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Dear Graduates and
Friends of West Point:

Americans reserve a special corner in their hearts for West Point and the United States Military Academy. For reasons flowing out of the deep cultural and historical wellsprings of our nation, this piece of ground is hallowed, this institution revered.

Graduates feel the magnet-like attraction, of course, but generally shrug it off as merely the tug of memories associated with their youth and their Alma Mater. But there is more to it than that. One glimpses in the eyes of visitors—whether first time tourist or long time resident, old or young, man or woman, military or civilian—a gleam of mingled awe and pride and admiration. Not infrequently, those eyes are moist.

That effect has some partial explanations: West Point is one of the nation's treasure houses of history; the Academy's reputation is world renowned and its traditions are widely copied; the setting is unmatched in magnificent natural beauty. But those reasons still don't adequately explain the immutable magic in the way this place captures the imagination. There is in addition an indefinable element, a unique presence casting a spell over people, a spell that has sparked a two-century long love affair between the citizens of America and their Academy.

That relationship manifests itself in many ways, in this century quite noticeably in books and movies. No other educational institution has had so much written about it or has been so recorded in film. Even Francis The Talking Mule had his time at West Point.

As memories of our last war and compulsory military service fade more and more into the past, it would not be illogical to anticipate a corresponding fading of interest in the Military Academy. But that is not the case. Interest seems, in fact, to be growing.

By way of example, consider the number of books published and the amount

of national television coverage just in one recent year, between the Army-Navy games of 1988 and 1989, both major media events themselves. A sample of television programs:

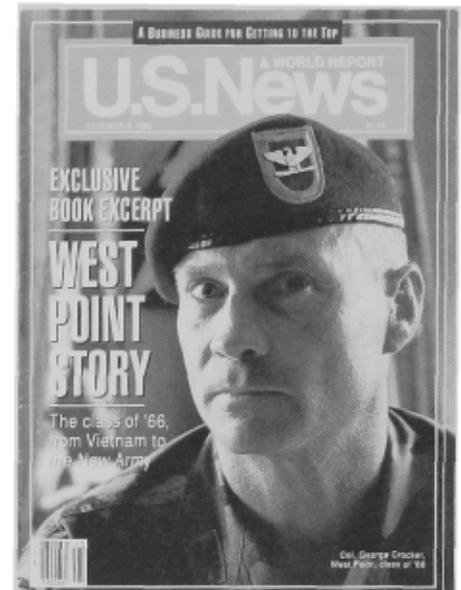
Christmas at St Patrick's Cathedral (the Glee Club); "60 Minutes;" the Sun Bowl; Gunther Less at West Point; wide coverage of Kristin Baker's selection as First Captain; *Field of Honor—100 Years of Army Football*; "Good Morning America" from West Point; and "48 Hours."

A sample of books published:

Duty, Honor, Vietnam; Chaining the Hudson; Cradle of Valor; Band of Brothers; 100 Years of Army-Navy Football; The West Point Candidate Book; Indomitable; and The Long Gray Line. (Not all publicity is positive, of course, as the Class of '66 learned last fall when a *New York Times* reviewer maliciously maligned the Class under the guise of reviewing *The Long Gray Line.*)

Newspaper, magazine, and radio coverage in that year was too extensive and varied even for condensed description.

Why? Why would national interest in the Academy seem to be burgeoning rather than receding? We have asked ourselves that question, and have pondered it carefully, because the answer is important as we work to steer the Academy toward its third century of service to country. We may never find all the reasons, but several have surfaced. Over and above the traditional love affair between Americans and the Academy, today's West Point resonates to the needs—the hungers—of national spirit in three significant areas, three areas, moreover, that have become painfully prominent in headlines for the past sev-

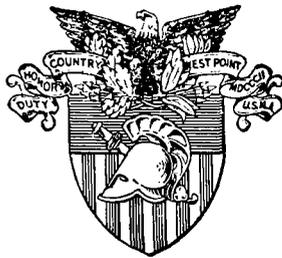


eral years. 1. *A hunger for leadership.* The Academy's very purpose is to provide the nation with leaders, selfless men and women who will be leaders for a lifetime. 2. *A hunger for integrity.* Our graduates are quintessentially leaders of character; a major corporation CEO recently said, "The West Point Honor Code is one of America's best known brand names." 3. *A hunger for basic values.* The verities and values that made this country great remain center stage and stand in full measure at West Point, a singular consideration in a society growing ever more rootless.

Being the premier leader development institution in the land places special obligations on the Academy and its graduates. There are clear and enduring expectations of the Long Gray Line—the greatness of West Point is that its graduates have never failed the country. Our burden today and tomorrow is to remain worthy of that storied reputation.

Scrutiny of and interest in West Point will not wane. The Academy is inextricably intertwined with the very spirit of America—that special corner in the hearts of our countrymen is sure to remain reserved.

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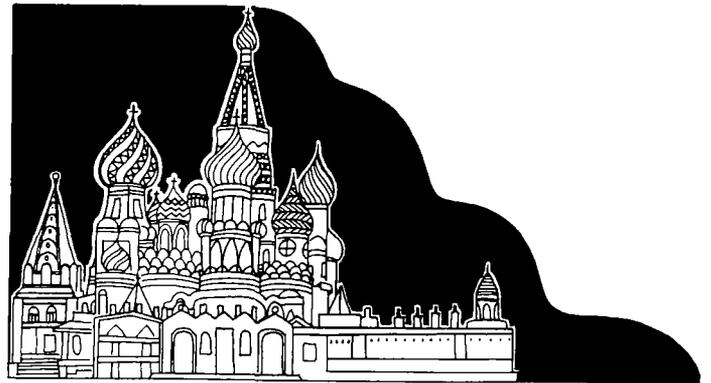
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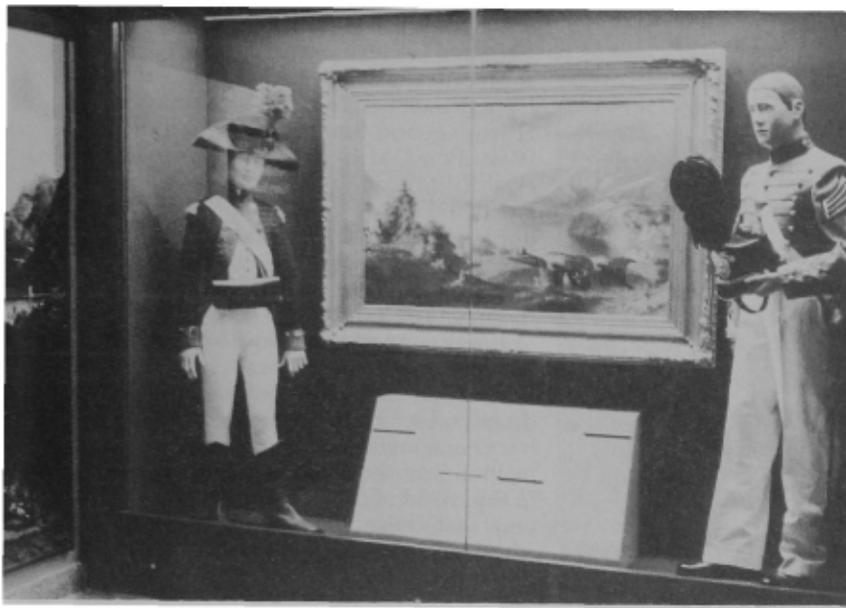
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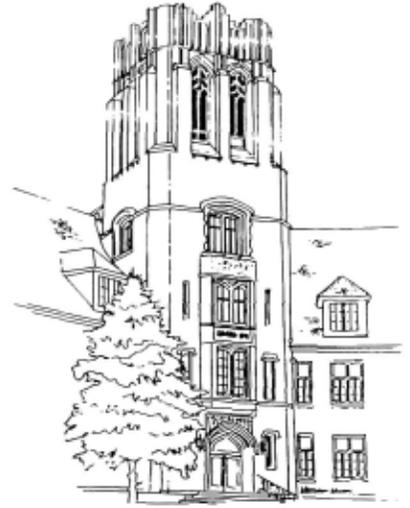
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Entrance to the West Point Gallery. The largest exhibition of cadet, USMA and West Point related memorabilia ever displayed. At the entrance to the gallery is glorious view from West Point, looking up the Hudson River, painted by Robert Weir during the 1860's. Weir taught drawing at West Point for 42 years between 1834-1876.



Olmsted Hall, West Point Museum; drawing in pen by D.J. Donovan-Johnson, 1988. West Point Museum Collections.

A Walk Through the West Point Museum

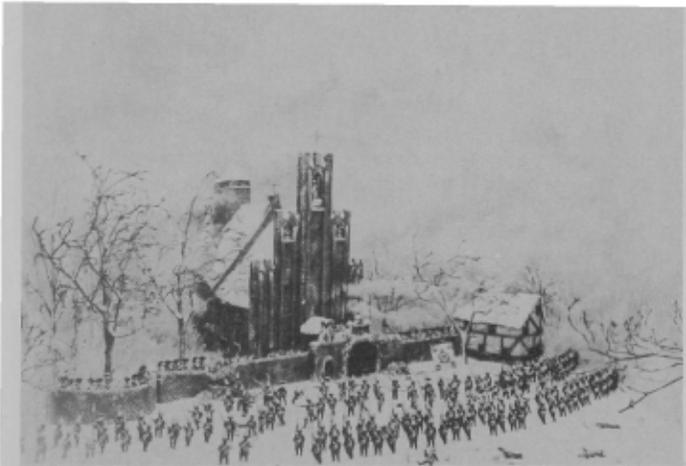
By Michael E. Moss, *Director*

Visitors to the new West Point Museum which reopened in Olmsted Hall last September discover a strikingly different museum from anything seen before at West Point. The exhibit arrangements, new use of color, and increased emphasis on graphic enhancements are but a few of distinguishing features of the new museum.

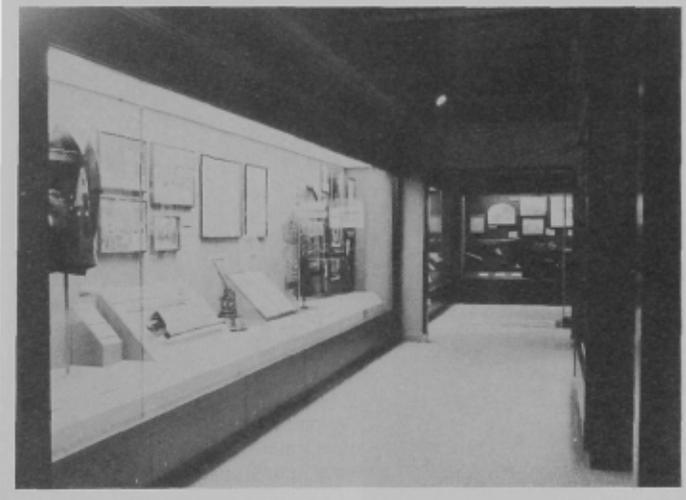
All 45,000 artifacts were moved from the Thayer Hall site, which housed the museum from 1958 to 1988, in a move lasting nearly four months throughout the summer of 1988. To accomplish this task as well as those required to reopen the new facility, the museum closed its doors for the first time in fifty years when its services were reduced at the outbreak of World War II. Throughout the fourteen months of closing, all moving, fabrication of exhibits, storage arrangements and preparation of displays occurred. This article outlines the concept of the new exhibits in Olmsted Hall.

The new museum building is named after Major General George H. Olmsted, USMA 1922, who donated nearly \$4.5 million to cover construction costs related to specialized museum needs not provided in the congressional appropriation. Climate controls, specialized lighting, exhibit fabrication and the projected addition of a museum annex to begin this year are all part of General Olmsted's gift to West Point.

Each exhibition gallery is developed around a special "storyline" written by

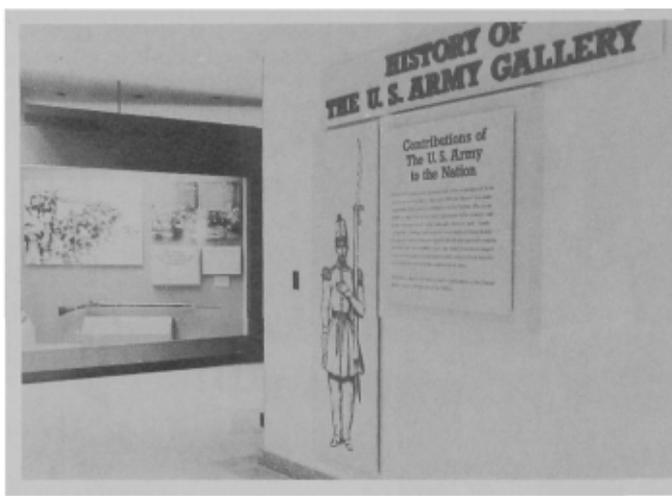


Diorama illustrating Frederick the Great's *Battle of Leuthen* (1757) during the Seven Years' War in which he assured Prussian control from the Austrians. The diorama was custom made for the History of Warfare Gallery and funded through the generosity of the Class of 1918 (November).



Long view of the East Wing of the West Point Gallery. This is the only gallery to be made of pure mahogany, a suitable and comfortable-looking material framing the cases which tell the history of the Long Gray Line.

Entrance to the History of the U.S. Army Gallery. Exhibits developed around the theme of contributions made by the Army and West Point graduates to the growth of our nation.



the three sources of historical expertise at West Point: the teaching staff of the Department of History, the West Point Historian, and the curatorial staff of the West Point Museum. The process of establishing a museum by committee is one of the greatest challenges the museum has ever faced. Finding agreement on gallery content—in both written and artifact form—as well as working through the often painful editing process of storylines and labels, did nonetheless produce a remarkable new museum for West Point. It is a monumental task to disassemble and move an institution, but even greater is the task to recreate it maintaining the highest standards. It is to the credit of the entire Military Academy that these standards were sought and every possible support was provided for the museum.

The museum is divided into six major galleries, each with independent themes central to the study of West Point, the U.S. Army, and military history. These concepts range from the all-encompassing History of Warfare and American Wars Galleries to the more specialized Small Weapons and U.S. Army Gallery telling the story of the Army and West Point graduates as they contributed to the building of our nation.

Over 125 new exhibit areas are featured among the six galleries of the West Point Museum and include nearly 1300 artifacts with interpretive labels pointing to the significance of objects on view. Each gallery is chronologically arranged by subject with storyline text linking one case with another, one idea to the next, and resulting in an ordered walk through each gallery.

It is significant that West Point has chosen to enhance and feature its museum at a time when the interest in military history and research has been rekindled at all university levels across the nation. The museum numbers over 45,000 objects in its collections ranging from weapons, flags and accoutrements to military clothing, portraiture, and battle art. These categories name only a few of the specialized areas for which the museum is known throughout the world.

In the category of military swords alone, one can see on exhibit Napoleon's First Consul's sword, General Yamashita's sword and those belonging to World War I Generals John J. Pershing, Peyton March, and earlier, to the Polish Revolutionary War patriot Thaddeus Kosciuszko, as well as to West Point's institutional father Sylvanus Thayer.

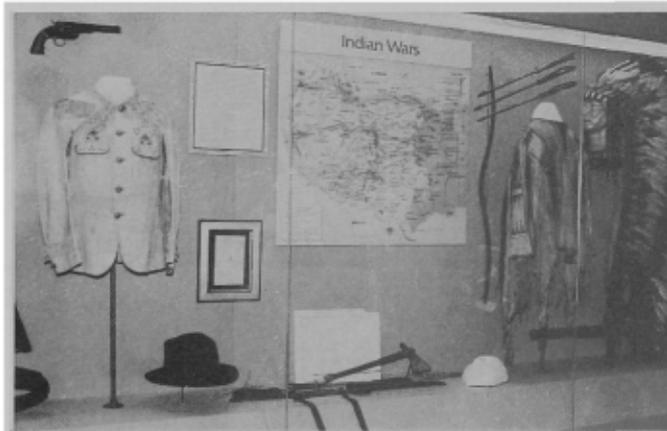
The museum receives nearly 300,000 visitors annually and represents the largest and oldest museum in the United States Army. As a military collection, it is the largest diversified public collection of national significance and the oldest teaching collection rooted to the early decades of the Military Academy's his-

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U.S. Army Gallery, Flight Exhibition. Exhibit developed chronologically telling the story of flight from early ballooning to space exploration with principal achievements of USMA graduates.

American Wars Gallery: Indian Wars case featuring Custer's last message, Indian headdress and Geronimo's rifle. Map fabricated by R. R. Donnelley center, back.



Installation of the Small Weapons Gallery: left to right: Richard Clark, Ramon Reyes and Phil Robarge.



tory. It is no accident that the new galleries in the museum have been devised to instruct through object and word, with picture and map.

The West Point Museum exists primarily for the cadets of the United States Military Academy.

Specifically, it is the main purpose of the West Point Museum to serve the Corps of Cadets as a teaching facility; so much so that the museum "... supplement(s) [the] cadet academic, cultural, and military instruction" as part of its stated mission. Even prior to the official founding of the museum in 1854, a "musee d'artillerie" existed at West Point for its cadets, although its organization and locale are not certain. Artillery was known to be spread throughout the academy and most likely, Professor Weir's drawings—produced as cadet exercises—were exhibited in many areas beyond his "gallery" which emerged in the old Academic Building around 1845.

Museum historical holdings have always spread far beyond the walls of the museum galleries. Portraiture has traditionally been hung in the many buildings such as Cullum Hall, the Cadet Mess, and Cadet Library, with cannon and other trophies displayed and imbedded in the walls of the Old Cadet Chapel, Cullum Hall, or laid on Trophy Point. (Most recently, Ft. Putnam and Constitution Island have been added as exhibit sites for historic interpretation of the museum's holdings.)

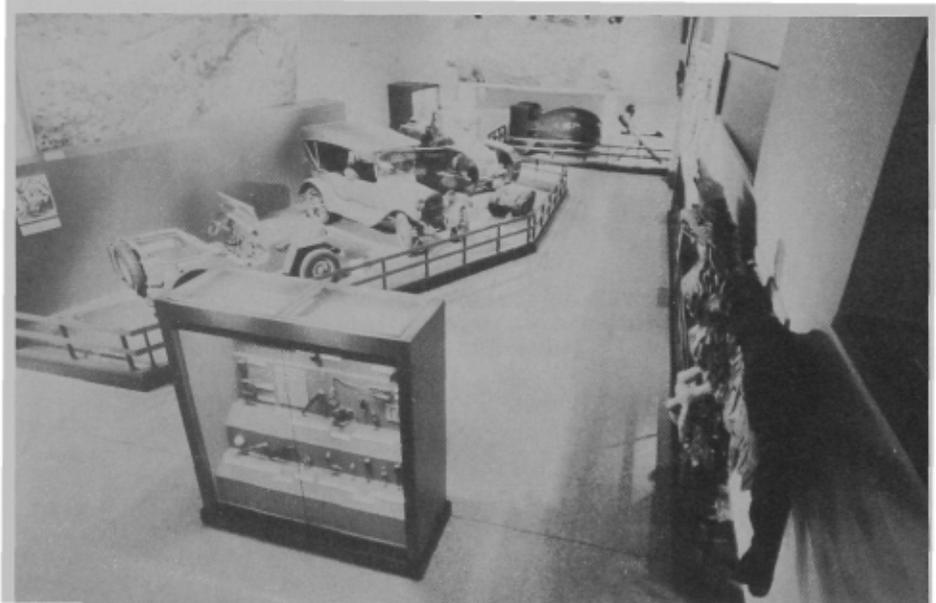
Objects beyond the museum walls have been displayed for cadet study and used as clear reminders of our expanding military heritage. The cannon, for instance, taken from the defeat of the British at Saratoga in 1777 or the flags and artillery returned by Winfield Scott following the Mexican War are prime examples of West Point's early display of objects to teach with and inspire its cadets. As the 1853 Board of Visitors sensed the need to preserve these treasures, it sought \$5,000 to establish the West Point Museum, and it is from 1854 that the museum dates its formal founding.

At this end of our 135 year history, Olmsted Hall has become the fifth home and first exclusively designated site for the West Point Museum. One previous site burned in the 19th century, another is the current location of the Thayer Award Room in Lee Hall and most familiar is the Riding Hall, converted to Thayer Hall in the 1950's. In none of these buildings, however, were the functions of a museum, storage facilities and exhibition galleries ever combined in one! This has been remedied with the renovation and dedication of Olmsted Hall for the West Point Museum.

The building was known previously as Rosary Hall, the main classroom building and administrative area for Ladycliff College. West Point purchased the land



World War II exhibit of "surrender" artifacts. Among the most well known of objects in the West Point Museum are Herman Goering's Baton, diary and .38 caliber Smith-Wesson pistol surrendered at the end of the war. Adolf Hitler's gold-plated presentation pistol is included in this display in the upper left corner.



View of the Large Weapons Gallery (former gymnasium of the building) showing the layout of jeep, staff car, tank and atomic bomb in background.



New Museum Gift Shop operated by the Daughters of the United States Army. All new inventories related to the museum, military history and the cadet make the shop an educational as well as interesting browse at the end of a museum tour.

and buildings of the college following its closing in 1980. The building interestingly contained three levels of classrooms (converted to open exhibition galleries), a modestly-sized gymnasium doubling occasionally as an auditorium, several administrative offices for its primary faculty and to boot—a swimming pool. All of these areas were demolished or converted to storage during the federally-funded renovation of the building interior. In conjunction with General Olmsted's funding, the building was planned in accord with museum operational standards and constructed as such.

As the last phases of design were completed, not only in the museum, but at the entire South Post area, it became evident that visitors would benefit greatly from the relocated sites of not only the museum, but of the Visitor Information Center as well. It is now easier for West Point to provide the historical as well as the contemporary overview of its operation to the benefit of the nearly 300,000 visitors who see the museum each year. It is anticipated that this attendance figure will increase as publicity and relocation information is spread.

Entering the museum is very much like entering the old "Rosary Hall." The stone features of the foyer, terrazzo flooring and beams have been retained. (It is of interest that the ceiling beams are plaster and only treated to look like wood. A similar architectural feature was designed into the Hotel Thayer—of about the same period). To the south is the West Point Gallery and to the north is the History of Warfare Gallery.

The West Point Gallery provides nearly 3,100 square feet of exhibit space—unprecedented in any of the previous museum sites. The storyline was primarily devised by Dr. Steve Grove, USMA Historian, who laid out the sequence of graphics, events and artifacts (as chosen by the museum staff), by sequential time period. One approaches this gallery with first a sense of Fortress West Point during the Revolutionary War and then as West Point, the United States Military Academy and home of the Long Gray Line. Thayer memorabilia, cadet drawings by William T. Sherman, James A. Whistler and U. S. Grant as well as drawing instruments and scientific equipment used in classroom study are primary to the exhibit program. Cadet academics, military instruction, uniform and weapon histories as well as contemporary instruments of study comprise the contents of this gallery. Since regulations require a rotation of objects on paper, or of cloth every two to three years, one can expect a variety of displays in this history of West Point, of the Corps of Cadets and of the institution as a whole on a regular basis.

The History of Warfare Gallery is of equal size to the West Point Gallery and is

to the opposite side on the north. For those who recall the Thayer Hall Museum, this gallery is most closely associated with the History Department curriculum as mirrored in the individual displays. Dioramas illustrating siege warfare from Ancient Rome, the Battle of Crecy, Frederick the Great's Leutheun and Napoleon's Austerlitz are all depicted in three dimensional form to focus cadet attention on specific aspects of military strategy. This gallery was coordinated with Lieutenant Colonel James Blake of the Department of History who wrote storyline text and pursued the goal whereby exhibits and classroom teaching lessons were one and the same. This gallery was closely coordinated with the Curator of History, Mr. Michael J. McAfee, and in time spans nearly 3000 years of military history from the Egyptians to the present limited warfare experiences. The main point of the gallery illustrates to cadets the close tie between technology and warfare development.

The second floor, or uppermost exhibit floor, contains two galleries of unique orientation. Both reflect the Army, but in peace and then in war. The History of the U.S. Army Gallery (to the south) is a precise and topical history of the United States Army's contributions in peacetime to the expansion and development of the nation. Beginning with the Articles of Confederation and ending with the great 20th century's adventure in flight, Army and more specifically, West Point graduates' contributions to politics, architecture, canal and railroad building as well as medicine, scientific exploration and atomic research, are key displays in each of the exhibits featured in this gallery. The Great Adventure of Flight display is the third prong of a program at West Point to honor graduates who have significantly added to the advancement of this miraculous technology spreading from Civil War ballooning to the space program. From those early hot air experiments in the 1860's to the graduates of West Point who have participated in the space program, this mini gallery provides an expanded view of the Army's innovative efforts to fly.

At the north end of the second floor, the American Wars Gallery presents all wars or periods of conflict in which the nation has been involved. Each gallery section is linked together by specially researched maps published by the R. R. Donnelley company. To the credit of numerous officers in the Department of History, each of these maps is a research result of their additional effort to help create a cadet oriented display through the focus of military data so fundamental to maps. Visitors and cadets alike have found the maps (from the Colonial Wars to the Vietnam War) useful design tools for interpretation of the gallery. It is also of basic importance that the gallery contains such outstanding artifacts as

George Washington's pistols and the final display panel denoting all West Pointers who have received the Medal of Honor since its institution in 1861.

Returning to the main foyer and down to the basement area, the visitor will approach the Small Weapons Gallery in the approximate area of the balcony that served the former gymnasium. The eleven exhibit areas in this gallery chronologically trace the development of small arms from axes and clubs to current issue small hand held weapons. Included in this gallery are unexpected examples of pole arms reflecting the highest quality, matchlocks, wheel locks, bayonets, conversions and even an area on knives. To the specialist in military weaponry, the gallery as designed by the Curator of Arms, Mr. Robert W. Fisch, reflects some of the finest holdings of the West Point Museum, displayed for both their teaching value as well as their sometimes unique interest to students of firearms.

The Large Weapons Gallery in the former gymnasium holds the World War I U.S. six-ton tank, World War II Jeep, and artillery ranging from the Revolutionary War to World War I, as well as the "fat man" atomic bomb and several large machine guns. The value of this gallery is in its series of displays relating to the impact of larger weapons to the development of warfare. The oversized D-Day murals (Omaha Beach and Airborne Invasion) by Linzee Prescott recall the soon to be celebrated 50th anniversaries of these major land events which brought World War II to its eventual end in Europe. From Revolutionary War cannon to World War II atomic bombs, the cadet and visitor see monumental instruments of our nation's military past in actual form.

The newly created book shop established and run by the Daughters of the United States Army (DUSA) is a must for all visitors. DUSA has consistently worked with the museum since the 1950's to establish a quality sales area with appropriate inventories. This goal is especially evident in the new museum. Mrs. Vicki Ham, manager of the DUSA shop at the West Point Museum, merits much credit in her judgment and selection of items for sale. DUSA has created not only a sales area specifically geared to military interest, but to those interests of museum visitors as well. The gift shop is a new and distinctive feature of the museum certain to satisfy our many visitors.

The museum is open seven days/week—closed only on Christmas and New Years Day. Hours are 10:30 am to 4:15 pm. Questions may be answered during normal weekday hours by calling 914-938-2203 or on weekends by calling 914-938-3590. Written queries or comments may be addressed to Michael E. Moss, Director, West Point Museum, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

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President Reagan Recipient of the 1989 Sylvanus Thayer Award

On 16 November 1989, Ronald W. Reagan, 40th President of the United States, was honored with the presentation of West Point's most prestigious honor—the Sylvanus Thayer Award.

This award, given annually by the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, is conferred upon an outstanding citizen whose service and accomplishments in the national interest, exemplify personal devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

The award was presented to the former President at a luncheon ceremony in Washington Hall, attended by the Corps of Cadets and distinguished guests.

As he entered the Cadet Mess, former President Reagan was greeted by a tumultuous ovation which subsided only as he mounted the poop deck to acknowledge the tribute of the Corps.

Following the meal, Cadet First Captain Kristen Baker welcomed the former President and distinguished guests, and introduced Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, 53d Superintendent of the Military Academy. General Palmer recognized the distinguished guests which included the Honorable Michael P. W. Stone, Secretary of the Army; Mr. Denis F. Mullane, president of the Association of Graduates; Mr. Caspar W. Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense; General Michael S. Davison and Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, former presidents of the Association of Graduates; Mr. William D. Mounger, past chairman of the Board of Visitors; and Lieutenant General John J. Davis (Ret), representing the Class of 1931, the class whose vision was responsible for the creation of the Thayer Award. In his remarks General Palmer noted Thayer's extraordinary contribution to West Point and the nation. Turning to more recent events, the Superintendent recognized the pivotal influence of the Reagan Presidency on the historic events now unfolding in Eastern Europe. General Palmer then introduced Mr. Denis F. Mullane, president of the Association of Graduates for the presentation of the award. In his remarks, Mr. Mullane congratulated the members of the selection committee. He also expressed the Association's appreciation for the bequest from the estate of Clare Boothe Luce,



Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent, and First Captain Kristin Baker accompany Reagan as the former President enters Washington Hall.



President Reagan stands to receive the Thayer Award as Mr. Denis F. Mullane, President of the Association of Graduates, reads the Citation.

herself a recipient of the award, which provides partial funding for the award. Mr. Mullane concluded, citing the former President's distinguished career, his remarkable achievements and example of service set for his fellow citizens. Mr. Mullane then read the citation, conferring the Sylvanus Thayer Award on President Reagan.

In addressing the large audience as-

sembled, President Reagan directed his comments to the members of the Corps:

"There are no words to properly express what I feel standing here in your presence. Designated a recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award, I'm very much aware of Colonel Thayer's military record and the contributions that he made to this great Academy and our country. Surely, my service record can't

explain my presence here. More than a half-century ago, I was made a second lieutenant in the horse cavalry reserve. Now that's hardly enough to warrant the honor you do me today.

"During my Presidency, I had a goal I never could fill. I wanted to reinstate the horse cavalry in the armed services.

"Sylvanus Thayer distinguished himself, among other things, in scholastic achievements. Not only did he become known as the 'Father of the great Military Academy,' but he made it the foremost engineering school in the land. Well, here again I come up empty handed. My being here today cannot be based on my academic achievements. Yes, it is true my alma mater, Eureka College, awarded me an honorary degree 25 years after my graduation. And that only aggravated a sense of guilt that I nursed for 25 years. I always had a feeling that the first degree they had given me was honorary.

"Seriously, I'm honored and at the same time humbled beyond words to be here in this hallowed place as a recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award. My prayer is that I can somehow be deserving of it. Our military forces, and that most certainly includes you, are the keepers of peace. There's always been and always will be some who think military weapons, and yes military people, are somehow akin to war mongers. Nothing could be further from the truth. We're at peace today, and we have that peace through strength, and you our military are the providers of that strength.

"During all the time I was President, there was nothing I was more proud of than men and women wearing our country's military uniforms. In a wartime motion picture some time ago there was a scene in which a top ranking officer was supposedly watching a detachment move out to engage the enemy and speaking only to himself, his line was, 'Where do we find such men?' He provided no answer in the script but it was self-evident. We find them on our city street, farms, shops, stores, factory, yes mines. They are the product of the freest land the world has ever known. It is only natural that they're led by officers trained in this institution whose motto is 'Duty-Honor-Country.'

"I've seen thousands and thousands of white crosses and stars of David in France, the Philippines, in other places where Americans fought and died and of course, in our own military cemeteries. Each one proclaims the deceased fulfilled the pledge, Duty, Honor, Country.

"As a recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award, I'm conscious of and awed by his dedication to the institution's motto.

"He [Thayer] ranks as one of the great-



President Reagan receiving congratulations as he accepts the Thayer Award.



President Reagan addresses the Corps of Cadets and guests.

est educators this country ever produced. During the 16 years of his command of the United States Military Academy, it grew from a disorganized rudimentary school to a recognized, permanent school of science, as well as a bulwark of defense, for a growing nation. As an academic institution West Point offers a balanced curriculum of the sciences and humanities.

"Graduates of the Academy have a bachelor's degree and also a commission as an officer in the United States Army. Thayer's insistence on small classrooms is still followed here. The academic curriculum is designed to give cadets a broad knowledge of the arts and sciences and permits each cadet to achieve a degree of academic specialization.

"Yes, there are prescribed courses but also electives which enable a cadet to have a choice in any of 30 specialized fields of study or seventeen optional majors.

"All America is indebted to Sylvanus Thayer and all who are honored as I am

today by being chosen to receive the Thayer Award must feel an obligation to try to be deserving of such an honor.

"Thayer resigned as superintendent of West Point after 16 years but continued another 30 years as an officer of the Army. In all that time, he observed the motto 'Duty, Honor, Country' as a military engineer and as an educator. He had profound and far-reaching influence on educational standards throughout the United States, and therein lies a responsibility for all of us and certainly for those who have been so honored by this award. We must all continue serving the cause of 'Duty, Honor, Country.'

"Sylvanus Thayer would be proud of the Long Gray Line and proud of you who are now a part of that column. My prayer will continue to be that I may somehow be deserving of the honor I receive this day.

"Thank you, God bless you and God bless America."

Following the President's acceptance speech, the Cadet Glee Club concluded



The Cadet Glee Club singing the Alma Mater.



President Reagan, Caspar Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense, and Cadets Streetman, Chibnik and Hagler at the Superintendent's reception in Quarters 100.

the ceremony singing the Alma Mater. Obviously moved by the presentation ceremony the President rose and personally thanked the cadets of the Glee Club for their performance.

Ronald Wilson Reagan, President of the United States from 1981–89, was born 6 February 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, the son of Nelle Wilson Reagan and John Reagan.

While attending Dixon (Illinois) high school he played football and basketball, ran track, was president of the student body, and worked summers as a lifeguard. At Eureka College (Illinois), he supplemented a partial scholarship by working as a lifeguard, as a dishwasher, and as a college swimming coach, meanwhile lettering in football and serving as president of the Eureka College student body. He was graduated in 1932 with a bachelor degree in economics and sociology.

Following his graduation from Eureka

College, he worked as a radio sports broadcaster and editor (1932–37) in Iowa. In 1937, he moved to California to accept a motion pictures contract. His film career (1937–65), interrupted by wartime service (1942–45) as a captain in the Army Air Corps, encompassed 53 feature-length motion pictures. During this period, Ronald Reagan also served as president of the Screen Actors Guild from 1947 to 1952 and as president of the Motion Picture Industry Council in 1959 and 1960. He went into television in 1952, serving as production supervisor and host of *General Electric Theatre* from 1952–62; and as host of the television series *Death Valley Days* from 1964–65.

President Reagan began his public service career in 1966 with his election as governor of California. He served two terms (1967–75) in this office. During 1969 he also served as chairman of the Republican Governors Association.

After completing his second term as governor of California, President Reagan began a series of nationally syndicated radio commentary programs and newspaper columns and an extensive speaking schedule dealing with matters of national significance. During 1974–75 he also served as a member of the Presidential Commission investigating the Central Intelligence Agency.

In November 1975 he announced his candidacy for the 1976 Republican Presidential nomination. He lost narrowly but campaigned vigorously for Republican nominees in that election. Following the election, he renewed his radio commentary and public speaking programs, meanwhile continuing his campaign efforts for Republican candidates.

In July 1980 delegates to the Republican National Convention, on the first ballot, unanimously nominated Ronald Reagan as their candidate for President of the United States. On 4 November 1980 he was elected to the Presidency with an electoral vote margin of 489–49 and on 20 January 1981, he was sworn in as the 40th President of the United States. In 1984 the Republican party again unanimously selected Ronald Reagan as its Presidential candidate. He won reelection, carrying 49 states, and was sworn in for his second term of office on 20 January 1985.

President Reagan has received many awards and decorations recognizing his service to our Nation and to the world, as well as honorary degrees from a number of colleges in the United States and abroad.

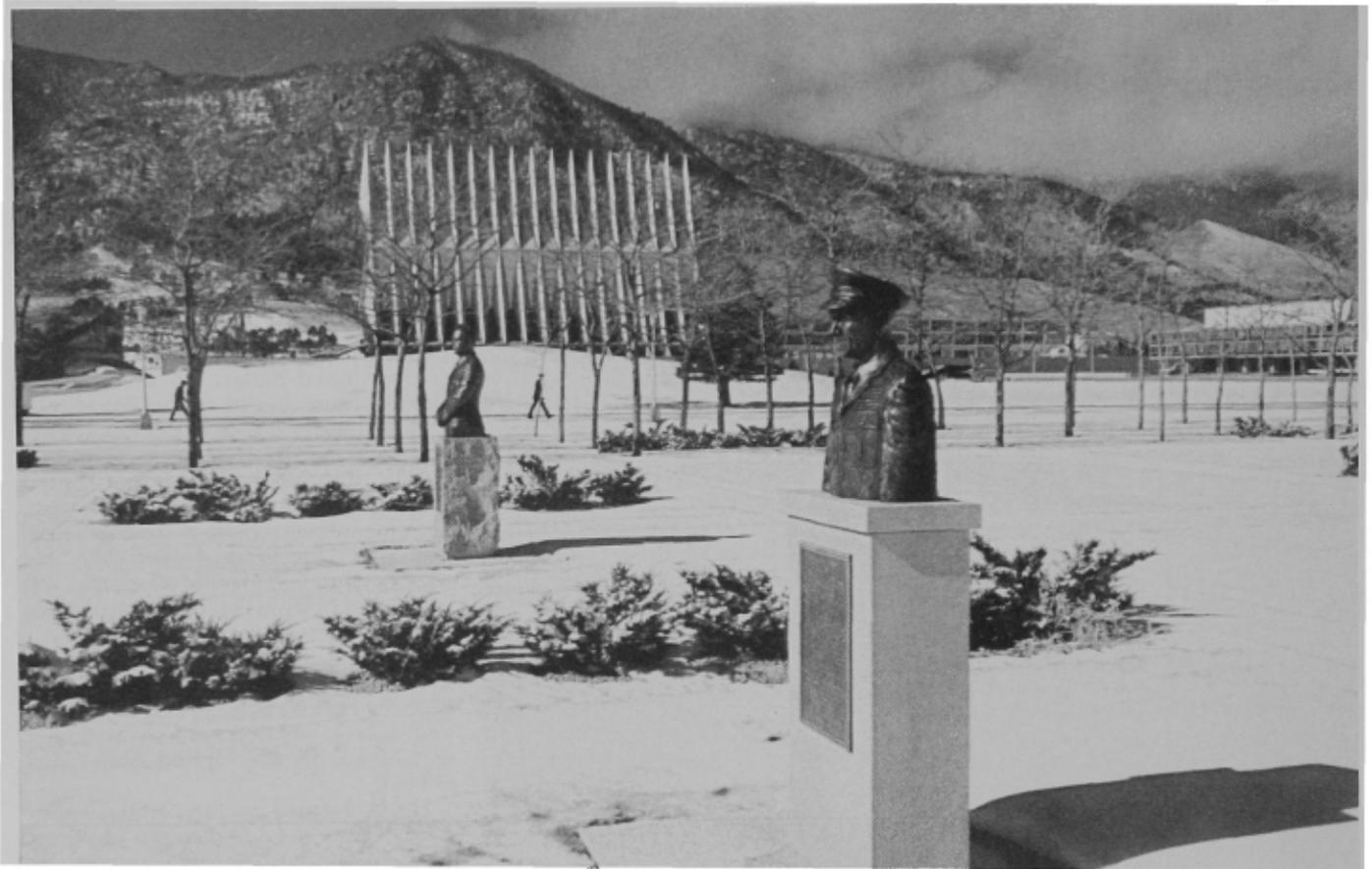
He is married to the former Nancy Davis. They have two grown children, Patricia Ann and Ronald Prescott. He has two other children, Maureen and Michael, by a previous marriage.

Previous Thayer Award recipients include Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Bob Hope, Clare Boothe Luce, Omar Bradley and Barry Goldwater. Warren Burger, former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, received the award last year.

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

Class of '38 Memorializes General Jack Ryan

Ryan Bust Installed in USAFA's "Mall of Heroes"



Ryan bust foreground; Cadet Chapel rear.

The majestic Rampart Range in the Colorado Rockies is a far cry from West Point on the Hudson. Yet the splendor of those magnificent mountains recently provided an inspiring backdrop for a very meaningful act linking two of our nation's military academies, West Point and the Air Force Academy.

On a November day in the Air Gardens on the Terrazzo in the cadet area of the Air Force Academy at the foot of the Rampart Range, the USMA Class of 1938 presented to the Air Force Academy an enduring symbol of the close relationship that exists between our two schools. This symbol was a bronze bust of the highly esteemed and beloved General John D. (Jack) Ryan, member of USMA '38 and the 7th Chief of Staff of the Air Force. What could be a more appropriate gesture for a USMA class, almost a third of whose members served in the Army Air Corps and later in leadership roles in the U.S. Air Force during its formative years?

The genesis of the ceremony stemmed from a decision of the assembled members of the Class of 1938 at their 50th Reunion in 1988. The class decided to have its next mini-reunion at the Air Force Academy. It was later agreed that the class should also present a gift. A mini reunion committee was soon constituted and almost immediately was confronted with the question, "What type of gift would be appropriate?" The reunion was to be only 17 months away, so time was indeed short to decide on a gift, process the required approvals, raise the funds to pay for it and buy or have it made.

With this task ahead of it the committee got to work. Gift suggestions were solicited from the Air Force Academy and from members of the class. A number of possibilities were considered. One, however, stood far above the others as unique, appropriate and meaningful. That was the Ryan bust.

Discussion with approving officials at the Air Force Academy revealed that the

best location for the bust would be in the Air Gardens (informally known as the Mall of Heroes) located in the cadet open-air Terrazzo (quadrangle) surrounded by the Chapel and buildings named for Air Force notables—Mitchell, Arnold, Vandenberg, Fairchild, Harmon, Sijan. Plans for the Mall of Heroes are ultimately to have some 35 busts and statues of individuals whose contributions to aviation and the Air Force have been exceptional. All of the cadets view the Mall of Heroes daily as they pass by on their way to or from their meals and academic classes. The Ryan bust would be placed near that of General Billy Mitchell, a name synonymous with U.S. military aviation, in front of the dining hall that bears his name.

The committee was convinced that its choice of a gift was "meant to be" when various aspects of the project just started to fall in place. The search for a sculptor who could competently accomplish the task in a relatively short time led to talented Jerry McKenna. Jerry, an active

duty Air Force lieutenant colonel stationed in San Antonio, was about to change his profession to that of full time sculptor. A 1961 fine arts graduate from Notre Dame, he won the Emil Jacques Medal of Fine Arts, Notre Dame's highest artistic award. His works already included busts of Winston Churchill, and of notables in aviation in this country including Generals Billy Mitchell and Ira Eaker. His bust of General Mitchell was unveiled at the Air Force Academy in June 1989. He had met General Ryan in 1968 and again in 1980 when he briefed him in San Antonio.

A second piece of good fortune was that General Jack Ryan's widow, Jo, also lives in San Antonio. After 44 years of married life, who could know Jack better? She was able to furnish all sorts of photographs and memorabilia, thus enabling the sculptor to become intimately acquainted with his subject. In addition, she was immediately available to see and critique Jerry's work as it progressed from the original clay through the wax impression to the final bronze casting. Good fortune also had '38 classmates living in San Antonio who knew Jack well. They were able to join Jo in appraising the bust.

The sculpturing efforts took about three months. Meanwhile, Monumental Service in Colorado Springs was working on the granite pedestal and engraved inscription plaque for the bust. This company had done considerable work at and for the Air Force Academy.

Naturally each step of developing the concept of an appropriate gift and making the concept a reality took much coordination. The Memorial Board of the Air Force Academy, '38 class officers in Washington, the reunion committee chairman in Sarasota, Florida and members of the committee in San Antonio were all involved in this process. The class officers first approved the concept of the bust as developed by the reunion committee. The Air Force Academy then gave its approval. Similarly, the committee suggested an appropriate inscription which was then massaged and approved by the class officers and sent on to the Air Force Academy for possible modification and approval.

Funding was another problem that had to be tackled. Time did not permit going to members of the class and widows before starting work on the bust. To take care of this problem the class officers suggested that 10 classmates guarantee the total cost with reimbursement from those classmates and widows who might later want to contribute. This suggestion proved to be a gem. The first ten classmates (five Army and five Air Force) to which the concept was explained had only three questions, "How much, where shall I send the money and when?" With this response the project



The Ryans—three generations: grandson Sean, mother Jo, and son Mike.

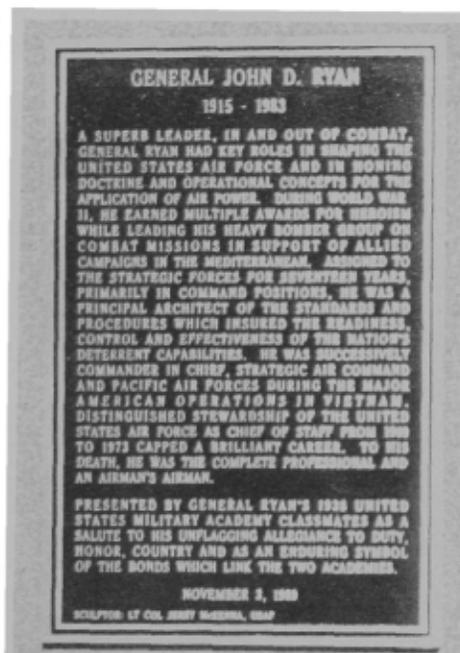
immediately took off. A later letter to all classmates and widows brought a similar overwhelming response. The high esteem in which they all held Jack Ryan and the appropriateness of the gift were clearly evident in the numerous and generous contributions received.

On 3 November 1989, General Dick Stilwell, president of the Class of 1938, unveiled and presented the bust of Gen-

eral Jack Ryan to Lieutenant General Charles Hamm, Superintendent of the Air Force Academy. In attendance were Mrs. Jo Ryan with the Ryans' son Brigadier General Michael Ryan, and grandson Air Force Academy Cadet Sean Ryan, Jack Ryan's '38 classmates, wives, widows and friends, the 4400 strong Air Force Academy Cadet Wing, the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, senior officers and civilians attending the annual Air Force Commanders "Corona" Conference, USMA exchange cadets and officer graduates of USMA stationed at the Air Force Academy. A fly-by of bombardment aircraft and a transport initiated this glorious ceremony. What an inspiring and emotional scene it was with the beautiful Cadet Chapel and Colorado's mountains in the background.

This entire memorable operation would not have been possible without the cordiality and helpfulness of the Air Force Academy Superintendent and his staff. Then there was the imagination, the willingness and the can-do attitude of the USMA Class of 1938 which were clearly evident throughout. And finally, the project showed the cohesiveness of a great class and an eagerness to honor both an outstanding classmate and our fellow Academy of the Air Force which he loved and led.

Submitted by Brigadier General William K. Skaer, USAF, ret. Class of 1938.



The plaque

Good Morning, West Point

Story and photos by SPC John Barker, photojournalist

The ABC morning show, "Good Morning America," televised a "live" broadcast from the U.S. Military Academy, 16 November. The morning show's visit explored the Academy and the lives and futures of the cadets, focusing on the color of campus life and issues facing the future leaders of our nation's military services and the American public.

With the 100th anniversary of the Army/Navy football game approaching (9 December), the show also explored the traditions behind the Army/Navy rivalry.

A highlight of the program was when Army retired Brigadier General Pete Dawkins (USMA 1959) took viewers on

a walking tour of the Academy, reminiscing about the Academy's impact on his life. "Good Morning America" also presented a discussion concerning the present and future role of the Academy in the U.S. military. Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, USMA Superintendent, and Admiral Stansfield Turner were the guests, interviewed by host Charlie Gibson.

Glenn Davis, one of Army's greatest football players, a 1946 Heisman Trophy-winning running back, and Army's current star running back, Mike Mayweather, discussed how the great Army/Navy sports rivalry began and how it evolved over the years.

"Good Morning America" correspondent Steve Fox visited the three mules—Spartacus, Ranger and Black Jack—who serve as the Army football team mascots in a tradition which dates back to 1899.

Joel Siegel then took a look at the colorful history of USMA. "Good Morning America's" weatherman, Spencer Christian, even got into the act when various cadets put him through the paces of military training during the program. Also performing during the show were the popular Army Glee Club and the legendary West Point Hellcats.

The following day, the program was telecast live from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

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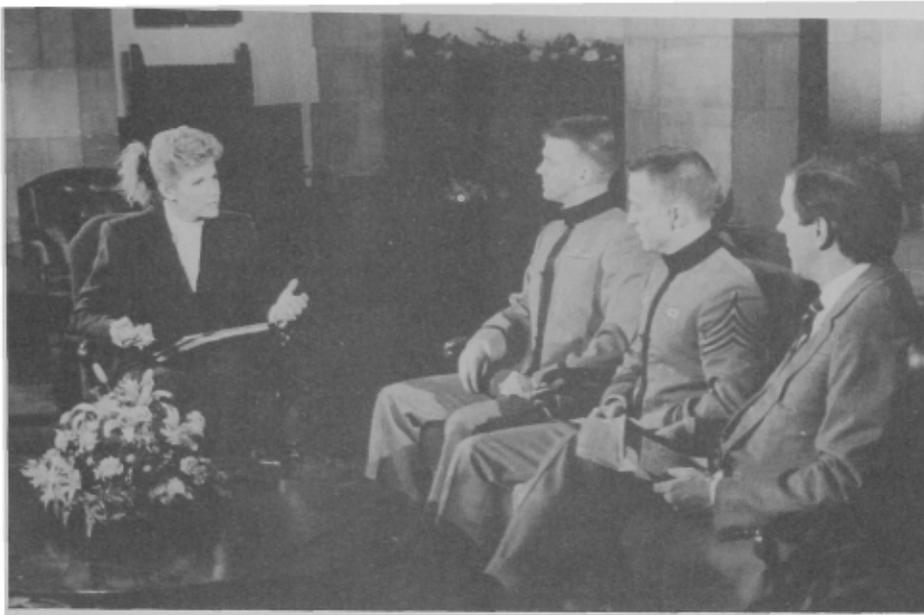
"Good Morning America" hosts, Charlie Gibson and Joan Lunden, greet American viewers while beginning their "live" broadcast from the friendly confines of Grant Hall.



The U.S. Military Academy Band plays "live" to viewers across the country from Cullum Hall.



Hosts Charlie Gibson and Joan Lunden go over script with "Good Morning America's" stage manager, Pat Sheenan, before going on the air.



Joan Lunden interviews cadets Brian Monteith (left) and Shawn Daniel with the assistance of co-host Charlie Gibson about the tradition and everyday life at West Point.



Charlie Gibson and Mike Mayweather, Army football's leading rusher, share a few moments of enjoyable conversation before the cameras start rolling again.



Glenn Davis and Mike Mayweather reflect on Army football with Charlie Gibson.

West Point Hosts the Fourth National Honor Conference

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

... "To provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." The Military Academy's statement of singular purpose serves to underscore a quintessential dimension of true leadership: *character*.

LTG Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent of the Military Academy, simply describes character as having two components: "to know, and to do." General Palmer's definition is premised on the fact that it is not enough to "know" what is right; one must have the requisite moral courage to "do" what is right.

Perhaps General Jacob Devers, USMA Class of 1909, and a commanding general of forces during World War II, best captured the meaning of character when he said, "I use the word integrity when I mean character, and character when I

mean integrity. I think character is everything in leadership. It is what we try to build in all our young officers. It means the truth to me. That's the only way I can put it. To stand up and tell the truth and not be in the gray areas."¹

The military profession has long viewed character as a leadership imperative, a combination of moral-ethical awareness and moral courage upon which trust is based. Leadership is indeed built upon trust, trust that is only gained through one's demonstrated strength of character.

Character development at West Point is enhanced by a three dimensional developmental program, tempered by an Academy environment premised on integrity. The Cadet Honor Code provides the vehicle for the moral-ethical development of all cadets, and the spirit of moral-ethical excellence expected to be present within the hearts of cadets and West Point graduates everywhere.

Consistent with its focus on honor as an environmental imperative, West Point was pleased to host the National Honor Conference during the period 25 through 28 October 1989. In attendance were 60 students representing 20 colleges and universities from across the country. In addition to the five federal service academies, participating institutions included VMI, The Citadel, Texas A&M, Norwich University, University of Virginia, Princeton University, Washington and Lee University, University of Pennsylvania, Rice University, University of Tennessee, New Mexico Military Institute, Duke University, University of South Carolina, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Georgetown University. Although diverse in background and institutional purpose, this forum of outstanding colleges and universities provided the necessary ingredients for stimulating thought, discussion and insightful ideas.

The purpose of the National Honor Conference, now in its fourth consecutive year at West Point, is two-fold. The conference provides an opportunity for students to exchange ideas on existing

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¹Edgar F. Puryear, Jr., *Nineteen Stars: A Study of Military Character and Leadership* (Novato, CA: Presidio Press, 1981).



1989 National Honor Conference Participants

honor codes and systems, as well as aid in the initiation of new systems. The conference furthermore serves to develop a national awareness regarding proper ethical behavior on college campuses, and beyond, in future professional endeavors. Aligned with this two dimensional purpose were the following conference goals:

- *To assist participants in their effort to improve present honor systems.* Although students were not short on pride in their respective codes and systems, neither were they hesitant to share the problems that they were experiencing. The ability to gain ideas to effect necessary change continues to be a compelling reason behind the attendance of many of the institutions.

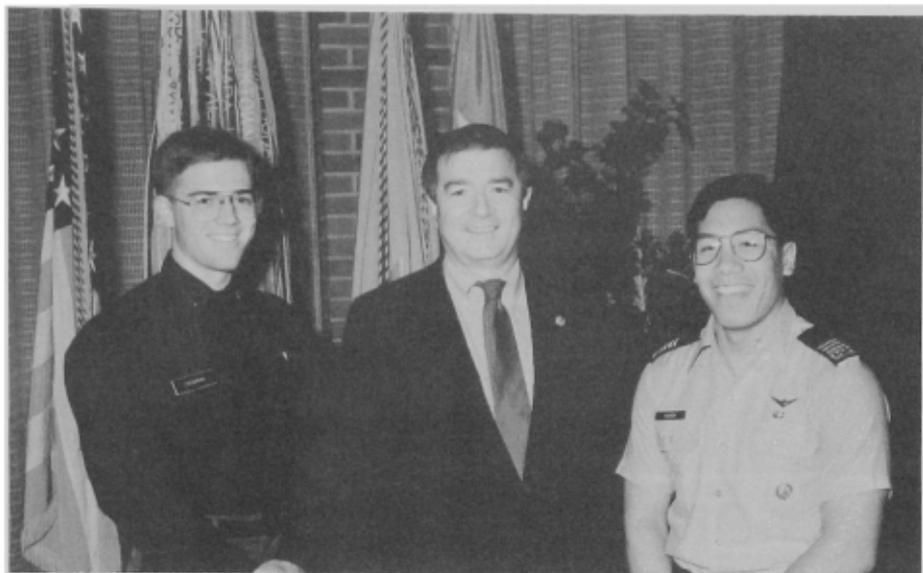
- *To challenge students to transcend their codes and systems in the context of their respective institutions, and wrestle with the broader context of integrity and values in contemporary American society.* The true utility of honor codes and systems is measured in the student's ability to understand and effectively deal with the complexities brought to bear by the professional arena.

- *To develop concrete conference conclusions.* Of paramount importance was the need to ensure that the insights gained throughout the conference would not be lost, but in fact subsequently shared with university and college administration and student contemporaries.

Consistent with previous conferences, all participants were billeted in the cadet barracks; an interesting, if not challenging experience in-and-of-itself. The regimen of cadet life, tempered by a Corps of Cadets deeply entrenched in the annual ritual of fall football madness, provided a superb setting for a conference that promised to be as challenging as it was enjoyable. With reveille on 26 October, came the start of an ambitious two and one-half day conference agenda that demanded hard work and guaranteed superb results.

Subsequent to welcoming remarks from the Commandant of Cadets, MG Fred A. Gorden, the conference officially began with the keynote address of USMA Board of Visitors member and long-time friend of West Point, Texas Congressman Greg Laughlin. Congressman Laughlin's remarks provided a superb point of departure for a conference that would not only address honor in the context of the college community, but ethical conduct in the private and public sectors as well.

Congressman Laughlin's message began with his concerns regarding the ethical awareness and social responsibility of those within the private and public sectors. "We must be concerned about the long-term implications of speculating and corporate raiding." Congress-



Congressman Laughlin takes the opportunity to spend time with two Texans, Cadet Phillip L. Coughran (USMA) and Cadet Joseph Pendon (USAFA).

man Laughlin clearly challenged business to look beyond the "bottom line," and to focus on the society of which they are a part, rather than solely on the "next quarterly report." Congressman Laughlin also critically addressed the ethics of the political process, underscoring the persistence of "character assassinations" and the recently identified congressional ethics violations as vivid reminders of a need for constant ethical vigilance in the public sector.

Congressman Laughlin amplified the charter of tomorrow's leaders when he said, "You set the example—you can do more than all the Congressmen in the world," thereby clearly communicating the critical need for leaders to role-model "doing things right all of the time." In a final challenge to the students to continue in their endeavor to "keep honor in their lives," Congressman Laughlin stated: "People respect honor, but you don't start learning it at age 47;" a strong endorsement for the critical nature of ethical sensitivity during the late adolescent and college years.

Subsequent to that provocative introduction, the students began nearly five hours of presentations and roundtable discussions regarding honor codes and systems. This particular aspect of the conference provided an opportunity for each participating institution to present the mechanics of its code and system, and participate in a series of roundtable discussions regarding differences in codes and concepts, as well as identify problem areas. Although each code and system is unique, the students quickly learned that they share common issues and challenges.

Although this all sounds fairly taxing, rest assured that the day was not without its share of "relaxation." The participants got a taste of "real spirit" at the



General Goodpaster issues a strong endorsement for the purpose and goals of the National Honor Conference.

traditional Quarterback Luncheon, as well as an appreciation for the magnificence of West Point brought to light with a tour of the grounds. It was at this point, we believe, that our guests from Annapolis began to plan that evening's spirit mission: the superintendent's quarters!

The evening festivities included a reception at the superintendent's quarters and a formal dinner hosted by MG and Mrs. Gorden in the Black, Gold and Gray Room of the Cadet Mess. Always a highlight of the conference, the students were as overwhelmed with the beauty of Quarters 100 as they were with the superintendent's strong commitment to the perpetuation of the Cadet Honor Code. LTG Palmer, in his remarks for the evening, provided an historical vignette that served to vividly portray the significant difference between a leader, and a "leader of character." The "Tale of Two Patriots," as it is oftentimes referred, is the account of the performance of duty of George Washington and Benedict Arnold; two leaders with drastically



Judge and Mrs. Sullivan converse with USNA Midshipman Paul Webber at the superintendent's reception.

different fates.

Friday's conference activities began with a special focus on ethics in the private sector, introduced through the insights of Mr. Gordon F. Shea, president of PRIME Systems Company, a training and human resource development firm in the Baltimore-Washington area. Mr. Shea's comments, premised on over 25 years of experience in government and private industry, provided an outstanding start-point for the roundtable discussions that followed.

"Is America really coming apart at the seams? Or are we, rather, in a period of evolving hope?" These questions posed by Mr. Shea at the outset of his remarks set the stage for his argument that this country is indeed "moving toward a new age of ethical consciousness." Mr. Shea supported his claim with his belief that "managers are realizing that you can't build a global [business] enterprise without integrity." He highlighted the fact that corporate America is indeed trying to "develop its ethical muscles," investing money and energy in pursuit of company ethicists, and "developmental programs that serve to build ethics, trust and loyalty into the corporate culture." Mr. Shea further identified the demonstrated qualities of those companies committed to such ethical awareness, none of which are mutually exclusive: "candor, a willingness to share information, and the manufacturing of quality products." Mr. Shea closed with his candid assessment of the reality of the ethics business, calling it "a personal development process and a lifelong challenge."

With Mr. Shea's thoughts fresh in their minds, the students were launched into an extended period of ethical self-exploration, exercised by a hypothetical case study tailored after the Public Broadcasting System's "Ethics in America" series. Arranged in five small roundtable groups, and moderated by Mr.

Shea and senior members of the USMA staff and faculty, students role-played corporate executives and public servants throughout an ever-evolving, ethically challenging corporate scenario. Emotions ran high as students were forced to deal with real world ethical dilemmas, and wrestle with the "more difficult right."

It was at this point that the conference enjoyed a special treat. Several members of the USMA Board of Visitors, at West Point for the 1989 annual meeting, committed the entire morning to participation in the roundtable discussions—of course, role-playing themselves! The resultant perspectives and insights gained from their intimate involvement proved to be invaluable for the students, for this unprogrammed addition proved to underscore the realities of a very complex and dynamic society.

Friday afternoon was dedicated to ethics and public service. Former company honor representative and current justice on the United States Court of Military Appeals, Honorable Eugene R. Sullivan, provided introductory remarks. Judge Sullivan's message began with the concrete and rapidly moved to the abstract as he provided an overview of the ethical guidelines available to those in public service. Subsequent to addressing the first three guidelines—law or statute, codes of ethical conduct and regulations, and personal honor—Judge Sullivan added a fourth guideline that he called "the just plain dumb test," also referred to as the "Washington Post test." Judge Sullivan made the point that although one's intended actions may pass the first three tests, one might have difficulty negotiating the fourth. In other words, if it's dumb, you probably ought not to do it. Put another way, if you wouldn't want to read about it on the front page of the *Washington Post*, then you probably ought not to do it. The students seemingly had little trouble making the connection with that bit of philosophy!

Judge Sullivan's message served to amplify the significant part that moral courage plays in the process of pursuing an "honorable" lifestyle. In order to articulate the sacrifices that sometimes must be made in the pursuit of "right" action, Judge Sullivan shared a story of a battalion commander that risked his military career in the interest of absolutely accurate, unequivocal readiness reporting. That battalion commander was LTG Palmer!

Judge Sullivan communicated his assessment of the future, clearly indicating that the future leaders of this country will not be without their ethical challenges. "Lying, stealing, 'licensed' killing during covert operations, protection of classified documents" are but a few of the issues that are with us today, that will still be with us tomorrow; some of them



MG Gorden provides closing remarks to yet another successful conference.

difficult issues, only resolved through the delicate "balancing of honor, with duty and country." In closing, Judge Sullivan challenged the students to continue to role-model ethical awareness and "practice honor," stating that this was essentially "the only way to teach honor."

Upon the completion of Judge Sullivan's remarks, the students were once again thrust into an extended period of heated discussion, facilitated by a hypothetical case study addressing ethics and public service. Although fatigue was beginning to set in, tremendous energy was exhibited by the students as they worked their way through the ethical complexities of the scenario.

Rejuvenated by the Army hockey team's convincing victory over Air Force on Friday evening, the students were poised to reconvene one last time Saturday morning in order to address the conclusions drawn from the conference activities. A result of great thought and effort, the students chose to specifically focus their conclusions on the "essential ingredients of a successful honor system."

- *Establish a need.* Establish a need for the honor system. It must not be forced upon the students, but must be embraced as an essential dimension of the environment.

- *Define purpose and goals.* Provide a common focus for all within the academic community. Preclude any confusion regarding why the honor system is essential and what it is designed to do.

- *Set standard.* Set a clear and concise minimum standard, thereby establishing a benchmark from which all students can strive to achieve a higher level of moral-ethical excellence.

- *Provide education.* Each student must be continually guided in the establishment of a personal sense of honor.

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How Red Blaik, Debbie Reynolds and the Japanese Saved Me From a Career in Journalism

By John P. Lovell

It was the cumulative effect of otherwise obscure and seemingly unrelated news items that got me reminiscing. There was an obituary on Earl "Red" Blaik, longtime head football coach at Army, dead at the age of ninety-two; then, a short piece on up-and-coming movie actress Carrie Fisher, noting that she is Debbie Reynolds's daughter. Finally, a report on political scandal in Japan suggested the need for reform in the Japanese Diet.

In my mind's eye, it was the 1950's again, and I was a West Point Cadet. Coach Blaik was there, and then Debbie, and then the Japanese diet (small d), in succession, each complicating my life for a time, and leaving an enduring message.

Like many of the young men who entered the Military Academy when I did, I had no clear career plans. Upon taking the oath as a cadet, I incurred an obligation to serve a minimum of seven years in uniform, four as a cadet followed by at least three on active-duty as a commissioned officer. So I would have several years to consider a military career; but there were other possibilities. My father had been a journalist, and so had my oldest brother. Indeed, my

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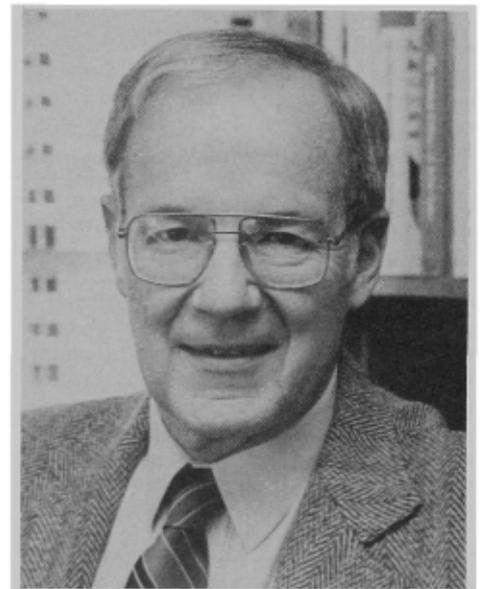
brother had just been called back into the Army, from a job with the United Press. This new call to arms was an unpleasant surprise to the thrice-wounded infantry veteran of World War II, even though this time he would serve in Korea as an Army public information officer. In my mind, though, the assignment suggested the possibility of combining a military career with a career in journalism.

From early in my plebe year at West Point, I found an outlet for my journalistic interests as a sports writer for *The Pointer*, published every two to three weeks. My first big break came covering football.

Under Coach Blaik, the Army team had achieved new heights of glory, named national champion in 1944 and 1945. In 1951, however, the year that I entered the Academy, the football program had fallen on hard times. Ninety cadets, roughly half of them football players, were dismissed from the Academy that year for honor violations. Consequently, Coach Blaik had to recruit an entirely new football team from among cadets remaining, virtually all of whom would be playing college football for the first time. Predictably, it was a losing season. Even Columbia looked formidable for a time, although the end result was a win for Army, as it was also over The Citadel. These were silver linings that we loyal fans cherished a great deal.

Victories that season had been few and far between for me as a budding journalist, also. By mid-winter, my only by-line (shared with a fellow plebe writer) was for a short article on intramural competition ("intermurder") in squash, handball, basketball, wrestling, and boxing.

A couple of months later, however, the Big Break came. An upperclassman who was the envy of the rest of us sports



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writers, because he had his own regular sports column, was taking weekend leave (a privilege never accorded to plebes in those days). I was ecstatic when he invited me to do the column in his stead. The theme I chose—which may have been in conformity to his suggestion that I keep it simple—was the forthcoming 1952 football season. I will not repeat here the penetrating analysis that led me to my conclusions; suffice it to say that the columnist predicted that the Army team would win more of its games than had the 1951 team. Some of the 1951 games were lost by only a point, the columnist reminded his readers, and virtually all letterman would be returning in 1952.

Cynics might term the columnist's prediction unremarkable. In point of fact, however, the prediction did elicit

remarks, from none other than the coach himself. The coach had taken the time to send a personally handwritten note with his comments, I discovered upon my return from class a day or two after that issue of the magazine was published. He had read my column, the coach said, and certainly wondered why I thought I was competent to judge the potential of the varsity football team.

"Why, indeed?" I thought to myself. Had I not attended every home game and the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia? Never mind the fact that attendance at all those games was required of all cadets; most of us would have been in the stands cheering anyway—at least we plebes would have been, not having weekend privileges away from the academy. Moreover, had I not established first-hand credentials as a varsity letter-winner in football in high school? (Surely the fact that our losing season was the worst in the school's history does not detract from those credentials.)

Coach Blaik's main message, however, was that such wildly optimistic speculation as I had indulged in could reach a dangerously large audience. Did I not realize that copies of *The Pointer* are mailed out all over the world?

It was certainly something to think about, all right; but it did not diminish my enthusiasm for continuing to write for *The Pointer*. For one thing, my optimism proved well-founded; the Army team had a victorious season. Furthermore, by the middle of my "cow" year, I was one of a handful of those who were in line to assume the key editorial roles on the magazine during our firstie year. As a means of making the selection, the current editorial staff would assign each of us one issue of the magazine to edit during the winter-spring semester of 1954.*

It was an important responsibility, and I found it necessary to confer with my roommate about my tentative plans, even though he was not on the staff of the magazine. What topics or themes would really capture the imagination of our fellow cadets, and make this issue distinctive? The only sure-fire themes that occurred to us were football, weekend leaves, and the opposite sex; and football season was over. These preoccupations of cadets are not peculiar to the Academy of the 1950's, as I feel sure those who know the scene today would attest. But there was a certain innocence in those days that led my roommate and me to become convinced that a valentine theme for the issue, which was to be

published in mid-February, would have wildly exciting possibilities.

With my roommate's encouragement, I fired off a letter to Debbie Reynolds, Hollywood, California, asking if she would please send a photo of herself, signed with a Valentine message to the Corps of Cadets, that we could use for publication in the special issue of *The Pointer* that I was editing. Debbie's popularity had been on the rise since our plebe year, when she starred with Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor in the movie-musical, "Singin' in the Rain." If she came through now with a photo for the cover, I told my roommate, we might have to double the number of copies of the issue that would be printed.

Weeks passed. Having no reply as the deadline to get material to the press in Newburgh appeared, I decided reluctantly to go with an alternative cover design. Before the issue was actually in print, however, the long-awaited photo arrived. The picture of Debbie was stunning, as attested to by an informal poll among those who were on hand when I opened the envelope. Moreover, she had inscribed the photo, "To my Valentines—all 2400 of you—From your Valentine, Love, Debbie Reynolds."

It was too late to change the cover; but the printer agreed to run it as the frontispiece, with a title, "Our Valentine." It was, my roommate and I were convinced, a triumph of the first order, and whether or not the issue were deemed meritorious enough to win me a place on the editorial board the following year was, at the moment, of no consequence.

The issue had been in print only a day or two when the guest editor received a letter from a distinguished reader, the Commandant of Cadets. It was the first time the Com had communicated personally with me, so I felt somewhat honored, but also apprehensive, well aware that it is the Commandant who has prime responsibility for discipline in the Corps.

The latter instincts proved reliable. The Com's letter was terse and to the point. West Coast newspapers, he said, are carrying stories about the selection of Debbie Reynolds as Corps Sweetheart by cadets at West Point. (Debbie's press agent evidently had been active.) The Corps of Cadets is not authorized to select a sweetheart either officially or under the auspices of *The Pointer*, the Commandant emphasized. You are responsible for the latest issue of *The Pointer*, he correctly observed, a magazine that is sent out all over the world! You will reply to this letter, in triplicate, explaining your actions.

From what I heard subsequently, the Commandant's consternation at my initiative may have had its foundation in an experience with photos that were run in *The Pointer* a few years earlier. It had been the practice annually to run photos

of the 24 young women who were selected, one by each cadet company, as "company sweethearts." The practice was discontinued, I understand, when one of the "sweethearts" gained some unwanted publicity as a New York "call girl."

My reply, in triplicate, to the Commandant did not refer to this precedent. Rather, I simply noted that our intention had not been to designate Debbie Reynolds as the "Corps Sweetheart" or even "the Corps valentine" but merely to invite her to send valentine greetings to the Corps; she was, I suggested, popular.

I suspect that the Commandant was not altogether persuaded by my "b-ache." However, the damage already had been done, and perhaps my reply displayed sufficient contrition to satisfy him. In any event, I do not recall any resulting penalty being imposed, such as confinement to quarters or "marching the area." The additional happy outcome was the verdict rendered by the first classmen who were selecting the key positions on *The Pointer*. Debbie's valentine greetings had won their hearts and minds.

Thus, by autumn 1954, issues prepared under my editorial supervision were being published. I was on my way to class the day the second of these appeared, in early October, when I received word that I was to report to the office of the Superintendent. I asked the cadet who had brought the message if he thought it would be all right to wait until after class to report to the Supe's office. The messenger merely stared in disbelief at my query. "On the double!" was his suggestion.

Actually, I had not yet had the opportunity to meet the Superintendent. He had arrived from a battlefield command in Korea only recently, and I had heard good things about him. As it happened, however, I did not get to meet him on this occasion. I was greeted at his office by his aide, a captain, as I recall. I remember him as being physically imposing—a former football lineman, perhaps (as was his boss, the "Supe").

"You are the managing editor of *The Pointer*, Mr. Lovell?" the captain wanted to know.

"Yes, sir," I acknowledged.

"Then you are responsible for the contents of the magazine?"

"Yes, sir, I accept full responsibility," I said.

"In the most recent issue, there is an article entitled, 'Japan's West Point'; are you familiar with the article?"

"Yes, sir," I said; "the new academy in Japan just opened last year and we thought it would be of interest to run a feature article on it."

No doubt, the captain agreed; and perhaps our allies the Japanese would be pleased at the thought. "However, they are not going to be pleased, Mr.

*It may be of some interest to readers of *Assembly* that one of the first classmen on the *Pointer* staff was a talented cartoonist named Jack Galvin, currently Supreme Commander Allied Powers Europe.

Lovell, when they see the caption of this photo." He then pointed to a photo of a mess hall scene. The caption read, "Rice, rice, that's all we ever have"

My most serious mistake at this juncture was to smirk. There are a few universals in life, and one of them is that complaints are heard the globe over, warranted or unwarranted, about the dreary predictability of mess hall food—or dorm food, for that matter. "It's Sunday night, so it's cold cuts again"—that sort of thing. Anyway, it was this reasoning that led me to find the caption amusing; but the captain was not a man amused by life's patterns.

"Mr. Lovell, don't you realize that copies of *The Pointer* are sent out all over the world," he wanted to know, now standing me at attention with his reddened face only inches from mine. "And here you are suggesting that the Japanese cadets are getting only rice for their diet!"

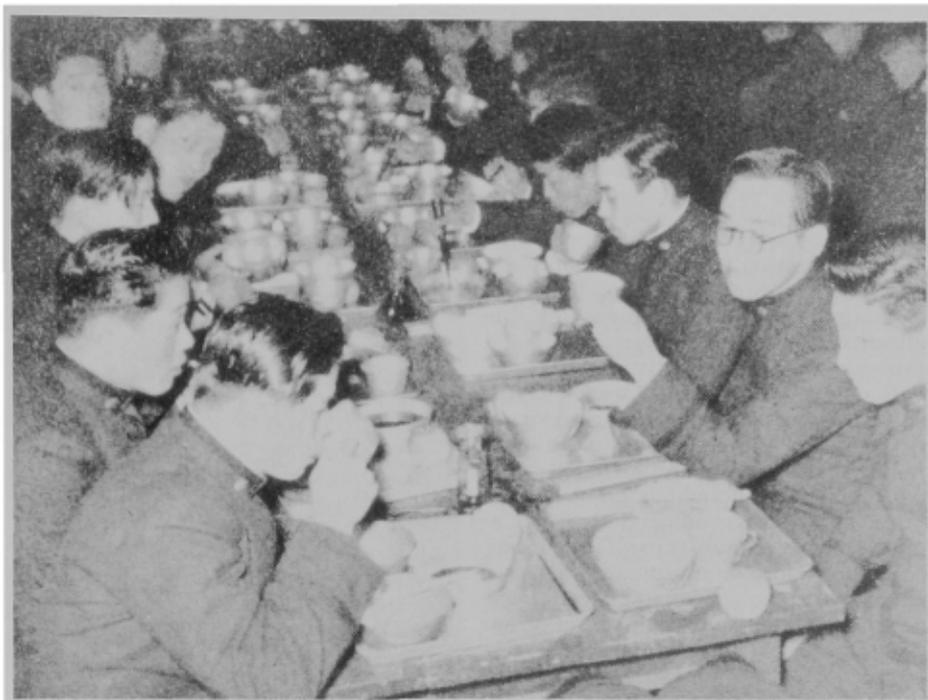
"No, sir; that's not what the caption means," I began.

"But, that's what it says, mister!" he said, pointing again to the words under the picture.

The interrogation then began again, continuing for at least an hour. Or so it seemed; it may have been only another ten to fifteen minutes. But over and over, never satisfied with my replies, the captain reminded me of the severity of the offenses that I had committed.

Considering the damage that had been wrought to U.S.-Japanese relations and to America's global image generally, I guess I got off easy. I was permitted to continue to edit *The Pointer* until the spring of 1955, when we of the graduating class turned the magazine over to the Class of '56.

President Eisenhower came to the



"Rice, rice, that's all we ever have"

Academy in June to give the commencement address and present us our diplomas. It was the fortieth anniversary of his own graduation from West Point; so we all regarded it as an extra special occasion. When he handed me my diploma and shook my hand, he said nothing about *The Pointer* and the potential global repercussions of its contents. I liked Ike for that.

The fact is, no more stern counsel was required. My journalistic exploits had ended. I tried my hand at soldiering for a time, but ultimately decided that it was my old roommate who had special talents in this field, not I. (Fred Woerner is

now a four-star general.) Rather, my future lay in the academic world, with all its intriguing peculiarities.

Until a few weeks ago, I had not thought about the career choice for a long time. Those recent news items made me reflect, however, on the road not taken. But for Red Blaik, Debbie Reynolds and the Japanese, I mused, I might now be editing *Time* magazine or serving as an overseas correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor*. Well, maybe covering rodeos for the *Laramie Daily Boomerang* is more like it. It doesn't have distribution all over the world, does it?

“The Mackenzie Syndrome”

By Cadet Brian Wheeler, Class of 1990

In every army throughout the world, the criterion for success of an individual officer is the accomplishment of assigned missions. It measures the effectiveness of any professional officer expecting to acquire distinction in a military career. As a result, some officers will occasionally strive to achieve victory or success without regard to the cost. In fact, in the euphoria following victory, too often little thought is given to the price the success demanded. Such a price not only manifests itself in terms of casualties and lost equipment, but also extends to the physical and psychological erosion that occurs to the enemy, an officer's own command, and the officer himself. The ambitious officer who consistently pushes his troops and himself to the point of exhaustion while pursuing his objectives, may not realize that such an effort has a latent price. One of the earliest documented examples of this condition involved a West Point graduate of the 19th century. Because of it, the condition might well be called “The Mackenzie Syndrome.”

Brigadier General Ranald Slidell Mackenzie lies at peace in the northeast corner of West Point's cemetery under a white cross mounted on a modest foundation. It is a humble marker, standing in the shadow of more prominent grave-stones, and is easily missed by the casual visitor. Few know that resting beneath it are the remains of a soldier who did not consider the physical and psychological costs of the victories he achieved, on the enemy, his own troops, or himself.

On 19 January 1889, at New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, retired Brigadier General Ranald Slidell Mackenzie died. The former honor graduate of West Point's Class of 1862 was only forty-eight years old. His death after long years of pain, and the suffering of both his enemies and his own men, were clearly the result of Mackenzie's theories and driving personality.

At an early age, Mackenzie showed a strong tendency toward a determined and aggressive personality which would mark his military career. Prior to entering West Point, he spent three years at Williams College in Massachusetts. While there, he was repeatedly disciplined for “creating disturbances in the rooms of freshmen.” By the end of his third year, he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, an institution apparently more suited to his traits of aggressiveness and sense of purpose.



Cadet Ranald S. Mackenzie, Class of 1862
(Courtesy of USMA Archives).

Once he was admitted to West Point, Cadet Mackenzie proved to be both brilliant and uncontrollable. He was described by a classmate as:

a high-spirited, model gentleman; modest, determined, fearless, generous, loyal to his friends, and slow to anger. His love of sport and fondness for the society of his friends was cause of his getting more than the average of demerits (Annual Reunion, 3).

The reference to Cadet Mackenzie's record of conduct was a vast understatement. By the time he was commissioned on 17 June 1862, he had accumulated 517 demerits. Yet, his academic record reflected his drive to excel, and he graduated first in his class.

Less than one month later, the newly commissioned second lieutenant of Engineers encountered his “baptism of fire” at the Battle of Second Manassas. In the ensuing two years, Mackenzie was wounded six separate times, cited for gallantry eleven times, became a veteran of 25 separate campaigns and major battles, and had four horses shot out from under him. By the end of the Civil War, Ranald Mackenzie was only 25 years old; a brevet major general-U.S. Volunteers; and commander of the cavalry in the Army of the James in the Department of Virginia.

With the end of the Civil War, Mackenzie reverted to his permanent regular

Army rank of lieutenant colonel of Engineers when Congress reduced the size of the army. He yearned for the excitement and challenge of the battlefield, but the only conflict available was the campaign against hostile Indians on the frontier.

When the command of the 41st (Colored) U.S. Infantry Regiment became available, and no other white officer would take the assignment, Mackenzie applied. The 41st, on occupation duty at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was comprised principally of uneducated, former slaves. Mackenzie found a regiment that was undisciplined and combat ineffective, and immediately imposed an iron discipline and an around-the-clock training program.

He force marched the regiment across the Louisiana countryside as much to show the flag to countless unreconstructed rebels as to toughen his troops. Although most officers in that era rode at the head of the column, Mackenzie led his troops on foot. In spite of constant pain from Civil War wounds, he completed each march at the head of the column. No doubt Mackenzie was aware that the sight of a pain-ridden commander marching ahead of his troops would deter his men from dropping out, disgraced in the eyes of their peers.

Although physically able, the black troopers' lack of education limited their military abilities. Realizing that, Mackenzie went north to recruit blacks who were better educated and literate. The 41st rapidly improved, resulting in Mackenzie's promotion to full Colonel (Annual Reunion of USMA Graduates-1887, 9).

Because of his success with the 41st, Mackenzie became commander of the 24th Infantry Regiment at Fort Clark, Texas. It was a white regiment largely comprised of Irish immigrants, many of whom were Civil War veterans. Within a few months, the 24th was reassigned to Fort McKevee, and then to Fort Concho, Texas. Then in 1869, Mackenzie became the first post-Civil War field commander to use infantry successfully against mounted Indians. He force marched the regiment at night, and ambushed mounted Comanches and white renegades in a rocky canyon near Nacogdoches, Texas. The battle resulted in the deaths of thirty-three Comanches, twelve Mexican and white renegades, and the cap-

ture of eighty-seven rifles and carbines, plus two-thousand rounds of ammunition. In the battle, only one trooper was wounded. The regiment marched back to Fort Concho, dragging with them fourteen prisoners in chains.

Because of Mackenzie's success with the 41st and 24th Infantry Regiments, and his brilliant combat record as a cavalry officer in the Civil War, the War Department finally assigned him to command the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment at Fort Richardson, Texas, in 1870. Within hours of assuming command of the post, Mackenzie initiated a demanding training program. Although he continued to suffer pain, he led every major reconnaissance and operation until he was convinced that his subordinate officers were fully trained. Then, he initiated offensive operations against various Indians in his assigned area and began to penetrate countryside that his predecessors had avoided.



Colonel Ranald Slidell Mackenzie, Commander, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Courtesy of National Archives).

Prior to Mackenzie's arrival on the Frontier, officers tended to take their troops to the field in the spring, summer and autumn. Army field operations were terminated during the winter months, and often during inclement weather. Many commanders would not engage hostile Indians without adequate logistical support or at night, and they refrained from pursuing them into Indian-held territory. It soon became evident that Mackenzie didn't intend to follow the same blueprint.

Mackenzie concluded that by sending columns of troops strong enough to support themselves in Indian-held country, maintaining ongoing reconnaissance, frequent contact, and constant pursuit, the Army could eventually defeat the Indians.

Initially, Mackenzie was successful, not only earning him congratulations in General Orders from the War Department as well as public recognition, but also raising the morale of his troops. As a result, his concept of around-the-clock operations, in all seasons and under all weather conditions, was adopted by other prominent frontier officers, including Generals Nelson Miles, George Crook, Phillip Sheridan, and Colonels Wesley Merritt and George Custer.

The reputation Mackenzie acquired for aggressive and ongoing campaigning brought him to the attention of senior general officers on the frontier. His reputation as a tactical genius grew as he consistently demonstrated an ability to produce victories that previously were considered impossible by others. As a result, he was ordered into campaigns against hostile Indians throughout the American West. Between 1871 and 1883, Mackenzie led the 4th U.S. Cavalry in relentless campaigning against hostiles in Indian Territory (Oklahoma), Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska. In addition, on three separate occasions he led the regiment in raids across the Mexican border against Kickapoo war parties, Lipan Apache raiders, and renegades.

Mackenzie was demanding, and he led his troops in blinding blizzards and searing sandstorms in order to catch hostile bands unawares. Due to constant pressure on the various hostiles, Mackenzie's troops were remarkably victorious. The 4th Cavalry captured or defeated Chiefs Red Cloud of the Sioux nation; Quanah Parker and Mow-Way of the Comanches; Dull Knife of the Northern Cheyenne; and Satank, Eagle Heart, Big Tree, Lone Wolf, and Big Bow of the Kiowas.

Yet, not all the casualties suffered by the men of Mackenzie's command were from hostile fire. His relentless style resulted in acute dehydration, exhaustion, heat stroke, and frostbite among his troops. If a trooper received wounds during a skirmish, Mackenzie's plans did not permit even the crude level of medical assistance that was available on the battlefield at the time. After an attack the 4th undertook on Quanah Parker's Comanches on the Llano Estacado of West Texas, Captain Robert S. Parker, the Regimental Adjutant wrote:

One trooper with a head wound was simply strapped into his saddle and by the time the regiment arrived back at the fort, portions of his brain were visible due to swelling of the tissue through the cavity caused by the Indian bullet (Parker, 1).

Yet, at a time when Army officers tended to be somewhat aloof, Mackenzie earned the respect of his troops because he

demanding nothing more from them than he was willing to endure. That example of personal leadership inspired the loyalty of men who were unaccustomed to officers' undergoing the same hardships.

Mackenzie's seemingly endless physical capacities, despite constant pain, resulted in remarkable victories against unfavorable odds. When pursuing the Quahada Comanches under Chief Mow-Way on McClellan Creek, Texas, Mackenzie personally led a charge of the 4th Cavalry against five hundred well-armed and battle-hardened Comanche warriors who outnumbered his command two to one. Along with the Southern Cheyenne and Pawnees, the Comanches were among the best light infantry in the world at that time. However, Mackenzie obviously decided that the shock value of seizing the initiative and attacking a superior force would more than make up for the difference in strength. The battle was fierce and lasted several hours. Throughout it, the troops saw their colonel galloping into the thick of the fighting, using his saber to slash his way through ranks of mounted Comanches. By the time the battle ended, the troopers were exhausted, but only three were dead and just seven suffered wounds. However, twenty-three Comanche warriors were killed, several hundred wounded, and more than one hundred were captured.

In the campaign against Lone Wolf in the Palo Duro Canyon area of the West Texas panhandle, Mackenzie marched the 4th Cavalry 25 miles at night across unmapped, hostile territory. They arrived at the canyon area just before sunup. Without resting, they wrapped the horses hooves in blanket cloth, and quietly proceeded along the canyon rim. Then, on Mackenzie's order, the troopers attacked the Kiowa encampment as the sun's early morning glow was just beginning to light up the canyon. The tired troopers caught the Kiowas by surprise, just as Mackenzie had planned.

The Kiowas never dreamed that the "pony soldiers" would traverse such rough and unknown country at night, much less during a blinding sandstorm which struck the area during the nighttime hours. Lone Wolf, who was a battle-wise war chief, was confident that the Palo Duro canyon was safe. Consequently, he did not post lookouts. He paid dearly for that over-confidence. Mackenzie's troops poured a withering fire into the Kiowa teepees, killing many of the Kiowa warriors before they could emerge. Dozens were picked off by carbine and rifle fire before they were able to establish any kind of a defense line. Finally, the Kiowas broke for the open countryside, leaving behind the encampment and fourteen hundred ponies.

Knowing that the ponies were the "lifeblood" of the Kiowas, Mackenzie

ordered his troopers to slaughter eleven hundred horses after he carefully selected three hundred to take as replacements for Army mounts. The troopers herded the Indian ponies to the canyon rim and shot them, pushing their carcasses into the canyon below.

The killing of innocent animals had a psychological effect on Mackenzie's troops. The regimental adjutant wrote:

The massacre of good horseflesh sickened many of our troops, but they continued to fire into the herd and shut out the sounds of animals in agony. After we returned to the post, many of the youngest troopers had nightmares about the slaughter for months afterward (Parker, 11).

The psychological effect on the Indians was apparently just as devastating. The slaughter of so many ponies destroyed Lone Wolf's will to continue resisting, and he led what remained of his camp back to the nearest Indian agency.

Yet, the Palo Duro Canyon raid was only one of many such operations that became Mackenzie's trademark. During the Powder River Valley campaign, he led a column of eleven hundred troopers at night, through a blinding, Wyoming snowstorm, in sub-zero weather, and over unfamiliar ground. He stopped the column only long enough to chip the ice away from the eyes and nostrils of the horses. They arrived at the Cheyenne encampment just before dawn. Mackenzie and his troopers suffered from frostbite in weather so cold that they kept their pistols and carbines under their coats in order to thaw out the actions. Regardless, Mackenzie ordered the attack at dawn.

Once again, the Indians never expected an enemy to brave the extremes of a Wyoming winter storm, and were caught by surprise. Many of the women and children died next to the braves as they tried to escape from their teepees. Soon, the white snow that had fallen during the night was stained red from the blood of the dead Cheyenne men, women, and children. The surprise was total. The cavalrymen cut down the Cheyenne without mercy and then set fire to the teepees. One hundred seventy-three lodges were burned to the ground. One hundred Cheyenne ponies died by rifle fire upon Mackenzie's command. The defeat devastated the Cheyenne. The few who managed to survive the attack and a freezing trek through snow and ice surrendered at the district's Indian Agency.

All the losses were not among the Indians. Although the 4th suffered only a handful of casualties during the battle, virtually every trooper and officer suffered from frostbite. More than a dozen had fingers and toes amputated

in order to prevent gangrene. Twelve troopers later developed pneumonia and died.

However, the operations that marked Mackenzie's command were the raids into Mexico, undertaken on nothing more than verbal instructions from General Phillip Sheridan. Three times, Mackenzie galloped the 4th Cavalry troopers deep into Mexico, destroying camps of renegades, Lipan Apaches, and Kickapoos who had been using Mexico as a sanctuary for raids on communities in Texas and New Mexico Territory. Each time he returned not only with his command intact, but also with hundreds of prisoners. As a result, he neutralized the threat from across the border, and received national attention for the victories.

Yet, in spite of these successes, the raids took their toll among his troops. In a raid near Remolino, Mexico, Mackenzie led his 4th Cavalry troopers 160 miles across the barren and parched northern Mexican desert without rest, reaching the target area within 32 hours. After pausing just long enough to water the horses, Mackenzie ordered the attack. When it was over, the 4th Cavalry had seized 65 horses displaying Texas brands and taken 150 prisoners. Mackenzie then force marched the entire contingent back to the U.S., without stopping, in 100 degree heat. During the march, the troopers began to run out of water. They rationed their remaining water supplies for the horses and:

cut open their own blood veins to provide needed moisture for their mouth and lips. The prisoners were given no moisture at all because there was none to give (Utley, 347).

On the return trip from Remolino, the column was confronted by a Mexican lancer regiment. The regiment's commander demanded Mackenzie's surrender. Instead of surrendering, Mackenzie unsheathed his saber, ordered his column into an assault line, and charged. Rather than engage the Americans and risk a war, the Mexicans parted and allowed the 4th to pass through to the Rio Grande, with their prisoners. It was evident that Mackenzie was also a skilled gambler.

Mackenzie's tactics attracted attention throughout the frontier. They were emulated by others because they were highly effective, although draining on the capacities of the troops involved. The primary reason they were effective was that the various Indian nations were accustomed to living off the countryside. With herds of fast and hardy ponies, the hostile war parties could raid selected targets and rapidly retreat to familiar territory.

The Plains Indians represented possi-

bly the best light cavalry the world had ever seen, easily outrunning the more heavily equipped troopers. Mackenzie, however, reasoned that the basic weakness of the war parties was that they were anchored to camps where they kept their women, children, and belongings. When they moved, they were slowed down by their own logistics. As long as they were not pursued and were allowed to maintain sanctuaries, they might have maintained hostilities indefinitely.

Mackenzie was the first frontier cavalry commander to reason that the Indian's mobility and freedom were dependent on maintaining herds of ponies. Depriving them of their means of mobility became a strategic objective. Consequently, he was the first to adopt a policy of slaughtering captured Indian ponies.

Finally, his tactical concepts were based on the knowledge that the Indians would not operate in adverse weather, and rarely at night. Past experience caused the hostiles to believe that neither would the cavalry operate under such conditions. By adopting the tactics of using unfavorable weather and relentless pursuit, Mackenzie consistently achieved the element of surprise, and suppressed the Indian threat in his assigned area of the frontier.

The constant campaigning, virtually from the day he graduated from West Point until 1883, devastated Mackenzie. His extreme sense of duty and dedication, combined with constant pain from Civil War wounds, wore him down both mentally and physically. The result of years in the saddle without rest or treatment became apparent by the late 1870s.



The last known, and never before published, photograph of Brigadier General Ranald S. Mackenzie during the winter of 1882, San Antonio, Texas (Courtesy of Museum Archives, Fort Sill, Oklahoma).

In 1883, Mackenzie became the Army's youngest brigadier general as commander of the Department of Texas, headquartered in San Antonio. At about the same time, the regimental adjutant recorded several instances of irrationality and forgetfulness by Mackenzie, and expressed concern to the post physician. Initially, Mackenzie was too busy with his duties to allow a physical examination. Eventually, after several postponements by Mackenzie, the physician was able to complete an examination. The adjutant wrote to General Phillip Sheridan reporting that the doctor had declared Mackenzie to be "unfit for further duty," and recommended additional medical analysis.

General Phillip Sheridan's personal order reassigned Mackenzie and directed him to report to New York City to participate in a "special assignment." As secretly planned, doctors intercepted him as he left the train and, with the assistance of his sister Harriet, committed him to Bloomingdale Mental Asylum. After lengthy observation and examination, the doctors concluded that he had exhausted himself both mentally and physically, and had become mentally unstable. As a result, he was retired from military service as being "medically unfit" and suffering from "general paresis of the insane".

In spite of the cost to his troops, the Indians he defeated, and himself, Mackenzie had a major effect on the frontier. Prior to his arrival, the Army's method of conducting Indian campaigns was due to the frontier commanders' lack of consistent aggressiveness. Mackenzie initiated a concept that would later be adopted by other field commanders, and would become the only tactics that would finally destroy the resistance of the Indians.

Mackenzie also brought a second important concept to the campaigns. It was a version of the scorched earth tactic, which Sherman used during his march through Georgia during the Civil War. However, instead of burning the countryside, Mackenzie slaughtered ponies, thereby destroying the ability of the Indians to maintain their mobility. This policy made the Indians totally dependent upon the Indian agencies, resulting in the once-proud people being forced to bend to the will of the government. The combination of the slaughter of Indian braves, women, children, and ponies, and the constant physical drain caused

by exposure, dehydration, and forced marches, eroded Mackenzie's mental and physical health, as well as his spirit and that of his troops. Yet, his tactics resulted in the destruction of the Indian's capacity to continue hostilities.

Unfortunately, Mackenzie's commitment to duty, and his undeniable courage in the face of intense pain, overwhelmed his capacity to measure his own physical and mental capacities. He wore himself out as effectively as he wore out his troops and the Indians whom he fought. After a professional lifetime in the saddle, enduring the strain of almost constant combat, and giving all of his mental and physical capacity for his country, the man Ulysses S. Grant called "the most promising young officer in the Union Army" became the final casualty of his own tactics.

Today, few visitors passing Ranald Slidell Mackenzie's grave in West Point's cemetery realize that the small white cross marks the final resting place of one of the finest "horse soldiers" West Point ever produced, whose genius tamed much of the old western frontier, as well as the Mexican border. If such visitors, however, take the opportunity to examine the other side of the monument, they will read an inscription



Gravestone of Brigadier General Ranald S. Mackenzie, West Point Cemetery (Photo by Cadet Brian Wheeler).

which wishes for him in death what he was never able to achieve in life.

The inscription reads, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace."

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Academic Limits

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



Most alumni probably appreciate the rationale for West Point's predominantly military faculty. Composed with few exceptions of Regular Army officers, the military faculty is representative of the officer corps. Moreover, the Military Academy aims for an appropriate balance between a permanent faculty that provides continuity and leadership and a rotating faculty that, among other contributions, reinforces close contact and rapport with the field Army.

Less well-known is the role of our civilian faculty. Although graduates may recall the practice of employing civilian instructors in the Department of Physical Education and Foreign Languages and the tradition of assigning a foreign service officer to the Department of Social Sciences, they may not be aware of the distinctive contribution made by our civilian visiting professors. I am therefore devoting this column to the role of our visiting professors. After reviewing the history of the program, I will highlight an opportunity for alumni to enhance the program and thereby advance the purpose and mission of West Point.

The first benchmark in the development of the present arrangements for visiting professors stemmed from the initiative of Colonel Thomas E. Griess, the first Head and Professor, Department of History. Upon assuming command of the new department in 1969, Colonel Griess sought additional means to enrich the instruction of cadets and to strengthen rapport between the Army's community of military historians and distinguished scholars from civilian academe. With the endorsement of the Superintendent and support of the Chief of Military History, the History Department devised procedures for the annual appointment of a visiting professor in the field of military history. The first visiting professor, appointed for AY 1972-73, was Jay Luvaas, professor of history at Allegheny College and author of *The Military Legacy of the Civil War* and other works in military history and the art of war. Luvaas's successor was Frank Vandiver, a member of Rice University's history faculty, author of *Mighty Stonewall* and an authority on American military history.

The appointments of Luvaas and Vandiver established a precedent for recruit-

ment of eminent scholars and also illustrated the valuable contributions that visiting professors could make to West Point's academic program. During the 1970's, the visiting professors of history were assertive in assuming multiple roles as instructors in the classroom;

mentors for the military faculty; advisers to heads of departments; and on occasion, counsellors to the Dean, Superintendent, and other authorities on the

Visiting Professors, 1989-1990

Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

Robert M. Carter, Ph.D.
Professor of Public Administration
University of Southern California

Chemistry

B. Richard Siebring, Ph.D.
Professor of Chemistry
The University of Wisconsin
(Milwaukee)

Civil and Mechanical Engineering

Michael E. Fournay, Ph.D.
Professor of Engineering and
Applied Science
University of California (Los Angeles)

English

J. David Newell, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Philosophy
Washington College

Foreign Languages

F. Jackson Piotrow, Ph.D.
Professor, School of International
Service
The American University

Geography and Environmental Engineering

John R. Mather, Ph.D.
(1st Term)
Professor of Geography
University of Delaware

Charles L. Rosenfeld, Ph.D.
(2nd Term)
Associate Professor of Geography
Oregon State University

History

Malcolm Muir, Jr. Ph.D.
Professor of History
Austin Peay State University

D'Ann Campbell, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of History
Indiana University

Law

Joseph B. Conboy, J.D., L.L.M.
Associate Dean
School of Law
Texas Tech University

Mathematical Sciences

V. Frederick Rickey, Ph.D.
Professor of Mathematics
Bowling Green State University

Physical Education

William J. Penny, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of
Professional Physical Education
East Stroudsburg University

Physics

Harold Arthur Gersch, Ph.D.
Regents' Professor Emeritus
Georgia Institute of Technology

Social Sciences

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
(Ret.)
Former Director, Central
Intelligence Agency

Richard Jensen, Ph.D.
Professor of History
University of Illinois (Chicago)

John R. Walser, Ph.D.
Foreign Service Officer
Department of State

Systems Engineering

Donovan Young, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Industrial
and Systems Engineering
Georgia Institute of Technology

broader mission of the Military Academy.

The second benchmark in the evolution of the visiting professors program was the 1977 Report of the Department of the Army West Point Study Group. Charged by the Chief of Staff, General Bernard Rogers, with examining all aspects of the Military Academy's mission and operations, the study group suggested various measures to enhance the academic program. After observing that the "key to academic excellence" was excellence of both the faculty and the student body, the study group unequivocally supported the practice of drawing the bulk of West Point's faculty from the commissioned ranks. "The dedication, enthusiasm, and maturity of these officers comprise an irreplaceable component of the West Point experience." At the same time, the report noted the special contribution that could be made by visiting professors in various disciplines and included a specific recommendation for expansion of the visiting professors program.

With the approval of the Department of the Army and with the precedent of the visiting professor of military history as a guide, the Military Academy proceeded to institute a program that would enable each department to appoint annually a visiting professor. As a result of this innovation, a hallmark of academic excellence at West Point during the past decade has been the vital presence of a group of distinguished visiting professors drawn from an impressive cross section of American colleges and universities. (The accompanying list of visiting professors for 1989-90 will attest to their diverse backgrounds and credentials.) The vitality and value of the program was underlined last year by the Military Academy's *Institutional Self-Study* that was prepared for the 1989 decennial reaccreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The

Self-Study concluded that in addition to the principal role of teaching cadets, visiting professors also "nurture and encourage the younger faculty, and by questioning and commenting on some of the academic procedures and methods employed at West Point, they offer valuable, non-adversarial insights on the way this institution goes about its business." With regard to the latter role, I should mention Lieutenant General Palmer's recent decision to establish an advisory panel that would generate on a more systematic basis the views of visiting professors on governance at the Military Academy.

The last benchmark in the growth of the visiting professors program not only represents substantial modification of the previous arrangements but also suggests a new departure. In January 1989, the John M. Olin Foundation awarded a grant to the Association of Graduates, USMA, to support a visiting professor for national security studies. In announcing the grant, the trustees of the Olin Foundation stated, "We are delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the education of young men and women at the Academy and to their preparation for public service." The grant supported an annual budget that includes funds for the visiting professor's salary, benefits, and relocation expenses, plus additional funds for a distinguished lecture program in national security affairs.

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN(Ret.), has served as the first Olin Distinguished Professor of National Security Studies. Admiral Turner, a graduate of the Naval Academy, Class of 1947, and Rhodes Scholar, is a former president of the Naval War College, commander of the Second Fleet, and director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He already has made major contributions to the intellectual and professional development of the Corps of Cadets. In addition to teaching courses and conducting seminars on national security affairs, Admiral

Turner has been especially assertive in advising faculty on research projects and in assisting the Social Sciences Department in coordinating the distinguished lecture program and extracurricular activities.

On the eve of my retirement as Dean, I encourage all alumni and friends of West Point to support the continuation of our visiting professors program. We are confident that our original purpose and goals have been validated by experience, but because of the present environment of budgeting constraints, we are less certain about the future financial viability of the program. Some individuals and classes have approached me on the subject of endowing chairs for the academic departments. In response to those requests, we have included endowed professorships in the Academy's statement of requirements to the AOG for private funds. A year ago when the Olin grant was approved, the Superintendent noted that this might be an example for endowing visiting professorships, thereby releasing appropriate funds for other purposes. Our preliminary studies indicate that an endowment of approximately \$2,000,000.00 would fund the annual salary, housing, research and other expenses for a visiting professor. With such an endowment, we could continue to attract senior scholars to live at or near West Point.

The Superintendent and I would welcome the opportunity to explore the concept for endowed professorships with representatives of classes and other interested persons. Moreover, the Director of Development for the Association of Graduates and the Military Academy's Director of Alumni Affairs are prepared to discuss in greater detail financial and other arrangements. Together we can take another initiative that will enrich the education and training of the Corps of Cadets and also provide other commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Military Academy.

The COM Reports

By MG FRED A. GORDEN, Commandant of Cadets



Coming from assignment as assistant division commander (maneuver) of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) in Hawaii, BG David A. Bramlett became the 62d Commandant of Cadets in ceremonies conducted on 18 December 1989. The Gordens departed West Point on orders to the 25th Division (coincidentally) to assume command effective 12 January 1990. The long period of anticipation was resolved by a HQDA announcement on 8 November. Major General Gordon's final Com Report follows:

Since my last three reports were written in anticipation of reassignment, each of them offered a current update on matters of interest which directly related to the Corps and the Office of the Commandant. There are just a couple of things I would like to add at this juncture, along with some departure reflections.

First, of interest to many will be the information at Figure 1 which reflects those cadets selected as company commanders for the second semester. Along with the twenty-eight permanent captains whose names were provided in last October's *Assembly*, they will hold the key first class leadership positions as Dave Bramlett comes aboard. Second, Figure 2 reflects the results of this year's branching straw poll. I hasten to emphasize that this is not final branch selection data, but does indicate the early thinking of the members of the Class of 1990 as they approach the final branch selection process in January.

Finally, I would like to reflect briefly on the West Point purpose statement about which the Superintendent wrote in last October's *Assembly*: TO PROVIDE THE NATION WITH LEADERS OF CHARACTER WHO SERVE THE COMMON DEFENSE. As I depart I am more convinced than ever that more than anything else we do here at West Point, the focus on leader development must remain paramount as it is today. Over the years since my graduation there have been countless evolutions in our Army in its strength and its manning system; as well as in how best to equip the Army, train it, and sustain it. Warfighting doctrine has likewise taken several turns during my years of service; and in somewhat similar ways, the same has also been true for our sister services. This evolution occurred notwithstanding the relative constancy of a world environment which, up through the summer of 1989, was charged by the polarity of east-west cold war relations.

The recent developments in U.S.-Soviet relations and in Eastern Europe signal the likelihood of major change in U.S. defense force structure and posture in the years ahead—and probably in that of our allies as well. Indeed, the world environment which shaped the professional course of the Class of 1962, my class, is beginning to reflect significant fundamental differences from that which will shape the professional course of the graduates of the Class of 1990 and beyond into the next century. Uncertainty and ambiguity will certainly cloud matters for those graduating in the near term. Yet the traditional excellence expected of West Point graduates must be maintained throughout these changing times. The Academy's purposefully established leader development focus, framework, and fabric is the key to sustaining that traditional excellence. Maintaining excellence in leader development will likely envision change in academic, military and physical development programs if only to hold the edge qualitatively within the realm of higher education and precommissioning. In these fast changing times, however, it is the vision "to provide the nation—DUTY—with leaders of

Figure 1
Company Commanders
2nd Semester, AY 89-90

	1st Regt	2nd Regt
A Co	Sharlene Knyvett	Thomas Schermerhorn
B Co	Todd Dellert	Richard Billelo
C Co	John Thee	Paul Debbels
D Co	Jonathan Gelman	Paul Reese
E Co	Jeffrey Evenson	Mark Kirby
F Co	Salvatore Sirna	Gregory Gilley
G Co	Thomas Gilligan	Richard Davis
H Co	Lisa Haylett	Kevin Gregoire
I Co	Michael Backus	Suzanne Nielsen

	3rd Regt	4th Regt
A Co	Michael Shrout	Markham McMullen
B Co	William Acheson	James Hermacinski
C Co	Robert Barrie	Kevin Strode
D Co	Raoul Gaines	Thomas McCleskey
E Co	Bradford Tieke	John Basso
F Co	Matthew Kennedy	Stuart Meyer
G Co	Kelly Demers	Kevin Dodson
H Co	Steven Tullis	Chad Lemond
I Co	John Vermeesch	Jason Beque

Figure 2
Straw Poll Results

Branch	Total	Male	Female
IN	236	236	—
AR	136	136	—
FA	191	190	1
AD	81	76	5
AV	89	79	10
EN	104	102	2
SC	22	4	18
MP	8	1	7
MI	24	13	11
AG*	—	—	—
Fl*	—	—	—
MS	3	1	2
CM	2	1	1
OD	20	3	17
QM	16	3	13
TC	12	3	9
Total	944	848	96

*No Quota Assigned

character—HONOR—who serve the common defense—COUNTRY" that must remain a traditional constant.

I leave the Academy proud of the privilege to have served as your 61st Commandant of Cadets, and with the assurance that our Alma Mater is set on a firm footing and future course to sustain traditional excellence in leader development.

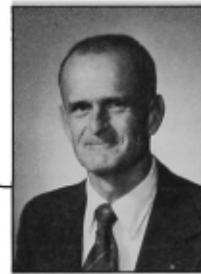
Godspeed by day, by night.

Aloha.

Beat Navy.

The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

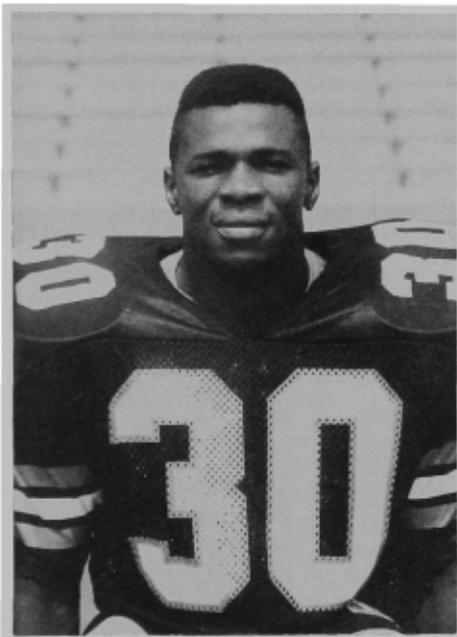


In my last "DIA Reports" column I began by saying that it is difficult to write the column after a disappointing loss (having dictated that column the Sunday morning after our game against Duke in Durham, North Carolina). I am glad that I had a little time after our December 9th experience at the Meadowlands before having to complete this issue's column (as a matter of fact, it will be turned in late as it is).

After my last words to you we had three great games here at Michie Stadium against Holy Cross, Lafayette and Rutgers. The Holy Cross game, we felt, would be especially imposing because they came in undefeated. Fortunately the team was supremely ready and the score was a one-sided one. Lafayette arrived with a nationally ranked passer who had scored many points against us during the previous three years but, again, the team was ready and we took one step closer toward our goal of an undefeated home football season. The Rutgers game is always a great challenge for the Army team. After our one-sided win last year at the Meadowlands we felt that they would come in here "out for blood." Although that may have been the case, the Army team was more than a match, and we felt very good about making the trip to Colorado Springs the following week.

Despite virtually a season of preparedness and effort to have all eyes focused on this Air Force game at Colorado Springs, our trip was far from a successful one. After a "long-term stay" last year in order to get ready, we felt we would go in the other direction this year and left at the end of the day the Friday before the game, arriving in Colorado Springs late in the evening and simply going into Falcon Stadium and playing the game on Saturday as our modus operandi. I think Coach Young feels that this was indeed the best way to plan the trip and to work the trip out logistically. Unfortunately, as you know, the result of the game was a rather one-sided score favoring Air Force. I certainly felt at the end of the first half that we would come back strong in the second half and win the game. The difference between the two teams, it seems to me, was Dee Dowis. He repeatedly scrambled for first downs, with a third and long (their third down conversions were in the 75 percent range)

and although we were able to stop the other aspects of their game, Dowis continually made the big play and frustrated our defense. We left Colorado Springs a little bit with our tails between our legs, and it was a difficult loss after the great preparation and high expectations on the



Mike Mayweather



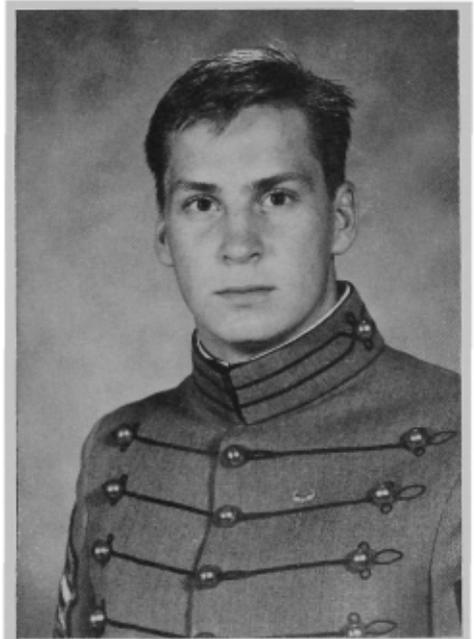
Rich Sheridan

part of all of us in pointing for that game.

The November 11 loss to Boston College in Michie Stadium was a disappointment for a number of reasons. It's never easy to lose. It hurt especially to break our 13 consecutive game winning streak at Michie Stadium. Although we led at half time, Boston College put in a different quarterback in the second half (the same one who "did us in" in Ireland last year) and we did not contain him as we needed to in the second half.

Our final home game against Colgate was a return to excellence on the part of the team and, in particular Willie McMillian, substituting for Brian McWilliams, played an outstanding game. It was a great way for this fine Class of 1990 senior class to go out and their leadership and talent will certainly be missed by future Army football teams.

The Army-Navy game in the Meadowlands was a great event and an outstanding college football game (the Meadowlands folks said it might have been the finest college football game ever staged there). Television ratings, television coverage and all comments were complimentary on the great nature of the



Scott Schulze

1989-90 Sports Summary

Fall

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Navy	Captain/s
150-lb Football	6	5	0	1	.917	Won	Dan McCarthy Brian Swarthout
Women's Volleyball	35	28	7	0	.800	Won	Joy Ebberson
Women's Soccer	21	15	5	1	.719	—	Kelly Demers
Men's Cross Country	7	5	2	0	.714	Lost	Mike Dolan
Water Polo	33	23	10	0	.697	Lost	Dan Ewen
Men's Tennis	3	2	1	0	.667	—	Mark McMullen
Women's Tennis	8	5	3	0	.625	—	Julie Hiebert
Football	11	6	5	0	.545	Lost	Game
Men's Soccer	19	8	9	2	.474	Tied	Mark O'Donnell
Women's Cross Country	5	2	3	0	.400	Lost	
Totals	148	99	45	4	.682	2-4-1	

Winter

Pistol	6	6	0	0	1.000		George Riggins
Rifle	7	7	0	0	1.000		Sandra Stevens
Men's Track	3	3	0	0	1.000		Jim Orrange
Women's Track	2	2	0	0	1.000		Diana Wills
Men's Swimming	4	3	1	0	.750	Win	Al Anderson
Hockey	12	6	5	1	.542	—	Scott Schulze Rich Sheridan
Men's Basketball	8	3	5	0	.375		Ron Wilson
Women's Swimming	4	1	3	0	.250	Lost	Michelle Dunne
Women's Basketball	8	1	7	0	.143		Jennifer Fleming Leeann Duhoski
Totals	54	32	21	1	.602	1-1	
Overall	202	131	66	5	.661	3-5-1	

national champion and beat Navy decisively here in Michie Stadium.

Women's Volleyball had an outstanding 28-7 record (with a big win over Navy); Women's Soccer was 15-5-1; Men's Cross Country was 5 and 2; Water Polo was 23-10 (lost to Navy by just one point) and had an outstanding year under new coach Mark Pruiss; Men's and Women's Tennis both had winning seasons; and with only Men's Soccer at 8-9-2 and Women's Cross Country at 2 and 3, just slightly below the .500 mark.

Our winter sports have started out in pretty good shape with our pre-Christmas record showing Pistol, Rifle and Men's and Women's Track undefeated at this point in time. Our Men's Swimming Team is 3 and 1 with an outstanding win over the Naval Academy at Annapolis; our Hockey Team has had a great start with a 6-5-1 record now sitting about midway in the tough ECAC Hockey League with wins over Harvard (at Harvard!), RPI and Cornell. Co-captains Scott Schulze and Rich Sheridan have had an outstanding beginning to this exciting hockey season. Tate Rink crowds have been outstanding.

Men's and Women's Basketball and Women's Swimming have sub .500 records, but I believe they are recovering and heading toward successful seasons. The Men's Basketball team was especially impressive in their win over Northeastern at the Heritage Classic in Charlottesville, Virginia and seniors Steve Rothert, Todd Mattson, and captain Ron Wilson are providing fine leadership to this team that has struggled over the last few years.

I seem to close each one of my reports with this statement, but I feel it very deeply that we will continue to provide teams of which you can all be proud. May 1990 be a year of happiness and success for all of you.

game (there were no personal fouls or any "conduct penalties" of any sort). I was certain defense would hold in that final drive of Navy's but the midshipmen simply were not to be denied. To have graduated a senior class without a win over Army was perhaps a greater motivating factor than the desire to graduate with four straight wins as our 1990 seniors would have done had we won the game. I think all of us were proud of our team, terribly disappointed at the loss but very pleased with the great job that the Meadowlands did in presenting the event. Although we are in the process of negotiating a long-term contract with Philadelphia, I have a feeling that we will certainly be back to the Meadowlands at some point to play this great classic football game. Though the cadets dropped that heartbreaking 19-17 decision to Navy, junior Mike Mayweather picked the occasion to shatter one of the most prestigious records in all of college football. Needing just 81 yards entering the contest to become Army's all-time leading rusher, the native of St. Louis, MO, netted 84, topping Glenn Davis' career rushing mark of 2,957 yards that had stood for 43 years. He also became the cadets' single-season rushing leader on this day, surpassing Doug Black's 1984 total of 1,148 yards. Mayweather closed his junior campaign with 1,177 yards, and 2,961 for his career.

Two members of the Class of 1990 who will graduate this year and who have been great contributors to the Army football program during their time here are Jack Frey and Brian Babb. Jack took a semester off to allow his knee reconstruction to heal; Brian Babb, as you will remember, had a bout with cancer and missed a semester during that struggle at Walter Reed Hospital. They both graduated in December and we are very proud of both of them and know they will both make outstanding young leaders for our Army.

In all the disappointment of the Navy loss, we should certainly keep in mind the great achievements that Jim Young has accomplished during his seven years here. Five of our last six seasons have been winning ones; we have beaten Navy four out of those last six years; the team has been ranked in rushing yardage a number of those years, and we have had a number of outstanding players who have set new Academy records in various football statistical areas. The Jim Young era has truly been one of which we can all be proud.

Despite the ending of the football season, the fall season has been one of our best ever with a .682 winning percentage and with only two teams below the .500 level—Army athletes truly have made us all proud.

150-lb. Football was undefeated, was

Navy Nips Army

By Major Ed Evans, Chief of Command Information, DAR USMA. [Photos by Rick Hunter]

With 11 seconds remaining, Army's bid for a fourth straight victory over Navy was dashed by a 32-yard field goal.

Although Navy Coach Elliot Uzelac told his kicking specialist, junior Frank Schenk, that the attempt would be "a piece of cake," his kicker's history and non-kicking name made for some true last minute drama. But as the ball split the uprights, memories of a missed extra point earlier in the game were erased and the word shank was recalled as a nautical one—the long, straight part of an anchor.

Speaking from the winning side of the field moments later, Coach Uzelac said, "It was a great football game. Army played extremely hard and we played extremely hard. It could have gone either way, just like last year. We had the

opportunity to win it in the end and we did." There is no doubt that the loss will be thought of over and over again for about 365 days. Visions of those that got away as well as those that got in the way will haunt the Army team and faithful. Fortunately, many of those on the Navy side responsible for this year's upset will return next year. And Army will have the opportunity to exact proper retribution on those that got away and figured in the scoring, like junior quarterback Alton Grizzard and kicker Schenk, and sophomore halfbacks B. J. Mason and Rodney Purifoy.

Yes, junior halfback Mike Mayweather did succeed in eclipsing the career Army rushing mark set so long ago by Glenn Davis '47. Cadet Mayweather needed 81 yards to break the record and he rushed 26 times for 84 yards. Given the choice,

though, I'm sure he would have been more pleased with a victory over Navy.

After the game, Army coach Jim Young commented, "I am disappointed in losing the game today. This was our big game. I am happy we had a winning season; it is certainly better than having a losing year. But, losing today was a big disappointment."

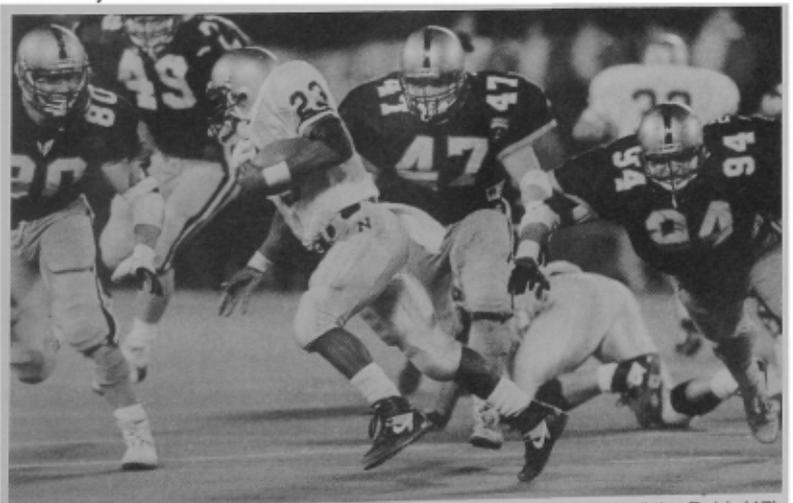
The series now tilts in favor of Navy, 42-41-7. And now, while the plebe class will continue to recite knowledge and maintain proper posture until Christmas leave, the rest of the Corps can only imagine how gloomy a gloom period can be after a loss to Navy in football.

Soon, next year's team will get together to set goals for the 1990 season. When they do, recapturing the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy will undoubtedly be given top priority and rightfully so! But, let's not forget to place at the top of the list the demonstrated ability to win away, as well.

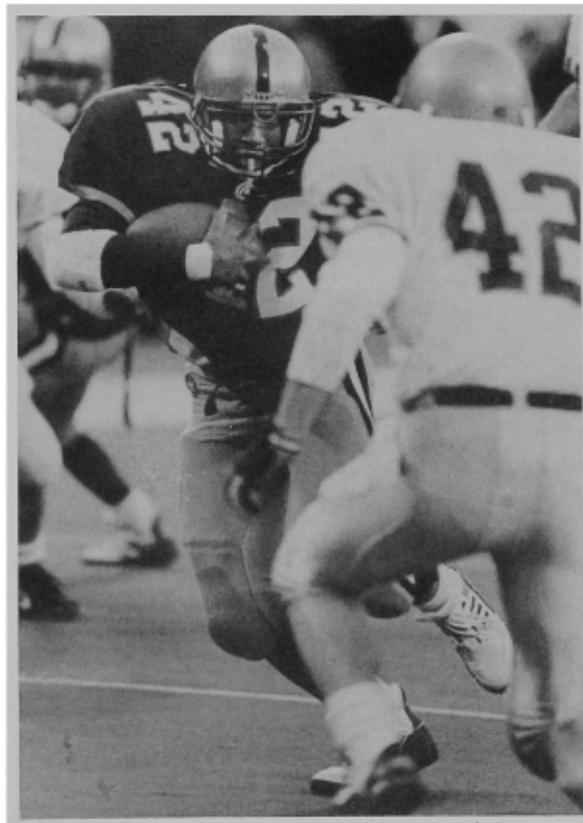
Courtesy of *Pointer View*



The Army Cadet Band tuba section spells out exactly who they are rooting for.



From left to right, Army's Tim Ladouceur (80), George Godfrey (49), John Robb (47) and Bert DeForest (94) hunt down Navy's halfback Rodney Purifoy during fourth quarter action.



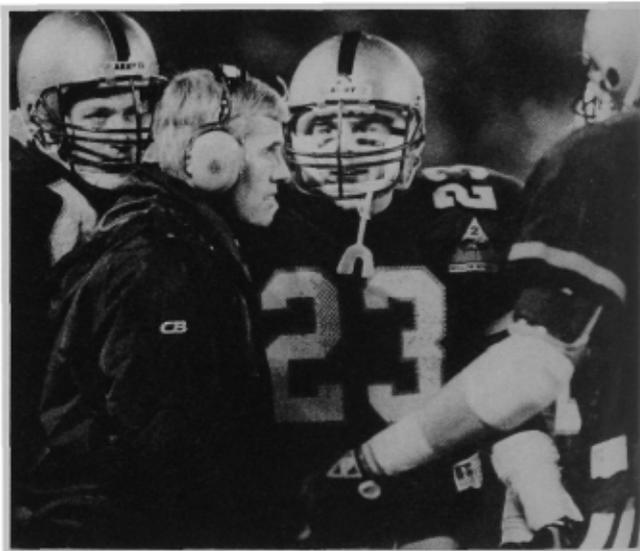
Army fullback Callian Thomas (42) picks up yardage.



Army's Mike Mayweather, who rushed for 84 yards on the day, broke the single-season rushing mark finishing with 1,177 yards to break Doug Black's (1984) record by 29 yards; and also became the most prolific runner in Army history as Glenn Davis' (1943-46) career record fell with 7:35 remaining. Mayweather now has 2,961 yards in his three-year career, breaking Davis' record by four yards.



The "Com," Major General Fred A. Gorden rallies the Corps during the waning moments of the ball game.



Defensive back Jerry Farnsworth looks to defensive coordinator Bob Sutton on the Army sidelines for strategy during a timeout.



Proud midshipmen gather around Navy placekicker Frank Schenk to sing their alma mater after Schenk kicked a 32-yard field goal with 11 seconds left to play to put Navy up, 19-17.

Book Reviews



VIETNAM AT WAR: THE HISTORY, 1946-1975

By PHILLIP B. DAVIDSON. *Presidio Press, Novato, CA, 1988, 838 pages.*

The Vietnam War, broadly defined, was a thirty years war—from the French reoccupation of her former colony of Indochina in 1946 to the staggeringly swift defeat of the Saigon government by the North Vietnamese in 1975. Within this thirty years war, there were dozens of phases, each possessing its own characteristics, its own unique differences from all the others. The war was a different war at different times and at different places; the experiences of the French were different than those of the Americans; U.S. Army units fought the war differently than did the Marines or the Air Force or the Navy; the South Vietnamese fought differently than their opponents who differed themselves depending on whether they were Viet Minh, Viet Cong, or the Peoples Army of Vietnam. This complexity cannot be oversimplified if one is to begin to understand that war, yet almost every book on the war either covers only a portion of the larger war, or omits nuances that are required to understand the disparity between periods of the war. Finally, there is a single volume to which a reader can turn to get a comprehensive and accurate overview of the military aspects of the war—*Vietnam at War: The History, 1946-1975*.

As a historian, Lieutenant General Phillip B. Davidson taps a wealth of experience in writing his new book on *Vietnam at War*. A graduate of the West Point class of 1939, he had 35 years of active duty in operational and staff assignments. He was in an advantageous position to observe the Vietnam War as the senior intelligence officer in the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam from 1967 until 1969. As a scholar, he taught military history at West Point in the 1950's. If one adds that he is a penetrating and perceptive observer of human behavior, the result is an author who is uniquely qualified to write the best comprehensive work on the Vietnam War to date.

As an intelligence officer, General Davidson understands the importance of history, that what happens at any given time is brought about by everything that

has happened before. He begins *Vietnam at War* by outlining the history of that country before 1945 in a few pages, then covering the French campaigns of 1946-47 and 1948-49 and Giap's 1950 campaign with a chapter each. He shows the difficulties that the Viet Minh—predecessors of the Viet Cong in the American phase of the war—were having coping with the largely American-armed French army until the Chinese revolution provided them succor in the form of refuge as well as supplies in 1949. Davidson devotes four chapters to the Dien Bien Phu campaign that ejected the French from Southeast Asia in 1954.

The eight years of intensive American involvement in the Second Indochina War and the indecent interval of three years before Hanoi's triumph fill the remaining two-thirds of the volume. Although no single volume will ever cover the war from the tactical to the strategic level in great detail, Davidson provides sufficient information for the non-specialist to understand the peculiarities and characteristics of the phases of American involvement. He is particularly insightful on the Tet offensive and the Machiavellian maneuverings that surrounded General Westmoreland's request for additional troops following that American and South Vietnamese victory on the battlefield. He blames President Johnson's abdication of leadership in that crisis for the fact that Americans saw the Tet offensive as an enemy triumph. General Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is clearly the villain in the troop request issue, manipulating the administration's tremulousness over Tet for his own ends to reconstitute military reserves.

After 1968, the war quickly turned sour for the American military and the final third of the book is one depressing reversal after another. General Davidson does not shrink from describing the nadir American forces reached in 1971, when drug abuse, racial problems, fraggings and desertions reached their height. One small statistic illustrates the point: adjusted for the size of American forces in Vietnam, drug abuse increased fifteen-fold from 1970 to 1971. His indictment of the government of South Vietnam and its armed forces is equally damning, if as understandable. The American abandonment of her ally un-

der the leadership of President Nixon and his Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, and the swift decline and abrupt defeat of the South Vietnamese in 1975 bring the book to a close.

Strong points throughout the book are Davidson's glimpses into intelligence appraisals at the time decisions were being made, his insight into personalities, both friendly and enemy, and his clear expository prose. The chapters on Generals de Lattre de Tassigny, Westmoreland, and Abrams are especially insightful, as are the shorter descriptions of Ho Chi Minh, Truong Chinh, and Vo Nguyen Giap (who possesses, according to Davidson, "the worst personality traits of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini") are equally penetrating. No book can be without fault, and *Vietnam at War* will find detractors. Some will be put off by occasional biases against the media, wrangles concerning what constitutes proper civilian control of the military, and similar predilections of all who fought that war. But these are minor and do not reduce the value or importance of the book.

General Westmoreland's *A Soldier Reports* and General Bruce Palmer's appraisal of *The 25-Year War* are both back in print as the Vietnam war becomes an item of interest among both scholars and the American public. With *Vietnam at War*, those curious about that episode in history have a distinguished trio that will inform far better than the bulk of the outpouring of literature on that conflict.

Review by Colonel Kenneth E. Hamburger, Department of History, USMA

TREAT 'EM ROUGH: THE BIRTH OF AMERICAN ARMOR, 1917-1920

By DALE E. WILSON, *Presidio Press, Novato, CA, 1989, 257 pages.*

Dale Wilson's very readable *Treat 'Em Rough* is more than a history of the birth of American armor, 1917-1920. It weaves together stories of intense military creativity, extraordinary battlefield heroism, stupefying bureaucratic bungling in tank production, and finally the tragic demise of the American Army's promising beginning in mechanized warfare. All of this took place in the three years after June 1917, when General

John J. Pershing said he wanted 1800 tanks to help the American Expeditionary Force crack open the German defenses in western Europe.



By the summer of 1918, Lieutenant Colonel George S. Patton, Jr. and a few key staff officers had created a tank school in France, developed doctrine and organization that would last into World War II, and trained enough officers and men to establish two tank battalions. Fighting in French Renault tanks, they proved the worth of the tank in two major engagements before the armistice. Meanwhile, Captain Dwight D. Eisenhower had established the Tank Corps School at Camp Colt, Pennsylvania, which had trained thousands of soldiers and dispatched them to Europe where they would receive American-made tanks. Most of them never fought because the tanks never arrived. The exception was the battalion which was sent to England, trained on British tanks, and fought bravely with the British at the battle of St. Quentin.

Official records and personal memoirs in the National Archives, Library of Congress, and the U.S. Army Military History Institute were sufficient for Wilson to document this story, and the secondary works of historians and biographers were plentiful. Telling this complex story, however, was complicated by the geographical spread and simultaneous timing of events that ranged from the highest headquarters to the tank crew, and occurred among four nationalities and three languages, which included some highly technical discourse. An additional problem was the continuing change in the numerical designation of units; battalions were renumbered be-

tween the battles of St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne; Patton formed the 1st Tank Brigade but eventually wrote its history as "Operations of the 304th Tank Brigade."

Wilson has written his way through the complexity of the material with skill and directness. His maps are most helpful, and he relegates much detail to extensive footnotes. The great impact of the book is best appreciated, however, if the reader seeks out the creative energy of Patton and Eisenhower in their early years, and the fierce pride that young American tankers generated which carried them to great feats of heroism, victory, and self-destruction. A close study of Wilson's facts will also reveal the enormity of the bureaucratic and political realities that brought the great experiment to an end, not to be reinvented in America until the need rose again two decades later.

Captain Wilson is an Armor officer and assistant professor in the Department of History at the U.S. Military Academy. He has performed a great service in putting into 257 pages of this Presidio Press publication one of the most significant chapters in American military history. For that reason it should be on every military reader's "must" list. *Treat 'Em Rough*, the name of the Camp Colt newspaper started by Eisenhower, is an apt title, for it forecast the impact that tanks and tankers would have, not only on German soldiers in 1918, but on virtually all armies in the world's wars thereafter.

Review by Colonel Roger H. Nye, USA-Retired. Former USMA Professor of History. Author of *The Challenge of Command* and forthcoming *The Patton Mind*.

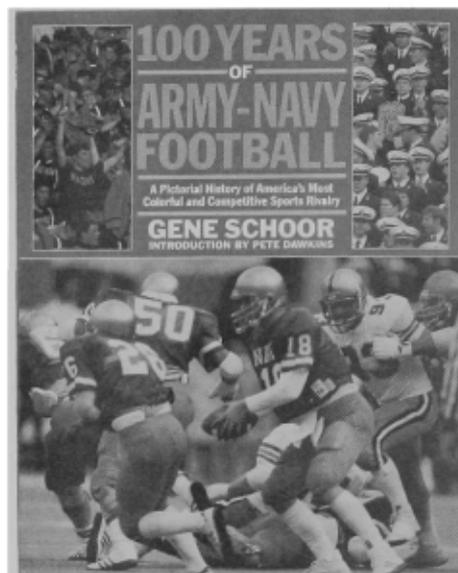
100 YEARS OF ARMY-NAVY FOOTBALL

By GENE SCHOOR, *Henry Holt and Co., New York, 1989, 244 pages.*

The history of football at the U.S. Military Academy is the history of perhaps the greatest rivalry in intercollegiate athletics.

While the Naval Academy had played football since 1879, it was not until Dennis Mahon Michie accepted a challenge from the midshipmen of Annapolis in 1890 that West Point cadets even learned the fundamentals of the game. The day of the first clash was cold and overcast as the midshipmen arrived on the Hudson. Walking to meet the Army team the middies took a goat from a sergeant's home and kept it as their team mascot. They have never been without a goat as mascot since that day.

From the first game, when about 1000 spectators cheered on their favorites, the



game now known as the Army-Navy Classic has grown in all ways. Gene Schoor has done a masterful job of telling, not just about each game, but about the players and what they accomplished during their military careers. "When war with Spain broke out in 1898, Captain Dennis Michie . . . found himself in the middle of the Battle of Santiago in Cuba. . . . Just as suddenly as he was leading the assault, a bullet from a Spanish gun killed him. He was just 28 years of age. And like so many of the 'long gray line,' he died very young. But his name will live forever in the annals of Army-Navy football."

Within four years the rivalry had reached such heights that 10,000 people were buying tickets to see the game. Unfortunately the battling on the field was less ferocious than in the stands in 1893. Fistfights and even a duel erupted, ending the competition until 1899.

Mr. Schoor also chronicles many of the major rule changes in football, especially through the early years of the game. A field goal, for example, used to be worth 5 points, with 4 points for a touchdown and the point after touchdown 2 points. Following many tragic deaths, President Theodore Roosevelt, the first Chief Executive to attend the annual rivalry, personally intervened in 1906 to ban such dangerous plays as "the wedge" and to form what is today the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

By the 20th anniversary of the first matchup, the Army-Navy game was attracting over 30,000 fans. One fine end who played for Navy in 1910 was Richard Byrd, who would later become the first man to fly over the North Pole. Other great names of American history take to the gridiron for Army—Dwight D. Eisenhower, Omar Bradley, James Van Fleet, Gar Davidson.

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News from the Societies



SILICON VALLEY

Members of the society gathered Saturday, 9 Dec at the Moffet Naval Air Station Officers Club to out-cheer the Naval Academy contingent as we watched the Army/Navy game. Unfortunately, an Army victory was not in the offing, but a good time was had by all!

As 1990 unfolds, our chapter will continue its monthly luncheon meetings, with featured keynote speakers. At the time of this writing, our Program Chairman, **Dennis Brewer '65**, is planning a two part series for Jan-Feb focusing on the much discussed "Peace Dividend" and the potential impact on defense business in the Silicon Valley. For more information on our programs, please contact Dennis at (408) 972-5190.

Our Founders Day celebration is scheduled for 9 Mar at the Moffet Naval Air Station Officers Club. Former U.S. Congressional Representative Pete McKlosky will be our keynote speaker. Pete is a dynamic speaker, and with his Marine background and long government service, we're looking forward to some robust comments.

We're constantly trying to upgrade our contact lists; so if you're relocating to the San Fran Bay Area or for some reason have not been contacted by us previously please contact **Jerry Witherspoon '60**, our Membership Chairman, at (408) 446-5740.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

A large crowd of members and their guests took over a local sports bar to watch the Army-Navy game. Even though the results were disappointing, everyone had a good time watching the rabble drop a close one. Through the magic of satellite TV a few stalwart members watched the Wake Forest and the Boston College games which were not so easy to set up from the West Coast! The society's next major event will be its second Founders Day Commemoration which will be held on a date to be announced in early Mar in Sacramento at the McClellan AFB Officers Club. All members and their guests will be invited as soon as the details have been worked out. Nearly 170 grads or ex-grads have been identified who are living within an easy drive of Sacramento. This takes in most of the northern areas of CA and NV.

Anyone wanting more information about the society should contact **Charles C. Gorlinski '56**, 1537 Barnett Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608.

—George Grayeb '52

DENVER

The Colorado West Point Award for 1989 went to William T. Diss. The award plaque speaks eloquently of his lifetime of accomplishments. This is the second time the award has been made.

COLORADO WEST POINT AWARD 1989

This award is presented to William T. Diss in recognition of his outstanding character and accomplishments in civilian life which reflect the West Point motto - Duty, Honor, Country.

As a distinguished professional accountant and legal scholar, William Diss has taught extensively at the College of Law and School of Accountancy of the University of Denver and at Regis College. His published writings have dealt extensively and law in tax methods, issues, and philosophy. He has chaired and participated actively in professional accounting and tax societies and boards. All this has been in addition to his years as a Certified Public Accountant for a leading Colorado firm.

An officer in the AUS Reserve, William Diss pioneered the coordination of the formal admissions activity for candidates for the United States Military Academy, recruiting and assigning Military Academy Liaison Officers, organizing contacts with secondary schools, interviewing candidates, conducting physical aptitude tests, and consulting appointment sources.

For decades in these activities, he has given tirelessly and selflessly of himself and his resources to improve the human condition through education, reason and communication. Withal, William Diss' life has been and continues to be a forceful statement of the good that one man can accomplish in addressing the social, economic, and moral concerns which always face our society and our country.

William Diss symbolizes the highest traditions of

Duty, Honor, Country.

Colorado West Point Award

In addition to our annual Founders Day get-together, the Denver Society (along with the Colorado Springs Society) had a gala after game party following this year's loss to Air Force (wait till next year). We also will cheer Army to victory against Navy (December 9) at the annual Army-Navy party with our compatriots from Annapolis (BEAT NAVY!).

A sad note: **John McKillop '58**, our Society Secretary for the past two years, died in Sep. We miss his enthusiasm, good will and friendship.

NORTH FLORIDA

Army/Navy Game Party, 9 December:
The society's Army/Navy Game party

was held at the Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville. A buffet was served along with a cash bar.

Founders Day, 22 March: The society will celebrate Founders Day in the Aslor Room of the Florida Yacht Club. Our speaker will be Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, the Superintendent.

FORT BENNING AND COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

The West Point Society of Fort Benning and Columbus, Georgia held a reorganization meeting on 20 Jul 89, designating the following officers: **Sam Wetzel '52**, Pres; **Jerry White '61**, VP; **Gil Stephenson '51**, Admissions Comm; **Scott McGurk '62**, Membership Comm; **Dave Wood '77**, Sec-Treas; **Chuck Belan '60**, PAO and Career Assistance Comm. The society will have a quarterly luncheon meeting at the Ft. Benning Officers Open Mess, and held its second 1989 meeting there on 22 Nov. The Founders Day dinner will also be at the Ft. Benning Officers Open Mess on 10 Mar. Several initiatives are being considered for future implementation.

CHICAGO

Army/Navy: Once again, Chicago was the site of the largest Army-Navy party in the country at Ditka's on Ontario on 9 Dec from 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Ditka's offered its tailgate buffet of hot dogs, pizza, chili and a surprise dessert for the meager entrance fee of \$10.00.

Founders Day: Yes Virginia, there is a Founders Day in Chicago. We are pleased to announce that Founders Day will be held Sat, 31 Mar, our guest speaker will be Mr. **Denis Mullane '52**, the new President of the Association of Graduates.

The WPSC board believes that this is an excellent choice at this time because our membership is virtually all civilians (not on active duty). Mr. Mullane represents a new generation of graduates which has served its commitment and then went on to supply leadership to the nation in the private sector.

Mr. Mullane, after four years of active service, joined Connecticut Mutual Life in 1956, riding through its ranks to become Chairman and CEO in Jan 1985. Denis is a superb speaker who will no

doubt let us know the course he will chart as AOG President. The location for the Founders Day Dinner will be announced at a future date.

NEW ENGLAND

The West Point Society of New England exists to be of service to society members and to support USMA through a number of activities, especially cadet candidate identification and admissions support. The society also works closely with the local West Point parents club.

Society officers for 1989-90 are: **J. L. Hutchison** '56, Pres; **K. M. Henninger** '58, First VP; **B. F. Miller** '63, Second VP; **K. O. Schwartz** '63, Sec; **C. S. Mitchell** '62x, Treas. The society conducts a number of annual functions to include Founders Day dinner/dance, business meeting, candidates night, and has recently begun a monthly luncheon meeting program to provide more frequent opportunities for society members to get together.

Founders Day: Founders Day 1990 will be celebrated on Fri evening, 16 Mar, at the Hanscom AFB Officers Club. **G. S. (Chip) Smith** '61 is the society's coordinator for this dinner/dance and can be contacted at (508) 281-4547. Our guest speaker will be **BG Roy Flint**, the USMA Dean of the Academic Board.

Admissions Support: **Mark Grazier** '74 is the MA State Coord for Admissions Support. Mark can provide information concerning other Military Academy liaison officers throughout the New England area and can be reached at (603) 888-6680 or (617) 861-1830.

Luncheon Meetings: These generally take place on the third Wed of each month. For details, call **Jerry Hutchison** '56 at (617) 479-5300 Ext. 2504, or (617) 449-1861.

Annual Business Meeting: The society's principal business meeting and election of officers will occur at the Hanscom AFB Officers Club on Thur evening, 3 May.

Career Advisory Board: Under the direction of **K. M. (Corky) Henninger** '58, the Career Advisory Board has been quite successful in assisting members and graduates during job searches and in obtaining third party referrals. Those interested in discussing such matters should call Corky at (508) 967-2818.

Membership: Graduates who are new to New England and others who may want to join the society are encouraged to contact **Bruce Miller** '63 at (617) 270-9888. Please note that members receive the Annual Society Directory, a very complete listing of members and associate members by home and business addresses, by class, and by field of employment. This directory is published by the society solely for the personal use of society members.

West Point Wives Club: Many wives enjoy one another's company at monthly luncheons which are held at various locations in Boston and its surrounding suburban areas. New arrivals or others interested in obtaining information about this group should call **Joan Hutchison** at (617) 449-1861.

NEW YORK

A spectacular evening of music, special ARMY-NAVY festivities, luncheons featuring some of the nation's prominent speakers, and the 1990 Founders Day are highlights of this report of the New York Society.

On 29 Nov the U.S. Army Band/Chorus ("Pershing's Own") and the West Point Cadet Glee Club traveled to famed Carnegie Hall to treat the society's members and their guests to an exciting evening of music. Featured in the concert was *Symphony For Band* composed by Morton Gould for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the United States Military Academy (1952). A standing ovation is due **Jim Peterson** '62 for his fine leadership which enabled 2804 individuals to enjoy a spectacular evening of military music. Included among our special guests were this year's new Eagle Scouts (from all of New York City's boroughs) and their parents. The evening ended with the combined Army Chorus/West Point Glee Club leading the audience in Army Fight Songs in preparation of Army's battle with Navy.

On 9 Dec, Army entered Giants Stadium to do battle with Navy before 75,856 fans. Unfortunately time ran out (or rather didn't pass fast enough, depending on your perspective) as Navy squeaked past Army with the final score being 19-17. Society Pres **Jim Gardner** '66 hosted a party at the Meadowlands Racetrack after the Army-Navy game to help members/guests both warm up and forget their sorrows. **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. The society was honored by the attendance of Superintendent LTG Dave R. Palmer and Mrs. Palmer.

Our strong Distinguished Speakers Program continues to bring nationally known leaders before our membership to address current issues and events. Among our guests this fall have been former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and ITT Chairman **Rand V. Araskog** '53.

Founders Day 1990 will be held at The Union League Club in Manhattan. The evening will include a fine dinner, dancing and, of course, a special guest speaker. Plans are also being finalized for the society's traditional West Point Dinner Cruise in Jun, hosted in conjunc-

tion with the USMA Parents Club of NYC and honoring new cadets from the metropolitan area.

Society VP **Steve Metcalf** '67 has spearheaded (and successfully concluded) a revitalization of our Career Advisory Service. A rejuvenated network of mentors and contacts is now in place, chaired by WPSNY Board member **Bonnie C. Brogdon**.

Finally—we close with the news that the New York Society now numbers more than 1000 strong. Under the direction of **Bob Luckese** '50, this year's recruiting campaign pushed us over that symbolic benchmark. And we continue to grow!!

—Edmundo M. Colchado, Jr. '76

OREGON

The West Point Society of Oregon's Board of Governors met last May and reelected officers to their current positions for another year. The composition of the 1989/90 Board of Governors is as follows: Pres—**John M. Lovejoy** '78; VP—**Harry G. Walker** '45; Sec—**Terence J. Connell** '58; Treas—**George W. Ruggles** '65; Dir—**John L. Johnsen** '56; Dir—**Robert W. Huffhines, Jr.** '65; Dir—**Barry W. Woodruff** '73; Dir—**Robert L. Read** x-'64; Immediate Past Pres/Advisor—**George H. Watson** Jan '43; Dir Emeritus—**O. K. Hill** '58.

The West Point Society of Oregon kicked off its fall/winter campaign on 8 Nov with a dinner meeting at the Portland Airbase. The meeting drew about 40 people as our guest speaker was Rev. Barry J. Hagan, C.S.C. Father Hagan, a former professor of history at the University of Portland and now archivist there, delivered a highly fascinating talk on the Frontier Army on the Bozeman Trail from 1866 to 1868. In his talk he also addressed some of the contributions of West Point officers at Fort Phil Kearny and on the Bozeman Trail.

Society members gathered again on 9 Dec, this time wearing "BEAT NAVY!" attire, at the Marriott Hotel for a special viewing of the Army-Navy game. Over 50 members were in attendance as we watched the midshipmen do what we wish we could have done. The board of governors met afterwards and appointed **Robert L. Read**, x-'64, as a director.

PHILADELPHIA

The Harvard Game Outing: The West Point Society of Phila hosted a tailgate outing at Lusk Reservoir before and after the Harvard game on 1 Oct. The "OctoberFest" picnic and outing was a great success. Approximately 75 people attended including members of the West Point Parents Club of Delaware Valley. The Army victory capped an exciting and pleasant day.

November Board Meeting At Eagle Lodge: **Rod Vitty**, '55, Pres of the West Point Society of Phila, organized and hosted the quarterly Board of Governors meeting at Eagle Lodge in Lafayette Hills near Phila. An outstanding feature of the meeting was reviewing of the film *Field of Honor—100 years of Army Football*, which Rod had obtained. At the meeting the board finalized planning for the Army/Navy dinner dance and the Founders Day dinner.

West Point Society Hosts Army/Navy Dinner Dance: On 1 Dec at the Union League in Phila the West Point Society of Phila and the Alumni Society of the Naval Academy held the annual Army/Navy dinner dance. The dance was a



Phila Society hosts Army-Navy '89 Dinner Dance. Left to right: Shane Olshansky '61 assists Rod Vitty '55 (center) in greeting last year's Navy team co-captain and LT Destito '89 the Army team co-captain with Myra Olshansky.



LT Destito '89 and Gen Scott '48, guest speakers at the Army-Navy Dinner Dance.

great success attended by approximately 200 graduates and their guests. Guests included Admiral Virgil Hill, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy and LTG Willard Scott '48, the former Superintendent of the USMA. Also speaking were the co-captains of last year's Navy game, including LT Chris Destito '89. LT Destito is assigned to the 10th Mountain Div at Fort Drum, NY.

Founders Day, 17 Mar: The West Point Society of Phila has set 17 Mar to celebrate Founders Day. The annual dinner/dance will be held at the Union League in Phila. **Denis Mullane** '52, Pres of AOG, will be the guest speaker. Details and invitations will be issued in Feb.

Army/Navy Game Back In Philadelphia: The society applauds the new 12

year agreement between the City of Phila and the Academy Athletic Associations, which brings the annual Army/Navy game back to its traditional home in Phila. It is noteworthy that Army has been more successful in Phila than at times when the game has moved to other locations such as Pasadena or the Meadowlands. We're glad that the game will be back in Phila for the foreseeable future.

—Joseph Barkley '65

PUGET SOUND

Our Fall Quarterly Luncheon was held at the Fort Lewis Officers Club on 8 Nov. The main purpose of meeting at Fort Lewis was to bring together our active duty and retired members. The guest speaker was MG **Charles H. Armstrong** '61, Cmdr of the 9th Inf Div. General Armstrong emphasized the rigid training that the division is undergoing. President **Rich Sonsteli** '66 covered the most recent news received from the AOG. MG (Ret) **Ed Trobaugh** '55, our VP, acted as master of ceremonies.

Our society wishes to commend Randy Petgrave, Dir of the Washington State WP Admissions Team for a contribution he and his wife, Berith, made to the Academy recently. On a trip they made to West Point this fall to visit their son, they took with them a Washington State Centennial rhododendron which they presented to LTG and Mrs. **Palmer** '56, where it will bloom in the flower garden of the Superintendent's quarters.

Recent and upcoming events of the society:

Army/Navy Telecast, 9 Dec: Members of the Puget Sound Society gathered in several locations to watch the game. The local West Point parents club invited society members to join them at the Boeing Field Holiday Inn in Seattle, for a buffet lunch and the telecast. Members of the society were also invited to join our opponents at the Sandy Point Officers Club for the game.

Christmas Party, 16 Dec: Pat and **Betty Tisdale** once again extended a gracious invitation for society members to join them for a Christmas party at their home. The society provided the beverages and finger food.

All Academy Ball, 29 Dec: The West Point Parents Club hosted the All-Academy Ball at the Canal Restaurant in Seattle. The affair was formal for attending cadets and midshipmen, black tie or business suit for alumni and our ladies were represented in a dazzling array of evening gowns and party dresses.

Founders Day Dinner, 8 Mar: The speaker for this years Founders Day dinner will be the new Com of Cadets, BG **David A. Bramlett** '64. Our annual business meeting will precede the dinner at which time we will vote for new

officers and board members whose terms have expired.

D.C.

The West Point Society of DC closed 1989 and opened 1990 with a number of significant events. In Oct, GEN **Andrew J. Goodpaster** '39, former USMA Superintendent and presently chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United States, addressed our fall luncheon at the Ft. McNair Officers Club. He enlightened 200 members and guests by his very interesting remarks concerning "glasnost" and "perestroika", as these Soviet breakthroughs affect NATO and military planning for the future.

In Jan, Dr. **Wesley W. Posvar** '46, president of the Univ of Pittsburgh, was the featured speaker for the winter luncheon at the Ft. Myer Officers Club. Dr. Posvar, who headed the Special Commission that reviewed the U.S. Military Academy Honor Code and Honor System at West Point, reported to our members on the findings of the commission. His comments at this affair will be covered in the next society release to ASSEMBLY.

On 16 Dec, Judge **Eugene R. Sullivan** '64 and COL **George P. Hubert** '67 hosted the annual West Point Day sponsored each year by the society. Judge Sullivan is the society's Admissions Committee Chairman and COL Hubert serves on the committee.

This event brings selected high school seniors and their parents together with cadets on leave from West Point and a representative of the USMA Admissions Office to learn about USMA and its opportunities for young men and women. LTG **Willard W. Scott, Jr.** '48, former USMA Superintendent and president of the West Point Society of DC, greeted the guests and discussed matters pertaining to the academy from his unique perspective.

On 27 Dec, the second yearly candidate reception was held at the home of LTC **Robert D. Wolff**, USAR, '65, who serves as the principal West Point Admissions Field Representative in the MD portion of the greater DC area. He is a member of the Board of Governors and devotes considerable effort on behalf of the USMA Admissions Program.

Founders Day 1990, for the first time, will be a "drag" affair of the West Point Society of DC. It will be held at the Mark Radisson Hotel in Alexandria, VA and feature LTG **Dave R. Palmer** '56, USMA Superintendent, as guest speaker. A record turnout is expected. In previous years, spouses were not included because of limited seating at the various officers clubs in the DC area, and in view of the large Founders Day affair held at Ft. Belvoir, VA each year. The recent move of the Engineer Center from there

to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO has changed that arrangement.

"Red" Reeder, renowned and beloved graduate of the Class of 1926, recently joined our society, having moved into the Fairfax ret community at Ft. Belvoir, VA. His revised autobiography, *Born at Reveille—The Memoirs of an American Soldier*, will be published on or about 4 Mar—on "Red" 's 88th birthday. His address is 9100 Belvoir Woods Parkway, #124, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060.

The 1989–90 Directory of members of the West Point Society of DC was distributed in late Dec. This updated version of our directory includes data on the 1,635 members of the society. It has become a popular aspect of membership, as every member receives a copy free.

—Phil Farris '46

CLEVELAND

Our Nov luncheon was held at The Governor's Pub and featured a lively and interesting discussion on *The Long Gray Line* led by Merritt Bumpass '65. Merritt had done a considerable amount of research on the book and had tuned into TV and radio interviews of the author when he visited the area. Tom Wagner '66, a member of the featured class, added interesting first person perspectives and related a few anecdotes of his own.

On the more controversial side, considerable discussion occurred on the 6 year commitment. The group resolved to actively pursue John Glenn to express our opposition.

In lieu of a luncheon in Dec, we gathered with families and friends in Cleveland's flats for THE GAME. Approximate-

ly 50 strong, we shouted ourselves hoarse and were all proud of the Army Team. Just wait 'till next year. . . . A huge round of thanks goes to Tim Tyler '74 who has arranged this event for the past three years. (Tim confided to me that he does it just to get his name in the *Assembly*.)

In back to back fashion, 16 of us gathered on Mon following A/N game at Cleveland's Marriott West to support Bill Willoughby '60 and his merry band of MALO's for the "by invitation" admissions workshop. After the pre-workshop dinner (where Bill reminds us what not to tell parents), we were inundated by 52 candidates and supporters. On hand from WP were: COLs Al Rushton, Al Vanderbush, and Jack Hecker. Tom Wagner '66 also presented by giving a local perspective on the WP experience.

From the North Coast, BEAT NAVY!
—Al Catani '69

Book Reviews

(Continued from page 32)

Lesser known personalities sometimes take center stage in Mr. Schoor's book. There are the two high school classmates who played together on the Kankakee, (Illinois) High School football team. Alan Bergner went to Annapolis, while Harry Stella left for West Point. Eventually each became captain of his respective team, and they faced each other in 1939 before 80,000 fans in Philadelphia. Ensign Bergner was stationed at Pearl Harbor two years later, surviving and going on to serve a full career in the Navy. Harry Stella served with distinction in the South Pacific and was eventually promoted to colonel, becoming assistant chief of staff with Eighth Army in Korea. The "two kids from Kankakee" symbolize much of the greatness of this national event.

Wonderful photographs fill the pages of *100 Years of Army-Navy Football*, photos of individual players and teams plus action shots going all the way back to 1890. In addition, many letters are included from some of the greats of the series.

"I would like now to go on record," writes 1935 All-American Charles "Monk" Meyer, "that I was probably the lightest individual who has ever participated in the Army-Navy contest, weighing in at approximately 139 pounds." Lighthorse Harry Wilson had been an All-American at Penn State before playing for Army from 1924–1927. Of the intense excitement of the rivalry of the Army-Navy Classic Wilson writes: "Mediocre players become stars for a day and a more brilliant player may find himself

handcuffed unless he can work himself up to the spirit of the occasion. . . . It is hardly necessary to add that the color that is part of this occasion surpasses that of any other athletic event of the year."

Army's great head coach Earl "Red" Blaik dominates much of Mr. Schoor's work. Coaching from 1941–1958, Blaik took Army teams to several national championships and saw three of his players receive the prized Heisman Trophy. The play of those three players—Felix "Doc" Blanchard, Glenn Davis and Pete Dawkins—makes for wonderful reading. Blaik is quoted telling of Don Holleder: "The saga of Don Holleder stands unique in Army, and perhaps, in all college gridiron lore." Holleder was one of the best ends in college ball in 1955 when Blaik called the young athlete in and said he needed to make him the team's quarterback, a position Holleder had never played.

"It is not as a great end that we remember Holleder so much as a boy who gladly gave up personal glory for the good of the team."

Holleder led that team to victory before 100,000 people in 1955. After the game one of Army's biggest fans, General Douglas MacArthur wired, "To come from behind in the face of apparent insuperable odds is the true stamp of a champion. You and your tremendous team have restored faith and brought joy and gratification to millions of loyal Army fans." Navy's Roger Staubach dominates the early years of the 1960s, as does a popular young President who attended

the game in 1961 and 1962, and who wrote to both the Corps of Cadets and Brigade of Midshipmen that "It is easy to pick the real winner of the annual Army-Navy football game: the people of the United States." By Staubach's last year at Navy, the game's site in Philadelphia had been named John F. Kennedy Stadium after the slain President. More recent years witness the remarkable successes of Army's Tom Cahill and Navy's George Welch. The final chapter of the book is titled "Coming Back" and describes the recent series of wins by Army.

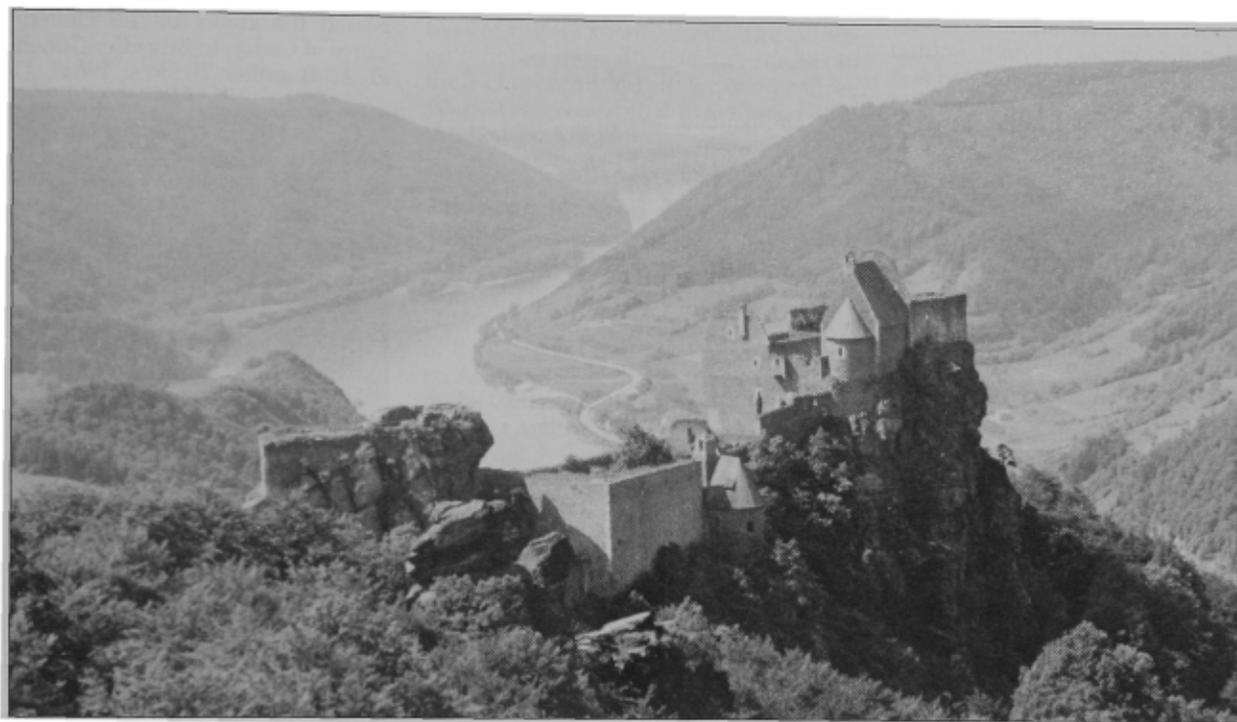
In his introduction to the book, Pete Dawkins writes, "What Gene Schoor has chronicled here is . . . the drama, the excitement, the record, the names, faces, and events—the whole story—of the Army-Navy game." Gene Schoor has been associated with sports and sports personalities for most of his life. *100 Years of Army-Navy Football*, his 50th book, is a wonderful history of a great tradition. During this, the 100th year of Army football, fans of the Black Knights will want to read Mr. Schoor's prose, will want to look at the old photographs, will want to remember their first Army-Navy game. The greatness of this book is in helping us to look back with well-deserved pride as we look ahead to the next hundred years of drama in America's game—the Army-Navy Classic.

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

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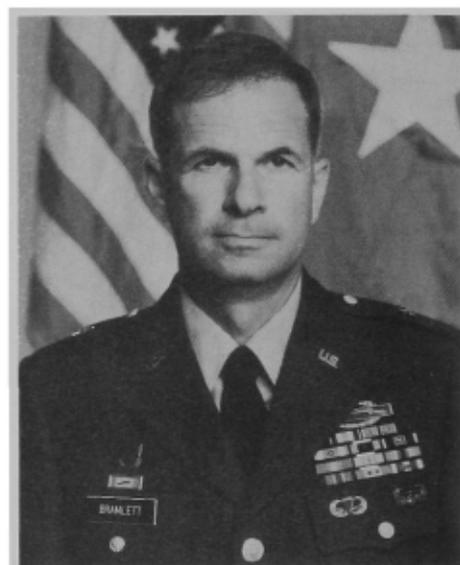
FOUNDERS DAY 1990

The following is a listing, as of 12 Dec 1989, of Founders Day gatherings for 1990 that have been coordinated with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs.

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
2 Mar	Ft. Ord, CA	Commandant
3 Mar	Washington, DC	Superintendent
	Orange County, CA	Commandant
4 Mar	Tucson, AZ	Commandant
6 Mar	Space Coast, FL	Superintendent
	Phoenix, AZ	Commandant
7 Mar	Tampa, FL	Superintendent
	Salt Lake City, UT	Commandant
	Nashville, TN	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir Ath
8 Mar	Ft. Gordon, GA	Superintendent
	New Haven, CT	Dean
	Seattle, WA	Commandant
	Birmingham, AL	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir Ath
9 Mar	Atlanta, GA	Superintendent
	Dover, NJ	Dean
	Ft. Lewis, WA	Commandant
	El Paso, TX	Director of Athletics
10 Mar	Ft. Benning, GA	Superintendent
	Annapolis, MD	Dean
	Ft. Carson, CO	Commandant
	San Antonio, TX	Director of Athletics
14 Mar	Carlisle, PA	Dean
16 Mar	Boston, MA	Dean
	Ft. Hood, TX	Director of Athletics
	San Diego, CA	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir Ath
	Omaha, NE	COL Hammond, Leadership Office
17 Mar	Detroit, MI	Dean
	Houston, TX	Director of Athletics
	Philadelphia, PA	Mr. Mullane, Pres, AOG
	Tulsa, OK	COL Hammond, Leadership Office
	Toledo, OH	COL Donnithorne, Leadership Office
20 Mar	Charleston, SC	Superintendent
	Milwaukee, WI	Dean
21 Mar	Hilton Head, SC	Superintendent
	Minneapolis, MN	Dean
22 Mar	Jacksonville, FL	Superintendent
	Austin, TX	Director of Athletics
23 Mar	Miami, FL	Superintendent
	Indianapolis, IN	Dean
	Ft. Sill, OK	Commandant
24 Mar	Pittsburgh, PA	Dean
	Ft. Riley, KS	Commandant
25 Mar	Cincinnati, OH	Dean
	Ft. Leavenworth, KS	Commandant
29 Mar	Ft. Monroe, VA	Superintendent
	Ft. Polk, LA	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir Ath
30 Mar	Huntsville, AL	COL Vanderbush, Dep Dir Ath
31 Mar	Chicago, IL	Mr. Mullane, Pres, AOG

New Commandant of Cadets

On 18 December in Eisenhower Hall, after making his farewell remarks Major General Fred A. Gorden (USMA 1962) passed the colors of the United States Corps of Cadets to Brigadier General David A. Bramlett (USMA 1964). General



Brigadier General David A. Bramlett

Bramlett became the 62nd Commandant of Cadets. Earning a master's degree from Duke University in 1972, he then served as an assistant professor in the Department of English, USMA. For the past two years he served as assistant division commander of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii. Major General Gorden has been assigned to the 25th Infantry Division and will become its commanding general in early January.

Graduation Week 1990 Alumni Reunions

This year the Classes of 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, and 1950 will have reunions at West Point during the period 23–26 May 1990.

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

Wednesday, 23 May

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

Thursday, 24 May
1200—Class luncheons or picnics
1900—Cocktails, Washington Hall
2000—Alumni Dinner Dance,
Washington Hall

Friday, 25 May
1020—Assembly, Alumni Exercises,
Jefferson Road
1035—Alumni March to Thayer
Monument
1050—Alumni Exercises, Thayer
Monument
1115—Alumni Review, The Plain
1230—Alumni Luncheon, Washington
Hall
1700—Class Dinners

Saturday, 26 May
1200—Alumni Headquarters
Closes—Alumni Portion of
Graduation Week ends

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

Typically, members of reunion classes will have received information concerning a class reunion from the Class Reunion Committee prior to the time that this notice is published in ASSEMBLY. Those who have not been contacted should insure that a current mailing address is on file with the Association of Graduates for use in forwarding the Graduation Week Reunion Bulletin.

Ford and Koch Named Rhodes Scholars

Two members of the USMA Class of 1990 have been awarded Rhodes Scholarships for two years of study at Oxford University in England. Cadet Carolyn Ford of Pensacola, FL, who began her career in the enlisted ranks, is a Chinese language major and the commander of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment. She is also the vice-president of Phi Kappa Phi, a brigade swimming champion and rows stroke for the Army Crew Team. Ford hopes to pursue a career in military intelligence. Cadet Jennie Koch, of Potomac, MD, an international relations major ranking fifth in her class, will serve on the brigade commander's staff next semester as cadet captain. She is considering a career in public service with an emphasis on foreign policy.

Hoyt and Thorson Selected as Marshall Scholars

Cadets Edward P. Hoyt and Michael J. Thorson, Class of '90, have been named as Marshall Scholars. Hoyt, who was XO of the 3d Regiment for the 1st semester, and Thorson, who is Deputy Brigade Commander and member of the All-East Team, will both pursue a course of study in "Philosophy, Politics and Economics" at Oxford University. Both cadets are members of Phi Kappa Phi.

The Marshall Scholarship was established in 1947 by the British government, and each year 30 Americans are identified as Marshall Scholars by members of Britain's Parliament. The selected scholars normally conduct studies in their chosen discipline for two or three years at any one of 45 universities within the United Kingdom.

Thorson Named Academic All-American and Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete

Mike Thorson, of Onalaska, WI, Class of '90 and Deputy Brigade Commander of the Corps of Cadets, has been named an Academic All-American by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America. Thorson, a two-year starter at defensive back for the Army football team, is an economics major with a near 4.0 grade point average.

Thorson was one of only 11 Division I players in the country named a National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete for 1989. The award includes a \$4,000 graduate fellowship and a presentation dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Former Pentathletes Honored

In October the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association (USMPA) honored Pre-WWII Modern Pentathlon Olympians in San Antonio. Colonel Guy K. Troy, President of the Association, came up with the idea to honor these former pentathletes as a means of motivating the current athletes who are in training in San Antonio for the 1992 Olympics. The three-day event included a Seniors "Old Boy" Competition for competitors over 40 years of age who had previously competed in an International Modern Pentathlon contest. There were several meetings of the USMPA Board, an Annual Meeting for all Association members, and a Gala Banquet at the St. Anthony Hotel.

At the formal banquet, Guy Troy recounted the accomplishments of former athletes—names like Major General Aubrey "Red" Newman, Brigadier General Richard W. Mayo and Major General Peter C. Hains from the 1928 Games; and Lieutenant General Alfred D. Star-

bird, Major General Charles F. Leonard, and Colonel Frederick "Fritz" Weber from the Berlin Olympics. Leonard (silver), Colonel Biss Moore (silver), and Mayo (bronze) are the only Americans to win top-three-place individual medals in a Modern Pentathlon Olympic event. A goal of the board is to produce the first individual American Gold Medalist in 1992.

General Peter Hains, the indomitable former President of USMPA, was the only pre-WWII Pentathlete who was able to attend the banquet. Lori Norwood, daughter of Marvin Norwood (USMA '62) and the individual Gold Medalist in the Women's Modern Pentathlon World Championship last July, was honored at the head table along with General and Mrs. Hains.

There were fifteen post-WW II athletes who participated in the Seniors "Old Boy" Competition. The USMA Class of 1946 was well represented in this group. Guy Troy, '46, won the trophy for best score in the handicap competition (100 points awarded for each year of age over 40). Hale Baugh, '46, won the fencing event and Dick Gruenther, '46, still on the mend from open heart surgery in April, did only 3 of the 5 events. The 5 Modern Pentathlon



Class of 1946 Senior Pentathletes: Dick Gruenther, Guy Troy, and Hale Baugh.

events were modified, but still challenging, for the seniors (i.e. 100 yds vice 300 meters in the swim, and 1000 yds vice 3000 meters for the run). Lieutenant General James M. Thompson (USMA '50), the Silver Medalist in the First Pan Am Games in 1951, travelled all the way from Boise, Idaho to compete and to help honor the pre-WW II athletes.

With the aggressive leadership from the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association and with the enthusiastic support of the Old Timers, we are expecting great things from the Modern Pentathlon Team in 1992 in Barcelona, Spain.

Class Giving: Class of 1949

The article entitled "Class Giving" in the October *Assembly* inadvertently

omitted any reference to the Class of 1949, which has been one of the most generous givers in the history of the Academy. The class pioneered the giving of major functional gifts to USMA when it built the '49er Lodge near Delafield Pond in conjunction with its 25th reunion in 1974. Instantly, the lodge became one of the most popular and most used recreational facilities at West Point. At their 35th reunion and again at their 40th, the class made substantial gifts to enlarge and improve the lodge. In the aggregate, '49's gifts to USMA have totalled over \$165,000 in uninflated dollars or the equivalent of \$328,000 in today's currency. The AOG regrets this oversight and extends apologies to the Class of 1949.

Mascot Black Jack Dies at West Point

One of Army's mascot mules, Black Jack, died unexpectedly at the age of 10, of stomach cancer on 7 December. A



A recent photograph of Black Jack with cadet handler and young admirer (photo by Rick Hunter).

cross between a Spanish Jack Donkey and a Tennessee Walking Horse, Black Jack was donated to the Academy in 1985 by the Lynchburg Mule Traders

Association in commemoration of the 200th year of mule breeding in America. He was the second Army mascot to die while on active duty. The football teams that Black Jack served compiled a record of 26 games won and 18 lost, and included a perfect 3-0 against Navy. A sense of loss has been displayed by the remaining mules, Spartacus and Ranger. Black Jack will be sorely missed by the riders who worked with him, and by his many fans.

Rugby Beats Air Force and Navy

In a November game, the Army Rugby Club "A" side, coached by Major Brian O'Gorman of the Irish Guards, defeated Air Force 16-14 to gain revenge for a 17-16 loss to the Falcons earlier this year. That loss, in the semi-final round, knocked the cadets out of possible National Championship. Cadet Mike Kilbane '90, sealed the November Army victory with a perfectly executed 23 yard drop kick with only 2 minutes to play.

A week later, the Army "A" side stopped Navy 16-10 to remain unbeaten with a perfect 7-0 record. Army has now beaten Navy four years in a row, with every Army side winning each year, for a total of 16 straight wins! The November 1989 matches saw Army's "B" side winning over the Middies 18-10; the "C" side won 4-3; and the "D" side routed Navy 23-3.

Field of Honor: 100 Years of Army Football

Video tapes of the nationally syndicated television special, "Field of Honor: 100 Years of Army Football" will not be available for purchase until about the first of April, 1990. The 46-minute video will be distributed through commercial outlets, the Army Athletic Association gift shop in the USMA Visitor's Center; and through the Association of Graduates gift shop. All USMA graduates will receive a flyer in the mail announcing the availability and price of the video tape.

1st Armored Division 50th Anniversary

The 1st Armored Division, headquartered in Ansbach, West Germany, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in July 1990.

Officers who have served in the division and are willing to offer insight into 1st Armored Division history are encouraged to contact by mail: Mary Kuehn-Tally; Editor, IRONSIDES; 1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office; APO NY 09326. Prompt response will be appreciated.

Historical Inquiry: Shotguns

I would like to hear from any USMA alumni who have first-hand information concerning use of shotguns for security, combat, gunnery training or recreational purposes. Eric H. Archer, 6940 Bristol Drive, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Sisson Scholarship Endowed

Colonel Winfield W. Sisson, Class of 1930, recently made a contribution which completed the endowment of a second West Point Preparatory Scholarship. Similar scholarships have been established at Annapolis. Colonel Sisson initiated this endowment in 1986 to honor his son, Colonel Winfield Wade Sisson, USMC—a 1959 graduate of the Naval Academy and a Vietnam War casualty.

The junior Colonel Sisson did not return from an air mission over Vietnam in 1965. He was tentatively identified as a prisoner of war in 1966 and 1968. The discovery of the wreckage of his plane in 1986 confirmed Colonel Wade Sisson's survival from the crash. He was carried as MIA for many years and declared PFOD (Presumptive Finding of Death) in 1983 because of the lapse of time without information.

Colonel Sisson selected the Preparatory Scholarship as the means by which to honor his son's name because of the enduring nature of a scholarship endowment. The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program performs a vital function for the Military Academy's admission effort by providing one year scholarships at civilian schools to deserving young people.

Cadet Chapel Book

The Gift Shop Catalog contains an error concerning the price of the Cadet Chapel Book. The correct price is \$49.95.

Late Fall Reunions 1954

27-29 October



Against a backdrop of wild autumnal colors, 166 members of our great class, with their wives and class widows, convened above the calm Hudson in celebration of our 35th Reunion. It gratified us that our earlier gift reviewing stand stood firmly, aging no faster than we were. We sons of today reflected solemnly on the untimely fate of our 62 departed comrades during the memorial service in their honor at the Old Cadet Chapel. Twelve of these nobly gave their lives for our country in Vietnam. As they looked on, we lustily cheered the

famed Rabble that in victory scored a precise 35 points to recognize our event. During the Michie Stadium gathering, the formal ceremonies, the various mealtime settings, the scenic bus rides, and the hotel lobby klatches, we fondly reminisced with friends old and new, and awakened memories of those who could not attend, thus getting the absent to speak. We departed uplifted, vowing to stay closer to each other until our next renewal.

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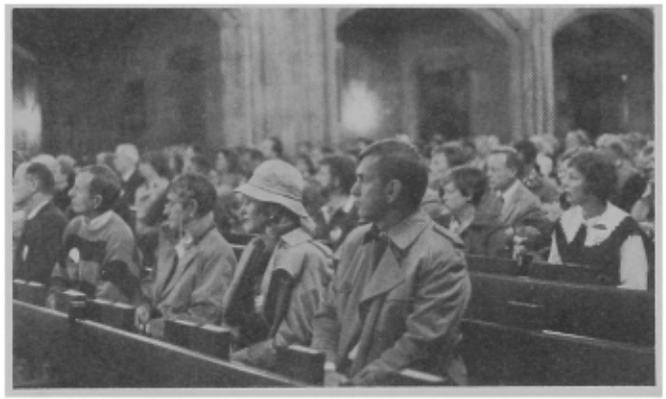
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Dear Fellow Graduates:

One of life's constants is change. Although the phrase is overused, it is, nonetheless, true that the rate of change is accelerating in this latter part of the twentieth century. The pace of events calls for organizations to plan more thoughtfully and to be more flexible. Certainly, USMA is no exception to this circumstance nor is the Association of Graduates in performing its mission in support of the Military Academy.

Consequently, the Executive Committee recommended to the Board of the Association and they approved the concept of holding a Long Range Planning Conference sometime in the second or third quarter of 1990. The purpose of the conference will be to provide the leadership of the Association the opportunity to formulate the strategic direction which the Association should pursue during the 1991 to 2002 time frame.

The last such conference was called in June, 1981 by then president George Dixon. It was held in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, June 27 and 28 at the Allenberry Inn. The result of those deliberations was to focus the activity of the Association of Graduates on support for the West Point Admissions Program, an improved publications program and appropriate fund raising in support of the Military Academy. Those of you who have been active in the Association or in West Point Societies know that significant progress has been made in all three of these activities during the decade of the '80s.

To implement the concept, I have asked General Roscoe Robinson, '51, to chair a Long Range Planning Committee. The membership is as follows:

Willis D. Crittenberger '42	Absalom T. Webber, Jr. '51
Arthur E. Brown, Jr. '53	Lee D. Olvey '55
Thomas E. Carpenter, 3d '58	Joseph J. McCann, Jr. '61
Paul A. DeCoursey '68	Seth F. Hudgins, Jr. '64-Secretary

The committee has been charged to plan and supervise the execution of the Long Range Planning Conference, including time, place and agenda. It's intended that the conference will be conducted in an environment which will be conducive to a frank, open and detailed exchange of ideas. It's anticipated that the committee's plan will be submitted to the Executive Committee on 8 February and to the Board of Trustees on 23 February for their consideration.

With no intent to pre-empt the committee, some subjects which may be discussed at this conference include USMA's expanded need for private contributions; how to capitalize on the expanded West Point Societies Program initiated by General Mike Davison during this tenure as president; can and/or should West Point Societies become the focal point in their area of all friends of West Point; AOG's relationship with classes; membership services; and many other subjects. Knowing that each of you has great interest in how well we as graduates support the Military Academy, we will keep you well informed on our progress.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane
President
Association of Graduates
USMA

P.S. With regard to the issue of moving Doubleday Field, which is part of the Academy's long range facility plan and which has been of concern to some graduates, the Superintendent has informed me that the Field will not be moved without a complete airing of all sides of the issue. In any event plans call for no movement before 1991.

Report from the Classes



'15

COL E. DeTreville Ellis
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Betty, a daughter of our James A Van Fleet, phoned me recently, and told me that he is doing well. A building at Ft Hood was named for him, and he attended the dedication. He has been elsewhere, including a hunting trip out West.

Renée Avent phoned me on 15 Oct. She is still doing very well, and sent greetings to '15. MG FW Boye, Jr '39, son of our Frederic W Boye, recently sent your scribe a long letter, with a clipping about Beaufort, SC, and my Ellis and DeTreville families, which I very much appreciate. Both families helped settle Beaufort nearly 3 centuries ago. I am an SAR on Ellis & Lebby (my maternal line).

Jean & Richard S Morrison '39 honored your scribe by visiting him on 9 Nov. Jean is a daughter of our John S MacTaggart. While at Cape Cod last summer they contacted the Yearings, as usual. Mrs Yearing is daughter of our Edward E Hyde. Marguerite Gilkeson recently returned from a week at Daytona, FL. She is spending Christmas in Montgomery, AL getting acquainted with her great-granddaughter, Ashleigh Gilkeson, who is 15 mos old.

Mary Tate sent greetings to '15. She had a fall down two steps at her church 2 mos ago and injured her knee. She can now walk again, however. A great niece & her husband, and Clifford's sister, live fairly close to her. Hennie Moale is doing reasonably well. She sent greetings to '15. Ida Ryder lives a quiet but very happy lifestyle. Her daughter, Louise King, is nearby, as is her sister, who was for several yrs her companion in freighter travel. Marianne Wallington reports "that Ed's great-grandson is graduating from WP in June—4 generations Dodd Starbird."

'16

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Apr '17

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Jun '18

COL E. W. Gruhn
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Charlie Blanchard died last Apr. Eve is living in England with her married daughter.

Only 3 members are left: myself (the oldest), Bud Miley (the youngest) and Mike Grenata (in between).

Sylvia Shattuck died last Sep.

Mary Barth reports that being 93 is not much fun.

Nov '18

MG C. H. Chorpeneing
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There were *no* Class notes in the last two issues of *ASSEMBLY*. And, without any doubt, classmates and widows are wondering what has happened. Briefly, just when the Jul notes were about to be prepared, your scribe was hospitalized and then, when the Oct notes were due, a foul-up as to the date of submission occurred which is too complicated to explain. The docs concluded that I had a slight stroke from which I seem to have pretty well survived and hope that I can continue to function as your scribe.

It is my sad duty to report the death of another classmate, Julius Piland, on 27 Aug, with interment in the San Ant Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. This leaves your scribe as the only living member of the Class in this vic. Lella Dunkelberg represented the Class at the services for Julius.

And now I must report with sorrow that we have lost two more classmates. Jake Whelchel died on 19 Oct, and services were held in Arlington attended by Wannie and Bryan for the Class. Dean Dickey died on 28 Nov in Santiago, CA, and services will be held in La Porte, IN, and interment in Pine Lake Cemetery.

Those of you who take the annual *Register of West Point Graduates* will

have noted that every living member of our Class is now over 90 yrs old, and we have 17 with the loss of the above 3.

Both Wannie Wanamaker and Bryan Evans have recently moved into Fairfax Ret Community, which is near Ft Belvoir, VA. New addresses are Fairfax Ret Community, 9120 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 218, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060 for Wannie and same for Bryan except 9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 201J. New phone nos are Wannie—1-703-781-0653; Bryan—1-703-360-3318.

Recent phone calls to Al Riani and Charlie Morrison indicated that both of them are OK and enjoying life. Charlie said that he & Viola play a lot of bridge. Also, I hear quite often from Lucy Bowman by letter and phone. Lucy seems to be in good health but is on the horns of the dilemma most of us face in our older yrs: whether or not to sell her home in Carmel and, if she does, what and where?

In a phone call with Bob Schow, he advises that he is home with plenty of medical attention and getting along reasonably well. His daughter was with him at the time. Had a card from Art Pulsifer and also a phone call. Despite all of his physical difficulties, he is still getting around and hoped to make a few trips.

Remember, you mates and Class widows down in the Southeastern area that I am now your VP so let me hear from you.

In a letter to Bryan, Boyd Fitzpatrick reports that his health is very good except for bad knees which make him dependent upon a wheelchair. He is spending the winter in Sarasota as usual. Also, his family had a reunion this past summer which included 8 grandchildren and 11 greats, all apparently sound in mind and body. We are all most happy for Boyd and wish that we could be so fortunate.

From his new home in the Fairfax, Wannie reports that a small but most enjoyable I Nov reunion was held. All of those attending live in the Fairfax. Wannie and Bryan of our Class; Florys, Wedemeyers, widows Burgess and Echols of '19; Lawtons of '22 (Bill and most of his classmates entered the Point the day after our graduation).

In a letter to me in early Nov my most faithful correspondent, Chief Brimmer, advised that he was having some more

trouble with the docs, had been in the hosp for a time, but was home then and expecting to be back in regular routine soon. He also expressed concern about the absence of our Class notes in the *ASSEMBLY*. I immediately called him to express the fervent hope of all of us for his full recovery and also that I hoped to now continue as scribe. Chief is a tough and wonderful character.

Here in San Ant, we now have 5 Class widows. Three of them **Carolyn Christiansen**, **Lella Dunkelberg** and **Marietta Piland**, are in reasonably good health, active and outgoing. While I seldom see them I do communicate with them frequently by phone which is a great pleasure to me and, I hope, to them. **Janie Knudsen** and **Peg Smith** are in the nursing home and are about the same as when we last reported.

Just learned that **Edith Griffiths** is also moving to the *Fairfax* where **Wannie** and **Bryan** are located. Full address and phone number for Edith in next notes.

And a telcon from **Ruth Hastings** who recently returned from a wonderfully interesting trip to Australia and New Zealand.

My next notes to WP are due by 15 Feb so your letters and telcons received before Feb 1 will be included in the May 90 issue. With so few classmates left, all over 90, and with some physical difficulties, I realize it is tough to write, but let us remember that we have always had great Class spirit. Let us keep it that way. And you widows are especially, many of you, able to write or phone. We love you.

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Les & Katharine Flory are now happily settled in their permanent apt at *Fairfax* after 2 1/2 mos of living in temporary quarters surrounded by boxes. **Jeanne Burgess** has also graduated to permanent spaces and is adjusting to her new surroundings and lifestyle.

Hei & Ann Heiberg's relocation which began last summer was interrupted by several events, the latest of which was Hei's cataract removal and lens implant surgery reported in the last *ASSEMBLY*. He could not see to drive for about 2 mos. This loaded Ann with that chore in addition to her other duties. Corrective glasses have been supplied and he is able to resume driving and most other normal activity. Hei writes that they are keeping busy, much more active than they expected because they originally ret in Louisville and still have many friends nearby. Also, the schedule of the ret comm is designed to keep residents active. The Heibergs are established now—still not sure of where

everything is, but at least they can get the car in the garage!

Hughes Steele reports that he continued to be active in civic affairs after his service as mayor of Winter Haven, FL in the 60's. Even now he acts as a consultant occasionally. He lives alone in an apt near his son, Dr William D Steele, who is Pres of the Bond-Steele Medical Clinic in Winter Haven.

From Knollwood, **Gertrude Taylor** reports that she is OK, doesn't do a lot but plays bridge occasionally. Her daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs Carl Clark) lives nearby in Catonsville, MD, but her grandchildren are scattered from PA to Japan. **Conchita Sorley** is very happy to be living among friends. She and **Dorothy Ferenbaugh** have known each other since 39. Conchita made a 3-wk trip last Oct to visit her two sons and their families in Vancouver, BC and Layton, UT. To my knowledge, she and **Marjorie McLean** share honors for youngest '19 grandchildren. Conchita's are age 4, 3, 2, & 1 yrs.

Lucile Alexander has recovered from surgery which required removal of her larynx and is especially happy that, thanks to modern technology, she can speak again. She resides in a nursing home but her address remains the same—her family home in San Ant where her sister Sarah still lives. **Fay Bean** is enjoying the warm weather and sunshine of AZ where she lives near her sister. Her new address is 18626 Spanish Garden Dr, Apt #267, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Tel: (602) 975-3666.

EARTHQUAKE. Corte Madera, **Betty Vance**: "It was a roller!" But the only result she noticed was that a picture had toppled off a bookcase shelf. Piedmont, **Ruth Ruth**: No damage—just inconvenience. Her son lives in San Fran and could not visit her without great difficulty. Once the Oakland Bay Bridge was reopened almost 2 mos later, he came roaring across on his motorcycle. San Fran, **Louise Paquet**: Her TV slid across the floor and the lamps tipped over crushing her African violets while she was clinging to a door jamb. When the lights went out she prudently lit candles and set them in sinks and bathtub so as to use the precious batteries in her flashlight as little as possible. The mgr of her building made announcements over the intercom every 20 mins throughout the night to inform and calm the residents. Those who happened to be on the first floor dining room had to spend the night there. No elevators could operate to transport them home to the higher floors, which was especially disconcerting to residents of the 25-story building of the Sequoia complex.

San Jose: **Alex Bennet's** niece, Mrs Roger Hubbard & her husband, were on their way out to dinner to celebrate their wedding anniv. The car lurched back and forth, swayed wildly, and bounced up and down. At first they thought some giant

defect had suddenly developed in their car or that the truck behind had banged them. Soon the sight of swinging street lights convinced them that they were experiencing an earthquake; but not realizing its strength, they continued to their destination. There they found the employees and patrons in the restaurant parking lot. Obviously no dinner would be served that night. The dining room was all broken crockery, the bar awash with alcohol and broken glass, and the kitchen was a mass of food on the floor and overturned refrigerators. They hastened home to assess the damage to their property and what did they find—one broken mirror! However, due to power outage their anniv dinner consisted of cold soup. Alex sent them some Omaha steaks to grill over charcoal—even in the dark!

Note: My intent is not to make light of the Oct earthquake which devastated so many, but to rejoice that these '19 families in the San Fran area emerged virtually unscathed.

I wish to add to the report of the death of **Bert Hardin** (Mrs John R) in the last *ASSEMBLY*. She died on 28 Aug 89, 2 days before her 92nd birthday. Until her illness Bert was well-known and loved locally for her active work in church organizations, hosp volunteer activities, and garden club membership on a local and state level. She and her good works will be long remembered.

We were shocked to learn that **Rhoda Springer** died on 24 Nov 89 as the result of a stroke suffered on 19 Nov. She never regained consciousness and died peacefully surrounded by her family at Sibley Hosp, Wash, DC. The following day she was interred beside her husband, **COL Robert M Springer**, at Arlington Natl Cemetery. Rhoda was an exceptionally vital and active person until the last mos when health problems slowed her physical activity but could not diminish her spirit. She was well-liked and will be missed by her many friends, especially fellow residents of Knollwood. She is survived by a son, Robert Springer, Jr '49 of McLean, VA and a daughter, Patricia Nelson of Denver, CO, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

We are sorry that the death of **Polly Armstrong** was somehow overlooked in this column despite the efforts of her son, John L Armstrong (Class of '46) to inform the proper person(s). He has submitted the following to honor her in these pages: We are saddened to report that Polly Armstrong (Mrs John D) passed away on 25 Nov 87. Her family was gathered around her in her home. The following Sun a lovely memorial service was held there and family and friends lovingly remembered her "character guidance," Christian life, and delightful sense of humor. Certainly heaven welcomed this lovely lady. She is survived by 4 sons: John D Jr, John L, William E, and Robert

A, all of whom live in CA; 9 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The Class of '19 mourns the loss of these 3 long-time, loyal wives of classmates.

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With great sadness I report that **Lillian McGaw** and **Margaret Denson** have died. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Lillian McGaw died 6 Nov 89 of respiratory ailments at the Leewood Nursing Home, Annandale, VA. She was buried at WP beside **Eddie** who died in 72. **Sherm & Clara Hasbrouck** attended with family members. **Eddie & Lillian** made their home in Laguna Hills, CA when **Eddie** ret in 62. When he died, **Lillian** moved back to Wash where she had waited out WWII by teaching at old Greenleaf Elem and as Red Cross lady at old Mt Alto VA Hosp. She was a member of a DC DAR Chapter. Soon after, she became ill and entered DC's Wisconsin Ave Nursing Home. In 76, she moved to the Leewood to be near daughter **Lillian**, wife of ret COL **Alan W Jones, Jr '43** of Oakton, VA. Surviving besides **Lillian** are brother, ret COL **Andrew D Stephenson '33**; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Margaret Denson died 19 Nov 89 of sepsis at Walter Reed. She was buried with private services at Arlington beside **Denny** who died in 86. A native of Newport News, VA, **Margaret** graduated from Hollins College and the MD Inst of Fine Arts. When **Denny** ret in 54 they made their home in Wash. She was a member of DAR's Army-Navy Chapter, the Colonial Dames and the Club of Colonial Dames. Surviving are son, ret USAF BG **Lee A Jr** and 2 grandchildren.

Error on p 53 of Oct 89 **ASSEMBLY**: "MS Gov Ray Mabus, our **Les Mabus**' son" should read "... **Les Mabus**' nephew" (misspelled "beogew" by my typewriter.)

The **ASSEMBLY** subscriber record of Classes 1912 through 1989. (AOG 1 Dec Letter) is headed by—Class 1920, 1 Non-subscriber, 22 Living in Class, 96% Subscribers; Class 1922, 1 Non-Subscriber, 14 Living in Class, 93% Subscribers; Class 1989, 101 Non-Subscribers, 1045 Living in Class, 90% Subscribers.

Carl Engelhart suffered a minor infarction from an angina attack—"Still plan to make 90," he says.

Rosalie Doolittle, our pres emeritus of the American Rose Soc, wrote **Anne Holle** 1 Nov that she is less active now—"Had the best roses this fall I ever had. . . Still go to Rose Soc meetings. . . Judged our show last Jun but it will be my last. Have to rest several hrs

a day. My chrysanthemums are so beautiful. Still maintain the Biblical garden I planted at St John's Cathedral (Albuquerque) many yrs ago."

Selby Stratton had a long letter 9 Oct from **David Hodghead**, husband of **Ross Cullum**'s daughter **Janice**. **Ross** is doing well though totally blind now—enjoys listening to TV and "talking books." They are in their new home in Hayfork, CA—pop 4500, elev 2300, no stop lights, parking meters, freeways . . . in small valley with pure sweet water stream and beaver dam near barn not bothering swimming—surrounded by Natl Forest with snow yr-round higher up—harvesting wild blackberries, grapes, plums, mushrooms, apples—30–40 deer herds migrating through fields in the evenings. Must be EPA's showpiece. After the CA earthquake **Selby** finally reached **Ross** to learn all safe and sound.

Selby is also fine, living in her lovely home with youngest daughter **Julie**—"But for her, I'd be in a ret home," she says. Daughter **Terry Flagg & Tom** visited their youngest, **Julia**, in Florence, Italy, where she is an arts and languages exchange student. Her sister **Deborah** graduated from Bowdoin and is teaching in a private school in CT; and brother **Chris** is between jobs. **Selby**'s son **Bill**'s daughter **Lisa** is in Tanzania, East Africa, in charge of 2-yr study of baboons! And **Bill**'s wife's 3 sons are also progressing. **William** teaching in CT and about to get PhD; **Tim** just earned MA in Chinese language; and **Eben** graduated from Brown U and is with NY law firm.



1920: Kay Burns with oldest and youngest of 12 grandchildren

Pictured above is **Kay Burns** with her oldest and youngest of 12 grandchildren—CPT **George K Withers III '79** (son of **Kay**'s oldest of 5 sons, ret MG **George K Jr '56**) and **Leah** (daughter of **Kay**'s youngest son MAJ/Dr **Benjamin K Withers '74**). **Kay** had a very full yr. Became a great-grandmother 6 May when little **Emily Anne** arrived to #1 grandson, CPT **George Withers III & wife Lisa**. Son MAJ/Dr **Ben** and family returned soon after from W Ger duty for medical resident tng at Ft Holabird, MD. On 4 Jul, **Kay** held a working reunion with all 5 sons and wives (**Ken** and

Ben from nearby, **Bill** from Syracuse, **Geoff** from Orlando and **Pete** from Atlanta) to draw lots for most of her life-accumulated possessions; only a small portion would fit into her apt in the Fairfax, the new Army ret home near Ft Belvoir, VA where she'll move in Jan. **Don's Don, Jr & wife Katy** also came from Cleveland to take his father's American antiques into their new home in Manchester, NH. After much partying, they all dispersed and **Kay** "took off" with an American delegation to **Vierzehnheiligen, W Ger** for the 22nd annual Intl Ecumenical Fellowship Conference to deliberate on the many facets of "God's Presence in His Creation." Preceding this were 3 fascinating days in E Ger following in the footsteps of **Martin Luther** in his historic 16th Cent pilgrimage: Dresden, Meisen, Leipzig, Eisleben, Weimar, Wittenberg. (While at Leipzig 30 Jul **Kay** missed a significant event—the marriage of son **Geoff** in Orlando, FL to **Jacqueline McMillon**, dir of cancer services at Memorial Hosp). Following the IEF Conference there were visits to other ancient cities: Nurnburg, Bamberg, Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, even Oberammergau! Returning home from Frankfurt, **Kay** was welcomed by son **Bill**, wife **Sally** and **Emily**, their youngest of 4 children. 31 Aug was another milestone—**Kay** became the mother of a ret MG at colorful Ft Myer, VA ceremonies for her #1 son **George Withers, Jr, (Ken)**, Dep CE and Dep Cmdr Corps of Engrs. "I can't be that old," she said. It will be a wonderful Christmas with the **Ken** and **Ben** families and **Pete** for the big dinner. **Pete** will stay on to help move **Kay**'s "treasures" to the Fairfax.

Eddie & Jo Routheau will also be moving to the Fairfax in Jan. **Anne Farrell Moore** is already there.

Sherm Hasbrouck, like his Huguenot ancestor, "shot a wild turkey" for Thanksgiving.

Anne Holle and sister **Polly Taylor** held a most enjoyable '20 reunion at **Polly**'s lovely apt in the Knollwood, formerly the Army Distaff Hall in DC. Present were **Janet Claterbos**, **Louise George**, **Marcia Lystad**, **Julia Mitchell (JD)**, **George Rehm**, **Isabel Romain**, **Jo & Eddie Routheau**, **Elton & Duke Samouce**, **Marion Shattuck**, and **Shelby Stratton**; also **Mary Hains**, sister of **Peter Hains '24** and **Eleanor McCormack**, widow of **James McCormack, Jr, '32**. Afterward a visit was made to **Margaret Denson** who was too ill to attend.

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Harold A Meyer turned 90 on 26 Aug 89. He is the fifth classmate to reach 90 yrs old. Congratulations!

'23

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The recent collapse of the Berlin Wall has brought into focus earlier decisive actions in the Cold War, one of which was the Berlin Airlift. Last Jun Hans Dietrich, Vice Chancellor and Foreign Affairs Minister for W Ger, opened a special exhibit at the Natl Space Museum in Wash, DC, commemorating the end of the airlift 40 yrs ago. When the blockade occurred **Joe Smith** was designated by GEN LeMay to organize and cmd the Berlin Airlift Task Force, a 45-day project which Joe named "Operation Vittles."

Two troop carrier gps equipped with C-47 (DC-3) cargo planes on peace time manning of less than one crew per transport were augmented by pilots assigned to staff jobs. As cmdr of the Task Force, Joe made several decisions that were landmarks for airlift mgt. The planes were assembled at Wiesbaden and arranged for aircraft maintenance and crew support. Each plane had to make 3 round trips per day. To control the planes at close intervals, Joe devised a staircase pattern with aircraft set at 5 different altitudes. The first plane flew at 5,000 ft, and each succeeding aircraft flew 3 mins later at 500 ft higher up to 7,000 ft. The pattern then repeated. Therefore all transports at the same level were 15 mins apart. The planes were landed at Templehof every 3 mins by Ground Control Approach. These procedures were refined and retained throughout the airlift.

By 30 Jun 48, the task force was airlifting 2,110 tons daily. At that time the US decided to supply Berlin with heavier cargo planes (C-54) and a full complement of crews and support personnel. The Mil Air Transport was assigned the mission. Joe was awarded a Legion of Merit and assigned to Hq US AF. In 51 he assumed cmd of MATS until he ret in 58-6 and 1/2 yrs, the longest tenure on record.

Some mos ago **Wendell Johnson** asked for coverage of '23 widows and juniors. **George Stewart** has responded. George Jr is a knight of the Catholic Church, has turned his business over to his youngest son, and is writing a history of Catholic women religious in America. Stew's second son, John Patrick, is a Jesuit priest, happily assigned as pastor of the Havre MT parish church. The youngest son Michael is a successful Dallas lawyer. The grandchildren: Mary, married to a Charlotte NC lawyer, is the pers head for Apple Computer for the Eastern US. George III, married and has a daughter, lives in Fayetteville and works for his brother Peter. Peter runs the family bus-



1975: Herr Hans Genscher, Fed Minister for Foreign Affairs, West Ger, and Joe Smith at the 40th anniv of the Berlin Airlift at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum on 21 Jun

iness, "Stewart Oldsmobile," is married and has two sons and two daughters. Grandson John Patrick graduated from UNC and accepted a Regular Navy commission. After 11 yrs during which he received several commendations and accelerated promotion to LT CDR, he resigned and is preparing to study for the priesthood. He is also a gifted artist. William Stewart, married with two sons, is in the construction bus in Fayetteville.

George adds that his wife **Louise** "is cheerful and up and about" after a period in the hosp. The doctors finally concluded that she suffered an injury to her heart some yrs ago. George himself is plagued with poor eyesight and physical injuries dating back to football and a No African jeep accident. Since George has generously broken the ice, I hope to publish more about the '23 juniors with your help.

Also writing from Ashville, **Stu Cowles** says, "Your card came as a pleasant surprise. I have been thinking of you after that terrible earthquake hit CA. I have been thinking of **Bill Lucas** in the days when we traveled to Sullivan's Isl to see him. I know he has moved into Charleston since his wife died. Sullivan's Isl got the worst of Hugo. Fortunately here in the mountains we had only a heavy rainfall. . . . In Jan 81 I slipped on the ice and received a blood clot on my brain. They took me to VA Hosp at Oteen where I remained for over 3 yrs. The doctors told **Dick** I would never come home. I go back every 6 mos for a checkup. I remember nothing about this injury but began to come to about 84. They had a board to meet on my case and finally let me come home. My recovery at home has been remarkable. **George Stewart** has been very helpful to me during this period. Since suffering a stroke in 85, Dick has been in and out of hosps and now requires 24 hr nursing care at home." Their son Robert lives with his family in Atlanta where he is VP of a construction co.

Herb Enderton writes that he is "not doing too badly for someone who is nearly 91." He has an apt in a Rancho

Bernardo ret comm near where he & **Marion** once had a home. Last yr all his children and grandchildren gathered to celebrate his 90th. His son Herb teaches at UCLA and Don works in Sacramento. His daughters live further away: Ann is in MA and Alice in MN. Of Herb's 7 grandchildren, 3 are in graduate school and 4 are already "out in the world." Two great-grandsons are in Seattle.

Jack White's family gathered last Oct to celebrate Jack & **Alice's** Big 90's. The clan returned again for Thanksgiving. Their youngest grandson has just gotten engaged, and they are hoping they can "hang on long enough for a great grandchild." Meanwhile they are "very fortunate to enjoy good health," Jack writes, and keep busy gardening, picking apples, and shoveling snow. **Moe Caverder** celebrated his 92nd birthday with a surprise party from a neighbor.

Marge Rich has been out to see her daughter & son-in-law in Boyce, VA, and took a bit of San Ant with her. "Believe it or not," Marge writes, "I made chili and enchilada sauce, put them in a canvas bag with blue ice and carted that, along with 36 tortillas and 2 dozen tamales, up to VA. I invited Anna Perle and Joe Smith, and two other couples we knew from Spain, out for a Mexican luncheon to celebrate my 39th birthday on 8 Oct. The Smiths came, and both look great." She also went into DC twice to visit other friends in the area. "Clyde cmded Davis-Monthan Air Base in Tucson in 43-44. We enjoyed living there so much that upon Clyde's ret in 53 we moved there. After 3 yrs of breathing caliche dust due to all the new construction, we had to move and ended up in Europe which we never regretted. It was great fun to go back and see all the changes."

Henry McCord, **Bill Lucas's** stepson, phoned me the sad news that Bill died of a massive heart attack on 13 Nov in Mt Pleasant, SC. I had phoned Bill about a wk after Hugo hit Charleston. He was in his apt on the 15th fl with his housekeeper and her daughter when the hurricane struck. Hugo shattered the glass door and collapsed the wall on Bill. They got out of the apt, and spent the next 24 hrs in the concrete stairwell. Bill Lucas, Jr '55 came from his home in PA and relocated Bill in a ret home. Over the phone Bill told me that he felt fine and his health had never been better. He had survived 2 previous heart attacks. After the first attack, Bill wrote that he realized heaven was his home, but he wasn't homesick yet. He was buried in the Christ Church Cemetery besides **Martine** who predeceased him by two yrs. **Ken Sweeney** has made a donation to the WP Fund in Bill's memory, and **Bill Craigie** has written expressing the condolences of the Class to Bill Jr and Henry. Bill had an interesting, produc-

tive, and fruitful life and we will sorely miss him.

Following the earthquake, many phoned or wrote to inquire how **Eleanor & I** had made out. Santa Cruz suffered extensive damage to the older masonry buildings, but we had relatively little damage. There are cracks throughout the house, the chimney toppled into the front yd, and a small section of the roof was struck. I was sitting in a desk chair at the time, and the quake motion reminded me of the action of a remount at Sill yrs ago trying to separate me from his back.

When these notes are published thoughts will center on graduation which calls to mind something that I believe **Bill Lucas** composed 66 yrs ago to add to *Army Blue*:

"To Echols, Carter, Robinson,
And Lucius Hudson Holt,
We bid farewell with one long yell
As we don our Sam Browne belt."

'24

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The '24 Wives held their quarterly luncheon at the Westchester in Wash, DC on 8 Nov. Hostesses for the occasion were **Betty Beurket, Bo Craig, Hazel Van Way and Loreine Vogel**. Also attending were **Helen Dasher, Florence Dewey, Muriel Elmore, Rita Evans, Agnes John, Betty MacCloskey, Kitty Smith and Marguerite Stevens** with guest **Mary Lou McManus**.

As the grandfather "giving away the bride," **John Hincke** recently participated in the wedding of their youngest granddaughter. The ceremony was semi-



1924: John Hincke and the bride

military in form (without the swords) because the groom is a young soldier who has applied for admission to the Army's Med Officers Tng Program. The candidate receives his complete med school education from the govt, in return for which he agrees to accept a commission in the US Army Med Corps.

Bob Finlay has made a substantial contribution to the WP Fund, a portion of it "for the Class of '24" and the

remainder "unrestricted." Bob's generosity is greatly appreciated.

Tommy Holmes reports that their son & his wife picked them up in Sep and took them to their daughter's home in a Houston, TX suburb for a real vacation. They got to see several granddaughters and the two small great-granddaughters who were born after 3 other granddaughters had produced 10 other great-grands, all boys. That seems to add up to 12 great-grandchildren.

Otis McCormick received a letter from the pres of the AOG, congratulating Otis on reaching the age of 90 on 11 Oct 89. **Bill Triplet** received a similar letter of congratulations on reaching that venerable age on 21 Sep 89. It appears that Bill is the oldest living person in the Class. If anyone wishes to dispute that assertion, please contact the secy-treas.

We regret to announce the death of **Benjamin Schultz Mesick** who passed away in Tempe, AZ on 15 Oct 89, after a short illness. The Class made the usual contribution of \$25 to the WP Fund for the Class of '24, in his memory.

'25

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First, the bad news. **Hoppie Hopkins** died in FL on 24 Oct 89 of malignant melanoma. It was discovered in Apr and his family took him from DE back to FL in Aug. A letter from his daughter, Mrs Cynthia Sapia-Bosch, indicates that he kept his marvelous sense of humor until the last. A memorial service was held for him in FL on 28 Oct and his ashes will be buried in Arlington Natl Cemetery this summer. Hoppie is survived by his wife, **Sophia**, 307 Spring Run Circle, Longwood, FL 32779; 3 daughters, Cynthia Sapia-Bosch of Guatemala City, Guatemala; Frances Gerard, Edina, MN; Mary Carol Hopkins, Cincinnati, OH; and 7 grandchildren.

A letter to **Haydon Grubbs** from Mrs **Bee Cavelli** stated that **Charles Cavelli** had died in Panama City, FL on 23 Sep 89. He was buried at Camp Barrancas near Pensacola, FL. A memorial service was held for him in College Park, GA. He is survived by his wife, **Bee**, 1440 Dover Rd, Panama City, FL 32400; two daughters, Susan and Nora; and 3 grandchildren.

Received an interesting letter from **Red Newman**. He enclosed a photo of himself & **Dorothy** at the West Coast of FL 89 Founders Day dinner in Tampa. Red states that although he was the oldest grad present he declined the invitation to speak since he had made the speech as the oldest grad in 87 and 88. Apparently, Red still retains that "cadet days" energy, for in Apr 89 he went to Ft Jackson, SC where, under the new Reg-

imental System, he was installed as the Honorary COL of the 34th Inf Regt. Red cmded the 34th Inf during WWII, and on 20 Oct 44, cleared Red Beach on Leyte, the Philippine Isls. It was there where GEN Douglas MacArthur made his famous statement: "I have returned."



1925: Red & Dorothy Newman; Founders Day 1989, FL West Coast

In Sep 89 **Red & Dorothy** attended the 24th Inf Div Reunion in Ft Worth, TX. The 34th Inf was an integral part of the 24th Inf Div during WWII, and the reunion gave Red an opportunity to visit with members of his old regimental cmd as well as those of the div.

As you may know, **Red** lives in Sarasota, FL, and he still writes. One of his articles, "West Point's Strict Honor Code: Building Discipline and Character," was published in the Sep 88 issue of *Army Magazine*. Its message is important not only for cadets, but for all members of the Armed Forces.

Haydon Grubbs reports that a majority of our classmates have not sent in their Class dues for 89. Since he is trying to bring the Class financial records up to date, he requests that Class dues (\$10.00) be sent in. His address: COL HY Grubbs, Ret, Box 615, Shalimar, FL 32579.

With the death of **Cavelli** and **Hopkins**, we are down to 33 living classmates. Our ages range from 91 down to one youngster who is only 85. So, don't let age alone keep you from attending our 65th reunion. Some of us are going to live to see the century mark.

Since I have been Class scribe, I have heard nothing from or about a number of classmates, including **Beatty, Dansby, Deery, Mitchell, Randall, Robertson, and Senior**. It is requested that classmates, wives, children, or friends send me any pertinent info concerning classmates or families. To paraphrase a TV comedy line: Class members. Where are you? It is time to "close ranks."

'26

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"Otherwise a fairly quiet yr" tries to sum up a sort of tongue-in-cheek manner

the recent travels of **Parker & Gwen Reeve**. They started out from Australia with a trip which touched on England, Wales, Norway, Denmark, plus a 12-day voyage along the Norwegian coast. "We saw the Laplanders with their reindeer herds crossing from the isls where they had summered." Then on to Copenhagen and to Brisbane via Hong Kong. Gwen goes on to recount how she and her sister then took a one-mo tour of the US art galleries and museums sponsored by a gp from the New So Wales Gallery. They . . . "found the kindness and hospitality . . . quite overwhelming. They were wined and dined everywhere, invited to quite a few private homes to see personal collections." The gp visited L.A., San Fran, NY, Phila. After her return the Reeve family had a " . . . nostalgic time at the film 'Dead Poets' Society' which was made at the boys' old school. Lovely to see it again, as well as some of the former teachers." The letter closes with an invitation to us all, " . . . we look forward to the news on your Christmas cards. That's the best part of the holiday season."

Her one-time financial advisor has advised us that **Ev House** died after a short illness on 11 Jul 87. The Class offers condolences and sympathy to her two children, Mrs Helen McCarthy of Peterborough, NH and COL WE House Jr USMC-Ret of Virginia Beach, VA.

Paul Carroll reports that he is reestablished in his former home at Pebble Beach, CA, previously occupied by his son. This Jan he had a total hip replacement but gets around well by the use of a cane. He feels more than lucky in having avoided hospitalization ever since he contracted malaria in Panama in 38. He claims he thought that this escape would never end, but . . . "my old age finally caught up with me." Paul closes with an upbeat and jaunty summary of his life and which honors his view of this world. "And so finally, good health, enough money and happy family were mine for so long. My quota or share of a good life has been greater than awarded to most men. And so I will depart this life with few complaints."

After a long illness **Bill Ennis** joined the great majority on 8 Dec and will be buried in Arlington Natl Cemetery. Inasmuch as this doleful news arrived too close to the deadline for *ASSEMBLY* notes to collect particulars of the funeral, they will appear in the next issue. The Class offers **Frances** and the family condolences and sympathy. We are all sadly diminished by the loss of this eminent soldier who was recognized as a leader by his peers and superiors from plebe yr on.

A short note from **Jeanne Halversen** tells us that in Dec she will move to 1620 Mayflower Crt #B-111, Winter Pk, FL 32792. She notes that there are many ret

mil in and around WP and Orlando though no '26ers. And she is well after having recovered from a fall which broke a shoulder and wrist. Jeanne wishes us all a happy 90.

Mac & Katherine McDaniel are finding life easier, less demanding after 2 large family gatherings: one a large combined family reunion in AL and the other taking place during the last of Sep when all their children, grands and great-grands "convened for a wk's festivities here (Clearwater, FL). They were beautiful affairs in every respect." Congratulations Mac & Katherine on the splendid family you have raised to the glory of God and to the support of our nation.

Although her friends press **Kay Harwell** to sell her home as being too large for her to handle, she plans to stay. "I wouldn't know how to manage in a tiny place. . . . I can manage," she says. Kay now has 24 grands and almost all have degrees and are making out well. **Al & Nettie Heidner** live only a block away, are doing fine and plan to move into a ret home some 50 mi distant.

Pegg (McKinney) Chipp & husband **Jack** have arrived at a snug division of recreational interests. "I work at my bridge and Jack at his golf," she says. This summer the Chipps flew to Whidbey Isl in Puget Sound to visit her daughter Betty, married to COL Robert Merrick, USA-Ret '57. She'll spend Thanksgiving with son COL John T McKinney, USA-Ret '50 at Wayne, PA. A happy Thanksgiving (past) to everyone."

Five of our Class widows have disappeared without a trace; it isn't a case of "not being bothered;" the brave laddies in blue can't deliver whether death or unannounced moves have intervened. So if you know the addresses or a means of reaching relatives who might know, please help Pres **Red Corderman** or the scribe. Missing: **Margarita Calhoun, Ruth Laidlaw, Ida McGeehan, Jean Smith** (widow of GA Smith), **Mary Van Horne**. Unfortunately, there may be others too who have slipped away unbeknownst.

Two letters from **Vald Heiberg** contained an abundance of Class news. He & **Evelyn** had only recently attended along with **Freddie Munson, Ada Collins, Kathy & Rod Smith, Carleen Sims, Edwina White** (all looking in fine shape) a Class luncheon sponsored by **Leon Johnson**. Absent **Red Reeder** was recovering from a minor operation but gave assurance that he was on the mend. In the meanwhile, Vald has accumulated masses of kudos and thanks for a gift to the Fairfax Ret Community of the original fireback (an iron plaque which customarily protected the rear of a fireplace) once owned and used by Lord Fairfax in the 18th century and which came down directly through his family to Vald. The

Fairfax Ret Community arranged a special ceremony to install in the community library this fireback which shows in bold relief the Fairfax Coat of Arms. Vald admits that he & **Evelyn** have slowed down considerably but are cheered by being near son **Bill '61** who lives in Arlington and in whose home they will celebrate Thanksgiving.

Red & Virginia Corderman are still active; they bowl, golf and bridge though admittedly not too well, but they keep trying. Red sent on (and so did **Rod Smith**) the address of **Bill & Hazel Bayer** who recently entered a nursing home: Riverview Extended Care Residence, 55 W Front St, Rm 208, Red Bank, NJ 07701. A letter from a classmate would surely give heart to these two.

From **Crowley, LA, Mimi Broadhurst** writes that she is still busy getting **Bob's** estate squared away, papers signed, forms accomplished, all incident to the paper shuffling involved in probate. Mimi admits that her health isn't as good as she'd wish. Nevertheless, she is cheered by the birth of a great-granddaughter and the marriage of a granddaughter.

A jaunty note from **Bill Deyo** tells that lately a physical exam gave him an excellent reading. His relatives whom he hasn't seen for many yrs have rallied around to help him get through the difficult times following **Ethel's** death. And the choice of whether or not to sell his large home vexes him though his friends give the sound advice not to make any far-reaching decisions for a yr. Still, on one hand he finds the place too much for an old fellow to keep up; on the other, he loves the spot and shrinks from leaving it owing to the happy memories of the yrs he & **Ethel** spent there.

The **Heibergs and Reeders** "are now comfortably settled at the Fairfax" according to a line from **Dort Reeder**. She found the ceremony presenting the Fairfax fireback to the community-ctr library was most impressive and the history of this bit of furniture fascinating. She passed on the good news that she & **Red** have made that select gp, the great-grandparents club via **Phoebe Virginia Kilgour** (hope the spelling is right, scribe). May she bring you much happiness, **Red & Dort**.

Hurricane Hugo passed by **Martha Johnson's** holly tree farm at Traveler's Rest in SC, doing little damage other than tumbling a few branches. She continues to play golf, to teach a literacy class at the Greenville library and to fill in at bridge whenever asked. So she feels very much alive and well though she misses **Johnny** deeply. She has tried some trips within the US but such traveling has lost its savor and she was glad to get back home. Note that the bureaucrats have changed her address though she still lives in the same old place. New address: Mrs HW Johnson, 250 Drum-

mond Rd, Rt 5, Box 547, Travelers Rest, SC 29990. Hers is the sole house on Drummond Rd.

As always, **Spud Murphy** has come up with a first-rate bit of note gathering. A grand salaam to you, Spud, for the zealous work you put into '26 notes. So here's a potpourri from the West Coast. **Marje Brady** had just returned from a Womens' Club meeting (in Sausalito?) when the quake hit her home with principal damage to the chimney which cracked. She can't find a brick layer or repairman to put the damage right and misses the pleasure of a nice warm fire. **Angela Kaylor** continues her work with abused and battered women; she also teaches swimming and diving to youngsters. Angela claims to enjoy excellent health, to relish her 80th yr and working in the garden. She thinks life is wonderful. Angela, we all admire your verve, your self-giving volunteer work. **Ann Van Syckle** reports that she came through the EQ in good spirits. Her place in Walnut Creek, CA, lies but 20 mi from S.F. and took a fair shock: pictures and mirrors tumbled and broke; likewise pots, pans, dishes which littered the floor with shards. Ann gets along well using a cane and is busy with many activities. Her nurse takes her walking for exercise and drives the car when Ann shops. All in all, she feels she is in good shape, though the EQ was a startling experience. **Elizabeth Grizzard** is enjoying life and gets around though she prefers doing short rather than long trips. Recently she went to Albuquerque to take in the Intl Balloon Races which she claims were really exciting. Later she visited her son-in-law Sandy Meloy in Austin, then on to Sacramento for the Thanksgiving celebration. Elizabeth plans to go to San Jose, CA, for Christmas. Short trips sound good, Elizabeth. **Hal Forde** has been visiting his daughter Ann Jolley who lives just 2 mi from his house. He had just returned from a second trip to Kenya where he had a spectacular visit enlivened by many fascinating sights (the scribe has been beating on Hal's door to get more details of the trip plus a photo or two. Maybe he'll come through for one of the 90 issues of *ASSEMBLY*. Incidentally, Kenya isn't the safest and most peaceable spot for outlanders. A few mos back one of Seattle's backwoods newspapers published a page-length column on the murder of a girl tourist near Kenya).

Elizabeth Barnes has had a relatively quiet yr without much long-distance traveling; however, her daughter Cindy & son-in-law Bill Shoemaker have included Elizabeth in many of the farewell parties honoring Bill at West-Coast tracks with the final one scheduled for Feb 90 at Santa Anita. Though the two traveled outside the US from time to time, Elizabeth usually stayed at home,

occasionally taking care of granddaughter Amanda. Another reason for staying near home: after 5 yrs of legal wrangling her property has been divided and is on the market which more or less chains her down.

Good news from **Babe de Shazo**: she has improved much since last yr. It has been slow, she says, but her days are pleasant and she's stronger. She did have a scare immediately after the EQ when she could not reach her daughter in Tiburon who suffered no harm or property damage, much to Babe's relief. She now proudly reports 8 great-grands: 5 boys and 3 girls. Babe, the Class is proud of you, how you have borne patiently and bravely your troubles and have struggled to recover. Our love and respect to you.



Bob Aloe is still with us! He reports that **Ethel Kuter** is back in San Ant after a trip to France. He says that he still plays 9 holes of golf but he no longer walks the route. He visited **Al Lepping** at the Normandy Terrace Nursing Home, an excellent nursing hosp. He reports little change in Al's condition. **Mable** spends her days with him.

I have been a member of the Citizens Advisory Comm for San Fran's Clean Water Program, being one of two members who have been on the comm since it was started in 72. We met last night for two and a half hrs arguing over the nominating comm's recommendations for officers to serve the next yr. The two oldest were two thirds of the nominating comm. We recommended no change. It ended up as a secret ballot and we were sustained by a vote of 8 to 7. Highlight from my point of view was that a copy of Robert's Rules settled the question of how we should operate, and all were told that the rule book was the work of a member of Corps of Engrs over 100 yrs ago!

The Presidio of San Fran has a new commissary that opens 6 days from now. The post is supposed to be closed and turned over to the Natl Park Service. There is much proof that that closing which is supposed to save money will cost the govt more money. **Chubby Roth** and I will miss our wkly visits.

The good news is that '27 withstood the San Fran earthquake. **Art Roth** was closest to the worst damage. In fact the house that was so badly damaged and made the front page is about 100 yds away from Art's house. His neighborhood was so badly hit that it is still cordoned and a pass is required for entry. Art's house passed the inside and outside tests. Our loss was a double-

handled soup dish at the top of the pile that fell off and split into halves! **Gar Davidson, Tom McManus** and **Woody Hocker's** homes came through with little damage. The quake came when everyone was watching TV for start of the third world series game in San Fran. The lights went out and battery operated radio receivers were the only source of news. Some parts of town still have no gas for heat and cooking.

Mac Miller came through with Class news!! First news was an AOG sponsored trip that **Mac & Jean** made to Europe with about 45 USMA graduates, wives and guests. Mac was the oldest living grad aboard. There were about an equal number of Southern Methodist U grads aboard. (I went to war from Dallas, and Mary attended SMU while I was gone.) They visited London and Paris and cruised the Seine for 6 nights on a new French cruiser.

Next was a trip to Durham, NC with the **Garlands** for the Duke game. It was fun to be with **Dot & Blair** and their daughter Sandra. Dot gets around quite well with two canes while Blair is probably the most agile of our classmates. They saw **Stu Wood** at the game. They had a good time except for the game itself!

He had planned to make a trip to Abilene, TX at month end to attend a reunion of his wartime regt. He seems to enjoy the treatment he gets, but thinks that this will be his last meeting with them. Travel gets less enjoyable as we get older and older.

Mac's news of other classmates: **Ralph Zwicker** has had another light stroke and is now in the Belvoir Woods Health Care Center, 9160 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060—Apt 309 N. Wing. Phone is 703-781-7057.

Lucille Lillard is in the same place as **Ralph** except for apt no which he does not know. Her phone no is 703-781-3819. **Jerry** has also moved to this same locality. It is all part of a ret facility for service people run by the Marriott outfit known as "The Fairfax," whose central office is the Madison Bldg, 9120 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060.

Trap & Betty are fine. **Mac** and **Trap** are the only mobile members of '27 in the area!

A nice note from **Helen Schull, Hermie, Ed Mechling** and I were yearling roommates. She found out that living on a rock foundation in Carmel is the place to be in an earthquake. Mary's father built our house on the Russian Hill rock after the 1906 quake! They did not bother inspecting in this area. In other areas, they will not allow the residents to return to some homes because they are unsafe.

In the San Fran area, we have a WP comm which is headed by **Gar Davidson** and financed by **Tom McManus** that

produced the Cadet Chapel book and is now looking into a "Memory Corner" and another book. **Art Roth** and I are members along with author George Pappas '44. We meet about once a mo.

The **Paxsons** have moved to 6419 Turnberry Ln, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Phone 505-828-2921.

'28	COL W. Dixon Smith
	15403 Wentbridge Court
	Silver Spring, MD 20906
	Tel: 301-598-4237

Dunc & Dinny Somerville report that they had a very enjoyable trip starting at Istanbul and going up the Danube to Vienna. Had lots of red tape with officials of Rumania and Bulgaria, but the scenery was beautiful. Then this past summer they visited some of our natl parks—Zion Canyon was breathtaking.

Herewith a picture of **Web & Virginia Anderson** from Asheville, NC and their 4 great-grandchildren. They are the grand-



1928: Virginia & Web Anderson with great-grandchildren

children of **Bob & Carolyn Hughes '50**, and great-grandchildren of **Ollie & Dolie Hughes '22**.

My next notes have to be mailed in by 15 Feb 90.

'29	COL William L. McCulla
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	Largo, FL 34640 Tel: 813-584-5921

Hugo pretty well closed out the quarter spectacularly and '29ers involved came out quite well as another "interesting experience." All our San Fran Bay gp came through despite some breakage and a lot of inconvenience w/o electricity, gas and potable water. **Geo Coolidge** had a plus as the quake started a clock that hasn't worked for 10 yrs. He also reported that **Elio & Doug Dwyre** were pretty well shaken up but OK, and they were quite close to the epicenter. Unfortunately Doug's recent illnesses were more damaging than the quake; **Martha & Ducky Hail** had some broken china and glasses but both were OK (as Ducky confirmed); **Johnny & Grace Theimer** who live in the Marina (where most of

the S.F. damage occurred) had to vacate for a few days. Johnny said they were back in with limited electric power, water and NO gas, which they needed for heating, hot water, etc. He said the emergency care has been outstanding because of the joint efforts of the Red Cross and the city. After initial crowding and confusion by rubbernecker and police to control them, it settled down. Inspection of all the buildings proceeded efficiently to determine which were OK and those slated (about 40) for demolition. Mail delivery has been resumed; water is flowing but not as hot or potable as they would like. The P.G.E. has worked 2 ten-hr shifts and are installing new "state of the art" gas mains by putting new plastic pipes through the old gas lines so they don't have to dig it all up (a 10 block square). Wherever they did dig they inspected and improved electric, water, and sewer lines. Hopefully, the electric power will now support the heaters they borrowed and bought. **Lois Carey** had a serious operation in Aug and spent most of Sep in the hosp recuperating. She had hardly gotten reestablished on the 8th floor in St Paul's Towers in Oakland when the quake hit. Both **Theimer & Hail** said she came through in fine shape. No report on **Angluins** in Walnut Creek; **Mary Lou Murray** is OK and so was the Golden Gate Bridge. **Dutch Kraus** and **Hank** were relaxing after a tennis match when the quake convinced them to leave their beer and get out. Not much damage to **Raus, Francis** and others in the Monterey area. **Ducky's** comment on the quake, "S.F. didn't lose enough 'Kooks'—just gained more homeless."

Not connected with the quake but on the west coast, **Paul Freeman** was one of 96 quoted in the *Armed Forces Oral Histories*. Must be "Pearls of Wisdom" as the sets are offered at about \$5,000.

On the east coast **Slim Vittrup, Calloway** and **Strausses** moved into the Fairfax. The reactions were varied: Slim Vittrup and Red Reeder '26 are most enthused, and Red Calloway says OK. All are in the Jefferson, the first building completed. But the Strausses in the Madison (now being completed along with Adams and some cottages) don't like it and are moving out to 6171 Leesburg Pike #524, Falls Church, VA 22044. Washington, East and West and additional cottages are scheduled to be completed before you read this.

Raymond GH Seitz (younger son of our "Jeffer"), who has been in the State Dept since 66, has been confirmed as Asst Sec of State for European and Canadian Affairs. He seems to be the fair haired boy at State.

The "Enhancement of the '29 'Corridor'" is moving slowly but there is hope that initial work would begin around Christmas 89 so the letter about the fund,

which was scheduled for last fall, is deferred until spring. From 11-3 to 12-10 the *Vietnam Reflections*, a collection of over 100 pictures taken by combat photographers is on display in "The Class of 1929 Gallery." The *N.Y. Times* photo of the Class of 1929 is with Bill Yost, the head of the gallery, who will have it suitably framed prior to its public display.

Here in FL **Tommy DuBose** and **Marion Sheppard** are both pleased with improved vision resulting from their lens implants. **Marion & Harvey** are moving into the "Mayflower," a new ret home on 4 Jan 90. Their address will be 1620 Mayflower Ct, B-11, Winter Park, FL 32792. **Bob & Mary Cook** moved in in Dec and have the same address except for apartment #. **Jean** says **Jim Gavin** is much the same as Parkinson's disease doesn't get better. Pictures #1 and #2 were taken during our Oct visit referenced in the Jan ASSEMBLY.



1929: Rose & Tommy DuBose, Dot & Bill McCulla and Marion & Harvey Sheppard



1929: McCullas, Cooks and Sheppards

Kirk Kirkpatrick is back in the hosp in Jacksonville, but showed improvement and was cheerful when I talked to him after Thanksgiving. **Pat & Betty O'Hara** spent Thanksgiving on Clearwater Beach as there wasn't room for them and Bill's family from Atlanta in their new condo, so all hit the beach. **Dot & I** are back from a mo's visit with Bill II in Alexandria, VA. **Paul Steinbeck** made a flying visit to England to see Paul Jr and family.

As of Thanksgiving Day 89, we stand (according to my records), at 69 classmates with 51 wives and 104 widows.

The Class has received two fine letters of appreciation for the memorial gifts for **Marion Callaway** and **Cabanatuan**. **Gladys McInverney** died 28 Sep and was buried in Arlington beside **Allen**. **Bill Thompson** and **Fenn Sykes** represented the Class. Slim moved that day. She is survived by two sons (WP '55 and '59), one USNA '57 and another '72, a daughter, 20 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Unfortunately, the Class has not yet been able to send contributions in memory of **Gladys** or **Elin**, as we haven't received survivors preference.

You will read elsewhere in *ASSEMBLY* about the Thayer Award, conferred on former Pres Reagan in ceremonies in Washington Hall, but not about the belly laugh **Paul Thompson** generated in a face to face conversation in the Supe's quarters. He said, "Mr President, I've always seen you not so much as President but as Grover Cleveland Alexander." And that led into several minutes talk on baseball (both Paul and Alexander are from NE and Reagan played the part of the famed pitcher in the movies.)

While **Dee Dee Armstrong** was getting acquainted with her new great-granddaughter, **Katheryn Elane** (not the name I got wrong in Oct notes), she had lunch with **Slim** and agreed he had a good setup. Of course, selling his house and finishing the taping (but no editing) of **Vittrup** history helped. Reports on **Bill Bullock** not too good; in fact he died 27 Nov and was buried in the Natl Cemetery at Chattanooga after graveside services.

The Class has sent a contribution in **Bill's** memory to the AOG with special thanks for the help he gave '29 widows over the yrs. **Dee Dee** is continuing the splendid care she gave **Bill** by making the final arrangements.

Marilu Hammack isn't as chipper as she was last summer and has moved to One Towers Park Lane and has kept the same San Ant zip.

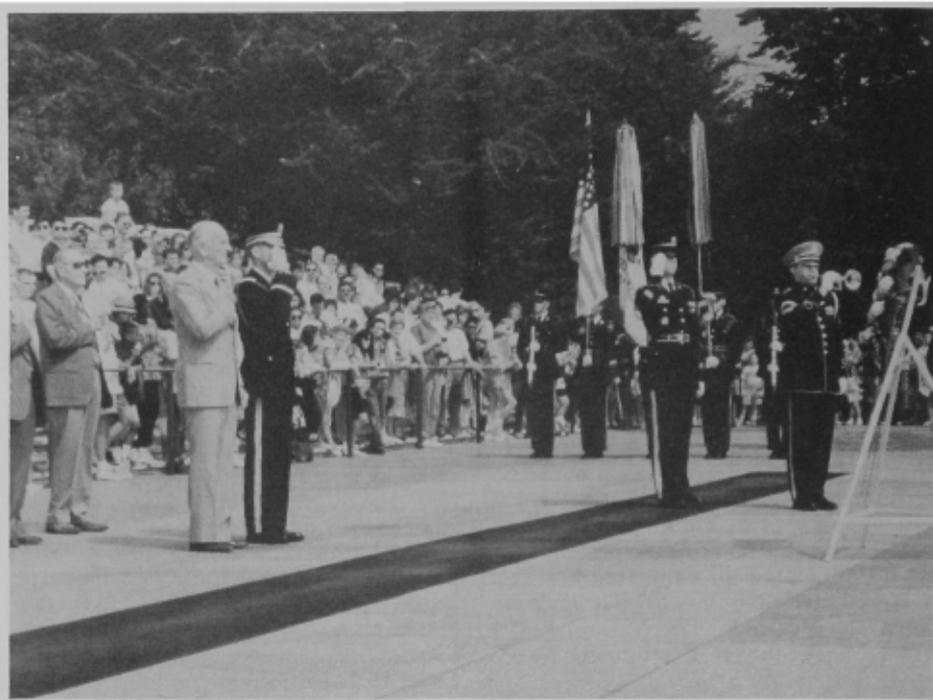
The last notes closed with "Merry Christmas—Happy New Year," so this time I'll wish you "Happy St Valentine's Day."

'30

COL O. B. Beasley
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Falls Church, VA 22044
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Since our last notes were submitted the official photos of the Aug 20th Memorial Ceremony at Arlington have arrived. **Pete King** has these colorful and beautiful pictures which I am sure he plans to post on display at our Reunion. Three exceptionally good ones are shown herein.

We also have additional photos of the post ceremony luncheon at the OC at Ft Myer made by **Max Janairo's** son **Toni**.



1930: Playing taps during WP Class '30 Memorial Plaque presentation ceremony at Arlington, 20 Aug



1930: Pete King, Class pres, presents memorial wreath at Arlington



1930: Herb & Site Mitchell with Max Janairo



1930: Sculptured Class memorial plaque presented to the Memorial Room of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 20 Aug by GEN O'Meara



1930: Vivian & Ned Moore with their grandson and son

Some of you will recall that **Toni** was a Class escort officer for '30 at our 55th Reunion. We show 3 of these pictures herein.

I am very sorry to report that our Class has suffered another series of deaths in the last several mos. Some of our info is very sketchy. First, we believe **Carleton**

M Clifford died in Aug 89. Last address as shown on the roster (15 Oct 89) was in Whittier, CA. We would like at least to know the place of interment. Next, **James F Corr '62**, wrote in to us that his mother **Ann Corr** died in Maitland, FL on 28 Feb 89, and that his father **Francis J Corr** died a few mos later on 6 Jun. Both are buried in Glenhaven Cemetery in Winter Park, FL. 'Frank' was a "G" Co pal, loved by all who knew him well. **Jim**



1930: Ben & Mary Beasley

Corr can be reached at 2380 Janet Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

We have heard also that **Noel A Neal** died at Satellite Beach, FL on 9 Mar 87. If anyone can confirm or elaborate, it will be deeply appreciated. **Pete King** has heard that **Bream C Patrick** died on 11 Jul 89 in Santa Barbara, CA. His last known address per the roster was in Palm Springs, CA. I heard from several sources that my good friend of Ft Benning days **Ed Sachs** died in Sep presumably in Scottsdale, AZ. Hopefully "Mij" will be able to drop us a line about Ed after Christmas.

On 25 Nov our recent Wash area neighbor **Alva R Fitch** died of kidney disease in Walter Reed Hosp, age 82. He & **Carolyn** had recently moved from Alexandria to Williamsburg, VA. Alva survived 3 yrs in the PI as a POW. His last asgmt was as Dep Dir, DIA. He was blessed with a son, a daughter, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, truly a beautiful family. He has 3 living brothers. I was proud of the turnout by our Wash area gp which was represented at the services at Arlington by **Pete & Betty King, Ben & Mary Beasley, Bill & Sally Carter, Andy & Ellen O'Meara, Pat Dodge, Charlotte Brisach, Libby Curtis, Sid & Mary Wooten, and Sterling Wright**. The chapel was packed. We will all miss Alva.

It is a pleasure to report that **Millard Lewis** is now out of WR Hosp (10 Dec) at home, and slowly regaining his strength and dexterity. He can now manage the stairs, very carefully, and uses a walker or four-leg cane for level walking. A broken hip is no small matter. He has signed up for the Reunion, and we sure hope he makes it after all he has done to help the comm get started. Also, **Bill Harris**, in spite of his continuing "confinement" is still in good spirits. We talk frequently by phone.

Mid-Nov **Johnnie Guthrie** called to say **Casey Odom** had had a very serious auto accident about 6 wks previously. After 4 wks in hosp Casey had been moved to a nursing home and was still there in early Dec. He is making some progress, but very slowly. Our very best wishes to **Mollie & Casey** for his speedy recovery; and our thanks to **Johnnie** who

with **Betty** is now safe in their winter haven in sunny Naples, FL.

On 2 Oct the WP Soc of DC held its annual fall luncheon in the OC at Ft Myer. Our Class made a good showing with **Carter, King, Beasley, Mitchell, O'Meara, and Wooten**. We are so close to the "head table" now, that I fear next yr we will be the "head table."

On 30 Nov **Jim Herbert** was scheduled for open heart surgery on the West Coast. We surely hope that Jim comes through with flying colors.

The Reunion Comm feels that we are off to a good start. So far, 28 classmates plan to attend our 60th in 90. With wives a total of about 60 people plan to be there. Those of you who are still undecided should make reservations ASAP. Thayer tel no is 1-800-247-5047. A credit card no or a deposit of \$59.00 is required to guarantee a reservation. The widows of the following plan to attend: **Brisach, Curtis, Dodge, Norstad, and Wright AM**. Widows still considering attending are **Bogart, Booth and Quinn**. Unfortunately Reunion letters sent to 17 Class widows were returned by the post office marked "No forwarding address." So, if you did not get your letter, or know of someone who did not, please let me know your-their-address. The comm is anxious to have a good turnout of Class widows.

Chris Clarke sent in a photo taken at Linville, NC last Sep showing him with **Florence, Alva and Carolyn Fitch**. It seems both families habitually spent their summers near each other in NC. Unfortunately, the Clarkes do not plan to attend the Reunion.



1930: Alva & Carolyn Fitch with Florence and Chris Clarke

Ed Berry is next on an all too long list of those who returned questionnaires saying they would not be able to attend for physical or medical reasons. Most of these people sent in notes which I deeply appreciate. **Alice Lindquist** sent in a sweet note saying she would not be able to come due to very poor vision. We certainly hope this can be corrected. **Connie Booth** is trying hard to locate some of our "missing" widows. **Betty Allen Roeser** sent in a heart warming letter. She will not be able to be with us

because the last of her grandsons is graduating from Cornell at the same time. She has a granddaughter also who has given her 2 great-grandsons. Betty is able to visit her brother Roy Reynolds, and her sister, Lucy Troxel each yr in VA.

Isabelle Norstad wrote in Nov to inquire about the propriety of bringing her grandson to the Reunion as escort and companion. Per instructions from **Pete King**, she was invited and urged to join us with her grandson.

Win Sisson wrote a splendid letter from his hide-away garden home in Berkeley, CA. All the S.F. Bay area gp of **Berry, Brett, Cron, Herbert, Klinke, Lancefield, Lee, and Sisson** weathered the quake without serious damage. This is great news! Win is a serious sport fisherman, having tried the entire West Coast, AK, New Zealand, Christmas Isl, HI, and Baja. His 2 total hip replacements have now compelled him to fish from small boats and resort to heavier tackle. This is a great change for a long-time fly fisherman. See results herein.



1930: Win Sisson with 43# king salmon, Jul in Queen Charlotte Isl, BC

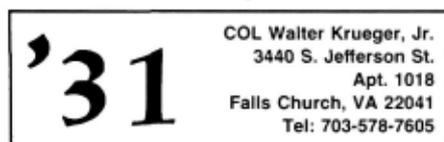
Sid Wooten expects to have major knee replacement surgery in Feb 90, so he & **Mary** plan to be at the Reunion for one day only. Our sincere best wishes for a speedy recovery Sid!

"**Freddie**" **Wing** regrets he cannot attend the Reunion. He points out one small error in the new Roster—his street is 109th Ave, not 19th Ave. Sorry about that **Freddie**. Similarly **Dan Taylor** wrote in that his zip is now 27858, not 27834. **Cece Stokes** sent in a nice note saying she & **Hall** are doing quite well. She reports that **Al Watson** is still very ill; she has spoken to **Happy Brooks** recently, and that she has seen **Ralph Swofford**. Apparently no one from the San Ant area will be attending the Reunion. We are really sorry to hear that.

Dana Alexander wrote from CA that he & **Marian** are still able to enjoy traveling, and in fact, plan to go to Finland and Russia next May. They hope they can make it to the Reunion also, and will make every effort to do so, particularly if roommate **Harold Smith** plans to attend. We have not heard. How about signing up—"Hal?"

Thad Broom wrote from VA Beach playing down the physical troubles he & Virginia are experiencing which preclude their attending the Reunion. One great news item is that Thad had very successful eye surgery with interocular lens implant, for a cataract on his right eye, which changed it from 20/70 with glasses to 20/30 without glasses. He has no vision in his left eye, so this surgery actually restored his sight. His handwriting is now first rate. Our sincere congratulations and thanks Thad.

Your comm is delighted to report that \$170.00 was contributed for Reunion expenses by members of the Class who do not plan to attend as follows: **Beauchamp, Brooks, Broom, Clarke CH, Folk, Harris WW, Kimpton, Nyquist, Stokes, Taylor DR, Urhane.** There were several other contributions. This is just one more example of the spontaneous good will that has always characterized the 3.0 Class. Thank you one and all.



So far as I could learn, all classmates and our widows who lived within the throes of the Northern CA earthquake at 5:05 PST, 17 Oct came through physically unscathed and with no or minimal property damage. **Virginia Coolidge** in Saratoga, for example, suffered nary a scratch nor any noticeable damage to her home, though no more than a half mile from her, chimneys fell, and there was a lot of damage 3 to 4 mi away in Los Gatos. On 6 Nov, Virginia said Saratoga authorities were placing flashlights, water, and food at strategic locations as interest increased in the importance of turning off gas, water, and electricity in future quakes, since anxiety generated by the recent one's after-effects had rather widely spread. **Ray Pratt** in Carmel, who depends on a walker for mobility, had settled into his favorite chair to see the TV version of the World Series battle of the Bay when it happened. Then the lights and TV went out and he was shaken so hard he wished, he says, that he had had a seat belt. During the 15 sec rocking, he sat weathering the storm without a scratch as he hoped he had the freedom of movement to get to a safer spot. A nearby contractor dropped by and checked the house, finding no damage nor gas leaks. The only problem was loss of electric power for 3 days. Ray says, on 4 Nov, that after-shocks continued, but that damage is being experienced only in hard hit areas. He lists these as Los Gatos, Hollister, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and Moss Landing. **Peyt Peyton** in Carmel says he had no damage, and there was "no reaction on his part" in this "strong quake" that gave

him a "funny feeling." **Suzanne Decker** in San Fran reports the quake as "scary," but that the 300 or so residents of her building, the Sequoias, survived without much loss. She reports that the whole thing was handled beautifully in San Fran, and that no one panicked. **Helen Irvine's** condo is only 1/2 block from that shattered apt in the marina area of San Fran that was shown so frequently on TV. She was all set to watch the Series when it struck, and she knew it was "a big one." She clung to the arms of her chair, since, if she had tried to make it to the door, she would have been knocked down. All utilities were cut by the shock. Ultimately, her damage was to lamps, overturned and broken tables, and some treasures, thus no longer requiring a dusting. By chance her son-in-law was in town and took her, personally unscathed, to her daughter and grandchildren in Redwood City. **Art & Mary Hogan** live in heavily damaged Santa Cruz. "Though nearby chimneys toppled," their house remained intact and they came out of it in good shape. **Neddy Cotter**, in Palo Alto says of his "combat experience in the Big One" that the house shook so badly he thought it was gone, and he had difficulty staggering to the door. He can't believe there was no damage to the house or contents. Stanford, 2 mi away, had \$130 million in losses. **Jack & Alice Malloy**, in Oakland, were not hurt by the big shake nor was their home. Their 2 daughters, who live with them, felt the jolts strongly in their offices in San Fran and downtown Oakland. Alice walks 1/4 mi with Jack daily. He gets in a 300-400-yd swim at the club with daughter Mary every day. That is our No 1 athlete—still. **Mac & Jean McCrimmon** live in El Ceritto, CA, 8 mi north of the collapsed I-880. Their total damage was limited to a box of Grapenuts that toppled off a shelf and some pictures knocked askew. Such is not unreasonable according to Mac's analysis of pertinent facts. They live on the opposite side of the Bay from the San Andreas Fault, far from I-880, and they live in a low-risk, single story frame house on a rocky subsoil. But he hastens to say that they live less than 1/2 mi from San Andreas' rival, the Hayward Fault, which could produce the next one. We traded theories on how the failure at I-880 occurred, and Mac sent me an excellent article from the 27 Oct issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle* which described 3 theories. He later sent me a piece of new evidence outlined in a *Chronicle* article. Now, after-shock seismic data point up the vulnerability of the section that failed to the especially amplified harmonious vibration it suffered from the quake's strong shock-waves generated in the estuarine mud and fill that underlay exactly that section. In late Nov, Mac & Jean rediscovered the

oceans blue as, for the first time since their return from HI on the *USAT Republic* in 38, they embarked on a Caribbean cruise. **Chet & Virginia Diestel** in San Mateo had no damage other than a few broken glasses. Ever thoughtful and helpful **Ken Zitzman '32** tells me that **Tom & Ruth Marnane's** son had a close one. Tom Jr, USNA '57, CPT USN Ret, engaged by a co in San Fran, lives in Moraga, 10 mi inland from Oakland and uses the Bay bridge each way daily. He had just crossed the bridge earlier than usual on his way home when his car rocked as if he had a tire problem. **Bill & Charlotte Train** sold their 3 story house in the Marina district last Mar and moved to a ret facility in San Mateo. Their Marina house was just 1/2 block from the area of serious destruction and 3 blocks from the big fire, but they've heard it came through in good shape. On the 10th floor of their new abode, they sensed an uncanny feeling as the building swayed for 45 secs beyond the 15 sec quake, with pictures dropping, bookcases throwing contents across the room. The building is new, of modern design, and suffered no damage. Breakage of some of their valued pieces was extensive as the Trains came through healthy as before. To keep "reasonably active" they went up to OR for a wk of golf in Aug, later took a course at the Golf Univ near San Diego, and were booked into the annual tournament at the Mauna Kea Hotel in Dec. Lest I forget, they are maintaining their skiing prowess by renting a condo at their favorite resort, Park City, UT and planned to drive over in Jan. **Vesta Mansfield** moved from Menlo Park in Feb 89 to Horizon House, a ret home in Seattle, thus avoiding the quake by 8 mos. Having had a triple bypass, she considered it wiser to live near her family. Her & **Herb's** son is an



1931: Nancy Easterbrook, Dr Glenn Farris and his mother Mary Farris

atty at Boeing, a granddaughter lives in the city, and friends of yore drop by. Herb & Vesta grew up in Everett, just north of Seattle. She sees **Charlie & Tommy Howze** and **C² & Jeanne Smith** now and again. **Nancy Easterbrook's** house in Carmel was checked by her sister who found nothing amiss as Nancy

was visiting her & Ernie's daughter & husband in Carlisle, PA and continued on to stay with their children as they went to Europe. Back home in early Nov, Nancy is on the go again. Where? You don't have to guess. China, of course. She and sister Alison were on a "fact-finding" trip to Beijing to see if they could continue their tours and if their scholarship recipients could accompany them.



1931: Reagan receiving Thayer Award

Johnny Davis again fulfilled his mission representing the Class at the Thayer Award ceremony with colors flying high. This time, the award recipient was former Pres Ronald Reagan, who flew into Stewart Field on 16 Nov. The plan for a helicopter to take him to Grant Hall, where review of the honor guard was scheduled, had to be scuttled because the heavy rain and strong wind grounded the helicopter. Hence a sedan took him directly to the mess hall. The Supe introduced Johnny as the Class rep of '31 and pointed out that our Class instigated the Thayer Award. He recalled the many distinguished Americans who had received the award. After receiving the medal from the Pres of the AOG, Reagan responded regarding the great honor he felt in receiving this prestigious award and extolled the accomplishments of Sylvanus Thayer and the establishment of the first engring school in the country at WP. Reagan delivered an outstanding patriotic speech to the cadets, speaking at length about how proud he was of the US military establishment and of its deeds. He said the cadets were at the forefront to carry on into the future. Johnny & Wilma were invited to the Supe's reception at his quarters. All had an opportunity to talk with Reagan, who stayed for about 40 mins. Johnny told him the details of our Class' initiative in the establishment of the Thayer Award. Due to the shortness of time, it was not possible to take Reagan to the Award Room.

While at WP, Johnny Davis confirmed our reservation of Overbrook and the 2 adjacent stone lodges for our Super-Reunion LX. Accommodations are for the alumni segment of Graduation Wk in May 91. Deposit of \$79.00 (double),



1931: Johnny Davis and Reagan

\$69.00 (single) must be made so as to reach, between 1 Aug and 15 Sep 90, the Bear Mountain Inn, Bear Mountain, NY 10911. You should identify yourself as attending the 60th reunion of the Class of '31. A cancellation due to illness or other cogent reason must be made prior to 1 May 91 to receive a refund. You will be informed of the inclusive dates of the alumni segment of Grad Wk when the Supe finalizes the entire wk. The first reunion bulletin with all the details will be issued by Clyde McBride by 1 Jul 90. Be sure to make reservations on time, for other suitable accommodations in the vic of WP are next to impossible to find.

Authority is being sought for the Class to dedicate during the 60th reunion a plaque honoring our members killed in action. It will be located at the entrance to the Thayer Award Rm. You will be informed of the progress of this project.

On a trip to Houston in mid-Oct, Johnny & Wilma Davis dropped by San Ant to visit his erstwhile roommate Maggie McGee who has a bit of a problem getting up from a chair, but Brooke Gen Hosp is improving his stability. PO



1931: Wilma Davis, Maggie McGee and friends

Ward, Economic Dev Consultant for Louisa County, VA, received a meritorious award from the VA Economic Dev Assoc, recognizing his outstanding accomplishments beyond those required.

Harry Candler died at home in Saratoga, CA on 5 Oct and was buried at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Salinas, CA on 10 Oct. He is survived by a daughter, Anne Han of Saratoga and 2 sons, Harry, Jr of Longwood, FL and

Edwin of Austin, TX, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Harry was a member of the TX Bar Assoc. Ruth Fletcher died of cancer in Carmel in Feb 89.

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WHEN THE BLITZ HIT THE SPAN!
I was comfortably ensconced in front of the big TV in our living room but instead of seeing game 3 of the World Series which was scheduled, I watched 3 hrs of live coverage of the S.F. Bay area earthquake which was centered principally around the devastation of the Bay bridge.



1932: Vivian Kunzig

Bill & Vivian Kunzig live in S.F. but they watched the same TV coverage in Wash, DC where they were attending a reunion of First Army Hq. While there they spent two evenings with Jim & Eleanor Woolnough with a round of golf for Bill and Jim at the Army-Navy Country Club. They also spent a couple of evenings with Bill's brother Louis '39 before returning to the War Zone.

Several things were broken in their home but very little damage. Bill's secy, who lived in the Marina, had to leave her apt where many of her nice things were destroyed. She has gone to Portland, OR leaving Bill without his secy of almost 16 yrs.

Todd Slade phoned that Reina Bowen

was in France when the earthquake hit, but that her house sitter said there was no damage. There was no damage to the Slades' home.

Bill Fraser sent me a good on-the-spot run-down on the effects on '32. A few mi down the peninsula in Menlo Pk, **John Hutchison** was OK but his house was partially burned down because of a fire in the house next door. Hutch plans to move in the near future.

Dotty Lankenau was in the process of selling her house and moving out when the quake struck. The house was damaged but not badly enough to affect the sale. **Dottie** has moved across the Golden Gate Bridge to the same delightful ret community in San Rafael where **Nana Gilmer** and **Anne Cochrane** live. Those ladies felt the quake but not nearly as much as those in S.F. did. All is OK there.

Bill spoke to **Amy Carrell** in Santa Rosa and she said the quake was hardly felt there. **Charlie** is getting along OK with his Alzheimer's and is in fairly good health otherwise.

About himself, **Bill** wrote, "I was in the basement, **Happy** upstairs when quake hit. At first, there was merely a benevolent movement, the quiet rocking motion which we experience several times annually. Suddenly, the ground began to vibrate both up and down as well as back and forth in a violent manner which I had never before felt. This continued for 10-15 secs and seemed to become worse the longer it persisted. All the while, there was a moaning, roaring sound as though a great beast was thrashing in his death throes. Then suddenly complete silence. No movement. Just as if nothing had ever happened. The earthquake was finished."



1932: Ruth & John McCawley at home

FINAL FAREWELLS. **Archie Lyon** phoned the sad news that **John McCawley** died on 31 Oct. John had a good record in the Army with two BSM's during WWII and a DSM for his last tour of active duty as the inspector gen of the AF Logistics Cmd. After ret he was with Westinghouse for 12 yrs.

John & attractive **Ruth** with her magic camera made a big contribution to '32 activities in general and to this column

in particular for which your scribe is truly grateful.

Lou Truman phoned on **Andy Meulenberg's** birthday to say that Andy had just died in his hometown of Roswell, GA. Andy was born in Holland and appointed to USMA from MI. Upon graduation he took AC, and in 41 was awarded the DFC as Adv Agt for the O'Donnel Flt, Honolulu-Manila. For his service as CO of the 26 Bomber Sqdn on Hickam Fld on 7 Dec 41 Andy got the PH Merit. As CO of the 73 Svc Gp Central Pacific in 43-44 he got the BSM.

Andy's last job before ret was CO of the Newark NJ Trans Control Dept. So long, Andy, we'll miss you.

When I tried to phone **John Coughlin** after not having had contact for yrs, I got **Bert**, his widow, who said that John had died of pneumonia in 87. John not only lettered all of his varsity yrs as the heavy-weight boxer and a starting pitcher, but earned the DSC, two Silver Stars, 4 Legions of Merit and the Bronze Star in 3 yrs in the tough China-Burma-India theatre. I'm collaborating with Bert on his **ASSEMBLY** obit.

Another phone call intended for **El Davis' widow Pam**, drew the news from a neighbor that Pam has died.

A letter from **Francis Deisher's** son said that his mother, **Hilda**, died suddenly of a heart attack and that Francis himself is in tough shape but "still proudly wears his ring." A wk later young Deisher phoned to say that Francis had just joined the Long Gray Line.



1932: Pop Duncan and Dwight Beach selling each other something

Pop Duncan wrote that he had completed and sent to the ed the **ASSEMBLY** obit of **Rom Puryear**, his roommate for all 4 yrs at WP. Pop also replaced one he had written on **Luke Morris** but which had gone astray. All is back on track and both obits will appear in the coming yr.

Slicker Gurr's son, John '59, and I collaborated on Slicker's obit and it was forwarded to the ed with an excellent pic of Slicker. John told me that two of his classmates who reviewed and approved were Frank Besson Jr and Mike Gillette, son of Ted '20, who was a P at WP in 40 when our largest Class concentration was stationed there.

Let's get the final **ASSEMBLY** memorials on all of our deceased classmates written as a last salute to them. Volunteer! If you don't know how to get started, call me collect.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. **Landon Head** gave me the scoop on **Rush Lincoln's** wedding to his HS (and cadet) sweetheart, **Jean Woodson**. He dragged her 4 yrs at WP and gave her a miniature. Jean's husband died some yrs ago and she was living with her married daughter in Wales when she heard of **Dottie Lincoln's** sudden demise. She got Rush's address from the AOG, wrote Rush her condolences and a long distance romance ensued. If all goes on schedule they will have been wed when you read this, Jean will be wearing the '32 mini she received when we were cadets and they'll be living in Rush's home in Wellesley Hills, MA.

A full pg advt in *The Retired Officer* mag extols the virtues of The Fairfax ret community at Ft Belvoir. It is attractive, impressive and factual, signed by gen mgr, Will Brucker '64, son of our **Anne Archie Lyon** reports that the **Horners, Sundts, Lyons,** and **Joslin Morris** are all comfortably ensconced there now.

One of my fondest memories is of the time **Pat** & I went to a big party at Belvoir when we were living in the District after WWII. It was a lovely evening and as we left we took an exit which was different from the gate where we had entered. Outside the post we immediately entered the expressway and were tooling along on a clear bright moonlit night at 65 mph. "We'll be home in half an hr," I said.

The next thing I saw was a roadside sign saying "Richmond 90 miles." After a U turn we were tooling along on the same bright moonlit expressway at 65 mph. "We'll be home in a little over a half hr," I said.

HERE AND THERE ABOUT TOWN. A letter from **Tiny Hartshorn** not only brightens my day but makes this column worth reading. In her upper MI home she had **Harry & Isabel Porter** for lunch. The Porters were en route from their summer home in MI to their winter one in FL with a stop en route in CA. Going from CA to FL they again passed the time of day with Tiny in her Tucson, AZ residence. If you get confused in reading this, think how hard it is to write it.

I didn't notice it down here in TX but **Tiny** reminded me that it was Natl Metric Wk when she wrote. She had had a long discussion with a close friend who had just ret from Fisher Body and learned that the American automotive industry has been quietly converting to the metric system to meet, greet and beat the incoming foreign car makers. **Tiny** said that she replayed the argument that she had had with me in Wash 40 yrs ago

the uncertainties, the fluidity of events at natl and intl levels, make more important the solidity and steadfast character of our Rockbound Highland Home. There stand enshrined—immutably, we hope—the traditions of Duty, Honor, Country, and such values as discipline, commitment, and loyalty. . . .

Because it concerns the value most nearly at the heart of WP, integrity, the recently released Posvar Commission Report on the Honor Code and Honor System at USMA is of particular interest.

As this goes to press your scribe is receiving indignant calls from '33-ers less than pleased with what they perceive as a bizarre, distorted and sophomoric recent TV program on WP. We agree.

'33's losses continue with the passing mos:

—On 25 Nov, **Bill Damon** died in San Ant of complications following hip surgery. He was interred at the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. Besides his widow **Betsy** he is survived by a son, **William F Damon III**.

—On 3 Dec we lost Miss **Atha Moorman** in CO Springs. She had been ill for a long time. Services were held at the Chapel of Our Saviour in CO Springs, and she was interred at the AF Academy. Besides **Tommy**, she is survived by their two daughters, **Margaret M Demchuk** of Virginia Beach, VA, and **Allyn M Sullivan** of Pasadena, CA; two sons, **MG Thomas S Moorman, Jr**, and **Robert W Moorman**, both of Alexandria, VA; a brother, **Edmund A Gullion** of Winchester, MA; and 8 grandchildren.

We extend our deep sympathy to **Betsy Damon**, **Tommy Moorman**, and members of their families. Surely these partings are not for keeps! Please stay in touch with the Class.

A beautiful and welcome card from **Bob & Ann Blanchard**—"the Class here is creaking a little, but most are perking pretty well. 'Saw **Mac & Dodie McClelland** last night—he is joyous with a new motorized conveyance which intrigues us all. They held a Class party in Sep, the **McCrarys** in Oct, the **Dahlens** for the **Hurlbutts** (who had to cancel due to **Hurly's** hip surgery). Tomorrow we go to the **Thorlins** for the A-N game party. . . . " [We'll draw a curtain of charity over *that* one!] "We celebrated **Bob's** 80th with a wonderful surprise wk—with all our 4 plus a nephew, grandson, and spouse, we had a ball!"

"We were all concerned," writes **Charlie Carver**, "about classmates in CA during the quake. I phoned **Bob Tripp** to ask about **Lilian** & him and whether they'd suffered injury or damage. They hadn't. He also said that **Lonning** and **Boswell** came through OK. **Bob** said he was lucky; he'd played golf at the Pre-

sidio that day and returned over the Oakland Bridge before the quake.

"I also called **Pete Clainos**, whose apt is in the Lake Merced area, where many buildings suffered considerable damage. His was one of 3 that didn't." ['33 must be living right!]

Commenting on **Red White's** letter about **Charlie Chase**, **Carver** wrote, "Charlie once stated that he was the only golfer who took a divot on his back swing. . . . he was great fun on the course.

"On Thurs," **Carver** continues, "I play with **Chet Dahlen**, **Fred Thorlin**, and **Bob Cyr**." [Thanks, **Bob**, for the pic.] "Chet and **Tommy** are ardent golfers. . . . Recently **Barbara** & I attended a WP Soc of S TX picnic at MacArthur Park in San Ant held in one of its covered pavilions—we saw a lot of old friends we'd served with. PS: the PO requires our address to be *I* (not "One") Towers Park Lane."

Ted Conway writes to ask our opinion of **Rick Atkinson's** book, *The Long Gray Line* (about the Class of '66; it was summarized at length in *US News & World Report*). Mixed, **Ted**. . . .

"A fine yr for the **Dahlens**," writes **Chet**, "enjoying good health and travels. Our Jan-Mar trip was by freighter to the W Coast of S America—smooth sailing, interesting port calls. Highlight was visit to Cusco and Machu Picchu. . . . Last summer we made the Danube R trip, Vienna to Istanbul, over the path of many historic invasions. Highlight was the 19 mi journey down the Bosphorus. INTRAV guide certainly knew his Greek mythology. Made our annual Oct trip to Ft Myers, FL to visit w/daughter **Karen**, husband **Bob** and granddaughters **Heidi** and **Heather**, both in college. For 90 we plan to repeat freighter trip on *Norwegian SS Salvador* 31 Jan out of Houston for E Coast of S Am. Age 79 is max for that line, so this was my last chance. . . ."

"**Ed Doleman's** family had a big party in the form of a 'roast,'" according to **Duncan Hallock**, "to celebrate his 80th. It was well received by all, including him. Mayor **Fasi** issued a proclamation naming 'Doleman Day,' and it went on from there. . . . **Hap & Molly Tubbs** were there, and **Hap** made a speech. **Louise Darnell** had to regret."

"A fine yr," says **Dottie Donnelly**. "Big event was having our garden shed turned into a studio for **Sam**. He has really enjoyed it as attested by 3 large paintings during the yr, one being the 'Golden Pavilion' in Kyoto, which we visited in 88. This yr we went to Morocco, Portugal and Spain. All good wishes."

The irrepressible **Fletters** began 89 with a tent safari in Kenya and Tanzania with the World Wildlife Fund: "A Masai warrior armed with a spear guarded our camp. Hearing the lions growl, hyenas

howl and hippos grunt at night, plus beautiful birdsongs at dawn, was . . . unforgettable." [We skip to Sep] " . . . Smithsonian trip from Victoria down the WA coast and up the Columbia to the Snake R in ID. There we took jet-boats thru Hell's Canyon. No firm schedule, we landed by Zodiac boats at many interesting places along the trail of Lewis & Clark. A congenial gp; one of the more active and sparkling ladies was 86." [Hope for the rest of us, **Bill**?]

"We brought too much!" say **Ned & Gladys Gee**, "now that we're trying to get settled in our new apt—and we thought we'd gotten rid of *everything*. We find living here to be very nice—but how we miss our [DC area] friends! We had Thanksgiving dinner with **Red & Sue White**. Our new tel: (407) 770-1345."

"It begins to look as though the 'peace on earth' we seek is a little closer this yr," writes **Ruthie Gibb**. "Wouldn't it be wonderful?"

And from **Betty Gibbs** we hear, "I'm off to CA for 3 wks with daughter **Pat** & family—back by mid Jan."

Pat & Rita Guiney spent Thanksgiving, we believe, and plan to spend Christmas with their Hooper (Ken Hooper '72) family in Hershey, PA.

"We had a rear-ender on the freeway (Oct)" reports **Duncan Hallock**. "**Barbara** suffered a whiplash, but is fine now. Our car, which made 3 trips across the mainland without a scratch, suffered extensive indignities to its rear end and is still in the shop. . . . My golf and tennis are both good (at least, I say that as long as people seem willing to play with me. . . .)"

"1989 saw no great changes for us," says **Leo Heintz**. "We had our annual bash here in Jul with some of our 'off-springs,' and now we're flying N to return the visits. We look forward to letter/card contacts with old and dear friends. Happy Holidays!"

"Enjoyed your reminiscences," writes **John Honeycutt**. "They started me doing the same thing about the 16th FA at Ft Myer . . . **Harry King** was there. Other '33ers: **Bev Jones**, **Dick Moore**, **Buck Pohl**, **Newell James**. . . . I still get to my (fiddle-making) shop most days and have fun. Am just starting *The English Language* by **MacNeil** and cohorts."

Polly & Hurly Hurlbut took a 2-wk cruise up the NE Coast and into Canada. "Lovely trip save 2 rough days," sez **Hurly**—"Made me glad I never became a sailor!" More recently (early Dec) **Hurly** has had and survived a second round of hip surgery.

"We're fine and still here enjoying the view, pool and weather," say **Charlotte & K Kaesser**. "Thank goodness no Hugo!"

"We're almost settled," report **Charlie & Mim Leydecker**. "We'll cruise 18–28 Nov and be away during Christmas. 'Best for '90."

Talk about the 3-Ms . . . On a recent swing to the SW the Sparrows phoned Ted Marshall (Las Vegas), Jake & Dottie Messersmith, also Sam & Mary Lou Mundell (Phoenix area). Sammy is sporting replacement parts (2 knees, 1 hip) but sounded in good spirits; Dottie said Jake is manfully battling diabetes; Ted reported he has just ret from managing Nevada's Veterans Employment.

"The snow that fell last night—4 to 6 inches of it—has turned this enchanting little city into a fairyland," writes Kim Otto. Sam & I had great fun at the intl show recently."

The Polks, Jimmy & Joey, often visit their DC base. Jimmy, at a recent Class luncheon, gave us a stirring account of the Army-AL game at the Sun Bowl (El Paso) last yr, and of the rally before it.

Starting early Oct Phil Pope has had a few things to wrestle with in the cardiology dept; he wound up with a successful angioplasty ("balloon job") on the second try and is now home, almost as perky as ever.

"I've no news except for Stan & Effie Lonning," writes Carolyn Roberson. "I passed Gerry's ring to him in 82 (he'd first lost his ring in Oslo, Norway; it was returned to him, then stolen from his house in 80). Stan says they're fine. . . . My (13 yr old) dogs and I lead a quiet life, due in part to my back problems. . . . All my family is on W Coast except for granddaughter at Yale. I'll see them all during the holidays; no activities here."

Oscar Senter brought some FL sunshine with him to see a Redskins game here. He lunched with Hurly, Abe Lincoln, Roy Reynolds, and Art Trudeau '24.

Cal Smith reports a busy summer. "Family visits here; a couple of out-of-town friends; Golf Rules Comm; too many social activities. . . . Svava Chapman keeps on the go with golf, bridge, travels, etc. See the Moormans occasionally." [this before her death]

"We realize," writes George Van Way, "that '33's Intl Golf Tourney has been officially abandoned by our Wash peers, consistent with the decentralization of govt nation-wide. . . . Never-the-less the social urge for '33 camaraderie continues strong at grass roots level and the die-hards will not give up. . . . When Senter, Ely, Leslie, and Van Way play, Ely's fine game leaves no question as to who is champion. . . ."

"In your work as scribe, Bert, you provide much of the glue that binds us together." [Thanks, George—a very cohesive analogy!]

"At each 5 yr Reunion," Paul & Betty Walters report, "Local members of the USMA Class of '64 honor their fallen classmates by visiting their (Arlington) gravesites and conducting a memorial service. Yesterday we were invited to join them. Among the 22 present we met two of Robert's roommates, Clyde

Woodle and Glen Wildeman. Returning home we found a letter from Barry McCaffrey '64, inviting us to WP for their 25th Reunion and stating that we would always be considered part of the Class of '64 family—a most unusual and touching courtesy!"

[CPT Robert J Walters '64, CE, was killed in Vietnam, 1970.]

CLASS MATTERS

Scholarships. Following legislation introduced by Senator Nunn, The Barry M Goldwater Foundation for Excellence in Education has been established and funded (\$40 M) for scholarships and grants to undergraduates taking scientific courses who would take graduate work in their fields. Rationale for this is dearth of qualified individuals needed in aerospace and other industries requiring skilled engrs, mathematicians, etc. Twelve trustees will oversee the foundation's work: 2 each from Senate and House, 8 distinguished leaders selected by the White House, one of whom—you guessed it!—is our LTG Bill Quinn. So, all you grandparents with promising, ambitious progeny can figure out whom to write for info regarding scholarships and grants.

'33 *Miniature Mystery.* Some issues back, Phil Gage '36 wrote to ask whether '33 or some nearby Class had given a miniature to Miss Carrie Dunn, a nurse at WP when we were cadets. (He had misplaced it.) No one could remember. Now Phil writes that he has found it, and that it is indeed a '33 miniature, which she had willed to him at her death.

DC Area Luncheons. Two fine ones this fall: —Oct '33 luncheon with wives, some 64 people, including Betty Gallager, Fran Gates Mueller and son Clayton, Jr, the Ottos and Bimbi Downing from Annapolis, Posey Neely, Dan Parker, the young Ryans. —Nov '33 luncheon with USNA '33, about 30 people.

Moves and New Addresses: Dorothy Johnson, 416 Jefferson, 9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. Tel (703) 781-9387. Billie Oslon, 408 Adams, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. Tel (703) 781-4727. Marjorie Ryan, 422 Madison, 9120 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. Tel (703) 781-4722. Evelyn Starbird, 405 Adams, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. Tel (703) 799-4235. Fran Gates Mueller, Apt 229, 6200 Oregon Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015. Tel (202) 541-0229. *More Pictures, Please!* Surely we can do better?

'34

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As cadets we marched slow-step several times to the Cadet Cemetery, mutely recalling our association with the

dead. As we join the Long Gray Line, I recall something Morris Schaff, Class of 1862, wrote in "The Spirit of Old West Point" of similar marches he made when the remains of graduates killed in the Indian wars were brought back to WP to be buried with mil honors. "This ceremony made a deep impression . . . the caisson with the coffins, the stars in the flag lying on them, and immediately behind them, led by a soldier, the horse in full equipment, a trooper's boots in the stirrups pointing to the rear. Whoever thought of reversing the boots must have been a poet and a great one; for in that one change of direction he visualized into perfect expression all that poetry can see or can say of the end of life. I remember the drapery of the muffled drums of the band, and hear its wailing music as slowly, with reversed arms, we marched in column of platoons to the cemetery. The leaves of the chestnut trees were falling, the haze of fall was full on the hills, and there was serious great pomp in nature as well as in the ceremonial." Nature is all we have to look at as we stand with bowed heads at so many funerals these days. What is the construction of a Pentagon compared to one chestnut tree? Or a summit of nations to what nature puts into a cubic mi of seawater? There are no more soothing thoughts at these sorrowful occasions that to ruminate with Philip Wylie about our sense of values and their preposterous exaggeration. As we mourn each classmate we cannot but think with Schaff, "That The Spirit of WP watches over his clay."

In the present, let us thank the following correspondents for thoughts more joyous than macabre. The letters contain a profusion of hope for Muff's continued improvement from her stroke. Otherwise, I would not take space to thank everyone for letters, cards and calls, and tell you of her near miraculous recovery.



1934: Muff Blair and Pete Ward: expressions at pre-Navy game rally at Ft Monroe portend outcome of the game

Last fall Cy Betts, meeting with Hutchison, Cook, Cunin and Savage decided now is not the time to re-establish dues, may never need to. He requests us to review Dudley Wilmeth's proposal to

elect officers on a permanent basis, and **Axel Waugh's** proposal to elect them nationwide. Putting it off to the 60th gives plenty of time to discuss the proposed changes in the Class Constitution. Cy also asked the CA, El Paso, and FL gangs to consider planning a mini-reunion for maybe 92. Let's!

Dudley himself continues his itinerant attendance at geri-hostels, visiting with **Frankie**, classmates along the way. "We stopped by to see **Pop Womack** in Santa Fe. It was his birthday: 81 yrs, a Golden Oldie! Pop's grandson, Christopher, was also celebrating his birthday. Pop's daughter, **Deedie Sutherland**, now lives with him. He was brought home yesterday from 67 days in the hosp, at a cost of over a quarter of a million dollars! He was smiling because his insurance covered almost all of it. 'Twas a triple bypass. Pop looks good, feels good, talks good, is good. **Frankie & I** told him about the Arabian horses we had seen in Albuquerque. It reminded him of his Cavalry days when he was 'remount officer' and in one yr bought more than 5,000 mules. The 1200 Mule Team beat Navy that yr! Pop also reminisced about the landings in N Africa, when they had to use mule teams to get gas up to the tanks, because wheeled and tracked vehicles couldn't negotiate the camel trails.

"I did not realize the breadth of my ignorance about 2 massive industries until I spent a wk in Albuquerque. We watched 500 balloons lift off in 15 mins, followed by parachute demonstrations by the Army's Golden Knights. We discovered balloons sell for \$5,000-\$100,000, the carrying pickup for \$25,000-\$150,000. You need balloon suits at \$150-\$15,000. And, of course, champagne in case you land without ripping-up the basket. The other industry is horse business. \$100,000-\$2,000,000 for a horse. A padded 4-horse trailer \$150,000 and a prime mover at 5 or 6 figures. Saddles are from one-15 thousand. Matching outfits for horse and rider, 2-20 thousand dollars. I did not find out what hay costs!"

A later dispatch begins. "At church, while I am waiting to talk to one of the church staff [Scribe: about our souls, no doubt], I decided to try out this machine. I plan to enclose cards and notes from **Mary Canterbury**, **Faith Edson** and **Virginia Williams**. **Frankie & I** were in NYC in early Nov attending wedding of our daughter. Do you remember the blonde girl who was with us at the 55th Class banquet. She left there and went to Santa Fe to her brother's wedding. So in a wk or so he had to come to NYC to her's. [That also means **Frankie & Dudley** attended both weddings.] [Back in Ft Worth] Today we went to Will Rogers Convention Center to see model train displays; Lionel is still manufacturing

trains, and kids are still getting them for their parents' Christmas.

"NM and NY are next to each other alphabetically, but decades apart. The air is fresh in NM, fetid in NY. The sky is blue in NM, gruesome in NY. You can see 100 mi from a mountain in NM, 100 ft from the World Trade Towers in NYC. The natives are peaceful in NM, they are scalpers in NY. At daughter's wedding, the bridegroom's present to the bride was an all expense visit for us. We stayed at the United Nations Plaza Hotel, dined at Le Bernadins world renowned fish-house, wedded at the Brick Presbyterian Church on 5th Ave, received at the Explorers Club which was modeled like the one in London, where Phileas Fogg bet he could go around the world in 80 days. Our li'l girl Cindi married the pres & CEO of *US News and World Report*. The next day we were in Central Pk when the NY Marathon winners came in. The bride & groom were in Hong Kong."

"Dear **Dudley**," from **Mary Canterbury**. "Monte had a major surgery in Aug, was in hosp about a mo and died at home 2 Oct. It was a dreadful two mos. I am busy with the business, legal and govt things I must attend to. Our children and grandchildren have been a wonderful help. I am going forward with my life and I plan to stay in La Jolla as it has been our home for 23 yrs. I probably will sell the house eventually but it is the best place for me for the present. A ret complex which is a-building may tempt me later. Thank you for writing." In letter to us, Mary iterated the above and added: "Emphysema is a terrible disease. If you smoke, QUIT!"

"Dear **Frankie & Dudley**," from **Faith Edson**. "I loved your letter and I had set today to answer you, when your letter postmarked NY arrived. I shared the elderhostel part of your letter with other EH aficionados; someday I may join you, but for now I can stay away from **Hallet** 4 days at the most. My health is good and I am busy here, Red Cross, church, nursing home. Also each mo I visit a friend or relative for a few days. I have great support here from people who have gone through the same thing. **Hallet D** looks good, and friends say he still has a mil bearing. He's had a slight stroke and pneumonia, and now has a dropped foot. It doesn't keep him from walking which is his therapy. Dan and family were here this past wk. Hal seemed to recognize Dan and to enjoy holding the grandchildren. Sue will be here the end of the mo for a wk. She is a big help. I will visit them in Boston area but will be here with Hal for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your thoughts and love mean a lot. Thanks. Dan & Marcia adopted a son, so now Molly has a brother, Peter. This my 18th yr as a volunteer at the nursing home."

"Dear **Dudley & Frankie**," from **Virginia Williams**. "Appreciate your sweet

card so much. We had not anticipated the 55th reunion being our last, but (UPS) had such a bad yr with 4 surgeries in 4 mos, and the doctor did not permit him to go until the last mo. (UPS) had been better from the time we were at WP until he died, about two mos. During that time he was able to drive himself to the lake and to putter around. I was thankful for those times that he enjoyed some independence. I had just completed the probate, had planned several trips and was in Corpus with friends, when I fell and broke my hip. It's been 3 wks since surgery, and I am now home recuperating fast."

Scribe last flew the US Mail in 36 (between NYC and Pittsburg) but recently gave a boost to a letter to **Faith** from one of Hal's former officers. This a happy chore for scribes, for it shows that other classes read our Class notes.

Ruth & Jack Renfro penned sweet stuff to **Muff**, and sent best wishes to the rest of us. "We took a trip to Yugoslavia. Spent a wk at Opatija, a resort on the Adriatic coast not far from Trieste. Another wk at Dubrovnik, further south. The weather was invigorating, the coast spectacular, and the cities the most interesting places we have ever been."



1934: Fairfax lunch hosted by Stevens

Johnnie Stevens' letters come with a happy-face sticker on them, lest I get agitated over the (il)legibility of the penmanship. "Here it is another Armistice Day. We are thankful for all who served and especially for those who gave!

"In Sep, **Frank Willoughby**, **Bill Moorman** and **Marian Bryden Moorman**, sister of **Ellen Bryden Surles** (Mrs Day Surles, Jr) lunched with us at our new address: 9120 Belvoir Woods Pky, 316 Madison, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. The Moormans have children in the Richmond and Annapolis areas. We hope they continue to consider coming here to live, for the only classmates here yet are **Ginger & Burt Bruce**. There are lots of '35, 17 of '36, one from 1918 and two from 1919, including **Al Wedemeyer** and **Les Flory**. We recently entertained **Moon & Nancy Northam** en route home to FL, **Gene & Hope Corrigan**, **Bill & Anne Kern** and **Faith Edson**. We are fairly well settled after the labor and

delivery pains of our last move. A nice apt overlooking a lake with geese and a woods with deer. **Arno Luehman** is not too good. **Connie** reports cards and letters help a lot."

Bob & Jeanne Finkenaur report Bob's about to undergo cataract surgery. We hope it will improve his eyesight, which showed deterioration at reu. They enclose this letter from **Mrs Elsie Warmoth Weitzel Strother**: After the untimely death of George Weitzel, when he was Assoc Prof at WP, she married Doc Strother. Reading George's obit in the 50th yrbook helps recall our 4 yrs with this scintillating and delightful classmate. Elsie's letter is, more or less, addressed to us via *ASSEMBLY*. "George Weitzel's grandson, Jamie Gough IV, will be graduated from WP in 90. Another grandson, Christopher Strother Gough, will be graduated from the AF Academy the following yr. Doc, I call him Dean, because that is his name, and I enjoy living in CO and taking trips every yr. I correspond with **Rosa Barnes** and I see **Myra Stone** now and then. She is a good sport about her illnesses. We see **Bill & Anna Wise** at football games and used to see **Dick & Helen Legg**, when she was living."

Dottie & Johnny Franklin send, "most sincerely," and describe therapy for stroke patient. "Dottie can hope with confidence for **Muff's** continued recovery for she had a mild stroke two yrs ago, and with good doctors and therapy everything returned to normal except for balance affected by her inner ear. That was when we started our walks, for the doctor advised, "Try to walk it out." Johnny has been a big help. On effects of the earthquake, Johnny reports that from various reports in the Bay area, classmates and friends came through with no real damage. We did not have any—just many things to put back in place."

Nancy & Moon Northam, "got back to sunny FL 4 wks later than usual, primarily because of the wedding of our grandson in Stowe. We also had the usual stop-by visits with daughters in CT and Silver Spring. En route to the wedding we had a great visit with **Frances & Si Gilman** at their beautiful home in the hills above Quechee, VT. It will be hard to woo them into a ret community out of their set-up w/two great golf courses and great natural beauty even when the weather is stormy. From daughter Sally's we took the Amtrak home, after being entertained by the **Stevens** in the palacial dining room at Fairfax. A mo before leaving, Nancy had a mammogram which disclosed a small spot which proved to be cancerous. She underwent a lymphectomy, and on arrival home was sent by the oncologist to daily radiation therapy. She gets tired easily and doesn't feel well, but, based on early diagnosis, is determined to lick it."

Bill Wise responded to the WP Air Memorial Endowment Fund and to our query about sponsoring a mini-reunion in the CO area. With **Anna** collaborating, he says, "There are not enough of us and we never see each other. **Dick Legg** and I couldn't do it alone. A mini in CA sounds good. We could all pay a visit to the Presidio before it is closed." We hope the CA contingent got that word!

Biette & Charlie Fell send annual report on the condition of themselves and family (children italicized). "Biette's The Copper Florist outlets across NV and CA complain that they do not get all of the metal flowers they could sell, but she is now stressing Southwestern oils and watercolors. Charlie has progressed downward from Professor Emeritus at UNV to showing 6 to 12 yr olds at the Lake Mead Academy how to attack a computer and has found it rewarding as a continuing task. *Christine*, the registered nurse, and *Rudy*, after 25 yrs in L.A. have moved to Prescott, AZ. Both are currently unemployed, but they have undertaken this move like undaunted pioneers. *Nicole's* husband died last yr leaving her to dispose of the 5 acre farm they held less than 2 mos. She bought a condo in town, sold the farm, and is doing well. *Marianne* in Fairfax, VA finds that renting her shop building brings in almost as much income as working the business. *Judy* has found a mother-and-father-in-law straight from the Punjab to help raise son, Permjeet. The Fells are doing well!" and we concur.

This most interesting report came from **Ken Cunin** as we went to press. Ken had just returned from El Paso having accepted an invitation from **Charlotte & Harry Hubbard** to celebrate Harry's 80th birthday. Three-day bash had its finale at the Santa Querida Country Club, across the Rio Grande in NM. "All 5 children made it home to honor their dad. Nique [Harry III?] from FL, Jeff from Houston, Carolyn with entire family from Albuquerque, Barbara from Indianapolis, and Bruce in El Paso. The Class was represented by **Betty & Tom Moorman**, **Alex Stuart**, and two other octogenarians: **Alex Waugh** (accompanied by **Dottie**) and yours truly! Harry like most is not moving as fast as he used to, but he took in all of the festivities in stride, accepting his role most gracefully."

The **Blairs** entertained the **Footes** at races at "Montpelier," James Madison estate in Orange, VA. **Jerry's** Realtors sponsored the steeplechase finale. **Tom & Foss** entertained **Blairs** at their NC Barrier Island Station condo. They toured century-old hunt club of NY financiers **Sloane & Morgan** where **Jerry** flew to in the 60's with a business friend who was constructing concrete hardstands to test rockets for the Mercury project. At these isolated islands, pro-

ted by great dunes, we found the last wide, white sand beaches in America.

A note and clippings from **Ruth & Eddie Farnsworth '32** are interesting today in the light of a proposal to move the cadet baseball diamond from its spot on the Plain near the Cadet Library to some remote site. Eddie was baseball cpt when we were yearlings, and in 39, when he was asst Master of the Sword, was instrumental in having the diamond named Doubleday Field, honoring Gen Abner Doubleday, USMA 1842, who, when he was a 3rd classman, was instrumental in the inauguration of the Natl Game at Cooperstown, NY, his home.

The WP Fund of the AOG publishes an outstandingly useful financial guide to income mgt and estate planning. Called, "Amicus" (friend, L), it is available from the AOG, 10996. The winter issue contained pointers for tax savings with legal ways to improve your position when reporting. It contains info based on AOG studies even a lot of accountants don't know, e.g. about living wills, healthcare powers of atty, tax-free roll-overs in bonds, and how to plan your gifts for maximum tax benefits. Get a copy and find out what's the best way to treat appreciated securities and real estate, including art works. That is also a good way to get on their mailing list. And while you are about it, put me on *your* mailing list long before my next deadline of Apr 13th.

'35

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The Class rallied in support of Army football in fine style. At the Duke game in Durham were **Nat & Ginny Martin**, **Joe & Dottie Russell**, **Charlie & Eleanor Rich**, **Somers & Lucy Dick**, **Chuck & Ann Symroski**, and **Joe & Jean Wiechman**—truly a '35 cheering section. **Joe & Nanie Anderson** hosted a Class Army-Navy at their home for 32 enthusiastic rooters on 9 Dec to cheer the team to victory. If an award existed for "Number One Army Football Aficionado" it would belong to the **Wiechmans** by a mile; they attended every home game and a few afar. **Bernie Waterman**, **Carmon Rogers** and **Joe Keating** from the Class comm, with spouses, attended the annual meeting of the Army Ret Foundation held at the Fairfax on Veterans Day. Many facets of communal ret living were discussed, and the comm feels able to field questions from classmates who have thoughts or plans along those lines. **Bud & Jill Schlanser** visited W Ger in Dec to attend a Regt Ball in Nurnberg of the 2nd Cav Regt of which Bud is an honorary COL. While there they also paid a visit to grandson CPT Bob DeMont '84, S-4 Avn Sqdn, 11th Cav Regt, Fulda. The

list of our own home-construction engrs continues to grow. (See prev notes, this scribe). The Russells have just occupied their brand-new home, designed and construction-supervised by "Iron-Man" himself. Address: 301 Francis Thacker, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Also new address: **Jane Mente**, 9901 Willow Brook Cir, Louisville, KY 40223, tel: (502) 244-3095.

George & Meg Eckhardt flew to Spain and thence relaxed on a W Med cruise on the *Ocean Islander*, returning by ship across the Atlantic terminating in Barbados. On return they called **Kelso & Jean Clow** after the San Fran quake to find that the Clows had picked up **Bernice Means** for a shopping trip to the Presidio, but were separated at the instant the tremors struck. Regrouping was extremely difficult due to loss of power, communications and light. The 3 finally made it to Bernice's apt where they spent the night. General evacuation was in order there and the neighbors set up charcoal broilers on the street for a communal supper. We called Bernice later for a lengthy chat and learned that she experienced some difficult physical problems this yr but is recovering nicely at present. File new address for Bernice: 2095 Jackson St, #104, San Fran 94109—same neighborhood, smaller apt few blocks away from former residence. Also from quake area, **Tom & Billie Gillis** sent a very detailed account of their experiences. Highlights: Tom preceded Billie home and at shock-time was distraught that she was out and roadbound; she appeared before end of tremors. The house, even trees in yard, swayed but minimal damage. They, as others, spent apprehensive days in "aftershock." The Gillises through various channels received word of **Ruth Gee's** passing over Thanksgiving while on visit to son in TN; heart attack. Then, **Alice Harris** sent in obit from Palm Beach post. All of us recall Ruth as a gracious lady of indefatigable energy who devoted much of her time to communal and historical affairs—a truly organizational person. She was an avid correspondent and supplier of Class news—we'll miss her. Alice also gave us a full run-down of the Harris clan (6 children, 8 grandchildren) spread from Barcelona, Spain to San Mateo, CA. She still winters in Gulfstream, FL and summers in Andover, MA. She weathered a bout w/lung cancer in 88 that entailed removal lower lobe, right lung. She's "free and clear" now and we all rejoice w/her in her successful recovery.

Ella Wallace attended a 3-day reunion of **Dave's** 1153rd Engr Bn Combat Gp in Las Vegas. She took w/her logs and diaries that Dave had kept, and they were the source of many relived experiences.

From ARC, here in San Ant, an article in their newsletter describing Opn "Or-

ganized Closets" was sparked by **Sal Armogida** and **Sid Spring**. They design

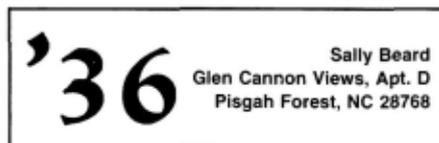


1935: Picnic in MacArthur Park: Doreen Armogida, Fran Russ, Haineses, Russ, Mim Ruhlen, Armogida and Ruhlen

and install shelves/racks w/only cost materials to users—financial return to fund to date—\$2300.

Noopy Stillman recently reported **Bob** had a serious heart attack in Oct that necessitated 10 days in the BAMC cardiac care unit. She has him home now but describes his condition as one of extreme malaise—very little animation. All of us are pulling for Bob to regain the level of dynamic energy and radiant spirit that he has always had.

Lastly, on home front your "cub" reporter, radiation treatment for prostate cancer has been his "bag" since Apr. It was early detected and localized. So—I'm eligible "Asst Ldr," "Near-Miss Sq." Warning to all—take seriously—AND get frequent checkups. Sure is a "morale shatterer." All for now. See you at No 55 in May. Keep the news flowing.



Once again I'm helping **Phil Gage** by writing these notes. I think he wanted to give me a chance to catch up again with '36 happenings. I missed Huachuca, AZ because I was entertaining a lot of AZ here. My granddaughter, brought up in Tucson, was married at my home that same wk. Then I sold my large house, as so many of you have done, got rid of most of my possessions, and moved to a pretty condo with a beautiful view of my mts here. Please note my change of address, '36ers, particularly *my* correspondents, the widows of the Class. I've neglected you, my friends, all this yr but will make up for it in 90.

At least I'm no longer the only female to write an ASSEMBLY column! Phil has pointed out to me that Mrs Ralph Bassett, a widow of the Class of '19, has now joined the list of class scribes. And then there's Nancy Stevens '81, who this yr became her class's scribe. I still feel hesitant at taking **Phil's** place occasion-

ally, but I was so grateful and reassured by the '36's response to my first effort that this one is much easier. Thanks, guys! Finally, let me point out that Phil, whose main interest is the Class, has thought about this for a long time. He told me recently, and I quote, "If you become disabled and I've already 'cashed in,' it [my writing this column] will make it easier for some other widow—like Mrs Bassett—to pick up the reins and keep ol' '36 going!!!"

So here I am and, looking over my notes, I see I'm not the only one who is moving and changing his lifestyle these days. A letter from **Larry Laurion** lists those who are now with him at The Fairfax, the Marriott Ret Community developed at Ft Belvoir for the Army: **Nadine Kingman, Pete Kieffer, Vera & Oren Swain, Lynn & Gil Dorland, Kay & Bruce Palmer, and Julie Abrams**. **Dave Chaffin's** Wash Chapter report adds that **Grace Layne** is now in the health-care center there and that **Clyde** may move into an apt there sometime soon. Because of construction delays at The Fairfax, the **Hanekes** are waiting in a condo in Naples, FL and will move in there in early 90. The **Landrums** have already moved from HI to the San Ant ret complex. We have all the addresses for those mentioned if you want them.

Amazing **Larry Laurion** is an example for us all! He suffered congestive heart failure in Bangkok in Jan 88 but managed to plan and carry out our wonderful mini-reunion cruise that same yr. He got pneumonia from that trip but managed to sell his house and move to The Fairfax not too long after recovery. From there he wrote in Oct of this yr that "I just love it here—it's heavenly and *The* place to be. Giving a birthday dinner party here for 60 or so to celebrate Larry Jr's birthday." In Nov he's still writing letters after collapsing and being carried by ambulance to a nearby health ctr for 4 days. Why? Because pressure had developed on a nerve in the back of his head. The pain was severe and still bothers him, but, he emphasizes, his *heart* is no worse; he's feeling much better now, and the party for his son was a great success!

Dave's chapter notice also includes **Joyce & Gordon Austin's** annual invitation to the Class to lunch at their home and to watch the Army-Navy game with them. I would have loved it! I miss those "game parties" here in the wilds of NC.

We received more Wash news in a letter from **Ken Dawalt**. He told of **Charlotte & Bob Fergusson's** visit to DC in Oct as did a phone call to Phil from Bob himself. He attended the Oct Class luncheon and a meeting of the Cincinnati gp and went out with **Howell Estates** among other things while there. Ken also writes that **Ted Clifton** is recovering nicely from breaking his leg in

2 places from a fall on ice. Most of his letter, however, details his and **Karie's** many trips this yr—twice to CA, to Huachuca, to Ocean Isles, NC (before Hugo!), to Paris, France, to New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, Hot Springs, AR, and Salem, IN. Wow!

Ken's letter ends with a question as to when and where the next mini-reunion will be. Since several of you have asked the same question, let me report that there are no plans for a *mini-reunion* in 90. Instead (important!) we should all concentrate on getting to the *reunion* at WP in 91.

Other travel news should include the visit of the **McElhenys** to WP where they saw the Army-Holy Cross football game with the **Hiesters**; **Caye Curran's** trip to ME from FL to celebrate daughter Pat's 50th birthday (we're still *young*, but aren't our children getting *old*?); **Margaret & Elmer Grubb's** visit to FL near Epcot where they looked up the **Orville Stokes**; **Clark Hosmer's** visit with **Phil** when returning from DC to his FL home on 1 Nov. He also wrote of another trip to visit family for Thanksgiving, where I'm not sure. All I know of that visit is that he toured a glass factory and ran a race (6.2 mi!) somewhere in KY-OH and won 3rd prize in his age gp! He suspects, he says, that there were only 3 in his age gp, but we doubt it—the number of runners in that race totalled more than 2800 (I told you we are still *young*!). The **Meanys**, **Ginny & Bill**, go on cruises—I mean they go on cruises! A card from them on 6 Oct stated that “a cruise is very boring—all we do is eat, sleep, and drink—it's a tough life but somebody has to do it!” Another card on 27 Nov finds them on another cruise and in Honolulu where they've just had a “wonderful dinner with the **Hiatts**, but **Dick Ripple** is out of town.” They can catch up with **Dick** on the next one!

Jean & Tommy Hayes were traveling too when the earthquake hit their home in the Marina district of S.F. They had been in DC on family business and had just stopped over in Denver en route home to visit Jean's father and help celebrate his 95th birthday when the quake struck. On advice of friends they delayed their return for a few days. What they found when they finally got home makes fascinating reading. I wish there was room to share all of Tommy's letter with you but, summing it up, you'll be happy to know they found their own place still structurally sound but riddled with cracks. Everything “tall and slim” had fallen over—vases, lamps, bookcases, etc., so things were a mess, but the carpeting “reduced the breakage.” There followed a harrowing wk of hauling drinking water from Marin, or buying it, and 2 wks without gas—no heat or hot water—while the gas co redesigned the whole system. This entailed digging

a 6'x6' hole in front of every house, deep holes in the sidewalks, and trenches everywhere. On 17 Nov when the letter was written some people were still without gas, and the Marina area was still barricaded and guarded, with visitors excluded. For some, like the **Crowleys '42**, there will be 6–8 mos of work to jack up their houses, replace paving, foundations, and walls. The **Hayeses** know they were fortunate! The whole area has been overwhelmed by “the gp outpouring of sympathy, support, and help,” and so the **Hayeses** will join all their neighbors in attending a joint Thanksgiving dinner at the Palace of Fine Arts where they will give thanks for this blessing.

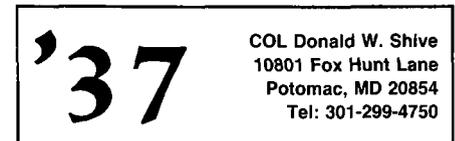
You'll also be glad to know that **Sandy McCorkle** assures us that our classmates in the Carmel area suffered little or no damage from the quake. They certainly noticed it though, he says, and the many after-shocks that followed! He also mentioned that he and **Ace Miller** hike together regularly, and that **Ace's** health is steadily improving, which is good news.

Finally, although you'll read this in Feb, I'm writing it as I watch on TV the Army-Navy game. I think that's why I've saved until last the news of the commissioning of the US ship *Normandy* (CG 60), at Newport, RI on Sat 9 Dec (the day of the game). As I yell “Beat Navy” along with the cadets on the screen, I'm reading **Phil Greene's** letter to **Phil Gage** inviting **Liz & him** to the ceremony and promising them a supper party the night before at their home with **Jean Schwering**, **Marian Godfray**, and the **Thompsons**. Included in the letter was the **Gages' invitation** from the CO of the *Normandy* to attend the ceremony. I assume this was only one of many invitations to the Army from the Navy for this affair. Why? Because the *Normandy* is the first naval ship to be named for an Army battle! Certainly **Marian Godfray**, I know, had a right to be there. Her husband, **Leonard Godfray**, was killed in that battle. OK, the Navy helped: an amphibious landing preceded the battle, but the Navy is actually honoring the Army CO **Dwight D Eisenhower**, and the whole joint Allied effort, calling it and its new ship, the *Normandy*, the “Vanguard of Victory.” **John Eisenhower** was to be one of their guests of honor. As it turned out, the **Gages** couldn't make it, but the '36ers in the area were all invited and, I assume, attended. The ceremony was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. with a reception and a tour of the new ship to follow. I'll bet the festivities concluded in time for everyone to watch the Army-Navy game! Do you reckon the Navy's hospitality helped our classmates to forgive the Navy football team for kicking that field goal? I doubt it.

It is with deep regret—especially at this Christmas season—that we an-

nounce **Jeanne Faiks' death** in FL on 18 Dec.

Happy New Year to the Class of '36.



In the Jul *ASSEMBLY* under Thailand WP Soc was a note that their oldest member, Air Marshall **Manob Suriya**, died in May. We have no further details. **Finn** wrote a letter of sympathy from the Class to **Seddie**. **Nobbie** noted in a letter last yr that he was having severe back problems which he attributed to injuries in a plane crash in earlier yrs.

An Oct note from **Woody Stromberg** to **Bob Gildart** informed that they will be in the US next May visiting a lovely place they found in Panama City, FL, and then to Corpus Christi where they have 2 lots. He misses the USA but keeps busy traveling in Eur, No Africa and the Med.

On 16 Oct, **Magoffin** called **Wilhoit** from the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel to say that he was on his way back to CA after attending his WWII unit's reunion in Hampton, VA. The next day the **Fraziers** and we got together for an impromptu dinner at a fancy local restaurant with their guests, the **Chases**, and the **Gildarts** and **Wilhoits**. When the **Fraziers** got home they had a phone call from son **Doug** in his office in San Fran, reporting that an earthquake had just hit there. Then the phone went dead. **John** heard later that he was OK but was stuck there because he couldn't get his car out of the garage. Marin county where they live was not affected so the elaborate earthquake measures done during the renovation of his home there remain untested. His EQE Corp did a quick look rpt on the Loma Prieta EQ which was quite interesting.

Mary Edwards in Los Altos was in her car at a stop light when she felt her car moving. Thinking that she was having car trouble she turned off the ignition but the car kept doing the rhumba. It was only when she noticed other cars doing the same that she realized it was an EQ. When she got home she found some breakage and a messed up pool, but no damage to her house. The **Comptons** in Los Gatos had left that morning for MD to visit **Phil Brant's** daughter in Lusby prior to Wmsburg. They later found out from neighbors that there was some breakage but no serious damage to their home. I heard later that the **Skeldons** who lived near Letterman Hosp and close to the heavily damaged Marina were OK.

The Oct luncheon with the ladies was another big success (52). The Fairfax contingent lacked only the **Clarkes** who were out of town and **Marge Bailey**, involved with family. Most of the Wash

gp were there. **Doc Leist** and his friend **Beverly Balk** and her daughter **Tina** came with **Jim Duncan** who appeared to have recovered nicely from his recent trip to Bethesda Naval Hosp. The **Fraziers** brought the **Chases** who were visiting son **Martyn** and family in Chevy Chase before **Wmsburg**. We were delighted to see **Dorothy Preston** whose current exhibit at the **Bader Galleries** in **Alexandria, VA** was featured later on **Channel 26 (PBS)**.

When I arrived home from the luncheon **Dick Stilwell** called to tell me that **Bert Connor** had died earlier that afternoon after a rough yr of suffering with incurable cancer. Burial was at **WP 24 Oct**. Their son **Father John Connor** said the **Requiem Mass** and conducted the graveside service. **Bert** was one of our beloved stalwarts—a splendid cadet and an exemplary officer and human being. We started our careers together in the 2nd Div of Cent Bks. He and **Dick Klocko** lived together across the hall from **Cichowski (York)** and me during those unforgettable days of **Beast Bks**. Our paths rarely crossed since then, but I watched with pride his rise to the heights in a very distinguished career. His humorous cartoons of cadet life were probably the beginning of his artistic accomplishments during ret days. Two of them hang in my den.

In the **Nov Class Bull Finn** gave a brief acct of **An Historic Shrine in 89**. The meticulous and thorough planning by **Bill Lewis**, his **C/S** and **Comm** were evident in the smooth progression of events at **Wmsburg**. Planning and preparations covered .7 mos. The staff at the **Holiday Inn** couldn't have been any more gracious and accommodating. They apparently enjoyed hosting our gp as much as we appreciated their efforts. I understand that the "Welcome **USMA '37**" banner is still flying. There were 97 attending. Ten more took in some of the events but could not stay for the duration. **Peggy Truxtun Dyer** & her husband **Holmes** were at the initial events during which **Peggy** showed a tape of the **Truxtun Memorial Dedication** at **WP**. **Sam Agee** came from **PA** and joined other golfers on the excellent course on **Kings Mill-on-the-James** which **John Stowell**, a long-time resident, helped **Delk Oden** set up and run. From the **Fairfax** came the **Clarks**, **Trixie Zehner**, **Palmers**, and **Mickey Powers**. **Sally Taylor** brought her sister-in-law **Roxanne Davis (Frank's sister)**. **Olga Focht** traveled by train from **Columbia, MD** and enjoyed the initial festivities, but unfortunately fell and broke her arm. Nurse **Sue Barden** came to the rescue and accompanied her to the hosp for treatment. **Dick** drove them back to the motel, and then her daughter and son-in-law arrived early the next morning to drive her back to **Columbia**. At last report she has recovered nicely.

The **Fraziers** with the **Chases** drove down the day before after picking up **Ann's sister Lorrie Spaulding** at the airport. They provided helping hands to the comm. **Randy & Marge Hines** recov-



1937: "George" & "Martha" at Wmsburg

ered sufficiently from **Hugo** to make the scene. A plumbing leak which flooded their motel room made them feel right at home. **Betty Hardaway** visited **Betty Spengler** in the **Fairfax** before the reunion. **Betty** drove her down to **Wmsburg** but couldn't remain for the fun. From **FL** we had the **Clagetts**, **Fitzgeralds**, **Bill & Jean Hipps** and the **Sawyers**. The **Dannellys** from **LA** brought their daughter **Cathy Scholl** who seemed to enjoy the old folks. She certainly



1937: Clagett, Ingmire, Carmen Clagett and Dorothy Ingmire at Wmsburg

brightened our days. **TX** was well represented by the **Grahams**, **Ingmires**, **Johnsons**, **McDowells** and **Ohmans**. The **Comptons**, **Jim Peale** and **Stu O'Malley** and his friend **Dorothy Clement** hailed from **CA**. Another kamaina, **Ken Wade**,



1937: Berkeley plantation—Wmsburg

brought his vivacious friend, **Norma Morrow**. From the **NW**, the **Ericksons**



1937: Berkeley plantation—Wmsburg: Trixie Zehner, Agee, Betsy Hardaway, Dottie Graham and McDowell

and **Steelys**; from **CT** the **Smiths** and **Murrays**; the **Tolsons** from **NC**; **Barksdales** from **MS**; and the **Sloans** from **MO**. The largest gp of course came from the **Wash area**: in addition to those on the comm or otherwise mentioned, were the **Byroades**, **Cains**, **Drums**, **Gildarts**, **Marty & Margaret Green**, **Griffins**, **Maliszewskis**, **Prestisses** and **Teeters**.

The **Halls** had to cancel because **Scott** had an infected eye which had to be treated, and the **Lopez-Dupreys** were unable to come as planned.



1937: Dannelly, Shive, Frazier, Louella Dannelly, Cathy Dannelly Scholl and Jitka Byroade

The crowning event was the **Plantation banquet**. After gorging on typical colonial plantation food and drink and being serenaded by strolling colonial musicians, we joined in a songfest featuring our favorite **WP** and **Army** tunes led by **Ken Wade** at the piano and a select chorus of our more talented vocalists. Thereafter, many of us adjourned to an adjacent room to continue the revelry. Some of our stalwarts dragged the piano with them and when we left, our pro **Jean Palmer** was still banging out tunes to an appreciative audience. Many thanks to **Bill Lewis**, **Geo McDowell** and **Carmen Clagett** for photos.

Dick Klocko rode back with us to **Potomac** and we had a chance to catch up on his activities. He keeps quite busy



1937: Banquet choral gp—Hines, Ohman, Steely, Prentiss, Rae McDowell, Compton with pianist Wade

down at Hilton Head, plays a lot of tennis, and is in 4 Masters Tournaments annually stateside and Bermuda. When we arrived home he called his son who lives in nearby Gaithersburg to come get him. Dick Jr arrived with two bright little cherubs in the back seat—one of two sets of identical twin grandkids that Dick is blessed with. Dick Jr was a smart looking young man, a detective on our Montgomery County Police Force. It's nice to have an acquaintance like that, just in case.

A note from **Bill Amos** after they returned home with colds to "a gorgeous Indian summer in the valley of the moon. Liquid ambers in warm hues, red and gold, the vineyards all turning pale blue skies—every little thing right." In other words, happy to be home after a circuitous and tiring trip starting from Norfolk, VA. He also checked up on the **Smalleys, Skeldons, Comptons** and **Worcesters** to find them in good shape after the EQ. Jack is still having serious physical problems which are longstanding.

On 6 Nov I received word from Tom McNiell '45, AOG Trustee Emeritus that **Bill Snouffer**, an active member of the N TX WP Soc, passed away 5 Nov, and that the leadership of the Soc would attend the memorial services in Dallas 7 Nov. Burial was scheduled for WP on 8 Dec. **Gus Prentiss** arranged for a donation to the AOG from the Class Fund in lieu of a floral tribute in accordance with family wishes. **Finn** expressed the sympathy of the Class to **Nedra**. Bill lost his first wife **Corinne** in 83 and later married **Nedra**, a long-time friend and Coe Coll classmate whom we met at the 50th reunion. On their trip to Russia last yr Bill experienced trouble with his leg which turned out to be bone cancer which is usually incurable.

On 17 Nov we had a full table of 18 for our monthly luncheon at Ft McNair. **Finn** read a very touching note from **Betty Connor**. **Bert** suffered so much during the past year that his passing could be considered a blessing. The eulogies to their dad by Mike and Cathi and the conduct of the services by John

helped sustain Betty. "When we walked to the grave site there was a beautiful wreath from the Class of '37." Betty asked that her most sincere thanks be extended to the Class.

John Frazier reports that the enthusiastic preliminary response for the Bermuda cruise next Oct enabled him to reserve the best cabins for the early birds. Late birds not to worry—all cabins are first class. **Kelley Lemmon** reported that in anticipation of their move to San Ant, **Luis Mercado** has perked up but not enough to come to luncheons. When Kelley asked him if he wanted him to say goodbye to the Class for him, Luis said, "Of course not, say Adios Amigos."

In a 20 Nov note, **Lee Martin** says it's a dull time out there in his temp CA ret home. He has been there over a yr and recently had a severe fall which damaged some nerves in his lower back. That and his mechanical knees have immobilized him. He is undergoing PT and hopes to be walking by Christmas. He misses the gang in Wash and doesn't know if he'll be able to return. He plans to get out and see our classmates out there. His address is 2770 Pleasant Hill Rd, Apt 116, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. PH: (415) 945-0653.

Mette Parker and **Eddie Besson** returned 5 Nov from a 16-day safari to Africa. Eddie said it was an unbelievable experience and loved it. Everyone should do it at least once in a lifetime. She spent Thanksgiving with her son and family in NH and will be with her daughter and her family in OR for Christmas.

Dick Fellows advises that he & **Bet** are moving to AF Village West in Dec. He says it has all the amenities—near March AFB, borders on the March Golf Course which in turn borders the Riverside Natl Cemetery. Good planning! He hasn't seen **Hoot Horrigan** since the 50th Fly School Reunion, but talked to him by phone on his birthday 17 Sep and he is still hanging in there. He also sent a clipping from *Aerospace World* saying that John Blaha will be the pilot for the STS-33 shuttle flight. According to a *Wash Post* article recently he was mentioned as a member of the Discovery Shuttle flight which launched a mil satellite 22 Nov.

Twenty-four of us joined the **Fraziers** for lunch and to view the A-N game. In spite of our best psychic support the outcome was a big disappointment. Our cheering section was severely depleted by the defection of the entire Fairfax gp except for the **Clarks** who braved the treacherous drive from Ft Belvoir and ignored the enticements of free lunch and large TV screen in the Fairfax lounge. **Mary Lemmon** brought **Sally Mercado**, while **Kelley** watched the game with **Luis** who is sort of housebound. **Mette Parker** proudly announced

that on 4 Nov she became a grandmama for the first time, courtesy of son Henrik and his lady. **Kathrine Joyce** weighed in at a respectable 7 lb, 9 oz.

And now to get to our Christmas cards, etc. When you see this, Christmas will be long gone, but how about a prosperous and healthy New Year. If those conditions pertain, it will also be a happy one.

'38

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It is with pleasure that I, along with the Reunion Planning Comm, write this report about our recent MINI at the AF Academy in CO Springs. There is a feeling of sadness that more were not able to attend. 53 classmates, 39 wives, 12 widows, and 30 friends were scheduled to participate, but some of these on short notice did not attend for various reasons. Most attendees stayed at the Embassy Suites Hotel in CO Springs for 3 days starting 2 Nov 89. **Dick & E-dee Bromiley** arrived on 31 Oct. The other early arrivals of the comm were **Hugh & Jan Wallace, Ken & Helen Skaer** and **Harvey & Peg Barnard**.

On 1 Nov these 4 classmates and wives went to the AF Academy cemetery. Aided by our Academy LnO, CPT **Leona Flores**, we placed a wreath from the Class at the grave sites of **Jack Ryan** and **Bill Blanchard**, our only classmates buried there.



1938: Skaers, Wallaces, Bromileys, Barnards placing Class wreath at USAFA Cemetery at Blanchard grave site, Nov

Later that day **Bill Kieffer** and **Jim & Thelma Mrazek** arrived. For the first time the Planning Comm met as a gp to discuss asgnts, roster changes and prepare envelopes and handouts for attendees. The 6 classmates and 5 wives were helped by **Mary Kelley** and **Mona Preuss**. CPT **Flores** also attended our meeting to coordinate comm actions with the responsibilities of the Academy.

Most attendees arrived at the hotel on 2 Nov. After checking in, they were directed to the MINI reception location

where they received hand-outs, football tickets, etc. At the reception area many lingered, exchanged greetings and renewed friendships.

The MINI arrivals, other than those noted already, who came on 1 and 2 Nov were **April Adams, Muriel Amick, George & Debbie Artman, Clare & Pat Beck, George & Betty Bixby, Mark & Ibbey Brennan, Gerry Brischetto, Kay Broberg, Joan Bromiley, Louise Brown, Gus Chalgren, Nick Chavasse, Lou & Ellen Coira, John & Pat Coleman, Nim Collins and son Kevin, Castex Conner and sister Alice Carlin, Ginny Frolich & husband John Zoller, Dallas & Lida Belle Haynes, Jim & Adelle Henderson, Henry Huglin, Jeff & Babbie Irvin, Chuck Jackson, Mary Jacunski, Bill Jaynes, Lloyd Johnson and daughter Pat Willard, Keith & Margie Kincaid, Willie & Natalie Langford, Jim & Miriam Lewis, Junie & Shirley Lotz, Cliff & Barbara Macomber, Frank & Peggy Miller, Frank & Patsy Norris, Pete Peterson, Cozy & Roz Pitchford, Cliff & Bea Riordan and Janet Riordan, Mel & Frieda Russell, Jo Ryan, son AF BG Michael Ryan and grandson AF cadet Sean Ryan, and M/M Gerry Messberger, Kent Schmidt, Alan & Gloria Seff, Dave & Mechi Sherrard, Pete & Jane Sights, Art & Jane Smith, Mary B Smith, Bill Smith, Ben & Elsie Sternberg, Dick & Alice Stilwell, Bill & Dotsy Strand, Hubie & Bettie Strange, Frank & Dottie Sturdivant, Gene Sweeney, Swede & Edith Swenson, Neil & Faye Van Sickle, Bill Walson, and Bob & Pat Works.**



1938: Kay Broberg, Macomber, Schmidt, Barbara Macomber, Coira, reception during reunion

As the schedule was arranged, a cocktail reception at the hotel brought us together in the West Atrium, late afternoon on 2 Nov. This private area was most attractive with waterfalls and plantings. It was a relaxing time which all enjoyed. After the reception, each made arrangements for dinner with many staying at the hotel and dining at the Polo Club.

The plans for activities on 3 Nov required us to depart the hotel at 8:30 a.m. With AF Academy tour guides on each of 3 chartered buses we proceeded to the



1938: Michael Ryan, Jo Ryan, Kieffer at reception, hotel, CO Springs

Academy. Our tour took us by some of the major landmarks, then to the cemetery to see the wreaths at the grave sites of **Jack Ryan and Bill Blanchard**. Our first stop was the Academy Chapel, an imposing building with 17 spires. Led by our guides we first went to the Cadet Catholic Chapel, then the Jewish Synagogue followed by the Protestant Chapel. The guides explained features of each of the chapels and answered questions. All 3 chapels are very impressive.

In the Protestant chapel we had our Class memorial service in honor of classmates who had joined the Long Gray Line. **Dick Stilwell** welcomed everyone and recited a meditation, read the names of our departed classmates and recognized those widows attending this reunion. **Gene Sweeney** guided us in prayers and recitation of Psalm 23. **Neil Van Sickle**, accompanied by the chapel organist, led us in singing *The Corps*.

Following the memorial service we gathered on the chapel steps to have a group picture taken followed by a picture of classmates only. Should anyone like either picture contact **Hugh Wallace**.



1938: Reunion attendees at Air Gardens prior to Class gift presentation to USAFA

The AF Academy is at an altitude of 7,200 ft. To make it easy on us, we boarded buses to go a short distance to the Air Gardens, the location of the Class Gift presentation ceremony. Chairs were provided for us, cadets assembled in ranks, senior USAF dignitaries stood beside us and other AF Academy guests

arrived. The details about our Class gift, the **Jack Ryan** bust, are covered in a separate article in the *ASSEMBLY*, authored by **Ken Skaer** (see Contents listing).

The gift ceremony was one of the highlights of our reunion. After the cadets marched into Mitchell Hall for lunch, we again got into buses and returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxation. It was a very moving and eventful morning at the Academy. In the late afternoon all classmates met to discuss several agenda items including interest in another reunion and how to manage it, hopefully using a travel agency to do the planning activity.



1938: Dinner dance at hotel; those identified—Bixby, Kevin Collins, Sturdivant, Peterson, Lotz and Sherrard

Our next gathering was the evening of 3 Nov for cocktails, dinner, music and dancing in the Continental Divide Room of the hotel. One hundred twenty attended the event to enjoy a relaxing evening. I, as chm, was the MC. **Harvey Barnard** was introduced and gave the blessing, **Jim Mrazek** led us in a pledge of allegiance to our flag; **Dick Stilwell** greeted all of us and proposed two toasts. The other 3 comm members were each escorting couples who were attending the dinner as special Class guests. **Bill Kieffer** introduced AF LTC & Mrs Gerald Wyngaard from the Academy; **Hugh Wallace** introduced AF CPT Leona Flores & her husband AF CPT Raymond Cannon; and **Ken Skaer** introduced the sculptor of the **Ryan** bust and his wife, AF LTC & Mrs Jerry McKenna.



1938: Dinner dance—Cliff & Bea Riordan, Chalgren

A master seating chart had been prepared for the 15 tables, and some mixing of cadet co attendees was needed for many of the 8 to 10 person tables. During both the cocktails and dinner, music was provided from the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's for our dancing and listening pleasure. Photographs of two or more cadet co gps were taken including wives, widows and guests. As dinner progressed, some took their own pictures, or did "table hopping." It was evident from the conversation, smiles and laughter that all enjoyed the evening with classmates and friends.



1938: Dinner dance—Jim Mrazek, Jr, Bromileys



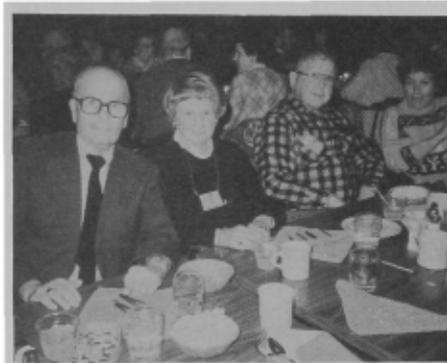
1938: Dinner dance—Colemans, Jane Smith, Mrazeks

While this gp was enjoying the evening, some of our individual invited guests who planned to be with us on Sat, 4 Nov, for the football game and/or our evening at the Flying W Ranch, were arriving. These guests and their sponsors (in parentheses) included the following: Joyce Bixby (Bixby), Nick & Jenny Angelis (Bromiley), Arno Martin (Chalgren), David & Cheryl Haynes (Haynes), George Jacunski (Jacunski), M/M JK Miller (Miller), Jim Mrazek, Jr (Mrazek), Bridget Hughes and Kristen Klaczlewicz (Sherrard), Mary Ellen Scanlan, George Blankenship, Brent Cisne and Nanette Keck (Sternberg) and Kent & Barbara Snook (Stilwell). With these arrivals, except for a name or so that did not get passed on, all who were expected were prepared for our final planned day.

Sat, 4 Nov arrived and all of us were keyed on the Army-AF football game at

noon at Falcon Stadium. We left the hotel in buses with box lunches and black and gold pom-poms to wave during the game. Over 130 attended the game which was preceded by the march on of half of the cadet wing. A few hundred USMA cadets were already in the west stands with cheerleaders and a mule on the sidelines. Just prior to the game start there was a fly-by of a B-52 bomber, several different AF fighter types followed by the B-1 bomber.

The game went well for the Black Knights during the first quarter, but the high altitude appeared to have its effect. The AF Falcons dominated later play and won the game. The pom-poms were not waved as often as we had hoped. Fortunately the weather was good.



1938: Flying W Ranch—Barnards, Jackson, Gloria Seff

After the game, with traffic moving slowly as Falcon Stadium emptied, we bused to the Flying W Ranch for cocktails, dinner and western entertainment. The relaxed atmosphere, the music and good food added up to a great evening. The Flying W Wranglers sang and played many favorites. The evening provided "the icing on the cake" for the last day of our 3-day MINI.

Planning this reunion was the direct responsibility of several classmates and their wives. As ideas or comments were needed we turned to others in the Class. But to provide us accommodations, transportation, entertainment and support, we required the participation of the AFA and several providers in the CO Springs area. All did their share to make the reunion precedent-setting and they deserve our collective salute.

Just to update all, on 24 Oct Joe Missal died at WRAMC and was buried with full mil honors at the same grave site in Arlington Cemetery as his son David. Joe had a heart condition and after a cardiac arrest his condition deteriorated. He is survived by his widow, Mary, 4 sons, and grandchildren. About 15 USMA '38 classmates, wives and widows and many friends attended the funeral services. Joe & Mary were USMA supporters and he will be missed. Our sympathies go to Mary and family in mourning his passing.

'39

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It's Pearl Harbor Day as I prepare this report, and I've just finished moving across town. We have been enjoying pleasurable weather; sunny days hovering around 70 degrees F and clear nights about 44. The annual exodus from the Great White North has begun. We have to start making reservations for golfing and restaurants again; the supermarket parking lots are jammed with Lincolns and Caddys.

A recent U of MN study reported by AP revealed that 73,000 over the age of 60 leave the state for an average 11 wks ea winter to spend more than \$110 million in sunnier climes. The state of choice for Minnesotans is AZ. We get our share here in Green Valley.

But, of greater interest to you perhaps was the visit of Frank & Lydia Kobes in Oct. They had sold their home in Beaufort, SC and visited John & Nancy Maxwell for a few days while looking for a new home in the Santa Cruz valley. After a careful search, they found one at Sun City Tucson on the former Vistoso Ranch. They were to be in residence after 1 Dec. New address is 1579 Broken Bow Way, Vistoso Sun City, Tucson, AZ 85737.

Also from Beaufort, SC a letter from Van Harlingen sending a picture of Mollie McCall O'Connor, his new bride. They were married at Royal Pines Country Club in Beaufort on 17 Jun. Van writes: "You would hardly think my description of Mollie credible were I to use my own superlatives to describe her, hence the picture." Born in Australia,



1939: Mollie & Bill Van Harlingen wedding pic

she came to the US with her family as a child, grew up in Berkeley, CA, graduated at No Western and attended law school there. She worked for Yale law school, later for Columbia Broadcasting. Again, in CT, Mollie taught music and performed as a concert pianist. She and her late husband moved to Beaufort some 7 yrs ago. I am a very lucky man."

Van then asks for some "Space A"

secrets. Of course, there are none. It is 25% perseverance, 25% flexibility, and 50% luck. He sees **Freddy Boye** often since Freddy lives across the fairway, goes to the same church and serves on a board with Van.

Speedy Hull sent an open invitation for casual football game returnees to visit with classmates. It's a little late for last season, but early for next. So, here it is.

"A gp of '39ers who live near WP tailgate every home game! The gp includes **Bea & Riel Crandall**, **Barbara Legler Robbins**, **Mike & Alys Krisman**, **Bud & Jackie Newcomer**, **Ted Hunsbedt**, **Dottie & Speedy Hull**. We gather on the east side of Lusk Reservoir along Stewart Rd where the Supe has given sr class season ticket holders a special parking pass. We always have more food and drink than we consume, so any stray classmate will be taken care of! Unless it is very bad weather, we return there after the game. Then we consume the rest of the beverages while waiting for the traffic to move out so we can drive to the Club or the Thayer for the evening meal.

"We've had several classmates find us, but some missed. For the Holy Cross game (Army 45-HC 9), **Mac & Mary McFerren** with **Pappy & Betty Myers** joined us. We hope all '39ers can join us when they visit for a football game. If returning classmates will call or write before arrival, we can fill in some details re traffic etc." Speedy's address: 135 Westervelt Pl, Cresskill, NJ 07626. Tel: (201) 567-4862. (Note: this tel # is changed from the gold colored Geographic Directory, so well prepared for us all by **Norm Farrell**.)

Wiley Wisdom asked that the following be published in these Class notes: "**Wisdom, Phyllis Thompson**, 64, died of cancer at her home in Columbus, GA on 2 Nov 89. She is survived by her husband, **Wiley B Wisdom, Jr**; a daughter, **Barbara W Jones**; 2 sons, **W David** and **Wiley B III**; a sister **Barbara T Morris**, and 2 granddaughters." Our sympathy to Wiley and his family with their loss.

The class scribe of '65, **Dennis R Coll**, very kindly sent me some pictures of **John Beire** & wife **Peggy** taken at Homecoming, Northwestern Mil Academy in



1939: Peggy & John Beire at NWMA

Oct. NWMA is on Lake Geneva in WI. John was Class pres of NWMA '35 and, according to Dennis, has continued to be an active booster of NWMA as well as USMA. The pic of John & Peggy is in front of a plaque they inaugurated to identify major donors to NWMA. Dennis



1939: John Beire extreme right, reviewing stand NWMA

said that he sent the pictures knowing, as only a fellow scribe knows, how difficult it is for us to get news and pics of our classmates. And, how true it is!

'40

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When you read this, we'll have less than 100 days 'til assembly for our 50th Reunion, 23-26 May. **Thad Nosek's** newsletter in early Jan had all the necessary poopsheets—schedules, fees, and reservation forms—for you to sign up for Class activities and reserve your room at the Holidome. (The Holidome, incidentally, has changed its name and is now known as "Suffern Executive Park Hotel;" however, the old forms and brochures will still work.) If you haven't already mailed your reservation forms, Thad hopes you'll get them in by 31 Mar. The Reunion Comm needs specific reservations to arrange meals and figure bus requirements and schedules.

Some time in Mar each of you will receive directly from USMA the 90 Graduation Wk Reunion Bulletin with a reservation form for tickets to the alumni dinner dance and the alumni luncheon. Send this form and your check directly to the AOG, since the Class can't make reservations for these events or get your tickets for you.

Now is the time to check on your roommate or sidekick to be sure he hasn't stuffed his poopsheets in a desk drawer and forgotten them. After all, if you insure his arrival, you'll have a better audience for your reminiscences and favorite war stories. If he needs to replace lost forms or papers, have him get in touch with the 50th Reunion Comm, PO Box 7014, Alexandria, VA 22307.

And if you run across former members of the Class who might like to attend part of the reunion schedule, ask them to write to the same address for info. That's what **Woodie Vaughan** did when he heard the other day from founding Julian L Hayes, who, for the part of plebe yr he spent with us, roomed with **Ned Flanders**. Julian said he'd like to attend some informal gathering to "exchange greetings with men who endured beast barracks with me."

Last Aug, the nominating comm (**Kermit Dyke**, **Oz Leahy**, and **Woodie Vaughan**) mailed ballots offering a slate of Class officers to serve for the 5 yrs after the 50th Reunion. At the close of voting on 31 Oct, Chm **Dyke** and two tellers, **Frank Devlin** and **Hobie Pillsbury**, counted ballots and found that the indicated numbers of the 283 living classmates had voted for members of this slate:

Pres: **John Burfening** (238); VP: **Dick Abbey** (236); Secy: **George Mayo** (238); Treas: **John McLean** (238); Historian: **Bidwell Moore** (237).

A big majority also voted (235 to 2) to amend the constitution to have our pres appoint the Reunion chm at an appropriate time before the next reunion yr.

Dave Parker gave me the current status of our 50th anniv gift to USMA, the illustrated history of WP. This adds to his report in the Bulletin Board sec of the Jan ASSEMBLY. In mid-Dec, the author, **Dr Crackel**, had submitted half the manuscript to the publisher, with the balance to be completed by early May. Photos and art selection were essentially complete at end-Dec. 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.

For some time, I've been telling about classmates from FL who've been building homes in the mts of western NC—places like Asheville and Brevard. **Phil & Chic Elliott** wrote in late Sep to say they held the first-ever '40 mini for that area, with **Ray & Jean Clock** and **Steve & Betty Morrissey**, at their Panther Place in Pisgah Forest. **Don & Bets Bennett**



1940: Morrisseys, Elliotts (and Tootsie) and Clocks at Panther Place, NC

couldn't make it, but the other 6 jollied themselves—despite cold, wet autumn weather—by telling tall tales about roommates not there to defend themselves.

About 25 DC area classmates, almost all with wives, gathered at the Ft McNair club on 7 Dec for a lunch arranged by **Kermit Dyke** and **John Burfening**. Not only was it Pearl Harbor Day, it was also **Joe Donohue's** birthday. We discussed shopping, odds on the Navy game, the 50th, and other subjects of interest. Among other items, **Marnie Kent** told us of the announcement she had from **Jeanne Brewerton** of her marriage to Lincoln Buchanan in late Nov. The Buchanans will live in Jeanne's home at 174 Highland Ave, North Tarrytown, NY 10591.

I have a number of items of bad news to report. First, **Wendell Coats** called to say that **Page Smith** had died in CO Springs as a result of circulation problems on 27 Oct. He had been in poor health for a number of mos. Available classmates in the area attended his funeral 1 Nov. We offer our sympathy to **Helen**, who can be reached at the home at 3415 Valley Hi Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.

Shortly after, **Clay Rust** wrote to say his cadet roommate **Bev Campbell** died in Dallas of leukemia on 31 Oct. Area classmates who attended his funeral on 2 Nov included **Joe Hardin**, **Phil Loofbourrow**, **Clay Rust**, and **Jack Wright**. Our condolences go to **Blanche**, who will be at the home at 4157 Allencrest Lane, Dallas, TX 75244.

Four days later, **Clay Rust** wrote again to report that **Bernadine Russell** had died in Dallas on 2 Nov after an aneurysm ruptured. We share **AJ's** sorrow; he & **Bernie** had attended the evening services for **Bev Campbell** the night before his funeral. She felt poorly the next morning, returned to bed, and died a few hrs later. **AJ** can be reached at their home at 7175 Cosgrove Dr, Dallas, TX 75231.

Eleanor Abbey shared with the Class an announcement she had received of the death of **Vivian, Robbie Robinson's** widow, in St Petersburg, FL on 11 Nov.

Bill Gildart wrote to tell that **Izzy Shearer** died of cancer in Winter Pk, FL on 30 Nov. We offer our condolences to **Rose Marie**, who is at 2943 De Brocy Way, Winter Pk, FL 32789. **Izzy** was buried in Savannah, where **Frank Meszar** helped arrange an honor guard for the burial. **Ford Fuller** phoned to tell of the services in Savannah, which **Frank** and he attended.

After a long and gallant fight against cancer, **Oz Leahy** died in Bethesda on 9 Dec. We send our deep sympathy to **Pat**, who is at 5600 Wisconsin Ave #1608, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. **Oz** was buried in Arlington with the impressive mil

honors he deserved; a host of classmates and comrades were present.

The Class notes in the Jan **ASSEMBLY** noted that **Joe Leedom** died 7 Aug. His second son, also **Joe W Leedom**, a historian at U CA at Davis, has written asking that **Joe's** friends jot down any anecdotes or episodes they may recall about **Joe**. These should go to young **Joe** at 2074 Alta Loma St, Davis, CA 95616 or to **Dave Crocker** at RFD 2, Box 222, Rindge, NH 03461.

It is no surprise that I've had many calls asking if the Class sends flowers to funerals of deceased classmates. Years back, we found that we couldn't do this with any consistency; very often we aren't told of the death until days or wks afterward. What the Class does is to make a contribution to the AOG in memory of the deceased classmate; this supports opening a page for him in the AOG Memory Book in the WP Library. The AOG acknowledges the contribution to the next of kin. We find that we can carry out this procedure in a timely fashion and stay within the funding limitations of our Class Admin Acct.

I've also been getting many letters and calls asking for info about classmates who've moved since the last Class roster was published in Jul 88. Since the old version is obviously outdated, I intend to make up a new edition for distribution at the 50th Reunion. I'll send a separate letter asking your early response to help me bring up to scratch the data I have in my files about you.

Marge & I look forward to the 50th. Join us there!

'41
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Mele Kalikimana, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a special Christmas and we are prayerfully glad that the world we strove so hard to stabilize seems to be improving in that regard. At the same time, we hope the right people remember the admonition about keeping powder dry.

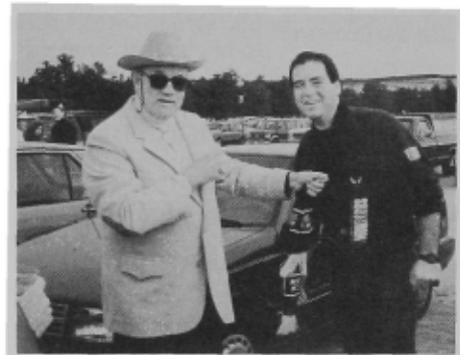
With the new **ASSEMBLY** format there are now 5 issues per yr and the chances are it will go to six. At the same time, the "newsy" Class news continues to diminish. And your reporter is operating with an antique computer and an even more antique system for operating it. So, the plan, subject to the approval of the Board of Dirs, is to deploy 4 sets of Class notes each yr and to consider that the Christmas Letter will constitute the 5th. This means that the 5th input to the **ASSEMBLY** notes will be extremely short, and if the AOG goes to 6 issues, we may pass. If you have any suggestions on this pro-



1941: Army/AF game—Neumeisters, Troups and Uptons

posal, please send them to **Mike Greene**.

The Book remains on its flight plan. The Bio section is finished and in the hands of the publisher. **Mal Troup's** team of marketers has over 450 orders, and approximately \$1500 has been donated. **Walt Mather's** contribution on the



1941: Army/AF game—Cochran and brother of AF starting back at safety, have a friendly altercation during the tailgate party

History is in its 3rd draft and in the hands of the Class officers for final proofing. The final revision will go to the publisher by Jun.

The Class Christmas Party is laid on for 16 Dec at Ft Belvoir, and the Board will meet that morning to fine tune the Book program. Incidentally, an agenda item will be: A name for the Book. If you have suggestions, shoot them in. Someone suggested "Taps" but that was rejected—as decrepit as we are, we are "Up Beat" in spirit adhering tenaciously to '41 tradition.

Wedding bells: **Lucy Millikin** is now **Mrs David Morrow**; the wedding was on 18 Nov and the bride & groom honeymooned on Waikiki. Address: 12000 N 90th St #2031, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. **Terry Strain** married **COL John Olson '39** on 4 Nov in San Ant—her new address is 501 A Tanglebriar Ln, San Ant, TX 78209. And **Rip Collins** married in Oct. **Ruth**, an Army widow, lived in the Distaff Hall in DC and knows many of the Class.

The Flight Memorial project is making good progress. Thus far, '41 has accounted for \$1450 from 12 Class air-men and one widow.

We had an unusually prolific turnout for the AF/Army game on 4 Nov. Besides the full local contingent, we had a record number of out-of-towners—two all the way from FL! **Pete Dilts** should have won the “greatest distance” award—his son **Doug** lives in Littleton, and they were present at the post-game rally at the Woodmoor CC. Another son was Dr



1941: Army/AF game—Hope Cochran, Donna Cochran, grandson Gerald, Jim's girl Meg and son Jim Cochran

USAF LTC Robin Cooper, one of the nations leading microsurgeons. He was here from his post at Wilford Hall to visit parents, **Bob & Nancy Cooper** who were down from Ft Morgan, CO. **Cocky & Hope Cochran** got to the game but family commitments in Denver took them north immediately afterward—we missed them at the party. **Ralph & Betty Upton** and **Johnny & Janie Brooks** made it, interrupting their annual migration from MI to FL. **Roger & Ann Neumeister** drove up from Phoenix.

The Carmel Mini continues to pick up speed. **Lynn Lee** sent in his computer run showing a total of 95 classmates and brides who are either in the Planned or Maybe column.

Potter Campbell's new job for our Alma Mater, “Admissions Participant”—he has interviewed several candidates and has undergone an indoctrination to prepare himself for the changes: for example, the first class now lives in a separate set of BOQ Divs! Cadets may graduate with a major in Spanish and a minor in Engring! Potter has a grandson who wants to go and the Army football coaching staff thinks it's a good idea—Class of '94—Potter anticipates, “Can't wait to go up there and see him playing for our Alma Mater—what a gasser that'd be!”

Mal & Alma Troup celebrated Labor Day by welcoming a new grandson, **Donovan David Troup** who reported in with a fishing rod in his hand and grandpa can't wait to teach him to bring in those beautiful rainbows. **Paul Skowronek** sent a card with Bulgarian stamps saying, “All is Glastnost on the Black Sea, but I'll be in San Ant for Christmas.”

By the time you read this, there will be only about 400 days, so let's plan to make the *Big 50th* the best one of all!



1941: Donovan David Troup with his beautiful mother Catie and happy grandparents

'42

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The anticipation of the Christmas Season and a new yr is dampened by the news that **John Sheffey** left us on 21 Nov after his truly epic struggle. Our deepest sympathy to **Shirley** and **Theresa**—but what a courageous legacy. A long letter from **Rip Young** praised John's approach—head up, outgoing, uncomplaining and busily tying up every loose end. I noted elsewhere that he'd attended the annual meeting of NAUS, where he had labored so effectively, presenting his check to their new building fund! The services at the Old Chapel at Ft Myer were packed and fittingly were conducted by **Jim Studer**. A following reception at the ANCC was a warm celebration of John's life.

While **Andy & Lib Anderson** were visiting daughter **Betsy** in NE, Andy spotted a newspaper obit advising that **Ray Miller** had died at the Exeter, NH Health Care Center on 5 Nov after a long illness. His wife **Margaret** had preceded him in 85, but he is survived by 2 children and 2 stepchildren.

To add to the bad news, a call from **Bob Brugh** alerted me that **George Hozier** was in a touch and go situation because of viral pneumonia. A call to **Shirley** affirmed the gravity of his condition. **George Hesselbacher** has since phoned to tell me that things were still unpredictable. So hard to believe after **George & Shirley** had so recently been chauffeuring us at the mini. His excellent physical condition had kept him going thus far, and we pray that the next news will be good.

Third-hand news is that **Jeff Davis** is having some serious problems. He has been such a fine contributor of good works and bad jokes that we all reach out to him & **Dotty** with prayers and hopes for better days.

To the happier side, a note from **Dopey Stephens**, full of enough you-know-what to make roses bloom in Dec, advising that he & **Jackie** plan to host one

each 12-yr old and one each 6-yr old grandchild for a wk in the sun in mid-Feb. I quickly sent the poop on the likeliest spot in Naples and hope to hear that we'll be seeing them on our turf. **Dopey** says that a move is the last thing in their plans and that he's bought himself his final toy, a fancy Cadillac! Ha!

Poncho Palfrey wrote a flattering—if not newsworthy—note after the mini, allowing as how he'd had enough fun to take a bundle home to **Kitty** to enjoy! A later card advised that **Bob & Rita Blair's** son **Russell** is the Majority Leader of the HI State Senate and doing an excellent job, even though he's one of *them*!

An announcement to the effect that **Pat Gates Lynch** has been appointed Dir of Corporate Affairs for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. Congratulations and all good wishes for another successful turning of the career wheel.

A copy of a report from **Crit Crittenberger** to **Ed Farrington** on the 1st AOG Trustee meeting of 89–90 made most interesting reading. Of course it was enhanced by attendance at the Army win over Holy Cross, a far, far better vista than was last wkend when those blanket-blank Middies did it to us! Mentioned was that emphasis on “majors” in academics has subsided and the intent is no longer to have every cadet a Rhodes Scholar candidate. 'Tis it so? Also, all firsties are cadet officers and live apart from the peasants. This gives the cows a chance to run things, while accustoming the first class to officer status. Seems a bit much, especially to lay the extra responsibility on the cows. Lastly, no supper attendance is required. That's to give extra study time to those in need—but who checks, and how do cadets learn proper dietary habits? Crit added that he & **Kitty** had attended when the Thayer Award was given to old horse-cavalryman **Ronald Reagan**. A miserable rain and windstorm cancelled all outdoor activities, but the Pres wasn't too damp to give a warm speech filled with all the right stuff at dinner in the Mess Hall.

Noted that the Army Ret Residence at Belvoir is off and running, but no wonder, with **Bill & Gloria Hamilton** still active on the board!

A couple of welcome notes from our leader **Ed Farrington**. The Oct luncheon provided the chance to show **Ray O'Neal** our appreciation for the super job he and his workers did at the mini. **Sue** showed up, too, but not in time to snitch the check! They were heading on to Sea Isle for a well-earned R&R. Also on hand was **Tom Rienzi**, touting a 52 1/2 mini in balmy HI. And most importantly, **John Sheffey** made his last appearance with the gang! The Class has nominated **Jimmy Stewart** for the 90 Thayer Award, citing his distinguished mil, stage and screen careers. **Andy Low's** personal association with him made Andy the logi-



1942: Johnny Reid has signed and Ed Farrington presents our token of thanks to Ray O'Neal. Pete approves



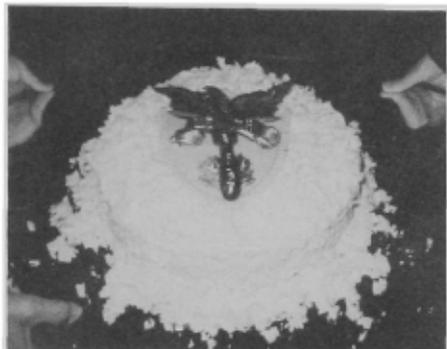
1942: Sue O'Neal, Cherie Koster, Rita Redlinger and Helen Marshall—the real golfers at the mini



1942: Roy gives his Harold Henning wave while Jackie just looks her own scrumptious self!



1942: The Redlingers, Julie Garvin and our trail boss at the mini



1942: How Callaway Gardens won our affection—with confection as good as it looks!

Dick & Flo Scott took advantage of being in San Ant to go on to "LaLa land," rent a condo overlooking the bay and quickly learn to enjoy the laid-back living.

Carl Ulsaker writes that he had a struggle with an overactive thyroid and is now on the pill—a little late, eh Pat! The bad news is that he's comfortably regaining the pounds he'd shed!

Ink & Esther Gates had a great 2 wks on the Danube—from the Black Sea to Vienna—and were lucky enough to hit Budapest on the 23rd of Oct when the Republic of Hungary was proclaimed! They returned with enough vim and vigah to spend the wkend of the Army/AF game with Bill & Mary Gernert.

cal choice to guide our effort. Our nominees for Trustee-at-Large of the AOG are Frank Clay, Crit, Jeff Davis, Andy Low and Charlie Mizell, good men all, who would represent the AOG well.

phys, Plotts, Rehkopfs, Roberts', Ryders, Shedds and Hansts. Dopey & Jackie



1942: Charlie Fergusson and Bud Ryder enjoy the hospitality sweets at the mini



1942: The photographer is saying "cheese" but the Murphys and Roberts are thinking "steak"



1942: Bill, Cadet Garvin, Jose & Ink celebrate because of/in spite of the Army/AF game

Incidentally, if any of you out there can spare the time and expense to make 3 or 4 meetings a yr at WP and would like to be considered, I'm sure that the Class O's would be happy to have you volunteer. It's a pleasant and rewarding way to make a contribution.

You may recall that the last golf gathering at Callaway Gardens left us somewhat less than pleased at the service. The mgt reacted to the criticism by inviting all participants to return—golf and lodging on the house! The cheapies who recovered from San Ant in time to take advantage included the Horridges, Johnsons, Kusters, Marks', John Mur-

Stephens joined us for some of the festivities. With the smaller number, it proved to be an extra-special chance to really visit and rehash that super TX wingding. No comment on the golf from this hacker, but I'll guarantee that a much happier gp left for home this time! Fran Roberts wrote that he was so distressed with his game that they headed straight for Sea Isl so that Louise Suggs could reassemble the parts! They were to spend Christmas in Sierra Vista with daughter LTC (Ret) Laurie and the rest of the tribe. Strangely, a stop in Vegas was on the agenda! Polly's ma has taken a repaired broken leg back from Walter Reed to Army Distaff where she's again fully into the swing of things.

I've been whelmed with a plethora of pix from the mini, the golf gaggle, a DC luncheon, etc. Along with the riches comes the agony of making the limited selection that I'm allowed. It's a welcome problem! Anyhoo, I've done my best to get as many of you fine folks on display as possible—and heartfelt thanks to you snapshooters who created my dilemma!

And that's it except for a distressing report from the AOG that 67 of our stalwarts don't subscribe to ASSEMBLY. Maybe we need a new scribe! Perhaps I can take advantage of the co reps to do some arm twisting.

I hope that the New Year brings true peace as well as health and happiness to all of you good guys and gals. And in case

you didn't find a Christmas card in your mailbox, blame it on the d—d deadline of 15 Dec for this column!!!

Jan '43
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From all reports by classmates/wives and widows who attended our San Ant mini-reunion from 11/2-5/89, it was a "real ball" from the welcoming cocktail party at the Menger Hotel, which was originally constructed in 1859, to the genuine TX BBQ/dance at the USAA Pavilion on 11/3 to a colorful fiesta the following evening at the SW Craft Center (formerly the charming old Ursuline Academy that **Barbara Fiss** once attended.) Although, at the last moment, we



Jan '43: Skip and Dan Moore, Gregg and Billie Henry, Brad and Millie Lundberg, and Dot Bennett were "all smiles" at our "mini."

were unable to board the flight to San Ant, we subsequently received an excellent video-cassette of the festivities which made us feel that we were actually present (though not accounted for) in watching

• The arrival of all those smiling faces at the Menger for an evening of reminiscing, sipping, nibbling and snap-shooting, during which **George Sykes**



Jan '43: "Mini" coordinator Mitch Goldenthal with Pat and Les Harding and Helen Goldenthal.

(the "MC") announced some "vital mini logistics"—including an invitation to attend **Virginia Kane's** piano concert at the Bazaar on the following day.



Jan '43: Reminiscing at our "mini": Bob Muldrow, Ed Faust, McD and Stew Meyer.



Jan '43: Tom and Ann Flatley at our "mini" with Hal Barber, Dolly Neale and Charity Barber.

• **John & Ann Buckner, Hal & Charity Barber, Brad & Millie Lundberg, Jim (J) & Jean Cobb (Cobbo), and Phyllis Berry** (with friend, "Griff" Griffith, from Co Springs) as they danced to the great country western music of the "San Antonios" at the TX BBQ; gps of 4 as they



Jan '43: Jean and Jim Cobb swing out at the Texas BBQ/dance during our mini-reunion in San Ant from 11/2 to 5/89.

swung around the floor to the tune of "Cotton-Eyed Joe;" **Bill Starnes** ("trail boss" for the evening) "tooting" on his whistle to make a few announcements; **Tim Brown** (the golfers "platoon leader") presenting the golfing awards to **Dot Bennett** (with a "low net" of 76), **Dave Barger** (with a "low net" of 71) and **Cobbo** (with a high net/high gross), who proclaimed that he "owed it all to his partner, **Bob Fiss**;" and **Bill Knowlton** announcing that we may all be together in the Thayer Hotel for our 50th reunion



Jan '43: Texas BBQ participants Louise Brown, Barbara Barger, Tim Brown and Dave Barger.



Jan '43: Chuck and Lorie Lenfest relaxing at our San Ant "mini."



Jan '43: "Mustachioed" Dave Barger with Bill Hoyde and Dana & Betty Stewart in San Ant.

at USMA in 93.

• **George Sykes** ("el jefe" for the fiesta) soliciting volunteers to stage another mini-reunion sometime/some place in 91, but not in San Ant; the red-jacketed mariachis playing and singing their spirited music; and **Bill Stewart** assembling "ye olde M Co files" (**Bob Watson, Brad Lundberg, Bill Starnes, and Ralph Hoffmann**) for a "cheese shot."

In addition to this fine video-cassette, I also received batches of great snapshots of many "mini-players" from **John Buckner, Mitch Goldenthal, Jim Frankosky, and Jack Wood**. A number of these snaps accompany these Class notes, and more will appear in later editions of our notes—thanks to our "on-site snapshooters."

According to the annotated "post-mini list" provided by **Mitch Goldenthal**, the following classmates/wives/widows at-

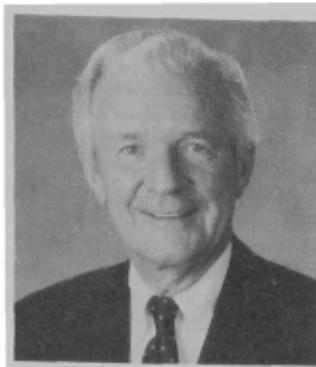
tended this "best little mini in TX:" **Bob & Robin Baden, John & Jane Baer, Hal & Charity Barber, Dave & Barbara Barger, Bob & Marilyn Beightler** (with daughter, Vicki, and her husband, Tom), **Steve & Sam Benner, Ed & Dot Bennett, Joe & Nancy Benson, Phyllis Berry** (with friend Griff), **Wendell Bevan, Tim & Louise Brown, John & Ann Buckner, Ken & Jane Buell, Frank & Arlene Camm, the Cobbos, Jack Daye, Ed & Ginny Faust, Bob & Shirley Fishel, Bob & Barbara Fiss, Tom & Ann Flatley, Tut & Frances Frakes, Jim & Alice Frankosky, Mitch & Helen Goldenthal, Quent & Jerry Goss, Art & Terrie Grace, Les & Pat Harding, Ginny Harrington, Gregg & Billie Henry, Pat Hillman, Ralph & Sally Hofmann, Bud & Marcia Hood, Bill Hovde, Al & Elaine Hughes** (with Al's sister, Jo, and her husband, George), **Lee & Kathie James, Duke & Virginia Kane, Bill & Peggy Knowlton, Chuck & Lorrie Lenfest, John & Nan Linton, Brad & Millie Lundberg, Art & Sheilah Marston, McD & Alice, Stew & Mari Meyer, Dan & Skip Moore, Bob & Marie Muldrow, Dolly Neale, Mike & Phyllis**



Jan'43: Kathie and Lee James at home in Huntsville, AL.

Robinson, Hank & Wylene Saylor, Bob Smith (with Joanne Fulton), **Russ & Dottie Smith, Buck Stahle, Bill & Mary D Starnes, Dana & Betty Stewart, Bill & Marilyn Stewart, George & Kay Sykes, Don & Betty Vleck, Bob & Bobette Watson, "Pappy" & Rosemary Wilkes, Roy & Judy Wilson and Gene & Irma June Wink.**

There was more great news from TX on 11/30/89 when the USAFA honored McD in ceremonies at USAA in San Ant by announcing the establishment of the **BG Robert F McDermott Chair** in Academic Excellence at the Academy. Under Secretary of the AF Anne N Foreman paid tribute to McDermott in her keynote address—"saying that senior leaders at all the Academies have recognized his achievements and his place in history as not only the Father of the USAFA, but more broadly, . . . as the Father of Modern Military Education. As such, she continued, he deserves to take his place next to Sylvanus Thayer, the Father of West Point." Academy



Jan '43: McD himself—American Natl Business Hall of Fame, endowed Chair in Academic Excellence at the USAFA and, of course, Pres/CEO of USAA.

Superintendent, LTG Charles R. Hamm (USMA '56), accepted the Chair on behalf of the AF Academy—citing McD as the 20th century equivalent of Sylvanus Thayer. The ceremonies in the USAA building also included an impressive reception, a marvelous dinner and a delightful musical program by the USAF Band of the West, Blue Velvet. Also present for the ceremonies were the McD's sons Bob (a lawyer) and Dave (a doctor USMA '69), who just retired from the USAF to establish his own practice in Annapolis, MD.



Jan'43: Present for McD's Chair-in-Academic-Excellence ceremonies in San Ant were Boots Minckler, George Sykes and Duke & Virginia Kane.

Earlier, on 10/16/89, McD was also honored by being inducted into the American Natl Business Hall of Fame at IL St Univ in Bloomington, IL, where he joined such notables as Andrew Carnegie, Walt Disney, JC Penny and Ray Krok (founder of McDonalds). According to Hall of Fame officials, McD's "selection was based on accomplishments of historical significance and value over a period of time, and adherence to ethical principles. The Hall of Fame produces case studies on its members for high school and college students of business."

Now for other news from here and there,

• **Bill Knowlton** (Chairman of our 50th Reunion Gift Fund Comm) advised us that we "have passed the \$100,000 mark

en route to our gift fund goal of \$135,000 and that the latest members of our \$500-plus club are **Ben Baber, Ralph Hofmann, Art Marston, Ed McGough, Jim Moore, Joe Ricco, Hal Roach, Tote Talbott, and Bob Walling.**

• **Bill Corley** (USMA '42) wrote to say that the final score of the 1942 Army-Navy baseball game at Annapolis was 4-1 (Army) not 10-3 as reported by **Buck Stahle** and **Bob Whitlow** in the Oct 89 edition of our notes. Bill was playing 1st base.

• **Sid & Helen Peterman** left their home in dreary NH last March and spent a good portion of the remainder of the yr traveling to FL, NC, IN (for a 10th Mt Div reunion), MD, DC (for the annual meeting of Civilian Aides to the Sec of the Army) and Germany to visit their son, **Robert** (USAFA '71 LTC and an F-16 Sqdn Cmdr at Hahn AFB).

• **Bob Beightler** reported from Oakland, CA that the "little big quake" left them with "nothing worse than a broken lamp," and that **Elvy Roberts** in Alameda and **Joe Nett** in San Rafael also escaped unscathed with little property damage."

• A photograph and article in the 12/7/89 issue of the *Pentagram* showed **Joe Conny**, Honorary COL of the 3rd US (Old Guard) Inf at Ft Myer, presenting the Bart Conny Award (named after his father, who also served in the Old Guard) to the Regiment's C Co.

• **Bob Dwan** (June '43) states that the Memorialization Board at Ft Knox has approved the designation of the Hq Bldg of the 5th Sqdn, 15th Cav as **Wheellock Hall** in honor of our late classmate, **Gray.**

By this time, everyone should have received a copy of our new (10/15/89) Roster of Classmates and Their Wives from **Pat Wardell** (our Class Secretary). But, Pat has already advised me of the following major changes for you to make in your copy of the roster: **Bill Fritz**, 9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy #404, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-2719; **John Healy**, 2091 Vernon Dr, Apt #3, Elgin, IL 60123; **Lucy Yount**, Box 20, Brownwell-Howland Rd, Santa Fe, NM; **John Gorman**, 17598 Borage Pointe, Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, CA 92128; and **William Talbott**, 207 West Beall Ave, Bardstown, KY 40004.

In this context, it was with great sadness that we learned of the deaths of:

• **George Young**, who, we were advised by his Palos Verdes, CA neighbor **Dave Barger**, died of cancer-related complications on 12/17/89 and will be buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Rancho Palos Verdes, on 12/21/89. After resigning from Army Ordnance in 56, George joined the Res as well as McDonnell Aircraft. Ten yrs later, he ret from the Res and was the mgr of McDonnell Douglas's Western Region Office in L.A. According to the biographical sketch

that he submitted to **Pete Grimm** for our forthcoming 50th Anniv Yearbook, George has been self-employed since 1978 as an infrared inspector and consultant for hotels, hosps, and industrial complexes. He is survived by his wife **Alice**, son **Rick**, and 5 grandchildren—one of whom (**Tessa**) will be graduating from the USNA in 91. Their other son, **Pete**, died tragically several yrs ago. To all of them, we offer our deepest sympathy.

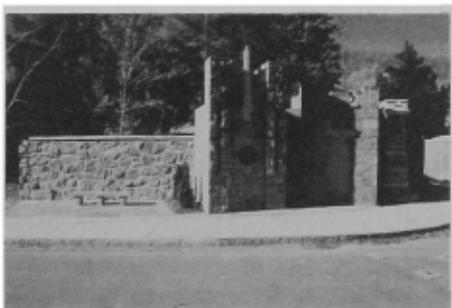
• **Arthur Jackson**, who died on 11/4/89 and was interred at USMA on 12/6/89. According to the Register, Art resigned from the USAF in 56, returned to active duty and later (1963) retired from the USAF. He was subsequently involved in real estate development in Honduras.

Ruth Wade (**Bill**'s widow), who died of pneumonia in North Glenn, CO, on 10/28/89 and was interred at USMA with **Bill** on 11/3/89.

In closing, we wish the very best to **Bob Burlin**, who visited DC in Nov for a get-together of the Burma Stars (the British/US veterans of WWII in China under Mountbatten and Wedemeyer) and ended up at WRAMC for exploratory surgery, which resulted in a diagnosis of cancer. He'll be returning to WRAMC in Jan for further consultation and therapy.

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No one who was present at the class dinner meeting on 24 Sep 88 (the final formal event of our 45th Reunion) will ever forget that occasion. It was here that



Jun '43: New west wall at Thayer Gate.

Renaissance man **Timothy Doyle** delivered his memorable oration honoring our Thayer Gate gift and explaining his own commitment to the work. And on that same night we, as a class, undertook to complete the job in 89 by adding to the Tower and the East Wall some kind of a structure or balancing embellishment on the west side of the exit roadway. Guidelines as to maximum cost were agreed upon, and the Gift Comm was authorized to proceed.

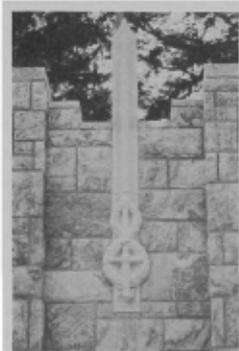
The yr that followed saw final drafting

and approval of a west side wall design that complied with road alignment plans and other requirements and formed an appropriate supplement to the centerpiece tower. Simultaneously, continued contributions plus our balance remaining after paying for the tower and the east wall, plus interest accruing in 89, made it clear that, happily, no further intensive fund-raising was necessary. Construction began in late summer 89, and, despite unexpected delays, was completed by early Dec. Certain post modifications (not our job) to the old utility building beside our west wall remained to be finished, and final landscaping will be done in the spring of 90. But there it is, and I, for one, am most anxious to see it! Our class gift project for the new Thayer Gate is now complete.

I'm sure you have noted that the "sacred pillar" from the ca. 1894 entrance has been duly preserved. And the viewer notes also two of the most distinctive features of the new west wall: the bronze Dept of the Army seal sculpted by **Alison Adams** and the vertical limestone panel, or "fleche," with a cadet sword backed by oak and olive leaves as carved by **Tim Doyle**. Many thanks to LTC **Andy Dull** (USMA '68 and son-in-law of **Bob & Eleanor Mathe**) for photo support.



Jun '43: Dept of the Army seal. Sculptor: Alison R. Adams.



Jun '43: Cadet sword. Stone carver: Tim E. Doyle.

In each of the last 2 issues of this magazine I have had the distinct and unexpected honor to report the marriage of a classmate, so why stop now? Here goes. **Jack Teague**, the Austin, TX tycoon, has phoned me to advise that he

and **Mary Elizabeth Lauderdale**, of Jackson, MS were married in a civil ceremony at Houston, TX on 1 Dec 89. The Teagues are presently dividing their time between Austin and Jackson; address changes will have to be reported later. And so, in this Valentine's **ASSEMBLY** number, let us say "Congratulations to both of you." We welcome you to the class, **Mary Elizabeth**, and look forward to meeting you. And, while we are



Jun '43: Mary Elizabeth and Jack Teague.

on the subject of weddings, I have learned that **Marian Deekle**, widow of **Bill Deekle**, became married to Mr **Kenneth Raymond** on 4 Nov 89. Her address: 11 Division St, E Greenwich, RI 02818.

In mid-Oct **Cecile** and I headed for Jacksonville, FL, where we spent some time with my sister, and then pushed on south to visit briefly with **Bill & Janie Glasgow** in their beautiful new home at 1375 Continental Ave, Melbourne, FL 32940. This address is in the attractive Indian River Colony Club ret comm, just off Rt 95. What a pleasant interlude this was! And I even gained admittance to **Glasgow's** sanctum sanctorum, where he keeps all the files of the Thayer gate design (very neat, too, I might add). **Knobby Oswald**, we heard, will soon be moving from Naples, FL to the same Indian River comm. Usually, the class gp vic Melbourne gets together on Thurs evenings, but met when we were there on Wed, 18 Oct, at **Lee & Anne Hogan's** home in nearby Satellite Beach before proceeding out to dinner. A grand evening, indeed. In the picture below you have in the back row (L to R) **Bettie Baldwin**, **Anne Hogan**, **Janie Glasgow**, **Cobe Hurley**, **Cecile Cover**, and **Jane Walker**. In the front row are (L to R) **Bill Glasgow**, **Jim Walker**, **Lee Hogan**, and **J W Krobar**.

Now comes a most welcome letter from **Gus Brill** at the Stony Lonesome Farm down in Rockport, ME 04856. Gus allows he is "just checking into the net," but adds:

"Life goes along quietly here on Stony Lonesome Farm. Hard work and good health abound. My winter wood is stacked inside, and next winter's is cut and waiting. The fields are sowed to buckwheat, with a green manure, and



Jun '43: Central FL Squadron, 18 Oct 89.

are ready for cold weather. Anyone who thinks a Maine winter is miserable should try one—sitting by your own fire, reading and writing and playing with the dogs. Perfect peace.

"Aug was a banner mo. Four of my 6 children showed up for my 70th birthday, with wives, husbands, friends, children, and dogs. One night I counted 13 people at the table and 4 dogs under it—all were getting along just fine. Shirley cooked a dozen lobsters—even though she does not eat them herself. Well, the celebration went on for 3 wks, which seemed to me to be about right. ME is a grand place to visit, but I like to live here!" Thank you, Gus. All of us can see you now in a Norman Rockwell painting—and wish we were there.

Now our aiming circle swings abruptly about 3200 mils, and we are in "Big D." From Dallas, Howard Coffman writes that the class gp there continues to lunch monthly on the 3rd Thurs, usually at the Northwood Country Club. To demonstrate their state of preservation Howard sends the photo below, showing (L to R) Chuck Spieth, Coffman himself, Bud Bolling (your favorite MC), Hal Parfitt, and Jim Wade.



Jun '43: The Dallas Monthly Lunch, Oct 89.

And here are 2 changes of addresses for you. Art Rasper has moved to 117 Roger Smith Dr, Kingsmill-on-the-James, Williamsburg, VA 23185; and Bud the Fox Fredericks to 201 Sunrise Bluff Lane, Gatling Pointe Subdivision, Smithfield, VA 23430. Perhaps they passed ea other going in opposite directions, for Bud has just left zip 23185.

Dave Schwartz has sent us a picture of

(L to R) Kris Kristjanson, Dick Wheeler, Jay Wethe, and Dan Shea at the elegant al fresco buffet hosted in the fall of 89 by Pat (Buyers) and Kris Kristjanson supported by Jane & Clare Farley at La Habra, CA for Dickensons, Easleys, Galas', Pehrsons, Schwartz', Sheas, Wethes, and Wheelers. Incidentally, we ought to recall that Jay Wethe designed and produced the prototype of the Gate Tower pin that was a feature of your name badge at the 45th Reunion, and should be recognized for this contribution. Returning now to the garden party, Dave relayed to me one of the many remarkable war stories related on this occasion. Back during "the war," Wheeler—on an A-20 bomb run—peeled up right to avoid extremely heavy flak. He was promptly jumped by 2 ME-109's but was rescued almost at once by a pair of escort P-38s. The lead P-38 downed the lead ME-109, but was then hit, lost an engine, and headed for home on the deck. Both he and Wheeler made it safely back to base. By chance, Dick learned later that the pilot of that P-38 had been—Ernie Cragg.



Jun '43: Kristjansons' Garden.

To Quintus Atkinson, the inscrutable, I am indebted for a clipping from the magazine *Insight* for 20 Nov 89, reporting observations by Sovietologist Harriet Scott regarding current reports of reductions in Soviet mil strength. Much of these reductions, she says, have been accomplished by simply transferring rear service troops, railroad troops, and border guards off mil rolls. Soviet combat forces may, indeed, decrease in total strength, but become more effective in time. At present, uncertainty as to personnel policy seems to prevail. Quintus has also advised me that he saw Maggie Saine on the ABC "Good Morning, America" TV program on 16 Nov 89, about 0730 hrs. This program was a non-controversial feature about WP, in which our classmate, supported by his son, USMA '67, and by his grandson, USMA '93, did a segment interview. In general, I understand, Maggie allowed that the Corps had gone to hell; his son was somewhat more optimistic; and the plebe grandson was sure that all would be well if they could just make it to Jun 90.

On their frequent southward forays the McGregors usually pass through Montgomery, AL and visit Thompsons, and from one such pass we have the next picture, (L to R) Ann Thompson, Cactus Jack McGregor, George Thompson, and Lois McGregor.



Jun '43: Thompsons and McGregors

Last time, I told you a tale of Cab Brannon and Andy Boreske on the QE II and the Concorde last Aug. Since then, a letter advises that Cab, Tom Beckett, Roger Kullman, and Dale Sweat are the informal class lunch club in Co Springs, CO. Cab said, "We regale ea other with our adventures in WWII and later, many of which could possibly be true." (I wonder if we could promote a tale-telling match between this gp and Dave Schwartz's southern CA club?) Next



Jun '43: Lois McGregor, Cab Brannon, Cecilia Delgado.

thing we knew, Cab had appeared here in the Wash area in person, and joined our Fri Chowder & Marching Soc for lunch on 10 Nov. We were delighted to see him then and later during a short visit.

One of the things Cab Brannon was much interested in during his visit was our early discussion of a potential 50th yr-book as a project helping to focus our buildup to the big reunion in 93. Later, he helped in the drafting of the class letter from Lee Hogan on this subject. You should have received this letter in Jan. If you did not, please get in touch with me and I will send you a copy. In short, the letter discusses the yr-book concept, presents some tentative parameters, and seeks by means of a survey

form (included) to determine whether the class wants a 50th yr-book and will support it. Suggestions and comments are requested. I hope all of you have completed and sent in your survey response by the time you read this. Results will be analyzed and published as soon as possible.

Our number of living classmates, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is now 327, as I type this column on my antique, Model 4 Tandy word processor on 13 Dec 89. This number reflects the death of **Dick Stoddard**, **Tony Durante**, and **Jesse Fishback**. **Stoddard**, in fact, died at Charleston, SC on 11 Nov 88, but his demise was not known to **Lee Hogan**, me, or the AOG until I received the news in a letter of 20 Nov 89 from George A Brown (USMA '44), brother-in-law of the deceased. Additional info is being sought. (COL Brown's address is P O Box 3027, Durango, CO 81302.) **Tony Durante** died on 10 Oct 89 in the hosp at Phoenixville, PA. After a funeral mass at the Catholic Chapel, Tony was buried with mil honors at WP on 16 Oct 89. His next of kin is listed as Mrs Donna Marie Perkins (daughter), P O Box 357, Bridgeport, PA 19405. **Jesse Fishback** died, with his family around him, at Kamuela, HI on 19 Oct 89 as a result of cancer recurrence. Following cremation, final burial was to take place in Dec at a mainland location. **Jane Fishback** can be reached at P O Box 538, Kamuela, HI 96743. To all of these families, the class extends most sincere sympathy.

Think of it. This is the first column in 90, as the 327 of us and our loved ones look down the decade to the 21st century. Won't it be great to be around in 2002 for the bicentennial of USMA? Here's to your good health and happiness! Whatever our numbers, "let us still be true to one another," as my neighbor Wick says, and it will always be great.

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There's moonlight on the snow to-
nite
And shadows in the rabbit tracks
My aching feet are toasting
'neath a blanket from the ladder-
backs.
While a doze by the fireside quite
urgently tempts,
Our quarterly rendezvous by
evening pre-empts.
But this time my in-basket-cupboard's
near bare,
Reunion hang-over is still in the air?
If that speculation is awkward or
cruel
Opportunists exist to thicken the
gruel

The cook stands at stove-side his
spoon o'er the pot,
His MacIntosh cook-stove is glow-
ing red hot.
But his skis stand all polished and
waxed for the hill
Hi Ely's gang is en route Waterville;
There's a Carib breeze luffing an
half-empty sail,
And there's better things doing than
just to wait for the mail!

Thank you, **Nel Parson** for the thoughtful ltr on **Charlie Daniel's** contribution to the Vietnam Memorial which is recounted elsewhere and I shan't repeat.

The other ltr since Reunion is from **Ray Gordon**, who reports that **Don Ingram** is recuperating from recent surgery, for which all of us are duly thankful. Ray visited **Hank & Marcie Aurand** in Solana Beach, CA before Thanksgiving Day and found Hank immersed in attempting to create a program for language translation. I hope he starts out with a **Boutwell-to-Desmond** model and works on up to Teens-to-Grandparents.

Bob & Gail Ginsburgh had a joint birthday party on Thanksgiving wkend at which several troops turned up. I REMEMBER the following (I think): **Blanchards**, **Carters**, **Cutronas**, **Haymans**, **Maishes**, **Morrison**s, **O'Donnells**, **Ott**s, **Parsons**, and **Pattons**. Now it'll be just my luck to name someone there who wasn't there, but I didn't attend to check the roster!

Learned that the **Blanchards** are moving to Fayetteville, NC and the **Cushman**s are settling in Crabtown, not far from the **Hayman** manse.

We're gathering tonight at the Army Navy Country Club for the annual Class Dinner Dance, managed again this yr by **Pat O'Donnell**. We're taking a daughter with us to run down the average age a bit—and maybe to enliven the beat. You may be sure she was brought up to dance to the music of the 40's.

I was particularly pleased to read of **Gordon's** visit to my hero-in-the-hustings, **Howie Metzler**, who has been a highly successful fund raiser for Pomona College in Claremont for, lo, these many yrs. I have shared **Howie's** view that the need for endowments at private colleges is greatest if we are to retain diversity in higher education. Certainly, **Howie** argues, the need there cannot be reasonably compared with that of public institutions, especially those in which students have tuition, books, food, lodging, clothing, and an income provided.

Well, we have had better weeks for WP, what with both CBS and the Navy coaching staff (our Class football experts tell me) doing a number on USMA in one week! Earlier in the month, ABC appeared rather sympathetic in "Good

Morning, America." However, the tone of CBS, by the opinion of a half-dozen non-military viewers in my office, ranged from "mockery" to "tolerant disbelief." The morbid and over-long fascination with "plebe life" bored them after 5 minutes of it; spotlighting the wounded honor system and the exclusion of much of the best of WP provided publicity we could do without. How you gonna put a good spin on *that* deal? Whether all that was offset or overcome in any degree by the exposition on "Women at WP" is something I wouldn't care to wager my grubstake on. However when it came to the SEASONED players, things were briefer—and less painful. Speaking parts were handled well, by **Cushman**, among others; **Gordon** spoke right up from the unbeatable perspective of his first reunion, and **Spike Geltz** came off, in the words of one lady, "a senior hunk" who handled his lines, and **Weston**, quite well. My only complaint was that they didn't show what young-looking wives we have, thus to prove how great we once were as lovers (and now just tellers of tall tales). Comment on the Navy game is delegated to the ex-jocks.

Drove down to FL in early Dec to avoid a snowstorm, play golf with **Hendrickson**, **Gletz**, and **McKeever** (plus work a few days in Orlando and visit our daughter in Miami). Partnered with all 3, I won the most dough—50 cents—with the worst score! (Learned how in tennis doubles.) Takes a while to fit all my errors together in a single round after a 3 yr layoff.

Got my first 89 Christmas card, from **Dave Henderson** by sending him one—that he sent to me in 75. If the Good Lord's willing and the creeks don't rise, we'll spend the holidays in Scottsdale and Beverly Hills with our son.

If this is published in mid-Feb, **Hi Ely** may still be able to get you a spot in Waterville Valley, NH for our early-Mar ski wk, a great warm-up for Park City-Snow Bird-Alta, for which we intend to shanghai **Jean Fitzpatrick** and **Joyce Ott**. **Grey** and **Dave** may come along if they like. Y'all come! We wish you good health and a Happy Valentine's Day! Be in touch, if you wanna. GSOYP,A!

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I talked on the phone with **Ann & Jim Holcomb** the Mon after the game to find out how the Micro-Reunion went. Despite the successful torpedo attack, the 59 people at the Sat buffet and the 56 at the dinner Fri night had a great time. **Jim** said the hotel really tried to do a good job but it wasn't quite up to the high stan-

dard set at the Philly location. The Meadowlands stadium was nice—but COLD! However, Jim had one complaint: the place where the class was seated in the stadium. After 45 yrs, how did they end up on the 15-yd line? I told Jim that obviously there were a lot of REALLY old grads at the game. Can't list all the folks present, but among the gp were a few who don't usually make it when it's held at Philly: **Bates & Shirley Burnell** from Boise, **Bob & Ann Erickson** from CT, **Toby Gandy** from Boise, **Rupert & Brenda Hodges** from Spartanburg, **Joe & Pat McDonough** from Annapolis (NJ's home, you know), **Jim Munson** with son, Jack, and his wife, Bobbie, from MA, and **Saint St Onge & Lois** from CT. **Gloria Hamilton**, a faithful attendee, and her daughter, Gloria, with her boyfriend, Greg, were there. **Dennis Holcomb & wife Shirley** were there from Elizabeth, NJ. **John Tyler** attended with fiancée Bobbie Mackay. They are scheduled to be married on 30 Dec.

John MacWherter sent me a clipping which described an art exhibit in Santa Fe's Fenn Galleries by "two of the West's most celebrated artists." One of the two was our own **Wilson Hurley**. Twenty-two of his landscapes were to be on exhibit during most of Oct including a 9' x 8' painting of the Grand Canyon. John said he'd seen some of Wilson's paintings last Apr and they are truly marvelous.

Dodie Powers sent me a clipping about a memorial held for **Pat** at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Sep where he was TECOM CG before ret. A mil ceremony was held in connection with the dedication of a small garden and the main conference room at TECOM HQ in his honor. **Joe McCarthy** was present and remembered Pat with some thoughtful remarks. Dodie wrote that the APG chapter of the Intl Test & Evaluation Assn had established a GEN Powers award for excellence in the field of T & E. Dodie was honored to present the first award on 28 Sep to a man who came back from AZ to receive it. Dodie said that she had closed out Pat's 2 companies by transferring some contracts to others but is still running her own co which designs and builds explosive containers. Thanks Dodie for a fine letter.

Received a fascinating letter from **Hal Moore**. It seems that the Earthstewards Network, based in state of WA, organized a Vet-to-Vet expedition into Tien Shan Mt wilderness which is about 2200 miles SE of Moscow. Fourteen US Vietnam vets joined 20 or so USSR Afghanistan vets for a 9-day climbing/backpacking trip—hoped for result: better understanding at a common-man level. **Bob Rheault ('46)** was the leader, and Hal said he was great. Their highest climb

was up to 13,000 ft. (That's 3962 meters, comrade). Hal said that the Soviet vets were courteous, friendly, in top shape, and most hospitable. This was the first time Americans had been in those mts, and the first joint meeting of vets from these 2 wars. Glad you stay in shape on the CO slopes, Hal!



1945: Bob Rheault '46 and Hal Moore in the mts of Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan, USSR, Sep 1989.

Speaking of athletic accomplishments, **Larry Fox** wrote me that he completed his 7th Bud Light Ironman Triathlon held in HI each fall. As usual it consisted of 2.4 mi swim, 112-mi bicycle race, and 26.2-mi run. Larry's time was 16 hrs, 17 min, 33 sec placing 1225 of 1286. Larry who is 66 was one of 37 entries over 60 and was 10th in the 65-69 age bracket. Larry said that in 81 there was only one person over 60 in the event while this yr there were 3 over 70.



1945: Larry Fox, Kona, HI, Ironman Triathlon, 14 Oct 89.

Hap Argo sent me the dates for the DC-area social events for the coming yr. We out-of-towners who plan to be in their area at one of these times can make reservations by calling Hap at (703) 780-5895. Men's luncheons are held at the Sec Army's dining rm, Pentagon at 12 noon. Generally on the 2d Wed of each mo but there are exceptions. Dates are 14 Feb, 15 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 5 Jun, 11 Jul, 22 Aug, 12 Sep, 10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec. Tentative dates for other events: 19 or 26 May—Spring Party at **Bob & Gene Ives**, Jul-Picnic at **Geo & Lucy Daousts**, Oct/Nov-Fall Dinner Party, 16 Dec-Christmas Party.

The class received word in Dec that **John Leghorn** had died in Jun. John was dischgd for disability in 51 and was living in W Richland, WA. **Jack Geer** died on 3 Dec in Monroe, GA from a heart attack. **Al Childress'** wife **Marian** died on 27 Nov in Decatur, GA. Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of each of these.

Jim Elkey wrote that those F-1 types had another get-together on 4 Nov in Alexandria, VA. There were 14 company and classmates that had lunch and fellowship together. **Ted McLendon** came all the way from Australia (well, he DID have some other business in the DC-area too). **Murray & Marian Ryan** came from NM, Ky & **Maria Murphy** and **Paul & Ruth Wheaton** from FL, and **Bert & T-Lou Bailey** from NC. Others attending were **Barney & Rosanne Broughton**, **Warren & Marlene Drake**, **Jim & Lillian Elkey**, **Butch & Pat Foley**, **Bill & Betty Ochs**, **Al Roth**, **Lou & Edna Schelter**, **Bob & Joanne Tansey**, and **Rock & Mimi Brett**.



1945: Seated: Joanne Tansey, Maria Murphy, Bob Tansey and T-Lou Bailey. Standing: Ky Murphy, Rock Brett, Mimi Brett, Murray Ryan, Marian Ryan and Bert Bailey.



1945: Seated: Ted McLendon, Betty Ochs and Ruth Wheaton. Standing: Bill Ochs, Al Roth, Marlene Drake, Warren Drake and Paul Wheaton.

Jim wrote me that we should all welcome back to the class fold **Spike Sprinkle's** widow. She's on the most recent class directory (the one titled US Tel Dir dtd 8/12/89) as Mrs Florence Messerli. Spike's grandson, by the way, is a yearling at the Naval Academy; and is thus, the first class grandson to enter a service academy.



1945: Seated: Pat Foley and Lillian Elkey. Standing: Butch Foley, Jim Elkey, Barney Broughton, Rosanne Broughton, Louie Schelter & Edna Schelter.

Wade & Ann Shafer wrote that they had their 3rd micro-mini reunion with Hawaiian retirees in Oct.



1945: Hale Koa, 4 Dec 89. Seated: Mary-Jane McMurdo, Ann Shafer and Nancy Stabley. Standing: Stu Stabley, Mick McMurdo and Wade Shafer.

Marty Brewer sent me a clipping from *AF Magazine*. Jack Broughton spoke at a recent meeting of Antelope Valley, CA chapter of the AF Assn. His title was "Rolling Thunder from the Cockpit" augmented by videotape and slides, describing his experiences leading strikes in an F-105 in Vietnam.

Don't forget to make your plans for our 45th class reunion at WP 4-7 Oct 90. Details already in your hand or they'll be there shortly.



1945: Founders Day, Dallas, TX, Mar 89. Back row: Tom McNiel, Duncan Gault, John Kusewitt, John Reuler, Joe McCaddon, Ed Rafalko. Front row: Nicole Gault, Eleanor Kusewitt, Sarah Reuler, Renee Rafalko.

'46

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We assume everyone has received Cal Benedict's letter advising that our 45th Reunion will be held at WP Thurs-Sun 26-29 Sep 91 for the Harvard Game. They have booked the Holidome in Goshen, about 30 miles from WP.

NECROLOGY: Dr J Richard Hacke died 22 Nov 89 in Covington, GA. He was an intl bus management teacher at Alcorn State U in MS. Dick's doctor's degree was received in 81 at GA State U. He is survived by his wife Jayne; a son, Michael of Kempton, PA; 2 daughters, Rebecca of Kempton and Sarah J Mathis of Covington; 2 brothers, a sister and 4 grandchildren. Our sympathies are extended to Dick's family. The above information was mailed by Joe Finley.

Jim Looome mailed the news items he has received from various classmates, so I can digest them for you now. Jim & Belle returned recently from a 2 wk visit to Egypt and Israel. His comment—"an exhausting but exciting trip. We saw and did it all!"

John Wiss suffered a spinal disc injury this past summer. But surgery seems to have been successful, since he's back at work teaching. Mint Wilson's son Steve graduated from USC with a master's in Fine Arts; he lives in L.A. working in stage and screen related activities. Bob Williams has 2 new grandsons: Matthew, son of J Barton '80 and Taylor, son of John. Al Wedemeyer has moved to 19001 Bucklodge Rd, Boyds, MD 20841. George Webb reports that his daughter Mary and her husband CPT Dan Cummings '83, had a daughter Kathryn Ann born 2 Sep 88.

Sam & Snookie Walker now live at CCNC, Box 786, Pinehurst, NC 28374, since his ret from VMI Superintendency. Son Buck '71 has been promoted to LTC and son Sam '75 has completed CGSC (Jul 89) and is now with XVIII Abn Corps Aviation Unit. Sam stays active in AOG, Korean War Vets Assoc, George C Marshall Foundation (VMI) and NC politics.

Harlan Tucker is still working full time at United Industries and is planning a Caribbean cruise this fall (89 or 90)? Allan Torgerson has a new address: Cove Creek, Box 34, Stevensville, MD 21666. Bob Stewart reports that his 3 children all have children for a total of 5 grandchildren. Herb & Delores Schulke visited George & Joan Patton and the New England Society's picnic. Del Rovis has ret following a broken tibia in an accident. He's doing volunteer work at Smithsonian Museum of American History. Ken & JoAnne Barlow joined Bob & Betty Richmond at their time-sharing

condo in Hilton Head last 9-16 Sep. Marie Parmly now has a staff job with the Lay Mission Office, Bethany, Maryknoll, NY 10545.

Joe McKinney did something he never thought he'd do—Kiss a Sailor! The sailor was his granddaughter Christy who had just graduated from boot camp and is now at Great Lakes for training as an electrician's mate. Walt Lyman has ret from Westinghouse. Bob Lee reports that his son Robert III became an Episcopal priest last May 89 and is at a church in Jacksonville, FL. Young Bob & his wife Mirte expected their 2nd child last Nov. Ben Landis escorted his last daughter down the aisle on 30 Jun 89 in Albi, France. He also attended the wedding of Dolores & Phil Roger's son Jeb on 26 Aug 89 in Sheridan, MT. Bob Lamb had a total hip replacement at Walter Reed on 21 Jul 89 to revise partial replacement of 79. He's back to work now and expects to ret from AOG this coming summer.

Sully & June Johnson spent 2 wks in China in May. They saw the student demonstrations, but left before things got ugly. They visited Shanghai, Beijing, the Wall, Xian and the Li River. Said it was worth the trip. Hei Heiberg reports his daughter Karen in Saudi Arabia for 2 yrs with her husband Bob Reuter (LTC, Army) who is advisor to CG, Saudi Ord School. Hei's son James now in Law School at Wm and Mary. Hei was nominated for Rear Commodore, USCG Auxiliary (4 stripes) for the election held last Oct.

Marjorie Bradford (Galt) wrote to say Dick Galt would be proud of his 3 daughters. The eldest, Susan, has her master's in early child development and teaches 4 yr olds. She & her husband have 2 daughters, and he is pres of Moravian Coll, Bethlehem, PA (my daughter Sandy's Alma Mater '77). Katherine Elder is the author of a book, *Belle Haven*, a history published in the spring of 89 which is about the area where she lives. She is a member of the Alexandria Branch of the Natl League of American Pen Women; in the 60's she wrote a column for 5 1/2 yrs called "The Distaff Side" for *Army Magazine*, published by the Assoc for the US Army.

Walt Dumas spent 7 days on a canoe trip in the ME woods last summer—he also did same last yr (88). Jim Carbine reports their youngest daughter, Gail, was married on 1 Apr 89 to James F Kavanagh of St Johns, IN and they are now living in St Paul, MN. Both previously worked for the Covenant House, a shelter for runaways under 21 yrs of age.

John Callaghan is a volunteer at the Natl Archives on Penn Ave in DC. He says he'd happily include classmates on his congressional tour on Tues from 1:15 to 2:45p.m. Jack & Mary Burney have one granddaughter and she is expecting a cousin in Mar. Also, I believe I saw Jack

at last Army home game this fall. **Frank & Joy Blazey** were in Israel, Kenya and some Indian Ocean isls on a Rotary exchange trip this past yr. **Paul Barthol** reports that son 1LT David (USMC) married Sheryl Fitzsimmons on 17 Jun 89 at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Old Town, Alexandria, VA. **Dick Beckner** just returned last summer from a 3 wk tour of Russia—Moscow, Volgograd, Rostow-on-Don, Tbilisi, Sochi, Kiev and Leningrad. **Bill Richards** mailed a photo of **Will & June Schug, Joan Richards, Ed & Patricia Majeroni** and himself (in that order L-R) on the occasion of these former D-1 files gathering for a wk-end of golf at the Richards' Pocono home. They also took in the Army-Harvard game.



1946: Mini D-1 Reunion, fall 89.

Bob Walker (C-1) was remarried on 28 Jul 89 to the former Jane Sowden. **Bob Rufsvold** mentioned that his son Robert is an MD in Lyme, NH. Also, over 100 attended the G-1 hosted class dinner on 27 Oct. **Joe Finley** is enjoying ret in GA. He's completed a 2 yr tour as prog chm for the 11 county Ret Off Assoc chapter. Two of the speakers he secured were **Bryce Poe**, who talked about base closures and **Danny Graham** who talked about SDI or Star Wars. Other volunteer project Joe is into is fighting some anti-mil activists who wish to close down GA Mil Coll. Joe is exec vice chm for the GMC Foundation and he finds it a real challenge.



1946: AOG trip to France.

Above photo showing (L-R) (my best guess) **Barbara & Frank Richter, Peg & Art Hansen, Val & Jack Dayton** and **Wilda Chase** (Ben's widow) who were

on the AOG sponsored trip to Paris, Normandy and London. Art mailed it and said it was a great trip with about 40 USMA grads on the trip.

In mid-Nov 89 I rec'd **Kent Berge's** annual, posted in Honolulu. He's got a new granddaughter and a new son-in-law. He's spent time in eastern Turkey, Rumania and Bulgaria and enjoyed dancing with Nadia from Algiers and Lily from Singapore, while in Bucharest. Last summer he enjoyed 6 wks in the States with a HS reunion in hometown Erskine, MN. He also enjoyed a 12 day hike in France and Switzerland followed by time in Munich and Augsburg. In Sep 89 he did gliding-solo in a sailplane in the Scottish highlands. He was on his way to Tasmania and New Zealand when he posted this poop. Can anyone of us keep up with his travel pace?



1946: At Duke game, Oct 89.

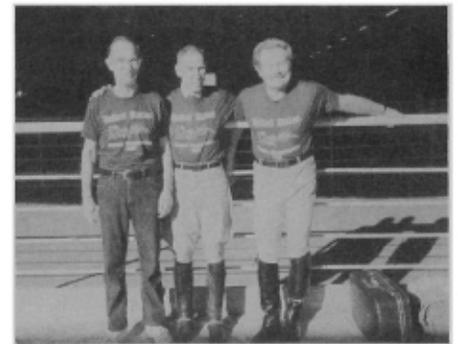


1946: At Duke game, Oct 89.

When Army played Duke last Oct in Durham there was a mini-reunion. Attending the game were (see photos-front rows): **John & Connie Treadwell, Guy & Wynne Troy** (mailed the poop), **Jack Gilham, Dick Fuller, Beth Lewis**, (back rows) **Bill Lewis, John & Patty Barthol, Frank Blazey, Twill & Dot Newell** (have sailed in Patton's boat up in MA); **Mase Runmey, Ed Van Deusen, Harry Smythe, Jim Paschall, Hei Heiberg, Marie Smythe, Joy Blazey, Gina Sinclair Crane, Ann Gilham, Sue Fuller, Natasha Van Deusen** and **Mimi Heiberg**. Just read the names in order and you'll figure out who's who between the men and women. The 4 classmates in the area, Newell, Lewis, Van Deusen and Troy put up the others, except Blazey's, for the

wk-end including **Dick Crane '45, Gina's husband**. On Fri night before game they went to Newell's and at game tailgate Blazey's joined them along with **GEN Westmoreland '36**. After the game they went to Troys. Others at the game only included **Lou & Ann Creveling, the Richmonds** and the **Sam Walkers**. Guy said he may have missed some since there was quite a gp at the game. Speaking of football, I have just returned from the Meadowlands and also saw many familiar faces. In order not to offend anyone I'll not try to name you all, but I did chat with **Bob Kaplan, Don & Bette Hughes** (who sat directly in front of us as they did at Army home games this yr), **Judd & Delores Schulke, Frank & Queene Lester, Dick & Sue Gruenther** and **Dick Tuck**. Won't say a thing about the game, but it was cold-cold-cold that day.

Back to **Guy's** letter. The wk following the Duke game he was in San Ant where the US Modern Pentathlon Assoc hosted an "Old Boy" competition in conjunction with their annual meeting. Fifteen people participated, 3 from '46—**Gruenther** and **Hale Baugh** from '48 Olympics and **Troy** from '52 Olympics. **Dick**, still recovering from his heart surgery in Apr, competed in 3 events—riding, swimming, shooting—while **Hale** and **Guy** did all 5. **Hale** won the fencing and did the run in spite of a leg brace. Since points were given for yrs over 40, **Guy**, the oldest, managed to get the overall trophy. He was somewhat embarrassed as he had developed the rules. The next photo shows our 3 just after the riding competition.



1946: Gruenther, Troy, Baugh.

Jack McWhorter is really making headway on his task of memorial articles. He points out that the Oct issue of **ASSEMBLY** carried several of his efforts in the "Be Thou At Peace" section. Jack mentioned the articles were written 15 mos ago. He is making headway on both **Steve Matejov's** and **Tony Wesolowski's** articles, having been in contact with both **Mary** and **Irene**, who is now Mrs Mate; Jack has her address for those interested. Jack mentioned that **Bob Hewett** and **Steve Hill** have died, but gave no details. Jack did receive word

from Hill's widow that she would like help on an article. Jack also reminds us that maybe we should ask him for the questionnaire noted in Jul ASSEMBLY. AOG will advise any widow of Jack's project.

McWhorter is down now to only one Korean War death—**Rollin W Skilton**—about which he has no data, nor does he know where his widow might be. Anyone out there—can you help! Incidentally, he has found out what happened to Rollo. He was InO from 7th Div to 1st Marine Div at the Chosin Reservoir (he is named in Appleman's *East of Chosin*). Then Jack believes it is Rollo who is listed as killed in Blair's *Forgotten War* on pg 538. The name used is 'Roland' but Jack feels sure it is Rollo. He has written to Clay Blair for help. McWhorter and **Bill Bamber** have located family members for **Harold Lacouture**, **Bill LaMar**, **Ned Mewborn** and **Paul Ellman**, in many cases as leads from classmates. Jack is still looking for **Jim Egan's** widow—is she in CO—anyone know her?

Just in time: **Bill Moore** sent a photo of himself along with **Mary Anne Memminger** and his wife **Pat** taken when they were visiting **Chuck & Mary Anne** in Honolulu over Thanksgiving 89. Chuck has a neurological condition and is confined to a rest home. Mary Anne takes good care of him and would like to hear from classmates. Bill is now ret from the securities bus, and the wk of 1 Dec 89 helped **Phoebe & Spider Reed** celebrate the arrival of another **Phoebe Reed**—their 1st grandchild!



1946: Moores and Memminger in Honolulu.

Jack & Rhodora Donahue's family photo album Christmas card just arrived—I count 72 people—sons, daughters, grandchildren and of course parents. Newest arrivals: **Susanna Frey Vogel**, 3 May 89; **William Donahue**, 17 Dec 88 and cousin **Christine Donahue**, 19 Jun 89; also newlyweds: daughter **Carol** to **Patrick Moore** on 6 Oct 89 and daughter **Rebecca** to **Craig Foxhoven** on 5 Aug 89.

A note from the **Treadwells** saying **John** had bought his horse early last yr but recently had a bad fall, so he's grounded for the duration—anyone want a horse? They both are very busy in

Aiken but do get up to NY to visit **Connie's** mother. The **Treadwells** took a cruise to Mexico and enjoyed it very much; they also went to Disney World. They made their annual trip to England in Oct to visit **Bonnie** and family. They had had their granddaughter here in the States for 3 wks this past summer, and she too fell off the horse and broke a collar bone, but is OK now. **Clint Friend** reports his wife **Leigh** is out of the convalescent home now, but not much better.

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Send "good" news. This is mostly a sad column because of the major disasters that have hit the USA the last 3 mos. The hurricane, **HUGO**, and the S.F. earthquake and the tornadoes in Nov in AL and points east caused considerable damage as you all know. Classmates and their families accrued, unfortunately, their proportional share of misery and damage. I stayed busy on my ham radio supporting "health and welfare" messages and attempting to make contact with those in the major disaster zones by radio, landline or letter. **Forces**, on Kiawah Is, SC, report that they were very lucky; the eye of the storm with 19 ft ocean surges, slid north of their home directly into Charleston Harbor. Unfortunately, both of their daughters live in Charleston where they sustained much damage to their homes. **Stu & Ann** moved 60 mi W to a Holiday Inn in an attempt to be safe but ended up with broken windows in their car (from stones blown off the roof of the Inn). **Lee & George Lynn** (Surfside Beach, SC) escaped with little damage but much inconvenience. They temporarily moved up to the DC area but on return, still had to boil their water on the backyard grill for a long period. I have heard nothing re status of **Jackie & Tom Hayes** (Kiawah Is, SC).

Out in CA, **Mary & John Delistraty** (Diablo) reported lots of shaking but all OK. **John** helped me contact **Laura & Joe Addison** (Los Gatos). There was better short haul phone service than long dist service which became overloaded. I was in contact with a ham friend for two days on a hill overlooking Los Gatos who was ready to proceed on a foot-recon when **Joe** reported that the interior of his house was a "shambles" but exterior, OK. He had not discovered the extent of damage to his other properties. **Barbara Culin** was at home (Carmel Valley) while **John** was in OR duck hunting. Apparently all is well with them although daughter **Susan**, closer to the epicenter, sustained considerable interior/exterior damage to her home. It is still habitable, however. **John** wrote on his beautiful "When you

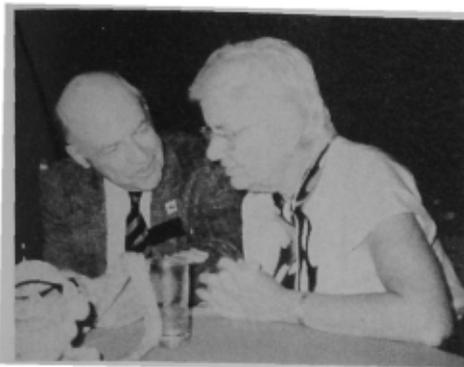
care enough to send **THE HAIRY BEAST**" stationery showing a golden retriever "howling," singing melodious dognotes. "Except for the inconvenience of an electrical outage for 22 hrs after the quake, we (**Perrys**) suffered no damage." **Bing** was at Fremont visiting his daughter preparing to go to the World Series. They weathered the quake very well there. In fact, the quake put his great-granddaughter, **Angela**, quietly to sleep in his arms. All is OK with **Boerg-**



1947: Bing Perry with great-granddaughter Angela

ers (San Anselmo), but the post office returned my letter to **Wink Scoville** for reason of "No forwarding address."

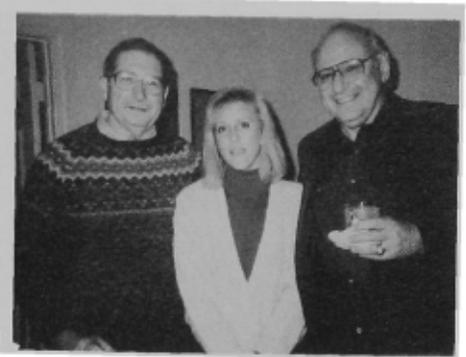
Not many new letters this period but the following tid-bits have come in as newspaper clippings, copies of articles or notes, etc.: **Bernie Abrams** is wondering why the Class of '48 donates more money to WP than we do in '47. Also, **Bernie** would like to see the officers of the Class "based" in the Wash DC area. **Jack Faith** sent me some articles from the *Wall St Jour* which express their concern, his concern and my concern over the drug problem. I think our solutions to the problem are different. **Jill** continues to recover from her leg injury, even hitting some tennis balls lately. **Bob Rosen** continues to work hard on the plans for our 45th reunion. **Pat & Doc Haskin** report that **Muriel & Bill Webb** will be in El Paso 1 Dec to pin silver leaves on son **George**, at Bliss. **June & Jean Burner** were the only ones to submit 42 1/2 Reunion pics. So enjoy her pics and give her lots of credit, otherwise there may be a "blank" column in the future. **June** also took some pics of those who attended parties in the DC area in Oct when they visited there. The *LA Times* states that **Pat & Al Haig** recently narrated at the end of a 3-day music festival, **Ogden Nash's** verses that accompany **Camille Saint-Saens** "Carnival of the Animals." **Virginia & Jake Jacobson** sent in the pic of the **Jacobsons'** reunion in Jul. All of the family were present except **Chris**, **Mari** and **Leena** from Japan. The reunion was held at (**Colin & Karen**) home in Minnetonka, MN. What a wonderful idea to make **Jake** feel great.



1947: 42 1/2 reunion. Coghill and Lee Lynn talking about salmon in AK



1947: 42 1/2 reunion: Faiths, Geraci, Lynns



1947: Baer and Rosen attend to Alicia Webb, the cutest blonde flight attendant on US Air



1947: Coopers with Davis in the middle at 42 1/2 reunion



1947: Webbs with Barb Boerger and June Burner walking with friend at Webbs'



1947: The real "Jake" is sitting down



1947: Sattem, Doris Peckham and Starobin at 42 1/2



1947: Burner and Haldane at Webb party in DC



1947: Geraci's at 40th wedding anniv surprise party



1947: 42 1/2 reunion: Wildrick, Neva Hill, Curry and Peg Garrabrants



1947: McAdoos conversing with Bill Webb

Stephen beat me to the punch by awarding us a "6-star" ceremony.

All is well in HI. **Jim Edington** sent an excellent pic of **John Nail** displaying his album of famous *Pointer* cartoons to **Jean-Pierre Burner** during the 42 1/2. **Mary Lou** belatedly has had a "wisdom" tooth extracted. Weren't they all taken out when we were kids? She has re-



1947: Naill displaying his *Pointer* cartoons to Burner at 42 1/2

tained all her wisdom because "Jim wrote the letter."

I am sorry to report that **Willie Clark** died on Friday, 13 Oct presumably from the effects of his long valiant fight with diabetes. He was buried from the Church of Latter Day Saints and interred in Bryan, TX. Class sympathy and



1947: Four generations of Edingtons at Lake Tahoe

prayers go out to **Ruth** and her family. I'll never forget how nicely she took care of me at their home in White Sands Proving Ground in 57.

Take care. I'll be submitting the next column which will include all the Christmas card info the 3d wk of Jan.

Willie Munroe visited us on way from Rangeley to Tucson.



1947: Willie Munroe admiring his ME brook trout, almost as big as Coghill's AK salmon, at Rangeley. Can you see it?

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This will find most of you all in the middle of what we used to call the "gloom period," or that segment of the yr between the highs of the holidays and the expectant waiting for the beauty of spring. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Those '48rs in the Wash DC area toasted in the fall with their semi-annual get-together at the Ft Myer OOM. Out of town attendance was lower than in previous yrs with the "prize" for coming from the farthest away going to **John & Pat Withers** (CA); we were all also pleased to welcome **C² & Pat Elebash** from FL enjoying C²'s brief two-mo sabbatical from teaching at FL St U, and **Lee & Johnsie Doyle** from Mt Lakes, NJ. The other out of towners are really in the greater DC area and included the **Miltons** from Aberdeen, MD; **Barnetts** from Winchester, VA (as an aside, a little bird told me Jim is a great

wild turkey hunter and travels all the way to MO to pursue that sport); **Halls** from Chester Springs, PA; **Mummas** from Fredericksburg, VA; and **Quanbecks** from Middleburg, VA. Rounding out the gp, all from the local area were the **Berrys**, **Bradys** (Sally Adams), **Braswells**, **Brills**, **Don Deehan** and **Dorothy Boulos**, **Dingemans**, **Egberts**, **Anne Griffith**, **Hoffmans**, **Hoyts**, **Jerry Jones**, **Josephs**, **Kastrises**, **Marianne Kiernan**, **Kirwans**, **Kritzers**, **Packards**, **Patches**, **Petersens**, **Plummers**, **Pomeroy's**, **Pressmans**, **Lou Schalk** and **Barbara Sloan**, **Willard Scotts**, **Seligs**, **Shivelys**, **Swenholtz**, **Wards**, **Wares**, **Whitleys**, and **Witkos**. Next DC area party is 19 May 90. For those of you who are looking for a larger get-together with classmates from all over, **Schoenberg** and **Caldwell** are "testing the waters" for potential interest in a mini-reunion at the Callaway Gardens resort area in the Atlanta, GA area during the period 19-22 Apr 90. They would like to have an expression of your interest as soon as possible.

Our pres, **Bob Pomeroy**, did a quick check of some classmates and families who lived in the wake of Hurricane Hugo and the CA earthquake; we all are happy and relieved that even with the fragmentary reports available to us, the disasters seemed to minimally affect those whom we have reports on. The **Sunders** in Southport, NC had a lot of debris cast into their yard, while the **Bertrams** in Waxhaw, NC experienced damage to their deck; the **Bartons** in Augusta, GA seem to have come through all right; the **Norm Robinsons** in San Jose, CA also had some damage from the earthquake. By far the worst off as we told you in the Jan ASSEMBLY were **Bob & Judy Cushing** who escaped the mess on St Croix with some clothes and less than 1000# of other household effects. The **Cushings** have moved into an apt in Alexandria, VA until they settle on when and where to go. We are anxiously awaiting word from the rest of you. The Class has received a very complimentary letter from BG Heister '36, thanking us for our gift of the Ski Lodge and recent addition. Gen Heister is a volunteer ski instructor at USMA, and says they have 600-700 skiing students each yr and the local ski club numbers over 500 members. He terms it "... one of the finest all around facilities on the post, and is used by more people ... than any other Class facility of USMA."

I knew if I were patient enough it would come to pass—**Bill Beyers** finally did write and included a wonderful picture of **Patt & him**, with **Ken & Carolyn Barber** taken during the '47 mini reunion in CO last yr. All of Bill's roommates from '47 were in attendance—**Chuck Stewart**, **Willie Knipe** (in pic with Bill), and **Bill Coghill**. **Jim McCray** checked in with a long report on activities of the



1948: Knipes '47, Beyers and Barbers

classmates in the far west. **Jim & Chris** continue to combine Jim's business with pleasure trips; they recently visited San Fran and will take their annual ski trip to CO over the Christmas holidays. The **McCrays'** daughter **Keri** and family did go to the Army-AF football game and reported seeing **Tom & Barbara Clark**, **John & Pat Withers**, and "others" not specified. Those **Clarks** do get around; here they are trying to prove there is an alternative to the car. On a recent trip to



1948: Barbara & Tom Clark showing they are "sure"

Salt Lake City, **Jim** looked up **Ralph Pearson**—the **Pearsons** boast of 17 grandchildren now. The '48 yrbook, our most recent statistics gathering exercise, didn't carry data on the number of grandchildren, but 17 should put the **Pearsons** close to the lead among us all; how about it, **Ken & Therese Ruddy** or **Dusty & W² Scott**, does anyone contest this conclusion? Congratulations to **Merce Hughes** who has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Marquette U. **Merce's** oldest daughter, **Dorothy**, has a New Years' holiday wedding in HI; second daughter **Susie** is just graduating from the U of San Diego with an MS in sports medicine, and **Sarah** is a Peace Corps regional recruiter in Boston. **Al & Austy Pabst** are off once again for 3 wks in Europe for more sightseeing and to see daughter **Terry**, Major ANC, and look up the **Wilhides** who are now on the shank end of their two yrs in Europe—due home in Apr. **Jim Hooker** reported in with news of the CO and CA classmates with a couple of interlopers from NM mixed in—**Carolyn & Ken Barber**

hosted a pre-Army/AF dinner. Attendees included Jim & Ann Hooker, Carolyn & Norm Lovejoy, John & Pat Withers, Stan & Corky Thevenet, Tom & Barbara Clark, Hank & Lucille Stelling and Ken Barber, Jr. The group pic Jim sent along just wouldn't reproduce well; you'll have to take my word for it, but they all looked great! We had to hold over some pictures because the last issue was a bit oversubscribed, so I'm happy to feature now two classmates and their spouses that we don't hear from or see very often because they live way out in HI—Phil Whitney and Al Alfonso. Les Carter for-



1948: Al & Jan Alfonso with Carolyn & Phil Whitney

warded me a card from Lou Jones whom we haven't heard from very recently. Lou & Ida live in Winston Salem, NC and survived Hurricane Hugo without serious property damage although his next door neighbor got hit hard—stay in touch now Lou!

I regret to report the death of Robin Livesay in San Ant, TX. Our best wishes and condolences to Beany Livesay and to the Walters who recently lost Lyle's father and Virginia's mother.

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On 13 Oct the Wash bunch had a spirited dinner-dance cruise on the *Spirit of Washington*, sailing from near Ft McNair on the Potomac River. Those on board were Charlie & Cindy Adams, Tom & Pat Bamford, Ted & Uschi Bolland, Dick & Lois Bowman, Bill & Ann Bumpus, Jud & Kit Conner, Tom & Bruna Coughlin (from IL), Hill & Nancy Dickinson, Al & Audrey English, Bob & Wren Ennis, Al & Doreen Fagg, Phil & Mary Deane Feir, Bill & Flo Huber, Web Ivy & Doris Pappas, Don & Erika Keith, Art & Barbara Lee Kingdom, Wes Knapp, John & T C Magnotti, Tom & Jo Marsh, Clay & Marjorie Moran, Bill & Elizabeth Nordin, Phil & Sue O'Brien, Larry & Sue Ogden, George & Carolyn Pollin, Duane & Jean Smith, Orton & Gwen Spencer, Bob & Sally Springer, George & Sachiko Summers, Ted & Cay



1949: Happy faces, CO Springs, Nov

Swett (our hosts), George & Elaine Sylvester, and Ed & Jan Townsley.

During the cruise, inscribed serving trays were presented to members of the 40th reunion comm as a memento of appreciation for their work. Receiving trays were Charlie & Cindy Adams, Tom & Pat Bamford, Art & Barbara Lee Kingdom, George & Carolyn Pollin, Duane & Jean Smith, and Orton & Gwen Spencer. By the way, a number of photos of the reunion which I had hoped to include in the featured article in the Oct issue of *ASSEMBLY* had to be eliminated due to running out of allocated space.

Both Jack Madison and Wayne Norby passed on info of the mini-40th reunion held in CO Springs the wkend of the A-AF football game, 4 Nov. Jack's letter reported 39 classmates & wives, plus 4 guests, participated. The local comm consisted of Jack & Pat Forrest, Jim & Mickey Hartinger, Ed ex-'49 & Bettie Lorenz, Jack & Arden Madison, and Bill & Jane Moore. On Fri evening the Forrests had all to their home for dinner. The comm ladies prepared the meal and the men managed the bar. Out-of-towners were Cavett & Mickey Brown (TX), Tom & Sandy Crawford (CO), Bob & Helen Kemble (NM), Bob & Betty Jo Leisy (CA), Earl & Isabel Lockhead (TX), Bob & Rae Makinney (AZ), Bill & Ellen Marslender (TX), Jim & Dolores Neil (OH), Wayne & Elaine Norby (VA), Bob & Jo Anne Slizeski (CO), Mike & Barbara Steger (CA), George & Maggie Stukhart (TX), Joe & Ann Thompson (WA), Ed & Fell Wilford (PA), and Jack Wogan (CO).

Jack reports it was a wonderful evening in a lovely home. Then on Sat, after the game (A-3, AF-29) the gp as-

sembled at Peterson AFB Officers Club for dinner and dancing. Comments were that a great time was had by all. —So great, in fact, that the comm will plan to do it again in 91 if there is sufficient interest. The 3 photos show the happy crowd. First photo, (L to R), front row: Pat Forrest, Rae Makinney, Barbara Steger, Mickey Hartinger, Sandy Crawford; second row: Delores Neil, Bob & Betty Jo Leisy, Bob Makinney, Fell Wilford, Isabel Lockhead, Tom Crawford; back row: Joe Thompson, Jack Forrest, Ed Wilford, Jim Neil's glasses, Earl Lockhead, Mike Steger, and part of Jim Hartinger.

Photo 2, front gp: Bob & Jo Anne Slizeski, Maggie Stukhart, Jane Moore, Helen & Bob Kemble; rear gp: Bill & Ellen Marslender, Cavett Brown, George Stukhart, Mickey Brown, Jack Madison, Bill Moore, and Jack Wogan. Photo 3 is of the K-2 bunch. Here we pick up two previously missed faces.



1949: The K-2 Bunch

Mickey & Cavett Brown, Dolores & Jim Neil, Ellen & Bill Marslender, and Arden & Jack Madison. Almost everyone



1949: Army-AF football game reunion

got in one of the photos. Other news from **Wayne Norby**: he's teaching (part-time) math at No VA Community College in Woodbridge. Also part-time teaching there is **Bill Nordin**. And **Ed Yellman** is the business mgr.

The Wash lunch bunch met at the Pentagon on 21 Nov. Present were **Bob Black**, **Ted Boland**, **Dave Bolte**, **Dick Bowman**, **Jack Carr**, **Jack Cronin**, **Hill Dickinson**, **Al English**, **Bob Ennis**, **Al Fagg**, **Bill Hoffman**, **George Hoffmaster**, **Ed Howard**, **Don Keith**, **Art Kingdom**, Art's son, **Doug**, **Bill Lake**, **Charlie Lehner**, **Gene Marder**, **Dean McCarron**, **Clay Moran**, **Phil O'Brien**, **Larry Ogden**, **Bob Pfeiffer**, **Duane Smith**, **George Summers**, **Lee Surut**, **Ted Swett**, **John VanderVoort**, and **Ed Yellman**.

Some items from the luncheon: **Al Fagg** ret from IBM in Jun. He & **Doreen** plan to move to Annapolis, joining the growing number of classmates living there. **Bob Pfeiffer** was sporting a tie covered with small pigs, each labeled MCP. Bob says it's a gift from **Sue**—who should know one when she sees (or lives with) one! **Dean McCarron** made the trip from Brockton, MA, just to attend the luncheon. Asked why, he replied he was so revved up after the reunion, feeling that his classmates were such a special gp of people, that he wanted to see more of them. Dean also reports two heart attacks and two teen-aged sons at home. (Does one follow from the other?)

Jack Cronin reported he had just completed a temporary asgmt in AK for his co. **Phil O'Brien** attended his first WA bunch luncheon. He's doing some freelance work, flying to and investigating aircraft accidents and related safety matters. Phil also helps keep up his

flying skills by doing a bit of flight instructing at a local airport. VP **Ted Swett**, arriving late but in time to chair the meeting, stated that he had flown in the previous night from Santa Domingo—where his project, the electric-power problems, "aren't getting any better." But one who is getting better, **George Hoffmaster**, received special warm greetings when he walked in. Those who read the last *ASSEMBLY* Class notes know George is a very lucky guy to be with us. He says he's feeling pretty good but is not yet back to 100%.

Jack Hammack has been officially nominated by the Class as a candidate for AOG Trustee. Jack has worked as a member of the WP Fund Comm for a number of yrs and has been pres of the No TX WP Soc. He is pres and owner of Hammack Oil Co in Dallas. He's a trustee of the Presbyterian Hosp of Dallas, SW Research Inst, the Meadows Foundation, and the Highland Park Independent School District, where he serves as pres. He's also been elected to his town council, as mayor of his town, and to pres of several bus, social, and civic orgs in Dallas. He & **Gloria** have 3 children. Now that he has been nominated, some effort will be required if he is to be elected. To support this excellent candidate, you may wish to contact **Denis F Mullane '52**, pres, AOG, and/or Chm, AOG Nominating Comm.

For those who enjoy statistics: Our Class, with 465, comprises about 1.3% of all living graduates. About 16% are in earlier classes and 83% in later ones. The oldest living grad is from the Class of '13, born in 1888. Our Class, with 574, represents about 1.2% of all the WP graduates. About 36% were in earlier classes

(147 yrs) and 63% in later ones (40 yrs). Now, does that put things in perspective for you? Some 70% of our Class are subscribers to *ASSEMBLY* and presumably readers of these Class notes.

Phil & Mary Deane Feir write of the wedding of their son **Philip Thomas (Tom) '85** to **Tara Miller '87**, on 7 Oct 89, at the Catholic Chapel at WP. '49ers at



1949: Feir '85-Miller '87 wedding

the wedding were **Tom & Pat Bamford**, **John & Teddy Costa**, and **Tom & Bruna Coughlin**. The bride and her sister, **Tracy**, are the first identical female-twin WP graduates. Mary Dean says Phil had an earlier problem telling the twins apart—but now knows that Tara is the one with Tom. Following the reception at the Hotel Thayer and a boat trip on the river, the bride's parents hosted a dinner-dance at the '49er Lodge. The Feirs report that the cadet-days photos, selected by John Costa for display in the lodge, were viewed with much interest. Also the new baseboard heating system "was a lifesaver." The newlyweds are stationed at Ft Campbell.

John & Teddy Costa have moved from WP to their new home at 41 Pond Drive East, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. John reports they took a trip down south to visit children and grandchildren. He says the bonus was "the opportunity to visit with several classmates." They enjoyed the hospitality of **Dick & Mary Ann Morton** and saw **Dick Stauffer**, in Carlisle, PA. Dick Stauffer continues to reside at the Forest Park Health Ctr, and **Margo** has moved to Carlisle to be near to him. In Augusta, GA, they visited **Dave & Katherine Colgan** "in their beautiful home in that gracious old southern city." On the return trip they stayed with **Hal & Adele Lombard** in Waynesboro, PA. John says the "Lombards are great hosts and we had a blast."

In the Dec issue of *ASSEMBLY*, 2 members of the '49er Lodge Comm were omitted: **Duane Smith** and **Gil Kirby** (ex officio). **George Sylvester**, chm, writes to remind us to designate (at least part of) our contributions to the WP Fund as "restricted for Class of 1949." He notes that "when our Class AOG account reaches \$80,000, we can be confident that, no matter what happens to Army

appropriations in the future, major maintenance of the Lodge will be assured." George adds: "Many classmates who read the article in the Oct ASSEMBLY entitled 'Class Giving' noted it failed to make any mention of our Class. This, in spite of the fact that '49 has been one of the most generous classes in the history of the USMA. As the result of an exchange of correspondence with the AOG on the subject, the Bulletin Board section of this issue will set the record straight. Look for it."

Late news from the Nominating Comm: the official slate for 1990 officers and dirs will be voted on at the Jan lunch meeting at the Pentagon. Nominated are **Tom Swett**, pres; **Kirby Lamar**, VP; **Duane Smith**, treas; and **George Summers**, secy. Dirs: **Tom Marsh**, **Clay Moran**, and **Wayne Norby**. Incidentally, to keep the record straight, Clay Moran is still on active duty with the Am Battle Monuments Commission—the last AD '49er. Out-of-towners who would like to attend the Mar or May meetings (dates not yet determined) call **Art Kingdom**, 703-569-9360, for schedule and reservations. A final note: it would be useful if, during 1990, where there are clusters of '49ers, a classmate or wife be designated to convey otherwise unreported local news to the scribe for transmission.

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Hard to believe that another yr has passed. Here we are bumping up against our 40th already. We should have quite a crowd, given the reservations that are already in. Any of you who have not made your plans, there is still time, though we cannot guarantee you will be in the same hotel; however, as of now the chances are high.

Was glad to see that OK recognized **Bennie Davis** for his long and outstanding service. Bennie was inducted into the OK Hall of Fame in Nov as a result of his accomplishments in the AF, including cmd of SAC. Congratulations, Bennie!

Not quite so heady but seemingly lots of fun is the pic of **Sam Smithers** and **Bill Davis** sailing Bill's boat down the Chesapeake Bay last Oct, not far from "Canoe U." On the other end of the camera was **Bob McBride**. I understand that the wind didn't do much that day but that the beer and the company made up for all that.

Speaking of sailors, **Bill Steinberg** recently had an outing down in FL with **Roz Round** and **Ding Price**. Roz has a home on Bird Key while Ding is living in a high-rise on Longboat Key. Having seen those sand isls, I just hope no hurricanes come that way.



1950: Smithers and Davis on the Chesapeake

Blair Ross also has been busy traveling around the country. In early Nov he headed for TX, spending a wkend with **Mary & Al Jennings** in San Ant. Mary invited **Bill Mastoris** over for dinner and then nicely took a pic of Bill, Al, and Blair. Just sorry Mary didn't squeeze in



1950: Mastoris, Jennings and Ross

too. Blair had not seen Bill since graduation, so there was a lot to catch up on. From San Ant Blair hopped over to Austin and visited with **Angela & John Vanston**. The picture of Blair and John was taken on the roof of John's offices by his daughter. Still on the move, Blair



1950: Ross and Vanston in Austin

headed back to Granville, OH, for a few days before he & **Mary Ann** were off to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter in Alexandria, VA. The Rosses managed to arrive just before the snow that blanketed this area.

Another set of visitors to VA from OH were **Lee & Bob Werner**. Bob played out a long-held fantasy by signing up for a two-wk sailboat trip to Bermuda, during

which he worked on celestial navigation. He also seems to have had a great time enjoying the sun and sand on the isl. In any event he came back into Baltimore, where Lee met him and the two visited **Rose & Lou Genuario** for the wkend. Both Bob & Lee look wonderful and certainly are enjoying their busy lives in Chagrin Falls.

Don't know whether Northern VA is just a very popular place or I just get word on the people who show up here, but **Lis McCauley** called while she & **Ray** were seeing their son **Clay** & his wife **Jean** in Arlington; Clay is in construction and Jean is a physical therapist. Ray was off getting affairs squared away for his second ret. A quick run-down of their other children: Steve is in the AF, stationed at Scott AFB, IL. Lucy lives in Boston, where she is an ed for the *Harvard Business Review*. Beth & her husband **Pat Nelan** also are in Boston—Beth is selling real estate. Lis, by the way, is back teaching Spanish, in Wilmington, NC where she & Ray live.

Going back to Oct, we and the **Genuarios** were lucky to share a great tailgate party at WP, as well as enjoy **Faith & Morris Herbert's** fine hospitality. Among those we saw were **Sally & Stan Reinhart**, **Barbara & Ken Cooley**, **Loris & Ken Ebner**, **Betsy & Will Henn**, **Nate & Boe Gallagher**, **Sheila & Bob Ehrlick**, **Phil Samsey**, **Doris & Andy Byers**, with their daughter **Michelle**, and **Bob Luchese**. In addition **Chuck Philips**, **Penny & Wendy's** son, joined us for some of that good food and talk. Incidentally we understand that **Chuck** will be one of our Class aides for the reunion.

An interesting aside, **Stan Reinhart**, who is the last prof at WP for our Class (and the last of our Reg Army on active duty), was the very first of our Class to be an instructor at the Academy, being assigned there in Aug 53 to teach electricity. He had not even been to grad school at that point. Now he has his PhD and has spent the last 26 (yes 26) yrs in the same set of quarters.

Had a fascinating discussion with **Dick Leavitt** about the changes taking place in Russia and Eastern Europe. About a yr ago, Dick was in Kiev as part of a UN delegation on confidence building measures, during the time that the local Russian legislature was in debate over the possible freedoms the citizens might get. All that gave Dick a real feel for the turmoil that was taking place. Dick hopes to get back over to Russia next yr for another reading on what is happening.

Fortunately for me, some of you are better organized than we are, so a number of Christmas notes and letters have arrived early enough for me to use in this column.

One of the first was from **Ruth & Sandy Sanderson** with a picture of their lovely

cabin in the snows of CA only 1 1/2 hrs from their home in Stockton. They felt the big quake at their place, but that was all. Unfortunately, their daughter and her family, who live near Santa Cruz, had material damage. Hope that they are getting things back in shape.

From Atlanta comes word from **Priscilla & Russ Glenn**. A ski trip to Snowmass was followed by a trip to the sun at Kiawah Isl. After that it was off to ME for Memorial Day with son Rob, his wife Phyllis, and their two daughters—Jessica, 4, and Michelle, 1. That little family is now planning to build a new home on a waterfront lot. By Jul Pris & Russ were off to Ger, where son Russell is stationed as S-3 of the 317th Engr Bn. His wife Dee is a very busy housewife, particularly with young Russell an active 2nd grader and red-headed Drew in preschool. Priscilla & Russ' third son, Randy, & his wife Joyce live in Atlanta, GA, together with their one yr old daughter Kendall. Joyce, by the way, took over her dad's construction business and has built several houses. Visiting children and taking trips is not all Pris & Russ do. Add tennis, the symphony and theater, time in Pris' studio, and a lot of other activities, make for busy times.

Barb & Carm Milia report that they have put away their golf clubs, taken down the tennis net, and raked the leaves, so they are now ready for winter. Quite a contrast from last summer at their cottage on the St Lawrence, when all 6 of their children gathered with their families from all over. Chris, his wife Mary and son Matthew came up from MI. Mark, now a major, brought his wife Marie and children Sebastian, Nadia, and Jessica up from Ft Stewart. Terry, Kathy, and Kyle came from OR, where Terry runs a landfill for Waste Mgt. Mary Carmen, who enjoys caddying, is in a gp home near Detroit, while Bob lives in Royal Oak, MI. Last in line is Matt, a sr in college who was in charge of the nightly camp fire.

Nancy, the daughter of **Lee & Ed Pierce**, married Todd Reid in May 89 in KY; the newlyweds are now settled in Brooklyn, NY. In addition to all that goes with preparing for a wedding, the Pierces were building a new house. In Oct they moved only 3 mi to Davie, FL, where they are looking forward to Christmas, when they expect the whole family. In addition to the Reids, Lynn will come from San Diego, Eddie from VA, and Kathy from Ger. They'll all enjoy the pool and spa. Then in Jan, Lee & Ed will get back to their golf.

In Irvington, VA, **Martha & Bob Morrison** are staying busy too: he putting up metal buildings and she working part-time in a lovely gift shop. Thanksgiving dinner included son Jack, his wife Nancy (the **Grosecloses'** daughter) and little Callie. Jack was temporarily at Quantico

for an FBI course. He is with the office in San Juan, where they survived Hugo. He was sent to St Croix to help with the situation there. Not to be outdone, son Jim managed to be in San Jose for the earthquake.

From **Margaret Irwin** in OR comes word of her children too. In May, John & Susan added Hannah to two yr old Kyle. Dan & Muffin also have a two yr old, this one a little girl called Caitlin. Margaret manages to see all those frequently, but she had to take a trip to southern CA to see daughters Libby and Kelly.

Jack Wagner reports that he has orders for 310 copies of the 40-50 book, 10 1/2 pp of ads and 190 bios and pictures. Companies M1 and C2 lead in responses with H2, K2, M2, and F1 doing well. Overall, our 40 Year Reunion Book project is doing great. We have had responses from over half of the Class. In order to meet our production schedule we needed your subscriptions (\$35/copy), family photograph and short biography no later than 1 Feb 90. We had 50 no shows in 30-50; let's do better this time. If you have not yet responded, please send your picture, bio and subscription to John E Wagner, 3229 First Place, North, Arlington, VA 22201 or to one of your co reps by mid-Jan. We also solicit your support as patrons (\$25) and advertisers (full page—\$250, half page—\$140, quarter page—\$75). If we get enough ads and patrons, we will be able to have color pictures of all of the recent reunions.

A Christmas note from Panama brought word that both **Sam & Tom Strider** ret this yr, just in time for Tom to break a finger on a sailboat and then clean up after 3 floods at their house. No wonder that they are well on their way to joining the '50 contingent at Indian River in FL.

It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the death of **Faith & Morris Herbert's** son George on 27 Oct. I know all the Class joins me in sending our sympathies.

Here's hoping that all of you had a great Christmas and that the New Year is a happy one.

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CLASS ACTIVITIES: DC area luncheons, at 11:30 a.m. each 3d Thur monthly, continue w/good attendance—av 25 to 30, usually w/visiting '51ers from beyond DC area. **Dick Ryan**, who w/ lovely **Helene** recently moved to Martinsburg WV, attended in Nov. Incidentally, our outstanding luncheon coordinator, **Bob Hyatt**, is making a remarkable recovery from major surgery (an aneurism on his aorta); he returned home w/in a wk—poor **Tinky!!** But they took us for



1951: '51 luncheons have good attendance: Sites, Reeve, Keesling, G Smith, Lemnitzer, Cuny

better or worse, and life after surgery is worse. Next 90 luncheons: 15 Feb, 15



1951: The Byers hosted the Oct party: Byers and McDonalds

Mar, 19 Apr. Questions: call **Bob or Tinky Hyatt** tel: 703-360-4839. Once again, **John & Peggy Byers** hosted the Oct '51 DC area party at their Prince Royal Gallery in Alexandria; attendees included the **Atkesons, Barbers, Jim Boatner-Kay** was visiting CO, **Coughlins, Gardeses, Goodnows, the Hendricks, Brad Holle, Hyatts, the Saul Jacobs, Jorstads, Lefflers, Louisells, the Brooks Martins, the Bob McDonalds, McMullens, Mulders, Pendletons, Reeves, the Joe Rogers, Sites, Steeles, Waldmans** and the **Byers**. All were able



1951: They enjoyed the party: Jean Rogers, Hendricks, Claudette Barber, Coughlin, Boatner

to preview the Annual Show of the Wash Soc of Landscape Painters—the buffet was exceptional, ambience great, and

hosting unsurpassed, as usual. Also outstanding was the mini-reunion, 3-5 Nov in CO Springs co-hosted by the McGanns and Evans (all except the Army/AF game outcome—at least from the Army fan perspective). Beginning with great Embassy Suite accommodations, followed by a hosts cocktail party; dinner and entertainment at the famous Flying W Ranch (coordinated through CO Springs Swinging Mayor, Bob Issac & beautiful Carolyn who Bud Bacon insists deserves all of the credit), Sat nite cocktails & dinner at the Embassy Suites, and finally an unforgettable brunch at the scenic Broadmoor Hotel.



1951: Hizzoner and best friend, Bob & Carolyn Issacs

Attendance to incl guests approached 80 persons—all sections of the country were represented. '51's camaraderie was so encompassing that some guests are planning for the 40th!! As usual, the number of old friends, activities, and time available could not be scheduled to satisfy all desires; but the unfulfilled conversations and interactions cause all to look forward with greater anticipation to future minis and reunions. Attendees



1951: They deserved our thanks and to smile!! Evanses and McGanns

incl Bud & Bette Bacon, Gussie Barron, Bob Bauer, Lew & Marilyn Casbon, Joe & JoAnn Danforth, Larry & Vivian Epley, Hank & Mary Evans (they contribute wherever they go), Sel & Pat Graham, Tom & Gail Hastings, John & Marge Hemler, Bob & Carolyn Issac, Fred & Alice Irving, Russ & Gloria Johnson, Red & Jean Leffler, Bob & Rita McDonald, Don & Elaine McGann

(their idea from the beginning), Rocky & Joyce Milburn, "T" Nance, Ernie & Libby Peixotto, Walt Phillips, Ron & Scotty Roberge, Roscoe & Millie Robinson, George Stannard, Howie & Dotsy Steele, Bill & Alice Stockdale, and Willie & Daphne Winner.

COMMEMORATION. Ft Leonard Wood will memorialize John Storck, KIA in Korea in Oct 52 by naming an engr school bldg in his honor at 1300, 24 Apr 90. Ernie Peixotto and Tony Delano will represent '51 at the ceremony which will be held in conjunction w/the Engrg Cmd Conf. Persons interested please contact me or Ernie Peixotto, 2945 Brighton Way, Palm City, FL 34990 Tel: 407-220-3526.

CARLISLE MINI-REUNION—26-29 Apr 90. Coordinated by Charlie &



1951: Everything was great but the game! Scotty & Ron Roberge with daughter and Gussie Barron

Joan Crowe and Ron & Scotty Roberge. Accommodations at Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse, 6 mi SE of Carlisle and good hwy accessibility. Varied activities available based on individual desires to incl: golf, trap shooting, tennis, tours (Lancaster & Gettysburg), antiques, shopping, trout fishing, visits to Carlisle Bks, Appalachian Trail walks, etc. Proposed schedule: 26 Apr—1300-1700 Arr & Registration at the Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse; 1800-1900 Cocktails; 1915 Dinner. 27 Apr—0800-1700 Breakfast followed by participation in activities desired; 1800-1900 Cocktails at Carlisle Bks Off Club; 1900-2000 Dinner, 2000-2300 Dancing. 28 Apr—Breakfast followed by individually selected activities; 1800-1900 Cocktails on Allenberry Hotel Patio; 1900-2000 Buffet at Allenberry Hotel; 2030 -2300 Theatre. 29 Apr—0800-1000 Breakfast, discussions/activities desired and departure. Questions—call the Crowes (220 Hickory Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013, tel: 717-243-5479), the Roberges (521 W South St, Carlisle, 17013, tel: 243-7576); for hotel reservations: Allenberry Resort Inn, PO Box 7, Boiling Springs, PA 17007 ATTN: Leslie Sterner, Dir of Sales, Tel: 717-258-3211. 40th REUNION—22-24 May 91. Planning continues: The Sheraton Hotel at Mahwah, NJ has been selected as

'51's billeting & ops site; other reunion classes that used this site have given excellent references; updated rosters distributed; a Class gift survey prepared and forwarded to the Class for comment; schedule refinements also continue. Tentative schedule: Weds—Registration, gatherings, cocktails & dinner; Thurs—Class mtg, Memorial Svcs, '51 picnic; evening—dinner & dancing in Cadet Mess Hall. Fri—Breakfast at hotel, Alumni Parade and luncheon in Cadet Mess Hall; afternoon—narrated bus tour of WP and visit to Gift Shop & Museum. Sat—no planned activities, departure as desired.

QUICKNOTES: Although 40 yrs have passed, Willie Winner's quick wit and wry humor are unchanged. Says he's



1951: Willie and friends: Alice Irving, Winner, Marge Hemler, Joyce Milburn and Hemler

interested in future minis—as is Gussie Barron—looks great. In Jul 89 the Norm Jorstads visited and found Stavanger, Norway and ancestral farms and ferries; incidentally, Norm's reports on critical technologies, tech assessments, and identification of potential coop efforts w/in NATO are receiving many plaudits.



1951: Norm & Eydie return "Home"

Walt Russell has recovered from difficulties w/his right leg that prevented his attending Apr Mini in NC. Now we'll have to work on Walt's personality and humor! In summer 89 Phil Cuny's youngest daughter was selected by U of IL to visit China for 7 wks in conj w/architectural studies. With recent visits by Partains, Walthours, Russells, Clemons and Meighens, Bill & Dell Bradley have broken in the new NC

home to visitors. **Geo & Bess Psihas** report daughter Pam was wed in Phila 2 Sep 89.



1951: The Bills at Ft Harrison

REGIONAL SPOTLITE - Midwest—(IN, KY, OH, WV): Rep-Dave Bills; (IL, IA, MI, MN) Rep: Chuck Wallens, Dep-Jim Guyer; (KS, MO, NE, ND, SD) Rep: Guy Jester. Dave Bills reports that while the Wiles still call their beautiful Georgetown area of KY home, they also enjoy yrly hunting and fishing vacations in CO. **Jim Check** also located in nearby Lexington, KY reports the family fine, health in good shape, stays close to home. Now that **Dick & Helene Ryan** moved to Martinsburg WV, **Mel Snyder** in Kingwood doesn't feel too lonely. But Mel would feel very sheepish (or maybe pleasantly surprised) after some "selected" Tee Nance remembrances at the CO Mini. **John Cousins** continues w/the OH Dept of Nat Res; he & **Mary** are fine but traveling very little (except to visit relatives in SC and WV). But, **Bob & Mary Carolyn Snyder** have continued their traveling—both CONUS and overseas. Their Oct trip to FL was marred only by totalling a car en route—report on Bob, an avid golfer, states it resulted in lost day of golf for which he was not compensated. Also, he did forego golf for 3 days in Sep when he qualified through testing to become an IRS enrolled income tax agent. **Barney & Muriel Landry** report greatly expanding their travel skills since ret in Jun 89 (he from GE after 33 yrs, and she from teaching). They saw **Lum & Lola Brantley** in Huntsville in Oct, planned to attend the A/N game at the Meadowlands and the "mini" at Carlisle in Apr. Their subsequent trip will probably be to visit daughter Donna in L.A. where she is an engr prof at USC. **Del & Jean Ring** report they "have hit a plateau at 8 grandchildren (none since 86)." However, making use of his spare time and their PC 286 computer clone, recently Del developed a genealogy system that is a locator and fact file for living progeny; is deeply involved in computer aid math programs, and experimenting w/programs to assist in the design of houses. Reports that **Bill & Shay Quinn** visited in Oct and saw **Tee Nance** in CO

during an 89 visit. **Dave Bills** continues with the State of IN Building & Fire Code Dept. Travels generally include 3-4 visits to CA yrly—their most recent in Oct for son's wedding. **Danielle** continues active in gardening and related activities; she has won many awards and holds elective offices at the state level in gardening clubs. At the same time on wkends, Dave is an ardent Colt football and Purdue basketball fan while also enjoying skeet shooting; could these have contributed to Dave's recent prestigious appointment by ret IN Gov Bob Orr as "Sagamore of the Wabash?"



1951: A relaxed Jim Bick

Carol & Jim Bick, Newport, MI, live on the banks of Lake Erie enjoying the best of midwest seasons. **Jim Guyer** also reports that **Bill Schooley** continues deeply involved w/his sons in his law practice in Granite City, IL. **John Haumersen** has moved from IL back to his hometown, Racine, MI where he and his brother assumed mgt ctl of their family business. Established in 1867, the business has been continuously owned by the Haumersen family since that date. John says, "I'm having a ball;" and business has increased 50% since he and brother Jim assumed ctl. **John Starret** who in 87 lost his wife in a tragic accident (hit by drunken driver in a head-on collision at Hilton Head, NC) lives in Ascoda, MI, on Lake Huron, at the entrance of Au Sable Riv. John maintains boats of assorted sizes and many uses; however, John's real passion is turkey hunting in the spring and grouse and woodcock hunting in the fall w/his English setter. In Grosse Point, MI, **Herman & Alice Vetort** are deeply involved in 2d careers. Herman, mgr, prog ops, Cadillac Gage Textron; & Alice as a teacher in Detroit's public schools. With their 2 daughters and 2 sons having finished college and pursuing their own careers, the Vetorts continue to find their time fully occupied. They do see **Don & Bobbi Anker** from time to time. **Dave & Kay Huff** report they and their 5 yr old son are doing fine—Dave looks great, and in Sep 89 displayed his youthful appearance at his Cl of '45 HS homecoming. Smuggled from the files of the *Milwaukee Magazine* Oct 89, "Months

of rigorous tng paid off recently for **James T Guyer** at a regional triathlon where he became eligible to compete in the natl finals. . . . Jim gets up at 6 a.m. everyday. . . . First he gets in a swim, a run or a ride on his bike. He sums up his philosophy of living when he says 'I like to live by what Thoreau said, 'It would be a shame to go to the end of my life and find out I had not lived.'"

NEXT REGIONAL SPOTLITE: SOUTHWEST: (TX, OK) Rep-Sel Graham, Dep-Ken Herring; (AZ, CO, NV, NM) Rep-Don McGann, Dep-Hank Evans.

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I am especially saddened to report the death of **Olga Thieme** 29 Nov 89 at the Hospice of Northern VA. A good number of classmates attended services at St Anthony's in Falls Church and burial at Arlington. Our deepest sympathies to Al and their son David.

The 3rd annual winter mini-reunion will be held at the Keystone Resort in Summit County, CO, during the period 12-19 Mar 90. Mountain Man **Loyd Rhiddlehoover** is running the project there, while **John Sullivan** leads the effort in the DC area. Skiing is the main attraction. The plans provide for socializing and adventuring at several slopes. Loyd will pull everyone together for a reunion banquet some night during the period. Call or write John for details and cost estimates (703-536-1692, 6701 Pine Crest Ct, McLean, VA 22101), or call Loyd (719-578-5452). For travel arrangements, again call Lynda at Great Escape Travel in CO at 800-525-3402. Couples committed at this time to attend include the **Browns, Coles, Erdles, Keeleys, Putnams, Rhiddlehoovers, and Sullivans.**

An update on the busy, double-track life of **Bill Duncan** has him fully engaged in medical practice and administration in Wilmington, including duties as pres, Med Soc of DE. And I would suspect that Bill maintains a strong interest in the DE Natl Guard, in which he served so prominently. He reports, "**Doris & I** are well. Our oldest son, Charles, is married and an engr with Delco Electronics in Kokomo, IN. Our daughter is married to a veterinarian and lives in Marietta, GA, with our two grandchildren. Our youngest, William, is an electrical engr working as a civ with the Army at Ft Monmouth."

George Grayeb's latest letter reported, among other things, that he, **Champ Edwards**, and **Don Williamson** survived the earthquake and continue to thrive in the Sacramento area.

A long and welcome letter from my long ago golf and bridge cohort, **Bob**

Haras, brought me up to date on his travels and family. He returned to Australia last Oct after spending 7 mos in Crystal River, FL, where he & Val keep a condo. Their daughter Alex returned with them to "Oz."

Last Mar, Bob stopped in the San Fran area to see Grayeb, Edwards, and Williamson (see above), all of whom live within a few blocks of each other. Then on to FL, where Norb Szymczyk, a sometime resident of Melbourne, Australia, came to spend a wk. Norb divides his time among 3 continents: a place he has in Spain, here in Buffalo, and "Oz." The two of them drove up to Ocala to see Bill Schroeder for lunch and golf. Then they received a call from Vann Brewster (Charlotte, NC) who found out from Joan Schroeder that Norb was back in the States.

Sometime later, Bob visited Bill again on business matters and had lunch with him and Ralph Garver, who works in the same building. Back in Australia, Bob will concentrate on golf, tennis, and fishing. He noted that in 88 he had tried to found a WP Soc of Australia, but the logistics of bringing together a dozen graduates spread over the continent were too much.

From Ron Obach a reassuring letter that he is back on his feet and back to work full-time. Although he isn't 100%, he has managed to attend all the home football games. The Oct 89 column included a brief note on Ron's condition at Walter Reed. He spent two mos there, including 40 days in intensive care, with a malady described as adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). He says "Mac & Barbara McKnight and Doug & Char Slingerland were a special comfort to Ellen and me throughout the entire ordeal."

From Gil & Gloria Scott: "We always love reading about everyone, but we've been poor about communicating." The photo tells part of their news. All 6 of their children returned home for the 27 May 89 wedding of daughter Heather to Doug Baden '88. The couple met when Doug toured in Dallas with the WP Glee Club. They are now stationed in Karlsruhe.

The photo shows (from left) son Stan & his wife Pam, daughter Amy, son Steven, Gil, Heather & Doug, Gloria's mother, son Andrew, Gloria, and daughter Lynn. Stan is a graduate of TX A&M and is now a CPT (CE) stationed at Rock Isl. Andrew has joined the Class of '93—so his calls and letters "flood our minds with memories." Gil noted that his mother, whom many will remember, died 17 Aug 89. She was the widow of MG Stanley Lonzo Scott '16, who was CG, The Engineer Center when our class enrgs attended the basic officer course.

Dick Stanier followed up his calls to me with a letter and photos. Dick gets to



1952: The Scott family at daughter's wedding in TX

most of the football games, so has seen quite a number of you: at home games the Harrisons and Child; at Duke the Clines, McGowan, Ulmer, and Watkins; and at homecoming the Mullanes, Hayfords, Lashers, and Raiford. After the Colgate game, Dick attended with the Baileys and Obachs a farewell affair for Carl Ullrich.

Sam & Charly Hubbard are pulling up stakes here in the DC area and heading south. Charly has just completed her 20 yrs with the Fairfax County School System, so now both are free to enjoy sailing in warmer waters. Their well-appointed boat, the *SOON II*, is already in FL, having been sailed there this fall with the help of son Stephen and Dick Lang. They will eventually build on their lot near Pensacola.

We joined Tom & Jan Ayers for a cruise in Southeast Asia this fall. It was Cynthia's first venture in that region and my fourth. Tom & Jan are old hands in Asia. We had intended to go to China, but our timing was wrong. We flew into Bangkok, cruised around Malaysia and Indonesia, and ended our tour in Singapore. All enjoyed the sightseeing, shopping, and life aboard ship. We will try again for China this fall.

This coming 23 Jun the Class will put on a luau. Joe Paluh is in charge and Bert Stubblebine will host the event at his home in Oakton, VA. Invitations will go out not only to DC area classmates, but also to those in surrounding states. If any of you living farther afield plan to be in the Wash area at that time, let me know and I'll see that you get the details. We are hoping for a large turnout.

An AOG survey shows that 64% of our 458 living classmates subscribe to *ASSEMBLY*, a percentage consistent with our longevity. I now have nearly all of the names and addresses of the 167 who do not subscribe and the 291 who do. You are welcome to call or write for any of these addresses.

Our 40th reunion is close enough that planning should begin. Tom Rehm has volunteered, so to speak, to chair the reunion comm and will be seeking your ideas presently. Watch this column for progress reports on plans and actions.

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On 24 Oct we had a luncheon at the Pentagon. Joe Volpe found the solution to a common sartorial problem. He wore a six-ft long red necktie which hung down to his knees. No one could notice if his fly were open.

Bob Kaplan is caretaker of the Class Museum Cabinet in the Class of '53 Reading Room at the USMA Library. This has recently been established, as I understand it. The purpose is to display memorabilia that is meaningful to the Class and to the cadets and others who visit the room—Bob says "... the kind of stuff that goes on 'I-love-me' walls." Bob mentioned, for example, that we are anticipating putting on display Art Brown's VC/S flag, Vald Heiberg's charter as Chief of Engrs, decorations—especially foreign—and other items which might otherwise moulder in a box in your basement. These would still belong to you, but would be on loan to the Class. If you have items which you think might fit the bill, contact Bob. DO NOT SEND ITEMS TO USMA. Write to Bob Kaplan, PO Box 1943, Middleburg, VA 22117-1943; or phone him at (703) 687-3309.

Mary Freeman Baker, wife of Russ Baker of Columbus, GA, died 15 Oct after a long illness and has been inurned at the Ft Benning Cemetery.

Ray Lesinski died 26 Nov. Rollo Sullivan, Curt Brewer, and Don Schmidt attended interment services at the WP Cemetery 30 Nov. In memory of Mary and Ray, the Class has made contributions to our Library Fund.

Richard Benz sent some photos taken just before the Army-Duke football game. They are at brunch in Duke's Cameron Field House.



1953: Stan Touchstone and Bill Burkhardt

We had the 8th Annual Army-Navy '53 Luncheon on 5 Dec. It's a joint exercise with the Class of '53 from Annapolis. By this time, a lot of you have attended and know that this is above average in the level of enjoyment. Many of us recognize one another and there are some running jokes



1953: Joe & Marcia Volpe



1953: Cliff Neilson, a friend, Richard & Judy Benz

from yr to yr. We alternate hosting, although the luncheon has usually been held at an Army club. We did hold it at the Navy Yard one yr, but Army was hosting. This yr, **Chuck Lowman** did an outstanding job of setting it up at Ft Myer. The room was smaller than we have had at most of the previous luncheons, and the ambience was relaxed and festive. **Bob Bartlett**, our pres, acted as MC and introduced Gus Hubal, Navy's '53's outgoing pres. "Doc" Blanchard from Navy, not #35 from Army, spoke briefly on their athletic program. Army's speaker was MG Fred Gorden, USMA Com, who was attending for the 3rd time. He has received orders to cmd the 25th Div in HI. Isn't that tough luck, especially this time of yr? Navy's speaker was the new pres of '53, ADM Trost. As the CNO, he was the only one from either Class of '53 who attended in uniform—everyone else is ret!

The AOG sent some interesting info: their figures show that there are 460 of our Class living. Of this number, 60% subscribe to *ASSEMBLY*, leaving 184 who do not. If you are reading this, chances are you are a subscriber. If you are a borrower, how about becoming a subscriber?

I was talking to **Rocky Ventrella** again the other day and he suggested that I urge you to fulfill a related responsibility, of making your address in the *Register* correct. Looking through it, we see some addresses that have not been updated in yrs. I don't know whether the AOG would accept updates from anyone other than the person listed, but if any of you have correct addresses for someone else, send them to me and I'll talk to the ed.

The AOG sent me this snapshot that had been received at USMA. Whoever sent it labels it the WP Soc of North TX, Dallas 1989.



1953: Ray & Barbara Colvin, Howard Hazlett, Jim Sibley, Robbie & Larry Crevoiserat; Founders Day 1989, North TX

Again, let me remind you to send photos and other items to me. The ed of *ASSEMBLY* won't put anything in the Class column that doesn't come from the Class scribe.

We all would enjoy hearing from you. It is fine if you have great things to relate, but it is just as good to hear about ordinary doings. Drop me a note and enclose a snapshot. HAPPY SPRING!

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Herewith President **Jack Miller**'s view of our 35th Reunion: "Adjectives like great, wonderful and inspirational were heard from all who attended the 35th Reunion of the Class of '54. Some 160, or nearly 30% of those living, attended. With wives, guests and a few cadet sons, we had a crowd of more than 300.

"A majority of the Class showed up at the Ramada on Thur (26 Oct). Registering, renewing friendships and exchanging reminiscences were the order of the day. The buffet dinner provided the first opportunity for us to meet as a gp.

"On Fri, we toured some of the new facilities at WP incl the Jewish Chapel, Holleder Sports Center, Visitors Center & Museum. By the time we arrived at the Officers Club for lunch, the latecomers appeared and were greeted with exuberance not unlike that of the previous night. We were honored to have the Supe join us at the club and give a State of the Corps report that was enjoyed by all. This was followed by a presentation of the bicentennial facilities master plan.

"After lunch, we moved to the reviewing stand, where we fit the entire delegation for the official Class photo. The time remaining was spent visiting places of interest in the Plain area. We then boarded our buses for the trip back to the motel in Newburgh.

"That evening we celebrated with cocktails & dinner. After an appropriate and stirring invocation by **Corky Gabbert**, we toasted the Corps, the Ladies and the Class of '54. **Jack Miller** read a telegram from **Jack Galvin**, our last classmate on active duty. After dinner, the Class discussed planning for our 40th Reunion gift to the Academy, beginning with each member committing himself to an annual contribution to the Gift Fund for the next 5 yrs. It was moved and unanimously agreed to that the Class would endow a WP Preparatory Scholarship of \$25,000 in the name of **Andre C Lucas**, our Medal of Honor recipient.

"Saturday the Class again bused to WP to attend a memorial service for our deceased classmates in the Old Cadet Chapel. The reading of the names of the departed, the singing of the Alma Mater and the visits to the individual grave sites provided a singularly moving experience that will be long remembered. If further inspiration was needed, it was found as the Corps of Cadets passed in review for us with the great USMA Band providing the music. After lunch in Washington Hall, it was off to Michie Stadium to see Army beat a tough Rutgers team. Even the score was appropriate, w/the Rabble winning 35 to 14. Our final evening was spent in an informal gathering at the WP Ski Lodge.

"On Sunday, with happy memories and promises to be back for the 40th, we went our many separate ways."

Dick Sugg gathered our Class alumni of Sullivan's Prep School, DC, for a photo. Present were **Gritton, Bob Morris, Len Reed, Chuck Wilson, Forman, Epling, Sugg, Mayberry, Jim Moore, Fri-er, Mcnair, John Stark, Hunter, Watlington** and **Dick Hobbs**.

Tom McNeil '45, AOG Trustee Emeritus and Secy, WP Soc of N TX, informs us that **Hugh Robinson** continues to figure prominently w/6 yrs as VP, the Southland Corp and now as owner and pres of Tetra, a construction mgt minority business dev firm. He also serves on the boards of 15 civic and charitable orgs, including the board of the Dallas Citizens Council, whose pres is **Jan LeCroy**. Hugh, his wife **Matilda**, and their two daughters live in N Dallas. Also, **Fred & Mary Attaya** moved from TX to PO Box 1876, Dillon, CO 80435.

Fletcher Buckley modestly declined the title of youngest classmate, recently conferred on him here. His real DOB was 11 Mar, not 3 Nov as recorded. So the *real* youngest classmate is **Francis Carter Cobb** w/a DOB of 25 Jun 33. Buck can claim second place, if he returns the money. The Buckleys live in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Dick Yule '61, sent an article from *Florida Today* relating the heroic efforts of the same **Carter Cobb** in overcoming the debility of Lou Gehrig's disease contracted 9 yrs ago. With his wheel-



1954: Sullivan Prep School alumni

chair and life support ably powered by a dedicated team of wife **Bobbie**, daughter **Anne Gaither**, granddaughter **Courtney** and RN **Janet Smith**, Carter finished a 1-mi walk at Fairfield's **Suntree** subdivision in N Melbourne. With all that help, it's no wonder he's young. Carter was vice CO, AF Tech Application Ctr at Patrick AFB, FL, when he ret in 80. Tom Clancy, noted author and 20-yr Cobb friend, praised Carter: "That's the most courageous thing you'll see. Some people don't know how to quit."

Their program informs us that **Ben Schemmer**, Ed, *Armed Forces Journal Intl*, moderated the Def Cooperation discussion gp at the Common Def Forum in DC on 11-13 Oct. It was COM-DEF's 3rd annual Intl Def Eqpmt Exhibition & Symposia.

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I am writing this on a snow-covered Sun, the day after young Mr Schenk snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in the NJ Meadowlands, and after an abject, but now light-filled Navy football season. A tough game, toughly played by 2 determined teams, but still a tough one to lose. Beat NAVY! Those of you who were fortunate enough to be there in the bitter cold deserved a well done for your cheers and support.

Speaking of football games, I've had considerable correspondence this past 2 mos that keeps the news coming regarding folks who have been enjoying Army football this season. **Pat Strati** writes from WP that she & **Bob** have not only

seen the games there, but have traveled to others around the country. In doing so, they have also run into **Don & Mary Andrews**, **Bill & Anita Anderson**, **Jim & Nancy Cutchin**, **Danny Dugan** (see the pic), **Jim & Helen Drummond**, **Bob & Alice Johnson**, **Bill & Sherry Welter**, **Don & Joyce Reid**, **Pres & Sarah Mayson**, **Bob Henry**, **John & Mattha Feagin**, **Jack & Kathy Jeter**, and **Frank Robertson**. All this gang was at the Duke-Army game, and I mentioned some of this in the last article, but welcome Pat's supplementing report on that NC mini-reunion. **Bob & Pat** were also at the

USAFA-Army game in CO, and both **Pat** and **Ski & Ute Ordway** have given me a full report on that event.



1955: Danny Dugan relaxing in CO

I had the pleasure of spending a lovely evening as a guest of **Ski & Ute Ordway** in their handsome home in Woodmoor, CO, near USAFA, in late Oct. We laughed and scratched away an evening over **Ute's** delightful dinner and under the watchful eye of the largest German sheperd dog in Christendom (name: **Rex**; what else?). **Ski & Ute** shared with me the acct of a super outing they had as guests of **John & Erma Martling** at their ranch near Steamboat Springs, CO, earlier in the yr. Among those that thoroughly enjoyed the beauty there in high country in Jul were **Quint & Anna Bates**, **Jack & Susan Griggs**, **Dick & Sally Bean**, **Rich & Inez Cardillo**, **Bob Camp**, and **Bill Roth** & his new bride, **Peggy**. **John's** Morning Star Ranch Lodge probably won't sport a more exclusive or cohesive clientele for a long while, even given that **Ski** and **Quint** were recreating the old "posture pictures" of cadet days. Wouldn't an album of these, then and now, look great?



1955: '55ers and wives at John Martling's ranch in CO



1955: (F) Griggs, Bates, Roth, Ordway. (R) Camp, Martling, Bean and Cardillo



1955: Auer, Bliss, Ordway, Ewing after Army-AF game



1955: Posture picture from Ordway and Bates

Ski & Ute were just getting ready during my visit to host a reunion gp after the USAFA-Army game. As both Ski and Pat Strati report, that was a great gathering (save for the game results), that started as a rendezvous at the Ordways, a tailgate gathering at the Falcon Stadium, then a full-blown "do" back at Ski & Ute's. There was quite a gp: Dick & Sally Bean from CO Springs; Rich & Inez Cardillo from Boulder; Pete Hornbarger from Upstate NY; Jack & Susan Griggs from CO's western slope; Lou Crandall and his son, Doug, from WA state; Bob Camp from the Denver area, who staged the tailgate in his RV; John & Erma Martling from their ranch; Todd & Sue Graham, now house hunting in the CO Springs area; Dick Auer down from Denver, looking great; Jack & Shirley Poirier from CO Springs; Chuck Ewing, in from SD visiting a brother in Denver; Bob & Pat Strati from WP; and Fred Bliss, who came out from OK for the game. Ski reports that it was a great party with a full chance to share old and new times alike. We're really fortunate that we have such chances. Hats off to Ski and Ute!

More to football game gatherings: I will quote liberally from a nice note Dick & Greta Masson sent to me after the Army-Rutgers game this yr in late Oct. Kelly Lichtenberg's personally prepared pre-game cookout before all Army home games near Michie Stadium is another example of the special pride and generosity of our Class. As on so many other occasions in yrs past, Kelly & Trudie and their son, Mark, provided a

special treat for many '55-ers before the start of the game. Before this Rutgers game, Kelly again performed his ritual of setting up, supplying the food, and handling the spatula, tongs and fork so that the Class could get pre-game nourishment from his generous grill. Not only is this standard fare for all '55-ers, Kelly also invites special guests, including the USMA basketball team, as well as others. Chances are you will also run into Wynn Stern, Dave Young, Dan Dienst, Rod Vitty and the Stratis at Kelly's tailgate specials.

Rod Vitty provides the after-game socials; Rod & Pat provide a special treat in the wooded parking area provided for our Class overlooking Lusk Reservoir. Dave Young is also a regular contributor and participant in aftergame soirees. I appreciate Dick's comments on what seems to be very special game-time activities at Michie.

Back to the Duke-Army game; I mentioned Frank Robertson being there, and just shortly after that game, I received a long letter from Frank from Myrtle Beach, SC, the Grand Strand area. As a semi-ret realtor, Frank keeps his golf game honed, his bowling average up and his 32 ft cruiser moving through the water as frequently as possible. Frank's a single guy now, but reports that his son Wally is now a CPT at Ft Campbell, and son Frank is in the bus machine business in OH. Frank says he may be joining us in the DC area soon, so we look forward to seeing him. Thanks for the nice letter, Frank.



1955: Frank Robertson shows off his cruiser Charlie Flynn dropped a note to report

he & Rita have become hard-core Arizonians in Prescott. Charlie recounts a meeting last summer with some students of Embry-Riddle Aero Univ where he teaches. One of the students had his dad in tow and Charlie learned this gent was an airline cpt and had some AF service. On peeling back some more personal history by each, Charlie discovered he was talking to Ron Murray, who now lives in the Boston area and captains for American AL. A little preliminary identity problem, but the spirit of '55 shows through. Weren't we supposed to know everyone by the back of his neck? As Charlie says, it was like two bullets colliding.

In a recent edition of the *Daedalus Flyer*, a publication of the natl mil pilots assoc, I ran across a snap of Tony Hansell and daughter Lisa taken at the assoc convention in San Diego in Jun. Tony continues to show his golfing prowess by grabbing off the low gross award at the convention golf tourney.

Received a nice, long letter from Ed & Nancy Rumsey from their home in Seneca, SC, where Ed's deeply into the sports complex bus. Nancy is busy with working for the State with the mentally retarded. Ed reports that both their daughters, Linda and Laura, presented them with grandsons this yr. I know Ed is anxious to have them able to get into racquetball at his sports center. Thanks for the letter, Brockaway.

Ed's letter raises the question of just how prolific our Class has become in terms of children and grandchildren. Maybe one day we can sort that out and fully appreciate how majestically spread the spirit and descendants of '55 are in this world. Boggles the mind!

I also had notes and invitations from Bill & Ronnie McWilliams in CA and Carl & Jo McNair here in No VA to attend post Army-Navy game functions. Hope to have news of these gatherings next time.

As a sad note, I had a call from Rollie Nordlie recently to report that his dad, Leif Nordlie, who was for so many yrs the squash and tennis coach at USMA, passed away in early Dec. There are a great many of us who swing racquets, or who try to, that remember this kind, energetic, motivating man as a friend and a mentor. Our sincere sympathies to Rollie and his family.

Finally, the mailers are out with the initial notice of the events for the 35th Reunion next 9-11 Nov, coincident with the Army-AF game at WP. I've talked to some of the 54 troops who staged such an event this yr, and they all had a super time. Danny Dienst is working hard for us to prepare. Plan now and set your agendas.

Even though this reaches you in mid-Feb, I'm putting it together before the holidays. Vicki & I sincerely hope your

holidays were filled with joy and warmth and the pleasures of friendship. Take care.

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There's a bit of the chill in the air, and the *ASSEMBLY* ed reminds me it is time to submit another few words about your doings. Christmas is still a few wks away; however, my submittal deadline is now!!! Please forgive me if I am unable to include your most welcome holiday greetings in this issue. It's just that I can't anticipate what you might say until I see it. Take heart. I'll make it up to you in the next report.

Gerry Richardson and **Farrell Patrick** have once again volunteered to devote their considerable talents to our next 5 yr reunion at WP—the 35th. Plans call for it to be held around the wkend of 26 Oct 91 when the Army football team meets Boston College at Michie Stadium. They are currently looking at the possibility of combining our reunion wkend with a wk-long cruise on one of the many "love boats" that regularly depart from the New York City area. In Jan 90, a mailing will go out to all Class members giving the details of the proposed cruise ship reunion. A questionnaire will solicit each member's opinion, and if favorable, the number of persons who would join the party. We will need at least 400 reservations to make this alternative a "go." This is certainly an exciting new approach, and I hope all of you will let your views be known and also encourage every other classmate to do the same. In any event, you can bank on Gerry and Farrell to make this another memorable gathering.

Gerry also mentioned that several classmates have combined to form an Army Athletic Assoc sponsored Class of '56 Five Star gp. Each member hosts a tailgate pre-game brunch or luncheon and a post-game cocktail party in the vic of the old Smith Rink. Hosting members this past football season were **Jim & Joyce Anderson**, **Jack & Nancy Conklin**, **John & Penny McGinn**, **Farrell & Nancy Patrick**, **Ed Rhodes** and family, and **Gerry & Barby Richardson**. Visitors who attended these delightful occasions included **Dave & Lu Palmer**, **Doc & Peggy Bahnson**, **John Snodgrass**, **Ernie & Burgie Cross**, **Heath Twitchell**, **Roger & Judy Root**, **Greg & Shirley Wold** and **Ward & Judy LeHardy**. This strikes me as a wonderful concept and should definitely increase the Class of '56 attendance at Army's home football games when the word gets around. **Gerry & Barby** are still very busy with their real estate property mgt and investment bus. Their son, **Wayne '83**, joined them 2 yrs

ago and is in charge of their maintenance support section. They are also excited that their son **Bryan '81** will be returning in June 90 to the Dept of Physical Education at WP. **Gerry** took time off in Jan 89 to return to Brooks AFB for a heart study physical. **Warren Keinath** and **Doc Bahnson** were there at the same time. **Dr Dale Clark** informed **Gerry** that this study activity will end soon unless the Natl Inst of Health or some other org picks it up. Let's hope that some way can be found to continue this study, particularly at this time when its findings could be the most illuminating for science and the avoidance of heart disease.



1956: Supe's reception before Army-Duke football game

Farrell Patrick sent me a separate letter and photo of classmates who attended the Army-Duke football game at Raleigh, NC. Those who smiled for the camera were **Doc Bahnson**, **Woody & Peggy DeLeuil**, **Jim & Joan Lane**, **Penny McGinn**, **Farrell & Nancy Patrick**, **Judy Rogers**, **Roger & Judy Root**, **Herb Wagenheim**. **Farrell** also mentioned that at least 21 '56ers that he knew of were headed for the Meadowlands Arena in NJ for the 89 Army-Navy football game and post game dinner. Hope someone will send along a few photos and a list of attendees for the next column. Finally, **Farrell** indicated **Bill McPeek** is planning a mini-reunion at the AF Academy for the 6-8 Sep 90 wkend. By the time you read this, you will probably already have received more details on this exciting event from the planning comm.

I was very pleased to receive a letter from **Patti Morelli** informing me of family news as well as the Army's plans to honor her late husband, **Don**, around Apr 90. The Army Engr Center and Ft Leonard Wood is constructing a new complex. The new officers' quarters will be dedicated to the memory of **Don** and named the **Morelli Heights Unaccompanied Officers Quarters**. **Patti** has been supplied a list of all '56 graduates; however, she fears that some of the addresses may not be current. In case you have not received a notice of this event by the time you read this, I suggest that you contact her directly for details by calling either (804) 722-9425 (res) or (804) 428-

5140 (off). **Patti** is still residing in the home that she & **Don** purchased in Hampton, VA, and for the past 4 yrs, has been with a commercial real estate and bus brokerage firm, **Furfaro Enterprises**, in VA Beach. Son **Michael (27)** is a graduate student at **Fairleigh Dickinson U** in the elec engring dept, has a fellowship commitment, and is teaching computer courses to undergraduates. He has published 3 papers in conjunction with **NASA**, **Greenbelt, MD**, and is looking forward to pursuing a PhD after graduation in May 90. Son **Mark (22)** completed flight tng at **Ft Rucker, AL** in Jul 89 as first in his class flying **Cobras**. He's a 2LT in the **RI Natl Guard** and will be working with the **MIT Lincoln Labs** in Boston on the **Space Def Initiative (SDI)** prog. He plans to begin his master's prog in mech engring at **MIT** in 90. Daughter **Nancy (22)** will be graduating soon from **Radford U** with a graphic arts degree and will be seeking employment in the **NYC** area.

Sam Kem sent along an excellent photo of **Jack & Patty Woodmansee** with **Sam & Ann** taken on the occasion of **Jack's V Corps** change of cmd ceremony in Ger. **Sam** felt that **Jack's** remarks to the assembled soldiers were statesmanlike, soldierly and memorable. **Patty** stood by his side at this event and received her own award for service. They were off to **Plano, TX** following the ceremony. In Aug, **Sam** was reassigned from his previous post as Chief of Staff, **US Army, Europe** and replaced **Ken Withers** as Dep Chief of Engrs. **Ken & Myra Withers** are remaining in the **DC** area where he has joined **RL Banks and Associates**. **Sam** believes that the only remaining '56ers in Europe on active duty are **John Shaud (SHAPE)** and **Tom Griffin (Italy)**.

John Polickoski wrote from his home in **Greensboro, NC** that he regrets to inform the Class he was unsuccessful in influencing his youngest son, **James**, to select **WP**. After graduating as valedic-



1956: John, James and Marianne Polickoski

torian of his HS class, he selected the **Naval Academy** and is now a midshipman in the Class of '93. This has given **John's** wife, **Allyson**, quite a problem for the Army-Navy game. She has requested that they sit in the end zone since they can't change sides at half time. **John &**



1956: The Kems and Woodmansees at Jack's V Corps change of cmd ceremonies, Ger

Allyson, what do you think of renting a balloon or a blimp seat?? John reports that their daughter Patricia and older son, Robert, are both married and, so far, have presented them 4 grandchildren. Patricia has a son and daughter; Robert has 2 daughters.

Russ Mericle had Renny & Barbara Hart and Rudy & Maude DeFrance over for cocktails at his home in Universal City, TX when Renny and Rudy were in that vic last Oct for their medical exam at Brooks AFB. The San Fran earthquake



1956: Renny Hart, Rudy DeFrance, Russ Mericle

hit while this visit was in progress, and Renny & Barbara had several anxious moments until they could verify by phone that their loved ones were not seriously injured and their home and import bus had been left relatively undamaged. Renny and Rudy reported that they were both pronounced by the Brooks AFB doctors to be in excellent health. I also received a letter and some photos from Mike Esposito. He has met a lovely woman from England and they are both talking about settling in Portu-

gal, along the Algarve coast. Mike is anxious to get in touch with Bob Schuler, who when last heard from was residing in Estoril, Portugal. So Bob, if you are reading this, please contact Mike at 2433 SE Delano Rd, Port St Lucie, FL 94952 or call him at (407) 337-0341.

I recently received a phone call from Angelo Bortolutti. Angie & Trisch (Trina) live in the San Diego area where he is dir of Contracts at Sermed, Inc. They have an excellent line of microcircuit products that are used for heart pace makers, implanted hearing aides, muscle stimulators and other def industry purposes. They have two daughters, Alita (24) and Angelina (22); and two sons, Martin (21), a sr at San Diego State U and Andrew (18), a frosh at the same univ. As for the Wilkers, we are looking forward to a very restful holiday and visiting our second home under construction in Boulder City, NV. Before I close out this report, I want to acknowledge the holiday greeting we have received to date from Art & Alicia Evans here in the L.A. area and from the Bill Seaton family residing in Front Royal, VA.

This is wishing all of you, wherever you are, a most joyful and healthy new decade of the 90's.

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I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday season, and that you have recovered sufficiently from the A/N game to start thinking about winning the next one. I was going to start the column with a note about our joint A/N Class luncheon,

which we won 35 to 34 (attendees), but somehow that pales compared to the game results. Of course my Navy daughter, Sarah, was on the phone from Tampa within two mins after the game to tell me that she wouldn't rub it in, and to see if I would bet retroactively. She has a strange sense of humor.

It is my sad duty to report that Bill Bishop died in Austin, TX on 10 Nov, after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Gayle, and 3 children. Charlie Quinn, who was his roommate in Beast, called to pass on the info, but did not have any more details. The 89 Register listed Kelly Harp as having died on 12 Apr 88, but I have no other info. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has some additional info so that I can pass it on to the Class. On behalf of the Class, I extend our sincere condolences to both families.

Before getting into the mail bag, which is rather sparse, I'd like to share a statistic with you that was sent to me by the AOG. It may help to explain why I'm not getting much mail. Of the 502 living members of the Class that the AOG has listed, only 318 (63%) subscribe to the ASSEMBLY. I hope it's not my writing that's driving them away, and that they are at least borrowing someone else's copy. They may be missing important info, like the details on how to collect if they were in the Navy Res prior to going to WP. At the last Class luncheon, 3 more classmates said they had received substantial sums from the govt based on their validated claims. Speaking of luncheons, we have had very good attendance at the last two, and currently plan to keep having them at Ft Myer on the first Thur of each mo. If you're in town, please join us. There's always room for one more. The Wash leadership is continuing to gather info about a possible cruise for our 35th reunion and will send out the details as soon as they put it all together. I haven't heard any comments from the Class at large, and would appreciate your input and thoughts about the idea.

Now to the mail. Got a season's greeting letter from Fletch & Carlyn Elder, which was a mixture of real estate news and family news. Fletch continues to sell houses at an impressive rate, and has now formed his own real estate firm, The Elder Gp, Inc, to manage his rental properties. He also completed all the requirements for the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist and Graduate, The Realtor's Institute; and qualified for RE/MAX's "Hall of Fame" award. Less than 100 of the company's 26,000 agents have earned that award to date. Congratulations, Fletch. It's been a busy yr. In the meantime, Carlyn continues to chair the Social Studies Dept at Falls Church HS, teaching American Civilization and AP Amer-

ican History. Son John is at UVA in Charlottesville, VA working on a PhD in systems engring, and is also a Research Fellow. His wife, Elizabeth, is teaching "Body and Soul" aerobics and taking some post-grad courses, while daughter Catherine Jean (age 1) doesn't do anything. Oh for the life of a one yr old. Son Scott and his wife Katherine just had a son, Samuel Scott (born 7 Nov 89), and are living in Ft Carson, CO, where he is a marketing engr for Hewlett-Packard, and she is a second yr law student at CU. The Elders will all be together in CO for the baptism of Samuel Scott on New Yrs Eve. Have a happy, and enjoy your grandchildren. Got a Hannukah card and letter from **Cliff & Sue Goodson**. They are still enjoying the early semi-ret life, living off the stock market, playing tennis (left-handed these days), and running. Sue even wins in both tennis tournaments and races. In one day, at the annual NM Games, she ran the 5000 m event, walked the 3000 m racewalk, ran the 1500 m event in the afternoon, and won all three in her age gp. That's great, but I'm tired just writing about it. It also seems that the Goodsons don't spend too much time at home. They spent all of Feb in HI, and visited son Rob & his wife Susann in Kearney, MO during Jun. Rob has completed his apprenticeship program with MOPub and is now a journeyman linesman. He did so well academically that he is now started into a company-sponsored program for business and mgt tng. Good luck. Son Rich & his wife, Isabel, bought their first home and are now spending most of their spare time fixing it up. As part of the effort, they've gotten into restoring antiques. To pay for all this they both work for Sandia Labs in Albuquerque, and Rich is running a small bike repair business on the side. I wonder if he ever sleeps. They also have a 2 1/2 yr old daughter, Bethany, who entertains her grandparents on lots of Sat evenings. She likes being spoiled. Son Craig was in a NMSU co-op program last spring and spent 6 mos at the Goddard Space Flight Center in MD. I'm sorry he never called. We would have been happy to see him. I understand, however, that he had more enjoyable company. He's now back at NMSU for his jr yr, and continues as a marketing major in the business college. Thanks for the letter, Cliff, and we look forward to seeing you next Jun.

Fox McCarthy wrote and enclosed a newspaper article with his letter. The article is about the first "water conservationist" ever hired in the state of GA, who is none other than Fox. He was hired by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority following concerns about the area water consumption during last summer's drought, and his goal is to convince people that a drought resistant landscape can be attractive and save

money. Fox says that immediately following his hiring he did a rain dance and it hasn't stopped raining since. Is there such a thing as a hot sun dance? We could sure use a little heat in the DC area right now. Anyway, Fox wanted to find out what all the green stuff is on the 28 acres that he & **Barbara** live on, so he braved returning to school with all the young people (a real eye opener), and graduated from the U of GA with a BS in horticulture in Dec 88. He says the job combines his Army background in public affairs and tng with his new technical knowledge, to give the right mix for developing landscape water conservation education programs and sell them to the public. Sounds good to me. Barbara works as a county agent and county dir for the State's Cooperative Extension Services, which also helps in providing contacts (even though she's in a different county) since the Extension Service is the educational arm for the State. Fox also sent a copy of a response to a citizen's ltr complaining about a proposed summer surcharge on water. The letter explained the rationale for the conservation program, and clearly demonstrated why Fox's PA background is important to his new job. Thanks for the education.

Charlie & Priscilla Quinn sent a holiday card and letter, both of which are greatly appreciated. As you may recall, Charlie ret from his job with IBM at the beginning of 89, giving up all those great trips to Japan (which he misses), and is now living the leisurely life of the truly ret. They have been trying to sell their house so that they can move down to Williamsburg and enjoy southern hospitality among the landed gentry. Actually, they just like the area. Unfortunately, the real estate market has not cooperated and they still haven't moved. I know just how they feel. I've been trying to sell a house near Ft Polk, LA for the last 3 yrs and haven't had even a nibble. Any buyers out there? Back to the Quinns. They have been taking advantage of the time by traveling around and visiting family, especially their children. Son Chuck & his wife Carol live right here in Annandale, VA, where Chuck is an advisory systems engr with IBM, and Carol is a mgr of fixed assets with Gannett. Son Jed is an associate telecommunications analyst with IBM, and his wife Lisa is designing swimsuits and casual wear for Robby Len. Daughter Jane, who lives in Charlotte, NC, is an internal auditor with the Belk Dept Store chain and does a lot of traveling in the southeastern US. And now for the big news. Carol & Chuck will make the Quinns grandparents in Apr. **Bernice** & I can fully appreciate the magnitude of news like that since my son Jacob & his wife Shari will make us grandparents around that time. Blessings on the children, and the grandchildren to be.

Notice how I cleverly slip in my personal news as I report on others. But enough of this subterfuge. Here's a quick run-down on the **Kovel** clan. Jacob & Shari and their two dogs and cat will move from Ft Belvoir to Ft Leonard Wood in Jan (sad day) because he is assigned to the Engr School. At least Jacob will move. If they don't sell their house in Dale City, the rest may just live here for awhile. Daughter Sarah is still living in Tampa (she's assigned to USSOC) and she has now taken up skydiving. That's in addition to her racketball, basketball, running, and coaching soccer. She hardly has enough time to do her job in the J2 shop, especially since she comes up to DC every couple of wks for meetings. She was at a Jr Intelligence Officer's conference a couple of wks ago (sponsored by our own **Ed Soyster** of the DIA) and met **Arlyn Madsen's** son, who is an intel analyst with the Coast Guard. Daughter Ruth has now settled in Israel, where she is a design ed for the *Jerusalem Post*, and enjoying it. We hope to visit her in Feb. Speaking of Israel, I must once again thank my favorite TWA pilot, one **Buddy Bullotta**, for sending me a travel poster depicting a planeload of people flying to Israel. It is great. Daughter Rachel is the quality assurance mgr for Koons Ford in Baltimore, and bringing new meaning to the word "quality." The dealerships ratings have been rising ever since she joined them. Daughter Rebecca is now a full-time teacher in the Fairfax County school system, having landed a position on her first try. She's teaching a third grade, and those kids don't know how lucky they are to have such a wonderful teacher. **Bernice** is still the DRE for the Jewish Chapel at Ft Belvoir and even filled in for the chaplain for awhile when the Army was moving people around. I have just changed positions at work, and am now the prog mgr for TASC's SETA contract with SDIO. I should also mention that **Bill Echevarria** has joined TASC and has an office down the hall from mine. In case I forgot to say it at work, welcome to TASC, Bill. That's it for the Kovels.



1957: MG (then BG) Fred Gorden with Bob Tener; Founders Day 1989, Dallas, TX

The AOG sent me a picture of **Bob Tener** taken at Founders Day in Dallas, TX. One note I picked up out of the *Army Times*. **Dick Stephenson** has been assigned as the CG of OTEA, located right here in Alexandria. At the luncheon on 3 Dec I heard that he & **Diane** will move on to Ft Belvoir in the near future. I also learned that **Diane's** mother died the previous wkend, and would like to extend the Class' sincere condolences.

The AOG has notified me that they may be going to 6 issues a yr. Therefore, look for shorter columns in the future. In fact, if I don't get mail more frequently, I may have to skip a column or two. It's all up to you. Write.

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56th Column. 25 Nov and do hope that you all enjoyed a Grand Thanksgiving with families. This isn't due till 15 Dec, but between now and then I will be on the road to London, Montreal, Stratford and Mesa—so this natural procrastinator is defying his very nature by doing his 56th effort a bit early.

Starting point is the stuff that either didn't make the 55th which you'll read in the Jan ASSEMBLY or didn't get proper coverage. In the latter category is proper congratulations to **Bill Tuttle**, who was promoted to GEN (as in four stars) and assumed cmd of AMC on 26 Sep 89. The Old Guard turned in another perfect ceremony for the change of cmd and ret of GEN Lou Wagner '54 (for whom I was privileged to serve as XO while Wagner was DCSRDA).

Bill & Helen shared in a lovely reception with Lou & Judy Wagner at the Myer Club after the ceremony. A picture was taken of the **Tuttles** and classmates attending. With luck **Bill's** aide and our Class Exec Comm Chm **George Lawton** will produce the pic before press time or for the 57th Column. Again, heartfelt congratulations to our newest four star!

For the record, our four stars are **Pete Kullavanijaya** (B2) and **Sammy Sookmak** (M1) both of the Royal Thai Army; **Butch Saint** (I1) CINCUSAEUR; **Mike Dugan** (I2) CINCUSAFE; and **Bill Tuttle** (E2). Five is pretty close to 1% of the 573 who were grad on 4 Jun 58 (of course, we're 100% for the Royal Thai Army)!

Congratulations are also in order for **Phil Gibbs** (I2) who made up for his failure to provide a page in our 30th Reunion Book by editing/publishing the 30th Reunion Book for '59! **Phil** did manage a page for his second 30th book.

Our contributions to '59 number 28—let's see how many of them we can get to the next mini reunion (6-9 Sep 90 at Bar Harbor, ME), subsequent minis and to our 35th at WP in 93. For the next co

sweepstakes at Bar Harbor, your scribe will award one point per grad, two points per former classmate grad in 59 or 60, 3 points for a former classmate who did not grad from our Alma Mater, and 5 points for a TAC! CCQs get to work, bitte sehr.



1958: Daughter Kelly and mother Margaret—hostesses for Palm Springs mini reunion

Classmates at the 13 Oct luncheon to hear **Joe Paes** pitch on the changing face of WP included **Nels Conner**, **Jerry Mitchell**, **Phil Gibbs**, **John Schroeder**, **Ernie Hasselbrink**, **Chuck Cabell**, **John Evans**, **Pete Brintnall**, **Dick Osborn**, **Van Fleet**, **Tom Conti**, **Pete Byrne**, **Dick Webb**, **Bill Gillette**, **George Lawton**, **Lee Miller**, **Brad Johnson**, **Chuck Hansult**, **Mark Sigurski**, **Bill Stambaugh**, **Bob Rhodes**, **Dale Hruby** (who provided an update on the work of the Memorial Comm—not covered here because you'll get better poop via **George Lawton's** first letter to the Class), **Dick Reidy**, **Bob Moore**, **Joe Paes** and yours truly.

And then on 17 Nov a larger and unrecorded crowd showed up to host our annual luncheon with USNA '58—both classes must have totaled 80 plus. The squids outnumbered us in active duty types attending (3 admirals: one vice, one rear-upper-half, and one rear-lower-half to our one MG **Andy Andreson**). We will have adjoining rooms at the Holiday Inn in Crystal City on 9 Dec to watch Army Beat Navy. The crabs have challenged us to some games a'la the luggage rack race on the train to Phila—won by **Mimi Nun** and **Bill Shepard**.

The annual report of classmate sightings at AUSA is missing because I was there too briefly and saw only a few of the many classmates who normally attend this annual affair. I did see my roommate, **Clyde Brown**. **Clyde & Ethel** have ret from Ft Sill to Lawton, where **Clyde** works for the Chamber of Commerce. He promised to call for lunch and more news on his next trip to DC. Also saw **Dick Reynard**, who ret from his post as Cmdr, V Corps Arty and returned to DC. Welcome back, **Dick & Bibs**.

Note from **Dick Reidy** with his check for the Reunion Book purchased at the Oct luncheon: "I'm glad you offered me the book, it's something I've wanted to get, but it kept getting lost in the 'ground

clutter.' I've enjoyed looking it over. It's got a lot of good info. The comm did a great job." This endorsement is run here as an advertisement for those of you who have let ordering the book get lost in the "ground clutter." It is not too late, send me \$45, or call and offer to send the check when you've received the book.

Just had such a call from **Barry Zwick**, to whom a book was mailed yesterday and from whom a check was received today! Seems **Dick Reidy** called Barry and suggested he get a copy. Thanks to both Barry and Dick!



1958: Rave, Inez & Joe McElroy, Roxie & guest and Dan Yarr

Yesterday a copy was also mailed to our First CPT, **Bob Durkin**. Bob was prompted to order a book by his CCQ, **Bob Rhodes**. **Dusty Rhodes** recently wrote to all the F1 files with co news and addresses. He also let 'em know who hadn't ordered a book and who still owed money for copies received. **Jim Frick** also sent me a check for a book in response to **Dusty's** letter. Unfortunately, my inefficiency resulted in **Frick's** copy not getting mailed yesterday—with luck it will go out on Mon. **Dusty** may even sell a copy to his F1 Tac, LTG **Harry Griffith**, the First CPT of '49. Or maybe **Dusty** will give him a copy when/if he attends a '58 reunion to pick up the book. Who knows to what lengths a CCQ will go for reunion sweepstake points?

Two letters from **Ted Hepner** re checks for the book. The first check was \$145 payable to USMA Class Fund '58. I returned it and asked for two separate checks: \$45 payable to **George Sibert** for the book and \$100 payable to West Point Fund ('58 Memorial). Good news is that **Ted** followed the simple directions, the bad news is that neither letter provided news of the **Hepners** in Ger, where **Ted** is a chaplain (COL) in HHC, 6th ASG (whatever that is) at Box 374, APO NY 09154 (wherever that is).

Sam & Leslie Myers came by with pictures from the Palm Springs mini (some in last column, 5 more in this one) just before AUSA. Their news is that **Sam** moved from **Garrett Aerospace** to **ALCOA Composites** as dir of Armor Programs. They physically moved from

Scottsdale, AZ to Santa Ana, CA. Sam invites one and all to stop in while "on the way to Disneyland or the beach."

Their first houseguests were **Stan & Jill Bacon** from Austin, TX. The following report was written by **Sam** before the fact: "Stan and I take off on 1 Nov on second annual trip to Mexico to revisit scenes of our youth while **Jill** and **Leslie** do their annual Quilters' Soc meeting in Houston. We'll rendezvous in Guadalajara, worship at the shrine of the Mother Maquey in Tequila (yes—home of Jose Cuervo), then visit Paraclio to buy guitars: Stan a professional flamenco and Sam a beginners model. Ole!"

More from **Chuck Densford's** letter of 11 Mar: "As for us, we are still sitting on a fortune that we can't sell, or at least haven't been able to sell yet! Last Jul we moved back to Ft Hood area to fix up our 'ranch' after 10 yrs of renters, and then sell it. In Aug we had a family reunion, with our kids and grandkids that lasted two wks. We worked on the house for a while in Sep, then went back east for the reunion and visits along the way. By the end of Oct we had done some of the work and had moved in, but we had no kitchen (guttled) and only one bathroom (one gutted). The heat was on to get the remodeling done before family returned for Christmas (aside: the kitchen made it but bathroom didn't). I did get the bathtub reinstalled just before New Year's Eve, but that didn't bone me any of the lost files!

"I did get a sink and vanity rebuilt before **Linda Mellin**, her daughter **Susie** and two sweet little granddaughters arrive in mid-Jan. (Chuck then went to Pipe Creek, TX to visit his mother, intending to return for 5 Feb luncheon at **Dick & Bev Graves** in honor of **Chuck Teeter**, visiting from Ft Sheridan). I got iced in in the hill country and didn't get back till the night after the luncheon. By not making it to the luncheon, I also missed my chance to see **Gene Wentworth** in something besides his choir robes at St Christopher's Episcopal Church in Killeen. Since returning I have seen Gene 4 times, all at church. I think he does something else, I just haven't found out what it is. As for **Fred Mayer**, I haven't seen him. He works in Austin at the Balcones Research Inst and spends very little time in Killeen. Perhaps he'll be at Founders Day."

Chuck wrote again in Sep: "never heard back from you about the reunion book, so I assume my part of the mystery is cleared up." Wrong, this was written before he received the Oct *ASSEMBLY* which prompted yet another letter. The Reunion Book project was worth it simply on the basis of letters from **Densford** alone! The Sep letter reveals that **Chuck** has found out what **Gene Wentworth** is doing besides singing: "He is a fund raiser for Central Texas College (now the Univ of Central TX)."



1958: Margaret Groves, Barbara Sands and Carole Smith

Chuck continues, "**Stan Toney** was in town on several occasions in Jul and Aug. He lives in Denver, works for Martin-Marietta and was down helping troops at Ft Hood with the All Source Analysis Center. We tried to get a Runt Reunion together the wkend of 14-16 Jul, but **Phil Raign** went to NJ, **Dick Buckalew** had to prepare for a criminal trial as def lawyer, and **Stan** went back to Denver. **Muggs McCullough & Margaret Mary** were going to come down (from Lubbock), but we decided to slip the date for the RR to Oct when **Stan** is returning and bringing **Joan** with him. There are 5 A2 files in TX, so we can have a reunion even if **Stan** doesn't come back. We might invite **Dick Graves** (M1) as our honorary 1st Regt runt!"

There's more, "**Chuck & Karen Teeter** came through the wk before Labor Day. We had a nice visit to include **Stan Toney** and the **Teeters'** basset hound, **Dinah**. **Karen** noticed the picture of **Chuck** was missing." (This is the famous "Space Angel" pic of **Teeter** which almost made the Reunion Book, but didn't when threatening letters were received—unfortunately, the pic is now missing somewhere in the Reunion Book files, and scribe is in the **Densford** doghouse). **Chuck** has found an airfield NW of Austin, but is still trying to sell his 'ranch' to finance the airport.

At the Tuttle/AMC change of cmd my baseball fan wife, **Judy**, learned from **Nels Conner** that he played shortstop on his HS team with **Don Zimmer** at 2d base and **Fry** at 1st (both now with Chicago Cubs). When she got home I added that **Nels** was Army's baseball team cpt!

Ed & Andrea Jasaitis wrote before coming to DC area in Aug to visit daughter and son-in-law, **Kristina & Jay Ennis**. Unfortunately, we were away while they were here. Do know that **Ed** is still pursuing his doctoral program at FSU in Tallahassee.

Dottie Castle wrote in Aug about **Jim's** election as chm of the board of Infotron, an intl provider of integrated strategic networks. **Jim** was already the pres and CEO, so the chmship was added to his workload. Would we call that an "additional duty?" Congratulations, **Jim**!



1958: Easley and Brad Eliot

More old business. The May flyer for the annual swimming party at the Nuns' qualified **Mimi** for a "Jae Stanton Award" according to **Mark Sigurski** and **George Lawton**. Seems **Mimi's** original flyer omitted such minor details as date, time and place. The flyer mailed to all hands corrected those sins of omission. Then **Herb & Betty Puscheck** arrived on Sat, 24 Jun for the party which was to begin on Sun, 25 Jun. Showing their true grit, **Herb & Betty** did come on Sun in the face of taking a ration of gas from all assembled. They made up for the early arrival Sat by being late on Sun, the proper day!

Still need 6 issues of the *ASSEMBLY*. At the 80% mark for this column I am caught up on old news and can attack the current stuff. First, letter from **Jerry Betts**: "The purpose of this note is to bring to your attention a recently published book, *Pleiku, the Dawn of Helicopter Warfare in Vietnam*, by **JD Coleman**, St Martin's Press, NY 1988. The book is an interesting history of the 1st Air Cav's beginning and early combat, but my reason for writing is that it has a number of references in it to **Tony Nadal**, and they are quite flattering to him. I thought there may be those who would be interested in reading about the combat achievements of one of our own." You bet! Thanks for the poop, **Jerry** (in Garland, TX—beaucoup classmates in TX—still a prime candidate area for a future mini, perhaps Austin or San Ant).

Our active duty ranks are getting thinner each mo. **George Robertson** had his ret reception, luncheon, and review on 22 Nov. **He & Gale** and twins are off to Portland, OR on 2 Dec, thereby missing the annual BEAT NAVY RALLY at **Florence & Alan Salisburys'**. The Portland gang of **Connells, OK Hills, Vantures**, and now the **Robertsons** may be candidates for a future mini also.

Somewhat too long (but only used half the photo allowance). Perhaps the ed will either have compassion in light of my plea for more issues, more space, or he may be magnanimous by virtue of having received it so early. News between now and the 15 Dec deadline becomes overflow for the 57th Column. You'll read this one in Mar *ASSEMBLY*



1958: Mason, Sibert, Andreson, AA Smith



1958: Mark Andrew ex-'79 and Jack May—Trans Amazon Rallye (17 May 88)

and the Christmas messages will be submitted then for the May ASSEMBLY. Ciao.

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Bill Luther is to be thanked for the excellent photos of Ed Burba, who became CINC FORSCOM on 27 Sep at Ft McPherson. Ed assumed cmd from GEN Colin Powell, who had by then been named to succeed ADM Crowe as Chm, JCS. Bill and Douglas Campbell represented the Class at the ceremony, and Ed told them how sorry he & Trish had been to miss the reunion. The crush of events had just made it impossible.



1959: GEN Burba, ADM Crowe and GEN Powell at FORSCOM Change of Cmd

Bill took the opportunity, he says, to share with Ed some of the highlights of the reunion. These included the won-

derful time we had seeing so many old friends, including some we had not seen since graduation. Of course, he had to note we won the football game. The rain and cold that accompanied us to dinner at Buckner were provided, he was sure, to remind us of past experiences there. And he had to mention that his co, I-2, with most of the infamous area birds present, had 14 of 17 members at the reunion. That, he believes, was the best representation of any co. Anyway, Ed knew he had missed a special experience.



1959: GEN Burba and ADM Crowe

Jerry Hilmes' promotion to LTG on 29 Sep was attended by most of the family, as the photo will attest. Geri helped pin on the new insignia, and LT Gary, SIU '85, and CPT Bruce '83, both tankers, assumed the position of attention. Son Doug, U of I '85, is studying for an MBA at Northwestern and couldn't make it. Andrew, the youngest, who is a HS sr, was present but somehow missed the photo op.

Contrary to any misleading prior info, Jerry's job is DISC4—Dir of Info Systems for Cmd, Control, Communications, and Computers—which means he's responsible for all Army tactical, strategic, and administrative telecommunications and computer resources. The admin side includes automation, publishing, printing, records mgt, and visual info. The short title is the Info Mission Area, and the bottom line is \$12.6 billion.

The Hilmeses are currently occupants of Quarters 10 at Ft McNair (20024), and they have an open door for classmates passing through the DC area. The Class wishes them, as well as the Burbas, the best of success in these important new asgmts.

Emmett McCracken writes that he & Teddy were sorry to miss the reunion but that they almost made it. They were en route as of 20 Sep and had gotten as far as Teddy's brother's house in NJ when they learned that Hurricane Hugo was projected to sweep across their front yard in Bluffton, SC. So Thur they decided to retrace quickly their steps, even at the time wondering what miracles their small force might work to avert the

pending catastrophe. But the storm, passing elsewhere, missed them, they missed the reunion, and Emmett now recalls the wisdom of never changing your first answer on an algebra exam.

Emmett ret from a final Pentagon asgmt last Jun and decided to return home (Bluffton is near Hilton Head) to join his family's antique business and build a home. He is hopeful of applying his knowledge of Korea to some intl business and security consulting on the side. While waiting for their new house to be built, Emmett & Teddy have bought an interim home at Moss Creek Plantation. Current phone nos are (803) 757-5521 at home and 757-2511 at work, and they hope we will call.

The McCrackens have 3 sons. Jack is a CPT with 5th SFG at Ft Campbell. He is married with 3 children and a 4th on the way. Bill, their second, served with the 25th Inf Div and at ETS elected to stay in HI. He is now a painting contractor in Hilo. Hank, the youngest, is a community college student in NC and is pursuing a career in avn. Emmett suggests that we schedule our next reunion outside of hurricane season.



1959: GEN Burba and GEN Powell

Mark & Judy Magnussen are in Manassas and run their own business, which is contracting construction and base operating services (maintenance, custodial, plant ops, motor pools, etc.) for the federal gov. They recently received a \$27.6 million contract with FAA to run their technical center in Atlantic City. Mark says he's found that the more employees you have, the more headaches you have. Of the Magnussen children, Christie, 21, is working and attending community college in Northern VA. Tracey, the 2 yr old, is doing well and keeping her parents running. They are finding, says Mark, that having a 2 yr old does have some adverse effects upon running one's own business. Mark also mentions a distraction in his basement; namely, a cockatoo, 5 parrots, 5 love birds, 2 conures, a lory, and 22 cockatiels. The din must make hearing those multimillion dollar orders more difficult. You know, of course, the difference between a cockatoo and a cockatiel.

Joe Shea attended a mock trial in



1959: Jerry, Geri, Gary and Bruce Hilmes, GEN RisCassi is at left

Newark, OH on a wkend last fall. The event was staged by Civil War buffs and purported to get to the bottom of the legend of "Johnny Shiloh," a nickname for a real person named Johnny Clem. Clem was a drummer boy who, the story goes, rallied the Union troops at Shiloh; and later at Chickamauga, shot a Confederate cavalry col out of the saddle, sub. The exploits are recounted in the 1959 novel *Johnny Shiloh*, co-authored by former OH Gov James A Rhodes and journalist Rollin Dean Jauchius, and the accuracy of the reported facts was the issue argued at trial.

Anyway, Joe reports that **Sandy Beach** was also at the mock trial, and that Sandy is Johnny Clem's great-grandson. Attending with Sandy were his son, John Clem Beach, and his father, GEN Dwight E Beach, whom we remember as CG of the 82nd Abn Div during our graduation yr, and who later went on to cmd the Eighth Army and USARPAC.

Sandy's great-grandmother, whom Clem married, was herself the daughter of LTG William Henry French, Class of 1837; so that when you add Sandy's son, Trip '84, you have quite a lineage associated with WP and service to the country. "Johnny Shiloh" attended his granddaughter's marriage to GEN Beach at San Ant in 37, so we practically grip hands with the legend.

Jerry Betts '58, calls our attention to the book, *Pleiku, The Dawn of Helicopter Warfare in Vietnam*, by JD Coleman, St Martin's Press, NY, 1988. Jerry notes that there is extensive mention of **Buse Tully** in it and it is very complimentary. The author discusses in some detail actions by Buse and his co during his first tour in Vietnam and, according to Jerry, it cannot help but make those of us who knew Buse proud. Beyond the personal aspect, the author does a good job of chronicling the 1st Air Cav's beginning and early combat ops.

Tom Russell has been kind enough to supply the following list of classmates interred at the WP Cemetery. The numbers in parentheses indicate the section, row, and site, respectively: **Bearce** (XXXIV, C, 132); **Cannon** (VI, D, 197);

Haskin (II, A, 10); **Mansfield** (VI, D, 199); **McCahan** (VI, D, 196); **McInerney**, J (X, M, 262); **Nash** (VIII, F, 287); **Simpson** (XXXV, C, 27); **Thudium** ((XXXV, G, 117); **Train** (XV, B, 31); **Tully** (VIII, F, 312); **Wands** (XVII, A, 5); **Wensinger** (VIII, F, 298); and **Woods** (VIII, C, 139). Tom's list of wives and children interred at WP is not complete, and we solicit your help in correcting the list. What he does have is one wife, **Barbara W Friedel** (VI, A, 61); 3 children, Frederick M Franks, III, and Frederick C Franks (both at XIII, G, 223) and Kathleen H Sundt (V, D, 180); and one grandchild, Scott J Reinhard (XXXV, G, 111).

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Big turnout for Army-Navy game; seen or reported at game were **Marmon, Hall, Remus, Rodman, Prosser, Seward, Baldwin, Carnaghi, Griffis, Chapman, Herman, Hogarth, Jezior, Lincoln, Lowrey, Mandry, Marcinkowski, Oswandel, Shimek, Lambert, Cerjan, McManus, Donahue, O'Connell, Schneider**, many with wives but I didn't get all their names so some may be overlooked on the above-list.

Jim Lincoln asked that we re-advise you: It's 90 and the reunion is very close! We still are missing many biographies and pictures. Get the word out. We also have many classmates with unknown addresses. They are **DK Allen, Cullins, Douglas, Earl Eubanks, Gene Griffith, Hargrove, Kuklinski, Lynn, Manlongat, Mowery, O'Leary, Perez, Schiemann, JR Smith, Trodella, Barnett, Dawdy, Estes, Fox, Hackett, Kling, Leech, MacLachan, Marcy, Nealy, Orr, Rich, Schmitt, Stanley**. Send leads to Jim Lincoln, 6901 Oak Court, Annandale, VA 22003 (703) 256-0608.

The 30th Reunion at the Ryetown Hilton, 13-16 Sep 90 is shaping up well. The Class plans 3-4 days of activity, including sports events, tours, dinner-dance, memorial service, Class meeting, and, of course, the football game. No money required in advance, just inform your co rep and plan to be there! (We still need volunteers to help with reunion activities—contact **Jim Lincoln**). Both the \$60 for the yr-book, and biographies/pictures are long overdue but get them in anyway! Send old pictures of classmates, reunions, etc, for the yr-book, and your checks/bios to Jim Lincoln.

Congratulations, we heard many things at the game to wit: **Nevins** is married! We probably still have some bachelors, but none so well-known! So ends an era. **Marcinkowski** just completed law school and had one of **Duke Schneider**'s kids as a classmate; congratulations to both. **Don Prosser** runs a large

section of manufacturing for Johnson & Johnson and seems to enjoy it.

Small "Class" gathering at **Lowery's** in England recently with photos showing a "Class" class-champagne flutes, pretty women, fine topography, must be '60. (Lowery, **John Denton, John Fyfe** and **Sibert** '58). John Denton was in the



1960: Fyfe, Lowrey and Denton; Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, UK

UK with his wife for a med lecture/pleasure trip and ran into Lowery on Picadilly Square.



1960: Fyfe, Sally Lowrey, John & Karen Denton, Lowrey and Sheila Fyfe

Al Dunlap's asst **Sharon** keeps burying me with P.R. She seems not to realize we already know of Al's myriad successes as Sir James Goldsmith's "Rambo in Pin Stripes. . . ." Here's the release in toto (as in ". . . we're not in KS anymore"). "Albert J Dunlap, Class of '60, was recently elected Chief Exec Officer and Chm of the Board of Anglo Leasing, a British publicly listed co. In conjunction with this appt, a new holding co will be established under the control of Mr Dunlap which will identify, acquire and operate significant publicly quoted UK cos. It is anticipated that the companies to be acquired will be valued in the billions of dollars. The announcement was the subject of numerous worldwide TV and print media bus reports over the last mo. Al was the subject of a featured article in the 12 Mar 89 *London Times*. The co will be in association with Sir James Goldsmith, reported to be one of the wealthiest persons in the world, and the Honorable Jacob Rothschild of the famous Rothschild banking family.

"Al, whose successes include the financial turnaround at Lily Tulip Inc, has been chm and chief exec off of GOSL Acquisition Corp located on Hilton Head Isl, SC since 86. During this period of time he transformed the former Crown Zellerbach ops, which were acquired in 86 by GOSL Acquisition Corp, into one of the country's most productive and efficient forest products cos in the USA.

"Al & his wife **Judy** and their dog **Ca-dette** [sic] will be moving to London, England in Jun of this yr (89). Al expressed that he & Judy are looking forward to the numerous business and professional opportunities which await them. They have, however, mixed feelings about the move as they are completing the construction on their beautiful new multi-million dollar home located on the waters of Wexford in Hilton Head."

Chuck Valliant B-1 reunion rep reports that his co is fully accounted for, save **John Hargrove**, who is among our missing—anyone with info on John's location call Chuck at (804) 727-3681.

Also, **Jim Dement** writes asking classmates to send corrections to what purports to be a list of those deceased Class members whose obituaries have yet to be printed in the *ASSEMBLY*. The list reads as follows: **Titus (G2), Flannery (M2), Windsor (C1), Bunting (I2), Stem (L2), Johnson (A2), Janszen (M2), MacAuley (H2), Clement (L1), Giese (H2), McInerney (M2), Drake (A2), Wiley (F1), Tamplin (A2), Bobula (D1), Dorsey (K2), Whitmore (M2), Sapper (K1)**. Thanks for your help in advance. Jim's address is 9408 Midvale Rd, Richmond, VA 23229.

More recently, **Otstott**, got a 3rd star and heads back to NATO for duties we believe on arms reduction planning and negotiating. Sounds like right man for this job. We understand **Carpenter** with 3 stars is currently in Korea on an accompanied tour.

Class column needs more input—Class reunion reps sometimes get news in to me but it's helpful for others to write—do it now. Thanks. Here's a proverb til next issue which the table commandants of Aug 56 could have pondered: "The cobbler to his last and the gunner to his linstock," from Smollett's *Roderick Random II*. (1748) We'd likely have translated it—Sir the cobbler is on the table, the gunner took the last linstock?

All for now folks?

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The big Three-0 is definitely on track. **John Kilkenny** was observed on the streets of NYC (8th Ave & 53rd), pro-

claiming that **Pete Heimdahl** and he were zeroing in on the wkend of 26 Oct 91; so at least tentatively put that date on the agenda. This chance encounter (and where else would one expect to run into the "Killer?") was very timely in view of questions from the throng who attended the AUSA Convention. Among them were **Stan Clough** who had just returned from his son's wedding; **Bob Frix**, Dep Cmdr at Ft Rucker; **Paul Valley**, Dep USAR Affairs, WESTCOM. **Charlie**



1961: AUSA fun and games: Clough, Frix, Valley and Lou Hennes, Bob's boss

Hansell was there from Knox where he is CG, ROTC Rgn II (son is in '93); **Webb Kremer** is also at Knox; and **Linda & Jim Connolly** are in Louisville. **Ben Covington** from TRADOC was seen scrutinizing the mil-industrial exhibits to include some of the reps such as **Ham Evans, Howie DeWitt, Chuck Windsor, Gary Hyde, Bill Heiberg, and Don Couvillion** who were in their always fine form. **Don Lionetti** was en route to be CG, Bliss, but awaiting the Senate to approve the MG list (such problems); **Georgia & Gene Witherspoon** were also waiting for his new BG asgmt; **Larry Budge** and **Bob Rosenkranz** were spotted rushing to the Chief's luncheon; a good time was had by all who report that so many of the Class were there, that AUSA looked like a practice p-rade for the next reunion. **Ray Starsman** and **Bob Glass** were hosts at lunch and fine conversation; Ray has two grandkids who have been visiting; he & **Marsha** love it! Daughter **Margo** is married to son **Scott's** USNA roommate who is in A-6 school; Scott is at the NPG, Monterey.

At about the same time, at Ft Benning **Sandy Walters** and **Ron Hannon** were watching their kids "go abn" . . . a great thrill for all, especially the proud dads! Prior to jump school, Sandy had sworn in daughter **Jennifer Lynn**, a DMG from Duke and MI at Huachuca. Sandy & wife **Petie** (a great correspondent) are still in Winston-Salem and have been able to enjoy the games at Duke along with **Mike Ekman**, who is still leading the tng aids business at Ft Eustis.

Hal Gaither has made headlines again for his competent work as a juvenile judge in Dallas; **McNiel '45** has provided a news article that notes Hal as wish-



1961: At Benning: Hannon, Tom and Sandy Walters



1961: Duke Univ: Sandy commissions daughter Jennifer Lynn

ing for a "boot camp" that would help to square away juvenile offenders. Hal's leadership on these issues could very well turn the tide in the area. Also in the news late last yr was **Marty Walsh** who is serving forcefully as the MD Secy Environment; the news article reports Marty is running a hard core op and has the governor's full support.

Along with the other headlines last fall from the Philippines came news from **Lois & Bill Seltz** that **Pres Aquino** had promoted **Ty Cunanan** to BG; wife **Belinda** and brother **Carlito USNA '58** (Chief of PI Navy) were there to cheer and cherish the event.

The big story from the west coast is that **Rod Grannemann** finally crossed the 5-0 mark. The photo op gave Rod a chance to remind the rest of us that being 50 is nifty. **Wanner** has started his own



1961: Going like 50

consulting firm; **Red Dog Armstrong** is in the banking world; **Valley** made this

photo too; **Gleichenhaus** is still at the Presidio of S.F., is looking to ret and insists that he will not open a child care center; **Red Zaldo** has his own oil services rep business, working out of S CA; **Jay Cook** is a booming chiropractor in Monterey . . . and Rod, well he is now a "Regional Marketing Services Specialist" (evidently consultant is a 4-letter word in some circles); in his travels he has bumped into **Van Gorder, Sykes, and Wooten** in Riyadh.

WRAP UP: **Protzman** is still fixing bones in Ft Worth; the memories of the



1961: Westpheling with Protzmans; Founders Day 1989, North TX



1961: Rauch, Glass, Schroeder (USNA), DeVries, Dewar at Debbie's DeVries' wedding

DeVries extravaganza live on. The Urettes continue to cruise Tampa Bay; **Nan & Tom Sherburne** were in Europe recently promoting PA state business. **Ken Hruby** had another successful sculpture exhibition in W Newton, MA.

Sometimes it may be appropriate to editorialize so I'll pass on this thought: 55% of our Class are subscribers which is below the average; AOG also needs updated addresses for the Register; my guess is that so many time demands cause many to forget to send in the poopsheets; perhaps 90 is a good yr to ask the other 45% to subscribe to ASSEMBLY and update AOG.

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HELLO '62! Congrats to MAJ GEN Wayne Downing new CMDR JSOC Ft Bragg. We knew all that snake stuff

would pay off! Dec 89. During Oct at AUSA I ran into many classmates including **Wayne Willis, Geo Handy, Ron Brown, Rick Kelly, Jim Peterson, Bob Douglas, Harry Frazier, and Tom Simcox**. Douglas still needs fertilizer. Peterson, looking as if he just stepped off the courts, is doing TV appearance prep for executives in NYC and is a new POS-SLQ. Harry has been with Boeing, KS for 4 yrs.



1962: Handy and Kelly at AUSA.



1962: Much older graduates Witherspoon and Hyde selling Ron Brown baldness cure at AUSA.

Linda Simcox made it to their basement 3 seconds before the Huntsville Nov tornado took off half their home. Huddling uninjured with the family dog, she waited out the screaming 20 sec blast listening to breaking glass, crunching and shudders. They will be in temporary quarters for 4 mos during rebuild. Other Huntsville classmates made it unscathed.

Larry Gunderman wrote from Rt 8, Box 542, Russellville, AL 35653, that he has made it to the big pension ranks in USAR. He reported that **Tom Kilmartin** has also made BG USAR and will be in ARPERCEN.

Phil Pons sponsors a monthly luncheon for '62 at Suburban Wash DC Army-Navy Country Club. They have the 3rd Fri reserved 11:20 am thru 1:30 pm. Those in DC area are encouraged to break bread with this growing bunch of folks. **Judge Mack Howard** wrote that he met several classmates at the Army-Duke game including **Mike & Nina McDonnell, Jack Evans**-(Asheville, NC), **Barry & Nancy Butzer** (recently ret to



1962: Gunderman stars from MG Land and wife Anna.

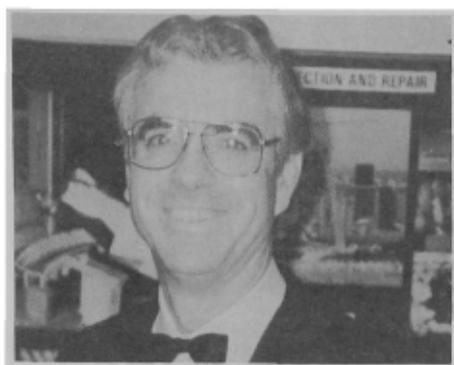
Sanford, NC), **Geo Kirschenbauer** (recently ret to Wash DC), **Gus Fishburne**. Gus is very proud of cadet daughter Holly. She was the honor grad of her summer airborne tng class of 200 and has been elected capt of Academy women's soccer team. Her athletic prowess runs in great contrast to Gus's own record.

Bert Goldberg sends greetings to the class from Denver. He went on a Safari to Kenya this past fall. Son David was awarded a Cmdr's Incen Leadership Scholarship from Univ of CO. Proud papa Bert offers welcome mat for any classmates passing through Denver. I saw fellow CO res **Denny Reimer** at AUSA. Doing good things at Ft Carson, Denny maintains his cadet weight. Word in the streets says **Dick Sklar** has moved to 5362 S Geneva Way, Englewood, CO 80111, to be closer to his favorite beer maker. Might send him requests for samples. Skiing buffs might want to look up **Jay Witt** who could offer a place to crash in one of America's best skiing areas. Contact him at PO Box 680101, Park City, Utah 84068.



1962: Arnold and Pardi in Texas.

Steve Arnold visited **Lee Pardi** at Acad of Health Sciences, Ft Sam Houston in Jun 89. Steve & Lee shared a jump at Ft Bragg before Lee transferred to TX. Dejavu from jumpmasters course at Benning, 25 yrs earlier. **Bernie Skown** set up a post Navy game gathering in NJ. Attendees incl **Bob Broqi, Dick Barry, Bill Cross, Dave Francis, Tom McGarry, Dick Storat, Ron Tumlin, Wayne Willis** and others. Too bad game results floundered. Party was a success. We had a



1962: Wayne Willis at AUSA.

reduced size gathering in Phx. As usual Mr Lewis did a great job running the show.

If you get the time, take some pictures at the next informal gatherings you attend for publication. Photo reception is enthusiastic. People like to see how well they look compared to the rest of us. Does anyone live in WI? Why? . . . Be Well.

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Along with our Com, GEN RG Stilwell (Ret), Whitaker, Lee, Westermeier, Benjamin and scribe attended Allen Clark's swearing-in as asst secy of Veterans Ln and Program Coordination in the Dept of Veteran's Affairs on 22 Nov. A tough job but we all know Allen will do well. A news release from Genesco announced appt of Kent Wall as new pres of Johnson & Murphy Shoe Co. Kent had been VP of sales and marketing since 85; Kent & Susan presently reside in Brentwood, TN. Received a note from Mike Vopatek that included an announcement that Bob Handcox has ret and set up law practice at 500 No Western Ave, Suite 211, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Chris Wangsgard sent me copies of letters he and Chum Robert recently exchanged. Chris is now a proud papa again, a new son arrived shortly after the older one graduated from college! D-1 has 3 PhD's—Robert, Embree and Westbrook. Dan has 2 children in college, a son at Dartmouth and a daughter studying environmental science at CT College. Chum has ret after teaching leadership to COLs at NDU in DC. He has formed his own bus. Jim & Anne Caywood joined Chum & Carol in HI to celebrate their 25th annivs together. Jim is now in bus for himself selling corporate bonds. By the way, the Robert clan has 3 daughters; #1 was recently married and has announced grand parentage is in the future, #2 is now engaged, and #3 is a frosh at VT College studying nursing.

That about does it for now; hope ev-

eryone had a great holiday season. In case you missed it, my wife Joanie had an article published in the last (Jan 90) issue of *ASSEMBLY* entitled "Coming Home to Lusk." I'm very proud of her efforts—you ought to take the time to read it and pass it to your better half. Sorry for this puny effort but no news is no news—write!

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Here is a special report from Tony Hartel at WP, member of the 25th Reunion Planning Comm:

REUNION SUMMARY. A fellow graduate from another yr recently said to me, "Your class seems to have a special spirit. You seem to be a lot closer than my class." Whatever the reasons, I think he was right, and that spirit was particularly evident at the 25th Reunion.

The 25th Reunion Comm faced a formidable task in trying to measure up to the standard established by the 20th under Tony Janairo's chmship. Most agreed the 20th was a fabulous affair, one that could not be matched. But when those who attended the 25th last Oct departed, they said, "We did it-again!" Thanks to the work of Chm Kim Flint, the reunion was smoothly organized which allowed the special spirit of '64 to take over. From that point on, the reunion was a great success, one generated by the 230 classmates (512 people overall) who attended.

Registration on Thur the 19th at the Holidome in Suffern, NY, moved us

through a series of stations and on to our rooms or the bar in preparation for Thur evening's cocktail and hors d'oeuvres session. Before the evening was over, we got out of the way the lies about the guys looking like they did 20-25 yrs ago, and we confirmed the fact that our women have not aged as much as the guys. '64 wives remain knockouts! Though Thur turned into a late night for many (it was just too easy to find everyone at the Holidome), we arose early the next day to board buses for WP, where we assembled in Ike Hall. Local wheels Kim Flint (Alumni Affairs), Frank Giordano (Head, Math Dept—remember when Frank was a nice guy?), Seth Hudgins (USMA Chief of Staff then; now ret and Exec VP designee, AOG), Jeff Louis (Admissions), and Tom Cunningham (USMAPS) gave truly outstanding briefings during the morning. Their combination of fact, insight, and humor kept all engrossed till noon.

After lunch at Ike, and a sports update by Al Vanderbush, we assembled for the memorial service. Though it had been scheduled for the cemetery, windy rain and cold temperatures moved the event to the Cadet Chapel. In retrospect we should thank the meteorologist, because the memorial service was clearly a special one. Conducted by Sam Lamback, Art Mack and Pete Danylchuk, the service in the Cadet Chapel we all remember from cadet days was profoundly moving. And once again, as a result of extensive coordination and efforts by a large gp headed by Dan Evans and Jeff Kleb, the graves of classmates all across the country were remembered and honored.

The first of the two great social high-



1964: Partying aboard ship

lights of the reunion came Fri evening beginning at So Dock where we boarded the cruise ship *Spirit of New York*. The skies cleared and the still ferocious wind couldn't touch us behind the plate glass windows of the ship. Service was impeccable, supper was excellent, the shows presented were delightful, and the people who danced to the live music were superb! To a person we were disappointed when we reached the dock in Manhattan after 5 1/2 hrs of cruising down the Hudson and around a brilliantly lit Statue of Liberty, so much so that **Ann Reynolds** spoke for most of us when she sat down and said she was not getting off the boat—she did not want the night to be over. (And of course for many it wasn't—which bus stopped at 7-11 for "refreshments?")



1964: Departing the *Spirit of New York*

Because of the threat of rain, Don Shive (Dir of Ops, Plans, and Security at USMA) cancelled the Alumni Review, even though he felt guilty about the disappointment he caused the cadets who missed an opportunity to display their marching ability. As a result, when we arrived at WP on the buses Sat, we moved to Washington Hall. The food was . . . about as we remembered.

After a quick bus ride up the hill, we provided the vital spark that helped Army trounce Lafayette and prepared us for the tour de force of ROBINSON II. After a sumptuous buffet supper back at the Holidome, **Karl** presented yet another spell-binding monologue that literally had classmates falling off their chairs while wives acquired after the WP yrs looked on thinking, "What is that bald man talking about and why is his husband hysterical?" Some of us were still up at 4:00 a.m. the next day, reluctantly bringing the 25th Reunion to a close.

I don't know who will run the 30th, but I feel sympathy for them. Short of a cruise ship to the Caribbean, a private train from FL to WP, or assembly in Moscow through Comrade Kleb's efforts, I don't know how they can top this one. On behalf of the Class, thanks to all those who contributed to one of the special events of our lives.

That's it for this time. Need info from all of you for the next column.

'65

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Greetings again from Chicago. During a recent DC visit, **Fred Laughlin** and **Curt Adams** were kind enough to set up a luncheon with all of the classmates in the area. While in DC, I ran into **Bill McCreary**, who came up from FL for an Inc mag seminar. As Bill said after attending the luncheon, WP graduates, when they die, don't go to heaven or hell, it seems like they all go back to DC. As the pictures show, there were about 25 people there. Many of their comings



1965: Kulbacki, McChristian, Ryan, Adamses and Mary Harter at DC luncheon



1965: Guenther, Simpson, O'Brien and Chase at DC luncheon



1965: Laughlin, McCreary, Adams, McGurk, Kenny and Ammon at DC luncheon

and goings were reported in previous articles so I won't duplicate that. One of the pictures shows **Ann Adams** and **Mary Harter** looking at the Oct issue of *Army*



1965: Linn, Brown, Zais, and Harter at DC luncheon



1965: Ann Adams and Mary Harter at DC luncheon



1965: Needels, Gilchrist, Hewitt and Maimone at DC luncheon

Times at the article in which Ann was prominently featured concerning working spouses of career mil officers. In addition to Ann and Mary, **Mac Gilchrist** was there with his wife **Martha**. I found out from one of the people there that in addition to Max Thurman doing battle with Noriega in Panama, **Frank Hennessee** has gone from the Old Guard to be Max's aid. **Chris Needels** came over from the NSC. It was good seeing **Lance Hewitt** again, who's now working for Sun Life as a real estate agent. He looked very fit. One of the things I noticed was that with the exception of **Manny Maimone**, **Ed Simpson** and myself, most of the folks there didn't have any gray hair. All denied use of any additives. **Steve Ammon** was there and reported that he is no longer at CitiBank but is with Coopers and Lybrand working on a Navy project. My old buddy **Jack Lowe**, was also there and will be coming to Chicago

on some business for EDS. I hear that Jack has a good shot at a pretty high promotion with EDS. **Bob Harter** also indicated that **Hank Sterbenz** came out of the Army staff and is working with Bob at SDI.

One of my topics at the luncheon was to find authors for the 7 outstanding obits that have not been written. I am happy to report that we were able to find potential writers for several. The ones we are still missing are **Bob Berdan**, **Alexander Clark**, **Jim Echols**, **Bob Keats**, **Ken McArthur** and **Michael Momeilovich**. If you are interested in writing one of these or if you know a good friend of one of these people, why not give me a call.

I ran into Mrs **Jannarone** (Jack's mother) and was delighted to hear that she was the first "jockette" inducted into Montclair State's athletic Hall of Fame—if I remember correctly, she won letters in 4 different sports each yr that she was there. Speaking of the Jannarones, Jack has been having some health problems; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Tim Timmerman & Sue are now working for USAA in San Ant, after leaving Ft Leavenworth when he ret from the Army. He is the dir, corp research for USAA. The choice was either USAA or to be the head marketer at the Recruiting Cmd here in Chicago. Tim also has volunteered to do an obit on **Bob Lee**. Tim needs some help from others, so if you'd be willing to help, please write him at USAA in San Ant, TX, 78288.

The **Koz** wrote saying that he & **Ann** will be grandparents in Jun. Their other daughter, **Julie**, works in DC and their son, a 6'4" young man, goes to Coastal College in Myrtle Beach, SC where he studies art and design. I wonder if he has as good an outside shot as the old man? **Joe** says he'll still be sleeping with a beautiful grandmother. They're in Israel as the def attache where they average 9 DOD visitors per day, one general officer per wk, etc. etc. One of their visitors was **Dan Christman**, who was over viewing the US peace keeping forces in the Sinai. **Joe** also saw **Max Thurman** at TRADOC while **Joe** was escorting the Israeli COS and reports that **Max** hadn't changed a bit, although we wonder, now that **Max** is down in the thick of things in Panama. **Joe**, I may not be all excited about visiting Israel but my wife keeps on talking about it. While that may not top your recent MIG fighter pilot defection, we'll keep it in mind.

Imagine my surprise in Nov while watching network TV to see none other than our **Mike Hudson** discussing the recent CA law on changing the teaching of the evolution theory in the CA schools. **Don Exelby** has reported that while closing up his summer place, he picked up a copy of the Aug *Vanity Fair* and who was there but none other than our Canal Bar, ex-Wall St cycle jockey,

Chuck 'n' Charlie Pfeifer. This boy certainly gets around, or at least his press agent does. There are a number of people who are supporting **Dave Kuhn's** nomination for an at-large position on the AOG. Good luck **Dave** and we hope that you are successful. That would give '65 6 reps on the AOG. **Dave & Rose** went to WP for the Rutgers game and were joined by **Denny & Marie Lewis**.

Speaking of **Rocco**, if you haven't read **Atkinson's** book, *The Long Gray Line* yet, you've got to do so. Especially for those of us in the 2d Regt who had **George Crocker** and **Tom Carhart** as plebes; it brings back some very hilarious moments. I still remember the look on the OIC's face when **Rocco** suggested that we "stack 'em to the ceiling" prior to the Penn State game. I suspect the OIC's mil career headed southbound that night.

I received another nice letter from **Skip O'Donnell**, who sent along some pictures of him and **Chip** in VA Beach on Labor Day 89. **Skip, Marilyn** and daughter **Maureen** went to the Army-AF game where he ran into **Lou Csoka**. After the game, they took a gp picture of all in attendance. Left to right are **Betty Lem-**



1965: Army-AF game

ley, Skip & Marilyn, Sandy & Preston Motes. The second row shows **Jimmy, Jim & Bobbye Greene**. **Ken Lemley Jr** is USAFA '92. **Ken Sr** had to stay at Ft Knox where he's the IG. **Jim Greene** is still with Delta in Atlanta, where he flies the 767's. **Jim Jr** came from the U of WA, and **Becky** came in from San Diego State. **Jim**, I have continued to look for that picture of yours from the 20th reunion book, but it is nowhere to be found. Considering it was the only picture we lost, could we have sent it back to you? The **Motes** traveled from Salt Lake City. Nice picture also of **Lou Csoka** with his skull and cross bones cap on at AF game. **Skip** reports that he got the WPPC of 1D organized and guess who was elected their first pres. Good luck with that.

Nancy Singelyn called and sent along the picture of her, **Paul** and their 2 boys **Jim** (16) and **David** (13). They are here in Chicago where they recently acquired a wood molding co (picture frames). They came from 11 yrs in Nashville where



1965: Lou Csoka at Army-AF game



1965: The Singelyns

Paul was in the chemical bus with his brother. **Paul** ran into **Bob Scully** here in Chicago.

I'm happy to report that the 25th Reunion has been scheduled for 22 Sep (VMI game). **Rollie Stichweh** and **Bill Zadel** will head the comm and will be joined by **Dave Kuhn**, **Slats Letterie**, **Joe Sanchez**, **Tommy Abraham**, **Jim Tomaswick** and myself. More details later. **Jim Golden** has prepared a first draft of the Class Constitution and By Laws. It looks good. It appoints an exec comm to run the Class ops for 5 yrs (reunion to reunion). Approval of the documents and elections will be held 9/22. Send me your nominations.

Well folks, that's about it for now. Please drop us a line and send those pictures and let us know how the children (and grandchildren?) are doing. Best regards from Chicago.

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'66

John Strapac wrote from Tucson, AZ, where he and **Rex Nichols** are "ZAC's," covering the entire state between them, for the Academy's admissions prog. **Rex** works for Intel, and has recently completed a new home in Chandler, AZ. He is also an IMA (individual mobilization augmenter (?)) at Tooele Army Depot, serving as the dep dir of quality assurance. **Rex's** wife **Sam** works for General Semiconductor, and they have two boys (18 and 14).

John also wrote that he is attempting to



1966: Cow roommates in E1: Strapac, Cox and Kriebel

collect all the postage stamps, both foreign and domestic, commemorating WP graduates. There are about 170 at this time, not counting a number of new ones issued by several British Colonies to honor US space achievements from the late 60's. Any classmates who can help, or who might need help in this area, please contact John (through me). As a point of interest, John enclosed a copy of the "latest" BG promotion list, which included a USNA grad. Four of the 9 WP grads were from the Class of '65, but none from '66.

However, **Rance Farrell** wrote that **Wes Clark** just had his first star pinned on by GEN Vouno (CSA), who made it clear that there are "more to come." Wes, with spouse **Gert**, was on his way to cmd Ft Irwin Natl Tng Ctr. Rance is still "off to Switzerland in Jun as DATT."



1966: Bill Haneke leading memorial service

George Cox informed me from Seattle that the "Slum and Gravy" project is proceeding on schedule. He plans to send a survey and a list of proposed activities to each member of our Class, which should arrive about the time you receive this issue. If you are interested in helping, or have ideas, please call him at 1-800-333-4858. Volunteers are needed and will be appreciated.

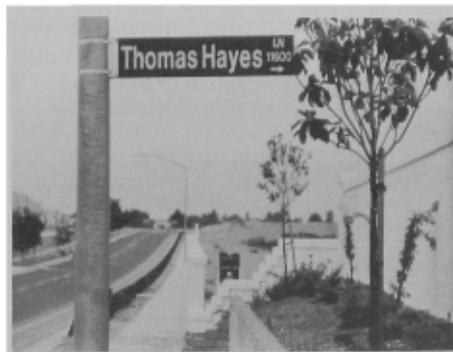
Dick Swift wrote from Basking Ridge, NJ, where he & his wife **Jane** settled in 70, after leaving the service. Dick has been with Foster Wheeler Corp (a worldwide engring/construction firm) since then, with one 3-yr stint in Paris. He is currently VP and gp exec, and builds and operates cogeneration and



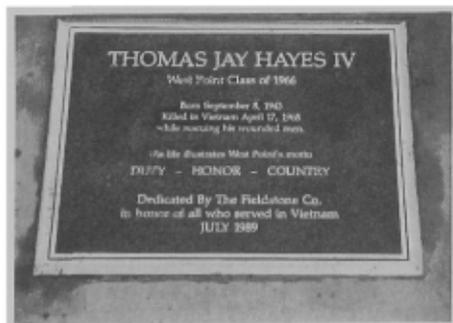
1966: Whelihans at memorial service, Wash DC

municipal waste-to-energy plants. (Unofficially, he's known as the "Duke of Debris"—sorry Dick, I had to mention that!) He & Jane have two children, Rich (18) and Karen (16), and are currently in the college hunting process.

As I mentioned in the Oct issue, a plaque and street were dedicated to the memory of **Thom Hayes IV**, in San Diego, on 3 Jul 89. **Bill Poage** & his wife



1966: Thomas Hayes Lane, San Diego, CA



1966: Plaque in sidewalk on Thomas Hayes Lane

Judy were kind enough to take photos of the street sign and the plaque, which I've submitted for publication in this issue. Bill wrote that he's a program mgr for tactical C2 systems for Gen Dynamics Electronics Div. **John Bohuslar** and **Ron Stenstrom** are also with Gen Dynamics, John at another part of the electronics div, and Ron at the Convair div. Bill & Judy have been in San Diego since 78, and have two children; Rusty, a sr at UCLA, and Debbie, a jr in San Diego.

Hank & Sally Langendorf sent a picture of themselves and **Mike & Nancy Husted**, taken after the Army-Boston Coll football game by Mary Langendorf '92. Sally wrote that Mike & Nancy have



1966: Langendorfs and Hustedes after Boston College game

been civs for a couple of yrs, and live in Londonderry, NH. They (Mike & Nancy) have two sons in the Corps ('90 and '93). Hank ret this past Jun and had been working for Gen Elec in Pittsfield, MA. Sally & Hank live in Dalton, MA, with the younger 4 of their 7 kids (including Sam, born 12 Jun 88). She invited any classmates traveling through the Berkshires "and looking for a game of squash or golf" to call—they're the only Langendorfs in the book.

This past Oct, I had a fascinating conversation with **Bill Gang**, who called from Portland, OR, where he is the new pres of Impel Pacific Corp. Bill told me of his experiences in 88 in Russia, where he lived in a 16th floor Moscow apt for nearly a yr. During that time, he worked on the first joint Soviet/American business venture, a project to upgrade Soviet refineries and manufacturing in their petro-chemical industry. Bill lives with his wife **Kathy** in Danville, CA, commuting between there and Portland. Kathy is currently pursuing her master's degree. That's a long commute, Bill!

I also heard from **Matt Harrison**, who wrote to say he's living in Rye Brook, NY and working in Manhattan as a mgt consultant specializing in crisis mgt. He & his wife **Judy** have two daughters, Cecily (12) and Page (10). Matt just joined the ranks of our classmates who have published books to their credit, his being *Feeding Frenzy: The Inside Story of Wedtech*. He also wrote that "we see **Bob & Mary Beth Cresci** and their kids frequently. They are doing well." Bob just bought an estate on the Hudson River in Garrison, NY, as his "summer home," with a great view of WP to provide him with inspiration!

John Dubia also wrote from Ger, where he is a COL, cmdg an arty unit. He wrote that "we have 5 Field Artillerymen cmdg right now: **Bob Scales** has the Arty Tng Cen at Ft Sill; **Freddie McFarren** has the XVIII Abn Arty Bde at

Ft Bragg; **Bill O'Connor** has the 10th Mountain Div Arty at Ft Drum; **Bob Hicks** has the 8th IN Div Arty at Baumholder; and I have the 1st AD Arty at Nurenberg (Zirndorf)." John will be finishing 2 yrs in cmd in Mar 90, and will be moving to Heidelberg to become the XO to CINC USAREUR, GEN Saint. He & his wife **Maureen** have 3 children; Christopher (16), John Jr (21), who will graduate from college in FL in Jun, and Michael (19), who will complete his frosh yr in FL. John also provided info on **Ken Carlson** ("the tall one") who is in DCSOPS in Heidelberg; **Ted Borek**, who's a lawyer in OSD; **Jim Peake**, who's a hosp cmdr in Japan; and BG **Dave Kelley**, who is on the NATO staff at SHAPE in Belgium. Thanks for the volume of info, John!

Mike Fellenz sent a letter (and photo) taken after his recent marriage this past fall to **Nancy Stout**, a GM-15 working for US Army Intel, and a former co-mgr.



1966: Fellenz and Nancy, Mike's two sons on far left and right; Mike's sister MAJ Lauri Dubia 3rd from left

Mike ret 1 Jul 88, and has been self employed with a financial programming firm, developing programs for mil pers. He says it has been extremely rewarding as well as fun, and has fulfilled an aspiration from his MBA days at George Washington U. Congratulations to both you & Nancy, Mike!



1966: Sendaks; Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

The photo of **Jim Hallums**, et al, was taken at his change of cmd ceremony in Honduras this past Jul, when he took cmd of JTF Bravo. Jim's wife, **Robin**,



1966: Williams, Hallums, Collmeyer and Elvir

wrote that she and their daughter **Melanie** (16) went to Honduras for the ceremony. Also pictured are **Steve Williams**, **Bill Collmeyer**, and **Hugo Elvir**. Steve and Bill are both stationed in Panama on the SOUTHCOM staff, and Hugo is the chief of engrs with the Agency for Intl Dev (AID) in Tegucigalpa. Jim & Robin have two other daughters, **Julie** (8) and **Cindy** (8), who live in Springfield, VA.

As **Norm Fretwell** mentioned in his letter of 5 Dec, on 22 Oct, the *New York Times* published a book review of *The Long Gray Line* by Tom Buckley, which was surprisingly negative in tone (to put it mildly). Thanks to **Ron Bartek** for spear-



1966: Rick Atkinson and wife, Fretwell and Strapac

heading the effort to respond to this review. Thanks also to our other classmates who helped Ron track down members whose Vietnam service record was not known. (Ron's reply was published in the *Times* about 3 wks after the review, and was enclosed with Norm's letter.)

I'll close with mention of an article about the Academy and **Lanse Leach**, which was published in Microsoft Corp's *One-to-One Newsletter* in Oct. The article points out that for the last 4 yrs, cadets have been issued a PC and Microsoft Word (a word processing software program). It mentions *Word's* features that influenced Lanse to select the program, and to upgrade to the latest version. I found it gratifying to read the article, as I use the program frequently—this column was prepared using *Word* 5.0, Lanse!

Thanks for all the letters, and keep them coming!

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13 Oct 89: Well, I no sooner dropped the Jan rendition of this in the mail when I realized that I made an egregious error of omission in those notes, and now all of you who don't read the *Army Times* will have to wait until Mar to discover that the next BG in our Class will be **Ray Roe**. I suppose I could call the ed and ask him to make the appropriate addition to the Jan notes, but as I was already a wk late sending those to him, and he is known to get extremely irascible when scribes who do dumb things call him up and ask him to fix their mistakes, and he only likes to make late changes in the event of really important news, I'll just have to live with it. So, we start this issue of *Who's Who* in Woo Poo with our Freed's High Roller Roll Call feature, instead of the oft-promised (and eagerly awaited) review of my old quill. Next time, for sure. Anyway, the suspense is over for this yr; Ray Roe made the 89 BG list, which is good news. **Ed Dewey** didn't make it, which is even better news. Ray is currently serving as the USAREUR IG; no word on what comes next, or when he will actually pin on his star. Just goes to show being the exec for the CSA never hurt anybody. Congratulations Ray, pop it up and take big bites. Guess this means you've got a future in the mil, after all. While we're on the subject of High Rollers, I have an F6 intel report that says our other BG, **Tom White**, has been selected to be the exec for the new chm of the JCS. Be interesting to see if GEN Powell shows up at the Army-Navy game with a black cape & hood and leads a rocket.

29 Oct 89: You can't imagine what goes through my mind when I open the mailbox and out falls a letter from **Randy Pais**. First, I check my calendar to see if I have enough free time in the next mo to get it deciphered. Then I check the bar to make sure I've got enough good Irish whiskey to get me through the trauma of trying to read pg upon pg of Randy's penmanship. So you have some idea of the elation I felt today when I opened up his latest offering and discovered that he has finally learned how to turn his computer on. I will actually have time this wk to play with my kids. I won't go to bed with a crushing headache. Of course, I still checked the bar, and discovered to my horror that I was perilously low in the necessities, typed letter or no. Anyway, life continues to treat the Pais clan well. Oldest daughter Lisa is excelling as a plebe in Co E3, and is a starter on the A-squad women's soccer team, which had a very successful



1967: Randy and Lisa Pais

season. (Another Class offspring in E3, by the way, is **Jeff Blaney**.) Randy & **Jackie** have managed to make the pilgrimage to The Womb several times to check on Lisa's well-being. This has proven to be somewhat disheartening for Randy, who is chagrined to learn that his daughter, in a few mos, has already exceeded all his standards as a cadet. Randy provided a good report on the Houston community: **Mike Hood** and **Johnny Murrell** have so much money that they were able to put Houston back on its feet economically; **Mike Mullane** is scheduled for another shuttle mission in Feb; **Hank Uberecken** is working for Phillips and was at the chemical plant when it exploded; fortunately, he emerged unscathed, which is more than I can say for the way I came out of Ranger Sch, as a direct result of having to carry him through on my back; **Bob LaRaia** is working for BP/SOHIO as one of their sr attys; **Ben Rodriguez** is w/ Exxon's Employees Relations Dept; **Jerry Walker** was transferred last spring by Exxon to be a district mgr in Charlotte; **Tom Parr's** orthopedic/sports medicine clinic is flourishing; **Tony Tonneatto** has left Houston and is now heading up an environmental consulting firm in Cherry Hill, NJ; and **Gary Adkins** is thriving with his various and sundry business ventures. Randy, along with some of the other folks down there, has been extremely active in the USMA recruiting bus in the Houston area, and they've managed to place quite a few cadets, many of whom are outstanding athletes. In his spare time, Randy, working with a few other folks, managed to co-write a book, entitled *Antitrust for Business* which was published last spring by Federal Legal Publications. This earned him kudos from the American Bar Assoc. And that's all the news that's fit to print from Houston.

30 Oct 89: Long Lost Souls Dept: **Paul Timm** checked in to the net today with a welcome letter and the news that he & **Karen** have become grandparents. While I'm sure there is something to rejoice in that news, I find it depressing to think that I have gotten old enough to have classmates who are old enough to have grandchildren. Of course, most of you

along with your wives, are much older than I am, as I am one of the youngest members of the Class. Be that as it may, **Matthew Ryan McCarthy**, son of the Timms' oldest daughter **Bridget** & her husband **Jim**, was born 3 Aug 89 weighing in at a petite 9 lbs. The Timms' 2d daughter, **Laura**, is a HS sr, is in the top 5% of the class, is in the marching and concert bands, and has been accepted to **Gustavus Adolphus Coll** in St Peter, MN. Their youngest, **Rebecca**, is 14 and an 8th grader. At 6', she's a real asset to the school basketball team. As for Paul, he recently left the **Anderson Cornelius Co** after 8 yrs to take a position as sr project mgr for the **Rosemount Engring Co** specializing in process automation systems for the automotive and paint industry. **Karen** continues to excel as a financial mgr with the **American Collectors Assoc**.

31 Oct 89: Another nice phone call from **Bob Haeffner** this a.m.; it's always nice to get calls from folks who just want to say hi and shoot the breeze. He did say that **Tony Nida** has left his job as district engr in Little Rock, and is now the dean or something like that at the Engr School at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. Unfortunately, he did not have an update on **Angie Nida's** hair color of the wk, or her latest in culinary calamities. Another guy Bob mentioned was **Monk Miller**, who ret in Sep and is looking for gainful employment in Heildeberg, Ger.

11 Nov 89: Another phone call: this one from **Sally Thomas**, who reported that **Chuck** is now the district engr for the L.A. District, having assumed those duties on 13 Jul. Not bad. His district includes all of So CA, all of AZ, and that part of NV that includes Las Vegas. Needless to say, the Thomases are on the road a lot. All bus related, of course. Sally's got a job coaching, or working for coaches (sorry—spilled coffee on my notes) at USC.

12 Nov 89: Another routine day in Mr Roger's Neighborhood. Dr Doom fell off his bike for the umpteenth time, and redesigned his face, knee and head, and broke his ankle. Last time it was a world class concussion. \$10 says it doesn't slow him down one little bit. His brothers are jealous because they don't get to wear a cast.

16 Nov 89: How many of you caught **Jim Saine** and his son **Sam** on ABC's Good Morning America show this morning? The show was a profile of WP, and Jim, Sam, and Jim's dad were profiled as multiple generations of grads in the same family.

5 Dec 89: Christmas card gossip. (Your cards are starting to roll in. Could that mean that your presents aren't far behind?) **John & Gael James**, et al, are now living in VA Beach, and John works in some mysterious job at TRADOC Hqs,

Ft Monroe. I say mysterious because I worked at TRADOC for 4 yrs before escaping to my current job, and everything they do at that place remains a great mystery. Daughter **Fiona** continues to do great things in the world of Highland Dancing. The Highland thing has obviously rubbed off on the rest of the family, as evidenced by the picture of the James clan decked out in their USMA tartans. This yr still finds **Jerry &**



1967: John, Ian, Gael and Fiona James

Joyce Hinds, and kids, in L.A., where Jerry continues to find meaningful employment as an FBI agent putting bank robbers in the slammer. No shortage of bus, according to Jerry. Joyce continues in charge of the Rolling Oaks Child Dev Ctr. One of these days I'm going to follow through on my threat to send her my kids for some dev. Oldest daughter **Joy** is a jr at Rice Univ; **Jan** is now a frosh at UC-Santa Barbara. Youngest daughter **Julie** is still at home under the ever so watchful eyes of mom and dad; she's an 8th grader and excelling at just about everything. **Chuck & Carol Swanson's**



1967: Jerry, Julie, Joyce, Jan and Joy Hines

card showed them to still be in St Louis, where **Chuck** is the facility engr of a local Army installation, and **Carol** serves as an active duty major at the Army Res Pers Ctr, where she handles the careers of some 2800 nurses. Daughter **Cheryn** starts her 4th yr at Indiana U in Jan; she completed ROTC and was commissioned a 2LT in the Indiana Natl Guard last May. **Carolyn** is in her 3rd yr at Purdue and works on the school paper.

6 Dec 89: Interesting piece of correspondence from the ed of this rag today.



1967: Swansons at Cheryn's commissioning

Included with his usual diatribe aimed at scribes who never get their notes in on time, waste space with non-essential prattle, and fail to adequately identify the cats and dogs in the photos, was a by-name listing of all the slugs from each class who are too cheap to subscribe to this literary halloween prank. I am appalled to report that only 61% of the living members of this Class are willing to pay the ridiculously low price for the privilege of reading this stuff every two mos. That means that 213 of you are NON-SUBSCRIBERS. Now, having read the list of names, I know that at least some of you can read, and in fact are guilty of stealing somebody else's copy from time to time. You all know who you are. In about a wk, the IRS will also know who you are, because they are going to get an anonymous tip about your tax returns for the past 10 yrs. Come on people, get off the dime and send a check to the AOG. After all, I get paid based on the # of subscribers there are. Next issue, I start printing names.

9 Dec 89: Army-Navy game was today. Bah. Humbug. I made the mistake of going to watch the game at a party hosted by one of my Navy students. And wasn't that a lot of fun. Phooey.

12 Dec 89: Phone call from **Ken Bush** this evening to report the incredible news that, even as some classmates are becoming grandparents, the Bushs are still becoming parents. Their latest arrival was a daughter, Kristin Rule, born 5 Oct, coming in at a delicate 9 lbs 6 ozs. Kristin joins older siblings Gayle, 15, Guy, 13, and Erin, age 9.

14 Dec 89: Ok kids, tomorrow is deadline time, and in the spirit of the season I am going to give the ed a break and put this in the mail today. That way it will only arrive a wk late, which will cut my previous record in half. Merry Christmas. Speaking of which—your presents have not started arriving yet. I want you all to know that I am filled with Christian love for you, your insufferable personalities notwithstanding, but I cannot survive much longer on the measly remuneration I get for this. I'm also still waiting for your job offers. (The one I received from **Barb Mackerer** doesn't count. While it may have been fun, it

didn't pay, and besides, I suspect **John** would not have appreciated it.) Have fun, sports fans, and God Bless us every one. Beat Navy. Please.

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The Christmas Chronicles from the **Jewells**, and the **Shimps** have arrived, **John Keane** has promised to organize a luncheon in Jan, and the **Jay Johnson** and **Dave Ohle** families are continuing to plan a Class party somewhere between Woodbridge, VA and Oahu, HI! Let the article begin! Whew, I put more and more things off for the weirdest reasons. At this rate, in another 20 yrs, I'm going to need a way to jump-start my rocking chair.

Speaking of our Class pres, **Dave Ohle** reported into his new bde in HI just in time to take 2000 troops to Japan for 3 wks on Orient Shield. He called me just after he got back to HI while he was preparing to take off to Ft Lewis for another war game. It looks as if he won't have to worry about getting isl fever. **Jay Johnson**, Dave's co-party giver isn't standing still very much either—he's working in the Asst Sec of the Army for Research, Dev, & Acquisition Intl Office.



1968: Thanksgiving 88—The Fowlers outside Salzburg

As usual, **Pam Jewell** managed to squeeze the events of their family into two lasered pages. However, excuse me for publically noting that her margins are starting to expand—not too bad though for the only woman among 4 goliaths (well, their 3 sons are certainly growing, and then there's **Tom**). Tom is finishing his tenure as the chm of the CE Dept. He was offered an endowed chair but declined the honor since he would have to stay on as chm if he had accepted. He also serves on the natl accreditation tm for engrg depts, ABET, having worked on reviewing 3 colleges thus far. His final revision to his latest computer textbook came in at about 2000 double-spaced pp—not quite the same as what your scribe puts into the **ASSEMBLY**

each yr, and a third longer than it's supposed to be. Pam has negotiated a salary far superior to what you pay your scribe in \$ to advise the HS Key Club for the next yr. From the tone I got from their letter, by the time you read this, the **Jewells'** interest will be more toward skiing and wondering if the world really needs another computer textbook.

It sounds like the **Shimps'** yr has been on the upswing too. Hopefully, most major surgery and frustrations involving a new home are now behind them, and they are taking advantage of much deserved vacation travel to the West and SW. Besides battling massive rainstorms in Houston, donating **Carol's** original engagement diamond to the gravel of the Grand Canyon, and replacing the stone during a renewal of wedding vows this yr, **Bob** is heading the computer tng ctr at Exxon, and Carol is managing Bob, David, and a dental office.



1968: The Shimps

On the official defense and leadership side of the Class, our first fed exec office-holder was made this fall when **Jim Locher** was appointed by the Pres and confirmed by the Senate to the office of Asst Sec of Def for Special Ops and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD/SOLIC). The fact that Jim has been a prof staffer w/the Senate Comm on the Armd Svs responsible for mil strat, def org & mgt, spec ops and LIC reforms, and Persian Gulf issues, as well as directing the bipartisan staff effort that resulted in the Goldwater-Nichols DoD Reorg Act of 86 may have had some bearing on this appt. However, the fact that he's a smart, honorable, hard-working, and loyal professional who has some experience and sources of inside firsthand advice re SOLIC has lots more to do with it. Listen to the pride in the voices of classmates such as **Jesse Gatlin**, the SOCOM Wash Off Plans and Ops Ch, and others that'll make Spec Ops work for us against maj domo pains in the petutes around the world. With peace breaking out all up and down the Iron Curtain, it looks like the missions of our classmates still on active duty have come full circle—train what will become an ever decreasing heavy force while ensuring the warrior skills of specialized individuals and

units remain honed and available at a moment's notice.

Other classmates still contributing and being appropriately recognized for warrior service include **Charlie Beckwith**, **BD Dodson**, **Floyd Perry**, and **Ralph Tucillo**, who I noticed on the latest War Coll List. Congrats guys—thanks for showing that the system can work.



1968: Reunion 88—Charlie Lieb caught smuggling towels out of his hotel room

In the nether civ world, **Tom McNaugher** is trying to help our govt hone its acquisition skills. As a sr fellow with the Brookings Inst, Tom has published a new book on procurement reform and hawking his theories to gps such as the Gen Dyn marketeers—of which **Sam Wyman** and **Jack Munson** are members. Jack also reports that **Fred Hoblit** has given up on trying to make the ASPJ reliable and has signed on w/Ball Aerospace back out at Edwards AFB, CA.

The **Jeffries** family has also abandoned the Army Blue & Green way of life to strike out for other pastures that the govt should be grazing in. Both **Bill & Cheryl** are doing a tad more than dabbling in the mgt dev and consulting arena. Cheryl has remained in VA Beach so the kids can finish this yr of school. She is pres of Exec Strategies, Inc, a firm specializing in creative thinking, educational strategies, org ethics, and team bldg. Bill is sr corporate consultant w/Otto Kroeger Assoc in Fairfax, VA, specializing in creative organizational uses of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, org ethics, and commuting back to VA Beach on wkends to maintain his tan and get his socks washed. His book on team building in orgs is due out this summer, and he's also kept his hand in the academic arena by teaching a course at Old Dominion U's grad sch on ethics and law at the urban univ.

After reading about all the fun the civs in the Class are having, **Monte Anderson** dropped a note to announce that he has submitted his papers for voluntary ret and is available in Jul to whomever in the '68 "network" who wants to snatch him up. Aside from his Ops & Planning experience on the "ARSTAFF" and his teaching, tactics, and admin prowess exhibited as a CGSC instructor and PMS,



1968: The A-2/D-2/G-2/H-2 crew at our 20th

you may remember that Monte's a basic infantryman—skilled in hostile take-overs.

John Gonzalez broke his 21-yr silence and wanderings to let us know that he returned to his hometown, San Ant, last yr to start his private dermatology practice. Since John's last A/D location was Ft Benning, I might understand his choice, and that of his son, who turned down a Pres Appt to USMA and opted for Stanford. Oh well, John ret as an O-6 so he can afford to indulge his family a bit.



1968: Reunion 88—Megan & Dutch Hostler

It sounds like civ life is agreeing with **John & Trish Dallen** in St Louis. After over a yr out of the svc, John is still with McDonnell Douglas Corp as the dir of Info Resource Mgt. Where he used to let computers do the counting, he now counts computers from coast to coast. He has a large office and a beautiful secy, which Trish wishes were the other way around. John also reports he spends lots of his day watching F-18's and Harriers take off and land, and has vowed to figure out what he's really supposed to do this yr. Could this be a prelude to what we'll hear from the **Rapisardas** who also fled over the gray walls to seek civ opportunity last yr?

Maureen Guignon dropped a card to announce a new record with regard to **Joe and Mobil Oil**. The good news is that Mobil has kept the Guignons in one place for a yr and a half. The bad news is that the Guignons are still stationed in Jakarta surrounded by squids. But that's OK because the entire family got to take off last summer to visit "home" in FRG—where Aimee was born—and the other

little Guignons are tearing up swimming and academic records.



1968: The Guignons at the Zugspitz in Ger last summer

David Martin has been a civ for a number of yrs. Recently, his hard work was rewarded when he was made VP for Pgms/Bus Dev for Pacific Telecom Cable Inc. He's in the midst of installing an undersea fiber optic cable direct from the US to Japan, w/a spur to AK. With his parent co in OR, having both Japanese and British partners, and living in NJ, David plans to be a majority airline stockholder by just acquiring freq flyer miles.

I came across some news re **Pedro Pedrotti**, who's been out of the net for a number of yrs. He's been out of the svc for about 14 yrs, got an MBA, is now living in Rye, NY, commutes across the Tapan Zee Br, and is VP for real estate loans for CITYCORP in northern NJ.

Just when you thought it was safe to come out and be proud of being grown up, I've just received word that **Don & Stephanie Jones** went out and got impulsive by becoming new parents. I guess Don's post-Army profession of HS math teacher didn't bring enough youth into the home. So if you're still in the mood for looking at baby things, buy something boyish for little Stephen, and send it to the Joneses.



1968: Reunion 88—The Fultons, Tooles, and Pences at the tailgate

Before any of us get any older or more feeble, we need to talk about some serious Class stuff. First of all, most of us are WAAAY behind in our payments to the Class fund so we can afford a decent

Class gift prior to the turn of the century. Remember what we talked about at what passed for the business mtg during our 20th? The pledge needs to be \$100/yr—starting last yr. Send your checks, payable to “1968 Class Fund” to our new treas, **Jim Thome**, at 274-A Bowman Loop, West Point, NY 10996. The research comm is already working on determining what the Academy wants and what we want to provide. The memorial to our families is still not out of the running. I know that this’ll be an uphill battle—not because we’re all destitute and can’t afford to help support the Class—but in view of the fact that over 40% of the Class doesn’t even subscribe to the *ASSEMBLY*! That means that almost half of our classmates don’t even want to try to unravel these notes and the lies about them that are contained therein. Seriously, when the *ASSEMBLY* provided me with a printout of classmate non-subscribers, which includes PAPs, Wash, DC neighbors, roommates, and teammates, it started me wondering what I could do to reach the Class. The *ASSEMBLY* offers a good forum to trade Class news as well as to learn about the direction and events of our Alma Mater. If you tune in every 5 or 10 yrs and like what you hear or see, please contribute and get more involved—at least with the Class. If you don’t like what you see or hear, don’t let things slip by any further—at least write or call your Class offs to voice your displeasure. Maybe we too can create a forum. None of us, individually, can reach everyone—but collectively we can.

On the sadder side of Class business, I’m sure you’ve already noted in last issue’s “Last Roll Call” that we lost **Jim Stettler** from this mortal world. His sister-in-law reports that he was involved in a mid-air collision with a fixed-wing acft piloted by a student while he was piloting a med-evac helicopter. After glancing over the ‘68 photo of A-2/D-2 in our *Howitzer*, I’m firmly convinced that there’s a literate classmate remaining in that crew that needs to step forward to write Jim’s obituary. Please contact me with your personal stepforwardness, or at least to offer up a nomination. I’ll work to get Jim’s Cullum file and I have his brother and sister-in-law’s address and phone #, who are in turn getting his personal notes together.

While on the subject of classmate obituaries—and I don’t want to stay on it for very long—you deserve to know how well you’re taking care of each other. To bring you up to date, the following volunteers have stepped forward to act as POC for all of us and to actually put pen to paper: **Hank Gregor** (941 Malberg Rd, Martinsville, VA 24112, (703) 638-6590/632-4961) is writing **Dave Alexander’s**; **Dick McClelland** has just finished **Pete Connor’s**; **Chuck Canella** (12049 Heath-



1968: Craig Carson and Tom Barns at the reunion tailgate

er Down Dr, Herndon, VA 22070, (703) 481-0912) is taking some time away from his career transition to write **John Darmody’s**; **Bill Higgins** (10725 Bear Oak Ct, Burke, VA 22015, (703) 764-3270) is writing **Mike DiBenedetto’s**; **Norm O’Meara** (8116 Oaklake Ct, Alexandria, VA 22309, (703) 780-0686) has volunteered to return from Rand to active duty and is writing **Bill Little’s**; **Lee Outlaw** (7800 Tower Woods Dr, Springfield, VA 22153, (703) 451-6119) is writing **John Martin’s**; **Chuck Jones** ((303) 740-2700) is writing **Jeff Riek’s**; **Jim Swinney**, (24 Lexington St, Dover, NH 03820, (603) 749-0914) is writing **Dave Sackett’s**; **Henry Riser** (590 Moran Ct, Annapolis, MD 21401, (301) 464-0358/266-4481) is writing **Doug Wheelless’**; and **Bob Lorbeer** (111 Oakmont Ave, Piedmont, CA 94610, (415) 272-9927) is writing **Donny Workman’s**. By present calculations, we’re missing volunteers for **Ernie Flowers** (G-4), **Jim Kelly** (A-1), **Dave Maddox** (C-4), and (now) **Jim Stettler**.

If I haven’t depressed you enough with Class asgnts, be advised that this yr, the *ASSEMBLY* should be expanding to 6 issues/yr—which should be easier for me to divide into 12 mos; however, should also offer a real challenge to provide articles for. I REALLY need everybody’s help on this one, Rabble. I guess what I’m trying to say is that no matter how many times we marry or remarry, or how many new kids we come up with, we graduated with only so many—a number that’ll never grow, but can shrink from this world. So we need to pull together and keep in touch—because YOU’RE ALL WE’VE GOT. — Dave

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This column is being written on 14 Dec, covering news received since 15 Oct. My next deadline is 15 Feb, and news received by then will appear in May 90.

The 20th Reunion is still the talk of the Class. It was really a terrific event, start



1969: Best of the Line ‘69 banner at Reunion parade, courtesy of Isenhower ‘92, Narel ‘92 and Taylor ‘93

to finish, and the memories will linger for yrs.



1969: A-4 attendees (22) at Reunion

Dennie Haydon has begun the arduous task of pulling together people and ideas for our Class gift. The ideas are many and varied, but so, too, are those who wish to help. Please send ideas, and offers of help, to **Dennie** (c/o Olympic Lincoln Mercury, 13001 Aurora Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133).



1969: D-4 attendees at Reunion

We had a nice pre-Navy luncheon at the Pentagon on 4 Dec, hosted by **Jim O’Toole** and **KC Brown**. In attendance were **Aileo**, **Bettencourt**, **Bresnick**, **Coan**, **Cornelison**, **Coyle**, **Curtis**, **Duvall**, **Friese**, **Frykman**, **Hawley**, **Hill**, **Hudak**, **Ken Johnson**, **Kimmitt**, **Levy**, **Moen**, **Wayne Murphy**, **Narel**, **O’Toole**, **Quinn**, **Tom Rogers**, **Seitz**, **Johnnie Shaw**, **Spann**, **Red Taylor**, **Wanless** and **Zais**.

Gail & Jim O’Toole also hosted a great Army-Navy party at their home on 9 Dec.

In attendance were **Cornelison, Kimmitt, McGovern, Robella, Wanless** and **Zais**. In case you did not hear, Army had a bad Sat, and Navy did the only logical thing after a big win and fired their coach!

The next Class gathering will be the summer party in Aug here in DC. We are planning to use **Ken Wanless's** swim club in Falls Church again, and details will be in the next issue.



1969: Morelock change of cmd

George Albrecht is now a civ and opened with a letter saying he is working for SAIC in McLean, VA. He attended **Jerry Morelock's** change of cmd in Ger in Jul, and also saw **Maria & Jim Adams** in Mainz. **Doris & Jerry** are now at Ft Leavenworth, as is **Dennie Tighe**. George said **Pat Neely** also ret recently and is with SRA in Germantown, MD.

Les Hunkele recently was appointed dep asst secy of the VA for Facilities. **Diane & he** still live in Annapolis, while recently moved to Bartlett, TN were **Donna & John Hahn**.

Dick Jarman sent the last civ letter, from KS City, to report completion of **Art Nabben's** obituary and progress on **Joe Sowa** and **Luigi Rose**. Thanks again to all obit authors.



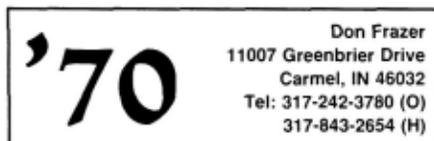
1969: Army War College Class of 1990 (plus Carlisle resident Don Warner)

Marianne & Bob Ivany opened the active duty correspondence with a note and photo from the Army War Coll at Carlisle, PA. Recently moved to DC from Carlisle are **Pam & George Coan**, while **Barbara & Bob Glacel** are also in DC, where Bob attends the Industrial Coll of the Armed Forces.

Diane & Tom Mastaglio sent a Christmas note from Boulder, CO, to say Tom graduates in Jun, and they will then move east. Last card from overseas was from **Marcy & Pete Heesch**, who are in Bonn, Ger, where they are witnessing firsthand this exciting period in European, and especially German history.

The latest War Coll list, for those starting in 90, included **Aileo, Blackburn, Bolger, Brittain, Cababa, Dolton, Bill Foster, Gavitt, Bill Jones, Kersey, Kyle, Landrum, Leister, Nardotti, Robyn, St Onge, Tighe, and Doug Williams**. Congrats to all!

I will cover the rest of the Christmas holiday mail in the next issue. Until then, **Holly** and the children join me in wishing you and yours a beautiful start to 90. God bless to all in '69.



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Here's a short update on Reunion planning. **Dave Dinsmore** (Physics Dept, USMA) has been elected to be the Reunion Comm Chm. And a fine job of advance planning he is doing, according to **Barney Forsythe** (Leadership USMA) who corrects some of the expected events from the Dec column. Festivities will now probably begin 18 Oct 90 with a party (Thur); followed by Fri (as usual) with a USMA tour, update, Class meet, memorial service maybe, and a party; Sat with the P-rade, tailgate, football, alumni dance, and party (all-nighter); and Sun brunch and bye-bye. This is some olympic Class partying, so start your tng now! With the Hotel Thayer as CI HQ, the idea now is to have all activities, if possible, either at the Thayer or on campus. For those who can't make the lottery for the Thayer, arrangements are pending to get all other folks in Highland Falls. Planning is progressing nicely, with Dave and his comm henchmen checking out a lot of angles, including previous Class efforts, local consultants, facilities, etc. It's gonna be a dandy! Check your mailbox for some official announcement within the next mo or 3.

And since it's getting close, please peruse the following list of names of folks who do not have current addresses. Say again ADDRESSES. We want to make sure that everybody gets the word on the reunion. If you have an address (or phone number) *send it to me*. DO THIS NOW, DO NOT WAIT. We need addresses for **Ambrose, Barbour, Baribeau, Barre, Bishop, Bisulca, Boies, Brandtner, Willard (Dex) Brown, Marty Burns, Carman, John Carter, Cass, Chandler, Clow, Connolly, Cooper, Dawson, DeCastro, Diesto, Edmonston, Fenili, Fisher, Forbes, Franklin, Fredrick, Galton, Gibbons, Gilbert, Hartman,**

Haworth, Hedberg, Hilliard, Howell, Hunn, Nelson Johnson, Russ Jones, Richard Kelley, Kuehne, Lauckhardt, Lovelace, McBeth, McChesney, McClellan, Meyer, Miles, Mullady, Mulligan, Norris, O'Connell, O'Hara, Peters, Pohl, Porreca, Reineke, Roland, Rorick, Rose, Bob Ryan, Sabia, Russ Thompson, Vann, Walrod, Jim Ward, Whitlock, Richard Williams, Ross Williams, and Wise. Whew, that's a bunch.

Jim Crawford has blown all records by having dispatched not one, but TWO greetings for this mo's epistle. **Jim, JoAnn** and **Sarah's** Christmas card was the first to arrive this yr, and in time to make this edition. Recently there was a conference for PMS folks in the 4th ROTC Region at Ft Lewis, so several of the gang got together to pose for this snapshot. **Rusty Morris** is at AZ. **Tom**



1970: Morris, Page, Henly, Crawford, and Norton, Ft Lewis

Page was in from Ft Dix, and just happened to be looking for a cold one when the rabble was assembled. **Larry Henly** was up from USC, **Jim** himself from Gonzaga, and **John Norton** came in from BYU. **Jim Hunn**, unfortunately, missed the conference for other duties out of state, but is still at Ft Lewis. **Jim** says he admires the snow on the mountains (he was writing in early Nov) which will probably last until early Jan when the snow gets up to his eyebrows.

Frank Monaco checked in from Ft Drum, where he was serving as the 10th Mtn Div (Lt Inf) automation mgt officer. At least, until the div got computer literate and got their automations in place. So now he's working as the dir of Info Mgt (DOIM) and the cmdr Info Sys Cmd/Ft Drum. **Frank, Paulette**, and the boys—**Frank (17), Mike (14), Joe (11), and Jeff (6)**—are all into skiing. In addition, **Frank and Mike** play hockey, and **Joe and Jeff** love baseball. **Frank** reports that the other Drummers in the area include **John Reese**, cdr 41st EN Bn, **Shelby Stevens** and **Wayne Barth** cmdg the 2/14 and 3/14 IN Bns respectively, and **Steve Cook**, cmdg a bn in the Combat Avn Bde. **Charlie Thompson** just left for DC after having served as the XO 1st Bde.

During the festivities surrounding the

Army-Duke football game, **Mason (Jim) Young, Nick Sebastian, and Tom Maertens** were able to get together for a while.



1970: Jim Young, Nick Sebastian, and Tom Maertens, Durham NC

Jim recently made LTC in the USAR, and currently works for AT&T in Nashville, TN. He anticipates a move to the DC area soon. Nick (that's not a purse) is still snapping photos professionally out of DC, and Tom continues his advanced degree work in geography in Knoxville, TN. Also, Tom got back together with **Lanny White** and **Larry Henderson** in Columbia, SC for some additional work at Pugh's Tavern as the HapDaz (60% of the Happy Daze), no doubt as another reunion warm-up.

I was able to locate **Butch Haislip** in Carlisle, PA, where he and **Steve Garrett, Jeff Gault, and Larry White** are all students at the War College. Butch claims that with the good hrs, the 1st 2-3 mos were a nice change of pace, but that he misses the action of the REAL Army. Naturally, with the demonstrated leadership ability of their gp, they were selected to be CINCs Founders Day celebration for the school. Butch also reports that **Mike Rundle**, esq has his lawyer shingle hanging out in town. **Patricia** makes the home for Butch and family, which is becoming geographically widened with Michelle, a freshman at Central WA U, spending much time out west with her accounting studies. Christina (14) is still at home, plays clarinet in the marching band, and enjoys skiing on the local slopes.

Lynn Rolf felt snubbed, I guess, when I neglected to include him in the Cdrs Call of the Oct issue. He was prompt in making corrections, however. Lynn has had cmd of the 1/34 AR at Ft Riley since Jun 87. He reports that **Jim Mowery** is due out there to assume cmd of the avn bde (remember, boys and girls, that's an 06 position). During the summer Lynn and **Ron Rold**, who was the regt tac for ROTC Summer Camp, were able to get together and exchange lies. Ron is PMS at U MO at Columbia.

Boston U recently celebrated their sesquicentennial with a two day program. **Randy Cox** helped with some of the speaking chores, and is shown in the



1970: Randy Cox helping with the Boston Univ 150th anniversary

above photo greeting Dr John Silber, pres (left) and Arthur Metcalf, chm of the bd of trustees (center).

While traveling across the ocean, I found that I had a several hr layover in NYC. So I tried tracking down some folks, and ended up chatting with **Steve Swain**. Steve is an ex-investment banker, used to be a self-employed business broker, but appears to have found a business on the market that he wants to keep for himself. He is now the owner of Park Lane Hosiery manufacturing, which has its plants in NC. The bus turns \$25-30M a yr, so once Steve gets the debts paid, he should be doing ok. **Jane** is also in business, as the owner of the Manhattan franchise of GYMBoree, a preschool. The system now employs 38 teachers and has over 1600 kids enrolled. Even though there are no little Swains yet, Steve & Jane are trying to buy the next door apt so they will have a little more room.

I also talked with **Tom Secrest**, who is still a manipulator of big city law. **Liz** is working in the legal dept of Paramount Communication, a large entertainment/media outfit, which used to be known as Gulf & Western. Tom reports that **Pete DeLaGarza**, an old So TX schoolmate is now at the Inter-American Defense Council in DC. He relates that he and Pete rotated as section marchers for advanced Spanish back at USMA. However, one time, **Steve Strom** managed to pull enough tenths to be section marcher. At that point, both Pete and Tom decided to study a little, rather than rely solely on their "second" language skills. Steve didn't have a chance after that. . . .

When I was in DC recently, I stopped to see some of our classmates. We didn't say much, but we did bring back a lot of memories. Although saddened by the visit, my respect for these guys and the others with them was renewed. But for fate, perhaps many others and I would be in their place. They indeed Served With Integrity, and paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Vietnam Memorial is a stark, black slash in the earth. The bleakness of the granite is softened by the reflections of the day and the people who

have come to pay their respects. On it are inscribed the names of all those who gave their lives in service for their country in combat in Vietnam. The Class of '70 was not struck by as much tragedy as some of the earlier classes, but nevertheless, 4 of ours are memorialized there. The names of **Robert N Brown, Richard A Green, Howard M Steinfeld, and John M Minor** can all be seen on panel 2W, near the corner of the memorial. Be thou at peace.



1970: Robert N Brown



1970: Richard A Green



1970: Howard M Steinfeld

The *Official Army Book of Lists* reveals that a bunch of Dr types have been awarded their eagles, including **Don Blakeslee, John Boslego, Bob Jarchow, Richard Moser, Herb Roberts, Dave Schroeder, Bob Young**, and even a tooth Dr type, **Phil Doleac**. Way to go, guys, let us know when you're going to break out the medicinal alcohol!

Rapid fire, discovered under the slush at the corner by the drain: **Les Sumner's** wife, **Patti McConville**, has 3/12 of the photos in a recent calendar published by



1970: John M Minor

Image Bank carrying her name on the credit. **Charlie McAteer** is due out to Norfolk, VA. **Bill Bishop** is anticipating a move nearby to Ft Monroe. **Dan Lynch** is giving up his space in DC for a move to Ft Lewis. **Tony Sobul** will also be leaving DC, but headed south to Redstone. **Bill Addy** has left the rockbound highland home for an asgmt at Ft Monmouth as the Dep Com of the USMA Poop School. **Carl Lincom** is programmed to go to Ft Knox. **Russ Jones**, who had attempted a professional career as a singer, determined that no pay was no way, and is now allegedly working again for Hewlett Packard. **Ed Beddow**, living in SF, is still there, even after the earthquake. His house survived, but the shaking opened up all the cabinets and threw the stuff out on the floor. Lucky, I'd say.

That just about empties the hourglass for this one. But if we could just hear from any of those addressless fellows up front, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print next Apr or so, in an internationally distributed mag, then make a call, or send one of those sloppy sentimental valentines (with a picture), and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

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Lovely day here in KS. Minus 50 windchill with howling winds. Reminds me of strolls down at Target Hill Field. Ah, but the booze kept us warm. I'll leave this weather for the bears and Rangers. So, **Bard Mansager**, why do you live in southern CA?

Well, I know why **Joe & Ann Thomas** live in Kialua, HI. I took advantage of their hospitality when I visited in Nov and found good health and spirits inside a beautiful home snuggled between the mountains and the beach. Joe works as a govt contractor and as a LTC in the Res. Despite upcoming TDY to Japan and Korea, Joe will complete an MS in computer science this spring. Ann continues to focus on her psychotherapy career as

she is working full-time on a hosp inpatient psychiatric unit.

Travelin' man that I am, I also attended the debacle that was the Army-AF game. The highlight of the day was seeing **Dave Hahn** out supporting the rabble. Dave is the chief of orthopedics at Fitzsimmons Hosp in Denver.

Since my deadline for this issue was 15 Dec, only a few Christmas cards have dribbled in. Early bird honors go to the **Drummonds** from Ft Bragg. Actually **Suzy** is running the show from Fayetteville, while Ray cmds his bn in the Sinai. While Ray does great things in Egypt until Mar, Suzy is the tie that binds the families back home . . . as if the challenges of seeing daughter Jaime through dance and piano and son Nicky through soccer and a broken foot weren't enough. **Steve Marshman** cmds a support bn in Garlstadt, Ger. Not satisfied with the challenges of cmd, **Vickey** has been unable to ignore the youth programs that support her 4 boys. She's the Cub Scout pack leader, asst soccer coach, and school volunteer. **Cal & Kim Benedict** are in good spirits at Ft Campbell where our old bde adjutant is now a bde XO. Also at Campbell, **Jerry**



1971: The Doyles and the Jensens

Thompson cmds 1/5 SF. **Neal & Molly Jensen** sent a nice note from Springfield, VA. Neal has moved up to the chief of staff job at OTEA . . . more responsibility, same 12 hr days, and little extra respect. Yeah, but what's really important? Your desk is larger, right? The highlight of the Jensen yr was their second Caribbean cruise. As their report on the trip sounded like a travel brochure, sounds like it's time to work on my sea legs.

Bob Lundy has abandoned the warmth of CA for the CT woods to accept a promotion into a new IBM unit, Desk Top Software. In his new job, Bob manages the acquisition of personal computer software technology and products from outside companies. I knew there was a reason we stood in line for hrs to punch out those damn computer cards under the scrutiny of those Gold Coats! Bob noted that Chaplain Ford was the guest speaker at the Silicon Valley Founders Day this yr. **Dave Guerland**

works real estate through the San Jose Redevelopment Project. Pretty timely job after the earthquake.

More cmd teams have been through Leavenworth recently to get educated on the trials of their upcoming jobs: **Stan & Jill Phernambucq** (S.F. Engr Dist), **Ray Rasmussen** (4/18 FA, Babenhausen, Ger), **Butch & Jo Ferguson** (94 Engr Bn, Darmstadt, Ger) and **Bert & Gloria Lennon** (1/10 AV, Ft Rucker).

But the big news here in Prison City is the latest Professionally Done Baby, **Alexander Francis Barbuto**, who broke out on 11 Dec. **Rich & Ann** now need only one more son to complete their basketball team.

Congratulations to **Lloyd Sherfey**. After a break in service, he has come back gangbusters and was selected for promotion to LTC in Nov. And kudos to our most recent War College selectees: **Rick Capka**, **Jim Grazioplene**, and **Bill Lennox**.

Now a pause for a commercial message. Remember that when you contribute to the WP Fund, you may designate your monies to the unrestricted fund, which the school can use as they see fit, or you can specify your contribution for the Class of '71. Do the right thang.

It appears that you lucky dawgs may have the opportunity to read my drivell 6 times each yr. To make it work, you need to write me about gloom period, the job that got away, your sick cat, whatever aberrations you may have. Talk to me, kids. And Beat . . . Somebody.

'72

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It's hard to sit down and write after such a disappointing loss to the "swab-jockeys," especially after I had proudly displayed my GO ARMY/BEAT NAVY buttons at work the day before the game. Oh well, what's that old saying, wait til next yr . . . ?

Our notes are tainted this time by some very sad news. Elliott, 4 yr old son of **Jim & Jane Silcox**, was killed on 22 Oct 89. Elliott was struck by a car near his home. He will be greatly missed by his parents, as well as Martha and Haywood. The entire Silcox family is deeply appreciative of the calls, cards and letters they received from classmates all over the world. Thanks to **LTC Bill Leszczynski**, also, for providing this to us.

Wayne Kirkbride updates us from Langley AFB and the Army AF Ctr for Low Intensity Conflict. While enjoying the Hampton-Newport News area, Wayne is working on his master's in intl studies at Old Dominican Univ. He brings us news of a 4th son, **Joseph Wesley**, born to **Rosa & Don Tilton** last

May. Don has orders for DCSOPS for Feb 90 after his stint at Ft McPherson. Wayne also received a call from **Joe Ergonis** who volunteered to come on active duty as the cmd sgt major for **Jim Hickey** and **Frank Hancock!** Joe & Linda are doing well and recently made a trip to Korea to purchase items for Linda's business. Hickey cmds an engr bn in the 10th Mt Div at Ft Drum.

Dale Babington has completed his industry training with Rockwell Intl and has moved to Columbus, OH, as a special acquisition officer. **Brad Holtz** is one of two mil types at Plans, Programs and Analysis at HQ, AMC. His wife, **Lynn**, works for the JAG, and they have a townhouse in Springfield. **Bill & Barb Pavlick** continue to run all over eastern VA, keeping up with sons, Eric and Brian, and their soccer, football, basketball and lacrosse games. Bill is working long hrs as an exec for the gen managing base closings.

Bill & Trish Guarino report another household move. They now reside in Beckley, MI (since Sep) and have already completed several remodeling jobs. Even with the move, they had time to provide some news for this issue. **Tom & Linda Marks** have a new address in Honolulu. Tom interviewed Sir Robert Thompson (Malaya, Vietnam) in London last fall for *Soldier of Fortune* magazine. He recently completed his doctoral thesis, also. **Lee & Ann Barnes** have departed Ft Benning after 5 yrs, as he was selected for LTC and cmd of the 1st Bn, 63rd Arm at Ft Irwin, CA. En route he will go through the pre-cmd exercise at Ft Leavenworth. His new job includes cmd of the ENEMY at the Natl Training Ctr for FORSCOM bdes. Lee says this outfit tries to, and usually does, win every battle! **Tod Wilson** was selected on the same list and will be cmding in Ft Lewis. Barnes left **Scott Adams** at Benning in Dir of Combat Developments. Lee left Ann to sell the herd before moving to CA, but since they love horses so much and Chris (13) and Jessica (8) are excellent riders, they'll start another herd out there.

I see **Chuck Warner** at work quite often. He & **Maureen** were all lined up to fly to NJ for Army-Navy, but the snow storm caused some cancelled flights, so they had to stay in the sunny south. If only you had been there, Chuck, to inspire the rabble on to victory . . . **Beth & I** pass the Warners on the road regularly to and from kids' sporting events.

Pick a cold, snowy day to sit down and write a note. We want to update everybody. See you next issue.

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Greetings from D-Land! This has been an exciting place to be, with almost every day being a historical change in the European structure. While recently reviewing war plans, it almost gave me second thoughts. But the future remains unclear and the mission must be maintained until intentions are certain. It still struck me upon seeing a gp of GI's at an Autobahn rest stop greeting DDR plated cars, and receiving warm greetings in return.

Well, the Reunion must have been great and all correspondents are unanimous in saying so. Quotes run like . . . "a cold max" . . . "it was like an oreo cookie hop—it just don't get no better that that" . . . "gorgeous weather" . . . **Buddy & Sandy Blackman** were everywhere, doing almost everything" . . . The Class sends out their kudos to **Buddy & Sandy** for all they did. Being a PAP at WP usually brings with it the implied task of doing Class business. So we're glad **Buddy** jumped right in and took charge. He reports that around 125 classmates attended and financially the Class Fund came out \$1.3k in the black, mainly due to the sale of class items. **Buddy** still has some hats and T-shirts left, so send in an order to **Buddy** at 553B Connor Rd, WP, NY 10996. The hats are great, corduroy and adjustable; I have found ideal in keeping the German weather off a thinning top.

Charlie Gleichenhaus attended the reunion, coming all the way from Pearl Harbor. He drove up from Knoxville with **Chuck Alexander**, where **Chuck** works for Dept of Energy. In his nuclear work, **Chuck's** biggest news is that he has created and possesses the world's entire supply of Promethium 127 (right #?) We're only talking amts in nanograms (my scientific-oriented wife says that's not a whole lot), but it sounds like quite an accomplishment, **Chuck**. On others at the 15th, **Paul & Pattie O'Sullivan** came up from VA, **Paul** is at PERSCOM in Alexandria dealing with officer tng in the Professional Dev Branch, longs to fly again soon. **Pattie** is teaching and raising PF. **Darryl Carrattini** was at the 15th, the only other F-1'er there. **Pat & Leslie McBrayer** came up from Shrewsbury, NJ, where **Pat** is Exec VP for Osteotech, a medical supply co which supplies bones for transplants. The co does it all—gets the bones, cleans them, processes them, matches them and ships them. **Sieg Kirchner** is still flying helicopters for the USCG in NC, most recently in the Hurricane Hugo disaster. **George Pierce** is out of the Army in private law practice in the DC

area. **Mike Rogers** is doing well as an exec to the Sec of Army.

While in DC **Charlie** noted that **Dave & Holly Petraeus** recently arrived there and **Dave** will work in the Chief's office in some capacity. Also in the DC area are **Dave & Sharon Burget**. **Dave** is airfield cmdr at Ft Meade, **Sharon** is with a dental gp in VA, but looking forward to starting her own practice.

Charlie continues with info on HI: **Jerry & Janet Dixon** are there, **Jerry** a surgeon at Tripler AMC and doing well, recently flew to Korea to present some papers at a convention. Wife **Janet** is working on her master's in public health and nursing at the Univ of HI. **Larry Zieske** is also a doc at Tripler. At Schofield Bks, home of the 25th IN, are **Mike & Ann Perry**, **Mike** an IN bn XO. **John Adams** is XO of the 65th Engr Bn. **Don & Carol Dubia** are there, **Don** a lawyer at Schofield. **Steve Houseworth** is doing orthopedic work at Letterman AMC, CA, and spent 4 mos TDY at Tripler; **Charlie** got together with him on Waikiki one night. **Jerry Dixon** had seen **Chris Wilcox** and his wife at a convention in Honolulu, **Chris** a senior guy in a med supply firm. Hey **Chris**, come up on the net and tell more to your old beast squad buddy. And what, pray tell, is **Charlie** doing in HI? The former Prep Sch Tac is now the USARPAC (formerly WESCOM) strategy officer, keeping that beautiful dot in the Pacific safe. His biggest claim is giving an unscripted 50 min warfighting strategy brief to visitors. He loves it. **Lisa** is teaching history at Univ of HI and is awaiting employment with the FBI. Thanks for all the Pacific news, **Charlie**.

Dave Fastabend enclosed a note with **Charlie's** letter while TDY from Ft Lewis. **Dave** is XO of the 9th ID's 15th Engr Bn after 1 yr in G3 Plans. Wife **Mary** is fine and **Sarah** (6) keeps them busy. At Lewis: **Dave Dugolenski** arrived last summer to be the Dep PMO. **Don Galvanis** is an IN bn XO while **Patricia** is going great guns with basket classes; they have a nice Bayliner that keeps them on the water a lot. **Bill Conner** is the Dep District Engr for Mil Construction in the Seattle District, doing great. Lastly, **Dave** said **Pat Cooney** had written and raved about the great Homecoming.

Another note on the Reunion from **Bob McFetridge** saying the whole combination of events was nice, Bear Mtn Inn party, Buckner picnic and then beating Holy Cross. For all that fun he wasn't even written up! Co B-1 was well represented—11 classmates. "Steve Adams, Bob Anderson, Tom Bennett, Joe Frankie, CA Harris, Mike Milligan, Doug Mow, Bryan Oliver, Al Sample and Paul Tafone gathered to reminisce about our days at Beta House One!" **Bob** will attend CGSC at Lvwth next sum-

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mer and learn again about the real Army while providing some token JAG advice.

Last info on the 15th from **Ben Withers**. Said all was great and it was especially touching to have **Chris Giacometti** there. Ben has volunteered to be the Class point man in getting obituaries done on classmates. He will work with AOG in providing data to the eventual obit writer and ensuring they get done. Ben is presently earning his MPH (Public Health) at Johns Hopkins as part of his residency in Prev Medicine. He lives at Ft Meade across the street from **Ted & Linda Lombard**. Ted is XO of the Baltimore area recruiting bn.

Chris Kaila sends a 15 yr ice breaker letter with a lot of poop. He had attended **Todd Troxell's** wedding, 9 Sep 89, in Salt Lake City (pic in last issue). He and **Bill Reinhart** attended the event at a ski lodge in Deer Valley. Todd is a Dartmouth Med Sch grad in his 4th yr of internship at S L City. Wife **Mary** is a nurse and an outdoorsperson like Todd. **Bill Reinhart** and **Susan** are at Knox, **Bill** a unit signal officer. **Chris** sounds like quite a businessman, owning 2 businesses in Fredericksburg, VA. One is a real estate brokerage office, **Battlefield Real Estate, Inc**; and a real estate appraisal firm. Wife of 14 yrs, **Patti**, and he have a 3 yr old, **Mary**, and one due.

Steve Shambach touched down in Ger last summer, is a bn S-3 in 2/6 IN in Erlangen. He was facing Graf, Reforger and Hohenfels in a 3-mo stretch. No sweat, eh. On others: **Ralph & Carol Graves** are still in Ger, **Ralph** XO of the 16th EN Bn; they had a baby (boy?) recently. **Joe & Maureen LeBoeuf** had a baby daughter, **Jacqueline**, recently. Also, **Steve** had seen **Bill Sole** at a Corps CPX, **Bill** still at Augsburg.

Miscellaneous. I found a misplaced baby announcement from **Ken & Jeanne Popielis**. Sorry. They welcomed **Jennifer Lee** 23 May 89 in Cape Canaveral Hosp, FL. She joins sis **Katie** (5). **Ken** is in his 3rd yr cmding MTMC Cape Canaveral Port, the family living in quarters on the beach and enjoying such fringe benefits like unlimited annual passes to Disney World. They hear from **George Runkle** who's with the FBI in Quantico, VA; and **Cliff & Katrise Krebs**, who had a baby girl, **Rachel**, in Feb 89.

Fellow B-2'er, **Chuck Kuklenski** finally bit the dust on 25 Nov 89 in KS City, marrying **Godlove Marie**. Congrats **Chuck**. **Tom & Chris Weber** missed the reunion but won a trip to the Caribbean. **Tom** is still Detroit Pepsi plant mgr, the 3 boys are fine. **Pat Cooney** is still editor-in-chief of *Armor Magazine*, while also penning "Ashby is Here" in the Sep-Oct 89 edition. **Barry Scribner** wrote "HM-MWV's and Scouts: Do They Mix" in the Jul-Aug 89 of the same magazine. **Barry**

wrote it while S-3 of 1/64 AR, Ft Stewart, this past fall being assigned to Office of Chief of Staff for PA and E.

While in Bradley transition tng at Vilseck, **Eric & Donna Wildemann** hosted me for several occasions. **Eric** is the forward element and soon to be XO of 1/6 IN as they complete their move from Illesheim to Vilseck into brand spanking new billets which the whole 1st Bde, 1st AD is getting. **Donna** teaches at the school on post. **Dave & Jenny Norwood** with family live nearby, **Dave** a tng off with ODCSOPS at Graf, but pending a job chg soon. He said that **Ty & Linda Edwards** have moved from Garmisch to Karlsruhe where **Ty** is with an engr outfit. And **Bob Mixon** was selected to be GEN Saint's (the CINC) aide, so a move was in order for **Bob, Ruth** and the boys in Jan to move from Amberg, where **Bob** was XO of 3/2 ACR, to Heidelberg.

Some PCS's of note, courtesy of *Army Times*: **Mick Raney** to Campbell, **Gary Roberts** to Wichita, KS, **Vic Roeske** to Monterey, **Jeff Rogers** to Alexandria, **John VanVleet** to the Pentagon, **Ed Lisecki** to Fitzsimmons AMC, **Dave Stevens** to Atl.

Here's the list of hard chargers that were early selects to LTC. Many congrats to these guys. If there are any mistakes on this just drop me a line. **K Alexander, Batiste, Bean, Betson, Cerutti, W Conner, Dempsey, Dimengo, Geehan, Goedkoop, Goehring, Hohnstine, Martinez, McCracken, McGinnis, Mixon, G Moore, Mudd, Norman, T Peterson, Petraeus, K Pierce, R Reese, Rowe, M Russell, A Turner, Veit, W Webster, Wentz.**

That's about it. AOG had my deadline perfectly timed to miss all my Christmas mail. Next issue. Thanks to COT leave (for a 2nd tour in Ger), I was able to see Army-Navy (ugh!) and spend the holidays in the states. Saw **H Cooney** at the game; he's with the light arty at Ft Drum. The 2nd tour will find me with 1/16 IN in Boeblingen (outside Stuttgart) and the new address is listed. Still waiting on comp updates and pictures from the Reunion. Next deadline: 6 Apr. Have a nice spring.



Greetings to all members of *Courage and Drive '75*. I am writing this column as the Christmas holidays come upon us. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy 1990.

I spoke with **Wes Hayes** recently and he would like to encourage all classmates to attend our 15th Reunion. At the time of our conversation, **Sally** was expecting a third little Hayes at any mo-

ment. I hope that our next issue will contain news of a happy, healthy new baby.

I hope you are all making plans to attend our 15th Reunion in Oct of this yr. **Mike Scoba** sends the following: Our reunion accommodations will be in the Holiday Inn in Suffern. **Mike** will send out some surveys about personal preferences on lodging, bus transportation and reunion events. He asks that you respond to these surveys *as soon as possible* so the reunion comm can keep track of all of our desires. **Mike** can be reached at 5 Stoutenburgh Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538, Ph: (914) 229-9243. **Tom Noreen** will also be helping **Mike** in this major effort and can be reached at AV: 688-3915.

Bill Hoffman was in town and we were able to have a very pleasant dinner together. He is currently working in Atlanta for Mil Recruiting Institute, in which he finds corporate careers for jr officers. **Bill** sent a very interesting article entitled *Second Career Successes of Service Academy Graduates*, which was reprinted from the AFA's counterpart to *ASSEMBLY*. If any of you would like a copy, I'd be happy to copy this and send you one. **Bill** also reported on the following classmates: **Greg List** is working as a nuclear engr in MI; **Dave Tate** is a stock broker for Merrill Lynch in Louisville, KY; **Greg Tharpe** and **Bill Venema** are attys in Atlanta; **Steve Ward** is dir, marketing div of North Telecon; **Henry Umanos** is working for General Dynamics in the Detroit area; **Gus Murby** is a New England consultant; **Mark Smith** is working for Abbott Labs in Chicago; **Dave Morris** is in So CA; and **Mike Hamilton** is a facilities engr at Ft Gordon, GA. **Bill**, thanks for a great visit.

Sincere congratulations to our classmates on the O-5 list: **Jack Cage, Donald Ramsey, and Sid Vogel**. If I have inadvertently missed someone, please let me know. Keep up the good work, guys.

We received a great Christmas letter from **Jeff & Patty Hill**, who are currently living in Centerville, VA, near DC. **Patty** says that **Jeff's** work is so secret even he doesn't know what he's doing. Great fuel for one of **Kathy P's** "Jeff Hill barbs"... At any rate, all the Hills seem to be doing just fine and enjoying life in DC. **Patty** was able to get her first overseas trip to FRG when **Jeff** went on a recent TDY. Seems **Jeff** has frequent TDY's to FRG and ROK, but manages to lose **Patty's** shopping (wish?) lists every time. The little Hills are growing fast. **Sean** is in 4th grade, **Michelle** is in 6th grade, and **Laura** is in 7th grade. When **Patty** found out that she was pregnant for Hill #3, **Kathy** suggested names like **San Juan** and **Bunker**. I see they didn't follow through with her suggestions.

(Lucky kid!) On 4 Jul the Hills co-hosted the 3rd annual Class of '75 Co E-2 Mini Reunion with **Tom & Mary Ann Wray**. Also in attendance were the **Fords, Van Schoycks and Lockards**. Pat reports that a great deal of the conversation centered on those not in attendance. And she does promise to send pics from these gatherings, so we'll hold you to that, Pat! Thanks for a great letter, and next time you can send it straight to our house instead of routing it through **Elisa Johnson!**

Roger Kaplan wrote from Ft Drum where he is apparently up to his ears in the white stuff. **Joe Barget** finally departed, after 4 yrs at Drum, to Sharpe Army Depot some 80 mi east of San Fran. He is the facility engr and one of some 30 mil types on post. Roger reports that the only "earthquake" to strike Joe was the high cost of real estate in the area. **Nick Kolar** showed up from CGSC to take Joe's place as XO, 41st Engr Bn. Also arriving from KS were **Lloyd Austin** (S-3, 2/22 Inf) and **Jim Jarvis** (S-3, 1/22 Inf). All are living in the latest field grade housing on post. Roger finally left the FSE in Jun after stomping some horrid enemy types at the Warfighter exercise of BCTP. He is now XO of 2/7 FA and reports having a good time. **Tom Hale** is also at Drum and is now the G-3 Exercise Officer. Roger reports that Tom is kept quite busy in this position. **Jay Dodd** is the 2nd Bde S-3. **Tom Warren** is now a GS-12 with the Corps of Engrs at Belvoir and is in search of a Res unit vacancy. Wife **Cheryl** will follow after finishing her PhD. **Larry Ghormley** is the asst div engr at Ft Richardson and will move north to Ft Wainwright to become the XO, 6th Engr Bn in Jun. **Mike Haith** is finishing up SAMS and **Mike Cannon** will be leaving ROK to rejoin his family at Ft Hood. Roger's wife **Beckee** (misspelled in a previous issue) is now a fully tenured member of NY's civil service and is keeping the inmates at the local prison in line. Stepdaughter **Staci** graduated from Auburn last Jun with a BA in English. Roger would like to know if he is the first classmate with a child to graduate from college. Once again, Roger, thanks for a great letter.

Bumped into **Bob Johnson** (H-3) at the Rucker Burger King. He's working in DC. Ft Rucker, like WP, seems to be a great "See old faces" post.

As of this writing, I am a fully qualified Blackhawk pilot. With my 30 hrs of Blackhawk flight time, Look Out! Seriously, it's a great helicopter and I've enjoyed the transition and the time here at Ft Rucker. **Kathy** and the kids will remain here at Rucker while I attend the Logistics Officers Course at Ft Lee. We plan to arrive at Hood sometime in early Mar.

Take care and God Bless.

'76

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Hello again and here's hoping that your spring is going well. Am writing the column the day after Army-Navy—a pall hangs over our house. Spoke with **John (Mac) McDaniel** last wk. He, **Jackie** and the boys are now reunited back in DC. John promises to visit us here in San Ant this next yr during his trips to TX. I also saw **Rick Gonder's** parents this past wk at a urology meeting here—their update is that Rick's enjoying Belgium—work going well.

First note (with photo) is from **Annie & Skip House**, written on 30 May with their packers invading the next day. On that day, all the streets at Ft Leavenworth were lined with moving vans. Of



1976: Skip House, Jim & Jenny Donovan and Bob Coxe

the folks in the vic, **Tom Swaim** headed to Korea (**Kim** and **Michael** are planning on staying in CO while **Kim** finishes med school); **Ed Cardenas** was also heading to Korea (**Mary**, **Adam**, **Emi** and **Annie** staying put in quarters there); **Bob & Jan Coxe**, with Bob's computers, heading to DC; **Jim & Karen Donovan** heading to Ft Polk (along with **Tillotsons** and **Thompsons**); **Bill & MaryAnn Hoffman** to Ger; **Mike & Jihan O'Donnell** (who lived across the street from the Houses), heading to Ft Lewis—same as the Houses. Small world—they ended up buying the house across the street from Skip & Annie in Tacoma! The House boys, **Tom** (6) and **Josh** (4), are wonders to behold. Just like my kids, they like the **Cardenas'** new baby and want one of their own. (Skip & Annie struck a deal—they think they've settled on a new puppy!)

Next note's from **Al & Margie Speight**. They're currently enjoying their first Ger tour after spending the last 3 yrs going to school in MA, VA, and Newport. The kids like **Volksmarching** and having a stairwell full of children to play with. Al just likes the **Volksmarching**. Al's an action officer with J-4 in EUCOM. Across the street lives **Don Spiece** who

works for J-5 and **Guy Swan** who works at the 1st AD. Al sent the picture of the distinguished gp of '76 grads who finished the Naval College of Cmd and Staff in Jun 89 at Newport. Included in the



1976: Grads at Naval College of Cmd & Staff, Jun

picture are **Mike White** (headed to Ft Carson), **Al Speight**, **Jim Stover** (Ft Carson), **Eric Zimmerman** (Camp Smith), **Pat Lusk** (Ft Carson), **Jim Weller** (Korea), and **Stan Draw** (Ger). The two Margies in the picture, **Speight** and **Zimmerman**, delivered kids shortly after arrival overseas. Z had a boy (#5) and **Margie S** had an 11 lb, 11 oz future olympic swimmer girl!

Next note includes a business card and picture. **Cathryn & Paul Harjung** live in Elkton, MD where Paul works for DuPont. He was recently promoted to the position of sr supervisor in the chemicals and pigments dept. **Cathryn's** expecting baby #2 on 15 Apr. Philip



1976: Paul & Philip Hartjung

will be 4 at that time and is quite excited at the prospect of being a big brother. The picture is from Epcot Center and was their second annual pilgrimage to Disney World—perhaps enough for a while!

Bob & Carol McClure's note came from the desk of an overworked Sosh P at WP. They arrived in Jun after Ft Leavenworth, and Bob's now teaching intl relations. **Axel Krigsman** is still in the dept for another yr, and '76 is still fairly well represented in other parts of the staff and faculty. **Bob & Teresa Dalton** arrived this past summer from language tng in Ger and live down the street from

Bob & Carol. Also living in new brick are Clark & Karon Ray. Ed Evans is the PAO and Dave Mossbarger arrived at the same time as they did from KS and is working somewhere in the land of computers. Dave apparently recanted about living in the BPQ which is now the old Ladycliff dorm. (Sosh is in the old BOQ on post next to Cullum Hall). Dave thought it poetic justice that he spent 4 yrs as a cadet here trying to get into Ladycliff's dorm only to be sentenced there as an officer. However, Bob's funniest event came a few mos ago when he received his list of cadets that Carol & he would be sponsoring. One name looked familiar but he immediately dismissed it as impossible. It wasn't. It seems that Carol & Bob are the proud sponsors of Bob Staley '93, son of Heidi & Bill Staley. Talk about feeling old! They got a chance to see Heidi & Bill during a wkend as they were visiting their son from AFSC in Norfolk. Bob's final comment is that he often sees Joe Dubyel in the gym.

Next note's from Jesse Owens and brings us the glad tidings of his recent marriage to Lupita on 9 Sep 89 in Panama. Best man for the wedding was Mar-



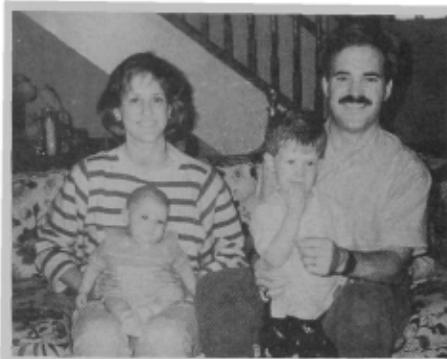
1976: Jesse & Lupita Owens married 9 Sep, Panama

shall Best '74. Jesse's currently the S-3 for the 169th Engr Bn at Ft Leonard Wood.

The plea for Dave Melcher's address brought out several notes. However, the only one with the address was from Dave himself! Currently living at Ft Ord, Marla & Dave have been there for almost a yr and a half, following a stay in DC. Fellow '76ers they've seen include Mike Barbero (Div Ops), Mike Byrne (S-3 of an FA bn), John Wallace (S-3 of an Inf bn), Greg Saunders (Protocol), and Gary Kloepping (S-3 of the Sig bn). Dave's the S-3 of the Div Engr Bn and has the pleasure of seeing most of these folks regularly. Dave also recently heard from Mark & Kathy Cooner at Ft Campbell. Mark's been busy lately, attending the Air Assault school (Hoowah!) and recently returning from an asgmt in Honduras where he was the InO to the Honduran Army Staff. Marla & Dave expect to stay at Ft Ord at least another

yr and then, perhaps, overseas. As a PS, Dave adds that they see Jim & Diana Nickerson frequently. They live in Newark, CA where Jim works for a big microchip co and handles a big account—on the road a lot.

A nice note from Megan & Mike Tatu includes the picture of the family. For those who don't recall, Mike traversed the US after graduation with Randy Rogel, spending time during schooling with Matt Hyde and Bob Fritz, and was assigned in Ger in the same bn as Dan Korzym. Megan & Mike met his last yr in Ger and married in Dec 82. Their sub-



1976: The Tatus: Megan, Mike, Colin Ryan and Glendon Michael

sequent stay at Ft Polk was highlighted by working with Dennis Thompson. Mike left the Army in Sep 83 and moved to L.A. (Megan's hometown) to work for Hughes. People seen there lately include Randy Rogel who's working for a computer/software firm in Seattle. Mike will finish his MBA soon and actually ran into Bill Roof during one of the courses. Megan took cmd of a broadcast unit several mos ago which keeps her very busy and insures that Mike plays Mr Mom at least one wkend a mo. Their two boys are Glendon Michael and Colin Ryan. Glen attended our 10th reunion when he was 3 wks old and Colin arrived on Super Bowl Sunday last Jan. (Both Megan & Mike managed to catch the last 5 mins of the game!)

As an aside, attending a meeting in Denver last mo, I felt a tap on my back, turned around and saw Gerry Harrington! (It's been 13 yrs!) He's now the dir of the Intensive Care Fellowship in San Fran at Letterman AMC.

The next envelope has all sorts of photos for our perusal. John Hetzel was the photog scribe for the Founders Day dinner at Heidelberg and recorded the presence of the Driscolls, Mauros, Critchlows, Vails, Murphys, Mosers, and Carrolls. All are having a terrific time in Ger and enjoyed the very warm summer. All can't wait for next yr's event.

Jack & Ellen Midgley wrote to let us know that Jack's changed jobs although they're still in Pittsburgh. As of 5 Sep, Jack left the consulting firm of McKinsey and Co and moved to PPG Industries as



1976: GEN Saint, Driscolls, Mauros, Hetzel; Heidelberg



1976: Caroline & Mike Driscoll, Heidelberg

mgr, planning and business dev. The portfolio includes leading acquisition and divestment activity for a \$6B (yes folks, that's a 'B!') corp. Ellen & Jack are excited about the new job and the opportunity to stay in Pittsburgh. Jack's also proud to report that a debating textbook that he co-authored (*Prima Facie*) has entered a second edition after being adopted by 100 colleges in the US and Japan! Other news from Jack includes that Foster Nickerson finished his USMA tour with Mechanics (and also ran the Ski Patrol) and is now at Picatinny Arsenal. Doug MacGregor is with the 2ACR after finishing Leavenworth. Doug's book on Soviet-East Ger mil cooperation is due out soon. Pete Schifferle ex-'76 has returned from Korea, and he & Sandy are now back in El Paso. Roger Schleiden is now a program mgr at the Office of the Chief, Army Res in DC. Jack received word that Lonnie Keene is serving as a Council on Foreign Relations Fellow in DC and/or NY. Finally, Chuck Allen left active duty over the summer and entered private law practice with a VA firm, specializing in medical malpractice cases.

A final letter brings with it more glad tidings! Frank Williams enclosed copies of pictures of his wedding to Erin this past Jun. You may note a couple of familiar faces in the crowd—in attendance were Gary Eason and Mike Kelly. Frank, after leaving the Army, is student-teaching and working on a PhD in European history at Emory Univ. Gary is practicing law in Atlanta, and Mike is working on a master's in engring in



1976: Founders Day 1989, Heidelberg



1976: Groomsmen at Williams' wedding: Eason, Williams and Kelly

Tampa and married **Laurie** just this past Mar. Frank also talks with **Love Collins** periodically. Love has a 15th floor office, is active in local politics, and last fall saw his wife elected as a federal judge.



1976: Wedding of Erin & Frank Williams

Well, that's it from my mailbag. I would encourage all of you to pull out your leftover Christmas cards, especially the ones with the pictures of the family, jot down what you did last wkend, and send me a copy. You'd be surprised how

many people would like to hear from you. Until then, take care. —lan

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Another deadline has crept up on me and I am now quickly compiling all of your news. Luckily (this time!!) I only have a few letters. This holiday season has been particularly hectic for **Susan & me**. In addition to getting ready for family visits, church and school events, shopping and most importantly attempting to focus on the real meaning of Christmas, we had to deal with the possibility of yet another move. Fortunately, it was just a possibility and we will be staying in NJ for a while longer. In addition, I was promoted to div mgr-integrated planning for consumer operations on 1 Dec, further adding to the hectic period. Nonetheless, we are all doing well and are looking forward to a joyous holiday season. With that little tidbit, here is the news:

I had misplaced a letter from **Dennis Zambetti** which I should have included in the last article. He wrote in the Aug timeframe with an update from No CA. He still works for Anthem Elec in the Silicon Valley. **Ken Lamneck** and **Sean Powers** are both VP's of the co and doing well. Dennis left Beringer in 88 and joined Anthem as an area sales rep. It has been challenging and worthwhile, requiring just a minor change from selling wine to selling integrated circuits and subsystems. However, the highlight of the letter to me was the news that Dennis married **Cheryl Pomcabare** on 22 Apr

... congratulations! During last summer Dennis got a chance to see **Alan Andon**—still in the Mojave region; **Dave Chadwick**—doing super-secret stuff in VA and **Gerry McCone** working for Tracor in TX. In closing, Dennis wants to wish all of his Zoo Mates a fond hello and to offer a place for drink/food in No CA.



1977: Cheryl & Dennis Zambetti

I received a very nice note from **Scott Anders** in early Nov. He figured it was time for an update (10 yrs and 3 kids later). **Barrett & Scott** have been in Evanston, IL, for about 5 yrs now, the last 4 working for NY Life. Just as they were beginning to get the hang of settling down, it looks as though they will be going to Ger (Dec 89). NY Life has asked Scott to head their European office now being established in Kaiserslautern, FRG. With the opening of the European Economic Comm in 92 and the reduction of barriers with Eastern Europe, the assignment should prove to be a very interesting and challenging opportunity.

I also received a note from **Esther K Lee, Willes Lee's** mother which contained the citation for a Legion of Merit which Willes received. It is dated 22 Jun 89 and reads: "For exceptionally meritorious service as the Army in Europe Terrorism Counteraction Officer, Crisis Action officer, and CERVINE TWIST III Action Officer, Operations Div, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, HQ, Seventh Army from Sep 86 to Jun 89. MAJ Lee consistently provided expert operational recommendations concerning life and death decisions which were vital to the fight against terrorism and conducted actions essential for deterrence of war. MAJ Lee's meticulous attention to detail and performance under pressure in a highly visible position of trust and responsibility demonstrates the superior standards set for him and the Armed Forces of the US." Congratulations Willes, it sounds as though you had a super job and were able to contribute a great deal.

My final bit of news arrived last night (mid Dec) via a phone call from **Fred Mills**. He had just completed the Navy Test Pilot School in MD. The course lasted 11 mos and was very challenging. **Janet**, Catherine (7) and Fred had re-

turned from Ger in Jun 88 to attend the Fixed Wing Course at Ft Rucker. He was assigned to Edwards AFB and was there for 2 mos (Oct/Nov) prior to going to MD. While at school, the Millses had their second girl, Sidney, on 5 Feb. After all this moving around the Millses look forward to settling down at Edwards for the next 4 yrs in the early part of 90. It was great to hear from you, Fred.

And this is the end of my short note. Godspeed and until next time when I will bring you news courtesy of your Christmas cards.

'78

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WP, 15 Dec 89. Happy New Year! As most of you know, the Army football team wasn't able to make it 4 victories in a row over Navy. While it must have been a great game to watch on television, it was even more spectacular watching the game standing in the center of the Corps. It was like old times, except this time I was a little more reserved. You could have heard a pin drop in the Corps area as the Navy field goal kicker sent the ball sailing through the uprights with 11 secs left on the clock. The Corps has been having trouble with its spirit this yr, e.g. at least 1/4 of the Corps does not go to home football games. But there was no doubt that the 12th man was there at the game. For those in the viewing audience, you did hear the First Cpt right. She is dating her Dep Cmdr. He is an Academic All-American linebacker, who had recently won a British Marshall Scholarship.



1978: Vaughn Vasconcellos at the White House

If you have been reading the lead articles in the past few ASSEMBLYs, you have probably noticed a tremendous amount of changes taking place at our rock bound highland home. The Supe's objective is to turn the east side of the Plain into intramural fids. Thayer Hall has gone through its most recent renovation. Last yr the whole northern qtr of Thayer Hall, all 4 floors, were torn out and replaced with very modern class-

rooms and professor offices. The result is first class. The Supe envisions the library expanding. He also plans to move the occupants out of Central Apts and put in classrooms and laboratories. The new Museum on South Post (Ladycliffe Coll) and Lincoln Hall (old BOQ) have been dedicated and open for business. The Scott Barracks renovation was completed this mo. The barracks rooms are first class. Each room is hooked up into the Cadet Barracks Local Area Network (CBLAN) and each room has two phone jacks. Everything is done on the computer here, so you can expect high speed LTs out of here with great computer programming skills. They moved the 2d Bn, 4th Regt TACs up onto the 7th Floor of the 49th Div, Ski's old turf. The most exciting change for the Corps is the new program in which cadets may leave USMA for a semester to "enrich" themselves in their area of expertise. For example, one of my cadets is going to Leningrad State Univ for the spring term. He is already a DLI grad in Russian and majors in Soviet Studies. If any of you want to sponsor a program that is in either the private or public sector and want to intern a cadet for a semester, I recommend you talk with the Supe's Office of Leadership Dev and Integration.

Let's drive on with Class news. Congrats to **Craig & Pat College**. They had their first child, Casey James, born on 17 Oct. Craig finished his PhD in econ from Stanford and is an analyst for DoD in the Economic Analysis and Resource Planning Div. Many thanks to Craig, he is still circulating pics around my cadet co of me standing on a table with an ice bucket on my head. **Terry DeRouchey** wrote from Venezuela. After Terry cmded a Bradley and a HHC at Ft Hood, he went to U of TX to get an MA in Latin American Studies. Terry graduated last



1978: Terry, Leanne and Garland and Joseph in Andean clothes near Merida, Venezuela

Jun and took his family—**Leanne**, Joseph (5), and **Garland** (3) down to South America where he's an instructor at the Venezuelan Inf School. The DeRouchey's leave an open invitation to anyone who wants to visit. His address is UMIL GP—Venezuela, ATTN: MAJ Terry

DeRouchey PEP, APO Miami 34037-0008. Terry reports that **Steve & Beth Orloff** and family are at Ft Benning. Steve is working in ORSA. He also reports that **HD & Kim Gill** and family are living in Dallas. HD works for T.I.

Mike Hargis, my Lake Frederick tentmate, stopped through WP a few mos back. Mike was coming from Boston where he was at **Jim Galloway's** wedding. Mike is back in night school at Ohio St and is a mgr for a restaurant in Tipp City, OH. Classmates that made it up for one or more home football games this fall are **Steve Martz** and family, and **Tim Blumer**. Steve is the asst store mgr for Caldor's in Danbury, CT. Tim is the opn mgr for a Caldor store in White Plains, NY. **Lloyd Alston** was up from Ft Bragg where he is the Asst S3, Corps Arty. **John Hackenberg** was up from York, PA. John works for BMY building howitzers. **Wayne Nixon** was up recently. He is an investment banker in NYC. **Les & Paulette Szabolesi** are both working out of Atlanta. Les is doing his Res time at FORSCOM HQ. He has been wearing the gold oak leaf for a while. **Rob Fess** came in from upstate NY where he is a plant mgr for Summerall Packaging Co.



1978: Wash power luncheon

We are beyond our Class's major population density on the staff and faculty at WP. The Class of '78 has only 69 classmates here. It looks like after Jun, we will be down quite a bit more. **Kevin Beam**, Dept of Math, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at RPI on 13 Nov. His subject was "Constructive Multivariate Methods for Data Analysis and Modeling." What! Congrats Kevin. **Earl & Valerie Rasmussen** are in their second yr teaching comp sci. Earl's full-time job is in the Academic Computing Div of the Dean's Office. He develops, plans, and tests future computer assets for USMA. Valerie is on the faculty of the EE&CS Dept. She shares an office with **Bob Shaw**. Earl reports that **Greg Stump** is finishing up his master's at Penn St. Greg & **Lori** will be coming to EE&CS after attending CG-SC. He also reports that **Earl & Doni Konka** recently spent a wkend up here visiting. Terry is at PERSCOM in the Off

Distribution Div of OMPD. Bob & Suzie Shaw are here in the EE&CS Dept. Bob branch transferred to Avn after an inf asgmt to the 82nd. He was with a Blackhawk unit in USAREUR, where he later cmded an Air Cav Troop in northern Bavaria. He got his master's from GA Tech in comp sci. He is currently in charge of the plebe comp sci prog. Bob & Suzi have two children, Grant (8) and Adam (4). Jim Luckett, (Admissions office) asked me to spread the word that if any of you are interested in being Military Academy Ln Offs (MALOs) or volunteers, give him a call at (914) 938-4041 or AV 688-4041. We already have 19 classmates offering their services in the "field" for admissions. Congrats to all the new majors. Please keep the letters and photos coming. God Bless. **Bill Harner**, 529B Winans Rd, West Point 10996— AV 688-3718, (914) 446-6529.

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Greetings,

I trust that everyone is doing fine and anticipating the return of summer. For those of us here at Ft Leavenworth, as with many others, it will again be a busy one as we prepare to move to our new duty asgmts. Now on with the news!

The only letter I have received was from **Rick & Donna Freed**. Rick sent a picture of his daughter Kristina Grace Elizabeth, who arrived a year ago and joins her brother Zachary in both their family and their hearts. Rick has again changed jobs and is presently living in Stafford, VA. about 40 minutes south of DC. Rick says, "I think we've moved more frequently since I've been a civilian than when I was on active duty." Rick & Donna really enjoyed the 10 year reunion and wanted to add their thanks to everybody who worked so hard to put it all together. Thanks Rick for the update.



1979: Rick Freed and daughter Kristina (1 yr).

Presently there are 494 classmates that do not get *ASSEMBLY* magazine, and we still have 54 classmates with incorrect addresses. If you know a classmate

that is not receiving *ASSEMBLY*, have them contact AOG at (914) 446-5800. Well that's all for now—God Bless. Scott

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I am writing this with many uncompleted Christmas cards staring me in the face, so I will have to be brief and to the point with this issue's news. I suppose I could ask my wife to write the cards, but then I'd have to change more diapers in return. And since it appears that the *ASSEMBLY* may soon go to 6 issues a yr, these deadlines are getting more and more frequent. I appreciate those of you who write with news—it saves me the time required to invent it.

Mike Guardia was recently promoted to MAJ in the USAR, working in the same unit as **Dave Shelley**. Mike saw **Doug Lenhoff** and **John Ley** last summer while he was on ADT. Doug works for Monarch Ins, and cmds a HQ co in the CA Guard. John is an RA advisor stationed at the Presidio. I hope all of our Bay Area classmates and families made it through the earthquake unscathed.

Mike is doing well with Exxon, drilling for natural gas in the AR/OK area. (Note for investors: he's bullish on long-term natural gas prices). He says that he & **Margaret** are planning to make the reunion. Other news: **Evan Blanco** works for NASA in OH, with wife **Linda** and son **Evan Jr.** **Chris Hawkins** works for Rockwell at Johnson Space Ctr, as does **Jeff Williams**, where he is on the Vehicle Integration Test Team. Both **Jeff** and **Mark Stevenson** are interviewing for the Astronaut Selection Program—let's hope that all those tired "space cadet" jokes finally come true for them. Mike closed by asking for the whereabouts of **Andy Edmunds**, so please speak up if you know it.



1980: Guardia gets promoted

The **Russos**—**Marty**, **Nancy**, and daughter **Marie**—live in Brussels, Belgium, where Marty attends the Belgian mil staff college. Marty had a tour at DLI to learn French before heading to Europe this summer. The Russos have been

traveling throughout Europe during this tour, and hope to head to Yale for grad school next summer.



1980: Marty, Nancy and Marie Russo at Hoeilaart, Belgium RR Station

Bart & Pamela Williams live in Memphis with Emily (2) and Matt (1). Bart will finish a Cardiology Fellowship at UT in 91, and plans to move back to AR at that time. He has talked to **Stu Whitehead** recently, who is now at Ft Knox.



1980: The Williams family

Jean McNulty wrote another informative letter—the rest of you should be so helpful. She even writes in the third person about her own family, probably hoping that I will use it verbatim without inserting my own idiosyncrasies (a vain hope, of course). She says that **Pete** is now a course dir in Materials Science at USMA, having received his MS from Stanford.

Gene Maggioncalda completed DLI in Jun and is now studying at KU in Lawrence, KS. **Jody Locklear** graduated from U of Wash and teaches in BS&L at USMA. **Jody & Debbie** had a baby boy, **Dashiell**, on 1 Oct 89 and now have 3 children.

John & Gerda Albright had a baby boy, **John III**, on 18 Jul. They live in Santa Rosa, CA. On 27 Nov, there was a B-2 mini-reunion at the USMA O-Club. Attending were **Pete McNulty**, **George Woods**, **Jody Locklear**, **Dave Bender**, **Bob Faille**, **Erin Misner** and **John Kramer**.

Ben Hodges is an instructor at IOAC, following a tour as a CO and staffer at Ft Campbell. He & **Holly** just celebrated their first wedding anniv. **Lee Taylor**

teaches with Ben, with a desk 10 ft away, and **John Agolia** also teaches at IOAC. At CAS3 recently, Ben met up with **Bob Algermissen** and **Elrin Hundley**. Bob had a successful cmd in an arty regt in Ger, and Elrin was in CAC at Ft Leavenworth. Elrin & wife **Carmen** have two children.

Ben was assigned with **Tom Gleason** at Ft Campbell. Tom is now in a readiness gp near Pittsburgh. **Lloyd Miles** worked with Ben at Campbell in a bde S-3. Ben saw a familiar face in a gp of abn students—**Rick Funk**. After being an aviator, Rick went to a seminary and is now a chaplain at Ft Bragg (hence his need to get jump wings). He & **Kathy Ann (Willey)** have two little girls. Ben also saw **Jay Macklin** at Benning, where he is a JAG officer.

Ben says that **Vince Brooks** is doing well at PERSCOM, where he is involved in education asgmts. **Jeff Miles** left the Tactics Dept to attend Naval Postgrad Sch. **Joe Votel** also taught tactics, and is now on the Ranger Regt staff. **Paul Martin** teaches tactics, and will soon leave for an ORSA asgmt. Last summer Ben ran into **Matt Tavrades** in Atl, where Matt attends Mercer Law Sch. **Chris Allen** is in the 5th SF, living at Ft Campbell with wife **Denise**.

Ben would like to track down **Roy Graham** if possible, so send news if you have it. Ben recently saw **Tom Knuttille**, who is an Ord officer at Redstone. He said that **Jeff Schwartz** is now working in Woodbridge, VA, building missiles for the Navy.

I watched the exciting Army-Navy game with my brother Rob (USNA '79) but unfortunately the excitement ended up on his side, not mine. Still it was an excellent game, and maybe we will start a new win streak next yr. Make plans to attend our reunion this autumn—it will be a great time.



1980: Dave & Kelly Cook; Founders Day 1989, Dallas

Many of our Class do not subscribe to the *ASSEMBLY*. I believe strongly in maintaining ties with classmates and friends, for both personal and professional reasons. If you know someone who doesn't subscribe, don't be afraid to proselytize on behalf of AOG.

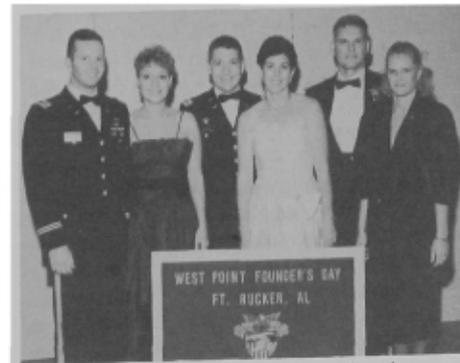
For those on active duty, I would like to hear some of your assessments of the effect of recent geostrategic changes on the Army. It seems to me that these, combined with domestic budget pressures, could result in some major effects on career patterns and progress.

I know it will be the depths of the Gloom Period when you read this, but Merry Christmas anyway, and God bless you everyone.

'81

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Way to go '81! I've been receiving a steady stream of letters and pictures. Thank you all! **Mark Reisweber** wrote a very "newsy" letter. He & his wife, **Debbie (Delgiorno '82)**, are at the Univ of IL working on master's degrees in psychology. They will be in the BS&L Dept at WP in 91. I guess Mark is the only one with whom **Lance Mannion** keeps in touch. He & his wife **April** visited Mark in Sep on their way to the Cheyenne Mt Complex (NORAD) in CO Springs. The Dairy Queen business must be good, and in fact, Lance is going to sell 5% of the business to **Mark McKearn** & wife **Kathy**. Mac cmds D Troop, 2/1 Cav in Ger. By the way, he says the free "Goat Busters Parfaits" offer to any classmate is still good. According to Mark Reisweber, **George Bilafer** was recently at Leavenworth for CAS3. He, his wife **Ruta** and son "Little Geo" are at Ft Hood where George cmds an Apache co. They are supposed to go to Ger in Mar 90. George, assisted by **Wayne Sauer** and **Mike "the Rapper" Courts**, is hosting the Ft Hood Army-Navy party. Mike & **Robbie Courts** recently had a son, **Benjamin**. Meanwhile, another source sent a picture of George, along with **Barry Bazemore** and **Carol**, and **Mike Knippel** & **Laurie** at Ft Rucker Founders Day dinner.



1981: Bilafers, Bazemores and Knippels

Mark continued in his letter that **Johnny Blich** passed through on his way back to Ft Devens from CAS3. While there he won a local karate tournament, living up to his special ops nickname of

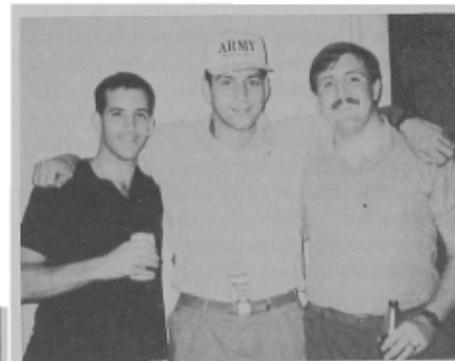
"**Rambo**." **Johnny** has ret from the sailing circuit. **Wally & Joann Golden** and their family are moving to CO from AK in the next few mos. They will miss the lifestyle of the 49th state. One last message from **Mark**—he is updating the address list for the Class comm, so all you G-3 folks send your addresses to **Mark A Reisweber**, 3302 Halifax Dr, #B, Champaign, IL 61821.

Jack & MaryLynn Bowen wrote from Evanston, IL where they have a condo. Jack works at **Leo Burnett** on the **Black & Decker** account, recruits at **Kellogg** and is in the Natl Guard, flying **Hueys**. He also keeps busy with son **Andrew**, who will be 2 in Apr. And they are expecting



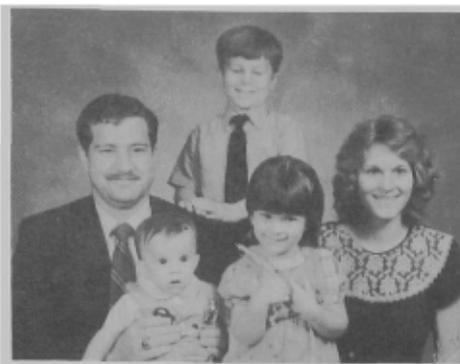
1981: Jack, MaryLynn and Andrew Bowen

their second child in Mar. The **Bowens** saw **Matt & Kathy Herholtz** and **Gerry & Patti O'Keefe** this summer at WP where both Matt and Gerry are stationed. And **MaryLynn** wrote that **Bert Brown** was married last Apr.



1981: O'Keefe, Herholtz and Bowen

Ron Humphreys wrote a nice long letter. He works for **Nalco Chemical Co** which sells specialty chemicals to industry to protect boilers and cooling water systems. He is a member of the DE Natl Guard, and says that it is the most un-military military org ever, but that when it comes to getting the job done, that's a different story. **Ron** is still in avn as a CW2, and proud of it. That was the only slot available unless he was willing to leave avn. From his letter, being a CW2 has some benefits—like being able to avoid all those meetings! **Ron** has a beautiful family. **Danny** is 5 1/2, **Diana** is 2 1/2 and **Brian Douglas** was born Feb



1981: Humphreys family

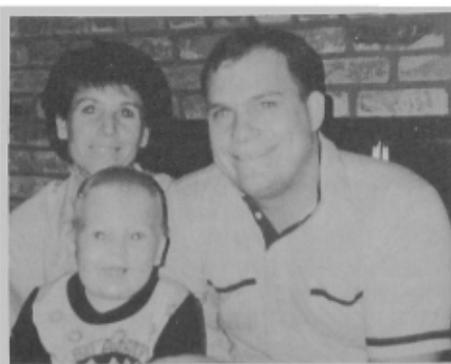
89, and was 9 lbs, 12 oz. He is named for **Brian Haller**, a great guy. Ron keeps in touch with **Barb (Knoll) Lobdell** who lives in CO and **Dave Hartley** who is stationed at Ft Hood and has a cmd now.

Mark Schroeder wrote a note—he is working hard for Prudential-Bache as an associate in corporate finance. His wife, **Laura**, is the asst curator for the Cooper-Hewitt Museum (the Smithsonian Institution's Natl Museum of Design) in NY.

Dan Klecker is assigned to the CMTC at Hoenfels, Ger. **Dave Ling** and **Greg Schleyer** are there too, and **Bill Balough** should be there by publication time. Each unit in Europe is supposed to rotate through about once every 14 mos, so I'm counting on Dan to be my "spy" overseas.

Dave Sonnier is a first-time contributor, who probably should write more often—his letter was really interesting. He is an exchange off at the Columbian Ranger School. His wife of 5 yrs, **Lorri**, was evacuated from Columbia in Sep. He didn't have news of other classmates because he is the only "Gringo" on the 10th Bde mil base in Tolemaida. He gives classes in weapons, marksmanship, patrolling and mountaineering, and was the dir of the Mountain Phase of the course that was taking place at the time he wrote. He says the Escuela de Lanceros (Columbian Ranger School) is very similar to our own. By the time of publication, Dave will probably be back at Ft Bragg (he branch transferred to SF two yrs ago). I sure hope he plans to attend our 10 yr reunion—he must have some great stories.

Last but not least, **Randy Lovell** wrote and enclosed a picture of himself & his wife **Maureen** and son, **Ryan**. They are buying a new house in Norco, CA, and have been extremely busy this yr. Randy is the lead engr working for Rockwell on the B-1B Bomber program. In addition, they own an Amway business and are very successful in that field. Amway sent them to DC in May for the Washington Charities Awards Dinner. In Jun they went to Palm Springs for an Amway seminar—and to golf, shop and swim with Ryan. In Jul, they went to HI and golfed, fished, shopped, surfed and visited Pearl Harbor. For Christmas they



1981: The Lovells

were in NY with Maureen's parents. Well, that's all for now. Keep those letters and pictures coming—we all appreciate them. NJS

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I offer no excuses. I missed last issue's column. First time in 7 yrs. If it happens again, **Mike Hogan** will crush me like a bug. More on Mike later. In recent yrs, the Class career patterns have been fairly easy to predict. Basic Crs, Rgr Sch, plt ldr, staff, Adv Crs, cmd, etc. Well, another pathway to add: grad schooling. **Chuck Chase** writes from Naval Postgrad Sch in Monterey, CA. He & wife **Marie** are enjoying life with the squids, and he's seen **Steve Hutchison**, **Dan Buning**, **John Page**, **Bobby Scurlock**, **Yancey Williams**, **Bob Steinrauf**, **Hugh Bell**, **Steve Townsend**, and **Chris Morey** since he's been there. **Chuck & Marie** are still newlyweds, too. They were married on 4 Mar 89 at Ft Stewart. **Mark Easton** and **Derek Miller** were groomsmen, and the saber bearers included **John Piatak** and **John Pulliam**. **Mark** cmds A Co, 3 Engr Bn; **Derek** is in his second cmd, his first was D Co, 3/19th Inf and now HHC, 2/7 Inf; **John #1** was 3 Engr Bn BMO at the time and is now starting his master's at MIT; and **John #2** came down from Ft Bragg. Just over a wk later, **Chuck** was signing in at Leavenworth for CAS3. They had time to squeeze in a honeymoon cruise, though.

Steve Ingalls has just finished up his cmd. He led B Co, 2/25 Attk Hel Bn through quite a few growing pains as the 10th Mtn Div Avn Bde was just getting off the ground (so to speak). He had the opportunity to go to Ft Chaffee for JRTC tng where he ran into **Dan Shanahan**. **Dan** will be taking an asst hel co up in Ft Drum soon. Other news from **Steve**: **Rick Hoss** is nearby in 3/17 Cav and **John & Maureen McGee** are also at Drum as **John** is assigned to 2/25. And lastly, **Steve & Cara** now have a second son, **Andrew David**, who was born while they were at Ft Rucker for AVNOAC.

John Hornick sends the I-1 Iguana



1982: Derek Miller, Chuck Chase and Mark Easton



1982: Marie & Chuck Chase

Newsletter from Jul 89. It's pretty lengthy, so here's a quick blurb on many of the I-1 boys. **John** is now working for Pfizer in Columbus, GA. He & his wife **Judy** have a son, **Craig**, who was born in Dec 88. **Brian & Jane Allgood** are at Ft Benning. **Brian** is the scribe for I-1 and put the newsletter together. He recently ran the Inf Marathon and says it will be his first and last. **Jane** is now cmdr of 690 Ambulance Co at Benning. **Mark & Mary Averill** shipped off to Ger in Sep 87 after the Port Opns Sch in CA. **Mark** worked as container ops off for Europe and now cmds HHC 4 TRAMSCOM. **Jim Boyle** is working for Digital Systems Consultants and is assigned a project with McDonnell Douglas. He still works with the Res in the St Louis Mobilization and Planning Support Cell. **Ron & Annisa Carter** have left the mil and are now in Orlando. **Ron** is working on an adv degree in computer science or math. **Joe & Ellen Duffey** are still at Ft Hood. **Joe's** Apache unit really took a beating during that freak wind shear last spring. **Jim & Robin Flynn** are now living in MD, as **Jim** recently left the Army. **Craig & Carol Fox** celebrated the birth of daughter **Catherine Adele** in May. They're currently at Ft Bliss. **Kevin Griffith** is cmding at Ft Benning. He & wife **Gabrielle** have a son, **Louis**, who will celebrate his second birthday in Mar. **Lyle Kellman** was married to wife **Rae** in Jul 88. He's now in Naval Postgrad Sch and should finish in about a yr. **Tom & Patti Westfall** will leave Ft Irwin soon as **Tom** will finish up his cmd and go to Ft Rucker for AVNOAC. Then it's off to Leavenworth for CAS3 and then

Def Language Sch in CA. **Paul Wood** is now a OH-58D instructor pilot and an asst bde S3 at Ft Rucker. He & wife **Michelle** are proud parents of daughter **Kate**. Thanks a million for all the info **Brian** and **John**. **Steve Boston** writes to fill us in on his comings and goings since '82. After a tour in Ger as a mech inf pltdr, XO, and asst S3, Steve finished IOAC and branch transferred to SF. After a bit more schooling in Spanish, CAS3, Q Crs, and others, he was sent to Panama with 3 Bn, 7 SFG(A). Along the way, Steve met and married his wife **Debra** in Dec 83 in Roskilde, Denmark, and they have 2 children, **Tiffany** and **Ross**. **Tiffany** was born in Jun 85 and **Ross** came along in Feb 87. Steve is currently a det cmdr and will probably be returning stateside this spring.

Bill Rogers is now working with Chase Manhattan. He is in the Energy Finance component in Chase's Corporate Finance sector. **Eric Erickson** is also with the co on the futures desk of Chase Securities. **Bill**, **Eric**, and **Bob Turko**, who is now with GE, all graduated from Duke's Bus Sch in May 89. **Keith Fink** will finish the same program this yr. **Bill** now works in NYC and saw a few Army football games and '82 classmates this past yr. **Duane Gapinski**, **Chris Adams**, **Mark Albe**, **Greg Knapp**, and **Larry Tosi** all have season tickets and sit in the '82 Class section—row Z, upper deck, 35 yd line. **Larry's** parents have earned a special spot as they have some of the best tailgate parties around. **Bill** has seen a few more members of the Select Few, including **Joey Warwick**, **George Munro**, **Jim Heavner**, **Mark Lofgren**, and **Mark Milat**. **Mike & Natalie Hogan** are now civs. **Natalie** owns a sportswear business in NJ, and **Mike** is working for a co that manufactures cooling units for computers and other equipment.



1982: Founders Day 1989, Ft Rucker

Monica (Balkas) Gorbandt's father dropped a note to tell that she's now a first yr student at the Bowman Gray Sch of Medicine at Wake Forest Univ in Winston Salem, NC. Congrats, **Monica**.

Mike Faessler writes from Wash DC, where he's at the Def Intel Coll, part of DIA, at Bolling AFB. **Mike** branch transferred to MI in 86. Herein you see **Mike**

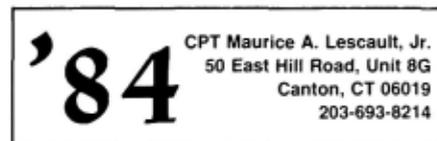
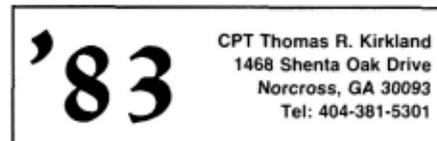
Minear of the WP Soc of N TX at Founders Day in Mar 89. **Mike** was leading the gp in singing "The Corps."



1982: Mike Minear at N TX WP Soc

Lastly, we have some sad news to report. **Bill Lowrey**, who had been paralyzed in an auto accident a few yrs ago, went into a coma in late fall of 89. He passed away later and his funeral was held 30 Nov at Ft Myer, VA. **Bill** was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery. Our condolences to his family were expressed by those in attendance, who included **Kevin Keating**, **Pat Neary**, **Cris Acosta**, **Mike Theriault**, **Kerry Haines** and **Pat Duffy**.

Til next issue, take care.



Greetings, '84! I hope that gloom period doesn't have everyone down during this winter season. I'm writing this column while preparing for exams so I'm going to jump right into the news and try to keep things straight and to the point!

In my preps for the reunion, I heard from several classmates who I missed last time. **Wes Gillman** called from Ger where he is serving a 2nd tour after the adv course. **Bev (Rogers) Phillips** wrote from Ft Hood and the 1st Cav where she is serving after assignments at Bragg and ROK. As is probably obvious from her name change, **Bev** has gotten married. She & husband, **Michael**, an Inf officer she met at Bragg, were married back in Aug. Congratulations! **Bev** was preparing to leave the Cav and take cmd of an MI co there at Hood. In her 'spare time' she is also pursuing her MBA. Thanks for the info, **Bev** and best of luck! **Ed Morris** called a couple of times from Ft Bliss. Trips to the NTC and the other rigors of cmd kept him & wife, **Carrie**, from the reunion. **Ed** is serving in the 3rd Cav

with **Dave Breuhan**. I received a letter from LTC(ret) **Frank Tryon** whose son, **Steve '83**, had recently relinquished cmd of B/1/505 Inf to my old roommate from beanhead year, **Dave Woolf**. He was kind enough to enclose a photo of the event. Thanks, sir! Also, our congrats to **Dave**! Finally, I spoke with **Chris**



1984: Dave Woolf assumes command.

Gaertner's wife, **Jackie**. The **Gaertners** are out of the Army and living in Stamford, CT.

Well, I think that brings us to the reunion. I have to admit that I am going from memory so I will no doubt miss some (if not a lot) of people who were there. Please drop me a note if I miss you so I can put you in another issue! The following are just brief comments on some of the people (i.e., the ones that I remember) who attended the reunion.

Dan & Sandy Hogan, who helped me an awful lot with the reunion, are in DC where **Dan** works at PERSCOM. **Meg Gordon**, who also helped a great deal, wrote a letter after the reunion so I will give the scoop on her later in the article. **John Adams** is finishing up his last year at Notre Dame law school. He's already passed the bar in IN so he's just cruising now! Congrats, **John**! **Phil Alibrandi** is out of the Army and works at a career placement co in Darien, CT. **Chris & Lydia (Stuban) Antoniou** are also in CT. **Chris** is attending Yale Law School under the FLEP program; **Lydia** is out of the Army and attending U of Bridgeport law school. **Tom Ayres** is in his second year of law school at UPenn, also under the FLEP program. **Eric & Tanya Belcher** are currently serving at Ft Meade. **Doug Bentley** is currently serving a short tour in ROK with the Corps of Engrs. **Dan Boyd** is stationed at WP and is commanding an MP co. **Bruce Bruno** is working for 3Com in CA. **Marc Cerniglia** is out and attending an MBA program at UVA. **John DeWitt** is out and working in ME where he is also serving in the Res. **Brenda Edleson** is out and working in DC. **Butch Eicker** is currently serving at, I believe, Ft Hood although I tend to get Bliss and Hood mixed up. **Scott Eighmy** is out and enjoying life with wife, **Kathy**, in OH. **Herb & Deanna Fechter** are at Ft Belvoir with the engr school. **Colby**

Fisher is out and working with a financial investment firm in FL. **Anthony & Diane Garcia** are serving at Ft Hood. **Jay & Fran Johnson** are out of the Army and living outside of Charlottesville, VA. Jay is working in civil engineering there. **Matt Hutchens** left the Army and is working for a steel company in PA. **Wayne & Dorinda (Smith) Lambert** are both serving at Aberdeen Proving Gnds, MD. **Brian & Terry Lein** are in Horsham, PA where Brian is completing his residency after attending med school through the Army. **Tim & Marybeth Livolsi** are currently in NYC where 'Si' works for NYNEX. The Livolsis have a son, James, and another child on the way! Congrats!! **Ed Martin** is attending law school at Fordham U under the FLEP program. **Don & Jan Matz** are out of the Army and living in OH. **Mike Merrill** is out of the Army and working in his own business in, I believe, CA. **Jim & Anne Mitroka** are at Ft Devens where Trokes is the CO of an engr co. **Bob Morgan** is currently serving at Ft Polk. **Dan McKerrick** is at Ft Belvoir with the engr school. Well, that's half the alphabet so I'm going to take a paragraph break.

Skip & Beth Olson are down at Ft Lee where Skip is cmding an airborne rigger co. **Patty Painton** is currently serving at Ft Gordon. **Joe Paniccia** is down at Ft Hood. **Al Porambo** is doing his residency for the Army in MD in psychology, I believe. **Dan Priatko** is looking great and making remarkable progress after sustaining severe injuries in a car accident. He was able to participate in all of the ceremonies and class functions which made them extra special! **Dan Rice** is out of the Army and rumor has it he's attending law school in TX. I think we're going to have a class full of lawyers!! **Chris Richardson** is serving down at Ft Monmouth. **Marjorie Rudinsky** is out at Ft Carson along with our very own "Smitty" Smith. Smitty is in cmd of an OD co, and I believe Marjorie is either in cmd or about to take one. **Dave Showerman** is out at the U of MI Business School and is doing well. Dave was also kind enough to send me a note after the reunion saying he had a good time. This way, you don't have to take my word for it! I appreciated that, Dave! **Sue (Lenio) Sine** is still in Panama with husband, **Eric '83**. Sue is doing well and managing to survive the turmoil down there unscathed. **Ron Spence** is out and working for a bank in Trumbull, CT. **Ken & Pat Thrasher** are currently serving in the great north at Ft Drum.

Well, that taps the limit of what I could store in my limited memory space. I can tell from my lists that there were some people missed! Again, please write so I can tell the class about the great things you're doing right now! And, I apologize for not getting everyone! Please read on because there is more news!!

As I mentioned before, **Meg Gordon** wrote from Ft Eustis, VA. Meg helped me out with planning and executing the reunion which I greatly appreciated! But, the big news for Meg was her recent MARRIAGE. Don't worry, Meg claims



1984: Meg Gordon and husband, Bobby Shea.

that she was as surprised as you probably are! To quote Meg, though, "Hey, when you meet the right man, well, it's easy after that. . . ." Meg & her husband, **Bobby Shea**, had just returned from their honeymoon when they came to the reunion! So they really are NEWlyweds. However, they are now enduring some time apart as Bobby is flying Blackhawks up at Ft Devens while he awaits the paperwork for reassignment to Ft Eustis. Meg reminded me that there was kind of a reunion-within-a-reunion as many prep-schoolers attended the reunion. Among those Meg saw (and I did not mention above) are **Larry Carroll**, **Josh Cronin**, **Chuck Cepak**, **Sean Dodgson**, **Roger Lambert**, **Dave Moore**, and **Mick Hauser**. Well, thanks for the news, Meg, and again thanks for all the help on the reunion!

Jeff Lawson wrote from Camp Page, ROK where he is the CO of the 219th Med Det. Jeff arrived in ROK via TX and AL after graduating from the USUHS. In TX, he did his surgical residency at Ft Sam Houston. While there, he ran into **Rob Oglesby** who is also a doc and starting an internal med residency. From there, Jeff attended the Flight Surgeon's Course at Ft Rucker, AL. Also in the class were docs **Colin Miller**, **Darrell Scales**, and **Dave Wiggins**. Colin went on a 'hardship' tour with the 25th ID in HI after graduation while Dave went to Ft Hood and the 6th Cav Bde. While at Rucker, Jeff ran into **Diana (Gamboa) Wiant**. Before leaving the states, Jeff paid one last visit to his alma mater. No, not THAT alma mater, his med school! There he saw **Leon Moores** and **John 'O.B.' O'Brien**. Leon is in his fourth (and final) year of school and has taken cmd! He is pres of his class and has organized a new military med student society! Way to Go, Leon! O.B. is in his 2nd year and is doing great as well! Well, Jeff arrived in ROK and immediately began running



1984: '84's flight surgeons: Miller, Scales, Wiggins and Lawson.



1984: Moores, Lawson and O'Brien at USUHS.

into classmates. At Camp Page with Jeff are **Jim Amundsen** who is cmding the engr det, **Joe McClung** who is the S4 for 4/501 Avn Bn, **Ed Kleinschmidt** who is the A/S3 in the same Avn bn, and **Rich Gennaro** who has recently left the FA det there and is heading to our rock-bound, highland home to join DPE. MAJ Millard better look out! Other '84 docs in country include **John Cho** who is cmdg the 150th Med Det at Camp Carrol, **Rory Howard** who is John's XO (talk about a small world), and **Jerry Farber** who is in cmd of the 218th Med Det at Camp Long. Jeff had heard news about **Gil Barnett** and **Ricky Myhand**. Gil was married last Jul to wife, **Debbie**, at Ft Riley. Congrats!! Rickey is out in HI doing his residency in internal med. Finally, Jeff said that the rep of Korea is not accurate! He claims it's a beautiful country outside the cities that should be explored. Sounds like good advice to me, Jeff! Thanks for all the good "poop" and best of luck in ROK!!

I'm writing this in Dec, as many of you may recall, because the column has to be in a couple of months in advance. So I haven't gotten the Christmas card rush, yet. (I love Christmas because I get to hear from LOTS of you! The more people that write, the easier my job is!) But, there were a few "early birds" whose kind cards reached me before the deadline!

Doug Bentley wrote from ROK where he returned after attending the reunion. He says life is busy there but a little more enjoyable since he bought a car and can get around easier. Doug ran into **Pat Wray** who is in ROK with his lovely wife,

Sharon. You may recall from a couple of issues back that I had seen Pat at Ft Dix this summer as he & Sharon were preparing to leave for ROK. It's good to see they made it safely! Thanks for the card and the info, Doug!!

Alex Beuhler wrote from TX where he & wife, **Irene**, are enjoying the yr-round warmth. You may recall that Alex is working for TX Instr down there. A couple of other members of the "Best of the Corps" have joined the TI team, namely **Joel Oguete** and **Pete Weis**. Best of Luck, Guys. **Tom Schneider** is selling real estate in N TX and is the coordinator for the Class. Anyone in that area who wishes to attend Founders Day there should contact him at (817) 488-8439. Thanks for the Holiday Greetings, Alex, and write again soon.

One of my most faithful correspondents, **Jan Matz**, sent a card and her usual great batch of news. I finally had a chance to meet Jan at the reunion which was nice after all of this time as correspondents! She and **Don** are out in OH as I mentioned above and enjoying life with their two young ones, Donald and Alexis whom, I'm told by Jan, is called "cutie" by everyone! I can see why! These kids, like dad, are die-hard Army fans! While they were dis-



1984: The Matz kids with their proud dad.

appointed with the outcome of the Army-Navy game, as we all were, they're still cheering for the Black Knights! **Don** is active in the Res and the WP Soc in OH as well as traveling a lot for his job. Jan is pursuing her nursing degree which she should finish in '92, writing for the local newspaper, and taking care of the family! Good luck with everything, Jan!! Jan sent more detailed news about those they saw at the reunion. You'll remember from above that **Pat & Ken Thrasher** are up at Ft Drum. Well, while there, Ken is pursuing his master's and Pat is working as a rep for Revlon. **Bruce Bruno**, whom I mentioned had come out from CA, was accompanied by his "significant other," **Vita Singh**, whom Jan says is a "sweet and super-intelligent woman." His home in Los Gatos is not far from the epicenter of this year's tragic earthquake! Luckily, he and **Vita** stayed on the E coast after the reunion and missed the rumblings! For all of you F4 alumni, Jan said that MAJ Santiago and



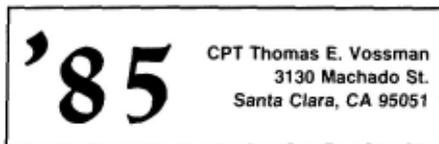
1984: Thrashers, Matzes, with Bruno and friend Vita—Reunion 89.

his family (wife and three kids) are in ROK for 3 yrs. Once again, thanks for the info, Jan, and write again soon.

Finally, I received a card from my buddy, **Dean Chang**. Dean is in ROK cmdg the HQ Det of the 177th Fin Spt Grp at Camp Casey. He had branch-transferred to Finance a little while back and is planning to attend business school at Columbia after leaving cmd and the Army in Jul. Dean mentioned that **Eddie Cadena** is doing well at Northwestern's business school. While in ROK, Dean saw **Luke Fox** who is in cmd of a mech inf co in the western corridor. Rumor control says that **Mark Fox** is out there too but Dean hasn't seen him. **Pat Clark** was in ROK as well, but left this past Sep. Thanks for the card, Dean, and good luck in school!

Well, I think that's it! I have to get back to the books. Before, I do though, I need to thank one more person for reunion help. My wife, **Dianne**, puts up with a lot of grief from me and pulls a lot of slack for me when I get involved in these projects (it's always something!) Despite all of that, she still helps and supports me 110 percent. So, I just want to put credit where its deserved—I couldn't do any of this stuff without her!

'Til next time—be safe, happy, and start thinking about BEATING NAVY next yr!!



Well I am on the road PCS'ing to HI and have not received much mail. It will catch up to me I am sure. A few admin notes. First, I found out that our Class only has 34% receiving the ASSEMBLY. Embarrassing as it is to admit, we are one of the lowest of all classes that have graduated. Subscribing to the ASSEMBLY as well as sending contributions into the WP Fund are two ways we can support our Alma Mater, and well, make it the place we all know and love, despite what "48 hrs" tries to do! Besides, the ASSEMBLY will probably be going to 6 issues, so you'll be getting your money's

worth out of me. Who knows, maybe we can start a mail lottery to encourage writers. It has also crossed my mind that maybe everyone does not like my articles . . . nah, couldn't be that!!

Tasha (Robinson) Williams & her husband **Greg** are doing great. After finishing her tour in FRG which included a stint in Luxemburg working with the US Embassy, Tasha is off to a Read Gp in Detroit, MI. Enclosed is a picture of them and their son, **Jonathan David**.

She filled me in on many other classmates. **Tracy (Sager) & Glenn Seymour** are headed for FRG after OAC. **Marty Kuhn** & his wife are headed to Ft Bragg. Marty was part of Force Alignment and will be QM now. **Angie (Messer) Neier** is now stationed at Ft Lee working for OQMG. **Sue (Shugert) Green** & her husband **Jerry** have had their second child. After finishing up a cmd in FRG, Sue will be headed for Signal OAC. Finally, **Rose (Forrester) Burwell** & her husband **Mark** and their son **Ryan** are now at Eustis, along with **Jamie Zucker** who will be heading for Ft Lewis after OAC. Tasha, I will see **Dee & Hel** and pass on a hello!



1985: The Williamses' christening day



1985: QMOAC 89-5 graduation

Mark Kapsalis is up at Ft Drum still doing great. He is the A/S-3 for 2/87 Inf. His roommate is my 'ole roommate from plebe yr, the "Mac-a-man," **Garry McAvoy**. Garry is headed back for Ranger sch in Feb which couldn't make him a happier man.

As for the rest of hockey crew—**Steve Oborsky** & wife **Lisa** are doing super at Sill. **Mike Symes** & **Patty** are at Ft Stewart, and **Jim Stenson** is also married and

currently stationed at Ft Riley. The two "buffed" individuals in the photo are "Mac and Kap" posing at what they want us to believe is the NY Ironman Competition—and if I know them, it probably is!



1985: Kapper and Macaman

If you all haven't seen it, **Jeff Swisher** had an article published in *Armor Magazine* (Sep-Oct 89) entitled "Creating an Army of Winners." It is excellently written and I recommend everyone take a look at it. Now for my stab—I am hoping Jeff writes his next article on teaching some Armor officers how to use engrs in the field. Great article, Jeff!

Scott Sealey & his wife will soon be leaving FRG for FAOAC after 5 yrs there. He and his family are doing super and are definitely ready to see the states again.

Finally, the last two photos are of recent marriages. First, **Scott Milliren** & **Jamie** were married this past fall. Pictured are all of our classmates including **Jeff Ryscavage**, **Randy Cozzens**, **Steve Kelly**, **Frank Hall**, and **John Combs**. The second wedding, **Ronda** & I attended down in Tampa, FL. "3-spot" **Jack Harrington** broke hearts across America as he married the woman of his dreams, **Maria**. Also at the wedding were a lot of 'phers, **John Roney**, **Darrell Irvin**, and **Harry Hazen**. We had a great time. Jack & Maria will be in Benning for awhile.



1985: Mills and the boys

Lastly, CPT Shelley '80 got in touch with me and knows the whereabouts of an '85 yellow gold class ring w/a ruby stone in it. If anyone has lost it or knows of any of our classmates who have lost



1985: Jack & Maria

their ring, contact me immediately.

Ronda & I will be in HI and settled by the end of Jan. If you come out, give us a call—we have room and love guests. If we don't have room, you can stay with **Jeff Ryscavage** and I'll let him know I volunteered his house! You have my best '85!



I hope that everyone was knee deep in Christmas cheer, surrounded by tidings of joy and good friends—ya know the whole works. I guess the only downer of the whole season was the Army team taking it on the chin from the Navy team. From the sounds of it, everyone had a wonderful Christmas season and I'm looking forward to hearing more about it. Now here is what's happening in your Army neighborhood.

Our friends at 237 EN Bn in Heilbronn, FRG have done the neighborly thing—with **Steve O'Dell** as spokesman they welcomed in 1LT in grand style. The 237th claims **Joe Michaud**, **Fred Kaehler**, **Mike Ferrone**, **JP Waltner**, **Doug Whitehouse**, **Greg Hagerty**, and **Jim Saenz**. Other Heilbronn hooligans include **Debbie Hower** of the 22nd Maintenance and **Pat Osley** of the 26th Signal. **Scott Loftus** also joined the 237th for a special wkend. The gp shown here got completely out of control, blew their first month's pay raise, and cruised down the Neckar River—an O'Club get-together does somehow seem inadequate, especially for this lineup!

Steve did manage to update us on a few other major events. First of all—"The House, The House, The House is *not* on fire." Rumor control East pegged **Doug Whitehouse** as the original party animal, last seen terrorizing the German ski community. Alas! Whitey, the "House,"



1987: All aboard the USS Barbarossa

has been happily married for well over a yr. **JP Waltner** was married last yr too, and is apparently tailoring himself to fill the Supe's slot back at the Point. At press time **Joe Michaud** and **Greg Hagerty** had returned to the land of the big PX to tie the marriage knot. **Jim Saenz** has been teaching karate. If that weren't enough for the 237th community service award, **Freddy Kaehler** coached soccer and basketball with the YA. Further, **Mike Ferrone** was in a German hockey league dominating the nets and the penalty box. As for **Steve**, he & his wife **Joanne** have put summer skiing on the map for the local community—organizing several ski sabbaticals. Keep it up 237 and thanks **Steve**.

Live from Mainz-Finthen, FRG—the **Novalis**. That's correct, back on 22 Apr 89 big **John Novalis** took the marriage leap. As this photo verifies, his wife **Mary** is as lovely as **John** boasts. **Jim**



1987: Mary & John Novalis, Apr 89

Parker shared the occasion with **John** & **Mary** as the best man. **Steve Shea** and **Jim Sheptock** were also in attendance. **John** adds that he shares some great flight times with **Ron Lewis** and some great travel times with **Mary**, **Ron** & **Denise Lewis**. I'm glad to hear that **Ron** and **John** enjoy their cobra platoons and I await more great news from Mainz!

OK—here's a quickie. Ladies and Gents—the infamous McAleer BierGarten in all of its glory—full of '87 grads. Participants include **Jim** & **Ramona Fritschi**, **Dave Garza**, **Mike Gajewski**, **Ellen Adams**, **Pat Rhyne**, **RJ Sollohub**, **Ned Campbell**, **Ted** & **Donna McAleer**, **Bob Pitulej** '86, and **Lynn** & **Mike Pratt**.



1987: The McAleer Bier Garten

Thanks for thinking of us **Donna & Ted**.

Get some sleep **Jon & Kathy Fliss**; for crying out loud! Actually, the crying out loud may be a major contributor to their sleeplessness. Apparently, their new son, **Palmer Scott Fliss**, has a good healthy cmd voice. Born 12 Aug 89, Palmer weighed in a healthy 7 lbs 10 oz bundle of energy. Go to sleep Palmer, WP class of 2011 awaits—you'll need the rest. If he still won't go to sleep, try this. (1) Wrap him in a green girl (2) Close the blinds (3) Announce "Drill has been cancelled" several times—hell it always put us right to sleep.

We briefly spoke last time of **John Crino's** Ranger exploits! Now we have it on film. Here John and his partner complete the 2.8 mi run on their way to becoming the only Non-Ranger Regt team to ever finish in the top 5 of the best Ranger Competition.



1987: '87's Best Ranger with buddy

John Crino dropped me a note to add that **Tom Hiebert** is en route to Korea for a yr; **Tim Bobroski** was last seen headed for JRTC in Dec, and **Chris Rush** will

join John in Thailand in May 90. We are all awfully proud of you John—keep it up!

Robin Evans managed to pull **Tom Evans** away from Ft Carson long enough last 15 Apr 89 to make it a date at the WP Catholic Chapel. **Pat Hagan** made it in from Ft Sill to serve as the best man. Robin mentions that **John & Theresa Skiles**, who married on 13 Aug 88, were able to break away for the happy day. More recently, Tom & Robin showed their true colors out at the Army-AF game. The black and yellow in a sea of blue included **Mike Alemon '88**, **Karen Silsby '85**, **Marjorie Rudusky '84**, and **Kevin Dodge '81**. Keep on cheering '87. Thanks for doing a rocket for me, **Robin & Tom!**



1987: Robin & Tom Evans

Next up—**Steve Hilliker**. Steve currently serves as HHC, 3 Bde, IAD XO in Bamberg. He frequently sees **Kevin Mac Walters** (HHC 3/35 AR XO), **Mike Johnson** (SCTPL), **Doug Andrews** (C Co XO), **Steve Heidecker**, **Bill Leady**, **Mark Puhalla** and **Rob O'Connor**. He bumped into **Jim Korpela**, **Dwayne Romero** and **John Moellering** recently at Graf and all look great. He also sees **Dave Atkinson** and **John Farrari** on occasion as they go about business at 2/2 Cav. The enclosed photo was taken at **Mike Fitzpatrick's** place in Kitzingen. This promotion party included **Pat Reardon**, **Eric Zimmerman**, **Dave Fleece**, **Mike Fitz** and the **Hillikers**. By the way, **Stacy Hilliker** says hello to everyone. We appreciate your keeping in touch.

Last but not least a dandy from **Bob Underwood**—get ready to lock and load this one. First, Bob has been serving as



1987: Mike's promotion party

the aide-de-camp for the III Corps Arty CO at Ft Sill since Dec 88. Obviously, he has run into a few of our classmates; of course, his wife **Amy (Hoogerwerf)** is doing great. She currently serves as XO for Svc Btry 6/32 FA. **Bill Lampley** has a lovely wife named **Gwenette**, a wonderful daughter, **Janise**, and unfortunately recurring knee problems. **Muddy Park**, **James Boston**, **Rob Burdett** and **Steve Bollinger** all shared a 1LT promotion party. Steve is still eating nails to burn excess energy! **Lou DeAngelo** & his wife **Sue** are the proud parents of an 8 mo old named **Stephanie**. Bob occasionally visits **Paul Arthur**, **Joe & Jodi Diminic**, **Pat Hagan**, and **Ricky Hoskins**. He recently saw **Mark & Leah Donley** with a great little boy named **Justin** at Ft Hood. He has had the good fortune of rubbing elbows with **Jack "Huggy" Poole** in the 2AD Divarty cell and **Liz (O'Neal) Opperman** during a III Corps exercise. **Strom & Kim Brost** are doing well in TX also. His visits to Ft Carson yielded meetings with **Jerry Siwik**. Bob, I think you've seen **Lody-Dody-darn** near everybody. I certainly appreciate the time spent on the nice letter—keep us updated.

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Class of 1949—40th Reunion MEMORIAL MEDITATION

This is a time for remembering and reflecting.

In a few minutes we are all going to stand and Clay Moran will lead us in reading the names of our deceased classmates. As we speak these names, we will remember that—some died even before their gold bars had turned to silver. Some lived long and full lives in service to country and community. Some died in training. Others died fighting this country's wars. Some survived combat only to be struck down by accident or illness.

But each one was loved—by father and mother, brother and sister, wife and child. And each one was precious and infinitely valuable to the heart of God. Each one entered West Point full of dreams and ambitions. Each one endured the rigors of plebe year, suffered under the "system," earned chevrons or academic stars or athletic letters, proudly wore the class ring, was commissioned a second lieutenant, and mounted the platform in the field house on that June day in 1949 to receive his diploma and degree, signifying graduation from the United States Military Academy.

As each name is read, there will be a rush of memories. Some were roommates of those here assembled. Others were in the same cadet company. Some were teammates on intramural or corps squad teams. Some we knew in the Choir or Glee Club or Hundredth Night show or Debate Council or Camera Club or—lest we forget—on the area.

Some we got to know only after graduation, serving together in the Army or Air Force in such far flung places as Korea, Germany, Panama, Puerto Rico, Japan, Vietnam—or here in the United States. Some left the military service early, building careers in business or government or education or the arts. A few attained positions of great prominence—and one, Sam Coursen—won the nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor. All served with distinction and each one maintained the honor of the corps untarnished and unsullied.

But as each name is spoken, there will be more than just a rush of memories, for each name will evoke an image, not an image of physical appearance, but an image of character, an image what was deep down inside, an image of what we felt about him—for what truly endures in memory is not rank attained or deeds accomplished, but depth and richness of character.

The list of names is long—longer than we would like to acknowledge. Yet



when the Class of 1949 assembles for our 50th reunion in May of 1999, the list will be longer—much, much longer. For each of us must eventually take his place alongside those whose memory we honor today.

So it is appropriate, even as we remember those whose work is done, that we who are still living should reflect on how we also might want to be remembered. On that fateful day when the bell tolls for thee, what image will you evoke in the minds and hearts of those who still remain.

In Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, the dissolute, tired king, in a rare moment of honest introspection, speaks these tragic words:

"I have lived long enough: my way of life is fallen into the sear, the yellow leaf, and that which should accompany old age, as honour, love, obedience, troops of friends, I must not look to have, but, in their stead, curses, not loud but deep, mouth-honour, breath, which the poor heart would fain deny but dare not."

How will I be remembered? Will I be remembered, like Macbeth, as one who has spent his life *getting*—gratifying an

insatiable desire for rank, or fame, or position, or power, or wealth, or pleasure. Or will I be remembered as one who spent his life *giving*—giving encouragement, giving hope, giving faith, giving love, giving friendship, giving time, giving selfless service.

In years to come, when you and I have taken our places with those whom we remember today, and the people who knew us best are gathered together around some back yard barbecue, let it be said of each of us that

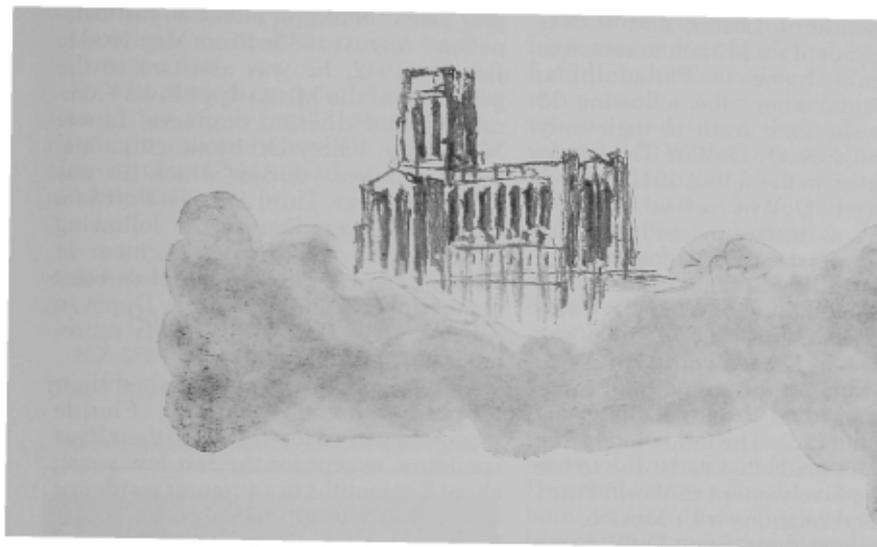
—he was a man of integrity and courage, a man of Godly character who lived above the common level of life, who served his country well, who was loyal to his men and faithful to his wife, who loved and cared for his family, a truly giving man who spent himself in the service of others.

As the prophet Micah proclaimed: "He has showed thee, O Man, what is good. And what doth the Lord require of thee but to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."

MG Clay T. Buckingham, Ret.
USMA '49

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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DeWitt Clinton Jones

NO. 4339 CLASS OF 1905

Died 11 March 1981 in Miami, Florida, aged 99 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



DeWitt Clinton Jones

DEWITT CLINTON JONES was born in the small rural town of Norcross, Georgia, on 6 February 1882. Here, in the home of his parents, he grew to manhood developing the qualities of determination, perseverance, honesty, integrity, will- ingness and compassion, along with a dry sense of humor, which were charac- teristic of him throughout his lifetime. He underwent the normal schooling of the time, culminating in three years at the Georgia School of Technology (Georgia Tech) in Atlanta until June 1900, when, upon receiving an appoint- ment to West Point, he left to prepare for the entrance examination. He had been interested in becoming a cadet ever since his older brother, Clifford, had entered the Academy in 1899 with the Class of 1903.

On 11 June 1901, DeWitt entered West Point as a new cadet. He was active in athletics as a member of the varsity gymnastic team, his specialty being the rings. In the Corps, he advanced through the various grades, finally becoming a cadet lieutenant his first class year. He was a brilliant student, stood high in discipline, and applied himself with such diligence in academics that on 13 June 1905, upon graduation he ranked number one, at the top of his Class.

Commissioned second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, DeWitt was as- signed to the 3rd Battalion of Engineers, stationed successively at Forts Leaven- worth and Riley in Kansas, and at Camp Columbia, Cuba, as part of the Army of Cuban Pacification. At this last station he

met his future wife, Miriam, daughter of an Army chaplain.

In August 1907 DeWitt was ordered to Washington Barracks, D.C. (now Fort McNair) as a student in the Engineer School. He and Miriam were married in April 1909, and that summer they went for station in Manila, Philippine Islands. That fall, DeWitt was given a prolonged assignment of surveying and mapmaking over an extensive area of the wild jungles of southern Luzon, and it was deemed prudent for Miriam to return to her parents' home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where the following 15 February she gave birth to their only child, a son, Beverly DeWitt. The family was reunited in the fall of 1911 at West Point where DeWitt served for four years—one as instructor, and three as assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Military Engineering. He had been promoted to captain in early 1912, and in the summer of 1915, he was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to take the course at the Army Field Engi- neer School, then a part of the Army School of the Line. The following spring classes were graduated early due to our impending involvement in World War I and strained relations with Mexico.

For the next three years DeWitt was assigned to various duties involving training, organization and construction, first along the Mexican border and later in the eastern part of the United States. By now he had been promoted to the temporary rank of colonel, and in the fall of 1918 he was given command of the 106th Engineer Regiment with which he soon moved overseas to Brest, France. Here the regiment constructed, operated and maintained a facility used for the movement of troops and supplies through the port of Brest.

From November 1918, until his return to the US in January 1920, DeWitt carried out a number of assignments at First Army Headquarters and in the Office of the Chief Engineer, American Expedi- tionary Forces, including representing the US on one of the committees of the Peace Conference. Upon returning to the US, he reverted to the rank of major and was assigned for two years as district engineer in charge of river and harbor activities on a part of the Mississippi River and its tributaries, with headquar- ters in St. Louis, Missouri. Then came one year as student, General Staff Col- lege, Fort Leavenworth; another in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, Wash- ington, D.C.; and a third as student, Army War College, followed by three more years as district engineer, Buffalo, New York, and American member of the International Niagara Falls Control Board. Then after a year and a half in command of the 6th Engineer Regiment at Fort Humphreys, Virginia (now Fort Belvoir) where he was promoted to lieu-

tenant colonel, he was stationed for two years at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in command of the 3rd Engineer Regiment, and also as division engineer and depart- ment engineer, Hawaiian Department.

In early 1932, DeWitt and Miriam set out on a five-month world tour leave of absence, finally arriving in Washington, DC, where DeWitt became a member of the War Department General Staff, Sup- ply Division (G-4). Here he served for four years (being promoted to full col- onel on 1 August 1935). From May 1936 to January 1942, he was assistant to the president of the Mississippi River Com- mission and division engineer, Lower Mississippi Valley Division, with a hia- tus of one year during which he was Army Engineer, Third Army, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During the following two years he was district engineer in New Orleans, Louisiana, and then com- manded the Engineer Supply Depot in Albany, New York, prior to his retire- ment on 31 January 1944.

DeWitt and Miriam established their retirement home in Miami, Florida where they lived for the rest of their lives spending, except for the last few years, about five months in a summer residence in the North Carolina mountains. De- Witt took part in various neighborhood activities, continued oil painting, which he had taken up some years before, and spent time caring for the lovely grounds surrounding their house. He got much pleasure out of composing rhymed verse, and in his 89th year he wrote a brief autobiography, to which he ap- pended the following lines:

“And now the writer feels the strain
Of living through his life again
Regarding it at every stage
From budding youth to ripening age
Reviewing each succeeding phase
As seen through memory’s gather-
ing haze

Recording here in tedious prose
Successes, failures, joys and woes
He seeks as oft’ in earlier times
Diversion by resort to rhymes.
He ventures to express the hope
That someone in the growing group
Of Grands, Great-Grands, and
Great-Great Grands

And greater multiples of Grands,
While looking through this lengthy
tale,

May see through time’s obscuring
veil,

Despite its imperfections many,
And literary style, if any,
Some picture, not too all-revealing,
Some measure small of kindred feel-
ing

To span the chasm being wrought
By passing years and changing
thought,

And form a bond which may at last
Unite the future with the past.

And now we reach the time to pause

In this discourse, replete with flaws,
 While waiting in serene suspense
 Occurrence of such events
 As move the writer to resume
 This narrative of life and home
 Until there comes, as come it must
 That time at which he will entrust
 Conclusion of the narrative
 To some willing relative
 The final period I consign
 To fingers steadier than mine
 To mark at the appropriate time
 Conclusion, both of prose and
 rhyme."

DeWitt passed on quietly in the bosom of his family on 11 March 1981, missing by about two weeks being the oldest living USMA graduate. He was much loved!

His son

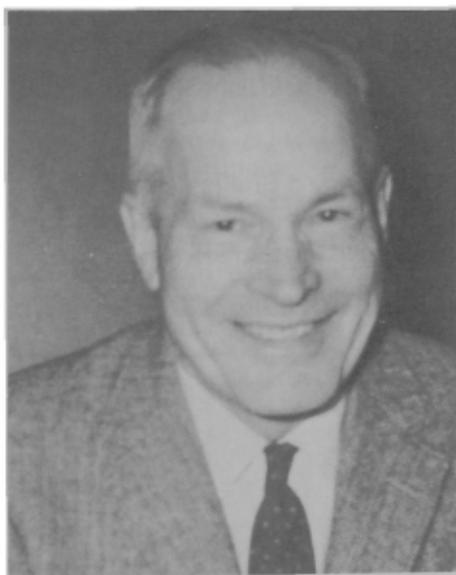
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Harold Rufus Jackson

NO. 5624 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 4 May 1987 in Washington, DC, aged 93 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Harold Rufus Jackson

HAROLD RUFUS JACKSON was born in Lebanon, Indiana on 9 January 1894, the fifth and youngest child of Rufus and Mary Belle Carmean Jackson. When Jack was three years old, the family moved to Danville, Illinois where he attended grammar school and high school. At Danville High he was the editor of the school literary magazine, the *Maroon and White*.

After attending one semester at the University of Illinois, Jack was appointed to the US Military Academy where he was admitted on 14 June 1913. The appointment to West Point came as a surprise to Jack and was the result of a search for a likely candidate by Speaker of the House "Uncle" Joe Cannon, Rep-

resentative from Illinois. At West Point Jack developed a love for the Army; and in addition to his studies, he was on the boxing squad, was an expert rifleman, and in his spare time enjoyed hiking in the hills around the academy. On 20 April 1917, the 115th anniversary of the founding of USMA, Jack graduated near the top of his class and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps.

His first assignment was as a first lieutenant at Fort Hamilton, New York, from June to November 1917. Here he was promoted to temporary captain, and was assigned during the remaining war years at Fort Wadsworth, New York; Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he was a student officer at the Coast Artillery School; and Camp Eustis, Virginia.

Jack's bachelor days ended when he married Jeanette Page of New Rochelle, New York in February 1919. Their first assignment as a married couple was at Fort Amador, Panama Canal Zone, where their first son, Page, was born.

Various assignments followed, including four years as instructor in the departments of English and History at USMA. During this time a daughter, Jeanne, was born. In 1927, Jack, Jeanette, and their two children moved to Hawaii. For the next three years they were stationed at Fort Kamehameha, where a second son, Bob, was welcomed into the family. During his later years, Jack often said that the years in Hawaii were among his favorite assignments.

In 1932, Jack attended the Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. From 1934 to 1938, he was an instructor at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. During the next two years, Jack was an Associate Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jack rose through the ranks, and in 1943 he was promoted to brigadier general, AUS. During World War II, he served in Europe as Theatre anti-aircraft officer.

After the war, Jack returned to MIT as Professor of Military Science and Tactics and spent an additional four years there. In 1951, he was transferred to Washington, D.C. where he became commanding officer of Fort McNair. After serving in this capacity for two years, he retired from the Army in 1953.

Among his military decorations were the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Honor (France), Croix de Guerre (France), and honorary Commander of the British Empire.

For the next seventeen years, Jack taught mathematics, science, and English at Saint Agnes Episcopal School in Alexandria, Virginia. He retired from teaching in 1970. One of his students wrote in the Saint Agnes alumnae magazine that "he left unforgettably fond memories with countless alumnae," and

to the family that "he was my most favorite teacher of my whole life."

During his years in Alexandria, Jack developed a great interest in flower gardening and had an especially green thumb for growing roses. Many events at Saint Agnes were graced with Jack's roses as their table decoration. Jack and Jeanette also did some extensive traveling until her death in 1962. In his eighties, Jack was a volunteer at the Woodbine Nursing Home near his home, and taught English as a second language to Cambodian refugees.

Jack was dearly loved and respected by all who knew him. He is greatly missed. Survivors include his three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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Charles George Holle

NO. 6546 CLASS OF 1920

Died 17 April 1989 in Washington, DC, aged 90 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Charles George Holle

CHARLES WAS BORN 25 October 1898 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Charles Frederick Holle and Nell Louise Lepfert Holle. He attended grammar and high schools in Cincinnati, the Ohio Mechanics Institute (now University of Cincinnati), and was appointed to the Military Academy by Honorable Nicholas Longworth, entering in June 1918, graduating in 1920 as a Distinguished Cadet, receiving his diploma from the Honorable Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War—General John J. Pershing making the graduation address. Clarence Clendenen and Jack Seybold were Charles' roommates at the Academy. He graduated in 1922 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, receiving the degree of civil engineer.

Charles served through all the grades to major general, and held a variety of assignments. Probably he spent more time in engineer positions during his 38 years of active service than any other Army engineer of whom I am aware. With the exception of one year at the Command and General Staff College, every assignment was engineer related. He had troop duty at Camp Travis, Texas; Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; and the Canal Zone; four years as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Yale University; two more tours with the Panama Canal (assistant engineer of maintenance, then engineer of maintenance); two years in Paris with the American Battle Monuments Commission at the beginning of World War II as the Germans marched into Paris; three tours on the Mississippi River (Greenville, Vicksburg, and New Orleans as district engineer—where he learned about Mardi Gras; division engineer of the South Atlantic Division, Atlanta, where he was responsible for the Corps programs in seven states, Puerto Rico, and Panama; and a total of eleven years in the Office of the Chief of Engineers (assistant executive, executive officer, and chief of the Control Branch); ending his career as deputy chief and special assistant to the chief. His work there on the Joint Board of Engineers for the St. Lawrence Seaway (Canada and United States); the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors; the Beach Erosion Board; and Secretary-General of the XXth Congress of the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses, foretold the many interests he would maintain after retiring from military service. Whenever I think of Charles, I automatically recall him as the sage and institutional memory of the Corps. His active service completed in 1958, coupled with his continuing interest in matters allied to the Corps, made him a legend in his own time as the personification of all that the Corps stands for in professionalism and integrity. He had an interesting and rewarding life. While a student, through high school, he held a variety of jobs—laying sewer pipe, as a draftsman and surveyor, and as a general helper on building construction. But the most unusual of his many jobs (by today's standards) was that for several years, he worked as a lamp-lighter—carrying a ladder each evening to light the gas street lights, and each morning to extinguish them. His schooling and his jobs prepared him to become an engineer, and he received a good start for his later career by working on a flood control project on the Big Miami River.

He and his Class took the short course—graduating in two years. One of his comments on cadet life was “I did not know anything about dancing. It had no interest for me.” We know that he changed in later life as we recall him as a member of the

Krewe in the Louisiana Mardi Gras parties, dispensing coins and trinkets and goblets while dancing with many of our wives through the evenings. He obviously applied himself diligently to his studies, graduating seventh in his Class. That Class had a unique promotion pattern. They were promoted immediately to become first lieutenants—then after two years were busted back to second lieutenants—then after three years back to first lieutenants—then ten years later to captains.

Frank Camm tells of the time when Frank was president of the Washington Chapter of the West Point Society. Frank and Arlene called on Carey Brown, Class of 1910, as the oldest graduate in the area, to extend birthday greetings—only to find Charles and Anne Holle already there doing the same thing, since Carey had been adopted by the Class of 1920.

Charles devoted much of his time to Class matters, and acted as president of the Class for over twenty years. Until his final illness prevented it, he maintained close contact with his classmates and associates. We always knew that on the 2nd of December we would receive the Christmas card from the Holles.

He was elected and served for a number of years as president of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association. His memberships include the Board of Directors of the Army Distaff Foundation (now Knollwood); American Society of Civil Engineers (Fellow); Society of American Military Engineers (Fellow, national treasurer), and recipient of the Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service; The Military Order of the World Wars, and several other organizations, Army and Navy Club, and Ebenezer Cemetery Company, Inc. He was also a Phi Kappa Phi member.

During his retirement, Charles, a consulting engineer, and registered professional engineer in the District of Columbia, kept very busy on several dear-to-his-heart projects—president of his USMA Class of 1920 from 1966 to his death (particularly seeking to be of assistance, especially on financial matters, to his classmates' widows); treasurer of the historic Cemetery Company in Loudoun County, Virginia, where some of Anne's ancestors are buried; treasurer and president for fifteen years of the Cooperative Apartment building (originally called The Army and Navy Cooperative) where he lived since 1954; and a most interested and valued helper to Anne in her various capacities with a number of the patriotic-lineage societies.

Charles looked forward with keen anticipation to having the magnificent album prepared and presented by the Association of Graduates, marking his ninetieth birthday. The book noted that his years at West Point were a time of achievement and dedication, and were spent working steadily and conscientiously—and in addition to preparing his studies, he participated in extracurricular activities. He was impressed with the complete outline of his military activities as recorded in his album. Presentation took place in the nursing home he lived in at the time, along with a box containing some 200 birthday greetings, and a cherished visit from officials of the Military Order of the World Wars, as well as classmates, friends, and relatives.

Charles was blessed with two lovely wives and two sons. His first wife, Martha Flora Kendrick, was the mother of his twin sons, Kendrick and Bradford, born in 1929. After Flora's passing, Charles married Anne Carter Baldwin Allen, and they found a wonderful life together for more than a quarter of a century.

Anne's loving care of Charles during his illnesses, and especially her complete devotion for this past year, have marked her as a saint deserving the admiration of all Charles' friends.

Charles' death causes all of us to recall again the many times when we sought and received his counsel, the interest he showed in our work and lives, and the courteous and friendly manner he habitually used in his relationships with us.

We will miss a mentor and a good friend.

Fred Clarke, USMA 1937

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Edward Shelley Gibson

NO. 6846 CLASS OF 1922

Died 19 May 1986 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 87 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



Edward Shelley Gibson

EDWARD SHELLEY GIBSON was born 1 June 1898 near Charleston, West Virginia, and attended schools in that city. At the outbreak of World War I, he quit high

school and enlisted in the Regular Army. His service in France as a sergeant in the 59th Infantry Regiment, 4th (IVY) Division, earned him two Silver Stars and four battle clasps with his Victory Medal.

In October 1918, Shelley was picked from his regiment to take a competitive examination for entrance to West Point. Upon selection, he entered on the 26th of November as a member of the Class of 1922. He excelled academically and graduated as cadet captain in command of H Company.

Shelley then chose to return to the Infantry and was assigned to his old regiment, the 59th, at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. While there he married Irma Yates of Corvallis, Oregon.

His next assignment was instructor in the Department of Philosophy at West Point. In 1930, following that service, he spent the summer in Paris, studying the French language.

In 1931, after a year as a student at the Infantry School, Shelley went to the Philippines for service with the 31st Infantry. In 1932 the regiment was sent to Shanghai where he earned the Marine Corps Yangtze Service Medal. Upon return to the Philippines, Shelley was assigned as provost marshal of Manila.

After three subsequent years at Fort Benning, he attended the Command and Staff College and then proceeded to Hawaii in 1938 for service in various staff and command positions.

In 1941 Shelley was detailed to the War Department General Staff, Personnel Division. He was Chief of the Enlisted Branch during the rapid expansion of the Army to prepare for World War II. In 1943, Colonel Gibson had a recurrence of a disease originally contracted in Shanghai, and was retired for physical disability in January 1944.

After retirement, Irma and Shelley settled first in Washington, DC and then, some years later, in San Antonio, Texas. Irma died in San Antonio in November 1977. Theirs had been a happy union of 52 years duration; they had no children.

In 1984 Shelley married Marion Comstock Hayden, the widow of his long-time friend who had followed Shelley from the 59th Infantry via West Point (and H Company) to San Antonio's Air Force Village.

Colonel Gibson is survived by his wife Marion and by his friends in San Antonio.

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Turner Ashby Sims, Jr.

NO. 7874 CLASS OF 1926

Died 19 November 1987 in Bethesda, Maryland, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

TURNER ASHBY SIMS, JR. was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on 17 August 1904, the son of Turner Ashby Sims of Little



Turner Ashby Sims, Jr.

Rock and Leslie Belle Slayton of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was the eldest of four children, being followed by a sister and two brothers. He spent his youth in Little Rock, and during his senior year in Little Rock High School happened to be asked by Senator Robinson—a friend of his father—if he had future plans for a college education. Finding that he did not, the Senator suggested an appointment to either the Military or Naval Academy, and this resulted in an appointment to West Point given by Representative Jacoway of the 5th Congressional District.

Young Sims entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1921, the next to the youngest man in the entire Class of 1925. Since the World War had recently ended, the name Sims was familiar to the cadets who, naturally, had studied the US military and naval operations of that conflict, and Admiral William Snowden Sims was the commander of the US Atlantic Fleet which, with the British Fleet, had been so successful in thwarting the German submarine menace. The cadets—both his classmates and others—began to refer to young Sims as “Admiral,” and by the time he graduated, this friendly title had become glued to him for the rest of his life.

Admiral had no difficulty with academics, but in January of his second year he was stricken with a virulent form of rheumatism. He was sent to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC and from there to the Army-Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, which specialized in the treatment of rheumatism. After several weeks, his recovery was considered complete, but he had missed so much instruction that he was directed to re-enter the Academy with the Class of 1926 in its yearling year. Admiral took up polo and became the team manager. He also frequented cadet hops, was the cadet captain of E Company, and on

graduation ranked fourth in the entire class.

The choice of which branch in the Army to request was no problem. When Admiral was in high school, a barnstorming pilot came to Little Rock with a World War type biplane and offered rides: fifteen dollars for fifteen minutes. This Admiral could not resist, and after that flight—plus a few more rides during the indoctrination course at Mitchell Field when we were first classmen—convinced him that his future was in the air. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Air Service, and directed to report in September to Brooks Field (near San Antonio, Texas) for flight training. After graduation leave in Little Rock, Admiral went to New York where, on 1 September, he married Mildred Hazen Chichester of Garden City, New York, whom he had met during the first class trip to Mitchell Field.

He reported to Brooks Field, but during the physical reexamination, he failed the eye test so the Army reassigned him to the 2nd Engineer Regiment stationed at Fort Sam Houston. After a short time he was granted another eye examination, which he passed, and was transferred back to Brooks Field, where he continued flight training with his original class. Seventeen of our class were assigned to begin training at Brooks Field, and a year later Admiral was one of only seven who completed the course at Kelly Field and received their coveted “wings.”

After graduating from the advanced flying course, Admiral received orders to remain at Kelly Field as a flight instructor, so the Simses spent the next two years in the San Antonio area. The most important events during that period were the births of their two daughters—Shirley and Mimi, both of whom were born in the Station Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, the large Army post near Kelly Field. When he had completed two years as an instructor, he received orders that pleased him more than any he could have received. He was assigned to the Military Academy as an instructor in the Department of Physics, a subject in which he had excelled as a cadet. They spent the next four years at the Academy. The acquisition of two small aircraft allowed Admiral to maintain his flying status without having to make periodic trips to Mitchell Field or some other Army Air Corps post.

In 1933 Admiral was a student at the Air Corps Engineering School, and this was followed by a ten-year assignment at Wright Field in the Engineering Section. He served mainly in positions dealing with research and development of propellers, engines and the aircraft employed during World War II. In 1940 he was chief of experimental aircraft projects for the Army Air Corps. He was also used as a test pilot and tested the

first cabin pressurized aircraft designed for the Army Air Corps. This type of work was not without the possibility of grave danger. In 1943 Admiral was flying a B-24 Bomber when two engines failed, and the only place he could land was in a wooded area. Fortunately, all four of the crew were saved, but it was determined that Admiral had severely injured his back and he was placed in a cast and hospitalized for four months. At Wright Field, Admiral became Assistant Chief Engineer and the B-29 Bomber was one of his projects. He wrote the specifications for this aircraft, held a competition for, and bought the first three from Boeing.

During the period 7 December 1941 to July 1945 he was assistant technical executive, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army Air Corps Material Command and Chief of Administration of the Air Technical Service Command. In 1945 he became executive to the deputy commander and Chief of the Air Staff of the Army Air Corps and served as secretary of the Air Staff.

Admiral's nemesis, arthritis, plagued him throughout his military career. In 1943 the medicos suspended him from flying as a pilot, but authorized him to fly—as observer—in the continental limits of the US if he were accompanied by a qualified pilot. With the war on, this was a terrible disappointment, but the Admiral took it in stride and gave his very best to his subsequent military assignments, all of which were either at Wright Field or in the Pentagon. He was given a disability retirement from the Air Force on 31 October 1947. At the time he was a brigadier general and was the executive officer to Stuart Symington, the first Secretary of the Air Force. Mr. Symington said many times that had it not been for his illness, Admiral's military career would have been enhanced a great deal. He had no trouble securing a position with the aircraft industry.

In 1947 he was a vice-president of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, and manager of a research project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which dealt with atomic energy. He held this position until 1951 when he became assistant general manager of the Hamilton Standard Division of United Aircraft Corporation. It was during this time that Chickie's health began to fail. The trouble was high blood pressure that could not be controlled. In spite of hospitalization and the best treatment possible, Chickie died in her sleep on 30 November 1955. In 1958 Admiral was transferred to Washington and became the senior Washington representative of the Pratt and Whitney Division of United Aircraft Corporation. He remained in this position until he retired in September 1969.

During his visits to Washington, while he still lived in Connecticut, Admiral had met (through A.H. and Muffet Johnson) Carleen McClaine, an attrac-

tive widow who also had two daughters. Carleen was the daughter of Carl Loeffler, a prominent Washingtonian who—when he retired—was Secretary of the United States Senate. This friendship blossomed, and at 4:00 p.m. on 28 June 1958, Carleen and Admiral were married in Saint Mary's Church in Arlington, Virginia. After a honeymoon in Bermuda, they returned to the Washington area where they have been living ever since.

The Simses never found retired life boring. They had four daughters to visit, they made regular summer treks to East Coast beaches, they had season tickets to Red Skins home games, and they never missed reunions at West Point. On a trip to Albuquerque in 1987, Admiral fell and broke his hip. He was transferred to the Naval Hospital in Bethesda and, while undergoing treatment, it was discovered that a heart operation was necessary. Admiral agreed readily to this, but the night before the operation was to take place, his tired heart gave out. It was 19 November 1987. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery and honorary pall bearers were classmates Vald Heiberg, Rodney Smith and Leon Johnson, Richard Sims '38 and Joe Smith '23.

Admiral is survived by his wife Carleen; one daughter; two stepdaughters; his brother, retired Air Force Colonel R.E. Sims (USMA 1938); six grandchildren; and a great-grandson. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. At the time he received the Distinguished Service Medal, General Baker said: "This young man has been handicapped by severe arthritis, which has been with him throughout his career, but he performed distinguished service in every job that has been assigned to him."

With his death, our Class has lost an honored and highly respected member, and USMA never had a stauncher supporter than Turner Ashby Sims.

A Classmate

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John Chesley Kilborn

NO. 8933 CLASS OF 1930

Died 24 August 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 80 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

JOHN CHESLEY KILBORN was born in Cisco, Texas, on 4 February 1908, the son of Joe H. and Evelyn (Eppler) Kilborn. After graduating from high school in Cisco in 1924, John attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, for one year before entering West Point in 1926.

Early during John's Air Force career, his frequent reference to his boyhood town gained him the nickname "Cisco."



John Chesley Kilborn

To many of his friends, he is still known by this name.

After graduating from West Point in 1930, he went into the Army Air Corps as a second lieutenant, taking his primary pilot training at Brooks Air Field, Texas, and advanced pilot training at Kelly Air Field, Texas in 1931. From 1932–34 he served as squadron operations officer in Hawaii. The next three years he was primary flying instructor at Randolph Air Field, Texas. In 1938 he was graduated from armament school at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. From 1938–41 John served as squadron commander and group executive officer at Selfridge Air Field, Michigan.

During World War II he served more than three years in North Africa, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, and Germany from December 1942 to January 1946. While serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations with the 9th Bomber Command, he was credited with five combat missions in B-26's. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Croix de Guerre (French), Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Back in the States in 1946, his assignment was to the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. After a two year tour of duty there, he served as director of Civil Air Defense, Headquarters Continental Air Command, Mitchell Air Force Base, New York, and as a student in the National War College, Washington, DC, from which he graduated in June 1951.

John was a member of the Joint Staff and later assistant director, Joint Intelligence Group at Headquarters, US Air Force from 1951–54. He then reported to US Air Force Europe in August 1954 and served as Inspector General until his appointment as US Air Attache to the German Federal Republic, Bonn, Ger-

many; the first US Air Attache since World War II.

In 1957 John returned to Randolph Air Force Base for his last tour of duty. He retired as a colonel in 1959.

After retirement he attended Trinity University, San Antonio, where he earned a master's degree in mathematics. He taught mathematics and served as head of the department at St Mary's Hall, San Antonio, for ten years. John was loved, admired, and respected by his students. One year they dedicated their annual to him.

John and Winnie Beck of San Angelo, Texas were married 24 August 1940. During their forty-eight years together, they shared pleasure in many things including traveling, the joy of music and theater, and devotion to many friends.

Colonel Kilborn is survived by his wife Winnie and many friends.

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Charles Elder Frederick

NO. 9285 CLASS OF 1931

Died 20 October 1943 near Roccaromana, Italy, aged 37 years.

Interment: United States Military Cemetery at Anzio, Italy



Charles Elder Frederick

CHARLES ELDER FREDERICK was born in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, on 23 February 1906, the son of Edwin E. and Carol Elder Frederick. He attended public schools in Winter Haven, Florida, and on 23 June 1923 enlisted in the Florida National Guard, serving in the 116th Field Artillery. After a year at Marion Institute, Alabama, he entered West Point with an appointment from the Florida National Guard and graduated with the Class of 1931.

Freddy's *Howitzer* biography describes him not as happy-go-lucky nor indifferent, but one who merely refused to be perturbed when it wasn't neces-

sary. I remember him as a quiet, steady, personable cadet. His shock of very attractive red hair aptly complemented his handsome appearance, friendliness, and sincerity. On Easter Sunday 1931, Freddy met his future wife, Elizabeth Kimball Dean of Providence, the daughter of Rhode Island's Adjutant General, on a blind date. His classmate, Marvin Thomas, had to forego the balance of his weekend date because of an unanticipated tour of guard duty.

Assigned to the Infantry upon graduation, Freddy was detailed to the Air Corps where he started flight training at Brooks Field, Texas. On 2 December 1931, due to deteriorating eyesight from 20/20 required of flyers, he was returned to his basic branch. His request for station at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, which was granted, was influenced, of course, by his desire to be as close as possible to Elizabeth, whom he married on 22 April 1933. His duties at Fort Adams involved much time activating C.C.C. camps in the state. In October 1935, he was assigned to the Hawaiian Department, where he served with the Hawaiian Division's 35th Infantry. Freddy's next station was Fort Meade, Maryland, in October 1938, serving with the 34th Infantry until his departure in February 1941 with the 93rd Anti-tank Battalion, for Killeen, Texas where Camp Hood was being established.

He activated and served as director of tactics of the Officer Candidate School there, Elizabeth and their three young sons living in nearby Temple. He had advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel, Army of the US, on 5 November 1942. He was next assigned as a student, Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in January 1943, but in April was returned to Camp Hood, and, on secret orders, left with classmate Alex Sutherland for North Africa where he was assigned to headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division. After the division landed in Sicily, he was given command of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Infantry, 3rd Division on 30 August 1943, the first to enter Palermo. He relinquished this command on 15 September to assume command of the 3rd Battalion for the regiment's landing at Salerno, Italy, on 20 September. Soon after leading his troops in the crossing of the Volturno River, he was killed in action near Roccaromana. A brother battalion commander remembers Freddy as a gallant soldier as the division moved up the Appenines. He is mentioned in the 3rd Division history as leading his unit in a most successful attack across the Volturno River on 13-14 October. A report from the forward field artillery observer, serving with Freddy's battalion, states that he proceeded on a personal reconnaissance accompanied by a couple of men along a brush-covered hillside. Shortly

there was a burst of small arms fire, believed to be from an enemy patrol which had ambushed them. Freddy never returned. His wife and three young sons, Dean, Glen, and Kenneth survived him. His final resting place was in the United States Military Cemetery at Anzio, Italy. He was awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, and numerous campaign medals with battle clasps.

A classmate

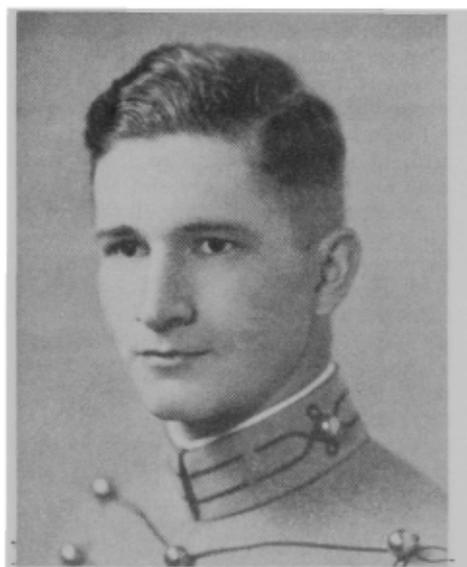
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Campbell Hodges Snyder

NO. 10737 CLASS OF 1937

Died 15 December 1944 on prisoner of war ship, Philippine Islands, aged 28 years.

Interment: Unknown



Campbell Hodges Snyder

CAMPBELL HODGES SNYDER; a man whose name evokes the warm emotions of honor, respect, friendship, devotion, yes love. That rare man who was a man even at the young age when he entered West Point. A brilliant intellect who was as close to being a genius as any of us will ever encounter. And yet, with it all, a man to whom many of us will have a lifelong debt for the example he set for us, and for the help in academics and in life's everyday problems, which seemed so insurmountable to us but so easy for him.

Cam Snyder was born 27 January 1916 and spent his early years at Como, his family's plantation near Gilbert, outside of Winnsboro, Louisiana. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Snyder, and his brothers and sister were a loving, close knit family, justifiably proud of his many achievements. Cam's untimely death was a shock to all of them, a personal, devastating blow from which it was even harder for them to recover than his classmates.

Cam's first seven years of schooling were at a one room rural school house, but

his natural ability and the nurturing assistance of a gifted and supportive family enabled him to enter Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at age 15. Thus, when he arrived at West Point at age 17, he already had two years of college behind him.

Cam's interest in West Point was stimulated by his uncle, Lieutenant General Campbell Blackshear Hodges, Class of 1903, a distinguished soldier who served as Commandant of Cadets at West Point, Military Aide to President Hoover, and later, President of Louisiana State University. General Hodges carefully monitored Cam's cadet career and he was not disappointed. He quickly emerged as an academic leader and graduated second in his class, standing first during second class year, when the preponderance of subjects were technical.

Cam was a quiet, reserved, almost shy person, but his warm sense of humor, thoughtfulness, integrity (he was H Company's Honor Representative), loyalty, cheerfulness and devotion to duty, earned him the respect and friendship of all who knew him. Cam had the analytical, far ranging, probing intellect which enabled him to comprehend and solve the most complex and difficult problems. He applied this intellect to the ordering of his every day life. Second class year he embarked on a campaign against the Tactical Department; he would go through the year without a demerit. He almost succeeded. But he was neither a drudge nor a wimp. First class summer he was among that unfortunate, adventuresome group who returned late to camp; he spent a month on the area and gave up his stripes.

At graduation, Cam chose the Corps of Engineers, with assignment to the Army Air Corps for flight training at Randolph Field. The physical exam got him, and by November he was back with the Corps of Engineers, as assistant to the Vicksburg, Mississippi district engineer. Cam was assigned to construction supervision and inspection duties at Sardis Dam, Sardis, Mississippi. His love affair with the idea of flying persisted, and by October 1938, he was back at Randolph Field. He was again found physically disqualified in April 1939, and assigned to duty with the district engineer, San Francisco. Cam spent a few months on construction supervision of a project at Eureka, California, and then entered the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his master of science degree in civil engineering.

While at Sardis and Eureka, Cam developed an interest in soils mechanics, and this became his major in graduate school. In the same manner as at West Point, where his classmates struggled with everyday problems, Cam breezed through with little effort. His main activity seemed to be helping out those of us who were less fortunate academically. It

was during this period that this young man from the bayous developed a serious interest in skiing, and Cam spent most of his weekends at Tahoe. While the rest of the class labored on rather prosaic subjects for their theses, Cam set about inventing a device for electronically measuring soil pressures in earthen fill structures, an idea far ahead of its time, and a real contribution to the science.

After graduation from the University of California, Cam married Mary Jane Hunter, daughter of Colonel Hunter, District Engineer, San Francisco. Cam and Mary Jane left shortly thereafter on the USAT *U.S. Grant* to Manila for station in the Philippine Islands. Mary Jane was evacuated in May 1941 and Cam was stationed at Fort McKinley where he shared quarters with classmate Bill Chenoweth. After Pearl Harbor, Cam remained with the 14th Engineers, who did yeomen service on Bataan. During the fighting on Bataan, Chenoweth and Cam were riding down a dusty road and spotted a loaf of bread that had fallen off a ration truck. They jumped out of the car and retrieved the bread, laughing loudly at what their wives would say if they could see them riding down the road eating it.

After the surrender, Cam survived the Death March and was at Camp O'Donnell. He was seen some time after that, a walking skeleton, greatly reduced in strength by sunstroke, dysentery and malaria, so that he could eat only one spoonful of rice at a time. He improved slowly.

As fortunes deteriorated in Japan, Cam and many others were loaded on prison ships for transfer to Japan. Cam's ship was bombed by American aircraft and Cam was killed.

Cam was a patriot, a true son of West Point, totally loyal to his family and friends, and devoted to the service of his country. What a tragedy for this wonderful person not to have been permitted to live and accomplish all the things of which he was capable. But what an honor and a privilege for us to have known him and counted him as a friend. We will never forget.

Written by a group of admiring classmates

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Douglass Phillip Quandt

NO. 10772 CLASS OF 1937

Died 30 March 1973 at Letterman General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, aged 58 years.

Interment: Benicia City Cemetery, Benicia, California

DOUGLASS PHILLIP QUANDT was born at Benicia Arsenal on 9 April 1914, eldest son of Master Sergeant Rudolph and Madeleine Quandt. He attended school in Benicia, University of California at Berke-



Douglass Phillip Quandt

ley for one year, and a year at the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Scott, California. He entered West Point in July of 1933, graduating on 12 June 1937.

After a short tour with the Army Air Corps, he reported in late 1937 as a second lieutenant to the 82nd Horse Artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Texas. He remained there as a company grade officer until February 1942. During this period he successfully completed Army schools in horse shoeing, animal husbandry, stable management and equitation.

In February 1942 he reported to the newly activated 82nd Infantry Division at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. In October 1942 he was converted with the division to an airborne type. He activated and commanded the 376th Parachute Artillery Battalion. In February of 1943, he moved to Camp Mackall, North Carolina. There he activated and commanded the 457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion of the newly activated 11th Airborne Division. Except for a three-month tour in Africa and Sicily in the summer of 1943, he remained with the 11th Airborne Division through its Pacific Campaign and for the first two years of the Japan Occupation, serving successively as a battalion commander, division G-3 and division chief of staff.

In 1947 Colonel Quandt returned from Japan and served two years as an action officer in the G-3 division of the Department of the Army. He returned twice in later years to the Pentagon, once in 1954 for a two-year tour in the Operations Division, and again in 1959 for one year of duty with the Personnel Division.

In 1950 he attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, and from there moved to a position on the staff and faculty of the newly reactivated Army War College. From there, in 1951, he went to the Presidio of San Francisco

to become deputy chief of staff for Plans and Operations of Sixth US Army.

In February of 1953 he was released for Korean service where he was assistant Corps Artillery Officer of X Corps. After the Armistice was concluded, he became the senior G-4 advisor to the Army of the Republic of Korea.

In 1956 he participated in the reactivation of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and in a two-year tour at that post, served successively as the division artillery commander, as the division chief of staff, and, wearing Infantry insignia for the first time in his career, as the commanding officer of the 1st Airborne Battle Group of the 501st Infantry.

Leaving Fort Campbell in the summer of 1958, he spent a year as a student at the National War College and thereafter spent eleven months marking time and studying Spanish in anticipation of a projected assignment in Buenos Aires. Instead, he went to Paris where he served as deputy secretary of the SHAPE staff until promoted to brigadier general on 30 June 1961, at which time he was assigned in Bavaria as commanding general of the 4th Armored Division Artillery.

In July 1962, he became the commanding general of the XVI US Army Corps, Omaha, Nebraska, and on 1 June 1964 was assigned to the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency for duty as project manager, Project CLOUD GAP.

In May of 1962 he was nominated by the President for promotion to major general and the nomination was confirmed by the Senate on 12 June 1962. He was promoted to major general on 1 November 1962.

Douglass retired in 1966 and established residence in Washington, DC. He never married, but spent a full and happy life entertaining friends and family. Late in 1972 he became ill and moved to California to live with his sister, Bette, until his death in March of 1973. He loved his piano and music, and was dearly loved by his family and friends.

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Elmer Carl Blaha

NO. 10831 CLASS OF 1937

Died 11 May 1968 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 56 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

ELMER CARL BLAHA was born in Camden, New Jersey on 27 January 1912, the son of Anton and Barbara (Haas) Blaha. After graduation from Camden High School, he attended the University of Pennsylvania on a scholarship for one year prior to enlisting in the Army for a tour at the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Totten, New York. He subsequently entered the Military Academy with a



Elmer Carl Blaha

Congressional appointment from New Jersey, graduated in 1937, commissioned as an Artillery officer. While at West Point, he organized and led the Academy's first cadet concert orchestra.

Elmer's versatility and professionalism were tested in a variety of assignments starting with the 4th Field Artillery's 75 mm pack howitzers and those lovable mules. After a short interlude at Henry Barracks in Puerto Rico, he began flying as an artillery observation pilot at Fort Sill, and then served as the 95th Division Artillery air officer throughout its World War II campaigns and until its deactivation.

A desire to continue flying motivated him to transfer to the Air Force. Command of troop carrier units at Bergstrom Air Force Base and Stewart Air Force Base followed pilot training. Included was command of the Air Force's first C-119 squadron. Demanding and broadening duties with the Eastern Air Defense Command Headquarters, the Joint Amphibious Board and the US Military Mission to North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Paris, France followed those operational tours.

Recognition of Elmer's proven leadership ability was his assignment as base and support group commander at Bentwaters Air Force Base in England. Later tours as Air Attache at Brazzaville, Congo Republic and at Scott Air Force Base rounded out his diversified career.

Attendance at a progression of professional schools was interspersed among those staff and operational tours and independent assignments. Elmer graduated from the staff course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia; and the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He was also on the faculty for two years at the Armed Forces Staff College.

In June 1940, Elmer married Frances Elizabeth Zoeller of San Antonio, Texas. Their union was blessed with four children. Family life revolved around Frances and Elmer's interests—music, athletics, and photography.

Upon retirement from the Air Force in 1963, Elmer served as both director of public relations and director of the campus union at Eastern New Mexico University and at the New Mexico Military Institute. He added to his academic credentials by earning a master's degree in political science in 1966. His unexpected death by a heart attack 11 May 1968 occurred in San Antonio, Texas, where he was teaching French and government at the Texas Military Institute.

Elmer achieved command pilot status in the Air Force. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

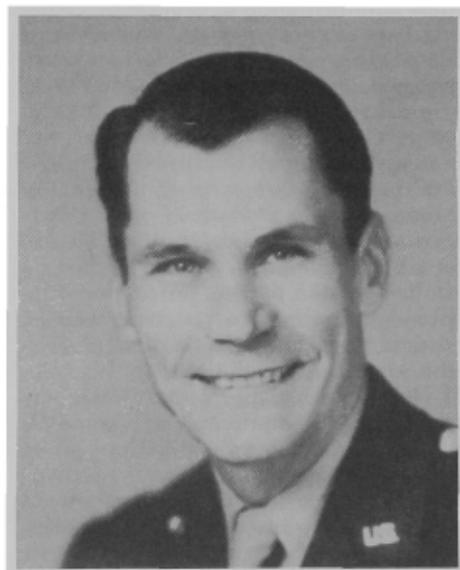
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Ben Wells Porterfield

NO. 10855 CLASS OF 1937

Died 9 October 1979 in Napa, California, aged 67 years.

Interment: Tulocay Cemetery, Napa, California



Ben Wells Porterfield

BEN WELLS PORTERFIELD was born in Bluefield, West Virginia on 25 April 1912, the son of Emmett and Catherine Porterfield. He attended grammar school, high school and Bluefield College, all in his hometown.

Appointed to the Military Academy from West Virginia, Ben graduated in 1937, and was successfully commissioned in the Field Artillery. He began his career as a battery officer with a two-year tour in the 15th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston. Thereafter he went to Fort Knox with the 19th and did a marvelous job of reorganizing its 3rd Battalion into the 50th Field Artillery at

Fort Custer, Michigan. He remained there until ordered to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in July 1941, in time for the Japanese attack. Ben was the commanding officer of Battery C, 11th Field Artillery until February 1942, when he was hospitalized. In and out of hospitals for the next two years, Ben valiantly served as an instructor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, while on limited duty, to be finally retired for physical disability on 31 March 1944. After becoming ill in 1942 and being returned for treatment to the States, via San Francisco, Ben still retained his goals. Having kept in touch with that attractive little blonde that he had met in 1941 on the ship over to Hawaii, Ben married Meredie (Toni) Dozier, with a classmate (Joe Focht) as best man. Toni was invaluable to Ben in helping him to retain his dignity and self-respect on having to leave the service of his country, and in the transition into civilian life. They had one daughter, Bonnie Lee.

On 1 May 1944, Ben became an analyst in production for Standard Oil Company of California. There his boyhood personality traits helped him to establish himself in a new field; he satisfied his determination to learn everything he could about the oil business and business administration in general by taking correspondence courses. Ben stayed with Standard Oil of California for twenty years, living in Palo Alto before moving to St Helena, and finally settling in Napa, California.

Ben Porterfield was a very sincere, unassuming person with a quiet sense of humor. He was always diligent and serious about his responsibilities. He obtained a diploma from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces for completion of their correspondence course, and he was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

His "wife" at the Military Academy used to say, "I could not have asked for a better roommate by mail order—quiet, tolerant, understanding, and passive," but his real wife says, "controlled and reticent Ben was most of the time, 'passive'—never." Regardless, Ben is remembered by his friends and family for his soft-spoken, courteous manner, his loyalty, modesty and integrity.

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Homer Harvey Uglow

NO. 10878 CLASS OF 1937

Died 28 January 1945 aboard prisoner of war ship in or near Moji Harbor, Japan, aged 33 years.

Interment: Yokohama Cremation Memorial, British Commonwealth Cemetery, Yokohama, Japan

HOMER HARVEY UGLOW was born on the family farm in Scottsbluff, Nebraska on 20 September 1911. His father,



Homer Harvey Uglow

Charles Herbert Uglow, born in Ringgold County, Iowa, and mother, Clarinda Evelyn Johnson, a native of Missouri, were western Nebraska homesteaders. Homer was raised where the plains meet the foothills of the Rockies in a family with two sisters, of whom one still lives on the Uglow farm in Scottsbluff.

As a boy, Homer loved to ride horses and was good at it. He also liked to read and spent much time as a boy and young man developing his vocabulary. Homer attended high school in Scottsbluff, where he was known as a good student with special interests in math and physics. He participated in high school track, and was also a talented musician, playing the piano, organ, and several band instruments. He had a good singing voice. He was graduated from high school in 1928. During the next five years, interspersed with working on the family farm, Homer studied at Nebraska State Normal College, Chadron, Nebraska, and Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, after which he taught at Victory Hill School in Scottsbluff.

Homer's interest in attending the Military Academy was inspired by a good friend of his who told him of the opportunity to compete for an appointment. Although ill with fever on the day of the competitive examination, Homer scored the highest grade of all applicants in the western third of Nebraska. He earned his appointment to the Academy from then Congressman Robert G. Simmons, representing the Sixth District of Nebraska. His sister reports that, in addition to the desire to serve his country, Homer had a wish to obtain a top-quality college education, and West Point's academic reputation appealed to his aspiration in this regard.

Homer was admitted to the Military Academy on 1 July 1933, and after Beast Barracks, was assigned to "L" Company

in which he remained to graduation. His biography in the *Howitzer* recounts: "... Goatiest of the goats in the plebe year, but now, without file-boning, he has reached a place well up in academic ranks. He is a man of few words and intense mental activity. ..." Indeed, the cadet records show that Homer improved his academic standing from 206 in the fourth class year to 142 upon graduation. His cadet biographer further observes that "... his love of music and natural ability have made him prominent in musical circles. ..." Homer was a member of the Cadet Chapel Choir for four years and the Glee Club during first class year. His athletic abilities were given outlet in intramural activities.

Homer was appointed a second lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation on 12 June 1937 and was assigned, initially, to the 29th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia. A classmate recounts that, "Homer entered wholeheartedly into whatever task assigned. Not too athletically inclined, he nevertheless, when assigned as coach of his company team, enthusiastically accepted the assignment and won the regimental championship. When given the job of defending a soldier in court-martial, accused of drinking while on guard duty in a garage, he cleared the defendant of the charges. The evidence consisted of a statement of the sergeant of the guard who smelled alcohol on the accused's breath. Homer pointed out that, it being winter time, all of the vehicles had alcohol in their radiators, the odor of which permeated the building."

Homer met Sarita Rodriguez at Fort Benning where they were married on 20 June 1939. They remained at Fort Benning until December 1939, when Homer received orders to Fort William McKinley, Philippine Islands, with assignment to the 45th Infantry Regiment (Philippine Scouts). He reported there for duty on 14 February 1940 and was promoted to captain, AUS, on 9 September 1940. While on station in Manila, the Uglovs were favored with the birth of two daughters—Frances and Margaret. Homer's family was evacuated from the Philippines about 1 November 1941, aboard the last of the civilian transport ships to leave Manila.

Homer participated in the defense of Bataan as Assistant G-2, South Luzon Forces, Bataan Defense Force and II Philippine Corps, from December 1941 to April 1942. He was promoted to major, AUS, on 4 April 1942. Records in the National Archives report that Major Uglow was commanding the 1st Battalion, 45th Infantry Regiment in April 1942. Accounts of the action indicate that Homer was wounded in the leg by shrapnel on Bataan shortly before its surren-

In June 1944 Robby and other healthy prisoners of war were sent to Luzon and were incarcerated in Bilibid Prison until 13 December 1944. This time his personal belongings did not accompany him. About 15 December, Robby and other prisoners of war were put aboard the *Oryoku Maru* for Japan. The ship was sunk by US submarines 200 yards from shore. About 700 who swam to the beach were recaptured, and Robby was among the survivors; 501 perished in the hold of the ship.

The captured men were then moved to San Fernando Prison on Luzon. Robby and the other healthy men were put aboard the *Enoura Maru* and survived the bombing of that ship in the harbor of Takao, Formosa, 9 January 1945. On 12 January 1945, he and other survivors were put in the hold of the *Brazil Maru*. According to records, this ship was not attacked, but many prisoners died from wounds, exposure, and disease before the ship reached Japan. Robby was one of those, having died on 21 January 1945.

Robby's brother, Hamilton L. Robinson, of Washington, DC also served in the Philippine Islands and the South Pacific during World War II. He met the owner of the largest radio and television station in Mindanao at a Rotary International convention in 1986 who had known Robby during the war and related the story of Robby's West Point reunion in Davao, Mindanao.

This obituary was prepared by Robby's wife, Betty; his sister, Elizabeth L. Robinson; and his brother, Hamilton L. Robinson.

In 1946, Robby's wife Betty married Robby's West Point roommate, Harry Walter "Luke" Elkins.

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Lawrence Augustus Spilman

NO. 10957 CLASS OF 1937

Died 13 November 1968 in Ottumwa, Iowa, aged 54 years.

Interment: Ottumwa Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa

LARRY WAS BORN in Ottumwa, Iowa, on 17 December 1913, to Dr. Harold A. Spilman and Myra Lawrence Spilman. Dr. H.A. Spilman served in the Regular Army Medical Corps from 1916 to 1922. The family was stationed at various posts in Texas along the Mexican border, also at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, and finally at Fort DeRussy, Honolulu. The family returned to Ottumwa in 1922 when Dr. Spilman resigned from the Army in favor of joining his father, Dr. S.A. Spilman, in private medical practice.

Larry graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1931 and attended Northwestern University for one year where he affiliated with Phi Delta Theta fraternity.



Lawrence Augustus Spilman

He also attended Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa for one year before securing an appointment to West Point in 1933.

At the Academy, he participated in football and track, became a corporal, regimental sergeant major, and regimental adjutant. Shortly after graduation he married Helen Briggs of South Orange, New Jersey. He was then assigned to Randolph and Kelly Air Fields for pilot training, culminating in earning his wings in October 1938.

For his first duty, he went to Mitchell Field, New York, with the 9th Bomb Group. Daughter Beverly Anne was born in 1939. In November 1940 Larry went with part of the 9th Group to Rio Hato, Republic of Panama, while Helen and Bev remained Stateside to await the arrival of Dyke, who was born in 1941. Helen and infant Dyke went to Panama shortly after Larry was transferred to Albrook Field, Canal Zone, where he was assigned to the Sixth Air Command Headquarters. But the attack on Pearl Harbor interrupted the family reunion, and dependents were "evacuated for the convenience of the government." Larry continued in the Headquarters of the Sixth Air Command, visiting bases and outposts in the Caribbean area, including Brazil and as distant as the Galapagos Islands. From January to May 1943 he was assigned to the Third Air Command in Birmingham, Alabama, followed by a year in central Florida as commander of Keystone Heights Air Field, then a tactical school.

The next assignment was a challenge—military air attache to Madrid, Spain. His Spanish was proficient only to the extent that he had used his cadet training in the language sporadically during his duty in the Republic of Panama. Larry arrived in Madrid on D-Day, 6 June 1944. He spent much time the first year leading caravans of empty station

wagons to the Pyrenees Mountains, where he met American pilots and crewmen, frostbitten and exhausted, who had been shot down over Europe and helped across the mountains by the resistance. These men were taken directly to Gibraltar and flown back to England. In spite of Franco's debt to Hitler and Mussolini, the transport of Allied personnel through Spain with no interference or formalities, was carried out with permission of the Spanish government. The three years in Spain were most interesting and rewarding. Larry traveled the country, became acquainted with Spanish Air Force officers everywhere, and came to know many refugees who had fled from Central Europe to Spain. For his work during 1944–47 he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Shortly after returning to the US in August 1947, Larry experienced medical problems of a serious nature. He had one more year of duty at Biggs Air Field, El Paso, Texas, during which his condition was evaluated. In October 1948 he was retired for physical disability.

Eventually reestablishing the family in Ottumwa, Larry entered the field of banking, becoming the vice president and director of the Fidelity Savings Bank. In the late 1950's he opened his own business as a securities dealer. During these twenty years in Ottumwa, he contributed generously of his time to the community as president of the Ottumwa Hospital Board of Trustees, director of Civil Defense during the flooding of the Des Moines River, finance chairman and board member of the United Way, elder and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, Boy Scout leader and adviser, member of Rotary Club and Toastmasters.

In 1966 our family and friends were saddened by the news that son Dyke, a major in the US Air Force, was missing in action during a mission as a pilot over North Vietnam. To date he has not been found.

Larry died of heart complications 13 November 1968.

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Bryan Coffield Arnold

NO. 10973 CLASS OF 1937

Died 14 November 1987 in Los Altos, California, aged 74 years.

Interment: Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto, California

BRYAN COFFIELD ARNOLD, born in Gatesville, Texas, on 1 October 1913, was the son of a distinguished jurist, Jasper Henry Arnold, and his artist wife, Ray Coffield Arnold. Attending elementary and high school in Gatesville, he was introduced to the military through a year of CMTC, two years of Reserve Officer Training Corps, and a year in the



Bryan Coffield Arnold



Littleton James Pardue

Texas National Guard. This, together with his high school football and drama experience, surely helped persuade Congressman O.H. Cross of the Eleventh Congressional District (Texas) to select and appoint Bryan to the United States Military Academy at West Point, to which Bryan matriculated in 1933.

Early in his plebe year it became apparent that Bryan marched to a different drummer, determinedly so. His deep and abiding belief, which he was to sustain all his life, in the brotherhood of all mankind and in equal justice under all law endeared him to his friends and profoundly disturbed others, not the least of whom were his military superiors. Even so, in June 1937, having fully participated for four years in sports, choir, and Hundreth Night Shows, and having regularly been in attendance on the yard, Bryan stood proudly with his classmates to receive his commission as a second lieutenant of Infantry.

Of his years in the service, Bryan was later, in retrospect, to write, "My career was far from outstanding, but I tried to play the game honestly, and did my duty usually as I understood it, although as a human being the understanding was often fallible."

Pearl Harbor found him commanding Headquarters Company of the 21st Infantry Regiment at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii. Soon after, Captain Arnold transferred to the Air Transport Command, where he was assigned as intelligence officer and adjutant of the 18th Transport Group in Amberly, Australia. He remained in this assignment until his return to the States in 1944 to attend the 18th General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth.

Taking time out to marry Eugenia Smith in Cincinnati, Ohio, he returned to duty at the Army Training Center at Hamilton Field, California until the war's end. Now, after completing a re-

fresh course at Fort Benning, Bryan returned to his first love, as Infantry battalion commander at Camp Fannin, Texas. An interesting detail as radiological safety officer for "Operation Crossroad" at Bikini Atoll preceded a short tour at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He then took his family to Fort Jackson, where he served as a battalion commander in the 10th Infantry Regiment.

In February 1946, Eugenia bore him a son who was to die tragically in 1965. In 1950, after the birth of daughter Victoria Lee, Major Arnold moved his family to France for four years while he served in various assignments, the last a two-year stint as deputy post commander at Brusac. Then, following a tour as Bud Underwood's deputy at Fort Niagara, he spent sixteen months in Korea, and eighteen months at Camp Zama in Japan. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1961 and took his family to Oakland, California, to begin life as a civilian.

After five years in Oakland, during which Bryan worked in real estate, and Eugenia as a secretary at Modern Day School, they moved to southern California. Here Bryan worked for the city of Mountain View, then for the state, first for the Department of Water Resources, and later for the Highway Department. He also served as editor of the *American Right of Way Association Newspaper*. Eugenia began working in El Camino Hospital in 1965, where she was to remain for 21 years.

Physical difficulties forced Bryan's retirement in 1983. About this time he moved into his daughter's home in Los Angeles, and died in a nursing home in Sunnyvale in November 1987.

Our gentle Texan, with the voice of an angel, has gone. May God grant him rest.

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Littleton James Pardue

NO. 11282 CLASS OF 1938

Died 5 October 1988 in Nashville, Tennessee, aged 73 years.

Interment: Riverside Cemetery, Hopkinsville, Kentucky

LITTLETON JAMES PARDUE, a native of Christian County, Kentucky, was born on 6 March 1915, on the family farm where Fort Campbell Army Air Field is now located. To prepare for the USMA entrance examinations, Jim attended Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, DC. He and his brother, Tom, Jr. (USMA 1946), both received appointments to West Point. While at USMA, Jim was known as the Kentucky Colonel, and for the rest of his life many of his family and friends called him Colonel. He always wanted to be a pilot and, upon graduation, attended the Air Corps Flying Schools at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas. He often told stories of the

dangers of being a pilot in the early days of flight, such as navigating by railroad tracks. During the next four years he opened and was the commanding officer of a number of flight schools in the Southeastern United States. While commander of a flight training airfield in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and as a dashing young lieutenant colonel, he was introduced to a local Arkansas beauty who was home on college vacation. He soon left for overseas war duty, and he and his Arkansas girlfriend, Elizabeth Mock, continued to correspond.

In 1944 during World War II Jim assumed command of the US Army Air Force's First Emergency Rescue Squadron. Operating under Royal Air Force supervision, the squadron served in North Africa; Corsica and Foggia; Italy; and Southern France. Under frequent enemy fire, Lieutenant Colonel Pardue and his squadron rescued 286 allied airmen and captured thirteen German prisoners by landing sea planes and small land planes behind enemy lines. During the rest of his life, he continued to receive correspondence from grateful airmen whom he had rescued.

After the war Jim returned to the States and made the best decision of his life. He decided to propose to Elizabeth Mock. He warned her of possible difficult years ahead as an Air Force wife, but she was very willing to meet the challenge. She loved to travel, cook, and entertain, and would later be known in every tour of duty as a gracious hostess. Theirs was a highly satisfying and successful marriage which grew in love and devotion.

During his career, Jim attended the Navy War College, the Air War College, and the State Department Foreign Service Institute. At the time of the Korean War, he was commander of Johnston Island, in the Pacific. While deputy commander of Hickam Air Force Base, Ha-

waii, he flew hospital flights to Japan, transporting wounded soldiers to Tripler General Hospital. By 1954 he was serving as deputy for the Air Force Office of Flight Safety Research, investigating aircraft and missile accidents and studying the safety aspects of aerospace design. He also served in the Washington, DC command as deputy for operations for the administration of Air Force flight operations. He administered VIP flights and ceremonial functions for visiting heads of state as Chief of Protocol for the US Air Force. In 1960 Jim was sent overseas for diplomatic duty as the US Air Force Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Portugal. By now, he and Elizabeth had four children—three daughters and a son. He retired from the Air Force in 1967. Included among his many decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Jim and Elizabeth always said that they would not have traded his military career for any other life. They thoroughly enjoyed the richness of life and opportunities for growth experienced during his years as an active duty officer. Colonel Pardue was known as one of the finest men one could hope to have as one's commanding officer. He was fair, honest, efficient, and always considerate of the men under his command. One of his commanding officers writes that, "He always had a calm manner in the face of what seemed to be impossible problems, and his judgement was never at fault."

After his retirement he returned to his hometown of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he joined the brokerage firm of Hilliard and Lyons. Following the stock market had always been an interest and hobby of his, and he eagerly entered into his new life. Until he retired at age 65, he experienced great enjoyment and financial gain from his second career. His success and community prominence was due, not only from his financial astuteness, but also to the love, respect, and trust of so many citizens of his hometown.

Elizabeth and Jim always made time to travel on vacations all over the world. They purchased a motor home and drove as far as Canada and Mexico. Both enjoyed golfing and continued to waterski on Kentucky Lake into their late 60's. They were also kept busy with their six grandchildren and three daughters: Mrs. Susan Smith, of Oakton, Virginia, married to an Englishman who works for The World Bank; Mrs. Claudia Daly, stationed in Japan with her husband, an Army officer; and Dr. Nancie Bruce of Rockville, Maryland, a nursing college professor married to an oceanographer. Their son James was killed in 1974 in a tragic on-campus accident while a col-

lege student at Vanderbilt University.

When he retired from his second career at age 65, Jim found out that he had cancer. He and Elizabeth then purchased a lovely winter home in Fort Myers, Florida, where they enjoyed playing golf. Though for the next seven years Jim battled the cancer, there was never a complaint or moment of depression. He said that he saw so many of his comrades die in combat that to him, every day of life after the war was a blessing for which to be thankful.

Among all of the many people who crossed paths with Jim Pardue throughout his lifetime, there seems to be a consensus of opinion: he was a true gentleman. His qualities of honesty, valor, and caring will forever be remembered. The world is a better place for his having lived. He was proud to have had the opportunity to serve his country and his friends. Though we grieve for our loss of his gentle presence, we release him to his peace.

Nancie Pardue Bruce

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Howard Warren Clark

NO. 12253 CLASS OF 1941

Died 22 February 1986 in Asheville, North Carolina, aged 67 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Howard Warren Clark

HOWDY CLARK WAS one of the most dedicated, intelligent, erudite—and unique—men in the Class of 1941. A roommate remembers him taking books to study during trips away. Another remembers him arriving in ranks plebe year by "First Call." In later years, a two-tour comrade classmate cites his brilliant mind, his sound, unselfish advice and, again, —his dedication. All who knew him attest to his fine character, likeable personality, and great sense

of humor. In our own immaturity, did we misconstrue his dedication to DUTY as "file boning?", his uniqueness for aloofness?

Howard Warren Clark was born 14 August 1918, in East Chicago, Indiana, to Abbie Mauger Clark and Howard Clark II, who was serving in France. As a young Army brat, Howdy moved frequently, but was able to spend all four high school years at Columbus (Georgia) High. He was an Eagle Scout and a Pershing Rifle. With a year each at the University of Maryland and Beany Millard's, he won a Presidential appointment to West Point.

As a cadet he won numerals and coach's "A" in lacrosse; played soccer first class year, engineer football second class year; sang in the choir; joined the Chess Club; served on the *Howitzer* and *Pointer* staffs; stage managed Color Lines; wore stars; was I Company supply sergeant; and for our final five months, taught plebe French as one of twenty first classmen designated "cadet instructors" in the very successful experiment to free commissioned officers for duty in the expanding Army. Hardly a "red comforter" type.

Because he graduated fourteenth in our class, Howdy could choose both his branch and his first duty assignment. He chose the 17th Armored Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, which we all knew would be among the first units committed to forthcoming battles. As the Army continued to expand, he was transferred, with ever increasing responsibilities, to other newly forming armored engineer battalions, to teach Military History at West Point, and to be Assistant Engineer, XX Corps, Third Army (by then he was a major), with which unit he went to England, through France, Luxembourg, Germany, and into Austria. Along the way, he became executive of the XX Corps Engineer Section, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in February 1945, and won two Bronze Star Medals, the Livre d'Or des Soldats de Verdun, and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for valorous actions during assaults of river lines. A very commendable wartime record.

During Howdy's West Point tour, he met Elizabeth W. North, whose father (USMA '09) was serving there as Treasurer, USMA. On 13 March 1943, Howdy and Betty were married in the Cadet Chapel. Their marriage produced two daughters—Leslie in 1946 and Anne in 1949.

Howdy's other activities following World War II included assignments in Washington in the Plans and Operations Division of the War Department General Staff (1945–47) (Commendation Ribbon); the Office of the Chief of Psychological Warfare (1952–55); the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Standing Group (1966–67) (Joint Services Com-

mendation Medal); and the Office of the Chief of Engineers (1967-68) (Legion of Merit). From 1948-51 he was with the InterAmerican Geodetic Survey in the Canal Zone and then in Santiago as chief of the Chile projects; in 1955-56 he was stationed in Iceland with the Corps of Engineers construction effort there; and from 1961-65 he was in France in the logistics shops of the United States European Command and then Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (Joint Services Commendation Medal). In 1957-58 he commanded the 160th Engineer Construction Group at Fort Knox, and from 1958-60 he was in Chicago as assistant engineer inspector general.

Howdy acquired a master's degree in civil engineering from Princeton in 1948 and graduated from the Army War College in 1961. He also graduated from Leavenworth (1952), Airborne and Jumpmaster Schools (1954) and the Armed Forces Staff College (1957). As with all of us, Howdy savored other, less publicized, achievements. While in O-PsyWar during the Korean War, it was he who proposed offering \$100 million to anyone bringing in a Russian MIG 15. And in came a North Korean pilot, with a MIG. Later, for his flood rescue work, Governor "Happy" Chandler made him a "Kentucky Colonel."

In 1968, Howdy retired from the Army. He and Betty continued to live in Arlington, Virginia. From 1968-71 he worked for Motorola, and then became the "post engineer" for the Watergate Apartments, where his security people discovered the notorious break-in. When the Watergate subsequently reduced its staff, Howdy accepted a temporary assignment in Algeria for the architect-engineer firm of Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton, to begin planning a bid to supervise construction of a proposed major port city near Algiers. After 90 days, having lost nearly fifty pounds, he concluded that the working and living conditions were unacceptable. So he declined to bring Betty there, returned to the DC area, acquired a license as a registered professional engineer, and resumed working for TAMS, supervising construction of the Washington and Baltimore Metros and the Pennsylvania Avenue Development until 1980.

Shortly thereafter, Howdy and Betty moved to Asheville, North Carolina. He initially tended his garden, which included a huge bank of roses, played golf, did some civic work, and generally enjoyed life. Unfortunately, however, both he and Betty were soon stricken with a number of medical problems, and ultimately, Howdy developed a malignant jaw tumor, which resisted treatment and caused his death.

Betty, although not in good health, continues to live in their Asheville con-

do in the Crowfield's community; Leslie lives in California; and Anne lives in Delaware.

So much for activities and achievements.

Reflecting upon our fifty-year relationship, there comes to mind:

- His intellect
- His persistence in persuing an objective
- His innovativeness
- His uniqueness
- His humility
- His ability to grasp the big problem
- His ever-apparent patience toward Betty's infirmities
- His classic manner of expression, so well displayed in the Forward and Epilogue of 1941's 25th Year Book
- His unfortunate reluctance to seek timely medical attention
- And, always, his dedication.

As another classmate wrote of him twenty-odd years ago, he was habitually the brilliant staff man behind the scenes shaping critical decisions, without the likes of which there could be no great leaders. A valuable asset to the Army and this world, a credit to West Point, that alleged "file boner" won our admiration and respect. It has been an honor to have known him.

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Herbert Richardson, Jr.

NO. 12303 CLASS OF 1941

Died 7 December 1962 in France, aged 46 years.

Interment: Unknown



Herbert Richardson, Jr.

HERBERT RICHARDSON, JR., was born 21 April 1916 in Camden, New Jersey, the eldest of four children. His father was a prominent lawyer in the Philadelphia area; his mother was the former Rosita

Sherwood Martin. Camden remained the family home until about 1977. During his high school years, Herb began a body-building program that helped to account for his magnificent physique and astonishing strength and stamina as an adult. One of his talents, which he never developed, was in art. Between exercises, Herb would sketch his musculature from a large mirror, producing results like a da Vinci painting.

After graduating from Camden High School in 1934, Herb attended Duke University on a football scholarship as one of "Wallace Wade's boys," then spent a year at Brown Preparatory School in Philadelphia to prepare for West Point. Herb later said he was motivated toward West Point because his high school sweetheart, Dot Miller, was impressed by one of his rivals who attended Annapolis.

As a cadet, Herb showed the humor, intelligence, and manly qualities that were to distinguish his military career. After plebe year on the football squad, Herb was persuaded by Tom Maloney, the gymnastics coach, to go out for the gymnastics team as a rope climber. This happened right after the football season, as Herb was working out in the gymnasium. Tom observed him casually going up the rope hand over hand, timed him, and found that he was only four tenths of a second slower than the number one rope climber on the team! Before graduation, Herb had established a new world record in that event, and he still held the record when the rope climb was discontinued as an Olympic and intercollegiate event. Incidentally, Herb held the Academy record, unofficially, for every weight lifting event in the heavyweight division during his cadet years—but refused to compete on the weight lifting club. There was no weight lifting team during those years. Herb was never selfish or unkind, and had a natural, easy wit and fondness for humor and good fellowship. He liked symphonies, philosophy, and historical novels. And during the entire four years, he clung to his one and only sweetheart, Miss Dorothy Miller. They were married in the summer of 1941.

Graduating near the top of his class, Herb took his commission in the Corps of Engineers, went overseas early in the war, and came back late after commanding an engineer battalion in combat. After building airfields across North Africa, his battalion helped clear mines from captured enemy airfields in Sicily and Italy, and built new airfields under very adverse conditions of rain and cold. After the war, a senior non-commissioned officer from his battalion was asked what he thought of his commanding officer. "Sir," he said, "he was the finest officer I ever saw." Herb had nothing but the highest praise for all his men.

After assignment to the Pentagon, Herb earned his master of science degree at Texas A & M in 1948. His later assignments included instructor duty in the Mathematics Department at West Point; battalion commander in Korea, 1952-53; Galveston Engineer District, 1953-55; back to the Mathematics Department at West Point, 1955-58 (during this time he authored a textbook); Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, 1959-60; and Engineer Group Commander, United States Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany, 1960-62.

Herb and Dot had four children: Sandra, Judith, Herbert III (Pete), and Sue. It was while they were in France that Dottie died unexpectedly. Herb's world was badly shaken. In 1960 he remarried. This time he married a Parisian widow, Monique, who bore him a son. Then on 7 December 1962, Herb died unexpectedly in France. His and Monique's second son was born after Herb's death.

Herb's career was unquestionably a distinct credit to West Point and the Army. He received two Bronze Stars and many commendations, but only those of us who really knew him well can appreciate the rare, marvelous combination of qualities he embodied.

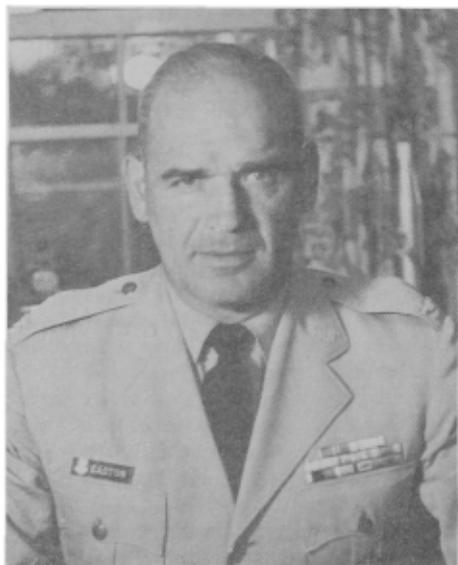
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John J. Easton

NO. 12341 CLASS OF 1941

Died 20 August 1985 in Augusta, Georgia, aged 66 years.

Interment: Westover Cemetery, Augusta, Georgia



John J. Easton

IN "M" COMPANY, complimentary nicknames were hard to come by—but John Easton always had "the straight poop." This, plus his encyclopedic memory, earned him the respected sobriquet, "G-2." He roomed with Ted Brown, our company commander, and his unusual

ability to stay abreast of pertinent detail made Ted's demanding job quite a bit easier.

A natural hive, he never had to sweat academics; his linebacker frame brought football numerals and three years of varsity lacrosse. On graduation, he chose Coast Artillery Corps in San Francisco. But first things always came first with John, and on 14 June he married the lovely and very popular Julie Crawford in the Cadet Chapel.

After the war, he transferred to the US Air Force. Too late for pilot training, he found time to get his private "ticket" and soon could handle a stick and rudder or pilot jargon as well as anyone. He had hardly gotten used to his Air Force blue uniform when he was picked to help plan the Air Force Academy, another indication of his tremendous administrative ability.

As a US Air Force officer without an aeronautical rating, he knew that command jobs would be hard to get, but he broke into the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile business early, and his talent and leg drive brought him not only a Class first, but a US Air Force first: command of the 576th Strategic Missile Squadron (Atlas). On 9 September 1959, he was wearing his hard hat and directing the countdown of the first "on schedule" and successful launch of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile from Vandenberg. "... a fantastic accomplishment ... might almost be put in the same category with the Wright Brothers first flight ..." were the effusive words of the Commander in Chief of the Strategic Air Command.

This unique achievement, noted in *Newsweek* and *Readers Digest*, dubbed him "Mr. Atlas" and he "had arrived" in a most competitive environment. Days later, he broke his Achilles tendon in a squash match. This serious injury, further complicated by infection, forced his being relieved because of the top priority of the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program.

The high tech part of the US Air Force meant daily contact with industries looking for military expertise, and John opted for retirement in 1961. He was coming up to speed in his new environment when he was stricken with a rare and devastating disease, *Mysthenia Gravis*, which had begun to afflict him before retirement, but had not been properly diagnosed.

Again, John Easton showed that the "right stuff" was there as he endured multiple, traumatic, experimental procedures which would have caused most people to quit. Between treatments, however, he was innovative and very successful in the real estate world. But the trauma of the disease and the treatments put heavy stress on his heart and lungs, and on 20 August 1985, John Easton was finally at peace.

Julie, the ideal Air Force commander's wife and an active author, is also a courageous fighter. She lives in their lovely home in Augusta. Son John served two terms as attorney general in Vermont, and narrowly missed being elected that state's governor. Betsy is a paramedic, living in Augusta, and a constant companion.

John Easton will be remembered for many reasons—but his epitaph inscribed in our memory and in our hearts will always read: "G-2, Mr. Atlas, and Colonel Courageous!"

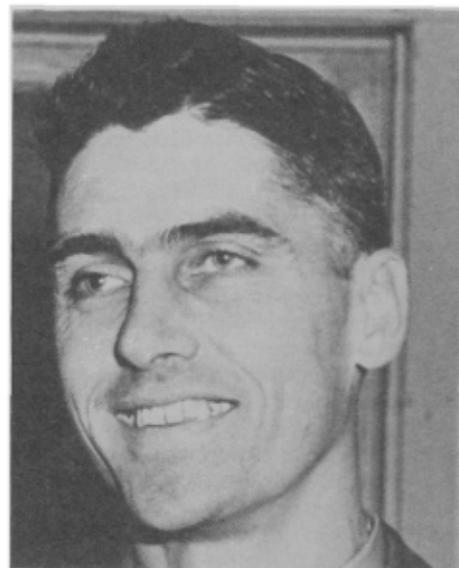
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Mortimer Buell Birdseye, Jr.

NO. 12363 CLASS OF 1941

Died 10 June 1983 in El Paso, Texas, aged 64 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas



Mortimer Buell Birdseye, Jr.

JUST AFTER HIGH NOON on a warm, still, June day in 1983, beneath the clear, vast Texas skies he had come to love, a quiet honest man was laid to rest in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery by his wife, three soldier sons, sister, and a multitude of friends who had come to say good-bye.

On 1 July 1937, Mortimer Buell Birdseye, Jr. walked over the hill and into the Class of 1941, joining the Corps of Cadets and officially entering the Army that had been, and always would be the core of his life. The path he took then, like it still is and he was, was direct, going straight from his parents' quarters on the edge of Lusk Reservoir to the area of The Plain.

Mort was born on 4 April 1919 in Syracuse, New York, the older child of Mortimer Buell and Mabel Sherwood Birdseye. Born to a father who was both a major, US Cavalry, at the end of World War I and himself the son of a Civil War

command, and prepared him for a civilian career in the Washington area.

The Russells had originally thought of a leisurely life of consulting in the Northern Virginia area, while watching the children go through high school and college. But Jack was soon called to a civilian post on the Army's Test and Evaluation Board, where he ultimately became a director before retiring again in 1982. Then, finally, came the rest and relaxation he and Dee had hoped for. Jack was a charter member of the West Springfield Civic Association and of Saint Bernadette's Catholic Church in Springfield. But there came Dee's final illness, and her death in early 1986.

Jack recovered well from what had been a severe blow, and continued to be active with the Class and with civic activities. He helped with the presentation of Bob Guthrie's World War II medals, and was thoughtful enough to have copies made of cadet snapshots for Bob's family. Finally, Asia called again and Jack returned to China on a group tour—something he always wanted to do. On the return leg he stopped in Hawaii for a week at a beach hotel in Kona on the Big Island. It was there, after such a satisfying trip, that he suffered a sudden and fatal heart attack. After a ceremony at Fort Myer, he was laid to rest beside Dee in the West Point Cemetery.

While Jack's careers, both uniformed and civilian, were not the kind which draw newspaper attention, they represented steady competence, analytical skills and courage, both physical and moral. He left his family and his Class a legacy of service and dedication of the finest kind—giving much and demanding little.

Jack had surprising depths of intellect. Languages intrigued him, not just English where he taught his children so much, but also the foreign languages into which he inserted himself: Latin, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Chinese and Korean. Sundays after church the entire family would go on trips, particularly when in foreign lands. History intrigued him, and he was a member of Company of Military Historians. That led to genealogy, and he wrote stories of his ancestors as he found them. His children felt they could always go to him, and by his searching questions, he taught them to think. Sometimes he would make outrageous statements just to see what happened and to see how they would cope. His was a wonderful example of how intellectual curiosity can be fostered and self-discipline applied to service.

Jack is survived by his mother; by his daughter, Patricia, of Houston; by John, Jr., a doctoral student in Florida; by Michael, who works with the theater in the New York area; by his sister, DeLores, of Asheville, North Carolina; and

by three grandchildren. Rest well, good trooper; you have earned it.

His classmates

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Charles Herbert Burr, Jr.

NO. 13368 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 13 April 1988 in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, aged 69 years.

Interment: St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church Cemetery, Columbia, South Carolina



Charles Herbert Burr, Jr.

FROM WARTIME EARLY GRADUATION at West Point on a bitter cold day in January 1943 until his second voluntary retirement in 1983, Charles Herbert Burr, Jr., completed two successful careers: first, in service to country; the second, in service to his adopted state.

At Westport High School in Kansas City where he was graduated in 1936, young Charlie Burr was introduced to the notion of a service career during participation in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program. By his final year he had attained the rank of cadet lieutenant. Also, he had reached a decision to seek an Army career via West Point. Setting this goal was his first major career decision. It was entirely consistent with the philosophy that his parents, Charles and Martha, early on had urged upon their only son—make a decision, set a goal and reach it. The path to the Academy was not easy. By 1936, Charlie had researched the several avenues of approach to West Point. He tried more than one. There were frustrations. Finally, he was awarded that coveted appointment from the Fifth District, Kansas.

As a cadet, Charlie implemented a "calculated approach" to the system. He paced himself. "Sprinting" was not his style. He relaxed by participating in the chess club; since the game is one of

mathematical insight and probabilities, it helped hone his skills to cope with the Mathematics Department. Eventually, he took it all in stride—cadet routine, academic requirements and even social life. He achieved excellent rapport with all those classmates with whom he associated. The brand new second lieutenant opted for the Signal Corps.

En route to his first assignment, Charlie attended company officer and field wire courses at Fort Monmouth. This training was timely. The 310th Signal Operations Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky was being readied for maneuvers in Tennessee and subsequent deployment to England. He was assigned to Company A and the first of a wide spectrum of duties. As his unit provided support for combat elements of Ninth Army and XVI Corps attacking through France into Germany, Charlie profited by "on-the-job" training the extent of which he never could have imagined at West Point.

By VE Day, Charlie had earned his selection to command a company in the 97th Signal Battalion. This unit was an element of the US Constabulary which had been especially tailored to meet emerging new requirements for the occupation forces. This command assignment also heralded the start of his married life in Bamberg, Germany.

Return to the US in 1947 brought attendance at the Advanced Course, Signal School, then three years as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Rutgers University. By 1951, Charlie had returned to Europe as a staff officer in Headquarters, Allied Forces, Central Europe at Fontainebleau. Not only did he improve his professional skills, but he learned how to interact with agencies of our allies. His immediate superior was a French officer who also acted as his mentor. By 1954, however, assignment as a student at the Command and General Staff College came as a welcome change of pace.

Further recognition of his competence and versatility resulted in Charlie's selection as a branch chief, Office of Career Management, Signal Corps, during the period 1956–58. For this duty he was awarded a Commendation Medal. Next, he earned a master of business administration degree from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Another indicator of a "fast track" career took the form of below the zone selection for promotion to lieutenant colonel. Thereafter, he enjoyed a respite from staff work as Commanding Officer, 51st Signal Battalion, I Corps, Uijongbu, Korea.

By mid-1961, he was back in the States. There was a requirement to complete a utilization tour as a consequence of his Harvard schooling. He became chief, Automatic Data Processing De-

join him there. When Captain Davis reported in, he found the job well in hand, and he concluded that Dave mainly needed some company in doing the city. Dave was rewarded for his airfield work with two promotions and with the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

Dave and I both returned from China to attend graduate school at the University of Illinois. Housing was short and Dave and Audrey invited Jane and me to share the upstairs of a boarding house near the campus. In the one room converted to a study, Dave revealed an intellectual curiosity akin to discontent with a half-truth when the whole can be won. Coupled with a motto Audrey says he lived by, "Do it once; do it right," this quality presaged Dave's outstanding accomplishments in whatever he put his mind to.

Following World War II, Dave saw greater challenge to his capabilities in the Department of the Air Force and, with his transfer thereto in 1950, he began his second career as a civil engineer. Daughters Christine and Sandra (Christy and Sandy) joined the family in 1950 and 1954 to brighten this phase of Dave's life. Construction of air base facilities under Dave's supervision included work in Europe and England, important in the provision of permanent North Atlantic Treaty Organization infrastructure to 1957. The next four years, Dave directed the design of Titan ICBM systems in the Ballistic Missile Division at Los Angeles. These complex systems involved concurrent design and construction equivalent in some ways with underground cities. In other senior civil engineer assignments, Dave shouldered responsibility for a wide variety of projects under the Air Force System Command and the Air Force Electronics Systems Division. These projects included the most highly advanced electronic, space and aeronautical systems, as well as new research and development facilities. Perhaps the most satisfying job was in Vietnam, where Dave was the resident construction manager for "Project Turnkey." From a raw site, a fully operational major airport, Tuy Hoa Air Base, was created within a limited budget and a very short time. Shortly thereafter, Dave was promoted to brigadier general. He retired from the Air Force after serving as deputy Chief of Staff of the US Tactical Air Command (August 1967-July 1969) and Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters US Pacific Air Forces (July 1969-July 1971).

Dave's next career with Ralph M. Parsons Company, Pasadena, California, included corporate responsibilities, comparable to those of his senior years with the Air Force. From 1972 to 1976, he was vice president and general manager of a subsidiary profit center company in Aus-

tralia. From 1976 to 1979 he was vice president and corporate director of Advance Planning and Manager Staff Support. Then he spent a year in Saudi Arabia managing and supervising planning, engineering construction and operations and maintenance for a new industrial city for 170,000 persons at Yanbu on the Red Sea coast. In 1983 the company made available Dave's service to the State of California as staff director for the governor's Infrastructure Review Task Force. Governor Deukmajian in thanking the company wrote, "Mr. Chamberlain's fine work and the many hours he devoted to coordinating the organization of the task force and giving it policy direction are a credit to both Mr. Chamberlain and the Ralph M. Parsons Company. His contributions have been extremely helpful to my administration's efforts to improve our state's infrastructure for the benefit of all Californians."

During all of these three careers, Dave was ever filling the reservoirs of his mind. While attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, he also studied for a master of business administration degree awarded by George Washington University in 1964. In 1976 he bought fourteen acres of old avocado orchards in Bradbury, California, and then proceeded to learn and do what was necessary to restore the trees to production. He qualified for contractor, real estate, and tax licenses in California. Following retirement from Parsons in 1984, he used his broadened capabilities to launch a fourth career; he subdivided his fourteen acres into ten lots and proceeded to develop them. In this, Dave not only uncomplainingly met every requirement of the planning commission, construction inspectors, and city engineer, but he also exceeded those requirements, while volunteering his services to the city in planning for other developments.

On one of the lots, Dave built his "retirement" home. The farm house on one of the other lots that served as an interim residence, he turned over to Sandy and her husband, Ted Jarvis Ross. Sandy bore grandson Jack on 1 December 1983 at half-time during the Army-Navy game. Dave delighted in Jack's company, and Jack adored "Pa Boppa."

When sudden death overtook Dave three days short of his 67th birthday, he was enrolled in a nearby college to study law, filling another corner of that wonderful mind. I cried when Audrey called me to tell me the sad news, but then I heard that "Yo!" again in response to that final roll call. As he has welcomed me so many times in so many places, I can almost hear him laughingly say, "Where in the hell have you been?" Dave enriched not only his family's life, but his friends' as well.

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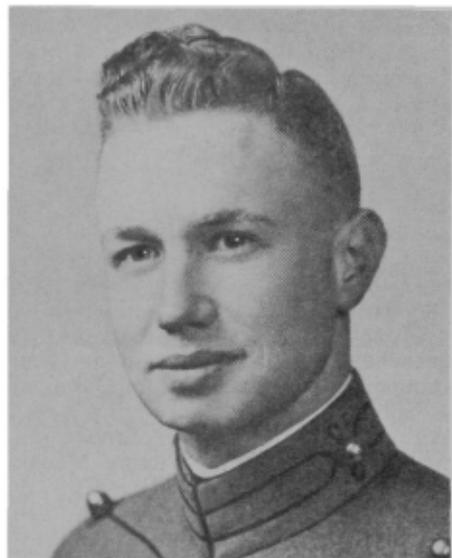
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Theodore Robert Upland, Jr.

NO. 15551 CLASS OF 1946

Died 8 June 1988 in South San Francisco, California, aged 64 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Theodore Robert Upland, Jr.

THEODORE ROBERT (BOB) UPLAND, JR. was born in San Francisco, California on 12 February 1924, son of Theodore R. Upland, Sr. and the late Marie Upland. He attended Our Lady of Angels Grammar School in Burlingame, California, from 1929-37, graduating with scholarship; St. Ignatius Preparatory High School in San Francisco from 1937-41, graduating with scholarship; and the University of San Francisco from 1941-43. Bob was also active in the Reserve Officer Training Corps for five years during this period. Prior to completion of his courses at the University of San Francisco, he was called to duty in the US Army Air Corps Reserve from December to March 1943, followed by enlistment in the US Army from February to July 1943.

During this time, Bob's father met the lone cadet at dinner in a restaurant in Philadelphia after the Army-Navy Game and, knowing his military interest and scholastic background, urged him to enroll in West Point. Bob was accepted to the Academy on an appointment sponsored by Congressman R. Welch (Fifth District, California) and graduated in 1946 in the upper third of his class. Soccer was his choice sport.

In 1949, Bob transferred to the Air Force to become a pilot. While at Randolph Field, he finished number one in his class of the 3525th Airborne Fighter Group Pilot Training Wing in October 1951. Bob joined the Korean Conflict, where he completed 100 missions as flight commander and squadron opera-

relaxed manner that some upperclassmen mistakenly viewed as indifference. Needless to say, this caused Bob to have a more arduous plebe year than some of his classmates. While at West Point, Bob took a serious look at the role of religion in his life. He entered USMA as a Protestant, but soon started instruction to convert to the Roman Catholic faith. Before graduation, he was seriously considering becoming a priest. First class year Bob took flying training and got his wings June Week. He was enthusiastic about pursuing a career as a pilot, but at the same time he felt a clear calling to become a priest.

Bob's first station after graduation was at Williams Field, Arizona, for transition training. From there he went to Biggs Air Force Base at El Paso, Texas where his unit towed targets for the Army anti-aircraft troops. His next station was Great Falls Air Force Base, Montana in 1949. His tour there was interrupted by the Berlin blockade. Bob went to Berlin and flew in the Airlift until it was finished. In 1950, Bob was selected by the Air Force to attend Ohio State University to study electronics and nuclear physics. He decided to leave the Air Force in 1952.

Initially after leaving the Air Force, Bob tried his hand as an industrial sales engineer. However, the calling to become a priest was still with him. So, in 1955 he entered Saint Bonaventure University to study for the priesthood. After six years of study, Bob graduated at the head of his class and became a priest. As a priest, Bob developed principally as a counselor. As counseling department head in two high schools, Bob met the challenge of student rebellion against religious education by creating new courses, curricula and approaches in religious education. The "religion electives" approach, which he originated, proved so successful that it was introduced in a number of foreign countries and is widely used in the United States and Canada.

In 1970, Bob realized that his life's work was to be counseling, but that he could not bring the full scope of his abilities to bear within the confines of the church. Bob left the priesthood in 1970. On 2 July 1970 he married Catherine Marie Rutte in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1971 he received his doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana. While studying for his doctorate, the department had Bob design and direct a three week national summer institute for behavioral scientists in group leadership techniques. During this period, Bob published two books, titled *Freedom and Authority*.

Bob, in 1971, joined the US Armed Forces Institute as chief, Counseling and Guidance. During this period he was the principal consultant in the selection of a library of counseling tests for use by the Armed Forces. In 1974, Con-

gress disestablished the institute. Bob then joined the Social Security Administration in one of only six special senior positions in the US as an employee relations specialist. Covering the entire mid-America region, Bob provided a full range of counseling services to employees, coordinated alcoholism and drug abuse programs, and acted as consultant to superiors and management officials for personnel and human relations problems.

1978 saw Bob become a regional consultant with the Public Health Service for federally funded mental health and substance abuse programs. He provided extensive management training programs for executive directors and other staff of community mental health centers in a four state area.

Bob became a recognized expert in his field of counseling. He was a consultant for six universities across the country. In February of 1986, he was selected to receive the Administrator's Special Citation, one of the highest honors conferred by the Public Health Service, in recognition of the excellence of his contribution and work.

In his approach to work, Bob was talented and innovative. He had broad interests and always sought to apply his abilities to a wider scope of endeavor. He once said that, with regard to his work, he gained the greatest pleasure from applying creative approaches to challenges and seeing them succeed. He was generous with his time and talents; always helping in the community.

Bob is survived by his wife, Catherine, and their two daughters, Julie Marie and Michelle Therese. He was a gentle and loving husband and father. Married relatively late in life, he had hoped to live to see his daughters grow up, but it was not to be. Even though he left the priesthood, Bob was totally dedicated to God throughout his life. His faith never deserted him. As Bob joins "The Long Gray Line," his family and classmates will always remember him as a patriot, a friend, a caring husband and father, an honorable man, and one who walked hand-in-hand with God. We miss you, Bob, but there is consolation in knowing how much our lives were enriched by knowing you.

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife, Catherine

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John Griffin Parker

NO. 15653 CLASS OF 1946

Died 11 May 1988 at Lewiston, New York, aged 62 years.

Interment: Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, Connecticut

ON 11 MAY 1988 John Parker lost his fight with cancer. Funeral Mass was said in Alumni Chapel, Niagara University,



John Griffin Parker

and burial was in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, Connecticut.

John was born in West Hartford, the oldest of John and Mary Parker's four children, in 1925. After attending preparatory school at Loomis School, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy.

With his stint at West Point condensed into three years because of World War II, John graduated in June of 1946. He chose the Field Artillery as his branch of the Army.

His early postings were in Japan and various bases in the US. With the outbreak of war, John was sent to Korea after airborne training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Wounded, he received a Purple Heart.

On leave after returning from the war, John visited his hometown of West Hartford where he met Jean Hyland, whom he would marry in the spring of 1953. At the time of his marriage, he was assigned to the Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at Princeton University. It was there that the young couple's first child, John Michael, was born.

From Princeton, the Parkers went to Germany, where John was stationed at Bad Nauheim and Baumholder. While in Germany, two more sons were born, James Martin and Kevin Paul.

On their return to the States, the family landed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It was here that John and Jean were blessed with their first and only daughter, Maura Kay. The year 1960 was spent at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where John attended the Command and General Staff College and Robert Thomas, the last of the Parker children, was born.

The next four years saw the family in Washington, DC, and John in a staff position in the Office of Research and Development in the Pentagon. During this assignment, John was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Living in Annandale,

Virginia meant that the family was close enough to Connecticut to visit grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins on a regular basis.

In 1965 John was sent back to Korea for a year while the rest of the family stayed behind in their home in Annandale. In Korea, John served as chief of the Personnel Services Division of the Eighth Army.

After being reunited, the family moved back to Fort Sill for three years. John's first assignment at Fort Sill was as commanding officer of a Field Artillery battalion. After being promoted to colonel, he served as deputy commander of the US Army Training Center, Field Artillery. While stationed at Fort Sill, the family camped throughout the American West, from Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico, to Yellowstone National Park.

From Fort Sill, the family was off to Stuttgart, Germany for three years. While John served as the chief of Personnel and Plans of the United States European Command, the family took the opportunity to tour the length and breadth of Europe. John also took this time to obtain a master of education degree from Boston University.

John's final posting was as professor of Military Science at Niagara University. This was the beginning of his long attachment to the university. It would last until his death more than fifteen years later. After retiring from the Army, John served as placement director, personnel director, director of the physical plant, assistant to the vice president for business affairs, and chief labor negotiator for the university.

Largely a private man, John Parker was, above all else, a family man. His life story is a family saga that cannot be adequately translated for a wider audience. It is best appreciated, and will always be shared, by his wife, his brothers and sister, his children and their spouses, and his grandchildren, who numbered four at his death.

Kent Keehn

NO. 15741 CLASS OF 1946

Died 20 August 1988 in Carson Valley, Nevada, aged 63 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Presidio, San Francisco, California

KENT KEEHN WAS BORN in Chicago, Illinois, on 21 April 1925 to Chicago lawyer and Illinois National Guardsman, General Roy D. Keehn and Ellen (Henderson) Keehn. Young Kent attended Lake Forest Academy where he was student body president and captain of the football team.

After attending Princeton University for a year, he was appointed to the



Kent Keehn

Military Academy. Kent especially enjoyed the numerous sporting activities at the Academy, including football, and track and field.

With his commission he was assigned to the 16th Infantry, Berlin, Germany, where he enjoyed many diverse assignments. He also was an outstanding football (Berlin Bears) and basketball athlete in the European Theater; the Berlin Green Hornets were the European basketball champions of 1948.

During the Berlin Blockade days, Kent married an American Red Cross girl, Margaret De Andreis. Their first son, Stephen, was born in Berlin just days after the Blockade ended.

Upon returning to the States, Kent became an intelligence instructor at Fort Riley, and in 1953 he was assigned to the 179th Infantry, 45th Division (Korea), where he received the Bronze Star for his work as an intelligence officer. After the Korean War, Kent attended Syracuse University where he obtained a master of business administration degree and was quickly made, as a captain, controller of the Army Training Center at Fort Chaffee.

In 1961 he graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, after which he served with the US Army Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, as a program and budget officer.

In 1963 Kent was made battalion commander of the 15th Infantry, 3rd Division at Wildflecken, Germany, where he brought a low-rated fighting unit to recognition as one of the best in terms of combat readiness, maintenance and morale.

After graduating from the Army War College in 1966, Kent was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army as senior management planning officer, monitoring changes in service-wide programs for new weapons systems and facilities.

With five sons nearing college age, Kent decided to retire from the Army in 1967. With his numerous and successful experiences from his Army career, Kent was able to segue into various finance and international manufacturing assignments with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, New York City. In the fall of 1969, Kent was appointed administrative director to the Pfizer African Management Center in Nairobi, Kenya, in which he traveled extensively throughout Africa analyzing and reviewing numerous projects.

With success in Africa, Kent rapidly rose to the position of managing director (chief executive officer) of various Pfizer International operations where he managed hundreds of employees involved in governmental relations, sales, marketing, and manufacturing; including the production of pharmaceuticals, agricultural products and consumer items. Kent's assignments as a Pfizer managing director encompassed Pfizer Iran Shet Shahami (including Afghanistan) 1971-73; Pfizer West Africa (Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, and the Gambia) 1973-75; and Pfizer Korea Limited, 1975-78.

In the summer of 1978, Kent finally returned to the States when he was appointed to the Presidential Executive Interchange Program under the Carter Administration where he served as a consultant to the United States Department of Energy in Washington, DC. Kent retired from Pfizer (1980) to lecture at the University of Nevada in managerial sciences.

His sons and students will remember his endless tales and his wife will never forget their thirty moves in forty years of marriage.

Kent is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons Stephen, Michael, Christopher, Jeffrey, and Patrick; sister, Kay; and grandson, Jeffrey Kent.

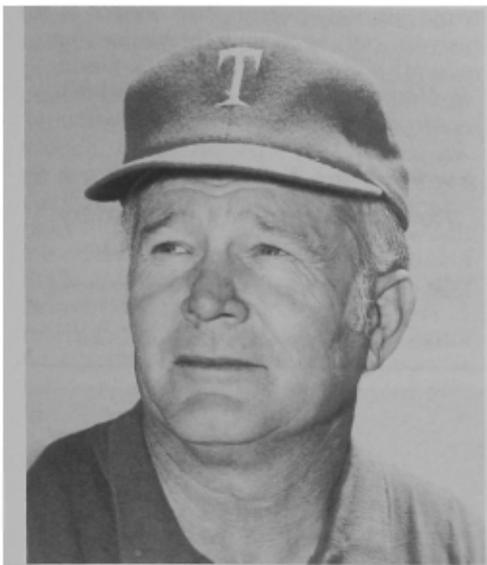
Robert Lee Dobbs

NO. 15926 CLASS OF 1946

Died 2 April 1986 in Altus, Oklahoma, aged 63 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

ROBERT LEE DOBBS, known to his friends and family as Bobby, was born 13 October 1922 at Munday, Texas. After graduating from high school in Frederick, Oklahoma, Bobby entered Tulsa University in 1941. A superb high school football player, he played fullback at Tulsa and participated with Tulsa in the 1943 Sugar Bowl. With the country involved in World War II, Bobby's intense patriotism, plus his desire to become a pilot and to play football, led him to West Point. He joined the then Army Air Corps in early 1943 and was able to obtain an appointment to join the Class of 1946 as it entered on 1 July 1943.



Robert Lee Dobbs

Bobby's two years at Tulsa, plus his time in the Army Air Corps, made his transition to cadet life not too difficult. His athletic ability resulted in letters in football and basketball. He also boxed his first class year. Bobby was the starting fullback on the great 1944 Army team. Bobby realized one of his ambitions when he opted for flight training first class year and received his wings June Week.

Following graduation, Bobby took transition training at Enid Air Force Base, Oklahoma. While at Enid, Bobby married Joanne Meeks in Frederick, Oklahoma on 8 July 1947. His first assignment after Enid was to Davis-Monahan Air Force Base in Arizona. In 1949, he was assigned to Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. There he coached the Carswell Football Team to the Armed Forces Championship. In 1952, Colonel Earl (Red) Blaik brought Bobby back to West Point to serve as an assistant football coach. Also on the Army coaching staff at the same time was Vince Lombardi, the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League. So, during his tour at West Point, Bobby was learning under two of the most brilliant football minds the sport has ever known. In 1955, Tulsa University, where Bobby had played before West Point, offered him the head football coaching job. Bobby accepted and resigned from the Air Force. He went to Tulsa to take over a team with the school's worst ever record of 0-11 in 1954. This was to be the start of an eighteen year coaching career that would see him rebuild three different teams. Amid speculation that Tulsa would be forced to drop football, Bobby quickly rebuilt the program into respectability. Tulsa posted a 7-2-1 record in 1956, and 7-3 in 1958. These successes prompted Army to consider Bobby as a replacement for Red Blaik. It didn't happen then, but Bobby's dream was to

become head coach at West Point. Tulsa's most significant victories while he was coach were over Oklahoma State, 24-16 in 1958 when the Cowboys were unbeaten, and North Texas State, 17-6 in 1959 when the Eagles had Abner Hayes and were unbeaten and ranked tenth nationally. These achievements came through brilliant strategy, not talented players.

In 1961, Bobby left Tulsa to take on another rebuilding job. This time for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League. He was replaced at Tulsa by his brother Glenn. Bill Connors, sports editor of the *Tulsa World*, wrote of Bobby's leaving Tulsa, "Dobbs was a straight arrow with impeccable habits. He was cautious, but when he said something, you could take it to the bank. He was a wonderful representative of the school and there was never a hint of scandal, on or off the field, in his six years. However, TU and Bobby Dobbs were not suited to having a coaching marriage. He was an X and O coach who loved to spend his time in the film room, studying opponents and devising plans to improve his team. He brought a West Point style to a school that needed a promoter. Glenn Dobbs was more successful at TU than his brother, because of his promotional talents. But Glenn said then and now that Bobby had the football brains. He was like Coach Henry Frnka (who coached the Dobbs brothers at Tulsa) in that he was ahead of his time." After four highly successful years in Canada, Bobby resigned at the conclusion of the 1964 season. He felt that he had been slighted by Calgary's decision to elevate his former assistant to general manager. He made no threats, did no name calling. He resigned at the team banquet and did not respond to a request to reconsider. Bill Connors, the *Tulsa World* sports editor, said of Bobby, "All principle and no fluff."

The Texas Western Miners of El Paso had posted a dismal 0-8-2 record in 1964. No wonder then that they called on Bobby Dobbs to perform his miracles for them. In his first year as their coach, the Miners blasted North Texas State 61-15. All El Pasoans were stunned by this dramatic turn around. It was not a fluke. In his first three years, his record was 21-9 and his teams defeated Texas Christian and Mississippi in the Sun Bowl. It was evident that Bobby was ahead of his time. His pro-style passing attack caught everyone by surprise. His defensive genius was obscured by offense, but other coaches noticed. When the Miners beat Mississippi 14-7 in the Sun Bowl after the 1967 season, Mississippi coach Johnny Vaught remarked, "I'd heard all about the Miners offense, but no one told me about their defense." Bobby's coaching ability was not unnoticed by the coaches in the National

Football League. While at Texas Western, he sent many players into the pro ranks with quite a few going to Green Bay to play for Vince Lombardi. At one point, Bobby ranked second among college coaches in number of players going in the National Football League. In 1972, Bobby said that if his team didn't beat the University of New Mexico, he would resign. His team was 1-5 at the time. The team lost and Bobby resigned. He went into the construction business in El Paso until his health started to fail in 1978.

Bobby was proud of being a West Pointer and always looked and acted the part. Sports writers described him as standing 6-foot-2 and straight as an arrow. "He was the general," said Billy Stevens, the Miners quarterback from 1964-67. Bobby never had the opportunity to coach where resources and talent were readily available. He was destined to take over depressed teams and bring them back to respectability. In 1965, after his initial success at Texas Western, Bobby had the opportunity to make his fondest dream come true. He was offered the head coaching job at West Point. At the time, his wife Joanne had a very serious illness and they were advised not to leave the warm climate in El Paso. So Bobby turned down the chance to become head coach at USMA. It almost broke Joanne's heart to be the reason for this painful decision; but although Bobby loved football, his love for his family was unsurpassed.

Bobby seemed so intense and serious to others that few knew of his great sense of humor. He knew when to laugh and how to get the most out of life. He was extremely proud of his three children: Lieutenant Colonel John Robert Dobbs, US Air Force; Suzanne Wiggs; and Michael Lee Dobbs. He was thankful that he lived long enough to see and enjoy two of his grandchildren. Bobby's failing health turned out to be Alzheimer's disease, and he died on 2 April 1986 in a nursing home in Altus, Oklahoma.

"Bobby Dobbs was a class man and a great coach." "He's the best coach I was ever around." These are just some of the comments of Bobby's friends in the athletic world. Shortly after Bobby's death, a West Point graduate who played "B" squad football for Bobby when he coached at West Point, was staying overnight at a hotel and saw an article in the *Tulsa World* on Bobby. This graduate wrote the paper with the following comments: "He was the kind of person you never miss until he's not there. His values and standards as an individual were indeed hard to match. It's too bad he didn't coach at Army in the '60s—I think he would have done well in the won and lost column—but most important, he would have taught values of self

esteem which are so often missing." To this we can only add, "Well Done, Bobby." We are proud to have been your classmates and friends.

*'46 Memorial Project and his wife
Joanne*

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Eugene Emil Melo

NO. 16089 CLASS OF 1946

Died 29 July 1957 near Stewart Field, New York, aged 33 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Eugene Emil Melo

EUGENE EMIL MELO's parents were both born in the northernmost part of Italy. After emigrating to the US, they settled in New York City. Thus, Gene was born and raised in Woodside, New York. As did many young men who grew up in New York City in the 1930's, Gene visited West Point and becoming a cadet became his ambition. Gene's father died when Gene was quite young, and he developed very close ties to his uncle, Gene Cavallero, who was the owner and proprietor of *The Colony*, a world famous eating establishment in New York at that time. The people he met through his uncle strengthened Gene's desire to attend West Point. He graduated from Xavier High School in Manhattan with the rank of cadet major in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

So, on 1 July 1943, Gene entered with the Class of 1946. At USMA Gene was the prototype young military officer-to-be, full of life, energy and dedication to the highest of ideals. Academics were a trial to Gene. He worked hard to maintain an acceptable standing, but when he knew he had reached a level where he could ease up, he did. His goal was to graduate, but he felt academic standing should not affect his sanity or pleasures. His outgoing nature and pleasant per-

sonality made it easy for him to make friends. He genuinely liked people and as a result, everyone liked him. Gene was, by nature, neat and orderly. However, he objected to the universally uniform requirements for arrangements and locations of everything in cadet rooms. From time to time, he would test the upperclassmen and Tacs with intentional variations in locations of clothing, deviations in folding, and undusted corners. When caught, he accepted the report with a grin-and-bear-it attitude.

Gene opted for flight training first class year and received his wings June Week with the Army Air Corps contingent of the Class. His only brother, Robert, had also been a pilot in the Air Corps. A captain, he lost his life in a crash in Greenland earlier. Because of this, Gene's mother did not want him to fly, and learned that he was a pilot only upon his graduation when he received his wings.

Following graduation, Gene took transition training at Enid, Oklahoma. He married Josephine Peters on 29 December 1946. His first assignment was to Bolling Air Force Base where he was aide de camp to the commanding general. This was followed by a tour in Europe. In 1955, he was assigned as operations officer for the Air Force Detachment at West Point. Gene and Jo joined a large contingent of '46ers in the "Grey Ghost" housing area. By that time, they had two children; a son, Peter, and a daughter, Missy. Although heavily committed to his flying duties, Gene still found time to help out with post activities. Those of us who lived near Gene at that time still remember his bright smile and effervescent personality when he would drive up at the end of the day. Sometimes it would take him 30 minutes to get the 20 feet to his front door by the time he had spoken to everyone on the block!

On 29 July 1957, Gene and a classmate, Bill Bowley, took off from Stewart Field in a T-33 Trainer on a routine training mission. They were returning to Stewart in a thunderstorm with Gene at the controls. As they were approaching for a landing, radio contact was lost at 1235 hours. Shortly thereafter, the Stewart Field switchboard buzzed with reports of an accident. The craft had plunged to earth about a mile from the runway. Witnesses said there was an explosion just before the plane crashed to earth. There were no survivors.

Gene Melo was a good man. He epitomized our motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." He loved life and he liked people. Those of us who knew him are better for that privilege; those who did not missed a great experience. When we think of him, we remember that bright smile and his radiant personality. It is a shame he couldn't have been with us longer. A

truly religious person, his reward is in heaven; but we mourn for his loss here on earth. "Be Thou At Peace," Gene. *'46 Memorial Article Project and his son Peter and his daughter Missy*

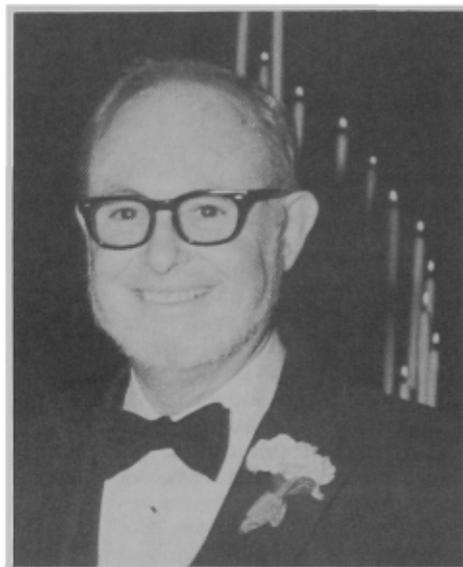
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Robert Alexander Montgomery

NO. 16112 CLASS OF 1946

Died 19 August 1986 in Norman, Oklahoma, aged 62 years.

Interment: Denver Cemetery, Norman, Oklahoma



Robert Alexander Montgomery

ROBERT ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY, known affectionately as Bob, was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on 7 July 1924. His father, Colonel H.A. Montgomery, was USMA Class of 1918. Traveling with his family during his formative years, Bob graduated from high school at Central High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1942. One semester at Tulsa University preceded his entrance into West Point on 1 July 1943 with the Class of 1946. Plebe math gave Bob many anxious moments; in fact, he was "turned out" both in December and June during his plebe year. His roommate recalls being impressed by his calm self-confidence during these examinations. He was a "spoony" cadet whose shoes and brass were always shined to a high degree. Although he was an Army brat, Bob was something of a free and independent spirit who enjoyed trying to push the limits of regulations. This battle was usually won by the "Tacs," resulting in his spending more than his share of time walking the area. He had a tremendous determination to get through West Point and this spirit enabled him to overcome any obstacle.

Commissioned in the Infantry, Bob was first assigned to the 17th Infantry Regiment. This was followed by a tour with the Korean Military Advisory

Leroy Shreve, was the first to use the affectionate term. But many of us can probably still remember Bud Vockel collaring Bill every day after lunch and running him back to First Company's piece of old South Area, all the while yelling, "Faster, General, faster; more yet!"

True, he didn't look like what we thought a budding general should look like (Jack Murphy, Bill Todd, Al Crawford, Bill Aman, George Vlisides, or Bill DeGraf maybe, but "Mr. Bloss"—no way!). But no one could deny his spirit, sense of humor, persistence, or good, old-fashioned guts. He just would not give up. How many others remember watching, for what seemed an eternity, while he attacked that 10-foot high wooden wall on the obstacle course? Bill was convinced that the prime ingredient of success was speed. With those long, thin legs and that unconquerable heart, he sailed into the wall; he was all horizontal with no vertical vector. He tried over and over again. Finally, a firstie took him by the shoulder and forcibly led him around and past the wall; the General was not about to quit.

Bad things seemed to happen to Bill in Beast Barracks; four of us (including Bill) couldn't seem to get him to formations on time and in the right uniform. His troubles didn't end with the plebe hike. Someone came racing by to tell him that inspection for guard duty was right now. He had his M-1 in pieces on the blanket we used for a floor and was dutifully cleaning everything. We all grabbed parts, passed them to him quickly, while he snatched up others, fitted them all together, and took off running—dragging the edge of the blanket, which he tore away from the chamber as he ran. He arrived at the formation late, but was prepared when his turn came to present his piece for inspection. He snapped the M-1 up smartly, slammed the hammer back, and looked resolutely into the eyes of the inspecting officer—as pieces of the M-1's innards began to pop up into the air. The rifle fell apart in Bill's hands.

Plebe year was a little more relaxed for "the General," although at best, he was only an adequate scholar. He did collect more than his fair share of demerits, it's true, but walked the appropriate number of tours, insisting—especially when the demerits were awarded for returning late from dates—that the crime had been worth the punishment.

At intramural athletics, whatever the sport, he was in there working. Softball was probably his favorite, because, though he sometimes looked awkward, he was loose and really quite coordinated. He fielded and hit well. Opponents in intramural football smiled, shook their heads in disbelief at his eager, aggressive style, but came by after each

game to shake his hand and compliment him for his efforts.

With graduation came marriage to a lovely young woman—Gretchen—and assignment to the Infantry and Korea. Bill was assigned to the 2nd Infantry, and later awarded the Bronze Star. He went to war willingly, probably enthusiastically, because he always fought for what he believed. One former roommate still bears a scar attesting to the depth of Bill's feelings, because, in yearling year the classmate failed once to show the proper respect for Bill's hero, Ted Williams, and got a split lip to show for it.

Assignments after Korea included Headquarters, 77th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, 1954–56, the Infantry School from 1956–57, and G-3, Division Headquarters, Communications Zone (APO NY) in 1957.

In 1960 in San Antonio, Bill was assigned as Assistant Professor, Military Science and Tactics to Texas Military Institute, and he described his Korean combat, particularly the long, late night patrols in the narrow strip of land that separated the United Nations and North Korean forces. He had returned—a 200-pound, no-nonsense, combat infantry officer—convinced that he had met the challenge of manhood well. He had volunteered to lead patrols at every opportunity and was confident that he had "taken care of the troops." Unfortunately, the overseas assignment and separation had been too much for the young marriage. As usual, however, he picked up the pieces, forged ahead with his career, met a fine military nurse, married again and fathered two children—a boy and a girl—whom he loved very much.

His assignments, thereafter, were probably not unlike those of many of his Army peers. He received the Commendation Medal following a tour with the 1st Special Forces Group (1964), a second award after his 1968–69 years with I Corps in Korea, and the Legion of Merit while at Headquarters Army Communications Command (Fort Huachuca, AZ), 1970–71.

Bill was retired in 1971 as a lieutenant colonel, with major disabilities, the result of a parachute jump in Vietnam. He had landed in a rice paddy, bordered with a brick wall, and was slammed against the wall when his chute caught a heavy gust of air, just after he hit the water. His back was damaged severely, and Bill's health became a major problem from that point on. For the next several years, he was in and out of hospitals, being near death more than once, but always coming back for one more round. While he seemed to be in pain frequently, his greatest regret with the permanent disability was that he was unable to smash a golf ball as far as he could when he was healthy.

After retirement, Bill decided to live

in Texas where he returned to school and earned his master of science in business administration at Trinity University. He finally settled in San Antonio where he pursued several business ventures, one in the solar energy field. He died at the Veterans Administration Hospital, not able to answer the bell in the last round.

Bill remained as close to his old friends and the Army as his infirmities, the telephone, great distances, and funds would allow. He journeyed to the Washington area frequently and headed West to California to see his old buddies—probably really to see the Dodgers play, because he didn't miss a game in the 1977 play-offs.

What else can be said? Perhaps that our country and its Armed Forces call on many, that most answer that call with honor and distinction, and only a very few reach the top and become generals, the envy of many who tried and fell short. Bill was one of the many; nevertheless, he spoke often, with pride, of the classmates "who had made it," of wonderful commanders he had served with great admiration and respect, and of how much the Army meant to him. Perhaps, without the dedication and courage of the many unsung heroes like Bill Bloss, "the General," the path upward would have been much more difficult for those who did succeed.

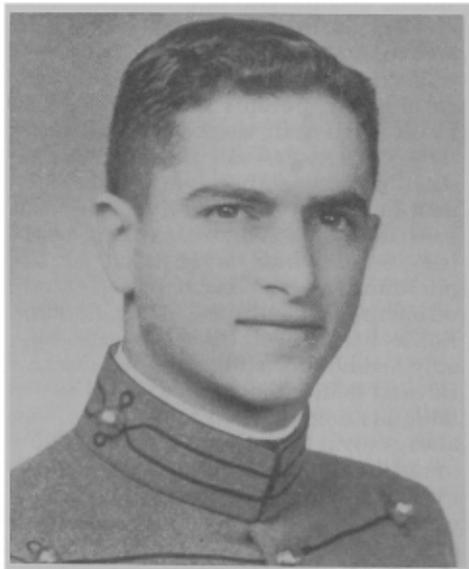
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Joseph Mortimer Davis

NO. 22150 CLASS OF 1958

Died 4 August 1963 in Korea, aged 28 years.

Interment: Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio, Texas



Joseph Mortimer Davis

THERE IS AN OLD ADAGE about "opposites attract." Whether that is true about all things, who knows? Whether that was true about the three of us who roomed

served as an Aero-Weapons platoon leader in the 2d Squadron, 10th Air Cavalry, where his zest for excellence and his forthrightness were attributes noted by his superiors.

In 1984, following duties as a flight operations officer, Rick took command of C Company, 307th Aviation Battalion, an attack helicopter company, in 1985. Rick excelled as commander and was described as the best battle captain in the battalion.

In 1986 Rick was faced with an Army assignment that presented few challenges. Therefore, he decided to resign from the Army and accept a position with the Central Intelligence Agency. His new job offered the opportunity for immediate contributions.

During the early morning hours of 26 March 1987, while returning from a mission, Rick was a passenger in a helicopter that crashed in El Salvador. He and several other people perished.

The medal awarded posthumously by the CIA was in recognition of Rick's

superior and valorous contributions to its operations. A quotation from the citation reads as follows:

"While his tenure with the Agency was brief, his profound contribution, exceptional capability, maturity, and love of challenge and flying, earned the respect and admiration of superiors, colleagues, and subordinates alike. Mr. Krobock served his country with distinction, motivated by the highest professional standards and often at grave personal risks. His sacrifice was in the finest tradition of selfless service to his country and is indeed worthy of commendation and honor."

To those of us who knew him, this decoration and citation, together with Rick's active duty commendations come as no surprise. Richard Krobock's legacy includes not only the enduring results of his life's contributions but also his warm sincerity, his sense of humor, and his selflessness. Those who worked for him remember Rick as a quietly efficient but

successful leader who was truly concerned for their welfare.

There was no artificiality to his personality and he earned every success he achieved through hard work. Too often we measure success in the military by objective indicators, such as medals. Rick eschewed these as a goal, yet he did earn them. Rather, his measure of success was in the people he touched. He imparted on others his positive outlook on life—an outlook that we appreciated when he was alive, and we now cherish with his death.

Rick's life was the embodiment of the West Point motto. His concept of duty, of doing what was "right," and then executing the right thing, are models for us to emulate. His integrity was unquestionable. And for his country, his family, and his friends, he gave all he had. He gave his life.

Although many of us will live twice as long as Rick, few of us will match his accomplishments.

NOTE: For the obituary of Charles Edward Bell, Jr., Class of 1950, published on page 189 of the July 1989 ASSEMBLY, an incorrect cadet photograph was used. That photograph is of Charles H. Bell III, Class of 1950. On page 155 of the January 1990 ASSEMBLY the obituary of the former is reprinted with the correct cadet photograph. The staff of ASSEMBLY very much regrets the error and offers its apologies to those concerned.

Honor Conference

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The success of the honor system is a function of the students' internalization of the values inherent in the code or concept.

- *Implementation.* Students must be held accountable for their actions as they relate to the minimum moral-ethical standard. The support of the administration and faculty is a pivotal aspect of establishing the system's legitimacy and credibility.

- *Encourage excellence.* The institution must establish a high ideal, beyond the minimum standard represented by the code or concept, to which each student can aspire to live. Students must understand the higher order standard of consistently "doing what is right."

- *Student stewardship.* The student body must feel a certain ownership for its system—one which generates commitment, loyalty and pride, and in so doing, creates a long-term institutional commitment to the perpetuation of the code or concept.

With the presentation of conference conclusions, all that remained were MG Gorden's closing remarks—almost. It seemed that West Point had a distinguished visitor for the weekend, who had heard about the conference, and just could not stay away—the 51st superintendent of the Military Academy, Gen-

eral Andrew J. Goodpaster. In response to brief words of welcome by Tom Clancy, chairman of the Cadet Honor Committee, General Goodpaster took the opportunity to articulate his endorsement of the Honor Conference, and his praise for its participants.

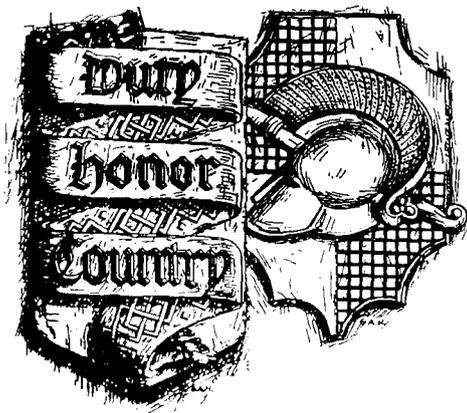
MG Gorden's closing remarks were tempered with challenge and great confidence. His message clearly communicated the charge of these students, and countless more like them: to "shape the future of this country." Amplifying his observations of the roundtable discussions, MG Gorden confirmed his confidence in the ability of this generation of young Americans to lead the nation into the next century, stating that he had "no apprehension regarding the ability of any student present to be a leader and to influence others to do the right thing."

With the conclusion of the commandant's remarks came the close of yet another immensely successful conference. Though emotionally and physically spent, the students had successfully negotiated a challenging and equally rewarding agenda. The students very capably wrestled with many contentious ethical issues, and in so doing, explored dimensions of themselves never before challenged or tapped. Unquestionably, the participants of this year's National

Honor Conference have returned to their respective institutions not only injected with renewed energy and fresh ideas, but perhaps most important, they have returned with greater insight regarding their own attitudes and values.

The degree of self-exploration that took place throughout the roundtable discussions was a function of the extraordinary skill of the moderators—a group that West Point owes special thanks and recognition. Moderators included Mr. Gordon F. Shea, COL Stephen J. Harper, Department of Law; COL Hobart P. Pillsbury, Department of Social Sciences; COL Morgan G. Roseborough, Jr., Director, Cadet Activities; LTC Gary W. Halstead, Department of Military Instruction; and LTC Terence M. Freeman, Department of English.

West Point was indeed proud to once again host the National Honor Conference. The conference continues to provide an excellent vehicle for the promotion of ethical awareness, as well as the confirmation of fundamental and enduring values that serve to form the fabric of our society. Moreover, the conference instills confidence in these fine young Americans, and reaffirms their azimuth and their intention to indeed "make a difference" in their college communities, as well as their chosen professions.



Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of January 1990 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Dean R. Dickey	Nov-1918	28 November	1989 Santiago, California
Lester D. Flory	1919	2 January	1990 Washington, DC
Albert C. Wedemeyer	1919	17 December	1989 Fort Belvoir, Virginia
William C. Lucas	1923	14 November	1989 Charleston, South Carolina
Peter P. Liwski	1925	2 December	1989 Washington, DC
William P. Ennis, Jr.	1926	9 December	1989 Boston, Massachusetts
George E. McCormick, Jr.	X-1926	10 July	1989 Queensland, Australia
William C. Bullock	1929	27 November	1989 Chattanooga, Tennessee
Francis J. Corr	1930	6 June	1989 Maitland, Florida
Alva R. Fitch	1930	24 November	1989 Washington, DC
Francis Deisher	1932	15 December	1989 Lewisburg, Ohio
John G. Coughlin	1932	19 February	1987 Santa Fe, New Mexico
Andrew Meulenber	1932	9 November	1989 Roswell, Georgia
Nicholas E. Powel	1932	30 December	1989 Arlington, Virginia
Arno H. Luehman	1934	5 December	1989 Bethesda, Maryland
Joseph C. Anderson	1935	1 January	1990 Bethesda, Maryland
Alfred N. Geist	X-1936	21 September	1989 Sun City, Arizona
Harry T. Smith	1939	21 December	1989 Hyannis, Massachusetts
William B. Campbell	1940	31 October	1989 Dallas, Texas
Osmund A. Leahy	1940	9 December	1989 Bethesda, Maryland
Irvine H. Shearer	1940	30 November	1989 Winter Park, Florida
Page E. Smith	1940	27 October	1989 Colorado Springs, Colorado
George C. Hozier	1942	19 December	1989 Scottsdale, Arizona
John P. Sheffey, III	1942	21 November	1989 Arlington, Virginia
Arthur V. Jackson	Jan-1943	4 November	1989 Norwich, Connecticut
Cecil G. Young, Jr.	Jan-1943	17 December	1989 Palos Verdes, California
Edward S. Ott, Jr.	Jun-1943	31 December	1989 New Orleans, Louisiana
Richard W. Stoddard	Jun-1943	11 November	1988 Charleston, South Carolina
Thomas B. Hoxie	1944	24 December	1989 Marion, Illinois
A. Jack Vitullo	1944	2 January	1990 Fairfax County, Virginia
John C. Geer	1945	3 December	1989 Monroe, Georgia
John G. Leghorn	1945	27 June	1989 Kennewick, Washington
Samuel T. Scarborough	1945	1 January	1990 Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Daniel D. Whitcraft, Jr.	1945	3 January	1990 San Pedro, California
George T. Adams, Jr.	1946	7 November	1989 Ormand Beach, Florida
Rex W. Beasley, Jr.	1946	21 December	1989 Princeton, New Jersey
John R. Hacke	1946	29 November	1989 Covington, Georgia
Robert C. Key	1946	16 October	1988 Topeka, Kansas
Oscar F. Kochtitzky, Jr.	1948	6 October	1989 Little Rock, Arkansas
Harvey R. Livesay, Jr.	1948	26 November	1989 San Antonio, Texas
James M. Rockwell	1951	2 January	1990 Alexandria, Virginia
Raymond J. Lesinski	1953	26 November	1989 Bedford, Texas
Frank A. LaPenta	1969	18 December	1989 Los Angeles, California
Garry A. Williams	1972	18 December	1989 Oregon City, Oregon
William I. Lowry, Jr.	1982	25 November	1989 Washington, DC
Rudolph Samuel	1985	June	1988 Germany



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