard**, also of E-2 and on the promotion list, was pictured and named in Hackworth's book *About Face*, lending dignity to. . .

By the time this is published the reunion will be over, folks will have gotten their voices back, hangovers will be memories. I am led to believe that the reunion photos of our gp will be included in the next issue. I can safely predict that it was a great reunion, and you all who missed it should be admonished. When you think of it there are only a finite number of these gatherings; for the long-lived, about 10. Five have already passed, so there are not many left.

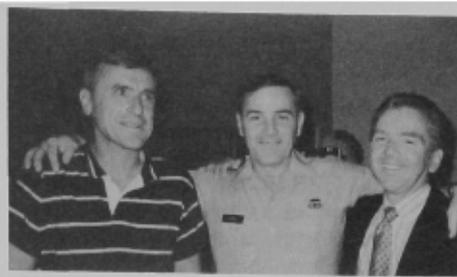
Spoke with **Bill Reynolds** the other day and am informed that he & **Ann** are having difficulties adjusting to the real world after a yr in HI. I can sympathize with that. Also from WP comes the rumor that **Seth Hudgins** has been selected for the position of exec VP of the AOG. And I thought that I was a gray hog. Seth is going to end up spending his entire life at WP! Also heard that **Norm Anderson** is teaching math and coaching hockey at the HS in Highland Falls. Teaching math????

As you might expect, correspondence has been meager during the interlude since the last column. Several classmates have passed through here without checking in with the scribe, and consequently will receive only passing mention: **Mike Davison** on a charm school trip; **Joe Arnold** en route to duties as C/S in Japan; and **Ron Odum** doing some coordination in his capacity as DCSOPS in Japan.

Pat Graves wrote a 3-liner from his law offices in Huntsville, AL to say his family had recently visited **Dirck** and **Leila Schou** in Stoke-On-Trent, England, where Dirck owns Simpsons, a pottery which makes oven-to-tableware and other items.

Jeff Kleb, now reporting in from the DC area, furnished the photo capturing a chance encounter on the Mall in the Pentagon. **Mike Griffith** was in town for the promotion of his brother to BG, and **Dick Chilcoat** en route to C/S of the 3rd ID in Wurzburg. I thought I reported recently that Chilly was going to Carlisle?

Recent arrivals in DC include **Barry McCaffrey**, **Bill Major**, and **Howie Bachman**. Jeff reports some 110 classmates now in the Wash area. Part of that gp is



1964: Chilcoat, Kleb, and Griffith, Pentagon Concourse, 7 Aug

going to the reunion by chartered bus and will begin partying with their morning departure on the 19th. Hope I was there to see them arrive.

George Hillard recently gave up his cmd of the 12th SF Gp and is now DCSOPS of the 86th ARCOM. **Gary Walk**, who is in one of the supporting units, attended the change of cmd. In real life George continues to conduct world-wide tng for Nalco Chemical, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela, Taiwan, Australia, France and Italy to name a few. The photo is of George working hard at mastering the QueLeuLeu, which he says is quite easy after the 5th or 6th glass of red wine.



1964: George Hillard, dancing the QueLeuLeu with Nalco France personnel

Well I've squeezed about as much as I can out of this baby. **Gene Sullivan** is due in tomorrow for one of his periodic visits. This time he is bringing **Lis** who is available for travel now that both of the Sullivan chicks are out of the nest.

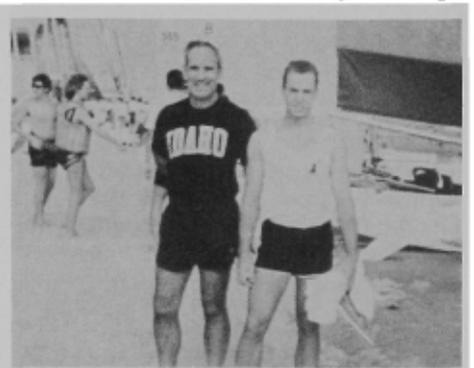
It all counts toward 30. . .

'65

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Greetings once again from Chicago. I saw a nice article in the *Pointer View* about **Lou Csoka** and his Performance Enhancement Prog at USMA. Lou initially got involved in this program with the football team kickers, and it has now been expanded by the Supe to "take winners and make them champions."

Judging by the performance of the football team over the last few yrs, it's had a significant impact. **Skip O'Donnell** wrote and sent a copy of an article on the change of cmd from **Frank Hennessee** to **Barrie Zais**. Frank received the LM from MG Hilbert and has been assigned as Max Thurman's exec in Panama. Barrie received his master and doctorate degrees from Duke. No, Skip, Frank wasn't issued a smile for parade pictures. Skip's in the process of forming a WP Soc and I do wish him lots of luck in that endeavor. Skip, **Preston Motes** and **Frank Meier** and their kids will meet at the Army-AF game in Nov and hopes there'll be other classmates there. Speaking of Skip, he sent a picture of himself and son **Chip '92** at VA Beach, where he went after his two-wk Res duty at the Pentagon in Sep.



1965: Skip and son Chip O'Donnell, Bay Lake Beach, VA Beach

He worked with **Leo Kennedy** massaging the Army's funds for weapons R&D. He also saw **Bob Cato**, who probably will be getting out this coming summer. Skip also saw **Dan Christman**, who is DSCOPS-Nuclear OPS, who looked great smoking a pipe. **Kent Brown** is also at the Pentagon and is the XO to the Asst Sec of the Army for Acq. **John Pickler** is the exec to the CS and lives next to Zais at Ft Myer. **Tom White** was in Leo Kennedy's office begging for more money from Ft Sill. Tom says he is being reassigned to Ft Meade this fall as the garrison CO. **Tony Gamboa**, an ex armor and JAG officer, is also in DC where he is the dep Army gen counsel for acq and lives just S of Annapolis where his wife's in real estate there. They have 3 daughters, one a grad of the UMD, another sr at the UMD and one daughter in HS. **Mike Applin** is the DSCOPS-Star Wars and Skip wondered why an MP COL would be doing that? Mike's daughter graduated from VPI and now works for Dunn & Bradstreet in NY. His son is a sr at Mary WA. **Rick Wetherill** is still at the Pentagon and doing his job, as well as that of his boss, who has not yet been appointed by the CinC. **Frank Meier** and Skip chatted from Kirkland AFB where he just moved into the underground testing branch for the DNA. **Preston Motes** is alive and well in Salt Lake City

where he is VP for WP Intermountain Region Soc. Skip's son, Chip, is on the Army lightweight rowing team and doing well. Skip, thanks for another great letter and especially for printing it.

As you can see by the attached picture, **John Howell**, **Judy** & I got together with my former roommate, **Pat O'Toole's** sister, **Judy Fahl** & her husband **Gary '69**, who both live in our Chicago suburb. We



1965: Gary Fahl '69, Judy Fahl (Pat O'Toole's sister), Judy Coll, Denny Coll, John Howell

had some great talks about good old **George Patrick**, a classmate about whom I think often.



1965: Judy Coll, daughter Shannon and Denny

While **Judy** & I were taking our daughter, **Shannon**, to Tulane, we passed through Atlanta and I decided to give **Wayne Scholl** a call. Wayne had just departed the day before and was replaced by **Emory Pylant**, who had come from being the dep asst Com at Ft Leonard Wood. No word yet from Wayne as to where his next asgmt will be. I think **Emory** mentioned that he had a fellowship job in DC.

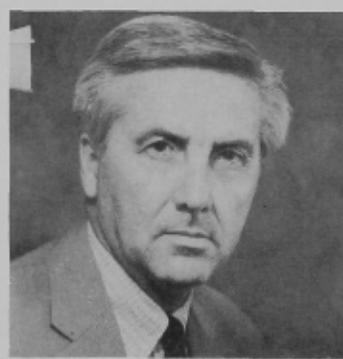
I received several copies of a great article that appeared in the local Dallas papers about **Art Hester** being promoted to take over GM's big Arlington assembly plant in Oct. Art will be GM's only active plant mgr. After graduating, Art received an MS in industrial engr from Stanford and an MBA from NYU. **Ray Woodruff**, who's a VP of Ops at Ryland Homes, is also in Dallas. **Mack Gill** wrote from Kalamazoo that he has hung up the spurs after 24 yrs and ret as PMS from Western MIU in Jun. He is now a

court administrator with the Ninth Circuit Court in Kalamazoo. He & **Dianne** will be grandparents by the time of this article when oldest daughter, **Jennifer**, has her baby. Daughter **Mindy** is a sr on a 4-yr Army ROTC scholarship at Niagara Univ majoring in nursing. She will graduate and be commissioned in May 90. Son **Chip** has a 3-yr ROTC scholarship at Western MIU and will be commissioned Apr 91. **Dianne** visited WP and stayed with the Reeds. **Betsy Reed** is at NYMA where she is teaching and taking care of housing. **Mack** also ran into **Art Mark** at their ret orientation. Art just departed Chicago as PMS at the U of C, and went to SC to work at a nuclear power plant.



1965: COL Dick Williams

I received a nice picture of **Dick Williams** who, last Aug, became the PM for Sense and Destroy Armor at Picatinny where he's developing a smart submunition to shoot down at enemy artillery. It will only cost \$6.3 billion, according to Dick. He reports that he also sees **Barry Levine**, who's the PM of nuclear munitions and **Orlin Mullen** as PM of Tank Main Armament System. Speaking of PR releases, **Norm Boyter** has just been promoted by the Westinghouse Hanford Co where he has been named mgr of the Chemical Processing Div in Richland, WA. Norm received his MS in



1965: Norm Boyter

nuclear engr from NC State. We also received the picture of **Denny & Diane Hawker** at the Phoenix Founders Day.

And one parting shot to all my Swabie friends. The picture with the "Beat Navy" sign of your friendly scribe was



1965: Dennis & Diane Hawker

taken on board the carrier **JFK** about 60 mi off the SC coast in Aug. I was invited



1965: Denny Coll

out on a VIP tour and spent a great 2 days watching the Navy operate. I doubt very seriously if I'll ever be invited back again once the Admiral finds the "Beat Navy" stickers in his shower, desk drawer, over his bed, and at various other strategic places on the carrier. It was quite an experience and one I'll never forget.

"Swick" (aka **Tomaswick**) sent a nice letter and the great picture of himself & **Carol** with **Tommy Abraham** and **Pete Lounsbury** and offspring at young Swick's wedding. **Abe**, **Pete**, and **Jim**



1965: Tomaswick wedding

were roommates and have stayed very close over the yrs. **Jim** also reports that **Bart Barry** is still at Polaroid, as is **Jim**, and also that he saw **Bob White**, who lives in Manchester, NH and works for Sanders Assoc. **Tom Hennebury** is asst corp sec at MIT, according to **Jim**.

Late news from the front. New "stars"

have been won by **John C Thompson**, **Stan Genega**, **Clair Gill**, **John Pickler** and **Ric Shineski**—our congratulations go out to all of them.

And how about my old plebe **George Crocker '66** being the 10/9/89 US News cover story. Great article if you haven't seen it. I have copies.

And finally, **Judy & I** had a great wkend at WP for Homecoming and saw a strong Army offense dominate a 5-0 Holy Cross team. At halftime, as you can see by the picture, we were able to get almost all of the '65 offspring (and some parents) together. Seen in the picture are



1965: Homecoming at WP

plebes **Harold Jenkins** and **Dave Curl**, yearlings **Brian Coll**, **Chip O'Donnell**, **Pat Howell** and **Debbie Vann**. **Jenny Osgood** was on CQ duty. Also, cows in attendance were **Nichollette Mark**, **Eric Timmerman** and **Shaw Yoshitani**; and finally, firsties **David Hurley** and **Mike Gabel**. Missing from the session were **Ballard Barker '92**, **Kim Olmstead '93**, **Doug Seaworth '93** and **Bill Hecker '91**.

And finally, our 25th Reunion? Well folks, not much has been done. It is scheduled for the VMI game, 9/21-9/23/90 but we will not have a priority on the WP facilities. I will be working with our NYC and DC classmates to try to set it up. Call me with ideas, etc. More in the next article. We will have our first coordination meeting either in NYC or at WP on 2/23 or 2/24/90.

Well, folks, that's about it for now. Keep those cards, letters and especially pictures coming.

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A "mini-reunion" was held in Arlington, VA at the Crystal City Sheridan Hotel on 14 Oct to celebrate the publishing of **Rick Atkinson's** book about our Class, *The Long Gray Line*. About 180 people attended, including 100 classmates, wives, children, and media reps. **Bob Meccia**, master of ceremonies, introduced **Norm Fretwell** who presented a cadet saber to **Rick Atkinson**. **Rick** spoke for several minutes in praise of our

Class. **Tim Daly** and **George Cox** report that the function began about 6 p.m., lasted until 2 a.m., and was "superb." There was a feeling of "calm, comfort, and genuine camaraderie" among the members of our Class. The CNN as well as several local television networks were on hand to interview **George Cox**, **Bob Meccia**, **John Carrow & his wife Lani**, **Bill Haneke's** son, and a number of other daughters and sons of classmates who were in attendance.

Although our former classmate, **Bob Fergusson**, left us during plebe yr, he rejoined many of us in the Republic of Vietnam several yrs later. There he gave his last full measure and distinguished himself with great honor. Unfortunately, the first printing of *The Long Gray Line* incorrectly indicates that he left the Academy because of a petty honor violation. This was not the case and the record must stand corrected. Future editions of the book will be revised accordingly.

Bill Haneke was responsible for organizing a ceremony at the Vietnam War Memorial the following day. **Hilton Dunn** and **Moe Faber** spoke, and **Moe** read a list of all of our classmates who have died, including **Bob Goldsmith** and **Marty Walsh**, who died as cadets. **Hilton** gave an excellent speech, emphasizing that the "book" on our Class is "not yet complete." Afterwards, **Bill Haneke** introduced **Chaplain Ford**, who led our assembled classmates in the *Cadet Prayer* and a benediction. *People* magazine plans a large spread on this event, in a late Oct or early Nov issue.

I spoke with **Tim Daly** and **George Cox** after the event, and both provided me with an update of their "doings" over the past several yrs. **Tim** ret in Feb, and went to work, along with **Bob Meccia**, for an environmental studies co from NYC which does waste mgt. He has two children in college and a third in HS, and currently resides in **Springfield, VA**. **George Cox** lives in **Seattle, WA**, with his wife **Adrienne**, and two children, **Austin** and **Yushio** (Japanese for "ebb tide"). He met **Adrienne** in Japan while serving as editor of the *II Field Force* magazine. **George** left the service



1966: The Cox family on a recent trip to Japan

in 70, got married, and attended MIT and U of Washington, before ending up at **Merrill Lynch**, where he is currently employed.

Ron Bashant writes from **Kailua, HI**, where he stayed in touch with **Rick & Patty Harper**, prior to their move to S.F. **Ron** is in his last yr as cmdr of the AF ROTC unit at the U of HI. He writes that



1966: The Bashant family

"the phrase 'It's a tough job but someone has to do it' originated with this position." His wife **Sue** is teaching, daughters **Kelly** and **Karen** are in college, and **Stacey** is a sr in HS. His son **Kevin** is in 6th grade.

Mack Harnden writes from **Stillwell, KS**, where he is working as a consultant with a **Human Resources Mgt** firm. He & his wife **Chris** have two children, **Ty**, 16, and **Kelley** (daughter) 12. **Mack** left the Army in 70, but stayed in the Res, and is an instructor of the **Combined Arms Services and Staff School** for a **USAR** school in **Topeka, KS**. He received his PhD in **Clinical Psychology** in 78, and worked until recently as dir of a **Christian Counseling Center**. The photo



1966: Mack Harnden and restored 66 Ford Mustang

shows **Mack** with his restored 66 Ford Mustang—not his original, but nearly an exact copy (though considerably more expensive!).

Mike Wynne writes that he has had a change in title to **VP business dev** at **General Dynamics Land Systems** (making **M1A1** tanks in the **Detroit** area). **Mike** recently saw **Fred Rees**, now a **MG** and **Adjutant Gen** for the **OR Natl Guard**. (See the photo of **Mike & Barb** "remain-

ing calm" at the wedding of their daughter Lisa to Mr David Henkhaus.) Mike



1966: Wynne, Lisa Wynne & David Henkhaus, and Barbara Wynne

has 3 other daughters, Collene at MI State, Karen at Auburn U, and Laura (13) still at home.

I also received a letter from **Bill Hunt**, his "first in over 23 yrs." He writes that while in the service, he switched from Artillery to the Med Service Corps after Vietnam, retiring 3 yrs ago from his job as comptroller at the Ft Carson (CO) Hosp. Since ret, he has been doing financial planning, "managing to make a living at it. Being self employed has been an interesting change from the structured life of the Army . . . no regular paycheck!" Bill's wife is in real estate, and they have a 16 yr old daughter. Other classmates in the CO area are **Tony Buetti**, **Tim Timm**, and **Bill Stone**.

Jeff Shurtleff writes from Augusta, GA, where he is a practicing atty, specializing in bankruptcy law. He & spouse **Judy** have been married for 9 yrs, and have 2 children, ages 3 and 1 1/2, with a third on the way, around Christmas time. (I guess I'll have to relinquish the distinction of having the youngest child at that time to you, Jeff!) Jeff says that they are "typical yuppies," and that he enjoys tennis, bridge, and bass fishing when there's time. "Life is comfortable and gracious and slow-paced in the deep south magnoliaed home of the Masters." (I just had to quote that line, Jeff.)

Bruce Auer managed to get a letter through to me, despite the fact that his *ASSEMBLY's* routinely disappear in the Mexican mail system. ("I can't for the life of me imagine what use they are to a Mexican postal worker.") He writes that after leaving the Army, he taught HS math in HI, returning to the mainland to work for GM in engine/powertrain design and dev. He is currently working in Mexico City, managing test and dev for all of the GM de Mexico products. He is due to "repatriate" soon, but as with Uncle Sam, does not know where to. He's seen **Wish & Wendy Beasley** in Mexico "some time ago," and **Mike & Peggy Silliman** in 88 "up North," but no others recently. Thanks, Bruce.

Larry Donnithorne wrote an informa-

tive letter in Aug, from WP, saying that I "inspired" him and **Lanse Leach** to send in the picture of them taken after a 1-day 100 mi bike ride in Jul. (With the hel-



1966: Larry Donnithorne and Lanse Leach at conclusion of 100 mi bike ride

rets, I thought for a moment it was taken in 66!) Larry continues to serve as the Supe's Special Asst for Strategic Planning, while Lanse has been selected as the dep head, Dept of Elec Engring and Comp Sci. He will be the first member of the Class to serve as a Professor, USMA, wearing the Academy crest in place of his Engineer castles. Congratulations, Lanse!

Larry also sent info on the following: **Ken Grice** has been Permanent Assoc Prof in Dept of Physics for several yrs, and was recently selected by the Dean to serve in the Dean's Office as the staff officer in charge of all academic computing (replacing **Lanse Leach**). **Morgan Roseborough** has been selected to a permanent position at USMA as the dir of Cadet Activities, working on the Com's staff. **Mac Hayes** serves as the Regimental Tac for the 4th Regt, and has been the cmdr of Camp Buckner for several yrs in a row. **Art Mulligan** serves as the assoc dir of Admissions, handling all automation and long term policy matters. He has also agreed to serve as chm of the Class' 25th reunion comm—a repeat performance of the 20th! Larry also writes that **Morgan Roseborough's** wife, **Martha**, "truly a beautiful lady," passed away last Dec due to cancer. Our sympathies go out to you, Morgan.

Two other classmates were also kind enough to write: **John Boyd** writes from La Verne, CA, where he's been with a Moran Construction in Alhambra, CA, for 10 yrs, now serving as ops mgr. He & his wife **Mary** have two children, Philip, a firstie at WP, and Christopher, a jr at Claremont-McKenna College, who has just entered ROTC. **Brian Ashbaugh** writes from Pittsburgh, PA, where he is with a medium-sized law firm. Also in Pittsburgh is **Ken Carlson**. Brian reports that his Ranger buddy, **Tom Farewell**, is the district engr for the Huntington, WV district, and hopes to see him at a meeting of the Soc of Am Mil Engrs, where they are both post pres of their respective districts.

An announcement: **George Cox** is planning a 25th yr anniv issue of "Slum and Gravy," to be published in time for our next 5-yr reunion, with a "sports" focus on our classmates. If anyone would like to help with this project, or has ideas, please contact me for his address.

Finally, I was asked about children of our classmates currently attending WP, and there are 21 of them!: Class of '90 (7): **Kristin Baker**, **Phil Boyd**, **Bob Guerriero**, **Kelso Horst**, **Mike Hustead**, **Mike Musoil**, **Mike Nason**; Class of '91 (4): **Jim Frazier**, **Sharon Leach**, **Bob Otto**, **Doug Simms**; Class of '92 (6): **Troy Figgins**, **Ken Foret**, **Brandon Hayes**, **Carolyn Hughes**, **Howard Kirk**, **Mary Langendorf**; Class of '93 (4): **David Doyle**, **Chris Guerriero**, **Thom Hustead**, **Kathy Mulligan**.

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13 Aug: Short note from **M Jane Wentzel** today, announcing that **Doc** has been banished to Korea for 2 yrs. His current job is Chief of Army Programs, Joint US Mil Adv Gp in Yongsan. The implications of that are indeed ominous. Think about it. Can you imagine **Doc** actually advising the Koreans on how to do things? My God, think of the possible consequences if they ever actually took his advice. We can only hope and pray that wiser heads will prevail. **M Jane** and son **Sam** (7) are staying put in Peachtree City, GA for this tour. Wise decision; a couple yrs away from his old man might help **Sam** avoid developing into a **Doc** clone. **M Jane** did mention, though, that when **Doc** left his job at Third Army, he was bejewelled with a Legion of Merit for his efforts there.

15 Aug: Nice long letter from **Barry Nickerson** arrived this past wk. That makes two in 10 yrs; we have a definite trend developing here. The **Nickersons** still live in Bedford, TX and **Barry** still works for XEROX Corp, his employer for the past 18 yrs. At the beginning of 89 he was promoted to VP/region mgr for the Southern Region, US Marketing Gp. Although he didn't say so, I suspect the promotion came with a nice pay raise, so there's no reason why **Barry** can't host a really nice party for the Southwest US contingent of the Class. Call him up for details. Easter would be a good time. The **Nickerson** clan is doing well; oldest son **Barry** completed his jr yr at U of North TX, and at this writing is working in the Cayman Isls. **Barry** didn't say whether or not it was just a summer job, though I would assume so. I wonder if Cayman lizards are the local gourmet delicacy down there. Daughter **Ashley** is a sr at Ursuline Academy in Dallas

where she is very much into cheerleading, as pretty young girls are wont to do; Jonathan is 9 and a budding soccer and basketball star. Barry predicts that Jonathan will be taller and bigger than his old man, which means he's someone you want on *your* side. The baby of the bunch, Jennifer, is just recently 6, and doing all those things that 6 yr olds do to endear themselves to parents for a long, long time. Barry didn't mention Pam's activities, but with 3 kids at home, it's pretty easy to figure that one out. Classmate wise, Barry ran into **Dave Rivers** at the US Open in Rochester; Dave also works for XEROX as the district mgr of their Atlanta district. According to Barry, Dave is one of the top district mgrs in the nation.

1 Sep: Wow, you can really tell **Ty McCoy** has come back down to earth from the rarified cosmos of the top floors of the E-Ring in the 5 sided wind tunnel. Today I received a *hand written* note from Ty, announcing that he is now a beltway bandit/rocket jockey for Morton Thiokol. You remember those guys—they make rocket boosters for space shuttles. Some of their work has been pretty spectacular, to say the least. Now just what do you suppose a former Asst Secy of the AF for Widgets and Gadgets could contribute to a co that makes rocket motors that go boom in the night? Stay tuned, and watch out for low flying AF jets.

11 Sep: **Jim Saine**, who also "works" here with me as a faculty member at The Armed Forces Social College and Massage Emporium, wandered into my office this morning to deliver the picture of proud sons and dads taken at WP over Labor Day wkend. The kids are in the

front row, by the way, and from left to right you've got **Bill Olson** (E-2), **Winkel** (whose old man just happens to be head of the Physics Dept, but we know that doesn't count for squat when you're a beanhead), **Bob Lenz** (E-1) **Andrew Phelan** (A-1), **Patrick O'Hara** (I-3), and **Sam Saine** (A-2). This represents most of the Class of '93 installment of the Class offspring. One of these days, some enterprising classmate stationed at the Womb should get All the Class offspring together for a group grope & photo.

13 Sep: Since he had absolutely nothing worthwhile to do today, **Bob Haefner** called me up this morning to let me know that he was now back in the world, after having been in Ger for the past 7 yrs. His new asgmt has him working at Ft Monmouth, NJ, as the asst project mgr for the fielding of Maneuver Control Systems. Yeah, I know, it didn't sound too exciting to me either, but what the hell, it's a job and somebody's got to do it. As I'm sure you all remember, Bob's wife **Gussie** is **Tony Nida's** sister, so I pounced upon the opportunity to learn the latest juicy gossip from the backwoods of AR. Most importantly, of course, was the opportunity to get a current INTSUM on **Angie's** hair color of the mo. Alas and Alak (is that how you spell that? What the hell does "alak" mean, anyway?), like all good brothers and sisters, there is virtually no internal communication within the Nida family, so we are still left guessing on this extremely important issue. I know there are hundreds of you out there who have looked to Angie for guidance, both in the kitchen and the coiffure, who will be sorely disappointed by this failure on my part to get you the straight dope.

2 Oct: Things you probably knew but soon forgot dept: we have 3 classmates who were apparently brain dead at graduation and managed to get commissioned in the Navy. Well, we all have our crosses to bear. Apparently the Navy has been good to them, like the British were good to Benedict Arnold, and their careers have been crowned with success. The latest indication of this arrived in the mail the other day in the form of an invitation, printed on nice Navy stationery (in both English and Japanese, no less) to **Mike Shelton's** assumption of cmd ceremony on 20 Oct. Mike will become the Cmdr, US Navy Public Works Ctr, Yokosuka, Japan, and Officer in Charge of Construction (Navy), Far East. Not bad for a landlubbing sailor. Unfortunately, the people who sent the invitation forgot to include the first class round trip ticket from here to there, so I shall not be able to represent the Class and lead the assembled throng in a Rocket for Mike. Pop it up, Seabee, you done OK.

4 Oct: Letters from long lost souls dept. **Randy Kinnard** decided to check back into the net after being out of touch forever, and re-establish his identity as a member of the Class, which may reflect on the quality of his judgement. Randy left the Army in 72, went to law school, and in 76 set up practice in Nashville, where he is still in business as a trial lawyer representing plaintiffs in civil negligence cases. Since the name of the firm on the letterhead of his stationery is Kinnard & Smith, one could assume he's doing OK. Since Randy's hormone dev process was interrupted in childhood, he took a little longer than most of us to develop social needs, and didn't get married until 81. When he did make the Great Leap, it was his former roommate **George Pejakovich** who performed the ceremony. George, for those of you with very short memories, is an Army chaplain, and is allowed to do these things. How many of you can lay claim to having been joined in wedlock by your former roommate? Thinking back to those days, and who you had for roommates, how many of you would WANT that distinction? Anyway, since 81, Randy & **Peggy** have been busy, and the Kinnards have 2 munchkins, Cannon (5) and Jessica (3). I love to hear of classmates with kids younger than mine. It's nice to know I'm not the only one who'll be paying for them until I'm too old to walk.

5 Oct: Disturbing news. Got word this week from **Gayle Rettig** that **Bobby** is quite ill, and must have the aortic valve in his heart replaced ASAP. Managed to get a call through to Bob in the hosp; the surgery will be performed tomorrow, 6 Oct. He sounded great and is in good spirits—the tremendous competitor in him is alive and well. Apparently, this condition is congenital, and has been



1967: Class plebe sons and dads; Labor Day

with him all his life. Considering all the physical exams we took as cadets, doesn't this fill you with confidence regarding the reports that were rendered on us in those days? Of course, as I recall, in the late 60's any able bodied male who could turn his head and cough on cue without collapsing was pronounced fit for service. Bobby's condition does explain some of his more bizarre behavior in the 2 yrs we were roommates. It may also have contributed to the miserable punts he made in the TX game of our yearling yr—a point I made to him and which he quickly seized upon as a good excuse.

10 Oct: Today is Dr Doom's 7th birthday. The big hit present was the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Nintendo game and associated toys. You folks with older kids—see what you're missing out on? You folks with younger ones—see what you've got ahead of you? Doom, by the way, has developed into one dynamite soccer player, and as of this date has 25 goals to his credit in his league. Of course, no one in their right mind dares to get in his way, as the consequences of that ill-advised act can be painful.

11 Oct: Talked to **Bob Rettig** this evening. The Gen sounded great, though a bit tired, which is understandable. The valve replacement surgery apparently went well, and with luck, he will be going home this wkend. Let's hope this solves the problem once and for all. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers, sports fans, he's one of us, and he's special.



1967: Strongs and Pennys; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

13 Oct: Well, it's deadline time, and once again I'm sitting here staring at this trash, when that should be the editor's privilege. Since it is obvious no more of you are going to come out from under your brown boys to write to me, I might as well put this carrion in a plain brown paper wrapper and mail it off. I know that last time I promised you several features to look for in this edition; if you actually looked for them you'll also know that I lied. Next time for sure, a historical review of some of my more imaginative slugs and B-aches. Trivia question: how did **Rettig** pick up the nick name "The

General?" Monday is Suzi's birthday, so I'd better stop by the hardware store on the way home and pick something up for her. Take care, kids, and God Bless. By the way, I'm still looking for job offers. BEAT NAVY!

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Thank you for all the news this period. The summer was kind to most of us by letting us relax, travel, and share friendships cemented in granite from an age before the All Over Bush bloomed. The summer was also unbelievably cruel to a few of us. First the good news.

Marv & Ann Wooten dropped a post card showing Denver Seminary, located at the base of the Rockies, where Marv is in his 2nd yr and enjoying it greatly—not at all like WP. Marv hopes to start his new life as a church pastor in N VA in Jun 91. The best news that they wanted to share though wasn't about Marv's academic standing (which has to be better than at graduation 21 1/2 yrs ago) or how much Ann, Colin, Cameron, and Miriam enjoyed Denver and the Rockies. The great news was that their youngest, Samuel, age 2, underwent successful open heart surgery, and has made a full recovery. The operation corrected a hole in the upper chamber of his heart, present since birth. We're all thankful to hear this good news.



1968: Doug Cummings, Bob Alexander and John O'Neal at our 20th reunion

Marilyn Gilhuly sent a note and some pictures of her favorite goat of our class, **Mike**—MD & JD. I believe that Mike is the only member of the class who can legally represent himself in a malpractice suit—if he wanted to. What's the old saying—"He who represents himself in court has a fool for a client?" Anyway, Mike is really a dr and a lawyer—as opposed to **Bob Echols** who's just a lawyer but tells our wives that he's a dr. This summer, Mike's vacation included a trek up Mt Kilimanjaro—19,340 ft high—no easy task for even a guy who survived Rgr Sch 20+ yrs ago. But Marilyn's no fool—she and the 2 Gilhuly girls

went on a cruise instead of going on Mike's adventure. Marilyn also reports that **Chuck Gantner**, a classmate that didn't graduate with us is the daddy of a yr old boy at age 42—almost as dumb as climbing mts at the same age.



1968: Mike Gilhuly about to attack Mt Kilimanjaro

Another disgustingly fit classmate who prefers to do more with his spare time than grow a spare tire and do 16 oz curls is **Dennis Manske**. Dennis racked up 108 pushups, 102 situps, and had a time of 11:08 in the 2 mi run in the APFT to better his 408-pt score last yr and be judged the fittest male at Ft Hood for the 2nd yr in a row. As a prize, Dennis hopes that Ft Hood will send him on TDY to DC for the Marine Corps Marathon—a true Army reward. . . . Dennis also sees **Mike Trollinger** occasionally at Hood.

On a more relaxing tack, **Bob Szigethy** wrote to rub in the good life by showing us how he & **Judy** spent part of the summer with **Jim & Pat Thome** at the Szigethy home in Syosset, NY. Bob says that it took 24 yrs to settle his old roomy down, but after a few ungraded deep rhythmic bobs in the pool and a contribution to **John Wing** through the **Samuel Adams** fund, Jim got down right mellow. Pat decided she was going to teach Bob how to snorkel, and he took to it as a true rock squader. . . .



1968: The Szigethys and Thomes relaxing

On a much more somber note, about 15 classmates in the DC area attended a ceremony at Arlington Cemetery on 27 Aug at which, 17 yrs after he was killed in action over An Loc, **Hank Spengler's** remains were finally placed beside those

of his father. Of the 21 bodies of US troops expatriated by Vietnam last Apr, Hank's were among only 5 positively IDed. LTC Mike Meuleners, Hank's wife's present husband, helped expedite the evacuation of remains from HI to CONUS and served as escort officer from the West Coast to Arlington. Besides classmates and Army comrades, Hank's mother, Betty, his wife, **Bette**, his son, Henry IV, daughter (who wasn't born when Hank was killed), Melissa, his brothers, and a host of friends attended the ceremony. **Jim Locher** delivered the eulogy that underscored the bond among classmates and roommates. Jim should be confirmed by now as the Asst SECDEF for Special Ops & Low Intensity Conflict.



1968: Sam Brooks, Joe Durkan, Jim Locher and Al Vitters at the reunion

Among those who couldn't attend the ceremony, but wrote to ensure that we knew about the event was **Mike Hart**, who was touched by the irony of the notice of Hank's ceremony in the Denver paper the same morning as **Joe Henry's** ret. Joe ret at Fitzsimmons AMC with an impressive ceremony, and is now the dir of mktg for DAKKRO Corp, a biomedical engrng firm in Denver. **Rick Rhodes** also dropped a note from the NWC—where he is a faculty member and **Keith Merritt** and **Jim Stefan** are students—to share the news clippings reporting **Hank's** return home and his ceremony.

After **Hank's** ceremony, **Jim Locher** reminded me that **Chuck Vehlow** wrote Hank's obituary a number of yrs ago. Now, **Chuck & Katy** have moved from New England to sunny AZ (1734 E Coco Palm Dr, Gilbert, AZ 85234), where **Chuck** has taken the new challenge as dir of Supportability for the LHX with McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Co. In his free time, he has completed and graduated from the AWC Corresponding Studies Course. In **Katy's** free time, she writes to **Chuck's** Class scribe to report his exploits.

Another report of changing careers and writing obituaries came from **Chuck Jones** (303-740-2700), who gave up being an active duty EN LTC and dep cmdr of the Omaha Dist, one of the largest in



1968: Mulvey, Raines, Petcu, Reynoldses, Vehlows and Toffler after finishing the AWC 89 Corresponding Studies

the Corps, to become PM for Woodward-Clyde, an architect-engrng firm based in Denver. **John & Trish Dallen** came over from St Louis for **Chuck's** ret ceremony and party. While on active duty, **Chuck** ran into **Fred Reynolds** in K.C., where he is the deputy. While job hunting, he interviewed with **Mike Mann**, VP for Geraghty & Miller, an engrng firm doing hazardous waste clean-up and based in Tampa. **Bob Uhler** is sr VP for mktng strategy for JM Montgomery in CA. At last yr's reunion, **Jack Munson** volunteered **Chuck** to write **Jeff Riek's** obituary and needs your help to make it a truly personal one. Please call and help.

Speaking of writing obituaries, as you can see by the last issue, the project continues. **Steve Bowman** has volunteered to write **Pete Connor's** since **Steve** was close to **Pete's** dad up in WA. I'll give you **Steve's** new address and phone in OH as soon as he settles down and checks in.

Hank Gregor (1300 Stonewall Jackson Trail, Martinville, VA 24112, 703-272-9927) volunteered to be the collection point and author for **Dave Alexander's** obit. He specifically needs input from **Rick Rhodes**, **Sam Brooks**, and **Miles Crow**, but don't hold back if you want to contribute.

Bob Lorbeer (111 Oakmont Ave, Piedmont, CA 94610, 415-272-9927) will write **Donny Workman's**. As you remember, **Bob** led the drive to have the LX locker room in the sports complex named for **Donny**, and welcomes your help, input, and advice.

Not only was **Lee Outlaw** (7800 Tower Woods Dr, Springfield, VA 22153, 703-451-6119) **John (Tom) Martin's** escort officer and a family friend, he has now volunteered to write his obit—with your help.

Norm O'Meara (8116 Oaklake Ct, Alexandria, VA 22309, 703-780-0686) has shaken the sand from the cuffs of his jeans and stepped forward to collect experiences from Class and roommates and write **Bill Little's** obituary. It's rumored that **Norm** had to get into a uniform once last summer—to be promoted to COL by GEN Thurman, who also

seems to have trouble figuring out what he wants to do next.

We've made some great strides **Rabble** in cleaning up this unfinished but very necessary business. By my calculations, we still need volunteers to write obituaries for **John Darling**, **Don Darmody**, **Mike DiBenedetto**, **Ernie Flowers**, **Jim Gaiser**, **Jim Kelly**, and **Don Van Cook**. A final tribute to these, our Class, team, and roommates needs to be done.

Keeping track of which classmate will and can write another classmate's obit is not fun—and what I'm about to report hurts even more. I regret to report that **Debbie**, **Chuck Steele's** bride of 12 yrs, lost her long fight with cancer and died in late Sep. Among many loved ones, **Debbie** is survived by her parents, her husband, and her 5 yr old son, **Charles V**. She was a teacher, a poet, a devoted mother, a doting wife, a daughter any parent would be proud of, and a great friend. Again, forgive me for not noting by name those who attended the ceremony when we once again gathered at Arlington. **Chuck** is with UNYSIS, and can be reached during the day at 703-355-7289/90/91, or at home at 703-768-5991.

The classmate who has taken on getting the word out and assembling classmates in the DC area is **John Keane** (7839 Attleboro Dr, Springfield, VA 22153, 703-455-2551). Since we all don't prowl the halls of Pentagonia as much as we used to, please let him know when you get into town—even if it's for a couple of days. If he can't tell you where an old roommate is in the area, he should be able to put you in contact with someone who can—if we all cooperate.

At **Debbie's** funeral, some of us reflected on the sacrifices and work our spouses endure to support us during our travels through life. Of particular note right now are the childbearing and rearing yrs (however long that might take) in conjunction with numerous PCS and TDY moves. What a drain and what courage it takes to pick up from family, friends, and comfortable surroundings and move to foreign places and establish a home there for however long someone in Alexandria may want. To stand in line in commissaries. To sit in hosp waiting rooms to see a doctor you may or may not know. To sweat through career transition 5, 10, 20, or 30 yrs after our graduation. Yes, there are lots of up sides too—only because we make them up sides. But our wives and families put up with a lot. And finally, when all the kids are gone off to school or to live their own lives, you're finally issued a big set of quarters—if you stay with it that long. While we were musing about such "adventures," **Stott Carelton** recommended that our Class gift go toward a memorial to the Army family. After all, the Army only gave the family a yr, and it would be

something to consider. It wouldn't be so mundane as a young mother with a baby on her hip, dragging a screaming 4 yr old, following a moving van, but the idea could grow and give us a goal to contribute our \$100 a yr to. Notice how slick I reminded you of our vow to contribute \$100 a yr for the next 10 yrs to the Class fund. Some of us are already 2 yrs behind. . . . Again, Stott came to the rescue by offering to donate the rent **Mike Fellows** is paying for using **Stott & Bobbie's** extra boat slip.

I hope that this holiday season finds you well, or mending so that you will be better and well this coming yr. Notice that I use the word "share" a lot in our articles. As your scribe, I rarely hear classmates say, "Have a nice day" or even the more banal, "Have a good one." I mostly hear, "Promise me you won't tell anyone what I'm about to tell you." Or, "This is not for publication." Rest assured that I keep most secrets that I am assured could blow the lid off of DoD, DCA, DIA, CYA, and most suburban neighborhoods—although I don't know how many more I can keep. For me, one of the ways to deal with secrets is to unload them onto somebody else. Sealing another person's lips is my main form of increasing my limit. Having said that, I'd appreciate it if you kept the contents of this article to yourselves. . . . Seriously, please find some time to drop a note to let us know how you are, what you're doing, and who you'd like to hear from. Have a meaningful holiday season, a wonderful New Year, BEAT NAVY, and stay in touch because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—DAVE.

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This column is being written on 15 Oct, covering news received since 14 Aug. My next deadline is 15 Dec, and news received by then will appear in Mar 90.

The 20th Reunion is now history—and history truly was made. Over 400 classmates (plus a greater number of wives, children, and friends)—the largest reunion ever—gathered at the Academy from 12–15 Oct. There is a brief feature earlier in this issue, which I would like to supplement here. (Additional photos will be in the next issue.)

First, thanks to **Ashley, Blake, Doyle, Fagan, Fisher, Freeman, Hammond, Hoopengardner, Jim Johnson, Kolb, Kopp, Mayer, Nygren (chm), Oristian, Piazza, Pettit, Sautter, Schwabe, Venard, West, and Bruce Wheeler**—the WP contingent—for hosting a terrific party. Special thanks also to **Joan Emmer**, who ably handled admin details,

and to **Bob Baldwin**, who helped kick off planning before he & **Kathy** moved to Houston.

At the Class meeting on 13 Oct, **Denise Haydon** was announced as Chm of the Class gift comm, which will choose and raise funds for a gift we hope to announce at the 25th Reunion. Details to follow in subsequent issues, including names of those who have volunteered to help in the effort to create and find a gift as unique as the Class itself.

We were also able to conclude the author selection phase of the obituary project: **Casey Brower** and **Les Hunkele** will write for **Dave Kirby**; **Vern Betten-court** for **Mel Tinker**; and **Tony Guerrierio** for **Ken Yonan**.

One especially proud moment on Sat was seeing a large "Best of the Line-'69" banner draped from Washington Hall during the alumni review. Special thanks to the following sons of '69: **Jim Isenhower** ('92-ringleader), **Mica Narel** ('92-dep ringleader), and **Doug Taylor** ('93-designated plebe and artist).

The highlight of the wkend, though, was the after-dinner party at the ski lodge. The Class danced until the very wee hrs, with music courtesy of **B Arnold** & the **Traitors**—looking a little different, but sounding just as good as ever. Sincere thanks to **Behncke, Dencker, Dickerson, Randolph, Sautter, and Schaaf**.

Class statistics as of 30 Jun: Active duty—277; civ—491; deceased—32 (17 in Vietnam). I will update after we get new statistics on rets. Also, other Class progeny at WP include the **Mischlers'** daughter and the **Rowes'** and **Artiglieres'** sons.



1969: O'Toole, Harper, Brown, Ward, Kathy Steele, Kimmitt, Steele, and Lindsey; Fredericksburg AUSA

One of our recent rets, **Bill Ward**, opened the news from our swelling civ ranks. Bill arranged for me to speak to the Fredericksburg AUSA Chapter he helped initiate, and **KC Brown, Jay Harper, Rob Lindsey, Jim O'Toole, and Kathy & Mike Steele** were kind enough to attend.

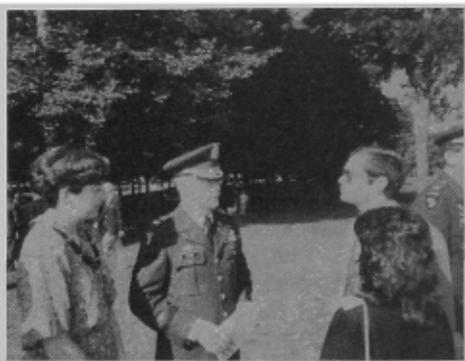
Barbara & Paul Campbell sent a long letter from Circleville, OH, where he works for DuPont. Their daughter Jen-

nifer attended the Prep School last yr and entered the Academy this summer.

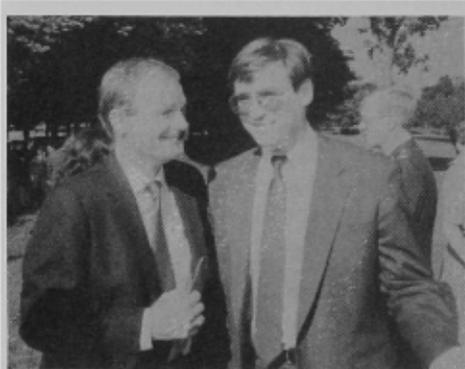


1969: Barbara & Dale Straw

Dale Straw sent an announcement of his marriage to **Barbara Joe Morse** in Cameron, TX, on 30 Sep, just prior to introducing her to the Class at the Reunion. (I did the same thing to **Holly** at the 10th, Dale, and I hope your next 10 yrs are as good as were ours!)



1969: Linda Shaw, Joel Snow, Bresnicks, and O'Toole at 4 Jun memorial service



1969: McGovern and Jarvis at memorial service

Linda & Johnnie Shaw opened active duty news with a long letter and photos from Burke, VA. The photos were from **Rob Lindsey's** ret party and the Class memorial service (at the Vietnam Memorial), both on 4 Jun. Rob Lindsey is now a country gentleman in Index, VA, and **Gerlinde** & he were joined at their party by **Bresnick** (VP Decision Science Consortium, living in Reston, VA), **Caris** (Heartline Fitness Industries in Gaithersburg, MD), **Luchak** (ret 1 Jul, living in Burke), **Shaw** (COLs Div, PERSCOM), and **Snow** (PMS, Washing-

ton & Lee Univ). Johnnie said he also sees **Fred Dibella**, Chief of Armor Br, at PERSCOM.



1969: Caris, Luchak, Lindsey, Bresnick and Shaw

Linda & Greg Nosal wrote from Ft Gordon to announce the birth of their 5th child, Anthony David, on 23 Aug. (Who would ever have 5 children these days?!) **Don Navor** and **Dick Simmons** closed the active duty news with letters from Europe, Don in Bad Toelz and Dick in Brussels.

Jack Dibble '40 sent a newspaper report that **Ben Watts** had taken over the FL Transportation Dept in Sep. Don Frazer '70 sent a copy of **Bob Ivany's** article in the May-Jun issue of *Armor Magazine*. And **Bob Seitz** sent a letter from **John Woodrum's** parents, who joined us for the Jun memorial service. Let me quote from their touching letter: "For us, 4 Jun was marking the end of a chapter, of the finalizing of Woody moving on with his and your classmates, to the sound of guns, in that long gray line, from this life, to the life after death. Only you the classmates with whom he learned and served, could give we three generations in our family that attended, that special memory as part of our own lives—the preparations for us, sharing your memories of John, and what you're doing with your lives."

In closing, let me pay special tribute to one who recently soared above us all—**Jim Adamson**, who flew on the Space Shuttle's classified mil mission in Aug. Jim had been scheduled to go up in the shuttle flight just after Challenger in 86, and he waited 3 long yrs to realize his decade-long quest. Congratulations, Jim.

What Jim did was really special. You know, though, I think guys like Jim, **Mike Krzyzewski**, even yours truly, who have been recognized publicly in recent yrs, realized again at the reunion that nothing makes us prouder than to be identified as your classmates, small links that join so many others in making up the Best of the Line.

Holly and our gang of 5 (let's call it a draw, Nosal!) wish you the happiest and holiest of holiday seasons. May God continue to bless the Class of '69 as it enters its next 20 yrs.

'70

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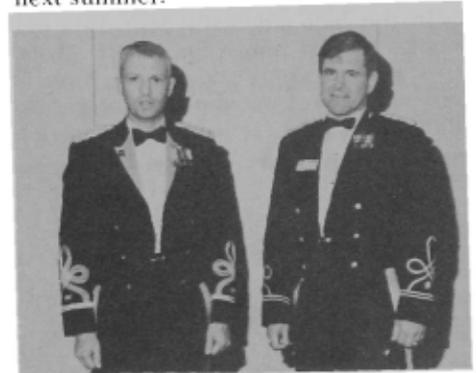
As expected, the USMA resident rabble rousers from our Class have begun, with their 21 Oct organizational meeting, the long planning process for next yr's big TWO ZERO reunion. **Barney Forsythe**, **Tom Lenox**, **Dave Allbee**, **Mike Mahan**, **Ed Smith**, **Jack Ryan**, **Dave Dinsmore**, **Bill Wattendorf**, **Paul McDowell**, and **Bill Lane** are on the comm making plans, and thus far, this is what we have: See ya Homecoming, 20 Oct 90, many of us at the venerated Hotel Thayer, for the festivities. Class HQ will be located at the Thayer. It will begin with action on Fri, with check-in and the evening social. It will be followed by more action on Sat with the Class bus meeting, a USMA update, tailgate party, Lafayette football, and alumni dinner dance. On Sun, a memorial service, and a farewell brunch will cap the festivities. The comm is soliciting opinions on the desires of the Class to produce a reunion yrbook—but they are not highly enthusiastic about taking on the extra work that the project would entail. On the other hand, if there were a motivated out-of-towner. . . . Remember how little time there was during the 15th? So farm the kids out to grandma's, show up early, make a wk of it. Warning orders should be in the mail to everyone in the spring, with sign-up lists coming in the summer, so watch your mailboxes. PUH-LEEZ, if you've been watching the column's periodic listings of guys with no current addresses, and you know where one is, give us the address, I say again AD-DRESS! Not just county or town, so we can invite them to the action, too.



1970: The Happy Daze, Jul 89

Tommy Maertens (drums) hosted a rally at his house in Knoxville, TN last Jul where he assembled the assorted members of The Happy Daze. The objective, in addition to entertaining a batch of Tommy's neighbors, was to refresh the chords and cues for the anticipated social during reunion. **Larry** (vocals) & **Remy Henderson** drove in

from Columbia, SC, and **Tom Dueker** (bass) came in from Belleville, IL. **Lanny White** (keyboards) arrived from Cincinnati, and **Mike Glawe** (guitar) flew in from Chicago. He claims that in spite of sore voices, missed notes, and a few blisters, they enjoyed playing together again. With *Gloria*, *Taxman*, *Five O'Clock World*, *Time Won't Let Me* and *We Gotta Get Outa This Place* scheduled on the program, I'm betting the party at reunion will be a good one. Tommy, by the way, is due out to USMA next summer.



1970: Paul Terry and Terry Johnson; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

If you dig out your Oct issue of this fine publication, you might review the WP Fund Comm Annual Report info. As **Joe Reeder** was quick to point out in his personal form letter soliciting funds, our 229 contributors last yr were numerically superior to any other class. Our percentage was up there, too. Our \$16K+ from last yr now sends our total Class fund over \$65K, with aspirations of reaching AT LEAST a bezzillion bucks by the time we get to spend it. Well done, keep those contributions coming, and if possible designate your donations for the "1970 Class Fund." Realizing



1970: Solicitors (in general), Sep

that Joe can't do all this solicitation himself, he had a pack of henchmen helping with the folding, stuffing, licking, stacking duties. The manual laborers to blame for this effort include **Chris Wittmayer**, **Nick Sebastian**, **Scott Isaacson**, **Rich Gasperini**, **Joe Reeder** himself, and **John VanVliet**, and are forever immortalized in the nearby photo. The

good looking lady is Bonnie O'Malley, Reeder's highly qualified, underpaid secretary, who has the hard part over the last 4 yrs—the admin support. Good job, folks.

The 17 classes which were around when Coach Carlton Crowell ran the track team are planning a reunion to honor the Coach & Mrs Crowell at a dinner on 7 Apr 90, in conjunction with the A/N outdoor track meet. If you would like to pay your respects to them, mark your calendar accordingly, and seek out further info from **Barney Forsythe** at USMA.

In the ball-and-chain dept, this month marks the 1st anniv for **Ray & Patty Cossette**. The implication here is obvious to those of us who did not get an invitation to their wedding. As a matter



1970: Patty & Ray Cossette, Dec 88

of fact, by now they have added a little Cossette to their family unit, estimated at 3 mos old now—sorry, no further details available yet. Ray is primarily in the construction industry in Phoenix, AZ, where he's been for the last 10 yrs. Patty is a P in Russian at the U of AZ, which was handy for Ray in maintaining his linguistic ability from his plebe and yearling days. Now they are looking to doing some work in the USSR. Ray notes that even with a leaflet drop to his ol' buddies in the Corps, only **Ed Hirsch** was able to get to the wedding, and he made it all the way from VA Beach.



1970: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

It's official. I have in my possession an expensive looking engraved announcement to the world that DDB Needham Worldwide Inc of NYC has appointed **Phil Krieger** as Sr VP and Gen Counsel.

Way to go, Krieg! That ought to keep you in tennis rackets for a while!



1970: Sniders and Ryders; Founders Day 1989, Detroit

The *Official Army Book of Lists* reveals that as of 1 Sep, **Jack Ryan** and **Chuck Gandy** were promoted to COL, Med Corps. Congratulations, guys, big bites. Since I don't have regular access to the List Book, I'll bet there are other '70 drs out there earning eagles. If so, also well done. Let us know where the promotion parties are.

Another promotion in the news is the USAR LTC rank achieved by **Pete Jones**. Pete works for DCSOPS of the 123rd Army Res Cmd, Ft Harrison. On a full-time basis, Pete has given up his work at Frito-Lay to become the ops mgr of the safety products bus of E-A-R Div Cabot Corp in Indianapolis. He therefore manages the plant which manufactures the hearing protection products (like squishy yellow ear plugs, plugs on a cord, ear muffs, etc). Pete still lives across town from me here in Carmel, IN, but he traded in his house for a larger place on a lake. A combination of **Betsy** in the FC Tucker real estate off and his ex-boss selling his home to Pete made that transition an easy one. Daughter **Melissa** (18) is now a drama major at Ball St, and likes school better than saving up for it by working 3 summer jobs. **Elliot** (16) is a HS jr enjoying tennis, basketball and new driving opportunities. **Andrew** (12) plays baseball and enjoys the adventures at the neighborhood lake. **Katrina** (9) swims well enough to be a champion breast stroke and medley swimmer at the local swim club. New levels of enthusiasm have been achieved by the acquisition of the rowboat for the lakefront, so Pete has invited all Class boating devotees to join in dipping oars at the Jones' marina.

News of the DC contingent has come in from **Rich & Kathy Gasperini**. **Larry Clark** is now the Scroll Keeper with the large task of updating the area Class roster. The 18 Aug Class luncheon at the Pentagon included such notables as **Bill Day**, **Bob Millard**, **Chris Wittmayer**, **Bob Young**, **Randy Rutler**, **John Pavlick**, **Eric Pedersen**, **Joe Henn**, **Charlie Velez**, **BJ Alexander**, **Dana Newcomb**, **Joe McKin-**



1970: Mike & Bobbie Pearce, Ft Benning, Feb

ney, **Paul Dixon**, **Geoff Charest**, **Charlie Thompsen**, **Cesare Rosati**, **Gil Harper**, **Bill Vogt**, **Larry Clark**, **Tom Gerard**, **Bill Coy** and **Rich**. **John Beasley** was CINC-picnic, which was held at Cameron Sta on 9 Sep, with about 25 families in attendance. Rumor has it that there was a 20th anniv greater DC goat-engr football game on 16 Dec. Results of the game and photographic evidence that any of the aforementioned activities actually took place has not yet been received at this office. But I trust them to speak truth. **Rich** did send in a family photo from the mid-Jul camping trip, where **Rich** claims that he, **Kathy**, and the boys **Geoff** (10) and **Cris** (8) were able to do all those things he didn't have time to do at Camp Buckner, like sail, canoe, ride horses, and relax.



1970: Gasperinis; Bridgton, ME, Jul

Mrs **Mary Kauza** is one proud grandmother. **Tom & Bev Kauza** now have **Jacqueline Kay** (1) in the family. Last time I saw **Tom & Bev** was at the last annual SE MI BBQ & Beer Party in the summer of 83, and they were offspring-less at that time. And after all that time, it took **Tom's** mom to pass on the good news! **Tom** is a partner with **Harvey, Kruse, Westen & Milan**, and spends time hunting and fishing in N MI when he's not on the case. **Bev** is asst principal and teaches at **St Mary's School** in **Monroe, MI**.

Rapid fire, lifted from the post-Hugo debris in SC: **Vance Hutchison** probably made it to **Mauldin, SC** just in time to be blown away by the storm—Na-aahh, he was too far inland. **Brian Davis** has shown up in Ger to work with the 501st



1970: Bev, Tom and Jacqueline Kay Kauza; Detroit, MI, Dec 88

Finance Supt Unit. **Bill Roedy** is working with MTV Europe out of London, UK. **Larry Gates** is also now in Europe, serving in OPNS DIV, SHAPE. Meanwhile, **George O'Malley** has crossed the ocean the other way, settling in NC, and **Steve Rank** has returned to CONUS to teach at Ft Leavenworth. **Doug Drake** has moved a little further west on I94 in MI, going from Ann Arbor to Jackson. Recent additions to the DC contingent include **Bill Terrill**, **Tom Gerard** and **Pete DeLaGarza**. **Mike Hobson** is now working out of Ft Monmouth. **Marshall Larsen** has gone far west from Akron, OH to Scottsdale, AZ. **Charlie McAteer** has given up the quiet, country life in Smyrna, GA for the big city bustle of Staten Is, NY. **Mike Taylor** has to get a 10-gal hat to shade his head at his new place down in TX. Wichita, KS now claims **Jeff Woythal** as one of its outstanding citizens. **Steve Bailey** is now in Santa Monica, CA, after spending a tour vic Denver, CO. **Larry Kimmel** has begun a vacationland job at Schofield Bks, HI.

That just about drains the tub for this one. And if we could just hear from **Bill Rose**, **Jack Sabia**, or **Tom Brandtner**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print next Feb or so, in an internationally distributed magazine, then make a call, send a Christmas card, or a holiday form letter (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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Hinterland weather is wet and cold, stocks are crashing, the Giants are losing the series, my Achilles tendon is killing me, and the family is reeling from the aftermath of report cards. I think I'm in the right mood to write this article. Fortunately, I haven't much to say.

Little news on the mil front. Most of the 150 or so still on active duty are either pining away for ret or calculating how to skip full colonel and proceed directly to BG.

In neither of these gps is **Bob Kempfe**. CPT Bob, you remember, reentered the mil fold after a long break in service. Having recently completed a stint as the XVIII Corps S-1 at Bragg, Bob is now in Frankfurt studying German on a 2-yr fully funded program at the Goethe Inst. Next Jun, he will begin his MA in German at Middlebury, with completion at the Univ of Mainz. The ultimate asgmt for the family Kempfe is the Univ of WP in the Dept of Foreign Languages. Let's see, that makes the Kempfe home eligi-



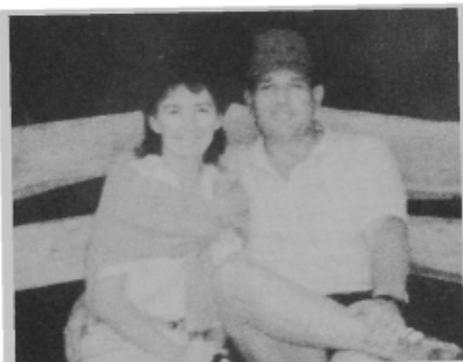
1971: The Kempfe family, Mt Rainer

ble for the reunion tour of homes in '91.

Bob ran into **John Bantsolas** at Bragg. He's working PSYOPS at 1st SOCOM. **Tom Lujan** recently left here for the SJA office at SOCOM. **Ned Spohn** came through the Pre-Cmd Course at Leavenworth in Oct prior to taking cmd of the 3/319 FA at Bragg.

The details of **Jack Klevecz'** assumption of bn cmd are starting to trickle in. Alerted only 3 wks prior to taking cmd in Ger, not Carson as previously planned, Jack hustled off to Benning to stay with **John Spears** and attend the Bradley Transition Course. One wk after taking cmd of 2/15 IN on 2 Aug, Jack took the bn first to Grafenwoehr and then to Hohenfels. First 53 days in cmd, 44 in the field. Ah, the rigors of cmd. Your first detail squad leader would be very proud of you, Jack.

Pat Worthington dropped a note to tell of her summer 89 adventures. She & **Bob**



1971: Pat & Bob Worthington, Ireland

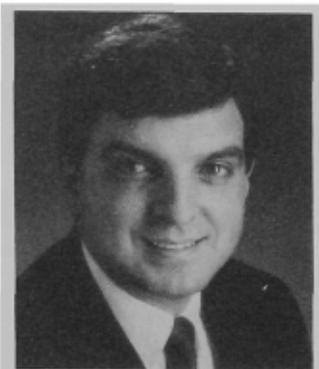
first drove through France, England and Wales, and then spent 12 glorious days in the ole sod of Ireland. Not satiated, they then ventured to Oberammergau, this time for a NATO course at the expense of AF TDY money.

Security Pacific Bank AZ recently named **Jim Albo** the exec VP and mgr of the retail banking div in Phoenix. He is responsible for the entire statewide branch banking system, the Retail Lending Gp, Retail Planning and Dev, and Electronic Services. Good job, Jim. We knew those physics and chemistry classes would pay off.

Dave Schlener has made significant strides in collecting info for **ASSEMBLY**



1970: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg



1971: Jim Albo

obituaries on our classmates. His design, of course, is to provide the best, lasting memory of each of these fine men. To capture that very personal memory, he needs any info that may lend to a more complete picture of our lost friends. If you have contributions on the following classmates, please contact Dave: **Guy Church, Paul Dempsey, Paul Drake, Mike O'Brien, Cliff Powell, Russ Procoppio, John Shoemaker, and John Turk.**

Reunion 91 and fund-raising for a Class gift to the Academy is coming into focus. Check your local post office boxes, soon.

Looking forward to hearing from you at Christmas. If you're going to send out 100 cards anyway, send me one. Yeah you too, **Bill, Paul, Dave, John, Donner and Blitzen.** I get so lonely.

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Having just arrived home from the Army-Duke game (a disappointing loss), I am already looking forward to reading this after several Army victories, including you-know-who. The Etheridge family had a nice trip to Durham, despite the loss. We had planned to meet **Ward & Jody Bursley** for a little tailgating but our arrival was behind schedule and they had to catch up with another party. Sorry we missed you. The Bursleys were the only known '72ers there, but I think I did catch a glimpse of **Jack Roth** somewhere among the Black Knight faithfuls.

Bill Dermann was recently named sr business developer for the power div of CRS Sistine's Engr Gp. He will be working out of the main engring office in Greenville, SC. Bill was chief of power supply planning for Burns & McDonnell Engr Co before joining Sistine. He also got his master's in bus and engr from the U of MO.

Larry Best reports a recent career change, also. Larry was with Citicorp for 11 yrs until he just started his own consulting firm. His co is called Application Architecture. He just published a



1972: Bill Dermann

book by the same name. Both the book and his co address the concept that there is no need to reinvent system facilities, functions, and structures when there is so much commonality. The co does seminars, consulting, and systems dev.



1972: Thomas; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

Had a great letter from **John & Joyce LaSala** early in the fall. Joyce found time to write between events in her busy schedule and while John was at White Sands, NM. Seems that John has been spending as much time there as at WP. Joyce says he's working on some kind of project for SDI. Must be like something in *Cardinal of the Kremlin*, I guess. Since John has been a PAP in the Physics Dept, Joyce and the boys have been enjoying the many activities at WP. She has recently done her 400th tour as a WP tour guide, and last spring was the female lead in the Theatre Arts Guild production of "Harvey," a comedy in 3 acts. She says it was really fun being in a play with the cadets, especially since "civilian" performers were not permitted before. Joyce also served as pres of the Officers Wives Club last yr. Sons John (15), a soph, and Jeff (12), 7th grade stay active as well, including soccer, scouts, and Young Life. LaSalas' news of others includes the wedding of **Karen & Bill Henry** last Aug. Bill is pres of Linear Dynamics, Inc. Hope you made it through the visit to SNUFFY's (reopened) in Nov, Bill! The **Ralph Faders** also visit with the LaSalas from time to time. They may have moved from Trumbull, CT to TX by now. They have a toddler, Parker. Understand that **Sue**

& **Phil Jones** hosted a '72 party at WP after the Lafayette game. **Donna & Dick Liebert** were up for the events from Burke, VA. Dick was at the Pentagon, but now at Ft Knox. Some others at WP now are **Kate & Stan Gray** (Foreign Lang), **Kay & Earl Smith** (AF In), **Helen & Rick Lawson** (DMI), **Sam & Mark Bilodeau** (Corp Sci) and **Debbie & Bob McDannell** (USCC). Joyce says anyone on PCS to WP in the next couple of yrs should be prepared to go to work on the 20th yr reunion!

Well, that's our Dec update. I look forward to a bunch of Army-Navy notes and pictures! See you next time.

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Duty calls! The deadline for this article fell during the 3 days between our return from a trip to the States and a field problem so, if it reads like a laundry list of "who, where, and when," just attribute it to jet lag and lack of time. The amateur comedian will return next time.

Just in case any of you still feel young these days, our trip to NJ was for the wedding of **Kathleen's** "baby" brother **Jeff & Cindy Harrison**. (Jeff was a mere 5 yrs old when Kath & I met during cow yr!) Anyway, Jeff & Cindy made a beautiful couple and we were proud of our daughter Megan's performance as flower girl.

News from the Class begins with an apology to **Frank Weiss** for missing his letter while writing the last article. **Frank & Laura**, who are finishing up a tour at Fifth US Army HQ's, sent a photo from the Founders Day dinner, which Frank described as a gala affair held at the USAA Bldg in San Ant. Frank adds that **Phil Neal** is still shooting on the US Army Res Pistol Team. Phil's wife, **Suzanne**, works as a dentist. **Mike & Jean Berry** are at Ft Sam Houston where Mike is assigned to Brooke Army Med Ctr. **Bill & Patty Bice** recently resigned from Army life to set up a partnership as consultants for radiation implants, therapy.



1973: Berrys, Weisses and Neils; Founders Day 1989, San Ant

Doug McIntyre wrote from Stanford in Aug, while attending an 8-wk exec prog offered by the Stanford Grad School of Bus. His wife **Liz** and their 3 sons were planning to join him for the program's graduation and a vacation in northern CA before Doug returned to his job with MSA in Atlanta.

Bruce Zukauskas reports that all 3 children are finally in school full-time. **Jolene** teaches pre-school part-time, while Bruce is now quality mgr at Nuclear Metals. His Army Res unit deployed to Iceland for 2 wks in Jun. Back at Ft Devens, **Tom Gannon** (I-3) was recently assigned to the Readiness Gp, with whom the Res work closely for tng assistance. Excerpts from Bruce's "Guppy Gazette:"

Norm & Terri Hoerer have a beautiful home outside the DC area in Woodbridge, VA. Norm spends most of his working hrs at the Russian desk at DIA. The **Gays** are finishing up work on their new house in Evans, GA. John finished his yr with Texas Inst and was assigned to the Signal School in the Ops & Tng Dept at Ft Gordon, where he will work on computer-related tng programs for the school.

Don & Roz Riley and their 3 sons report the birth of Caitlyn Rose on 21 Mar. Roz is probably back at work by now at the 97th Gen Hosp in Frankfurt as head nurse of Labor and Delivery. Don is now S-3 for the 23rd Engr Bn in Hanau. **Sandy Rubinstein** traveled to Europe in Jun. He visited the Rileys in Fkt and confirmed the **Zukauskases'** suspicion that Caitlyn Rose is a doll and very cute. Sandy's next stop was at **Terry & Mary Meehan's** in Berlin. Mary sent the photo and adds that Terry just moved over from G-3 chief of tng to the public affairs office. Sean (14), Brian (11), and James (7) are (like all kids) growing up too fast. They attend the JFK German-American School and love it. (Mary says so!) The Meehans have just received a 1-yr extension and expect to be in Berlin until 91.

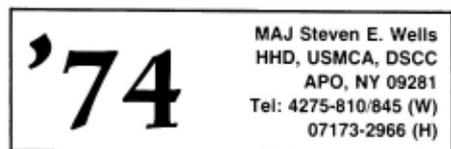


1973: Ruby and Terry at Brandenburg Gate in East Berlin, Jul

Received a ticket in the mail for a 30 Sep performance at "Benny's Lounge" in Eisenhower Hall by **Lee Ross** and

Formation. I could actually have gone to hear Lee; we were at WP that day watching Army trounce Harvard on the football field. But our plane to the States and the one carrying Lee's envelope to Frankfurt evidently passed each other over the Atlantic. Lee has been busy. He also had a role in the Belfry Repertory Co's Sep production of James Kirkwood's comedy, *P.S. Your Cat is Dead!* in South Nyack, NY.

That's it for this issue. I meant it when I said it would be a list, didn't I? We hope to hear from many of you during the holidays, and to receive lots of photos of you and your families. Please remember that to be submitted to the *ASSEMBLY*, photos must include a USMA grad or spouse and must be in sharp focus. (Kath & I are not so particular; we'll gladly view slightly fuzzy pix or ones of just the kids). Merry Christmas and God Bless...



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Happy holiday season from FRG. The biggest news in this neck of the world has been the thousands of refugees streaming over the border. Now if they only had places to put them all! This may well be the world's shortest article, at least from this pen.

Best letter (and only one) comes from the **Mahars** in SC. Tim was recently promoted to engr spec with General Dynamics, while also working on his 3rd master's degree. He's still in the Res too, with short stints in Korea in Dec 88 and Mar 89. Wife **Jean** keeps busy teaching 4th grade and is a part-time "professor" for Chapman College. Daughter **Tara** (14) is going great guns in school, academically and athletically. She even earned a trip to Japan last summer for her achievements. Son **Timothy Jr** (5) is in kindergarten, also swims.



1974: Karen & Chris Sargent

On others, Tim Mahar visited the **Wimberleys** at Ft Sill and the **McDonalds** at Leavenworth. **Jack & Wendy** and family PCS'ed to Ft Drum last summer. **Merle & Susie Miller** with 3 daughters

had recently moved to Palmdale. **Merle** is in the movie making bus, has already made some. **Chuck & Priscilla Herrick** are busy in Panama. I bet! **Lou Vozzo** is still working on his law degree in NY while keeping 'Ma Bell' in line. The call goes out to H-3'ers everywhere to get in touch with the **Mahars** at 15111 Marte Cir, Moneno Valley, CA 92388.

I've been writing in recent issues about **Pham Tam**, our Vietnamese classmate who's still not released from Vietnam. After listing his address, I know some of you have written. Although nothing confirmed yet, **Bob Mixon** called the other night to say that Pham has received some letters. Getting mail in must be better than him sending mail out. But I know how much it means to Pham to hear from us. So here's his address again: Pham Minh Tam, 284/13 Co Bac, F23. Q1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. His wife's name is **Trang Kim Chi**, and Pham is presently teaching English to other Vietnamese.



1974: Bill Reinhart, Todd Troxell and Chris Kaila at Troxell's wedding in Salt Lake City, 9 Sep

Cathy & I joined fellow B-2'ers **Rick & Mary Preece** on a castle exploration last mo. Rick is an ops off for 5th Sig Cmd in Worms and deals with all the community DOIMs (Info Mgt). Son **Matt** and daughter **Katie** are doing fine. Also in FRG, **Bill McMillan** has been with 3AD in Friedberg, will be XO of 4/67 AR by this writing.

That's it! Hoping to hear from some of the reunion attendees for next article: Status of Snuffy's, Target Hill Field, etc. Also hoping for lots of Christmas news and photos. Reminder: send in photos with sharp focus for best results. My family has a move afoot but this address is best for now. Suspense is 5 Feb for next issue. God Bless!



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Greetings to all members of Courage and Drive '75. You may have noticed a new address at the top of these notes. **Kathy**, the kids, and I are in AL while I

attend the Avn refresher and Blackhawk (UH-60) transition courses. I've tried to contact some of our classmates in the area and came up with the following news:

Ed & Barb Borman live in Dothan with their two children, Matt (11) and Sloan (7). Ed is working at the Avn Dev Test Activity. Ed saw **Sam Hubbard** come through Ft Rucker to get an AH-64 Apache transition en route to FRG. Ed also reported that **John Redington** was here for the Cobra transition and that **David Thomas** is getting his PhD at TX. David & his wife **Stanton** have two children, Lindsay (10) and Warren (7).

Doug Blankenship returned my phone call and reported that he is out of the Army, living temporarily in Enterprise, AL, and making the transition from mil to civ life. He finished his master's in



1975: Debby & Clay Edwards with Doug & Kaye Blankenship; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

Apr, and his wife **Kaye** is on her last master's course. They have a 10 mo old son, Corey Benjamin, and another little Blankenship on the way. Doug reports that **Malcolm Acree** left Ft Rucker and went to Korea. **Red Burris** is a procurement mgr for the AZ Chemical Co and lives in Panama City, FL. His phone # is 904-785-6700. Doug also reports that **Duane Bjorlin** passed through Ft Rucker. He works for Honeywell in MN. The last report Doug has of **Steve Furst** is at Ft Lewis with the 9th Inf Div.

I received a letter from **Wes & Sally Hayes** in SC. They survived Hugo, but not without problems. A tree leaned against the Hayes' roof causing some damage, and they were without power for 12 days. Wes & Sally consider themselves very fortunate not to have suffered some of the great losses that others had. As a side note, our good friend and chaplain here at Ft Rucker went to visit his parents in NC, where he learned that the family home had been damaged beyond repair. They, too, were grateful that at least their lives were spared.

Chuck & Debbie Baker also sent news from SC, their letter having been written pre-Hugo. (Chuck, please update us on your post-Hugo status.) The photo is of Chuck and COL Bob Jacobelly. He was one of Chuck's sponsors at USMA. The



1975: COL Robert Jacobelly with Chuck Baker

photo shows his relinquishing of cmd of the 7th SFG at Bragg. Chuck had the opportunity of attending both the assumption and relinquishing of cmds for COL Jacobelly. COL Jacobelly is now in SOUTHCOM and Chuck says to tell classmates there that they have a great one to work with. Debbie & Chuck felt the signs of aging when they attended the Jacobellys' daughter's wedding. (She was 5 yrs old when we were at USMA.) Chuck is putting together a trip for the WP Soc of Upstate SC to the Army-Duke game. They expected to have 15 couples from different yr gps going, and expected a good time. Chuck also reports that **Rick Kornacki** (F-4, '74) is his boss. Chuck says it's great to be able to work with grads. He also got a "Hi, just wanted to call and stop in and stay overnight" call from **Ken Kasprisin**. **Ken, Donna**, two children and two dalmations came to SC on their way down to Ft Maxwell for AF CGSC. Chuck admits to a tough day at work the next day due to the fact that he and Ken spent a late night reminiscing. Chuck also had a letter from **Keith McNeely** (A-3) this mo. Keith may have joined them at the Army-Duke game. Chuck, we're looking forward to a postscript and some photos. Thanks for a great letter. (Even though it was written on bunny paper with the caption a "Twenty-one Bun Salute.") Guys like you make this job an easy one.

In the very last mail delivery we received at WP, there was a great letter from **Bruce & Judi Yelverton**. Son Benjamin is approaching 3 and needs to wear glasses. Judi says he looks like a minia-



1975: Bruce and Benjamin Yelverton
ture computer expert. Daughter Bethie

is 7 and in second grade. Jenni is 9, in 4th grade, and loves books. She is collecting the Little House series with money she has earned. Judi has been doing home schooling. I know from other friends who have done this that it takes a vast amount of energy and discipline. Good luck in your efforts. Bruce recently began his MBA. Good luck in that endeavor. I was extremely happy to finish mine this past May. Bruce has been relocated by Firestone from Liberia, West Africa to Lake Charles, LA. Best wishes to the Yelvertons in their new home, and thanks for a great letter.

Mark Smith wrote from Chicago. He's been traveling quite a bit, over 500,000 mi in 3 1/2 yrs. Mark says the sight of an airplane sends him into withdrawal. You must have enough frequent flyer miles to make an around-the-world trip . . . or better still, come down to AL and spend some time with the **Pardues!** Mark has been talking with **Bill Hoffman** a lot. Bill is doing some recruiting for Mark's company. Bill is fine and planning to attend Army-Navy this yr.

As much as the whole **Pardue** family loves Ft Rucker, I can assure you that we all greatly miss WP. Kathy still really misses having the cadets come by. She's been inviting LT's over from the classes of '88 and '89. She's having a tough time with WP withdrawal. Autumn is a bad time to leave. Three yrs of Army football and tailgates at COL Turner's house can really make you miss our Hudson home. Whenever we get a letter from one of our cadets, Kathy usually needs to read it with Kleenex in hand. I want to thank the **Genetti** family for feeding us before we left WP. I'm sure you all know how sickening one more McDonald's hamburger can be in mid-move, and **Lori's** home cooking was a great treat. I also got a promise from **Ursala & John Dashiell** that they would keep us posted on the news at WP, so I'm going to hold them to it.

You should be reading this sometime close to the holidays. As you get ready to send out those Christmas cards and letters, keep your scribe in mind. And once again as we enter this holiday season, I ask that we all look into the faces of our offspring and pray for peace in their lifetime.

All the best to '75.

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I almost decided not to submit an article for this edition. However, a last

min letter from **Chip Collins** arrived just in time to meet the deadline. So here it is:

This is the second time **Chip** has written in, and he decided it was about time to catch everyone up on what's happening to the Collins family. **Maria & Chip's** second girl, **Cassandra Joanne**, was born 15 Apr 88 at the Nurenburg Hosp. For the past 17 mos she has been a real joy to them as well as her older sister **Katherine**, now almost 5.

After 30 mos as the Bn S2/3 of the 501st Support Bn in 1st Arm Div, Chip was able to secure a new Inf "type" job in Apr as the XO of the New Equipment Tng Directorate at Vilseck, Ger. As a TDA asgmt, the hrs are much better and the family has enjoyed Chip's company once again. The new asgmt entailed a 4th yr tour extension, and one of the "good deals" of the job was a TDY trip to Ft Benning to attend the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Conference in Jun. The Collins family tied the trip into a family vacation for **Maria's** 10th yr HS reunion and her dad's 80th birthday. Both sets of grandparents really enjoyed seeing the grandkids. Chip has not seen any classmates in Ger with the exception of **Les Kayanan** at Hoenfelds. Les is working at the CMTC as some type of controller similar to those in the NTC.

Well this is the end to a very brief entry. By the time this article is printed we will have beaten Navy and hopefully AF. Have a great holiday season. Send me all the news that is fit to print. . . . Until '90—Keesy

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Happy Holidays,

I am writing this column during the Homecoming wkend with the realization that you will not be reading this until the Jan 90 issue of **ASSEMBLY** is published. The general news includes:

Matt Collier is now the mayor of Flint, MI. Matt was elected in Nov 87 and has been working to bring about some changes in the city. One of Matt's assts is **Sam Merrill**. Matt was one of the 5 people named by the Jaycees "Outstanding Young People of Michigan." Matt is married to **Ann Marie '80** and they have two children—Ian (6) and Charlie (3). Thanks go to Sam for the update.

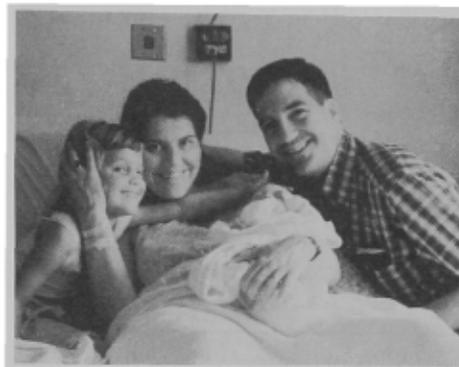
John Jacocks sent a picture of his family. John & **Trenda** were blessed



1979: Susan & Jerry Matson; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker



1979: Bo Underberg with the Werlings



1979: The Jacock family

with the birth of **Mary Carter** on 27 Jul and she weighed in at 7 lbs 12 oz. In the photo even **Brittany** seems excited with the birth of her new little sister. The **Jacocks** are headed for (and should now be there) **Schofield Barracks**. Thanks, **John**, for the great family photo.



1979: Curtis Hill with son Robert Curtis

Roberta Hill wrote for **Curtis** that they too have an addition to the family. The photo shows Curt with his new son **Robert Curtis**, who was born 25 Jul. Roberta says that Robert looks like his father and "rivals him in sleeping ability." Curt has been enjoying his cmd despite the long hrs. The family is anticipating the fun-filled events of homecoming.

Bo Underberg wrote an informative letter to update the Class. Bo hung up his green suit in Aug 84 and has since graduated from optometry school at Indiana Univ. Now Bo is practicing in his hometown of Ft Myers, FL. Bo also had some news about **Nick Werling**. Nick has com-

pleted his schooling and is now a Lutheran minister and is pastoring in **Langford, SD**. **Nick & Janine** also have a 3-yr old daughter—**Emma**. The photo shows everyone at a recent get-together.

As I said at the beginning of this column, I am writing this during the wkend of the 10-yr reunion. I am looking forward to publicizing the events as everyone sends them in to me. The initial reports that I have heard is that everyone had a very enjoyable time; for the weather cooperated, the football team trounced **Holy Cross 45-9**, and many classmates were able to attend the reunion. I was not able to attend, but I was involved in some of the preliminary planning before I PCSed. I would like to personally thank all the members of the Class that helped to execute the reunion. If I were to try to name everyone I'm sure I would unintentionally forget someone—so I'll just say **THANK YOU**. There is one extra special person that I need to thank, my brother-in-law, **Paul Harwig** was willing to take charge of coordinating the reunion. His individual effort was instrumental in the success of the wkend. Whenever a member of the Class bumps into Paul, please be sure to again thank him, for he was the key to the reunion. **THANKS PAUL—3 cheers for you.**

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This past wkend I went down to the Army-Harvard game, which Army won easily after a shaky start. I sat in the Class section (which is on the 50 yard line at the approximate altitude of Denver) and talked with many people I had not seen since 80. That kind of visit whets my appetite for our reunion next fall. I won't pass on all the gossip and hearsay I discussed with **Snook, Weart, Stoner, Woods, Stephens, Stephenson, Maller, Polo**, et. al. because my concealed tape recorder broke down early in the first quarter. (If I left out your name I am sorry.) Our Class is very much represented among the staff and faculty at WP, however, and they seem to be having a

good time. The place has changed somewhat but not that much: the plebes I heard at a tailgater were complaining profusely. As long as someone is unhappy there, old grads can rest easily at night.



1980: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

Max Shadle wrote for the first time since 80. After graduation, he went to Ger, with his last tour as a Hawk btry cmdr in Grafenwoehr. He is still in Ger as a DA civ with battle simulation systems in HQ USAREUR. He & Veronica (nee Costa) have 2 sons—Nathaniel (5), and Jeremiah (2). At ret ceremonies for Veronica's father, COL Costa ('49), who was head of Foreign Languages at USMA, Max saw Dan Hergenroeder, Mike Grogan, Dave Russell, Bob Carrington, and Paul Davis, all D-2 alumni.



1980: Andrew Costa; Founders Day 1989, Ft Gordon

Sophia Wheeler Capelli wrote that she & John had a daughter, Katie, on 25 Jul. Their son, Paul, was 2 in Jun. John left active duty in 85 and works for Shearson Lehman Hutton in Cincinnati as a stockbroker. He hosts a local radio show on investing and writes for the local business paper as well. On Labor Day 88, the Capellis attended Geoff Lea's wedding in Detroit.

Maria & TJ Farrell announced the birth of their daughter Kristin on 11 Aug of this yr. Their son Ty is 6, and daughter Kelly is 3. TJ is a field engr with Mobil based in Rochester, NY. Maria reports that Steve & Louise Cole had a daughter on 7 Jul of this yr in Monterey, where Steve is finishing up grad school. C-2ers should write the Farrells at 288 Elm-



1980: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

wood Terrace, Rochester, NY, 14620. They would especially like to hear from Al Dornstauder.

That's all the news for this time. Note the new (and permanent) address and keep those cards and letters coming. Until next time, God bless you everyone.

'81

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Happy Holidays! Hope you can all jot a little something to the old scribe in the midst of all the hustle and bustle inherent in Nov and Dec. And thanks in advance!

This column is a little short. But thank you to all who wrote and called. Randy Lovell wins the prize for helping the Class "scoop" the other classes. He owns his own co after a stint working on the B-2 bomber for Northrop. He was in Wash, DC at a White House awards dinner when he went up to LTC Oliver North and said, "Beat Navy!" Randy is

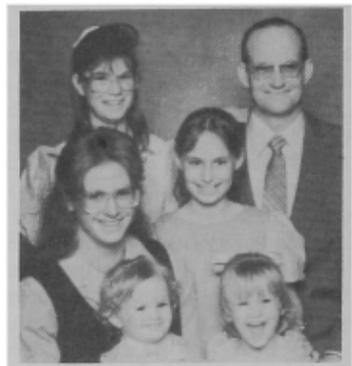


1981: Randy Lovell and LTC Oliver North

expanding his business and is looking for partners. Call him at his office (714) 949-3164 if you're interested. Meeting LTC North was a minor event, though, for the Lovells. Randy & Maureen, his wife of 8 yrs, had their first child, Ryan Timothy on 28 Feb. He is an adorable baby—maybe Randy will send a picture of himself holding Ryan for the next issue. (I can't submit pictures of only your child, so please get in the picture with them!) Randy also wrote that he keeps in touch with Randy Britton who

is finishing up his last yr of MBA work at Harvard.

Theresa (Matejov) Freeze wrote her first letter to the ASSEMBLY. She had lots of news, and happily, all of it good! She married Terry Freeze '74 in Jul 84. They went to Ft Ord where Theresa was an S-4 during the change to the "light" configuration. She said she had lots of fun and I believe her! She had a daughter after a yr in S-4 and came off maternity leave to cmd a DLI co (about 275 hopeful linguists). She turned over her



1981: Theresa & Terry Freeze and family

cmd in Apr 87, went on terminal leave and had her first son the day after she officially became a civ in May 87. After Ft Leavenworth, where Terry had CG-SC, they were assigned to Ft Polk. Last summer, Terry & Theresa adopted two of their nieces, ages 11 and 13, and found out they were expecting again. So Theresa is the mother of five now and she is busy home-schooling the two older ones (6th and 8th grades). More power to you, Theresa!

More news from the baby front—Jim & Eileen '83 Trainor wrote to announce the birth of their daughter, Colleen Margaret, on 5 Aug. She was born in Nisha-



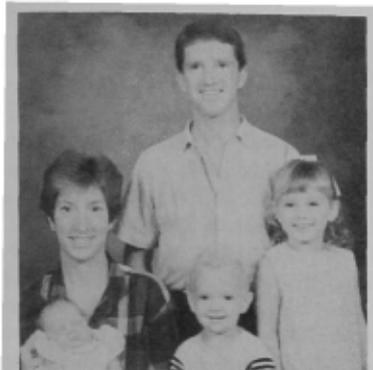
1981: Jim, Eileen and Colleen Trainor

yuna, NY and weighed 6lbs, 7oz. Congratulations!

Sue (Bottorff) Neuman called. She's working on her master's degree at the Univ of KS while her husband, Mark, slaves away in an artillery bn at Ft Riley. They were able to take a vacation to Estes Park, CO this summer and enjoyed some backpacking and relaxing. They took their dog, Duke, along too. Sue

mentioned that **Kathy (Freely) Brown** had a daughter this summer. Kathy is stationed at WP and was able to complete her graduate work so that she is now a Tac.

More baby news—**Gail (O'Sullivan) Dwyer** had her 3d boy, Timothy John, on 30 Aug. He weighed in at 6lbs, 14oz. Way to go, Gail! And one more baby note—**Dirk & I** had **Katelyn Elizabeth Stevens** on 9 Aug, weighing in at 8 lbs, 15oz.



1981: Dirk, Nancy, Erin, Patrick and Katelyn Stevens

That's it until next issue. We hope you all have safe, happy and blessed holidays.

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I guess some of you haven't caught up with my new address as the letters are a bit slim this time. So drop me a line and remember that there are a lot of your friends that would like to know how you're doing or what you're up to.



1983: Founders Day 1989, Ft Ord

Mark Moravits must really be enjoying Korea as he's already been there for 28 mos and doesn't leave until Jul 90. He started out with the 6th Ordnance Bn as

the CO of SAACT #5 (Surveillance & Accountability Control Team) in Taejon. He had both US and Koreans working under his cmd for 18 mos. Then he moved to Taeju to be the Ammo Supply Off at the 6th Spt Cen.



1983: Founders Day 1989, Ft Bliss

Working with the Atlanta WP Soc, I ran across **Hugh Rountree** who is stationed at Ft Mac and is married to **Birgit** and has a little girl, **Britny Marie**, born 16 Jun. He's working in Force Mod Everything here at FORSCOM.

Eileen (Mulholland) & Jim Trainor would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, **Colleen Margaret**, 5 Aug at Niskayuna, NY.



1983: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg

Bill Raymond sends us a picture from his 1st Bde CO's farewell, where he, **George Kunzweiler**, and **Mike Bowman** are all in the same bn. Mike cmds Alpha, George cmds Bravo, and Bill has HHB (Arty). He then headed to CAS3 and will return as the Asst S-3. He ran into **Bob Schulz** & his new wife at a German post office. **Maria & Gary Langford** had a baby boy, **Blake**, and then took cmd of an MLRS btry.

Bill has some good news and bad. "I've been arrested to attend grad school and return to the Dept of Social Science." The bad news is he has been diagnosed diabetic, insulin dependent, so he'll have to convince a med board to let him stay Arty.

Dave Sacha has rejoined the real Army at Ft Gordon as the Asst TRADOC Systems Mgr. He has a real hard life; apparently they keep him on the road quite a bit (TDY).



1983: Raymonds, Kunzweilers and Bowmans



1983: Founders Day 1989, Ft Leavenworth



1983: Founders Day 1989, Orange County, CA

Stephen Tryon's dad, LTC Frank Tryon, who was commissioned Inf in France, WWII, and ret in 71, was on hand for Stephen's change of cmd and sent me a photo. Stephen prepares to pass cmd of B Co, 1/505th, 82nd AB Div, to his successor, **David Woolf '84**. Stephen has PCS'd to his advance course at Benning.



1983: The colors pass from Stephen Tryon to Dave Woolf

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season and of course BEAT NAVY!

'84

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Happy Holidays to all! I hope that everyone has a lot to be thankful for this season! A report on events from the reunion can be found in another piece in this issue so I won't go into them here. Any news on classmates that I learned at the reunion will be in the Mar issue since this column was due to AOG the day the reunion began. Since that report will make the Mar column quite long, I will keep this one relatively brief.

Oskar Vuskalns wrote to inform me that he would be unable to make the reunion. He did have a good excuse, though! He & his wife, Christine, had their first child in Oct! I'm sure that Christine had the tougher job in that endeavor, although I can't speak from personal experience! Congratulations!! Oskar is the S1 for 3/27 Inf, 7th ID at Ft Ord. I hope to hear from you again soon Oskar, and how about enclosing a family photo?

Congratulations also go out to Gerren Grayer! He recently married his HS sweetheart, Lenore. We want to welcome her to the Best of the Corps! Alex Lambert was the best man at the wedding. The Grayers both work for Monsanto Chemical out in St Louis. Thanks for the scoop, Gerren!

Marjorie Rudinsky writes from scenic CO Springs and Ft Carson where she is cmding a heavy maintenance co. Marjorie enclosed a picture of herself and her folks at her dad's annual 45th ID Reunion in OK City. This was the first time



1984: Marjorie Rudinsky with mom and dad

her dad attended, and she said it gave her a personal perspective on WWII. The 45th served in 8 campaigns amounting to nearly two yrs in combat. They participated in amphibious assaults on Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, and Southern France. They also served under General Patton and liberated the Dachau death camp. Marjorie is rightfully proud of her dad's service in this unit! Thanks for the

info Marjorie and write again soon!

News from Turkey came via Tim Mock. Tim is assigned as the S1 of the 528th Arty Gp there after an initial tour at Ft Ord and a short stopover at FAOAC at Ft Sill. Tim was married back in 85, and he & his wife Kelly have two beautiful little girls, Katie (the eldest) and Kristen. I hope I don't get in trouble for



1984: The Mock family

publishing this risqué picture, Tim! Just kidding! By the time this is published, Tim will be out of the Army and settling on the east coast. Tim has run into a number of classmates in his travels. He was stationed with Dean Mengel at Ft Ord. Dean & his wife Donna are now in Ger. Don Wright was the gp engr in Turkey but left the green machine this past summer. He was also wed back in Jul to his wife Jody. The Wrights are currently in Austin, TX where Don is getting his MBA. Larry Williams is currently in Turkey following tng at the DLI in Turkish (what else?). By the way, Tim said the facilities in Turkey are just great (seriously!) and the asgmt is one of the Army's "best kept secrets." Thanks for all the news, Tim, and good luck with your new career!

My good friends, Fred & Robin Meyer, wrote from Ft Stewart after a close brush with Hurricane Hugo! Fred's unit was involved in the clean-up of Charleston. The Meyers were unable to attend the reunion because Fred was assuming cmd of A Co, 20th Engr Bn. In a previous letter, Robin mentioned that Fred had passed his Professional Engr exam (a MAJOR accomplishment for any engr!), and I was negligent in not getting it into the last column! Congrats on both counts, Fred! The Meyers went to the Vanderbilt game last yr along with the Stuarts '83 and Junior Rivera & his wife. Robin enclosed a photo from that event. Note the familiar scenery!! Thanks for the info, Robin!

Finally, I got a number of phone calls/notes in preparing for the reunion. I don't pretend to remember all of them, but for the people I miss, I'll get you in the reunion info next issue. Tom Pesch is down at Ft Stewart in the same engr bn as Fred Meyer. He should be finishing up a trip to Honduras when this is pub-



1984: Meyers, Stuarts '83 and Riveras at the Vanderbilt game 88

lished. Jay Crosby is out in CA and he wrote to say he couldn't make the reunion but swore he'd make the 10th. I'm publishing this, Jay, so we have a whole bunch of witnesses to hold you to it! Ray Bednar is out of the Army and studying business at Harvard. Also there are Dan Billman, Bill Coyle, and Dave Eckelbarger to name but a few. Phil Alibrandi was kind enough to offer me help in setting up the reunion. He is out and working in Darien, CT for a placement firm that assists Academy grads transferring to the civ sector. Marc Cerniglia included some info on his reply form for the reunion. He is out and at U of VA getting his MBA along with Ron Aizer. Rob Knave is out and at Rutgers getting an MS in electrical engr. Jim Hooper is also out and is getting a law degree at the U of MI.

My thanks to all who wrote/called. My apologies to anyone I forgot! I will have a complete update from the reunion next time. Til then, Beat Navy!

'85

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Hey gang! I trust everyone is doing great and looking forward to the New Year. Congratulations to all who have made CPT. I believe everyone will have made it by the time you read this article. Before I forget, I want to apologize to all of the proud parents who have sent me pictures of their children and the picture did not make the article. AOG has a rule that a graduate or spouse must be in a photo. So all you have to do is quit being camera shy and jump in front of the camera with your child and then send it to me. Also, I have kept all pictures since I began this article in 85. Many classes 20-30 yrs down the road have miniature yrbooks printed for homecoming that track the Class through the yrs.

The last admin note concerns 5 yr reunion next yr. Tony Devore and I have communicated, and by Dec we will know appropriate costs for activities, a selection of activities, and at which football game we will hold the reunion. In

case you do not know, official Homecoming day is reserved for the older classes first. I will continue to update you so please pass the word around to those who are foolish enough not to read my column.

Peter Everett is finally packing his bags and moving to Ft Huachuca for MIOAC. Once completed, he is hoping to go to advanced civil schooling; how, I'm not sure without a cmd, but hey . . . that is Peter!

Jim & Becky Tully are finally settled in at Ft Ord and by now should be proud parents of their first. Jim moved in as the S-1 of 2/9 Inf. He saw the missing Class VP "Stretch" **Rodney, Mike Stoneham, Larry Young, Tobey Schoff, and Dave Reynolds** at IOAC as he was leaving Benning. He also wanted me to pass on that "George Patton" is safe at Ord if you want him, Mike. Jimbo, one of my favorite places to eat is down towards Big Sur called "Nepenthe's." Great serene atmosphere. Try it and let me know.



1985: Heading west with all our belongings



1985: The Tullys

John & Pam Zornick wrote from Ft Ord as well with John just having finished as an honor grad at Ranger School. They were recently blessed with John, Jr. John is heading to be a "Buffalo" in 4/17 Inf. Best of luck.

Finally, I need **Randy Bentz** to get hold of me. I have a letter for him from a good friend, Ruth Pennington, who does not know how to find you. Last I heard from Randy he was conquering Korea.

Believe it or not that is all the mail I have received for this article and some of these were holdovers. **Ronda & I** are headed for HI where I will be assigned



1985: The proud dad and "Jr"

with the 65th Engr Bn. My sponsor is CPT Keith Landry, an old friend to many of us, and by the way Keith is doing great. If anyone finds themselves needing a break from the "Green Machine" please get in touch with us. I promise you will have a roof over your head and a hot meal.

My next mission is to attend **Jack Harrington's** wedding in Tampa, FL over Thanksgiving. All the gang is coming so it ought to be great. **John Gill** just got married to a lovely girl, **Cathy**, from Boston. Ronda & I were unfortunately unable to attend, but many from F-3 as well as Ft Ord did make it and had a blast . . . especially **Steve Delity**, only I heard it was from the latrine! Well, that was my one authorized "dig" so I will leave you with this, "there is something good in every aspect of life, so let's find it!" You have my best '85!

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I'm delighted that no one sent any gossip for the Christmas issue. I received some info from someone's mother and a tidbit from a CPT about you, but from you—nothing. So, everyone of you, have a Merry Christmas.

Off the top of my head, whether new or old news is beside the point. **Sean Kenna** & his lovely wife **Mary** had a baby boy back in Jan or Feb of this yr. I don't recall if Mary flew to NJ for delivery. Since living in Friedburg she has flown home on several occasions to visit mom & dad who are wonderful people with grand hearts. Sean works for 4/67 AR, Elvis Presley's old outfit, as an XO. Sean is still the tense, hard-driving fellow he was at WP and still devotes himself entirely to Mary's happiness—beautiful couple.

Rick Lange and **Johny Lynch**, as far as I know, are continuing the bachelor life in Baumholder. Rick did happen upon a gorgeous 23 yr old make-up artist from Passau on the Austrian/Bavarian border. They were together for about one yr, traveling to Vienna, Rome, London, and Paris. I was in the Nach Cafe in Munich enjoying a jazz ensemble, attempting to

improve my situation, and Rick walks in with this stimulating snow blonde on his arm. The maitre'd escorted them to a reserved table where champagne was already being iced. Throughout the evening, they were constantly interrupted by the Munich and Hamburg entertainment elite. I didn't bother them. The evening was meant to be spent alone. But I will always remember that night, seeing a friend's contentment from afar and letting that tuck me to bed.

Joe Posusney received a plaque and a Certificate of Achievement for the 88 Safety Award at Ft Bragg. Say, "I went at my duties as safety officer with a lot of enthusiasm and creativity. I kept track of the program; I didn't just put up a poster and forget about it." Joe used existing posters and personalized them by writing his own dialogue above the caricatures, changing the dialogue frequently to keep the soldiers reading the material. "Safety awareness is a part of day-to-day life. When the rubber hits the road, an unsafe soldier won't make it to his destination, and he may not be around to complete his mission."

Jody Petery, a few mos back, published a newsletter for D-3 people, telling of his exploits and a few others. I didn't receive a copy. Neither did **Steve Sicinski**. Steve learned about the letter through **Dave Houston** who was his roommate at the time. Jody, how many others in our fine knit family of Delta Heat didn't receive a copy? Don't you know we all love you and really want to hear *all* about you.

I didn't want another empty space in this column, since I've managed to do that twice this yr. It's not much, but it's all I've got. Merry Christmas.

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Freedom Ride? Recreation for Refugees? Burgers for Berliners? No matter how you look at it you just can't escape the magnitude of the moment. Myself and an accompaniment of die hard American idealists set out this past Columbus Day to share a tailgate on the East German border with our newly arrived East German refugees. As we saw it, what better way to celebrate the discovery of the New World than to share a few hundred burgers, Miller Lites, Marlboros, and campfire cooked marshmallows with the East Germans who had themselves just ventured out to find a New World and a new Life. Needless to say, it developed into a tailgate I'll not soon forget and an experience which certainly highlighted all of the wonderful gifts we are so blessed with as Americans. I taught them a few key words which I assured them would place them

in good standing among all real Americans—of course—BEAT NAVY!

Yeh, that's about right; New World, New Life! It seems like every time you turn around one of our classmates is mapping new territory for our Class. Take for instance **John Crino's** gutsy move in teaming up with SSG Jeff Anderson from the 25th ID and sailing away with a 4th place finish out of 76 teams during the 89 David E Grange Jr Best Ranger Competition. It doesn't get much better than that, huh?

My side still hurts from the Aug visit to the Parish family household in Sachsen, FRG. **Todd & Cindy Parish** look "very, very good darling," as you can see in this wedding day picture. Married on 9 Jul 88



1987: Cindy & Todd Parish

in Jerseyville, IL Todd & Cindy planted a flag in a new world of their own. **Johnny Dorris** was a groomsman and was accompanied by his lovely wife **Sharon**. I'm certainly no brain surgeon or nuclear physicist, huh-heh, but I'll bet they had a good little knock down, drag out in Jerseyville. Speaking of drunken brawls, **Carl Mance** created a happening in Ansbach, FRG. A promotion party in Jun netted visits by **Bill Ewing, Kathy Pierce, Todd Parish, Rich Mushek, Scott Schwarz, John Vansant, and John Gifford**. Obviously, and luckily, the enclosed picture was snapped before Carl ate one of the glass mugs, Todd donned the potato chip bag, or John became incoherent. Gosh I hate when that happens!



1987: This could get real ugly

Yo **Damon Hofstrand** you madman! Here is a guy who up and left the hal-

lowed rolls of the ADA and boogied on down to Ft Rucker to become a rotor jockey. He seemed awfully glad to finally get his hands on the stick and we're certainly happy for him. On his journey to bird schl he attended air assault with **Bert Finkenbeiner**. He also noted that **Paul DeGeronimo** was attending the Chinook course. Good luck and thanks for the card big guy.

Here's one that is long overdue. This one has been on the backburner for quite some time. Sorry **Shelly & Erik**. Long overdue but a treasure chest of info. Yes ladies and gents—a variable showcase! We'll begin by congratulating the authors of the letter. **Shelly & Erik Gunhus** were married on 20 Jun in Pueblo, CO. Erik's brother, Lief '89 was the best man. The celebration found **Fred Jessen, Paul DeGeronimo, Dale Malzi, Joe Simonelli** and a host of other friends as Erik's groomsmen. Shelly managed to pull **Sana Francis** and **Kristen Kinker '90** away to serve as bridesmaids. Upon last contact the Gunhuses were residing in Karlstein, FRG and commuting to work; Shelly to a Signal bn in Darmstadt, and Erik to an ADA unit in Budigen. A Thanksgiving cornucopia of classmates gathered at the Gunhus residence. They included **Joe Simonelli, Malcom Cole, Sana Francis, Rob Dickerson, Matt Quinn, Preston Forchion, Keith Greaux, Paul Reist, Pete Sload, George Kyle, Katrina Hall, Toni Cariello, and Gil Brendley '86**. But wait there's more! Yet another Gunhus party brings greetings from **Jim Rankin & his wife** who live in Worms, FRG. Summer BBQ's at the Gunhus household found **Peel Chronister** milking a few cold ones. He currently works in Giessen with **Mike Tarsa** and

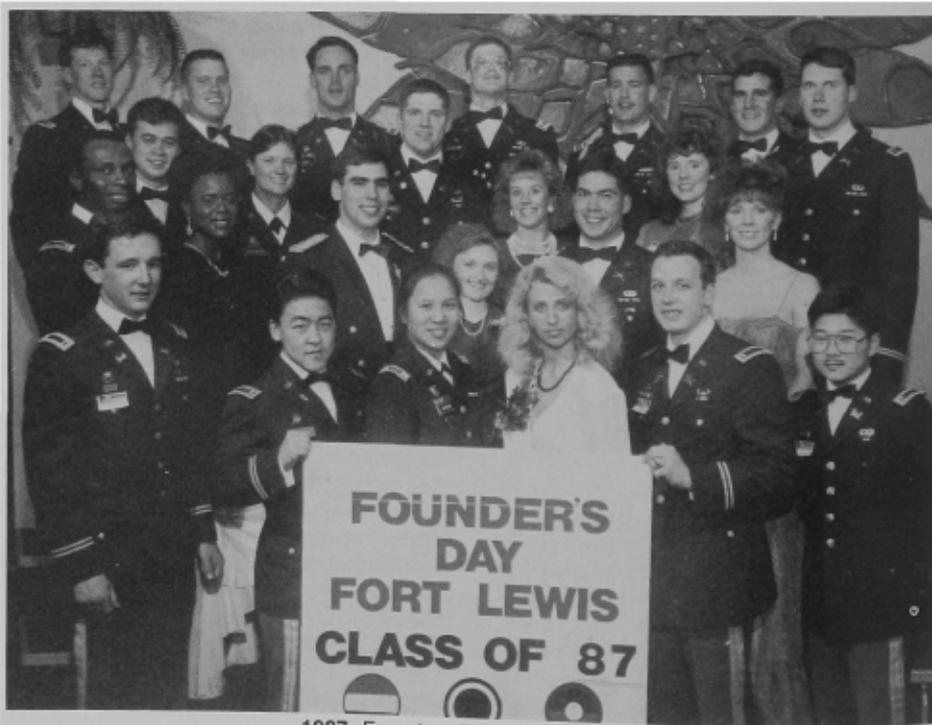


1987: Shelly & Erik's T-giving gala

Joe Felber. Shelly also had the good fortune to run into **Poly Tsigounis** and **Dan Oh** at the Log 72 course, and **Tom Nigro, Mark Toy, Jeff Kuhl, Mike Keine, and Randall Nelson** nearly everyday at work. She also passes on that **Bonnie Fischer** married an '86 grad and is doing just great! Thanks much **Shelly & Erik**.

What's the barber say? Neeceext! From about tree top level at Mach 9 **Len Kortekaas** sends his greetings. He's doing great as an Apache platoon leader. When I saw him at Grafenwoehr he was hitting more targets than chopper jockeys should be allowed—still not as many as us tankers—but not bad. It sure was nice to see him, and he says hello to everyone out there.

CPT & Mrs Donald Stoll were kind enough to send this photo from the Ft Lewis Founders day. The guests included **John Higgins, Keith & Kristen Burnham, Ms Myra Mason, Stephen Alverman, Jason Tanaka, Dan Williams, Ms Corlette Johnson, Glenn & Jennifer Sanford, Everett & Heather Knapp, Thomas Lavender, Gina Lavender, Dan & Amy McCormick, Matt & Deirdre Gulbran-**



1987: Founders Day 1989, Ft Lewis

son, Paul Pacheo, Ken Gross, Tim Mitchell, Robert Hulett, Peter Baddian, Carmine Cicalese.

I received a wonderful letter from William Chapin's family. William married Ms An Kyong Mi on 10 Jun in the Camp Howze Chapel near Seoul. The whole Chapin (Robert, Nancy, Steven and Peter) clan made it to Korea for the event which included a traditional Korean ceremony in addition to the church ceremony. Their timing was just right as they arrived in time to witness Kyong Mi pinning on William's silver bars. His brother Peter served as the best man. William & Kyong Mi are now stationed at Ft Hood.

This one is a little overdue; OK a lot overdue. Tim Flowers is now holding a position with Federal Mogul, which manufactures bearings and the like, serving as a territory mgr in Jackson, MS. He was medically ret on 4 Nov 88 for lower back problems but seems to be driving on like a real trooper anyhow! The last I heard he was real serious about a CA girl named Rose. What's the latest with that Tim? Thanks for keeping in touch, keep wearing that ring and for crying out loud Beat Navy!

Jerry Siwik also dropped a little note awhile back. He's got about all the news that is fit to print, so here goes. I'm going to try for the world land speed record for the longest sentence ever printed so take a deep breath and here it comes. Jerry noted that: "He visited the NTC as an observer controller and had the pleasure of running into Johnny Dorris, Brian Ranne and Jerry Falzon; Brian, of course, quickly became known as the desert phantom because he spent a little too much time away from the desert, naughty boy Brian, Johnny spent his time moving so stealthily that he too could qualify for the NTC ghost award and well then there is Jerry Falzon—Oops you forgot to tell me about Jerry-Jerry. Anyhow, Jerry bumped into Mark Ebersbach, Paul Murphy, Chris Williams and Sam Homsy at their beachside resort in Monterey. Sam had completed Ranger school, passing all 5 patrols, before moving on to the challenging Sapper's Course. Apparently all are enjoying the beautiful CA sites, and I don't necessarily mean the wet sand! He adds that Mike McCrea is doing fine and was last seen heading for Ft Lewis as his BTN was moving lock, stock and barrel from Ft Ord. Joel Finnell married Sue Barrett in Aug 88 and was headed to AK with his new wife. Bob & Amy (Hoogerwoof) Underwood settled down in Ft Sill and maintain a small animal farm with cats, dogs and livestock surrounding their homestead. Strom & Kim Brost set up camp in Ft Hood along with Andy Martin. Jack Poole and Craig Howe add to the F-2 Zoo Killeen (TX) Crew. Dan & Dez Robertson join Jerry at Ft Carson as

do Paolo Smith and Matt Petrocelli. Wow, thanks so much for all the great poop big Jerry!

Paul Kamnikar has some more news upon his return from the NTC. After giving the commies from Krasnovia a good thrashing, he returned to 2/8 CAV as an XO. Kent Cheeseman moved to a BMO slot, Mike Gonzales to the HHC slot, Randy Nelson from XO to an S-1 slot, Ron Davies and Tim Kroll also received XO positions. He often sees Kevin Labourne, and Greg Krystiniak who are doing really well with the 8th EN Bn. That's it from the Kam for now. Thanks big guy!

We don't just have the best basketball player in the Army in Kevin Houston, the best cross country runner in the Army in Mica Comstock, we've also got the best tennis player in the Army. That's right, Gregg Schuliger recently became a certified tennis pro while stationed at Ft Polk and is soon to become a member of the All-Army Tennis Team. His roommate, Doug Pennebaker, is busy taking the Kaplan course in Houston in preparation for Baylor Law School. Doug just sold his drive through liquor barn, "Suds Express" in Leesville, LA. Who said that a little innovation won't make you the highest paid LT in the Army? Gregg currently enjoys his status as XO of the Divarty Target Acquisition Battery, and Doug serves as an FDO. Gregg says hello to everyone, but a special hello to GL, Yeags, Fern, Scooter, Chico, Pat, Wendy-O, Steb, Lou, and Baca-Khan. Nice hearing from you and good luck with All-Army tennis!

If you think "I'm so far out in the middle of nowhere I'll never run into a classmate here," think again. Thomas Roth just happened to be minding his own bus at the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain when he stumbled upon Steve Cass. Here we see them slam-



1987: Steve and Tom in Spain. No bull too big!

ming down a few cold ones before throwing themselves at the bulls. Steve is currently in Bamberg, and Tom is in Hanau. Glad it all turned out better for you than for the bulls guys. Have a good one and invite me next time—certainly doesn't sound "boring" or is that "goring?"

Susi & Michael Blatz sent word from their home at Ft Hood that *all is well*, and *well* that's not *all*. Mike was the distinguished honor grad of his Oct 88 flight class at Ft Rucker and stayed on to complete Apache transition. Susi & Mike were married on 12 Nov 88 in St Louis, MO as Roberto Sartori, Mike Francesconi and Bob Blatz '83 gave the ceremony that mil flair. Robert, alias Guido, is stationed at Ft Bliss and as Susi puts it "once a Guido, always a Guido." Susi adds that Shaun & Vicki Wurzbach welcomed Katharine Devin Wurzbach into their Northern Ger home on 21 May. Baby and parents are doing just fine! Last and certainly not least, Kenny Biland married Laney last May and the happy couple was last seen headed for Ger. Thanks much Susi.

Speaking of babies, Klint & Tawdra Kandle have some good news of their own. Their family is now 8 lbs 6 oz heavier. Their new daughter, Devyn Jeanne, arrived 1 Feb and is a bundle of joy. They are currently living on Wheeler AFB in HI. Klint is serving with the S&T Bn of the 25th ID. Thanks for keeping in touch.

Well that about wraps it up for now. I thank each and everyone of you who took the time to write. Our next issue will hear from the likes of Steve Hilliker, Steve Odell, Donna & Ted McAleer, Jon Fliss and Tim & Cathy Whalen.

I hope you all are recovering from the Army-Navy victory parties! Yeah Beat'em!

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After 5 mos and endless hazing by the rest of our Class, I finally sit down to write one of many ASSEMBLY articles. For all you cynics out there, I wrote an article for the Jul 89 issue entitled "The Corps Had," on p 26. So read, then criticize.

A lot has happened since 24 May. On 24 Jun, 32 more of our classmates threw their white caps in the air and turned their rings around. Two more did the same on 22 Aug. Congratulations to all.

In the meantime, summer leave was enjoyed by all as far as I have heard. I received a detailed letter from Ken Griggs. He and Dale "Turtle" Henderson endeavored to bicycle across the USA. Their journey began on 1 Jun in MD. On 5 Jun, they stayed at Andy Efaw's home in Charleston, WV. Andy

was out carousing with fiancée Amy Blanchard. Later, they stayed at **Steve Miller's** home in Cincinnati, OH. Mill-dew and his bride **Joules** were honeymooning at the time. Back on the bike trip, our heroes next encountered **Brian Lane's** home in St Louis. You guessed it, Brian was off in HI with **Scott Telford**. Also in St Louis, the bikers ran into **Pat Mooney**. Turtle suddenly became injured. Not wanting to risk his pilot qualification, Turtle remained with Pat while Ken finished the trek to L.A. solo. A haggard, grizzly, and weary 2LT Griggs arrived in L.A.



1989: Ken Griggs takes a break somewhere in OH

Ken went on to tell me of "the accelerated 3-wk *Reader's Digest* condensed version of OBC" that he and all those going to med school attended at Ft Sam Houston, TX. Ken, along with **Dan Cruiser**, **Telita Crossland**, **Nick Piantanida**, **Han Pak**, **George Patterson**, **Doug Mathis**, **Paul Mayer**, and **Heather Brannon** are currently in USUHS which is the Army med school in MD. Nick had a blast in Europe, where he visited his family's home in Yugoslavia among other things. Thanks for all this news, Ken.

Speaking of having a blast on leave, **Joe Baalman** hosted yet another I-2 "Go Moose" party at his home in CA. In Jun, **Dan Cruiser**, **Bob Radtke**, **Dan Cole**, **Rich Creed**, **Tony Sebo**, **Dennis Kirby**, and **Randy Moe** all attended the festivities. Dennis highlighted the party by streaking around Joe's house in pursuit of "the perfect tan."

Jim Lynch and **Eric Strong** sent me an obnoxious letter (big surprise, right?). At Ft Sam Houston on 11 Sep, all those branched Med Svc Crp graduated from OBC. They were Jim, Eric, **Brad Golden**, **Chris Degutis**, **Nora Cusick**, **Julie King**, and **Carla (Miller) Easter**. Jim says that he is still sporting the flat-top and black high-cut Converse All Stars. Jim went to the 82nd at Ft Bragg. Look out Devils in baggy pants!

John Murphy sent a letter from EN OBC at Ft Belvoir. Well, most of the good tng apparatus is already at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. Ergo, they do a lot of "conceptual" tng. You know, the old "Good Morn' LT's. This be the lister

bag. If it were here, the lister bag would have two parts. . . ." Anyway, John got engaged in Aug and will tie the knot in Sep 90.

Tom Balanco ran into some trouble with his puppy. He bought it for \$600, then had it stolen while he was in the PX at Ft Knox. Curiously, a small furry animal has been reported to run around his BOQ. Hmmm. . . .

Just when I lost all hope for more letters, one more came through. Who else but **Nathan "The Voice" La Mar** could send an 8 1/2 x 11 envelope special delivery? Nathan reports ostentatiously that he and Class pres **Brian Roberts** are working to have a future Thayer Award given to the late COL Rowe. I'm sure all will support this endeavor.

Other items from Ft Sill: several FA guys got nuke asgmts. Nate got one in Ger. Brian is headed to Greece with **Bill Gebhards**, **Pat Lacho**, **Tom Lynch**, and **Mike Stevens**. **Pete Janhunnen** got one to Vicenza, Italy, and **Steve Schulz** got one to Turkey. Hey, be careful with those *big* bullets! **Rob Paley** had a USMA FA party at his home in Lawton, OK. **Chris Neville** had a similar one for Halloween.

Nathan also sent some marriage announcements. Now, I know that there have been innumerable weddings. If you want something written, please write to me—I can't remember all the details by word of mouth. Thanks. Anyway, **Rick Riley** married **Christine Glass** on 24 Jun in Owensboro, KY. **Mark Hudak** married **Sara Bienkowski** (former member of A-1) on 8 Jul in Syracuse, NY. Mark writes that they went to CO for the honeymoon. **Greg Gadson** married **Kim Thomas** on 27 May in VA Beach. They have their first asgmt at Ft Sill. **Jon Brunner** married **Lynn Cote** on 9 Jun in MI. Jon says that they are having fun at FA OBC with their puppy. They will head to Augsburg, VII Corps Arty. **Tyno Carter & Tanya Cheek** "tied the knot after dating exclusively for 5 yrs." The ceremony was on 25 May in the Cadet Chapel. For these and all other marriages, I wish all of you the best forever.

My final anecdote is the impromptu mini reunion we had at the Army-Duke game on 7 Oct at Chapel Hill, NC. I think there were over 100 of our classmates there. Also, there were many grads from recent and not-so-recent yrs. It was an afternoon of some small festivity expenditure one might say.

I ran into the first two members of our Class to be civs. **John Carey** is now working in Lexington, KY with some beautiful women in his office. **Francisco Dominguez** ("Paco") is working in NY, NY nowadays. So stop by and see them if you have a chance.

I cannot list everyone who was there due to space limitation. I make no apology if I cannot remember all the stories either; after all, we had a 13-plus hr

tailgate. I will say that the terrific turnout is a great tribute to our Class. As always **WE STRENGTHEN THE LINE**. Thank you for all the letters. Keep them coming. Until again, see you at the club or in the brush.

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1933 and 1939 *Howitzers*. He will, of course, pay for the books. Apt #505, 501 Plantation Street, Worcester, MA 01605, (508) 755-3358.

Army Rugby Club to Play in England

Army's Rugby Club, ranked 3rd nationally a year ago, will travel to England during spring break in 1990 to play the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

The cadets will begin their 10-day trip to the United Kingdom by taking on 1-3 Training Regiment, Royal Engineers, at Church Crookham on 10 March. Two days later the cadets will play the British Army "Under 21" team at Aldershot, and on 14 March they will face Sandhurst at Sandhurst. All games are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Major Brian O'Gorman, of the Irish Guards, is the 12th consecutive British Exchange Officer to coach the Army Ruggers, beginning with Colonel (then Major) Peter Field of the Para Regiment in 1966. Twenty members of the Army Rugby Club will make the trip, and each will pay for half of his total expenses while away from West Point.

Coach O'Gorman is optimistic. "We're young and inexperienced," he said, "but we'll give it our best. I think we can beat Sandhurst!"

Let's Go to the Hop

I am doing research on cadet hops—what they were like, what happened, how they were decorated, how they were run, what sorts of refreshments were served, etc. I want to see how they've changed over the years. So please joggle your memory and tell me what you remember about hops. Send your reminiscences and anecdotes to CPT Robert Hill, English Department, USMA, West Point, NY 10996-1791.

Coming Home to Lusk

When we said good-bye to a West Point friend a year ago, the tankers and troopers were there; along with a few sappers, infantrymen, intrepid aviators, cannoneers, MASHers and civilians. And, a lot of wives. Traditional Army wives.

Absent were the riderless horse and folded flag; the crack of rifles and echo of taps. But, oh! The tales of yesteryear: covered wagons plodding across the Great Plains; children drawing water from a neighbor's well down the hill, then trudging home to a wet tent. And later, their children's children pumping water from a rusty cistern and mopping flooded basements. They were blessed to have a basement, wet or dry! The stories of great grandfathers and uncles and husbands—West Pointers all—tales from the diaries spanning four generations are still being told.

Why, then, no horse, no flag, no rifles, and no taps echoing off the banks of the Hudson? We were saying good-bye to an Army wife . . . a traditional wife. But no one was quite certain where tradition had a part in this final farewell. Her role here was finished, but her story endures.

It's the story of many Army wives: they follow their heroes everywhere; live in duplexes, 4th floor stairwells, quints, clusters, cul-de-sacs, and row-housing apartments someone had enough courage and humor to label Gray Ghost and Dunover (Done Over?) Court. They live all over the world. They adapt to every conceivable—sometimes inconceivable—situation. They persevere! They say, "OOOOH-KAY! I'll take the white sheets and dress the windows of yet another set of quarters . . . just spare me the true definition of sub-standard or adequate!" Rootless since birth, Army daughters who become Army wives instinctively know when they've found home. And they hang-on to their dream-wish from one set of curtains to the next. For our friend, one special dream persisted. "Someday . . . someday, I'll go home to Lusk."

We had to say good-bye to that Lusk Lady on a cold December day. Tradition? Grads have cornered the market on that. But, Christmas was just around the corner, and that tradition still needed to be honored. She would have wanted that.

Candles glowed in the windows, their flames protected by evergreen wreaths wearing white velvet bows and golden pine cones that danced with the first snowflakes of the season. (Clearly, that first dance was in her honor.) The red, white, and blue waved gently over the porch, though the glory was illusive that day. The gray boulders on the front lawn burst through a blanket of fresh, angel-white snow. (Loudly, they announced the opening of Victor Constant Ski Area.) She would have liked that.

The preceding three days had been blustery cold and gloom-period gray. Very gray. When the doors of Catholic Chapel opened for us to escort our friend to her final home at West Point, the rays of a brilliant sun streamed throughout, embracing and warming all of us. Crystal reflections sparkled on a Hudson River that surely had never been so calm and a first snowfall that had never been so pure.

No rifles fired, no taps echoed in the clear winter air, but there were miniature flags. She would have liked that. There was talk of a not-so-vintage wine cork and a very vintage BEAT NAVY badge among the dropped daisies . . . (certainly, the walls of that new earth home will have stories of their own to pass on). And, there was lots of conversation about tradition.

A traditional farewell? Perhaps not. The Long Gray Line has combat arms, chains-of-command, and hearts "standing attention." Wives have open arms, chains-of-concern, and hearts filled with silent sentiment. Listen-Up, Long Gray Line! Your
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Dependent Wives interred in West Point Cemetery while their husbands were stationed at West Point.

Name	Date of Interment
ARTHUR, Joan L. (Wife of MAJ David W. Arthur, CI 1966)	15 Mar 1976
BATES, Mildred K. (Wife of SGT Herbert Bates)	24 Feb 1953
BESSELL, Katherine H. (Wife of COL William Bessell, CI 1920)	14 May 1956
BILLINGSLEY, Margaret, E. (Wife of COL John D. Billingsley, CI 1928)	14 Apr 1966
CARROLL, Susan E. (Wife of COL William F. Carroll)	14 Feb 1977
DE GRAAF, Mary E. (Wife of MAJ George De Graaf, CI 1963)	27 Jun 1975
DEVINE, Mary E. (Wife of LTC William S. Devine)	18 Mar 1982
ERICKSON, Ardith (Wife of LTC Arthur L. Erickson, CI 1952)	21 Mar 1967
FLEAGLE, Ruie Euodias Gonso (Wife of SFC Roy Fleagle)	24 Sep 1953
GANNON, Denise H. (Wife of CPT Vincent Gannon, CI 1946)	27 May 1955
HARDEN, Caroline A. (Wife of MAJ Monroe Harden, CI 1961)	23 Feb 1972
HOISINGTON, Dolores A. (Wife of LTC Robert H. Hoisington, CI 1950)	21 Aug 1973
LIVEOAK, Eleanor M. (Wife of LTC Felix Liveoak, CI 1953)	28 Mar 1973
MESITER, Junia B. (Wife of COL William B. Mesiter)	2 Apr 1945
MURO, Elide Z. (Wife of MSG Ernest A. Muro)	14 Jan 1965
ROSEBOROUGH, Martha (Wife of LTC Morgan G. Roseborough, Jr., CI 1966)	14 Dec 1988
ROESLIN, Mitsuye (Wife of CPL Charles Roeslin)	22 Aug 1952
ROSSER, Pauline M. (Wife of SGT J. W. Rosser)	15 Mar 1946
SWINEHART, Elaine (Wife of LTC Lewis S. Swinehart)	15 Sep 1986

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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RALPH J. RENZULLI	Jun-1943	5 April 1945	150
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Howard Max Pahl

was known mostly as Howard or, affectionately, as Beerbaum, approximately the surname of the 19th century caricaturist, Max Beerbohm. Our Max had an engaging way of expressing himself to fit any occasion with his own inimitable language invented on the spot. Of primary interest to him was mail call with its letter from Evelyn. On 23 June 1931 they were married. One of Max's I Company roommates was Cook Marshall who was killed in action in World War II's Italian Campaign.

Max spent the first three years of his service with the 2nd Infantry at Fort Sheridan. He enjoyed this assignment close to Chicago, a city he frequently raved about during cadet days. In January 1935, he was assigned to the 45th Infantry (PS), Fort McKinley, Philippines, a top-notch regiment in which he served until March 1937 as a company commander and assistant adjutant. He was, meanwhile, promoted to first lieutenant on 1 August 1935.

After completing the Infantry School Course at Fort Benning in June 1938, Max served two years with the choice 23rd Infantry at Fort Sam Houston when he volunteered to return to the Philippines; he and Evelyn arrived there on the US Army Transport *Grant* in the summer of 1940. He was promoted to captain (AUS) on 9 September 1940, and to captain (USA) on 1 June 1941. Max commanded Company G, 31st Infantry, Post of Manila, the only entirely American unit in the Philippine division. It had a proud history and provided many fine officers and noncommissioned officers to staff Philippine Army units upon mobilization.

As the imminence of war became apparent, dependents were evacuated—those living on our east coast on 5 May 1941 and those from our west coast on 1 July. In the next few weeks, Max and about fifty other company officers were

briefed by General MacArthur and his staff, and then moved to the field to activate and train cadres for the mobilization of the new ten-division Philippine Army. They were assisted by about four hundred Philippine Scouts and American noncommissioned officers. Max's regiment was mobilized in Occidental Negro.

On 7 December Max was recalled to the 31st Infantry and fought gallantly with it, being awarded the Bronze Star for Valor during one of the toughest and proudest engagements during January 1942 when the Japanese attempted a landing on Bataan at Agaloma Point behind our lines. There a numerically and seasoned force was repulsed by starving, but determined, defenders. Our classmate, Sam Jones, was killed in this action.

After the Philippines fell, Max took the cruel death march with his characteristic good composure. Determined to live, he survived Camp O'Donnell and suffered the indignities and hardship of Cabanatuan. Then, in October 1944, he was moved to Bilibid prison in Manila. There he witnessed our valiant Navy flyers dive their planes daily to attack the Japanese ships in the harbor, little realizing the horrible future this presaged for him and so many other prisoners of war.

On 13 December 1944, Max was loaded into the hold of the *Oryoko Maru* with 1618 other prisoners of war; the ship sailed out into a typhoon that afternoon. It soon became hot and muggy as the men barely had standing room; they naturally started screaming for water. The Japanese interpreter met their pleas by closing the hatches, drastically increasing the unsavory conditions among the sweating bodies. More yelling was met with threats to fire machine guns into the hold. During the night, good, brave men became crazed and clawed each others throats. Early in the morning, as Max had witnessed before, our Navy planes attacked, not knowing this unmarked ship carried American prisoners. The damaged ship pulled into Olongapo, discharged Japanese passengers, and then headed out into Subic Bay. During the early morning of the 15th, the Navy again strafed and bombed, blasting a large hole in the side of the ship. Max, along with many others, was killed. After the war, for their cruel and inhumane treatment of prisoners, the interpreter was sentenced to life in prison and the ship's captain hanged.

Throughout his service, Max lived a life of loyalty and devotion to his profession. He exemplified the high ideals of West Point. In battle, his gallantry against all odds, was conspicuous. He was a brave, proud soldier to the end. To our knowledge, he was survived by his mother and two sisters.

Classmates

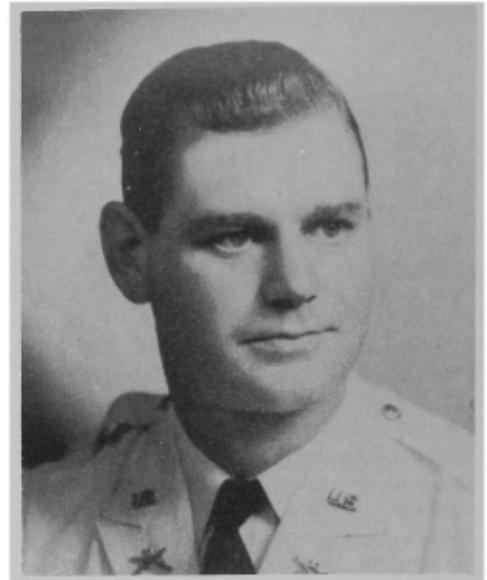


Samuel Edward Jones

NO. 9286 CLASS OF 1931

Died 23 January 1942 in Agaloma Point, Bataan, Philippines, aged 36 years.

Interment: Santa Fe, New Mexico



Samuel Edward Jones

SAM WAS BORN and reared in the hills of Kentucky. His father was a prominent farmer in Henry County, so naturally, Sam became a backwoodsman at an early age. He hunted and fished the same places that one of his early heroes, Daniel Boone, did. He attended Newcastle High School and received his diploma from Anderson County High.

He was appointed to the United States Military Academy by the famous US Representative Joseph W. Norris, 7th District, Kentucky. Sam entered West Point in July 1925.

From the backwoods of Kentucky, the long, lean mountaineer quickly made a name for himself. Ironically dubbed "The Kentucky Flash," his motto was "Live and Let Live." He spent a long time at West Point, not because of any academic problems, but because of his fun loving nature; not always looked upon as jokes by the Tactical Department. Sam made friends easily and participated in a number of activities. He played polo, was in the Glee Club, was football manager, and even had to accept and wear stripes during his first class year.

Upon graduation, Sam was assigned to the 11th Infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. In 1933 he went to the newly organized V Corps Civilian Conservation Corps Headquarters at Fort Knox, Kentucky. They were demanding years, but rewarding. The popular young bachelor second lieutenant was much in demand; a judge at the State Drum and Bugle Corps competition; a fine horse-

man and polo player. A classmate who lived with him in the Bachelor Officers Quarters observed, "Sam was practical and pragmatic; imperturbable. He could always be counted upon to do the right thing."

In December of 1934, Sam, still a second lieutenant, arrived in the Philippines to take command of Company A of the 31st Infantry located in downtown Manila. Eight months later he received that big promotion to first lieutenant.

In August 1935, Irene (Reenie) Turner arrived on a freighter cruise to visit her sister Dottie who was married to a USMA 1930 graduate serving with the 31st. The day she landed, Reenie met Sam at the Organization Day party, and in December of that year, they were married. Their first daughter, Judith Leslie, was born a year later. In May of 1937, Sam, Reenie, and little Judy departed for the Infantry School at Fort Benning.

Sam completed the student officers course and was made a company commander in the 14th Infantry; a good assignment where there was not much turnover. A corporal had to have at least ten years service and they had the best polo team at Fort Benning.

When Sam became due for foreign service again, he specifically requested, and got, the Philippines. He, Reenie, and little Judy went back to the 31st Infantry in August 1940 and their second daughter, Charlotte (Scharlie), arrived two months later. It was a happy time again with Sam in his old unit and Reenie writing society news for the *Manila Sunday Tribune*.

The good times did not last for long, however, as the Japanese were moving fast in China and closing in on the Philippines. All dependents were ordered home and Reenie, Judy, and Scharlie said goodbye to Sam for the last time as they sailed for the US in May 1941. Reenie and her two little daughters spent the duration with her family in San Francisco where she did useful and necessary work such as censoring mail, etc.

I was stationed at Fort McKinley in the Philippines in 1935-36 and knew Sam and Reenie then. The Philippine division was a well trained unit, and in each of my two years we did a lengthy maneuver during which we tried to fight off a Japanese landing at Linguayan Gulf, then slowly, methodically, fought as we were pushed back over 100 miles to the tip of Bataan where the guns of Corregidor boomed in our support. At that point, the maneuver ended and we all went home.

When Pearl Harbor was struck, I was immediately ordered from West Point to a new infantry division in the US. I followed the daily news reports of the progress of the war in the Philippines,

which was identical with the practice I had participated in twice before, with one exception—they didn't call off the action when our troops were on the tip of Bataan.

When the chips were down, Sam put it right on the line. He fought hard and was killed in action.

Reenie is now married to Colonel Charles A. Clark, Jr., USMA 1932, whose wife died a few years ago. Their address in the new USAA Towers in San Antonio is One Tower Park Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Judy is now Mrs. Jack W. Sanders, Jr., 825 Burr Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Scharlie is Mrs. Richard T. Coiner III, 725 College Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

Ken Zitzman, USMA 1932, with considerable help from Reenie and from Sam's 1931 classmates Benny Krueger, Parks Houser, and Carl Kohls.

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Floyd Allan Hansen

NO. 9437 CLASS OF 1932

Died 24 May 1986 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Floyd Allan Hansen

HE WAS CHRISTENED Floyd Allan but the only name his classmates and other friends used was Oley, so that is what I shall call him here.

Oley was born 22 October 1908 in Sumas, Washington, the son of master sled-builder and logger Hans Soren Linde Hansen and Zena Lee Hansen. As a youth, he worked alongside his father in logging camps in Glacier, Blue Canyon and on Lummi Island.

He was an active Boy Scout, reaching the top rank of Eagle Scout while still a young teenager and went on to enlist in the Washington National Guard in 1926.

Oley graduated from Whatcom High School in 1927 and worked that summer on the construction of Bellingham's Mt. Baker Theater. He entered USMA in 1928.

During June Week of 1931, John H. White '23 and his pretty young sister Eloise were at a family wedding in Morristown, New Jersey, and John suggested they go up to West Point for a brief visit. There were three young ladies in their party so John asked his classmate Rex Chandler, who was stationed at West Point, to get them cadet dates for the day. Rex and Oley had been counselors at a summer camp in Maine so Rex put the bee on Oley to come up with three personable cadets, himself included. Oley got two classmates and the luck of the draw paired him off with attractive Eloise.

Oley was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation, and his first assignment was in the horse-drawn 10th Field Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington. It was there that he and pretty Eloise were married in February 1933. The "Great Depression" was still on but so was the "Old Army." Eloise and Oley started their life together with a caisson ride, a classmate riding on each of the three teams. For the rest of Oley's life, Eloise was an integral part of it.

He later was detailed in, then transferred to the Ordnance Corps and in 1939 took a military science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At MIT he developed a new process in the synthesis of munitions products. After further education at the U.S. Army Ordnance Department's Watertown and Picatinny Arsenals and at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Oley became head of the plant engineering group at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey. In that position he assisted in the design and equipping of the many large ammunition plants required for our forces in World War II.

With war imminent, Oley served successively as the Ordnance Officer of the 8th Armored Division, the XIX Corps, then as executive to the Ordnance Officer of the First Army in England. In this position he was awarded Battle Participation Stars for the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. After V-E Day, Oley moved with First Army to the Philippines where he served under General Douglas MacArthur until V-J Day.

After the war, Oley served as Ordnance advisor to the U.S. Army Mission in Venezuela, graduated from the National War College, then was director of Supply Operations under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. During the 1950's he initiated pioneering efforts in the Army's use of computers to track the

tanced himself from them, nor sought to advance his fortunes at their expense.

On graduation, Jim selected Cavalry as a branch and was ordered to Fort Bliss, Texas as his first station. While there, he earned his spurs as a bright, young officer under demanding troop commanders, engaged in a range of equestrian sports, was a leader among the 8th Cavalry bachelors, and charmed the ladies of El Paso. After three years on the Mexican border, Jim was ordered to the Philippines for duty with the 26th Cavalry (Philippine Scouts). While there, he sharpened his polo playing skills, and was a member of the regimental team which included Trap Trappnell '27, Ham Howze '30, and Ralph Haines '35. The team achieved considerable success against higher goal opponents, but is perhaps best remembered as a quartet who later wore a total of fourteen stars.

On a polo playing trip to Manila, Jim met Consuelo Zobel de Ayala y Montojo, member of a Spanish family prominent for generations in the business, social, and cultural life of the Philippines. Consuelo was a charming young lady who had gone to school in Madrid and Paris, and was conversant in five languages. After a courtship conforming to strict Spanish standards, Jim and Consuelo were married in July 1940, only a few days before Jim's scheduled return to the US. The wedding was a resplendent one with the Philippine President, Manuel Quezon; the US High Commissioner, Frances Sayre; and General and Mrs. MacArthur among the attendees. Jim and Consuelo had their honeymoon on the United States Army Transport *Grant*. After a 42-day trip across the Pacific and through the Panama Canal, they arrived in New York where Jim introduced Consuelo to his mother, visited briefly in New England, and headed for Fort Knox, Kentucky, where Jim was retreaded into a tanker and given command of a tank company in the newly constituted 1st Armored Regiment.

Jim did well as a tanker and was given command of a tank battalion after less than a year as a company commander and while still in the grade of captain. After Pearl Harbor, he received rapid promotion to major and lieutenant colonel.

Jim deployed with his battalion to Northern Ireland and entered combat at Sidi Bou Zid in Tunisia against the veteran Panzer forces of Field Marshal Rommel. Jim's tank was hit by an 88mm shell; he was severely wounded but blown free of the burning tank. Consuelo was subsequently informed by the Red Cross that he had been picked up by the Germans and was alive.

On Jim's return to the States in May 1945, he was decorated for his work behind enemy lines, given a catch-up course at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and

made a regimental commander in the Armored Training Center at Fort Knox. He returned to Europe as the US liaison officer at the British Fighting Vehicle Research, Design, and Proving Establishment at Chobham, England. In January 1948, Jim was ordered to attend the second class at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Afterward, he and Consuelo merely moved across Hampton Roads for duty with the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces. General Willis D. Crittenger plucked Jim from that job to be his senior aide on the United Nations Military Staff Committee and the Inter-American Defense Board, which he chaired. He was next selected to attend the first post-World War II course at the Army War College, his third major service college in six years. He was clearly being groomed for higher things.

Jim went from academic surroundings to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and from there to Korea to serve successively as chief of staff of the 45th Infantry Division and the Korean Military Advisory Group through two combat campaigns. On his return to the US, Jim served a tour as chief of staff of the 4th Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas, followed by an assignment in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel on the Army General Staff in Washington. In 1957 Jim was sent to Germany as assistant division commander of the 3rd Armored Division and promoted, as one of the first in his class, to brigadier general. In 1959, he moved to Headquarters, Allied Land Forces Central Europe, in Fontainebleau, France, to assume the duties of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

In July 1961, Jim returned to the US to receive his second star and be given command of II Corps at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, charged with supervising the training of Reserve components. In 1963, he became assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of the Army. He was then sent to command US Army Forces Southern Command in the Canal Zone, a most fortuitous assignment in which Jim received the Distinguished Service Medal for extraordinary achievement. He did much to restore goodwill between US and the Republic of Panama, which had been disrupted by major disturbances; he increased significantly the military posture and capabilities of US Army Forces in the Canal Zone; he reorganized and greatly expanded the Jungle Operations Center to train thousands of students for Vietnam; and he was a very effective roving ambassador in improving the US image throughout all of Latin America.

Jim returned to Washington to receive his third star and chairmanship of the Inter-American Defense Board. He re-

energized that board, eliminating "siesta time" and guiding the delegates of the twenty member nations to come to grips with the complex and sensitive issues related to the security and defense of the Western Hemisphere. After three years as chairman of the board, Jim retired, receiving his second Distinguished Service Medal. Consuelo, too, received a hearty round of applause at Jim's retirement ceremony.

Jim's retirement from the US Army certainly did not mean total retirement for him. He plunged into a range of business, civic, and philanthropic activities, which would have exhausted most of us. He was president of ALDA Properties, a land development company in New Mexico; vice-president and treasurer of CONAL Corporation, a Delaware-based firm; member of the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy; member of the Bethel Historical Society; member of the National Councils of the Boy Scouts of America and the Philippines; and Honorary Commander and active lifetime member of the 1st Armored Division Association. Jim and Consuelo maintained residences in Manila, Honolulu, Rancho de Taos, New Mexico, Bryant Pond, Woodstock, and Bethel, Maine, commuting among them to get the best climate in each.

Jim established a fund at Gould Academy, the income from which was used to assist young men and women in attending one of the service academies. After his death, the Waimanolo Polo Club in Hawaii named a polo cup after him, which Consuelo presents annually.

Jim was very active in class affairs and was to be one of the hosts at a '35 mini-reunion in Hawaii when he was stricken suddenly with a massive heart attack, having enjoyed radiant good health all his life. Others carried on, and the Class assembled in Hawaii despite the tragedy of Jim's death, paying special tribute to him and making Consuelo an honored guest. He was buried in a widely-attended funeral with full military honors in the Punchbowl in Honolulu. Consuelo was flooded with an avalanche of letters from relatives, friends, and admirers. Among them was this tribute from General Clyde Eddleman, USMA '24, former Commander in Chief, US Army Europe and Vice Chief of Staff: "Through the years I admired and respected Jim Alger as an officer and a gentleman. He was not only capable, but he represented everything West Point inculcated in us during our four years as cadets: dignity, appearance, honesty, leadership, and a host of other qualities. He was a real soldier."

We who are his classmates, heartily agree. Jim will be one of the most-missed in our Class at all future gatherings.

A classmate and devoted friend.

years with Collins Radio Company as a government sales engineer; seven years with the Navy Electronic Systems Command as communication systems engineer. It was from this command that he retired for a second time—this time for reasons of health—in June 1975. Paul's health problems persisted and gradually worsened. He died on 8 January 1987, leaving a goodly number of accomplishments behind him. All efforts to contact members of the family to assist in the preparation of this obituary have been to no avail. This we regret but, with you, we, his classmates, say, "Be Thou at Peace, Paul."

A classmate

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Richard Ellis Nelson

NO. 10893 CLASS OF 1937

Died 28 July 1944 in Normandy, aged 32 years.

Interment: St. Laurent US Military Cemetery, France



Richard Ellis Nelson

RICHARD ELLIS NELSON was born in Modesto, California on 5 May 1912, the son of Wilbur and Altha Nelson. He attended primary and high schools in Modesto, and then enlisted in the Army at the Presidio, San Francisco. He was appointed to the Military Academy from the Fifth District of California and entered West Point on 1 July 1933. At West Point, Dick participated in football and lacrosse, and earned the reputation as a fierce competitor. He exhibited a lighter side as well, for his roommate tells us that he was a great boodle hound and a hopoid extraordinary who missed very few of the hops at Cullum Hall. Upon graduation in June of 1937, he was commissioned in the Cavalry and reported to Fort Clark, Texas, in September of that year. Dick was married to Barbara Kiefer of Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1938. He

was a superb horseman, and polo was one of his favorite activities. He played on the team at Fort Clark and on the Fort Myer team after he was ordered there in 1939. Traditionally, bachelor second lieutenants were stationed at Fort Myer so that they might serve as White House aides, a position not suitable for a married man. In Dick's case, he was ordered to Fort Myer because General Patton, believing that he had the makings of an outstanding officer, wanted to follow his career closely. In 1941, it became very apparent that the importance of the horse cavalry was dwindling and that the Armored Force would replace it. As a consequence, Dick was assigned to Fort Benning with the 82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division. He went overseas with this unit in the fall of 1942, landing in North Africa at Oran. In due course, these troops were transferred to England and, shortly after D-Day, they landed in Normandy. At this time Dick was in command of a tank battalion. At St Lo on 28 July 1944, he was fatally wounded when his tank suffered a direct hit from a German artillery piece. Barbara subsequently remarried and she and her husband, Harry G. Goodheart, Jr. presently reside at 521 Whitewater Way, Naples, Florida, 33962.

His wife

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Walter Gibson Gleye

NO. 10945 CLASS OF 1937

Died 21 August 1957 in Grand Haven, Michigan, aged 43 years.

Interment: Grand Rapids, Michigan



Walter Gibson Gleye

WALTER GIBSON GLEYE was born 6 August 1914, to Mr and Mrs Walter B Gleye of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He graduated from Ottawa Hills High

School in 1932 and was appointed to West Point by the Honorable Carl E. Mapes, Representative of the 5th Congressional District of Michigan. He entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1933, with the Class of 1937. As a cadet, and I paraphrase what the 1937 *Howitzer* said of him—"During these four years (1933-37) Gib spent a lot of time eluding the snares and pitfalls of the Academic Department, but he found enough free time to indulge the great love of his life—photography. He was a pioneer member of the Camera Club and an accomplished photographer. His camera artistry found its way into the *Pointer*, the 100th Night Show programs, the 1937 *Howitzer*, etcetera." Upon graduation, Gib was commissioned in the Cavalry and assigned to Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Then followed short tours of duty at Fort Riley, Camp Polk and Fort Knox. It was during this time that Gib was married to Uldene Pugh—a union that produced four children. He was finally assigned to the Third Army staff in the European Theater of Operations but, shortly after reporting for duty, he came down with a debilitating kidney ailment which led to his retirement for physical disability in December of 1945. He returned to the States and found himself spending quite a bit of time in and out of hospitals for treatment. He found a job with an engineering mine safety company in Cleveland, Ohio. Not satisfied, he left this job for one with the Goodyear Tire Company. He was plagued with poor health throughout this time period and his condition worsened from day to day. Gib died on the 21st of August 1957, at Grand Haven, Michigan. His wife, Deane, died in San Antonio, Texas in February of 1983. Gib's sister, Eleanor Pierson, is living at 6474 Lake Shore Drive, San Diego, California 92119. The four children can best be reached through his sister, Eleanor.

A classmate

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Hueston Richard Wynkoop

NO. 10962 CLASS OF 1937

Died 15 December 1944 in Subic Bay, Philippines, aged 31 years.

HUESTON RICHARD WYNKOOP was born 16 September 1913, in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Mr. and Mrs. John Barnard Wynkoop. He completed his elementary schooling in 1927 and entered Bridgeport's Central High School the same year. He graduated from Central in 1931, and soon thereafter enlisted in the Connecticut National Guard with a view to winning an appointment to West Point. With Guard approval, he was able to attend Millard Preparatory School in Washington, DC prior to taking the West Point entrance examinations. He fin-

his return to the United States. After a long hospitalization, he was returned to duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where his last assignment was as Chief of Supply, DSCLOG, Headquarters, Fourth Army.

He earned numerous campaign medals and was awarded the Bronze Star and Legion of Merit. He retired in September 1968.

He and Evelyn had three children, Shirley Marie, born at Fort Lee, Virginia; Don E. and David F. Hartman, twin sons, born in Kyoto, Japan. He proved a loving father to Evelyn's daughter by a previous marriage, Gerry Sue. He is also survived by one grandson.

Perhaps, just perhaps, the world will never again see the devotion and complete willingness to serve one's country at all cost as the men of his generation evidenced and to whom so much will ever be owed. He died within 30 seconds of a major heart attack, forever true to love of his country above all else, and forever instilled with precepts of Duty, Honor, Country given him in the days of his youth, when the world seemed easily conquered, totally without vicissitudes, and the time of youth was so wonderful and without shadow.

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James Deimel Green

NO. 11786 CLASS OF 1939

Died 28 April 1988 in Leesburg, Virginia, aged 71 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



James Deimel Green

ON 28 APRIL 1988, James Deimel Green passed away in his sleep at his home near Leesburg, Virginia. Jim had lost a long battle against congestive heart failure; and typical of him, Jim had spent the previous evening at American Legion

Post No. 34 in Leesburg. He was a former post commander.

Jim was born 2 November 1916 in Portland, Oregon, the son of William Lynne and Mary Deimel Green. He was graduated from John Marshall High School, Hollywood, California in 1934 and attended Los Angeles Junior College for a year prior to entering West Point on 1 July 1935 from the Fifteenth Congressional District of California.

His four years at West Point can be summarized by an extract from his biography in the 1939 *Howitzer*: "Cheerfulness, generosity, and an ability to take the rigor of cadet life in his stride has made countless friends for Jimmy."

Jim started in the Air Corps upon graduation, being in flying school from September 1939 to January 1940, but the instructors decided that his talents were best utilized elsewhere. He then reported to the 11th Cavalry where he served until July 1942 when he became a company commander in the 417th Infantry at Fort Benning. His Cavalry service gave Jim a love of horses and equestrian sports which were pronounced for the rest of his life. When he died, Jim was survived by Surplicio, his last horse, who had reached the advanced age for a horse of 31.

In July 1963, when he was transferred from Panama to Columbia, South Carolina, Jim flew back with Surplicio in an old C47, on a private airline. The pilot had Jim ride in the compartment with instructions to "Shoot the horse if he acts up and unbalances the plane." Luckily, Surplicio enjoyed the flight.

Jim's World War II services were primarily with the 417th Infantry Regiment, 76th Division in which he was a battalion executive officer and battalion commander. From January to July 1946, he commanded the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division in Germany. He remained with the 18th as S2 and S3 until December 1947.

During his tour with the Headquarters 18th Infantry in Frankfurt Jim acquired his favorite animal, a German Hovavarte dog named Fritz. Unfortunately Fritz had to be quarantined for a month before being able to leave New Jersey. One of the favorite pictures of Jim's friends shows him picking Fritz up in New Jersey, outside Camp Kilmer on 8 March 1948. This photo was run in the *New York Times* since Jim was then stationed at Headquarters First Army, Fort Jay.

Jim's later career included tours in Austria in Intelligence where he got involved in such things as the follow-up of Operation Cicero and the recovery of some of the counterfeit money. He then became Deputy G2, Hq Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas in 1953. Texas was the beginning of what became another favorite pastime—fishing.

Jim's favorite fishing hole was just

west of the bridge over the river at Marble Falls. To reach it, you had to climb down an 80 foot bank (cliff was a better term). He always needed a partner, for while one took the fishing gear, cooler, etc. down, the other person had to lug Fritz down—and up later. But it was good fun and the source of many stories.

Jim left Marian and his daughter, Linda, in San Antonio, Texas in March 1956 for duty with the 19th Infantry Regiment in Korea. There he served as battalion commander and acting regimental commander until July. Then he remained in Korea as Deputy G2 of Eighth Army until April 1957.

Jim rounded out his military career with assignments to the office of the Chief of Reserve Components (1957–60); G2 US Army Caribbean (1960–63); and Reserve Components Advisor, duty in Columbia, South Carolina until May 1964.

In April 1964 he was requested by the Chief of Staff, Combat Developments Command (CDC), for a special assignment. By 1964 Jim had become one of the most effective intelligence officers in the Armed Forces and his services were seriously needed on the Advanced Tactics Project being conducted by CDC. After significant service in this task, Jim retired from the Army in July 1966.

Throughout the years Jim was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, two Commendation Medals, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and numerous Certificates of Achievement. He attended the Cavalry School (twice); the Infantry School (4 times including the advanced course, 1949–50), and Command and General Staff College. He also attended Strategic Intelligence School and other specialized schools.

July 1966 was not a "retirement" but a change of careers. Jim then served from 1966–82 in the Herndon Virginia Intermediate Schools as a mathematics instructor. During these years, Jim, Marian (daughter of Brigadier General Thomas Emory Merrill, USMA 1898), and their daughter Linda lived in an historic house in Herndon. This house was on an estate with stables, riding rings, etc. which enabled Jim to maintain and exercise his horses. Also it afforded Linda, who became a well-known competitor on the horse show circuit, to have ample opportunity to train.

The basement of the main house had been used by the renowned Confederate partisan, John S. Mosby, to hide his horses on several occasions when raiding behind enemy lines.

One of Jim's friends brought him a carved sign "The Mosby Room" and the basement became a museum to house the artifacts collected by Jim over the years. His collection of German regimental beer steins is one of the best in

the states. Luckily Jim was able to find a basement area when he moved to Leesburg and had another Mosby Room.

Jim's primary activities subsequent to retirement from teaching school in 1982 included support of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and The American Legion. Marian and Linda will continue to live in the Leesburg home.

In closing, the kind of man Jimmy was can be illustrated by his relationship with his godson. In October 1955 Jim became godfather to the offspring of a good friend. Until he died, Jim never missed remembering a birthday, a Christmas, or a special event pertaining to his godson. His concern for and relationship with his godson could be used as a model for all godfathers who take such relationships seriously.

All of us who knew him feel a great sense of personal loss and realize that the world has lost one of its kindest and most thoughtful people.

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Paul Francis O'Neil

NO. 11805 CLASS OF 1940

Died 1 March 1988 in St Petersburg, Florida, aged 70 years.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery, St Petersburg, Florida



Paul Francis O'Neil

PAUL O'NEIL'S COMMITMENT to God, country and getting a job done with honor and excellence made him a leader of men, a true officer and gentleman, and one hell of an engineer.

Born in New York City, the second son of Cosmo D. O'Neil and Marie DeHierapolis, Paul first distinguished himself as a Regis High School honors graduate. He spent one year in the ROTC at Fordham University and entered the United States Military Academy in 1936. While at West Point, Paul co-captained the

swim team and the track teams. He graduated 19th in his class with a degree in engineering in 1940.

His Army career began in Fort DuPont, Delaware as a second lieutenant assigned to the 1st Engineer Battalion. In 1941 Paul married the former Mary C. Walsh of Brooklyn, New York. Shortly thereafter, Paul was assigned to the European Theater of Operations as commanding officer of the 284th Combat Engineer Battalion. This unit operated with the 6th and 7th Armored Divisions in the famous Battle of the Bulge, the Central European Campaign and the Rhineland Campaign. Paul and his men were responsible for getting the armored division across the Luddendorf Bridge in Roer, Germany, enabling it to get into Remagen 20 minutes before the German Army. Paul's insight and understanding of military tactics, coupled with his leadership qualities, led to field promotions up to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

In 1944 he returned to West Point as an instructor in Military History. One year later, he was assigned to Mobile, Alabama to serve as assistant district engineer. Paul earned his master of science degree in civil engineering from Harvard School of Engineering in 1947 and was on his way to Stephenville, Newfoundland as engineer in charge of building E. Harmon Air Force Base. This was a 47 million dollar undertaking and Paul was responsible for the project being completed ahead of schedule and under budget. His next assignment was to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Camp Kilmer was the Prisoner Rehabilitation Center, and Paul's job as post engineer called for him to rebuild the post. In 1954 Camp Kilmer was closed and everything moved to Fort Dix, and Paul received orders to the 7th Division, 13th Combat Engineer Battalion, Korea. While in Korea Paul served as division engineer, 7th Infantry Division, then later as G-4 on the General Staff of the 7th Division. He was appointed chief of staff of the 7th Division in February 1955, an assignment he held until August 1955. His engineers designed and built Camp Casey and Schnover Bowl Stadium. Paul's diligence and ability to solve highly complex problems and engineering difficulties posed by weather and terrain earned him the admiration of those who worked with him. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments in Korea.

Orders arrived for a stateside assignment to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Shortly after assuming his duties, Paul was promoted to full colonel, making him one of the youngest "full bird" colonels in the Army at the age of 37. Paul served at Pratt for three years. His moral concepts, knowledge, and demands for excellence endeared him to

his students. While at his next assignment in Fort Monroe, Virginia he received a petition from his former students asking for the honor of his presence at their graduation. This petition was unanimous and Paul kept it with his important papers, as he considered it a very high tribute.

The assignment at Fort Monroe was that of post engineer. He built the seawall to protect the fort from hurricane damage, he built roads and the post school, and maintained the quality of life for all who lived there. His judgment and leadership brought letters of appreciation from the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff, United States Army, and his commanding general. Paul also worked with numerous civilian agencies and supported the Dad's Club, Pee Wee Football, and Little League. Three years passed and orders arrived for Taipei, Taiwan with the Military Advisory Group. During his years in Taiwan he served as engineer advisor, Military Assistance Advisory Group. His sense of honor and his respect for the Chinese people strengthened the bonds of friendship between the Americans and the Chinese.

On the move again, this time to the United States Support Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Paul served as the commanding officer of the Support Center from 1965 until 1967. He was awarded his second Legion of Merit upon his retirement in 1967.

After 27 years of dedicated service, Paul retired to St. Petersburg, Florida. Three months of retirement was all it took to convince Paul that he still had cities to build. He became city engineer and chief of construction for the city of St. Petersburg until 1982; then he did retire to enjoy Florida life. He died 1 March 1988.

His awards and decorations include American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal Germany, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, four Overseas Bars, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Paul F. O'Neil, a man proud as the eagles he wore on his shoulders, of being a soldier, a gentleman, a man of God, a father and grandfather, and one damn good engineer. We cannot put a man's soul on paper; God holds it in the palm of his hand until we meet again; however, man does go on in those who love and remember him. Paul O'Neil, you are well loved and remembered. Survivors include Mary C. O'Neil, wife; Cosmo G. O'Neil and Leo C. O'Neil, brothers; children Edward and Penny Meskunas, Paul and Fran O'Neil, Bill and Kathy



James William Strain

Following graduation and a short course at Fort Benning, he joined the 4th Motorized Division in time for the Carolina maneuvers, from which he returned just a few days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Shortly thereafter he went with a cadre to the newly activated 92nd Division where he remained until his high academic class standing triggered a transfer to West Point in June 1943.

There he was assigned to the Mathematics Department, a field that he thoroughly enjoyed; however his heart was with the Infantry and the call to combat. After repeated requests to his department head, Jim was released for overseas assignment to the 41st Division in the Philippines in 1945.

Occupation duty in Japan followed a few months later. There Jim met, courted, and married Anita Ray Walker, daughter of an Army colonel—his lovely Terry, with whom he was to live happily and excitedly for the rest of his days.

They returned home in June 1948, to Fort Benning for the advanced course and subsequent assignment for three years to the TIS faculty. Then on to Command and General Staff College and fifteen months in Korea.

His unaccompanied tour in Korea was followed by twenty very accompanied months in Hawaii, during which Terry delivered their fourth child. Then a stint at the Armed Forces Staff College preceded a three-year assignment in Army Intelligence at the Pentagon. His commanding expertise in this field led to appointment as *attache* in Holland, a transfer from Infantry to Intelligence, and a final tour on his return from Holland to DI in the Pentagon.

Service as a math professor at West Point was the primary factor in Jim's decision on retirement in 1967 to teach college mathematics. Joining a two-year program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation at North Carolina

State, he was awarded a master's degree in mathematics. For the next eleven years he taught the unwilling, the unwanted at Midwestern State University at Wichita Falls, Texas. This reference to unwilling, which is Jim's own, is used here intentionally. It describes his worry and concern, and is a commentary on that generation's lack of intellectual vigor, and of any desire to tackle scientific and intellectual challenges. Matriculation for many seemed to be of marking time, a soulless and disinterested matter of class attendance with minimum effort and only desultory contributive energy surfacing in class or during courses.

On the other hand, Jim flourished on the domestic scene. The youngest of their six children graduated from college, enabling them to enjoy a freer and more expansive life of travel and reveling with classmates and old friends. Several thoughts should be added here in gaining a perspective on Jim's character and accomplishments. Terry, his mate, was the essence of Jim's existence. Together they were incandescent. With Terry's constant concern for his well-being, Jim never lost his zest for sports and competition; and he excelled early on and late on. Witness his winning the squash championship at North Carolina State two years in a row at 49, then 50 years. After that he concentrated on tennis and racquetball, competing at any level. (His youngest son finally managed to beat him in racquetball in 1987.) Thereafter, Jim rested on his laurels.

After their second retirement, Jim and Terry traveled worldwide, anywhere and everywhere. Life was an exciting holiday and their enthusiasm and exuberance was palpable to their companions; they were a marvelous couple to be with, to travel with, to commune with, anywhere and at anytime.

Their finest accomplishment lies in the marvelous family they reared. Six children and seven grandchildren, abound; all of them exceptional looking like Terry and smart like Jim. They include Nancy, a nurse; Pat, married to an engineer; Jim, a physical therapist who married Joyce Kilmer's granddaughter; Kelly, teacher of the handicapped; Kate, busy mother of three whose husband is in the trucking business; and Bill, a financial analyst whose wife is a speech therapist.

Three days after returning from a cruise with Terry, this son of West Point was hospitalized with staphylococcal pneumonia; he died five days later. This fact is hard to accept inasmuch as Jim always appeared invincible, almost indestructible, in his seeming youth and vigor. Thankfully, he leaves behind his immortality; the undying aftermath of a marvelous mind, and his children and grandchildren.



Radcliffe Spencer Simpson

NO. 12939 CLASS OF 1942

Died 8 June 1944 in Normandy, aged 26 years.

Interment: Mission Burial Park, San Antonio, Texas



Radcliffe Spencer Simpson

RAD WAS AMONG the first of the Class of 1942 who gave up their lives in World War II, earning both the pride and grief of his classmates. Although 45 years have passed since his loss, he is still enshrined in their memories and respect.

Rad was born in San Antonio, Texas, on 3 February 1918, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard E. Simpson, Sr. He developed an early interest in things military which led him to enter Texas Military Institute in 1932 from which he graduated in 1936 with the rank of cadet captain. This experience only served to wet his appetite for a military life so he entered Texas A & M in the fall of 1936 where he studied for one year. Wanting to get even closer to a military career he sought an appointment to West Point.

In the fall of 1937 he was successful in gaining an appointment to the Academy from Representative Maverick of the 20th Texas Congressional District and entered West Point in July 1938 with the Class of 1942. He was assigned to "H" Company after Beast Barracks where he performed the duties of a fourth classman with conspicuous zeal.

In the general reapportionment of fourth classmen among the companies of the Corps after plebe year, he, like a number of his classmates, was assigned to a different company, in his case company "G," where he spent his remaining three years at the Academy. Although he had several roommates during his cadet years, the one he lived with the longest was August Dorsey Parker, Jr., a fellow

Texan from Houston, who had also been transferred to "G" company from "H" company. During his cadet years he was always eager to play tennis, golf or handball, interests which he shared with his roommate. First class year he went out for varsity fencing.

Classmates considered that Rad "knew his mind, was quick to render a decision and firm in its execution." He did not have any major difficulties with academics, ranking 276 in his graduating class of 374, high enough to gain him an assignment to the Artillery. Like others in the Class of 1942 he had an all too brief graduation leave, which he spent for the most part in San Antonio. He reported to Fort Sill in June of 1942 for the Basic Artillery Officers Course where he learned the duties of a battery officer. As with his Army classmates he was assigned to a newly organized division, the 82nd which was being organized and trained as an airborne division.

On reporting to the division, he was assigned to Battery "C" of the 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. With this unit he participated in the basic, unit and advanced training required of divisions before deployment. After undergoing division scale maneuvers and exercises, he was shipped with his unit to Tunisia, North Africa. There he found the division was being readied for an air assault on Sicily.

His battalion was scheduled to take part in the landing and was given an assigned landing zone. Although the battalion was loaded and fully ready to go, in the end it was not committed. He thought that this was fortunate as they later found out that the designated landing site was ringed with pill boxes. They remained in Tunisia, continuing training exercises until ordered into the Salerno beachhead in Italy. There his battery set up at night in a vineyard, receiving substantial fire in the process. During this operation he acted as battalion liaison officer at the ranger battalion headquarters, using a requisitioned Italian Fiat for transportation.

He continued to serve in Italy with his unit until it was withdrawn and shipped to Northern Ireland to get ready for the cross channel attack. He found Northern Ireland an interesting change from Italy and was soon immersed in the problem of correcting observed battle deficiencies and in readying his unit for the air assault on Normandy.

On D Day Rad flew off in a glider with the rest of his battalion to establish a beachhead on the coast of Normandy. He was wounded shortly after landing near St. Mere Eglise and died in Normandy on 8 June. Coincidentally, his ex-roommate, Dorsey Parker, serving with the 90th Infantry Division was killed the very next day.

Rad exemplified the decisiveness and force of a true leader, and had dedicated his life to a career of service. Although his life was cut short before he had an opportunity to demonstrate his full capabilities, he gave fully of himself in exemplifying "Duty, Honor, Country."

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Ralph Joseph Renzulli

NO. 13599 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 5 April 1945 on the battlefield near
Siegen, Germany, aged 25 years.

Interment: Saint Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut



Ralph Joseph Renzulli

RALPH DEMONSTRATED HOW HE FELT about his oath taken on commissioning "to . . . protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. . . ." when he volunteered for the Infantry from his Anti Aircraft Artillery assignment and asked for further assignment overseas. It was while holding his battleground position that an artillery barrage ended his life in his 25th year.

His father, Joseph G., and mother, Rose Renzulli, established residence in Southport, Connecticut, where Ralph was born on 24 October 1919. He grew up in Southport and graduated from Pequot and then Roger Ludlowe High School in Fairfield, Connecticut in 1938. Ralph's desire for more education led him to the Connecticut Junior College in Bridgeport, from which he graduated in 1940. He made honors there, as he did in high school. As a result of his fine record in school, he was appointed to the Military Academy by then Senator Frances T. Maloney of Connecticut.

The Renzullis were a close knit family and Ralph was a role model for his younger brother, Sam. The truth is, the parents and brothers shared a great deal of mutual respect.

Ralph, as a cadet at West Point, took everything in stride. His earlier schooling gave him a leg up on English, language, and some of the mathematics courses. Though he spent serious time in studying, he always had time to enjoy conversation with his classmates, his newfound friends. Though most of his classmates remember Ralph as a rather quiet and serious person, he really did break into wide grins when the conversations were peppered with humor. He also loved the intramural times when he could relax and enjoy the sport for the day, whatever it was. He gladly spent time in tutoring some of his company classmates in French and math.

After graduation and leave he joined a number of June '43ers at the Anti Aircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, North Carolina. Here he, as was his style, kept a low profile while seriously applying himself to all the school had to offer. From the AA Artillery School, the now Anti Aircraft staff officers were assigned to temporary duty at the AA Staff Course at Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida, en route to their permanent duty station. No information was uncovered on Ralph's permanent duty station in the AA Artillery. However, it was about this time that he agreed to be godfather to the son of his roommate (who was in contention for the Class godson). Because of the wartime assignments, a proxy filled in for Ralph at the actual baptism.

Wherever Ralph's duty station was, he stuck it out for awhile and then decided the AA Artillery simply was not doing enough for the war effort as long as one remained in the United States. He therefore asked for and was assigned to the Infantry. After finishing the Infantry Training Course at Fort Benning, he was assigned to a training regiment at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Since his reason for asking for the Infantry was to get into a division, Ralph then volunteered for overseas combat duty. He arrived in the European Theater of Operations on 20 October 1944.

In his letter of 20 February 1945 to his former West Point "wife" he said he was part of Company "B," 28th Regiment of the 8th Infantry Division. He said his position was a couple of hundred yards from the enemy and that his electricity there was provided by the "Gerrie's" generators. Since Ralph could only identify his location as somewhere in Germany, it is not known whether this was near Siegen, Germany where he was killed a little over six weeks from the date of his letter.

Though we had but three short years to know Ralph because of the war, he is remembered now as if the 45 years were only a short bookmark in time. He is remembered for his strong conviction about why we were fighting in Europe in

World War II, for his unshakable Catholic faith, his love of sports, and yes, his quiet, but confident approach to all tasks that he undertook. His cheerful countenance came through to those who knew him well. He was a true soldier and a gentleman, never speaking ill of another and always interested in the fortunes or misfortunes of his many friends. That his love of life itself and what he could have contributed to the Army were cut off so early in his career is a tragedy. We who were privileged to know Ralph will always have a place in our hearts for one of the finest examples of God's human beings. Ralph, we will never forget you.

A classmate

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James Douglas Langstaff, Jr.

NO. 13910 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 17 November 1987 in Ocala, Florida, aged 67 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



James Douglas Langstaff, Jr.

JAMES D. (PETE) LANGSTAFF was born on 2 June 1920 in Paducah, Kentucky. He was the eldest of four sons and a daughter born to James D. and Adine Corbett Langstaff. Pete graduated from Tilghman High School in 1938 and attended Paducah Junior College for a year before enlisting at Fort Benjamin Harrison. There, he gained entrance to the West Point Preparatory School and secured an appointment to the Academy from Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky.

Admission to West Point was a dream come true for Pete. He considered it a joy and a privilege to be one of the Corps. Although academics were a struggle, Pete's enthusiasm never flagged. He served on the Hop Committee, in the 100th Night Show, and as athletic representative. He taught Sunday School,

and his love of the outdoors showed in his participation in the Fishing and Ski Clubs.

After graduation, Pete was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps. From Anti Aircraft Artillery School, he went to the 567th Anti Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. With the 567th, he disembarked at Le Havre in September 1944 and joined the campaign across France, through the Ardennes, and into the Rhineland. In July 1945, Pete got a long-sought assignment in the 101st Airborne Division.

Pete returned to the US in January 1946 and married Daphne E. France in La Jolla, California, in February. A paratrooper to the core, he wore his jump boots to the wedding. He introduced his bride to Army life at Fort Bragg while he served in the 82nd Airborne Division. Army life was considerably more appealing at Fort Ruger, Hawaii, where Pete and Daphne went in May 1947.

After a brief tour in Alaska, Pete moved to Fort Bliss in September 1948 with a newborn daughter, Lucinda. Subsequent assignments to guided missile and nuclear weapons units, mostly at Fort Bliss, were interrupted by the Artillery Advanced Course at Fort Sill shortly after the birth of son George in 1953, and by the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in 1957.

1959-1962 were fun years. Assigned to the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Pete could indulge in skiing and horseback riding with friends, classmates, and family. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his role in "the establishment and maintenance of an efficient and ever expanding NORAD Space Detection and Tracking System."

Following a tour in Korea, Pete was transferred to the Defense Intelligence Agency in Arlington in January 1964. Never a fan of the bureaucracy, Pete suggested that his office be eliminated when he discovered he was duplicating work being done elsewhere. Though his work at the DIA earned him the Joint Services Commendation Medal, it was too secret to tell us about it.

In 1966, Pete asked for an assignment in Vietnam and got one in September. Initially the assistant inspector general for the US Army-Vietnam, Pete was promoted to colonel and made advisor to the Vietnamese Inspector General after his first tour. Never content with a half truth, never willing to compromise with vice and injustice, and always sympathetic to those who sorrow and suffer, Pete won the admiration of the Vietnamese and was awarded Vietnam's Armed Forces Honor Medal and Army Distinguished Service Order. He also received the Legion of Merit for his pioneering efforts in improving the inspection systems for

both US and Vietnamese forces. The medals, he never mentioned, but he did display the stuffed leopard his Vietnamese counterparts had presented to him.

From 1968-71, Pete inspected and investigated for the Inspector General, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, in Heidelberg, Germany. He was again commended for his "impartial attitude," "exceptional professionalism," and for his "practical, realistic approach to personal problems, complaints and requests for assistance." While in Heidelberg, he received a master's degree in education through Boston University.

For his last assignment, Pete went back to NORAD in Colorado Springs. On retirement in June 1973, Pete was awarded an oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit.

Pete had been divorced from Daphne in 1969 and married Susan Keeler in Washington, DC in June 1972. However, the marriage didn't work out, so when retirement came, Pete embarked on a project he had long dreamed of—hiking the Appalachian Trail, all 2000 miles of it. He started at Mt. Katahdin, Maine, with a hundred-pound pack and made it into Pennsylvania before the weather got too nasty. After the divorce that winter, he moved to Florida and finished hiking the Appalachian Trail the following year.

In 1976, Pete joined Margo Atwood, whom he later married, for a non-stop, eight-month-long, coast-to-coast horseback ride from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to Tillamook, Oregon. The ride was a logistical nightmare, but he and Margo not only managed to reach their goal, but also to make friends along the way. Pete was later one of the first to hike from the Continental Divide in Montana to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington along the proposed route of the Pacific Northwest Trail.

In Florida, Pete formed new ties of friendship and found new opportunities of service. To Pete, natural beauty was one of the sacred things of life and he sought to share it, reverently. He joined the Florida Trail Association and was appointed to the Florida National Scenic Trail Advisory Council. He and Margo co-founded the Marion County Horsemen's Association, and Pete also became involved in community affairs and the Retired Officers Association. And, of course, Pete served his church. He helped establish St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Silver Springs Shores and, still, taught Sunday School.

One thread that ran through all of Pete's life was faith, faith in the Great Friend and Master of men. As his faith grew, so did Pete. The bud of faith swelled up in Vietnam and in Germany as Pete tackled problems of people rather than of tactics. It burst into full bloom on the Appalachian Trail as Pete

University of Wisconsin where he played both football and basketball. To his classmates in F-2 Company, Lloyd was a joke-teller and a man who took plebe troubles as if life were always that way. He was a born optimist, who spread confidence among us; he was a bit more mature, somewhat wiser, more tolerant than most of us. Through our cadet years we relied on his innate sense of responsibility, and we elected him to the General Committee and were pleased when the authorities made him a lieutenant.

Lloyd brought a rich tradition with him from Pulaski, Wisconsin, where he was born on 22 April 1923 to Stephen and Emma Kurowski. Through the Pulaski Public Schools, he developed into an outstanding athlete and assumed positions of leadership, becoming president of the student council in his senior year. The Catholic Church became, and remained, an important factor in his cadet life and later. He developed the habit of studying hard, and graduated from the West Point 3-year course with a class standing of 237 of 875.

On a blind date in yearling year Lloyd met Betty Harris of Lenoir, North Carolina, who was studying voice at the Juilliard School of Music in New York. They were married after graduation and we knew it was a special marriage. Son Stephen was born in 1947, daughter Jan in 1948, and Peter in 1953.

Commissioned in Artillery branch, Lloyd went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and from there to Degerndorf and Erlangen, Germany, where his reputation as a leader was widespread. He carried the West Point heritage of Duty, Honor, and Country into his daily work; he had the confidence and firmness that made soldiers admire him, and the compassion and tolerance that befriended them.

The first indication that Lloyd's career would not have the brilliance for which it seemed destined came in 1950 when a recurring ailment was diagnosed as Hodgkin's disease. Nine months later Lloyd and Betty retired to Pulaski where they built a home and Lloyd started to work for the Hudson Sharp Machine Company and for Dun and Bradstreet.

If a man is measured by his response to an awesome fate, Lloyd walked with giants. The optimism and strength of character of his cadet years never showed brighter. His sense of public responsibility plunged him immediately into civic and youth affairs, and he served on the Pulaski Village Board for two years. He pursued his job energetically and attended closely to the financial future of his family. He generated a spiritual power for the people of his community. Although there were occasional relapses, he generally enjoyed buoyant health. Finally, on 28 March 1958, he became suddenly ill and died three months later. His magnificent spir-

it had given him four more years over that allotted him—years in which to teach and inspire his children.

Lloyd Kurowski's children need no heroes in their lives. They had one in their father. Ordinary heroes have fame to bolster them; Lloyd Kurowski's courage and compassion, born in a home, a church, and at West Point, flowed, unaided from a great well within him. It still pours forth for those of us he left behind, those who share a great pride in him.

Roger H. Nye, '46

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Thomas Leigh Gatch, Jr.

NO. 15885 CLASS OF 1946

Lost in a balloon over the Atlantic, last sighted 21 February 1974 about 1000 miles west of the Canary Islands, aged 48 years.



Thomas Leigh Gatch, Jr.

TOM CAME TO WEST POINT from a long and illustrious military family tradition. His grandfather, Robert B. Dashiell, graduated from the Naval Academy in the 1880's. His uncle, General Julian S. Hatcher, was also an Annapolis graduate, but transferred into the Army in 1909. Tom's father, Vice Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, gained fame in World War II as the skipper of the battleship *South Dakota*, also known as "Battleship X" in the decisive Battle of the Coral Sea. Tom was born in Annapolis, Maryland, 13 September 1925. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, D.C.

One of Tom's roommates recalls that his plebe year was reminiscent of the adventures of Ducrot Pepys—full of high jinks superimposed by Tom's irrepressible good humor. One of his favorites was Tom standing atop his desk with a pillow stuffed in his B-robe, expounding on a variety of subjects a la "Senator

Claghorn," the Al Capp character from the *Lil Abner* comic strip. Tom demonstrated that he was a very smart guy as a cadet, but his love of life was too great to take himself or his intelligence too seriously.

Going into the Field Artillery, Tom served with the 7th Division Artillery in Japan following the basic course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He returned to Fort Sill for the advanced course and then served in the Korean War with the 58th Artillery Battalion of the 3rd Division. This was followed by assignments with the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and the 8th Division in Germany. In this latter assignment, he was detailed as an advisor to the German Army, and later served as a liaison officer to the British Army of the Rhine. In 1961, Tom left active duty to try his hand at other things, but he stayed active in the Army Reserve. He later served several tours on active duty and graduated from Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1964. He received the Legion of Merit for his work in the Reserves, particularly for his efforts with the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency. At the time of his disappearance, Tom held the rank of colonel in the US Army Reserve.

Tom received a master of fine arts from Catholic University in 1963, majoring in drama and English literature. This, in reality, was a continuation of Tom's interests as he had written a novel while on active duty. This book entitled *King Julian* had as its premise that George Washington had agreed to become America's king instead of president. He later wrote several plays, including musicals. One of his plays was produced in the Ford Theater in Washington.

In 1970, Tom took his first hot air balloon ride, an event that had far more significance than he could ever have believed at that time. One of Tom's sisters described him as enthusiastic, original, creative, and imaginative. All of these descriptive terms came into play as Tom continued to delve into the realm of lighter than air flight. Ironically, Tom's father, as a young naval officer, had been the chief investigating officer for the *Macon* dirigible disaster. Tom became a student and advocate of the use of the wind as a natural resource that must be utilized if our planet is to survive. He had always been fascinated with the forces of nature, and he began to contemplate the feasibility of pollution-free transportation using the wind as an energy source. He believed that man had to free himself from dependence on fossil fuels which were ruining this planet. To him, the harnessing of the energies of nature is the salvation of the earth; wind, water, and sun are there to be used wisely. When they are working with us, and we with them, our world will once

wrote his former roommate that he had reached the Venerable Bede.

After graduation, Louis attended the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From there, he commanded a battery in the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His next assignment took him to Japan with the 24th Division. After serving as a battery commander, he was a military government officer in the prefecture of Honshu. The Korean War found Louis an intelligence officer on the staff of the Chief, Counter Intelligence Corps, Far East Command.

Louis left active duty in 1955, but he stayed in the Army Reserve. Again, his father's influence came into play as Louis decided to become a lawyer. He received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Notre Dame University in 1962, the same year he married Helen E. Pauszek of South Bend, Indiana. Louis and Helen moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Louis went into practice. In 1964 he retired from the Army Reserve as a major. In 1969 Louis retired from his practice and moved to Hollywood, Florida. Retirement gave Louis the opportunity to continue the pursuit of his favorite avocation, reading. He never reported to his former roommate whether or not he got through *all* English literature, but I suspect that he did. In addition to his reading, Louis enjoyed watching all sports; and he and Helen were able to get in some traveling that they had postponed for years.

On 13 January 1986 Louis died in the Hollywood, Florida Medical Center. His wife remembers Louis as a generous, kind, honest, and loyal man. His classmates remember him as intelligent, having a great sense of humor, and as a good friend. He lived the West Point motto; he was proud to have been a West Point graduate. Louis, as you join "The Long Gray Line," we are proud of you.

*'46 Memorial Project and his wife
Helen*

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George Baylor Eichelberger, Jr.

NO. 17483 CLASS OF 1950

Died 15 January 1952 in Korea, aged 25 years.

GEORGE BAYLOR EICHELBERGER, JR. was born in Norfolk, Virginia on 23 December 1926, the first child of George and Mary Eichelberger. He grew up in a loving home which had a close affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. He attended public schools and always stood high in his class. At Granby High School Baylor played end on a championship football team.

He enlisted in the Army after high school graduation and served until his appointment to West Point. The United



George Baylor Eichelberger, Jr.

States Military Academy had been his goal for many years.

Upon entering West Point Baylor focused his efforts on becoming a good cadet in all aspects. He did well in academics and participated on the gymnastics team and lettered on the soccer team. Even though he regularly attended church and was a Christian, he found a closer relationship with his God. Baylor served as a Sunday School teacher for the post children all four years as a cadet, and additionally, served as superintendent of that Sunday School his senior year.

Always cheerful, always friendly, Baylor could be counted on to enliven any group. He loved to attack any challenge—whether it be academic, dialectic, athletic, or religious. He was a fine example of a good cadet.

Upon graduation, he approached pilot training as another challenge and finished near the top of his class. A short training period was followed by his assignment to the 67th Fighter Bomber Squadron in Korea. He became a popular and inspirational member of that unit.

On 15 January 1952, his flight was assigned a mission of eliminating a North Korean oil dump. Baylor's plane, number three in a flight of four, was observed to have crashed into one of the oil storage tanks. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart posthumously.

His commanding officer commented in a letter to Baylor's parents that if ever a young man was prepared to meet his maker, that young man was Baylor. George Baylor Eichelberger, Junior, lived his religion, and he knew that he would have life everlasting.

Although time has dimmed the hurt, it cannot dim the loss.

CRC, his roommate

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C. Edward Bell, Jr.

NO. 17950 CLASS OF 1950

Died 12 January 1988 in Norwalk, Connecticut, aged 59 years.

Interment: Lakeview Cemetery, New Canaan, Connecticut



C. Edward Bell, Jr.

C. EDWARD BELL, JR. of New Canaan, a West Point graduate who founded his own investment firm, died 12 January 1988 in Norwalk Hospital. He was 59.

Mr. Bell was born 10 June 1928 in New York City, son of the late Charles Edward and Loretta Tagg Bell, Sr. He lived on Brookwood Lane and was a resident of New Canaan for 24 years.

Mr. Bell attended the All Hallows grammar and high schools in New York City. He attended Manhattan College and was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point on 1 July 1946, and graduated in 1950. He was assigned to Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington, and then to Fort Benning, Georgia. He was later stationed as a first lieutenant in Frankfurt, Germany in the 4th Division Signal Battalion.

He was first employed by New York Telephone, then Gulf Oil and then the Wall Street investment firm of Harriman & Ripley. He was then appointed manager of the investment department of Kidder Peabody, where he remained until 1966. He then was portfolio manager at Fairfield County Trust. He was an active member of the New York Stock Exchange, and in 1968, the C.E. Bell & Co. investment firm.

He was a member of the St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan. Prior to that he was a member of St. Boniface Parish in Sea Cliff, New York, where he was an active member of the Legion of Mary.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Bell of New Canaan; a son, Edward F. Bell of New Canaan; four daughters,

Barbara Beaulieu of Brattleboro, Vermont, Ann Bell-Cox of Yakima, Washington, Mary Saccary of Westport and Christine Bell of New Canaan.

A mass of Christian Burial was scheduled for 15 January at St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan.

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John Frederick Stoneburner

NO. 19347 CLASS OF 1953

Died 9 December 1964 in Vietnam, aged 34 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



John Frederick Stoneburner

JOHN FREDERICK STONEBURNER came to West Point from his beloved Ohio State University. He was full of life, fun loving, yet determined, and fiercely competitive in everything he did. During cadet life, Stony was great to be with, and was extremely popular in our class and with all classes in our company and barracks areas. As an Army officer, husband, father, and son, he was always doing more than was expected or required of him. This restlessness and urge to do more ultimately put him in the path of enemy fire in Vietnam.

Even in early cadet days, Stony's estimate of the situation resulted in timely and accurate decisions in F-1 intramural athletics, races against tactical department deadlines, and overcoming the heavy odds posted by academic standards. He consistently recognized the most pressing threat to his surviving the four years of academy life, took the appropriate course of action, and achieved the results he sought. His aggressive approach to problem solving characterized his leadership qualities and potential for unselfish service to his country.

His unforgettable and sometimes outrageous sense of humor warmed the cold gray 14, 15, and 16 divisions of barracks

in old Central Area for four gloom periods in a row. Many believed it was the King of the Beasts calling us "to arms," the first time plebe Stoneburner belated the minutes for a formation. In the days of company assignments based on height, the booming voice did not befit the mid-range stature of Company F-1. We learned, through time, that his big voice reflected the size of his heart.

John's special stride through life was mirrored in the fact that during the hundreds of parades and reviews conducted in the course of four years, he marched with a slight up and down bobbing movement while the rest of the formation glided through the maneuvers. Some said it was his bow legs, or that he marched to a different drummer, or that he was just different from the rest. Perhaps all three ideas are true, in a sense. He interpreted the established cadence of cadet life in a slightly modified tempo, and he was a distinctive individual whose principles and values, even after four years at West Point, remained slightly unique and absolutely unforgettable. His meeting and courtship of the lovely and talented Barbara Borden, also of Columbus, Ohio, was the highlight of his young life, and Stony lost little time in deciding that Barbara was to be his wife, so they were engaged during cadet days.

Stony selected Field Artillery Branch and duty with the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He and Barbara were married in Columbus, Ohio, in June, before departing for the Field Artillery Basic Officers Course at Fort Sill. There, with our Field Artillery classmates, with their wives and other new lieutenants and wives, they huddled in tiny apartments for a few months, having cookouts, study sessions, going to drive-in movies, playing cards, and generally making friendships which would last a lifetime.

Upon arrival at the 11th Airborne, even before he had the opportunity to become airborne qualified, his battalion participated in a form of adventure training in the cold, snow, and altitude of Camp Hale, Colorado, where he dodged avalanches during the days and dodged tracked Army snow "Weasels" at night while sleeping in the snow under the stars.

Airborne divisions in those years were well up to strength in senior battery grade officers, so John gained considerable experience as forward observer and reconnaissance officer, along with a steady diet of motor officer, supply officer, mess officer, and a myriad of other extra duties. John loved the challenges, adventure, and spirit of airborne life. Again, in the on-post Wherry housing, there was great opportunity for friendships and camaraderie in which Barbara and John were very active participants.

Columbus, Ohio, was just a few hours drive, so there were visits by the elder Stoneburners and Bordens. Into this happy and exciting world, John and Barbara brought their first daughter, Leslie.

Then the Army made a decision that brought about one of the major permanent change of station moves in peacetime. The entire 11th Airborne Division moved to southern Germany. Planning and implementation at both the family level and the unit level were busy times. John now had the responsibilities of battery executive, a challenge he had prepared well to assume and accepted happily. He was invigorated and pleased to be in Germany, his link with his ancestral name and homeland. There were times for the Stoneburners to sightsee, enjoy old world customs, buy some Hummels, and continue making Army friends. Their second daughter, Jeanine, was born during their tour in Germany.

John was next assigned to Fort Sill for the Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course. This was an opportunity to see old friends and their families, while gaining new friends and families who could relate already half a decade of interesting and productive Army life.

John was then selected by the Army to attend graduate school at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Another new adventure and another opportunity for competition. His course work was in pursuit of a master of science degree in nuclear engineering. Many, many hours were devoted to study, research, problem sets, laboratory work, and the thesis. John labored along with classmates and friends, but in the end, he accomplished what he and the Army had in mind; he graduated with his degree.

However, there was still some time available beyond group study sessions where couples got together socially. There were times for family outings and Leslie and Jeanine grew. The first Stoneburner son was born and named Karl, for a good friend and fellow officer from 11th Airborne days.

Tucson started a love affair for John with the desert southwest that he was able to pursue in earnest at his next assignment with the Defense Atomic Support Agency, DASA, at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. John became a nuclear weapons staff officer at Field Command, DASA. He applied himself diligently to learning the characteristics of the stockpile weapons for which he was assigned action officer, as well as for new weapons, where requirements were generated and research and development was on-going.

John was also happy on the handball courts at Sandia Base gym, but was perhaps happiest when he and his family, or just he and his daughters, would go hiking or camping in the Gila Wilder-

ness or other plentiful outdoor recreation areas of New Mexico.

Even with the responsible high technology job that John had, the good friends on Sandia Base, the sports, the opportunity for outdoor recreation with his family, the restlessness within John burned to accomplish even more. Then in the early fall of 1964, John received orders for Vietnam. The fact that he could request not to go to a hostile area because he was the sole surviving son after his brothers, Billy and Richard, were killed in action in World War II, did not enter his mind seriously. His life of accepting every challenge and wanting always to do more than was expected, steeled his resolve to make his contribution to the Vietnam effort. Only a few days after his assignment as a sector advisor, he was striving to get to a rendezvous point when his life ended by enemy fire from an ambush along a lonely road in central Vietnam. He was awarded, posthumously, the Bronze Star Medal with V device.

Barbara and their daughters and many classmates and friends buried John with full military honors at West Point. Back at Field Command, DASA, the chief of staff, and John's frequent handball companion and fellow academy graduate, led in the successful campaign to honor John and his brothers by dedicating and renaming the post gymnasium, Stoneburner Fieldhouse. The commemorative plaque closes with these words: "These brothers demonstrated the noblest trait known to man—the unselfish giving of one's life that his nation may exist and his fellow men may live in peace and security. By their valor and sacrifice they have brought credit upon themselves, their families, and the United States Armed Forces."

Stony, we miss you. You would have been fun to grow old with. If the meaning of immortality has anything to do with being thought about very often by your many friends and loved ones, you have achieved immortality. Be thou at peace.

Some F-1 roommates

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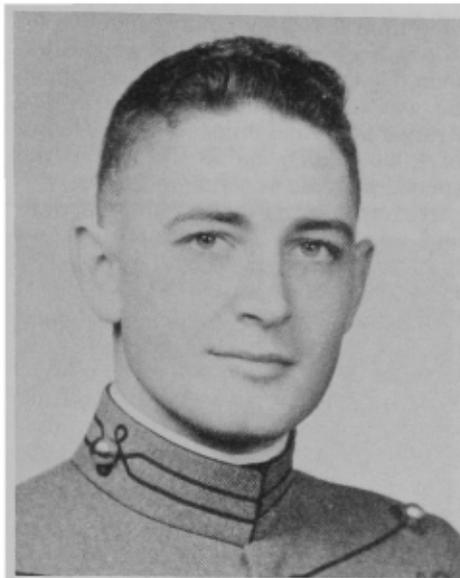
Walter Joseph Ryan

NO. 20484 CLASS OF 1955

Died 25 December 1987 in New York, New York, aged 54 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WALTER JOSEPH RYAN died on Christmas Day 1987 of a heart attack, having recently learned that he had cancer of the colon. Memorial masses were conducted for him at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and at the Blessed Sacrament Church in New Rochelle, New York. He was buried beside his



Walter Joseph Ryan

father at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on 11 January 1988. The ceremony was presided over by his classmate Major General Donald C. Hilbert.

Walt was born into the Army at San Francisco, California on 18 February 1933 to Cornelius Edward Ryan and Inez Brown Ryan. His father ultimately retired from the Army as a major general.

Walt graduated from Carlisle High School, Pennsylvania, and attended Stanton Preparatory Academy in Cornwall, New York for a year before receiving his appointment to the Military Academy. As a cadet, Walt was a gentleman scholar and tactician, but a staunch defender of classical music, the *Pointer*, and the Irish contributions to civilization. Walt was truly well liked as a cadet, and it was aptly said by his classmates in the *Howitzer* that "it would be a pleasure to soldier with Walt anywhere."

On graduation, Walt was commissioned in the Infantry and included in his whirlwind tour of Fort Benning, the Airborne and Ranger courses. His first assignment was with the 12th Armored Infantry Battalion (3d Battalion, 41st Infantry originally), 2d Armored Division in Germany. When that division left Germany, Walt transferred to the 3d Battle Group, 6th Infantry in Berlin. There Walt was in his glory as a young bachelor officer in an international military community.

Walt returned to the United States in 1959 for duty with the 1st Battle Group, 3d Infantry at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. He served with the Arlington burial detail, the unit which would conduct his own burial with such reverence and respect. From 1960-61, he was in Korea as an aide de camp for the assistant division commander of the 7th Infantry Division. He returned to Fort Riley, Kansas for duty as a company commander with the 2d Battle Group, 12th Infantry, and later as

aide de camp to the commanding general, 1st Infantry Division.

In July 1964, Walt deployed to Vietnam as an advisor to Regional Forces/Popular Forces in Kien-Phong Province. Here, on St. Patrick's Day 1965, Walt was wounded in action with Vietnamese forces. Walt considered the happy outcome of the experience to have been clearly the doings of St. Patrick himself. After a short tour with the ROTC detachment at Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Walt returned to Vietnam in 1966 for another advisory tour as the senior advisor to the district chief of Dak-To District. From Vietnam, Walt was assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters, United States Army Europe. There, he separated honorably from the Army in September 1969.

Walt took a year off to tour the world and then attended York University in Toronto, Canada for a year of law studies and another year of Canadian history. From there, he returned to the United States for work in New York, initially in the personnel field, but ultimately as a paralegal in large New York law firms. Law and history were Walt's fortes even as a cadet. His sister tells the story from one of his lawyer friends, of Walt being called in by one of the firm's young lawyers who was in a bind over a difficult closing. Walt was confronted with a "Do we sign on this line? Where does the seller sign?" and was able to respond "We don't sign anything and you need an XYZ before you can accept their signature." The awed opposing counsel's comment was "You didn't have to call in a senior partner, Ms. Webster!"

Walt was remembered by all for his wit, charm, and optimistic spirit. He was proud to be Irish to the core, loved his Army and his God. We knew him as one who was at peace with the world and happy with his fate at any given moment. Unknown to most of us, Walt had his demons and they cost him personally much of what he held dear. Nonetheless, he followed his life's motto of "press on regardless" to the end.

Walt was awarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster; the Purple Heart; the Air Medal; and the Combat Infantryman, Ranger, Airborne, and Expert Infantryman badges. He is survived by his mother; a sister, Elizabeth, of New York, New York; and a brother, Edward, of Toronto, Canada.

From Walt to Walt, an Irish blessing—
May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your
back,
May the sun shine warm upon your
face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His
hand.



Robert C.L. Fergusson

EX-CLASS OF 1966

Died 8 November 1967 in Japan from wounds received in Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Robert C.L. Fergusson

BOB WAS BORN in Alameda, California on 14 April 1943. He lived his early years in Carmel, and later on various Army posts with his family. He attended St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island (1957-59) and graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1962. He then planned on a military career like his father and grandfather (Colonel Charles G. Lawrence) and, in July 1962, he entered West Point. However, he was honorably separated in February 1964, and finished the academic year at the University of Maryland, Munich, Germany, campus. The summer session was spent at the University of Madrid in Spain, followed by travels in France and Germany.

In the fall of 1964, he entered the University of Richmond, School of Business. Here his academic work was most proficient and further he was elected by the student body to be chairman of the board of student activities for the university. He was a member of ROTC in which he became a senior ranking cadet and commandant of the leadership school. He graduated in 1966 with a bachelor of science degree and was named a Distinguished Military Graduate with a commission in the Regular Army. He chose the Artillery and immediately volunteered for Vietnam duty.

He attended the basic course at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, completed both Airborne and Ranger courses at Fort Benning, and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In June 1967 he gradu-

ated from US Army South Jungle Operations Course conducted at Fort Sherman, Canal Zone. In this latter course, he was rated number two out of 130 Army officers and enlisted men (916 out of 1,000 points) and was awarded the special insignia as a Jungle Expert.

He returned to Fort Campbell for duty and was further assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. There the Artillery Command attached him to "A" Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, as a forward observer. Shortly after arrival in Vietnam he was awarded the Purple Heart for a combat wound in his first action.

Then, on 30 September, while on Operation Wheeler near Hiep Duc, when his company was under intense mortar fire from three separate enemy mortar positions, as his citation partially states, "Lieutenant Fergusson valorously moved through a hail of mortar fragments to an exposed position where he adjusted counter mortar artillery fire. In the attack his radio operator was killed and his reconnaissance sergeant was wounded. His directed fire silenced one mortar position and then he moved across open terrain under fire to another observation position and called in friendly fire until the final two mortar batteries were silenced." For this action he received the Bronze Star for "exceptionally valorous action which undoubtedly prevented multiple casualties."

On 8 October 1967, while on a search and destroy mission near Tam Ky, "A" Company was attacked by a North Vietnamese company employing heavy weapons which inflicted many casualties. The "A" Company commander led an enveloping force and in an open area was severely wounded along with several others. Bob, though the attached artillery observer, assumed command, reorganized the company, and led the counterattack. His citation includes, "Lieutenant Fergusson was wounded while rallying the force and directing the fire—but refused medical aid.

"He detected many enemy attempting to capture the wounded company commander and raced through hostile fire to drive them off. He succeeded in repelling the enemy attack, but was himself wounded in the head and chest." He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Headquarters, United States Army, Vietnam, for extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty.

Bob lived for thirty days and after death his body was returned to West Point for burial. He was survived by his parents, Major General and Mrs. Robert G. Fergusson.

Subsequent honors included the naming of the new administration building, "Fergusson Hall" at the Jungle Training

Center in Panama; the Officers Club at Fort Ord, "Fergusson Hall," and the Artillery Range at Fort Benning, "Fergusson Range" as well as a "Fergusson Road" at Fort Sill. In addition, the Cross-Mountain Road from Fort Hunter Liggett to the Pacific Coast Road was named "Fergusson-Nacimiento" Road by Monterey County.

In November 1970, St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island, dedicated a large stained glass window in the school chapel to him, which included his decorations and insignias of service. The window was a gift from the Honorable John Nicholas Brown who, like Bob, was a school alumnus.

In March 1987 the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia dedicated an honorary bicentennial volume, "George Washington and the Temptations of Political Life" by Professor David Franklin Musto, to Bob which included his Distinguished Service Cross Citation and his picture. Bob was a member of the society by reason of descent from a Virginia officer in the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

In June 1988 the New Mexico Military Institute, where Bob began his short but distinguished military career in the class of 1962, announced his nomination to the New Mexico Military Institute Hall of Fame.

"E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he from his birth—in simpleness and gentleness and honor and clean mirth." (Kipling)

His father



Raymond Earl Womack, Jr.

NO. 37114 CLASS OF 1979

Died 23 November 1987 in Quincy, Massachusetts, aged 30 years.

Interment: Comstock Cemetery, Uncasville, Connecticut

RAYMOND EARL WOMACK, JR was born in Norwich, Connecticut on 14 May 1957, the son of Raymond and Esther (Mitchell) Womack, Sr. He attended schools in Puerto Rico, Florida, Virginia, and graduated from Nashua High School, Nashua, New Hampshire. While in high school, he was on the wrestling team, a member of the ecology and chess clubs, and he enjoyed baseball, fishing, reading, and coin and stamp collecting.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Nashua, Raymond, known to his friends as Ray, graduated in 1979. He was commissioned a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers.

Soon after graduation, Raymond attended the Basic Engineer Course, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Ranger School, Fort Benning, Georgia. From there, he



Raymond Earl Womack, Jr.

was assigned to duty in Germany as a property book officer, a platoon leader, and as a major military community activity project officer. After completing his tour, he completed the Officers Advanced Course, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and went to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he worked as a brigade construction officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Engineer Brigade. In 1985 he became the company commander of C Company, 548th Engineer Battalion, a combat heavy construction unit. He supervised the construction of a softball field, a fitness trail, and various projects such as an 82nd Airborne Division jump tower.

Upon completion of his command, he was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 329th Engineer Group, Brockton, Massachusetts as the group operations officer. During this tour of duty, he was selected to attend CAS3, Class 87-10, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following his maximum performance on the physical training test in September, his illness became visible. Although he performed well, his classmates will remember his inability to remain seated during classes. After graduation, it was discovered that he had terminal cancer of the stomach. Friends and relatives came to the hospital and Raymond helped them because of his positive and cheerful attitude. His wife was at his side as he peacefully went to his maker. He will be remembered as a good man who was loved by his family and friends.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Faith; stepdaughters Christina and Mya Wilkins; sister Susan Arata; brothers Frank and Mitchell Womack; his maternal grandmother Mrs. Frank T. Mitchell; two nephews; and his father and stepmother, Captain and Mrs. Raymond Womack, Sr, US Coast Guard, Retired.

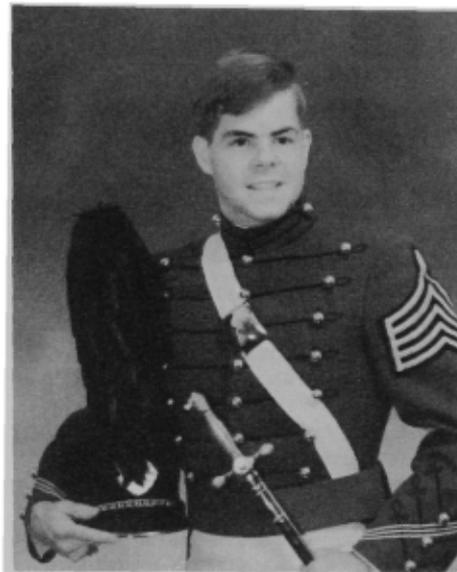


Charles MacArthur Gorbandt

NO. 39317 CLASS OF 1982

Died 21 November 1987 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Charles MacArthur Gorbandt

CHARLES MACARTHUR GORBANDT was born in Atlanta, Georgia on 27 April 1960, the son of Charles K. Gorbandt and Sally (MacArthur) Jones. He lived in Atlanta until age seven and then moved to Rome, Georgia. He entered private school (Darlington) in the eighth grade and graduated with honors in 1978. While at Darlington, he received varsity letters in swimming, cross country, wrestling, and baseball. Chuck was elected student council president in his senior year. He was the winner of the William L. Covington scholarship award, and received numerous other academic accolades during his time at Darlington. Chuck was also active in numerous church activities. In addition, he did janitorial work for his church, the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, and also worked part-time at both an ice cream parlor and in the peanut factory. Through all of these activities, he was recognized as an honest, hard-working boy. Chuck's only choice for college was West Point. The only other alternative he considered was to enlist in the Marine Corps.

He received his nomination from Georgia's Seventh Congressional District and entered West Point in the summer of 1978. He was assigned to Company D-3 for all of his four years. While at West Point, he concentrated in economics and was a member of both the Russian and Tactics Clubs. His military training at West Point consisted of attendance at the Jungle School in Panama and serving as a drill cadet at Fort

Leonard Wood, Missouri. Chuck was elected as chairman of the Honor Committee in his cow year, and served as Honor Captain his senior year. As Honor Captain, he spearheaded maintaining the Honor Code and ensuring that violations were handled with regard to all parties involved. Chuck chose the Infantry and the 3rd Armored Division in Germany as his first assignment. He graduated on 26 May and married Monica Sandra Balkus at the Cadet Chapel on 27 May 1982.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, where he finished on the Commandant's List, he attended Airborne School and was an honor graduate of the Ranger Course. He was then assigned as a platoon leader in B Company, 1/48th Infantry, 3d Armored Division, Gelnhausen, Federal Republic of Germany. At the platoon confidence training in Bad Toelz, FRG, his platoon exceeded course standards in every event. From January to July 1984, he served as executive officer, C Company, 1/48th Infantry. As company executive officer, he revitalized a declining maintenance operation which thus received a nearly perfect score on the Division Maintenance Inspection. From July 1984 until December 1985, Chuck served as battalion motor officer, 1/48th Infantry. Due to his efforts, his unit received a superior performance rating on the Division Maintenance Inspector General Inspection. In addition, as battalion maintenance officer, he was directly responsible for his unit winning the US Army Europe Superior Maintenance Award. For his many accomplishments while in Germany, Chuck received both an Army Achievement Medal and a Meritorious Service Medal, and earned his Expert Infantryman Badge.

Chuck completed the Infantry Officer Advanced Course in June 1986 and was subsequently assigned as a platoon trainer, B Company 2/11th IN (Infantry Officer Basic Course), Fort Benning, Georgia. As a trainer, Chuck trained nearly 600 newly commissioned Infantry lieutenants. On 21 November 1987, CPT Charles MacArthur Gorbandt died at the age of 27 in Columbus, Georgia.

If there is to be found a common thread which links all the facets of Chuck's short lived yet exceptional life, it would have to be "excellence." From his boyhood days in Georgia until his death, Chuck perpetually strove for excellence in every aspect of his life. It was this inner drive for perfection that made Chuck a success in every endeavor he entered into. Every commander Chuck ever worked for in the Army used the same two phrases to describe him, "finest I've ever served with" and "general officer material." As an Infantry officer, Chuck could be described as having that

“warrior” spirit. He never allowed paperwork and other administrative distractors to blur his focus. He knew he was in the business of war and he took that responsibility very seriously. Chuck enjoyed being an Infantry soldier as much as he did being an Infantry officer. As a trainer in the Infantry Officer Basic Course, he reveled in the opportunity to get in there with his lieutenants and “just be a grunt.” He donned his camouflage (“warpaint”) with a reverence similar to that of a holy man donning his vestments. Chuck loved the Army and, in particular, being Infantry. What made

Chuck so unique was not just his abilities as an officer, a leader, and a soldier, but as a man.

Chuck was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Monica. Being a humble person, Chuck never spoke of his own accomplishments, yet took great pride and joy when speaking of his wife, Monica, and her accomplishments. In fact, Chuck was good at handing out compliments and congratulations to soldiers of every rank. He wanted to see everyone do his best and succeed, because it would be a better Army overall. Chuck was a selfless friend who would do any-

thing he could to help a fellow soldier. Those who knew him as a soldier respected him, and those who knew him as a man are better for having known him. For every defeat in life, we must search for some small victory. In this, the ultimate of life’s defeats, we can only be solaced in the fact that Chuck is now with the “Great Friend and Master of Men” in heaven. On earth, we must turn the defeat into a victory that can only be achieved by firming our resolve and dedication to the cause which engrossed Chuck and his life—the Army and the safeguarding of this nation.

Psychobiology of a Ghost

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ful. During such periods (there will be several in a given night) our brain activity is scarcely distinguishable from that in normal, wakeful consciousness. Active sleep is sometimes called REM, or Rapid Eye Movement, sleep because during such periods the eyes dart about rapidly under their lids. Most dreaming seems to occur during REM, little during non-REM (NREM).

But though our eyes move during REM, the rest of us is very still—the skeletal muscles are held *tonic*, or relaxed. There may be a variety of adaptive reasons for this, but the most obvious is to prevent walking around while we dream. Imagine some arboreal ancestor: an animal that sleeps in trees and moves around while asleep will jump to an evolutionary conclusion very quickly. So, when we’re in REM the major muscles are pretty well paralyzed. This relaxation is imposed by nuclei in a part of the brainstem called the *pons*. (By the way, the eyes are exempt from this control because their movements are controlled by a different part of the brain, the *cerebellum*.)

But REM sleep is just below the level

of waking, and sometimes we do wake during REM. This will occasionally put us in the alarming position of being barely awake while the pontine nuclei are still keeping us almost paralyzed. The experience is of helplessness and pressure; the technical term is *sleep paralysis*, and it isn’t all that rare (though we tend to forget such episodes, perhaps because we aren’t awake enough to encode the experiences in memory).

Even more alarming is the possibility that in such a condition the dream material going on in REM may briefly carry over into wakefulness. The dream will mix with the objective sensations of the real environment. This event, called *hypnagogic hallucination*, can be frighteningly real, and terrifyingly so if the dream content is nightmarelike to begin with! (The term *nightmare*, by the way, comes to us from the Norse settlers of the Danelaw—now mostly Yorkshire—who brought and kept many of their ancient pagan legends, one of which was the Night Mare, a carnivorous magical horse that made its nest in the fork of a yew tree and fed its young on the bones of poets.

There may be some connection between the Night Mare and the classical incubus (See *The Nightmare*, a disturbing painting by Fuseli.)

Why the figure of the nineteenth-century soldier? Probably because it is traditional. There is a barracks ghost, it wears an old-fashioned uniform, and so the morbid suggestivity of this image shapes the form and content of waking-dream activity. This may contribute to the observation that the Pusher has apparent periods of high activity, since rumors stemming from one cadet who reports the experience encourage similar interpretations by others who have waking experiences; in fact, it may improve memory of events that would otherwise go into the unencoded slag heap of forgetting. Where this suggestion is not strong, or the dream activity doesn’t make the jump from REM to consciousness, the impression is of paralysis and pressure.

It takes very little to break out of sleep paralysis; eventually you will do it yourself, and any external sound or touch should do the trick. But it’s pretty exciting while it lasts!

Coming Home to Lusk

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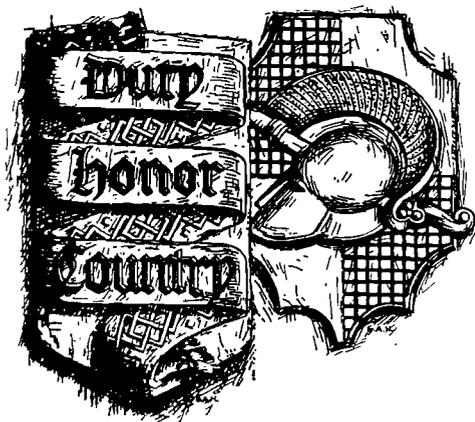
tradition is cradled in the history and dreams of wives who followed, loved, and endured. That our West Point friend realized her dream of coming home to Lusk and the black, gray and gold offers Army wives, and her memory, a silver lining.

Come to think of it, there should have been balloons. She would have liked that, too. As long as they were blue.

A friend and Army wife
Joanie Covington La Fond

“Our future is a cloudless sky,
We’ll don the Army Blue.”

We said good-bye to Martha McEntee Roseborough on 14 December 1988 at West Point. Her ancestors’ diaries provide historical information and folklore, and whisper the dreams of Army wives everywhere. Martha often shared that history with Army wives of today. The McEntee diaries were an inspiration to her and serve as a reminder to us all. Martha would say, “This is home. It’s not a tent, and we didn’t get here by covered wagon!”



Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of October 1989 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Charles C. Blanchard	Jun-1918	7 April	1989 Fort Sam Houston, Texas
James L. Whelchel	Nov-1918	19 September	1989 Arlington, Virginia
Herbert B. Loper	1919	25 August	1989 Palm Bay, Florida
James K. Mitchell	1920	4 October	1989 Lititz, Pennsylvania
Howard W. Serig	1923	5 February	1989 Bedminster, New Jersey
Benjamin S. Mesick	1924	15 October	1989 Mesa, Arizona
Charles Cavelli, Jr.	1925	23 September	1989 Panama City, Florida
Armand Hopkins	1925	24 October	1989 Altamonte, Florida
Barney A. Daughtry	1927	28 September	1989 Athens, Georgia
Edward I. Sachs	1930	11 September	1989 Scottsdale, Arizona
Harry W. Candler	1931	5 October	1989 Saratoga, California
John B. Sullivan	1931	18 September	1989 Fort Sam Houston, Texas
John C. McCawley	1932	31 October	1989 Annandale, Virginia
William F. Damon, Jr.	1933	7 November	1989 San Antonio, Texas
Frank S. Henry	1933	25 August	1989 St. Louis, Missouri
Albert O. Connor	1937	20 October	1989 Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
George H. Minor	1937	2 September	1989 Westport, Connecticut
Arthur W. Oberbeck	1937	7 September	1989 San Antonio, Texas
William N. Snouffer	1937	5 November	1989 Dallas, Texas
Manob Suriya	1937	May	1989 Bangkok, Thailand
Joseph B. Missal, Jr.	1938	24 October	1989 Washington, DC
Raymond A. Janowski	1939	17 November	1989 Denver, Colorado
Robert W. Page, Jr.	1939	1 October	1989 Washington, DC
James L. Rogers	1939	9 November	1989 Harlingen, Texas
Evan H. Humphrey, Jr.	1940	5 September	1989 Miami, Florida
Joe W. Leedom, Jr.	1940	7 August	1989 Silver Spring, Maryland
Fred C. Tucker	1942	16 September	1989 Belleair, Florida
Anthony R. Durante	Jun-1943	10 October	1989 Phoenixville, Pennsylvania
Jesse L. Fishback	Jun-1943	19 October	1989 Kamuela, Hawaii
Gerald D. Hall	1944	13 September	1989 Washington, DC
Grady O. White	1944	17 October	1989 Sulphur, Oklahoma
Kenneth T. Blood	1945	27 August	1989 Washington, DC
Ernest S. Ferguson	1945	29 August	1989 Springfield, Missouri
Joseph C. Hill	1945	21 August	1989 Punta Gorda, Florida
Robert F. Morris	1946	4 November	1989 Statesboro, Georgia
Willis H. Clark	1947	14 October	1989 Bryan, Texas
Robert E. Pater	1948	7 July	1989 McLean, Virginia
Leonard J. Greeley	1953	10 August	1989 Washington, DC
David H. Rumbough	1953	21 July	1989 Warrenton, Virginia
William M. Bishop	1957	10 November	1989 Austin, Texas
Lester B. Tate	1957	12 November	1989 Stanley, Idaho
John H. McKillop	1958	3 September	1989 Denver, Colorado
Clifford B. Trott	1958	23 September	1988 Rising Sun, Maryland
James J. Stettler	1968	3 September	1989 Houma, Louisiana
Donald J. Bennett	1987	27 September	1989 Gainesville, Florida
Jeri L. Gordon	1988	16 August	1989 Fort Benning, Georgia



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