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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

Dwight David Eisenhower (USMA, 1915) was born a century ago, on 14 October 1890. Our country stands poised to mark the centennial of his birth in a year-long celebration, with a host of events scheduled across the land. Many of those will be held at West Point.

The kick-off event here will be a small but highly significant one this May: graduation exercises for four extraordinary students. Barring some unforeseen circumstances, they will become the first persons in the history of the Military Academy to earn a West Point diploma for graduate studies. This unprecedented event flows directly from an Eisenhower initiative.

Early in 1946, General Eisenhower, then Chief of Staff of the Army, wrote a personal letter to Major General Maxwell Taylor, the new Superintendent at West Point. "I have had West Point much on my mind," he told Taylor. He also had on his mind the perception many Americans had formed of West Pointers during the Second World War. Indeed, four months after Ike's letter to Taylor, the Doolittle Board would report a feeling among veterans that the style of officer leadership they experienced in World War II was contrary to the way citizens of a democracy should be led. In light of this, Eisenhower's suggestions to Taylor were timely and appropriate. "A feature that I should like very much to see included in the curriculum is a course in practical or applied psychology," Ike wrote.

"Too frequently we find young officers trying to use empirical and ritualistic methods in the handling of individuals—I think that both theoretical and practical instruction along this line could, at the very least, awaken the majority of Cadets to the necessity for handling human problems on a human basis and do much to improve leadership and personnel handling in the Army at large."

That letter moved the Military Academy to inaugurate the teaching of leadership, which was the beginning of West Point's formal program of leader development, a program that has had lasting impact on



Major General Maxwell D. Taylor and General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Superintendent's Office, May 1946.

the U.S. Army as well as on USMA itself.

From that beginning in the wake of World War II have sprung many fruits. First there were courses, then programs, then departments (many of you will recall the original Department of Military Psychology and Leadership; more recent graduates will have known it as Behavioral Sciences and Leadership). As the Academy gained experience in the teaching of the theory of leadership, the reach of its work grew. Carried by graduates and departing faculty members, the body of knowledge and its recognized value spread to the larger Army. The Center for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, courses in every Army school, FM 22-100 and other doctrinal manuals on leadership—those are examples of the powerful impact on today's Army of West Point's contributions and of Eisenhower's legacy.

Completely coincidentally, another result of his legacy comes to fruition in this year of his centennial. In the spring of 1988, the Military Academy began the pilot course of a two-year program of graduate studies to educate officers in preparation for assignment as tactical officers for the Corps of Cadets. That pilot course had as its student body four captains—the four we anticipate will receive diplomas in May.

Graduate level preparation of tactical officers is not new, having been instituted following recommendations by several outside groups in the 1970's. However, those graduate programs at best only partially prepared new tactical officers; no university offers a degree in leader development, the very essence of a tactical officer's job. Accordingly, we looked at our own faculty, recognized that the Academy's strength is precisely in the area of leader development, considered the benefits of proximity to the Corps of Cadets, and concluded that we ought to be able to prepare tactical officers right here at West Point better than could be done anywhere else.

This is not the place to get into a detailed description of the program. Suffice it to say that all agencies charged with examining it have passed it with high praise. Among them are the United States Department of Education, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (our accrediting body), the 1989 West Point Board of Visitors, and the senior leadership of the U.S. Army. It is planned that all future tactical officers will be graduates of this course of studies.

Because this program is the latest and perhaps culminating result of the evolutionary development of Eisenhower's long-ago insight, we intend to name it after him. Announcement of that at the graduation of the first four students will be a most fitting tribute to an extraordinary graduate, and an appropriate way to help mark his centennial.

Ike would be pleased to know that his directive to Maxwell Taylor ultimately led to the establishment of "The Dwight David Eisenhower Program of Graduate Studies in Leader Development," a title that will quite likely be shortened in practical usage to "The Eisenhower Program." It will be a constant reminder that the development of leaders remains the Academy's central reason for being.

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Assembly Interviews Class of 1990 Scholarship Winners

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Rhodes Scholarships



Carolyn Ann Ford

One of five children close in age in a family of Navy youngsters, Carolyn Ann Ford found herself exploring many ways to finance a college education. Enlisting in the Army proved to offer the best arrangement to accommodate Ford's aptitude for languages, and she spent 1985 at the Defense Language Institute studying Chinese. Her first assignment, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, was to be a short one of only two months, since she had applied for admission to West Point. Her acceptance left her only two weeks to make the move to New York in time for R-Day. "Beast Barracks was more mentally challenging, and Army Basic Training more physical," explains Ford. "West Point was different from what I'd experienced before, and I came here not knowing what to expect." Looking at her record, it is clear that her cadet years have been a great success. A Chinese studies major, Ford has taken part in the Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA). She currently is battalion commander of 2nd Bn, 3rd Regiment. Rowing in the stroke position for one of two boats of the Women's Crew, she set the pace to take first place for the Army women at the Head of the Connecticut Regatta in the fall of 1989. As a member of the Racquetball Club, she took part in the Nationals in Sacramento her yearling year.

The actual application process for the Rhodes Scholarship, which takes place the fall of first year, was so involved that it "feels like you're taking an extra academic course." Copies of transcripts, applications and a 1000-word essay "on anything you want" had to be sent to a faceless committee of six or seven people. On the essay, Ford says, "I spent a lot of time talking about me—not in an egotistical sense, but to inform the committee members about who I was. The goal was to show that nothing was impossible to me because I was persistent enough."

The initial interview for the Rhodes took place in her home state of Florida where Ford found herself facing the committee and all of her competitors at a social function preceding the interview. "You're just overwhelmed with other people's accomplishments," she explains. She was selected with one other candidate to go before the regional board, and the committee decided at that interview who the four scholarship winners out

of twelve candidates would be. "On the spot," Ford says excitedly, "you know that your whole life has been changed."

The two years of study at Oxford will begin in October. Ford would like to arrange temporary duty in China this summer, or to work at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington. She has submitted her preference for colleges at Oxford, selecting University College as her first choice for their "nice mix of international and British students, and for their crew team and boathouse." Ford will take advantage of the tutorial system by working on another bachelor's degree—in philosophy, politics and economics. Traveling throughout Europe is high on her agenda, as is spending time with her fiancé, Edward Hoyt, a Marshall Scholarship winner who will also be studying at Oxford.

On the application of her Oxford experience to her Army career Ford notes, "It's easy to get wrapped up in the military side of things and to forget to apply the effects of political, economic and social trends. My studies won't help much at the level of lieutenant, but certainly will down the road. And in the future, I'd consider coming back to West Point as an instructor if the opportunity allows."



Jennie Margaret Koch

Jennie Koch grew up outside of Washington, D.C., in a military family whose members included a grandfather who was a fighter pilot in World War II and her father, who served in Vietnam. She welcomed the challenge of West Point and is glad that she made the decision to come here. Koch has always been interested in politics, and has had several years of Russian language courses. She became fascinated with international relations early on and decided plebe year to major in sociology. This year Koch was involved in SCUSA, and she learned a lot from the experience of contributing to a terrorism roundtable. "Our goal was to produce a policy referendum on dealing with terrorist incidents. No international forum on terrorism exists now, and there is no way for groups to vent their anger in a diplomatic way. We covered all kinds of terrorism, not just military-related incidents." Koch took a colloquium on terrorism as part of an exchange semester at the Air Force Academy. "The Air Force Academy is different from USMA; they're really training pilots . . . I did enjoy my glider training very much. The mountains are breathtaking, and it's

quite a feeling to be 2000 feet up with no motor." This past summer, she worked at SHAPE. "It gave me a great perspective on the world and on the military role of different countries," she says. "I met officers from all over the world—Denmark, Greece, Turkey, Hungary and Poland were changing quickly then, and I got a good close view of what was going on. It's had a big effect on what I've done this year." During the summer she also traveled to England and visited Oxford, Sandhurst and the Defense Intelligence and Security School, not knowing that she would be back at Oxford one day as a student.

Koch plays the position of attack wing in the varsity lacrosse club squad, and would like to introduce that sport to the British. Rowing crew and playing women's rugby are also on her list of sports to try. She has chosen Magdalen College as her top pick, and will work on a bachelor's degree in philosophy, politics and economics. Koch enjoyed her Rhodes interviews because of the many interests of the other candidates and the board members. Despite the fact that a snowstorm and resulting car accident held up her drive to the regionals in Philadelphia, she walked into the meetings in the nick of time and obviously kept her cool enough to impress the board.

With not enough time to attend her Military Intelligence basic school this summer, Koch plans to travel to Israel and perhaps Trieste to visit friends and relatives, and would like to return to SHAPE to work in an embassy until classes begin in the fall.

Marshall Scholarships



Edward Plater Hoyt

Ned Hoyt became interested in West Point after attending an academic workshop in engineering here while in high school. "I knew after that that I didn't want to be an engineer, but was impressed by the sense of tradition and values here." His experiences here as an economics major include several years of involvement with SCUSA, on the economics table and on third world development; the Glee Club; and the Speech Club. As an intern in the Office of Management and Budget, he worked with the National Security Division on an analysis of programs serving military family members. This winter, Hoyt spent the intersession period first in Hawaii at WESTCOM and CINCPAC meetings, and then traveled on to Indonesia to study a developing third world nation firsthand. Here, he stayed with a foreign area officer taking part in in-country training, doing analysis from the perspective of a developing economy. "It's a complicated country, really like two separate countries," he explains, "with the rural rice-paddies of Java, and the hustle and bustle of Jakarta with its booming businesses." Hoyt is working on an analysis of economic problems and their effect on political issues in Indonesia.

Hoyt felt optimistic about the chances of winning a Marshall,

going into the competition with a grade-point average of over 4.1. He planned his essay by putting in things the committee would bring up in conversation during his interview—such as being tied to a bedframe at a Navy spirit mission and being paraded around a bonfire during his exchange semester at the Naval Academy. The Marshall interviews are clearly less intimidating than those for the Rhodes, and Hoyt enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere.

After Ranger school this summer, Hoyt hopes to enter Queens College at Oxford in the fall. There, he will work on a bachelor's degree in philosophy, politics and economics; and will row crew, as he did here at West Point his plebe year. He would also like to work as an intern at a bank in London to look at international economics from a business perspective. Interested in the social sciences, Hoyt would still like to explore different areas of study before narrowing down his career goals. The study schedule at Oxford is comprised of three eight-week semesters with six weeks in between and summers off, and Hoyt is planning to see quite a bit of the world during the breaks.



Michael J. Thorson

Eyed by many colleges for his academic and football prowess, Mike Thorson was most impressed by the prestige and tradition of West Point, and by the fact that quite a few graduates of his small high school in Wisconsin had chosen to continue their education here. Thorson's West Point record has been outstanding. He was a defensive back on the football team, an economics major and distinguished cadet, and truly excels as a scholar athlete, having won the Time Magazine College Achievement Award (to the top 20 college juniors—Thorson was the only athlete in the group), The Toyota Leadership Award (a scholar athlete award), the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Award (presented to 11 football players from Division I), and the NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship Award (6 recipients chosen from 105 Division I schools). As deputy brigade commander, Thorson's job is to assist brigade commander Kristin Baker in developing policies, philosophies and leadership points to guide the Corps of Cadets. He is the chief administrator of the Fourth Class System, and forsee a change in attitude of the upper class toward the fourth class. "The upper class needs to see plebes as subordinates," he explains, "but there doesn't have to be pointless hazing, demeaning and belittling." Potential changes in the system are in the development process. Infantry is Thorson's chosen branch, and he will spend this summer at Ranger school.

It's no surprise that Thorson is applying to Brasenose, known as the athletic college at Oxford, where he will give a try at the rugby team. "Oxford is one of the best institutions in the world for the field of philosophy, politics and economics," says Thorson. "My experience there will be a stepping stone in my military career and make me more well-rounded and more adaptable to serving society in general."

Soviet Cadets get firsthand look at West Point

By SPC Rick Hunter

Glasnost and perestroika were alive and well at West Point recently as 10 cadets from Moscow's Supreme Soviet Military Academy, along with three accompanying Red Army officers (two from the Soviet Union and one who is currently stationed in Washington, D.C.) visited the U.S. Military Academy during a seven-day exchange program between the two superpowers' military institutions. Ten cadets and two officers from West Point will travel to the Soviet Union in early March to view cadet life behind the now-lifted Iron Curtain.

The Soviets arrived at West Point 7 February after a bus ride from Kennedy International Airport and for the next seven days, with the help of their American cadet hosts, received a firsthand view of the "West Point Experience."

Superintendent LTG Dave R. Palmer welcomed the Soviets in the Thayer Award Room on 8 February, pointing out that the American people regard West Point as hallowed ground having served as a most vital and strategic installation while the colonies struggled for independence during the Revolutionary War. Later, the Soviets accompanied their escorts to class, participated in lunch formation, ate in the Cadet Mess Hall, exercised in the Arvin Gymnasium, purchased souvenirs at the Cadet Store, and visited the "Firstie Club." Quite a first day, but the pace would remain a grueling one throughout the visit.

Soviet Cadet Aleksandr (Sasha) Petukhov, rooming in MacArthur Barracks with his American counterpart, Cadet Rob Jones, said, "We have pictures of leaders of the state and of historic figures on the walls of our room." The Soviet cadet said this while glancing over at a black-and-gold towel draped on a bookshelf with the battle cry "Beat Navy" inscribed. By the end of the week, all the visitors knew exactly what "Beat Navy" meant.

Cadet Jones commented on how he saw this exchange benefiting the two nations. "We are being trained as the future leaders of our respective countries," he said. "It's important that we learn to understand each other now."

During the understanding process, the Soviets found many likenesses to their own academy as well as expected differences. "The cadets here 'walk the area' as one form of punishment," said Soviet



Soviet Cadet Sergey Muranov (left) and American Cadet Steve Anthonavage.



Soldiers are soldiers anywhere around the world and regulations are regulations. Soviet Cadet Aleksandr Petukhov gets a trim from Cadet Barber Valarie Weygant.



Cadet counterparts participate in a Russian language class.

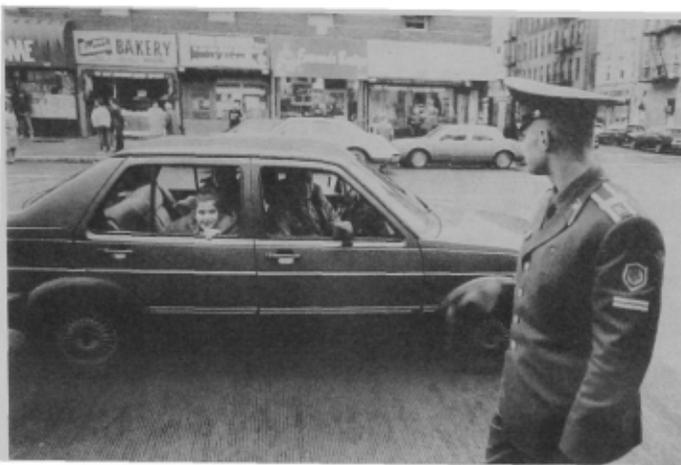
Cadet Timofey Timofeev in fluent English. "I wish that sometimes we would have done the same." He explained that at the Soviet academy violations usually end up in a "fun-filled" time slot of peeling potatoes for their mess hall.

The weekend provided an escape from the studies, interviews and Cadet Mess Hall food as the American and Soviet counterparts visited the "Big Apple." The whirlwind tour began with a trip to the top of the World Trade Center followed by a ferry trip to the Statue of Liberty. Lady Liberty's torch provided the perfect backdrop as cadets snapped pictures of each other before one of the world's symbols of freedom. The scene was reminiscent of then-President Ronald Reagan, then-Vice President George Bush, and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev posing with the same background during the Soviet leader's visit to New York in 1988.

Lunchtime rolled around and another ferry trip brought the group to Governor's Island where the hungry visitors feasted on an American tradition, the "Whopper." Emotions of joy and pride erupted with an unexpected stop in a Russian sector of Brighton Beach, N.Y. As soon as the uniforms of the Red Army were recognized (which incidentally did not take long anywhere during the day), people young and old gathered on the street to wish the Soviets, as well as the Americans, good luck. For the Soviet immigrants, as well as Soviet visitors, the stop served as a touch of home. Tears raced down the face of one elderly gentleman as he embraced Soviet Lieutenant Colonel Nikolai Voronov. "This is a great day, to see Soviets and Americans together," he said.

A trip to New York wouldn't have been complete without a stop in Times Square, where Soviet cadet Vadim Bozhenik was moved to exclaim, "I think the 'Big Apple' is truly very big. I am just amazed with all the skyscrapers." However, when asked if he would live in the city if given the chance, Soviet Cadet Bozhenik responded, "I think not."

Everywhere the group walked, a crowd gathered. Curious onlookers said hello, limousines honked and even some of "New York's finest" shook hands with the cadets. The famous "Mama Leone's" restaurant dined the group before the evening ended with a trip to the theatre district and tickets to "Les Miserables."



Traffic literally stopped in the Russian neighborhood of Brighton Beach, N.Y. as Soviet Cadet Andrey Dovgiy says hello to a young passerby.



Soviet Cadet Sergey Muranov falls in at the noon meal formation.



Bright lights, big city. Soviet Cadets Vadim Bozhenik, Ivan Tatarkin and Sergey Muranov enjoy the sights of downtown Manhattan.



Karchevskiy and Tatarkin find a bit of both worlds at the Cadet Store—bears donning Regular U.S. Army and cadet uniforms.



Petukhov turns the tables on American photographers.

The next day, the group visited Hyde Park, N.Y. and the home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt before taking in another great American tradition: "shopping at a mall."

To complete the picture of West Point, the 2nd Aviation Detachment provided the transportation for an aerial tour of the Academy, 12 February. With their visit drawing to a close, a press conference was held in the ballroom of Eisenhower Hall. There the delegation invited and

answered questions from members of the media.

The Americans and Soviets held a farewell dinner 13 February at West Point's Officers Club before saying their goodbyes where their adventure had started, Kennedy International Airport, 14 February, Valentine's Day.

Appropriately, students from the West Point Elementary School crafted special

Valentine cards and presented them to the group the day before at the press conference. Yet by no means is the adventure over, for within a few short weeks, this will be the departure point for a group of American cadets and two officers who will embark on a journey of their own with confirmed reservations. Destination: Moscow.

Courtesy of Pointer View

"Until we meet again," says Soviet Cadet Igor Karchevskiy (looking back) while, from left to right, American Cadet Eric Enos, Soviet Cadet Ivan Tatarkin and American Cadet Paul Schmitt stroll the Academy grounds.



Academic Computing: Past, Present, and Future

By Colonel Lanse M. Leach

The Past

General Orders Number 151, signed by MG William C. Westmoreland, Superintendent, established the Academic Computer Center in December 1962. A year and a half earlier, the Academy acquired a used RECOMP computer that had been damaged in testing at the Army Electronic Proving Ground and used that computer for the first computer elective course in AY 1961-62. The RECOMP computer served an important role in familiarizing the faculty with the capabilities of digital computers. But the establishment of the Academic Computer Center and the acquisition of a modern high-speed GE-225 computer system marked the true beginning of academic computing at USMA.

The new computer was quickly put to work in the second term of AY 1962-63 by six academic departments in fifteen courses. The entire Fourth Class (of which the author was a member) received four hours of instruction and "hands-on" training from the Department of Earth, Space, and Graphic Sci-

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ences. Within three years, that instruction had expanded to twenty attendances with emphasis on the CADETRAN programming language, a USMA implementation of the popular FORTRAN language.

Hardware improvements continued during the rest of the Sixties. By June 1965, the Academic Computer Center had moved from its temporary location in Room 104 Thayer Hall, originally a map reading room, to a new facility on the south end of the first floor. Two additional GE-225 systems were connected to a communications controller that provided remote access from fifteen terminals. A used GE-635 time-sharing computer system was obtained from the Air Force in 1969 and increased remote access to seventy simultaneous users. Computer terminals were installed in the cadet barracks for the first time in 1969.

The Seventies saw continued growth in the use of computers for instruction, research, and administrative functions. The mandatory Fourth Class computer course was expanded to forty attendances. By 1976, the GE-635 computer system was showing its age with decreasing reliability. Not prepared for a major competitive procurement, the Academy was permitted a short term lease of a compatible Honeywell-6080 system which was eventually replaced by two Univac-1100 systems.

By 1979, it became obvious that mainframe computing was not the answer to meeting the long-range computing needs of the academic program. The Academic Automation Planning Committee was formed to develop a five-year

computing strategy. Recommendations from that committee included a movement from mainframe computers to distributed minicomputers, intelligent work stations for cadet academic laboratories, an Academy wide computer network, and a thread of computer usage in the curriculum. In 1980, the Academic Board approved a thread requiring computer usage in eleven core courses and a continued use of FORTRAN as the standard USMA programming language by cadets and faculty.

Implementation of the remainder of the committee's recommendations became a reality during AY 1982-83 when five Prime-850 minicomputers, a computer network linking classrooms, laboratories, and faculty offices, and 120 intelligent work stations were competitively acquired from Martin Marietta Data Systems. Another study on FORTRAN as the standard programming language resulted in the Academic Board approving a change to the Pascal language in May 1985. Pascal was selected because of its ease of learning and logical structured format.

In May 1985, after eight months of study by the Cadet Personal Computer Planning Subcommittee, the Dean and Superintendent approved the committee recommendation that each cadet and faculty member should have a networked personal computer. Hence the birth of the Cadet Personal Computer Project and a new era of computing at USMA. The project goals were to:

- a. Provide a tool to enhance learning



Punched cards were the primary means of input in the mid 1960's



Civil Engineering Honors course using GE-225 computer in 1963



Cadet Elizabeth Boggs, Class of 1991, uses Zenith-248 personal computer for word processing



Initial training to the Fourth Class following computer issue

by the cadet and teaching by the faculty.

b. Increase the quality of cadet work and save time in the preparation.

c. Assist in graduating lieutenants who are prepared for our technology-dependent Army.

The decision was made to issue a DOD standard Zenith-248 personal computer to each member of the Class of 1990 prior to the start of academic classes in August 1986. Cadets paid for their personal computers from their monthly pay, just as they pay for uniforms and textbooks. In May 1987, a \$4.2 million contract was awarded to Rochester Telephone Company for installation of a Cadet Barracks Local Area Network providing two network outlets in every cadet room.

Issue of a personal computer continued with the following three classes and in August 1989, every cadet and faculty member had a personal computer on his desk. As computing technology advanced, so did the cadet and faculty personal computer configurations. As compared to the Class of 1990 system, the Class of 1993 system was half the size and weight, had twice the memory, was 20 percent faster, had four times the disk capacity, and had significantly improved graphics capability, but the cost was the same.

The Present

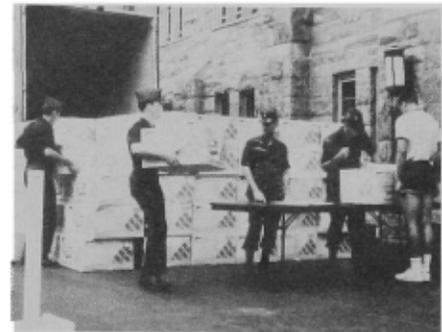
Today, more than 5000 personal computers, 25 minicomputers, and dozens of high performance work stations are essential tools for both cadets and faculty in the academic program. Computers are used in almost every course in the curriculum. Usage in some courses is limited to preparing papers using the word processing capabilities of the personal computer, while other courses use the computer continually for classroom demonstrations, laboratory support, and design projects. All Fourth Class cadets are required to take CS105, Introduction to Computers and Pascal Programming.

This course concentrates on problem solving techniques, using the Pascal programming language as the vehicle to implement those techniques on a personal computer. By the end of the course however, most cadets are quite proficient programmers.

To fully capitalize on the capabilities of the personal computer, network connections for every faculty and cadet computer were considered essential. In addition to providing access to the Academy's computer resources, a collection of network services were developed by personnel in the Dean's Academic Network Engineering Branch. Ten Unisys 5000/95 minicomputers provide those services that include electronic mail, bulletin boards, on-line information, and typical file and print services.

More than 10,000 electronic mail messages are sent daily by cadets and faculty. Instructors frequently comment that the fastest way to reach a cadet is to send electronic mail telling the cadet to call the instructor, rather than the instructor trying for hours to get through to the single orderly room telephone.

Just as popular as electronic mail is the bulletin board system that permits faculty and cadets to post messages on more than 500 electronic bulletin boards. Boards exist for cadet year groups, regiments, companies, clubs, and sport teams. In addition, special boards exist for lost and found, rides wanted, ticket exchange, and discussion topics such as honor and leader development. Access to some boards is restricted to authorized readers. For example, upperclass cadets can not access the Fourth Class bulletin board. Within 30 minutes after issue of computers last August, one Fourth Class cadet had posted the menus for the week on the Fourth Class electronic bulletin board, thus eliminating the necessity for his classmates to spend that time and energy to locate the information. With the electronic bulletin board, more information is getting to a greater number of cadets in less time than ever possible



Computer issue to the Class of 1990



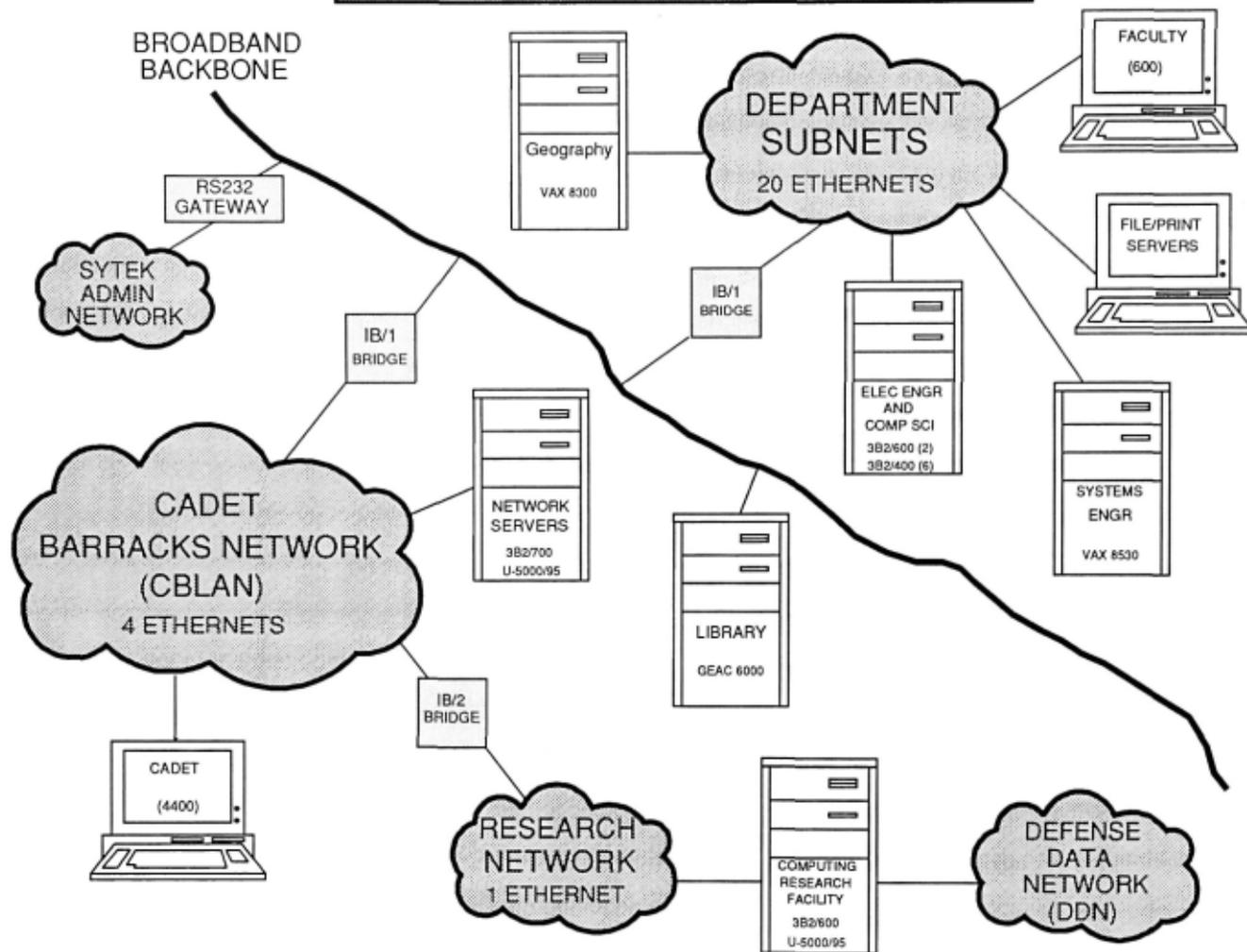
Modern computer laboratory constructed as part of the Academic Modernization Program

before. The bulletin board averages more than 2500 active messages.

The network information services provide storage and search capabilities for large documents, eliminating the need for printed versions. Currently the on-line documents include the USCC Regulations (the Blue Book is no longer blue!), the Cadet Budget, the Academic Program (course catalog), the Cadet Daily Bulletin, trip section rosters, and branch selection information. Besides savings in reduced printing costs, on-line information and documents are significantly more current and search capabilities make specific items more readily located.

The file and print services allow cadets and faculty to transfer files between minicomputers and personal computers and to print output at a variety of locations at the Academy. Distribution of

USMA ACADEMIC NETWORK



The USMA Academic Network is a fiber-optic based local area network providing total interconnectivity between all faculty and cadet computing resources. The network includes interfaces to the Academy's administrative network and the Defense Data Network (DDN). This interconnectivity provides access from a cadet room or faculty office to more than 25 computer systems at USMA as well as thousands of other systems located around the world.

computer programs and data files has been simplified since now an instructor can put one copy on one computer and make it accessible to a thousand or more cadets who might be taking the same core course.

In addition to the computers providing network services, five AT&T 3B2 minicomputers provide general support for all academic courses and eight AT&T 3B2 minicomputers provide support to courses in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. All 13 AT&T 3B2 minicomputers were part of a three year \$2 million grant from AT&T. The Department of Geography has a DEC VAX-8300 and the Department of Systems Engineering has a DEC VAX-8530 for course and research support. Smaller and more specialized computers can be found in most of the mathematics, science, and

engineering departments.

The Future

A goal approved in the computing strategy developed in 1979 was that USMA should be a leader of colleges and universities in the use of computers in education. Many, including recent accreditation teams, have said that USMA has attained that leadership position. But the integration of the computer in the curriculum will be a never ending challenge. As USMA continues to bring in young, bright military officers as instructors, just out of the best graduate schools in our country, we are finding new ways to do it better, both for the cadets and for the faculty.

Efforts continue to improve reliability and responsiveness of USMA's comput-

ing resources. Planning is underway to increase the network speed by a factor of ten, increase the capabilities of the network server minicomputers, and add large screen computer displays in the classrooms and laboratories. A continual infusion of new computing technology is critical to meeting the needs of the academic program. This rapidly advancing technology will permit the Class of 1994 to have faster systems than are now on faculty desks and have high resolution color monitors and hard disks whereas previous classes had monochrome monitors and floppy disks. Again, the price remains the same.

In the past 27½ years since the establishment of the Academic Computer Center, the computer has certainly become an indispensable and helpful tool in the daily lives of the faculty and cadets.

Coming in 1991—A Class of 1966 Edition of Slum & Gravy

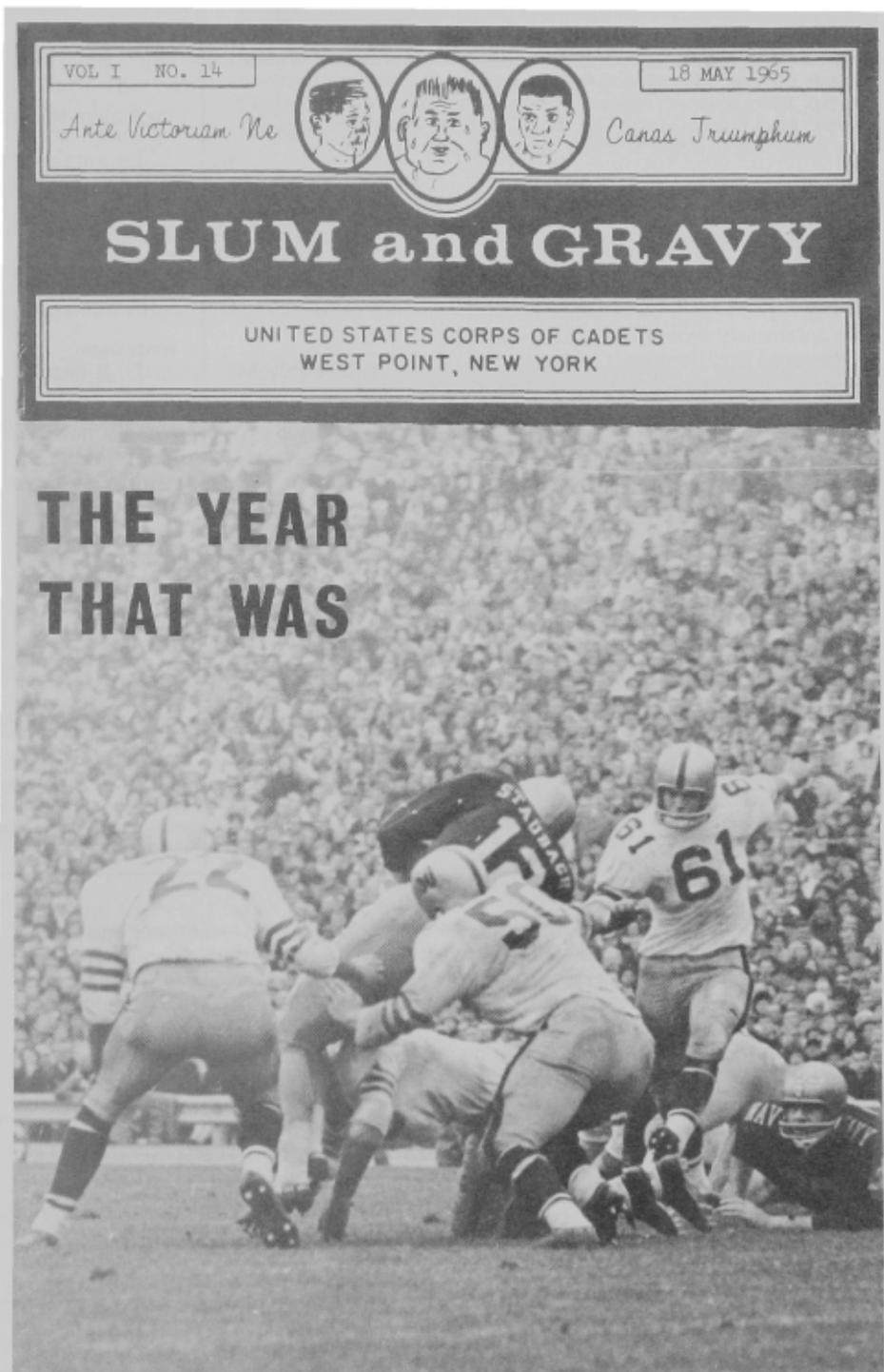
Of Sports Oriented Reunions, a Class Athletic Survey, and the Real Prize—A Major Class Endowment to the Academy

A special edition of the old cadet sports “mini-tabloid” *Slum & Gravy* (S&G) is planned for the 25th reunion of the Class of 1966 in 1991, but the events being planned to support the news gathering effort may be even more significant to the class than the publication itself.

One day last fall George Cox '66, who resides in Seattle, called classmate Bob Turner at his home in Brentwood, Tennessee and suggested that they co-edit a 25th reunion issue of *Slum & Gravy*. “That has a good ring to it,” said Bob, and the project was officially born. Bob founded the magazine in the spring of 1964, and George took over as the publication’s second editor in late fall of that same year. In October 1989, Cox traveled to a reunion in Washington, DC, organized by Bob Meccia '66 in honor of Rick Atkinson, author of *The Long Gray Line: The American Journey of West Point’s Class of 1966*. There he got reacquainted with Glenn F. “Jeff” Rogers '66. Jeff, an avid *Pointer* cartoonist, who went by the pen name “Grog” in his cadet days, eagerly endorsed “The Project.” Since then, the project has expanded to include a national network of mini-reunions, and video-taping of events.

Turner and Cox edited between them the first 28 bi-monthly issues. Rogers was one of two '66 editors of *The Pointer* during their first class year (the other was Dave Britain), and also edited the 1966 *Pointer Calendar*. *Slum & Gravy* was initially supported by funds from the Cadet Activities Office, then headed by Major (now General) Maxwell Thurman, but ultimately came from subscriptions paid for by cadets. The magazine was published continuously through 1985, but was a special class “happening” in the mid-1960s and as such has special significance to many '66ers.

But present “happenings” have more to do with the interest level in the new S&G publication than anything else, the most important of which is a move being initiated to endow an academic chair at the Academy. Such an endowment would be a substantial sum, donated by members of the class and in the name of the Class of 1966. S&G, as a media project, will likely be useful in communicating progress of this and other class activities as they occur in the months



THE PHOTO THAT SAYS IT ALL, about the intensity of the Army-Navy rivalry of the early and mid-1960s, appeared as the cover of “The Year That Was,” a *Slum & Gravy* review of Army sports for 1964–65. George Norton '66 captured this shot of Roger Staubach being sacked by a charging Rabble band, which included defensive standout (61) Sonny Stowers '66.



Rick Atkinson's book *The Long Gray Line: The American Journey of West Point's Class of 1966* is one reason for the ground swell of support for class projects such as S&G 25, and the academic chair endowment. Here a group of '66ers pose with Atkinson at a recent reading in Seattle. From left to right: Mike Fuller, George Cox, Bob Coats, Ric Sonstellie, Atkinson, Paul Roggenkamf, Roger Sherrard, Jerry Fox, and Ron Cox.



Jeff Rogers '66 was editor of *The Pointer* and an avid cartoonist. Here is his rendition of the transformation of young men into the elite of the Corps of Cadets.

preceding the 25th reunion.

Norm Fretwell, class president, advises that support from the class overwhelmingly favors an endowed professorship. The academic subject of the endowment will be selected later by the class from among those for which the Academy has indicated a need. A fund raising committee is now being formed on a nationwide basis. When substantial funds are raised, another committee will be formed to handle the academic subject selection. According to Norm, most members responding to a recent poll favor a living gift, such as an endowed professorship, as the most meaningful way for the class to support the Academy's future.

Slum & Gravy: The Early Years

Slum & Gravy was the brain child of Bob Turner '66. Bob as a cadet was

known for his sense of humor and ability to take the commonplace and turn it into something funny. He and classmate Glenn F. "Jeff" Rogers worked on the staff of *The Pointer*, and collaborated on numerous articles. Jeff confesses that a lot of his best material was a result of conversations around the Mess Hall table with Turner.

First Issue. The first issue of the magazine was published on 20 May 1964, had a cover photo of Barry deBolt '66, an ace right hander for the Army baseball team, and featured the S&G logo: three steamy cartoon characters affectionately known as "Blood, Sweat & Tears." In that issue, Bob, writing in his editorial column, "Gravy Train," established the focus of the magazine for years to come:

Slum & Gravy is a new publication at West Point. It is devoted primarily to athletics and will attempt to act

SLUM & GRAVY 25 List of Special Features & Activities Current as of 14 February 1990

The Crocker School	Host: Location: Dates:	George Crocker Fort Bragg, NC 9 June 1990
The Tournament	Host: Location: Dates:	Mike Mewhinney Dallas, Texas 23/24 June 1990
The Challenge	Hosts: Location: Dates:	Al Lindseth and Roger Sherrard Snowbird, Utah 5/6 January 1991
The O-Course	Host: Location: Dates:	Morgan Roseborough West Point, New York TBD, January 1991
The Saguaro Shootout:	Host: Location: Date:	John Strapac Tucson, Arizona 27 October 1990
Beach Olympiad	Host: Location: Date:	Rusty Correia Huntington Beach, CA 8/9 September 1990
The Nite in Nashville:	Host: Location: Dates:	Tom Beasley Nashville, TN 17/18 November 1990
Windy Daze	Host: Location: Dates:	Gerald "Jerry" Smith Chicago, IL. TBD (September)
Gote-Engineer Bass Derby:	Host: Location: Dates:	S&G Staff Nationwide July–November 1990
The Regatta	Hosts: Location: Dates:	Ralph Cruikshank and Jeff Rogers Chesapeake Bay July 4th weekend
The Right Handed Cordless	Host:	Jeff Rogers
Remote Telephone Handball Championship	Location: Dates:	Who knows! Ditto above.
The Slum & Gravy Classic (Golf Tournament)	Host: Location: Dates:	S&G Staff Nationwide TBD

Other events are expected to be added in the Greater New York City area; in the New Jersey area; at the Army-BC game in Boston on 10/13/90; at the homecoming game against Lafayette on 10/20 at West Point; in Northern California; and in various other locations.

as a journal of events past and a handy reference for those coming. It will cover sports in more detail than other publications and will concern itself with the men engaged in athletics, varsity and intramural, rather than just the sports themselves. . . ."

George brought to the magazine a dedication to intramural sports, a penchant for making deadlines, and a love of good photography. Publishing a news format magazine, even with the limited scope of *Slum & Gravy* every two weeks was not an easy assignment. George says that he made his job a lot easier by establishing a dedicated corps of Plebe S&G "Reps"—one to a company. Al Sirutis '66, George's roommate during much of the time when George was the editor, remembers the room awash in plebes every evening at 9:30 pm. The rep's responsibility was distribution and

reporting, but the real incentive was a trip every now and then. In the early and mid-1960s trips away from West Point were things that dreams were made of, especially for plebes. However, for S&G Reps willing to prepare copy for an article, a trip with a team usually could be arranged. Cox made weekly visits to Major Thurman to obtain approval for someone's trip. "Why is this needed?," queried the major. "Can we get the information any other way? . . . So you view this as an essential trip?"

"Major Thurman never ever smiled when he approved a trip request, but I never saw him turn one down either—at least not for *Slum & Gravy*," said Cox.

S&G Reps reported on sporting activities every other week in the academic year. This enabled S&G to report on intramural activities in a way that was difficult to do any other way. As a result the staff was able to prepare intramural all-star teams at the conclusion of each intramural season. Mike Mewhinney '66 jokingly remarked recently that being selected to the S&G Brigade All Star Football Team ". . . was one of my top athletic achievements as a cadet!"

Advocating Horses and Roundballers. S&G advocated positions both in and out of print in support of Army sports. One such effort was a drive to convince basketball coaches that Mike Silliman '66 was the best all around roundballer in the country in 1966. Contacts were made with Adolph Rupp, the legendary coach of Kentucky, who had recruited Mike as a high school star; Bob Cousery of Boston College, the former Celtics great; and about a dozen others. Each was asked if they felt Mike Silliman should be a consensus All American. While it is doubtful that Mike needed any help from the staff of S&G, he had been a stellar performer on Army's NIT teams of the mid-1960s, and the effort showed coaches around the country how proud we were of his efforts on behalf of the Army team. Silliman later was captain of the US Olympic basketball team at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

S&G also advocated the establishment of a Cadet Riding Club. The theory was that horses had been a major part of the old Brown Shoe Army, so why not keep an equestrian presence at the Academy? A group of cadets largely from the classes of 1968 and 1969 were formed based upon a *Slum & Gravy* initiative to look into the feasibility of such a club. Today, even though S&G has disappeared from the cadet scene, the Cadet Riding Club is alive and well.

Historical Backdrops. One of the areas in which the early S&G issues were involved with was Army sports from the past. Colonel Red Reeder, an Academy graduate who wrote extensively in the '40s, '50s and '60s about West Point, was an active S&G supporter. He prepared

one feature detailing a speech Will Rogers gave at a brigade boxing tournament. Another issue was concerned with the renewed Army-Notre Dame football series in 1965. In that issue, Al Lindseth '66 had two memorable interviews. The first was with Fred Weyand '13, who played in the first game with Notre Dame against the likes of Knute Rockne; and the second was with Doc Blanchard '47 (then an Air Force Colonel). In 1965, a special issue entitled "The Year That Was" which gave a comprehensive review of the previous year in intramural, club and corps squad sports, was published. The cover of "The Year That Was" shows a rare photo of Roger Staubach being sacked at the hands of a charging rabble band.

Even though *Slum & Gravy* was started by '66ers, many others helped out in the early going. Chief among these were John Calabro '68, also a cadet cartoonist, and Mike Kishiyama '68 who became the magazine's third editor in spring 1966.

Slum & Gravy "Project" 25

The ultimate results of the reunion edition are likely to go well beyond a reunion issue; the people involved have started calling it the "S&G 25 Project," or simply "The Project." The 25th reunion issue of *Slum & Gravy* is still the central reason for the project, but the reunions and the video tapes of those reunions may turn out to be the most meaningful to individual members of the class—not to mention the ability to discuss the endowment project at the events scheduled in the upcoming months.

The issue, as presently envisioned, will be a light, upbeat 28-page publication with an Army sports focus and "66 Takes Charge" as its central theme.

The question of how to collect information from the 550 members of the class led to three news gathering initiatives. The first was a survey distributed to the class a month ago, asking members of the class everything from what their current weight is compared to their CFW (Cadet Fighting Weight), to sporting activities they currently participate in, and "tattlings" they have on others in the class. The mini-reunions being held over the next several months are a chance to get together, have some fun and reminisce—another source of editorial material. Finally, an in-depth look at current corps squad, club and intramural Academy sports is planned.

Many lose track of most Army sports a few short years after they leave the Academy, not to mention the changes that have occurred! If you mention "coed intramurals" to a member of the Class of 1966 he is likely to conjure an image of a mixer at Poughkeepsie, or a Saturday evening in the Weapons Room. It is

unlikely that a new version of coed volleyball played on a handball court will come to mind. On the other hand, the obstacle course, and the Goat-Engineer Game have changed little. What has changed, as well as what has not changed, is news to graduates who have been out of touch for a long time.

From the survey it is hoped that a series of features loosely called "The Year That Was" can be prepared, mirroring the annual from 1965. Twenty-five years can seem more like a single year bottled in a capsule rather than a quarter century. So, "the past" will be treated as "the recent" in S&G 25. Some events still have true news appeal. A good example of this is Silliman's involvement with the 1968 Olympic basketball team. The details of Mike's involvement is news to most of the class who have only a casual knowledge of his involvement.

Other special features will include cartoon features by Rogers, and articles prepared by individual classmates on a ". . . target of opportunity" basis, many of which will be identified from the results of the survey.

The sports oriented reunions planned for June 1990 through January 1991, have an ad hoc sports theme which is the mid-life crazy equivalent of stealing the Navy Goat! (See schedule) George Crocker '66 will run the "modern PCPT" at his "Crocker School of Physical Fitness" to provide fitness help ". . . to atrophied attorneys" at Fort Bragg next month. Mike Mewhinney's June reunion will center around a tennis tournament in Dallas. There will be a Gote-Engineer Bass Derby, and a nationwide golf tournament; a ski tourney in Utah, and a re-running of the obstacle course (all in fun, of course!). Naturally, the Bass Derby will help determine once and for all the age old question as to the relative intelligence of these two groups!

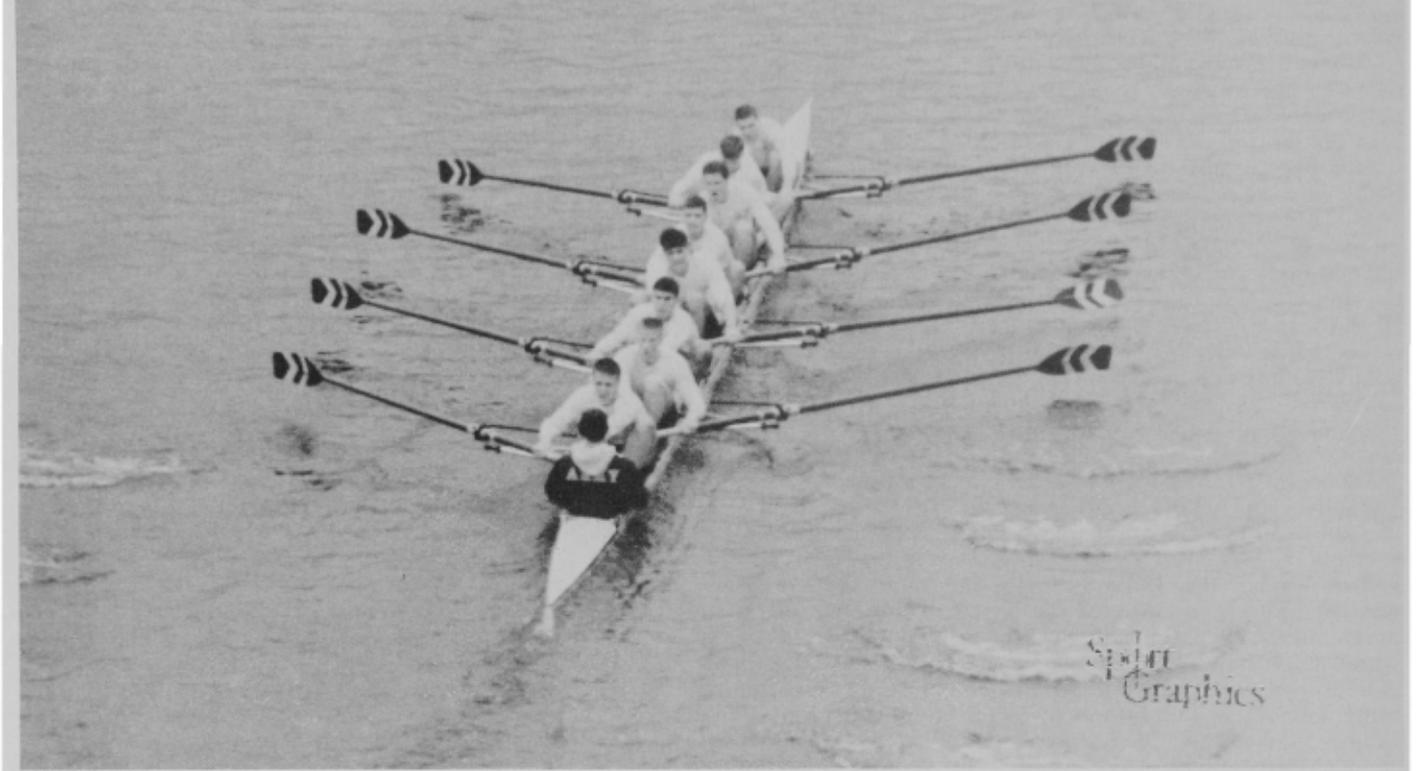
Jeff Rogers has decided that the wave of communications improvements since graduation must have resulted in new and heretofore unknown ways to generate a sweat. He envisions "The Right-Handed Cordless Remote Telephone Handball Championship." Players will compete with each other while on different courts in different cities connected by, you guessed it, Alex Bell's marvelous talking machine! Rogers and Ralph Cruikshank '66 are planning a class regatta in the Chesapeake Bay for the July 4th weekend.

The objective of these events is not competition, but a good time, some copy for the magazine, individual and group input to the endowment committee, and an edited video record of all of the *Slum & Gravy* events. When it is all over, the S&G staff plans to present the surveys,

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ARMY CREW

By Captain Stephen A. Arata USMA, Class of 1979



The heavyweights competing in the Head of the Connecticut Regatta, fall 1989. (Sport Graphics, Inc.)

"There is a calm that overtakes you. The task ahead requires everything you have, all the savvy, every ounce of competitiveness, and every drop of confidence you've earned. Calm washes over you and replaces the last threads of realistic doubt with confidence. Your heart is beating strong, but your mind is no longer crowded with any thoughts except maybe one—the physical task ahead. Winning is an affirmation of your ability and has hardly anything to do with your opponent. You are certain. Any exhaustion, exasperation, frustra-

tion, resentment, or fear that may have gripped you some other time has been shed in a fine sheen of sweat. What is exciting, what makes your heart pound, is anticipation of your performance. The anticipation of demonstrating all you know, all your strength—you are going to give a little beyond yourself, beyond the person you were moments before."

Devin Mahoney

These stirring words were written by Devin Mahoney, the first woman to cox the Harvard varsity heavyweight crew. Her exhilarating description is quite appropriate for a sport as magnificent as crew. From its humble beginnings, crew has developed as one of the most popular sports in the world today.

Crew is one of the oldest competitive sports in existence. Its illustrious history dates back to the eighteenth century when professional boatmen in London would race each other across the Thames river for the singular trophy of a silver badge and an orange coat. The popularity of the sport grew until it became

associated with some of the more prestigious colleges and universities in England. The first intercollegiate race was held in 1829 between Oxford and Cambridge. Ten years later, rowing's most prestigious event was established. The Henley Royal Regatta has been held annually ever since, with the few exceptions of war years.

Crew caught on quickly in the United States also. The first intercollegiate race in the United States was held in 1852 between Harvard and Yale, resulting in a Harvard victory. This annual race is the oldest intercollegiate contest held in the United States, predating football by seventeen years.

The history of crew at West Point dates back to 1868 when a Board of Visitors' report identified rowing as a desirable pastime at the Military Academy.

On Monday afternoon, June 8, there was, by permission of the Superintendent, a very skillful boat race, in which the prize was competed for by the shell-boats of the first, second, and third classes. The Board

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Cadet William H. Reinhart is a member of the Class of 1990 and of company E-3. Bill is an engineering major and serves on the club staff of the Army Crew. He will be commissioned in Artillery branch.

are unanimous in expressing their conviction of the good effect of this and other relaxations granted by the Superintendent to the cadets.

Crew did not last long, however. Cadets were discovered using the racing shells for purposes other than racing.

The sport seemed to make a comeback in the 1940's as an intramural event. It again died out with no real explanation, however, by 1950. Since 1959, there have been eleven separate attempts to re-establish crew as a competitive sport. All requests were denied with reasons varying from concern for the danger of rowing on a river as rough and heavily-trafficked as the Hudson, to the fear that recruited corps squad athletes would find crew an attractive alternative to their varsity sport.

In spite of these barriers, in 1984 a determined group of officers and cadets, led by then Lieutenant Colonel James R. Baker of the Law Department, succeeded in convincing the Commandant of Cadets to give crew a chance as a club sport. Since 1894, crew has grown at West Point from club status to competitive team status (right below corps squad status). In that short period of time, this sport has expanded from a program of twenty cadets racing two boats in a lightweight category, to a team which boasts eighty-five members, two lightweight men's varsity boats, one heavyweight men's varsity boat, two novice men's boats, and two novice women's boats.

In the fall season, Army competes in events known as "head races." These regattas are three miles long and some of the top schools in the country participate. In the past two years the team competed in the Head of the Connecticut, the Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia, and the Head of the Charles in Boston.

The men's varsity lightweights consistently place in the top third, defeating such perennial powers as Fordham, La-Salle, and Boston University. The men's varsity heavyweights, a relatively recent addition to the team, have come into their own in the past fall season. They placed in the top half of all three races, beating such powers as Bucknell, Manhattan, and Holy Cross. Women's crew just began last fall. Racing as novices, they swept first and second place in their first race ever, beating Coast Guard, Holy Cross, and Wesleyan, among others. The fall season on the whole, provides an opportunity to gain experience on the water against strong competition in preparation for the championship races which take place in the spring.

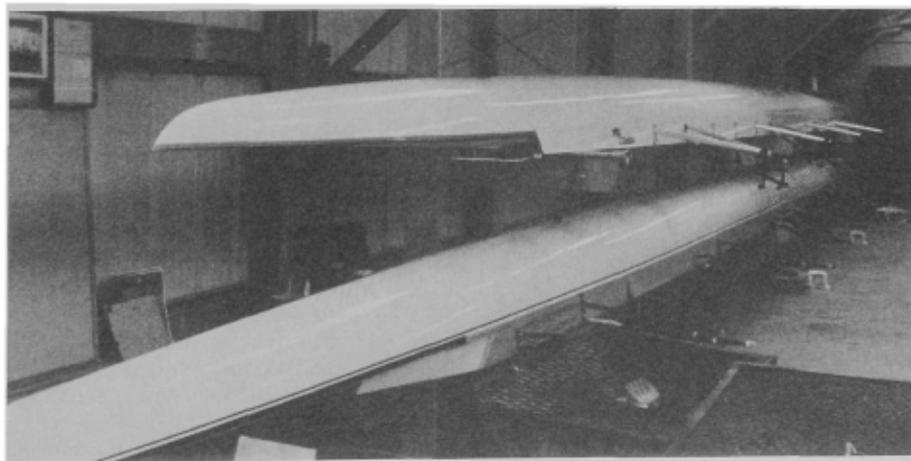
During the spring season, Army competes in a series of league championship regattas. These races are 2000 meter sprints, as opposed to the three mile endurance races of the fall. Army competes in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Con-



Women's crew warming up on the Hudson.



The varsity lightweights getting the most out of a fall afternoon practice on the Hudson.



The shells lie, ready for practice, in the boat house.



A victorious crew displays their medals at the Colonial League Regatta in Lewisburg, PA, in the spring of 1989.



Women's crew moving their shell under the watchful eye of Coach Arata, as they prepare for the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta, fall 1989.



Cadet Bill Reinhart tests himself on an ergometer during winter training.

ference (MAAC) and the Patriot League (formerly the Colonial League). In the past two years, Army's lightweight varsity eight swept the MAAC championship, and last year took the Colonial League championship. In addition to the lightweight eight's success, the junior varsity eight also took the Colonial League championship last year. This year, with the improved performance of the heavyweight boat, and the addition of women to the program, Army can look beyond winning individual races to securing its first team championship.

The growth, popularity, and success of this sport here at our rockbound highland home over the past five years has truly been phenomenal. One could cite many reasons, but the most important reason is inherent in the nature of the sport itself. Crew is truly a team sport. The physical and mental rigors of the sport are tremendous. What takes this sport a notch above some others, however, is that individual goals and personal feelings are sacrificed for the good of the boat. In 1959, A. T. Lawn, assistant coach of Columbia's crew, wrote a pro-

posal to the Superintendent, to consider crew as a competitive sport. His eloquent appraisal of this magnificent sport is still pertinent today.

A true oarsman is the most perfect mentally and physically conditioned athlete in the world of sports. His mental conditioning peaks at that moment he has finally conquered himself. That is to say, when he has subjugated his will to the will of the group. His every thought as an individual is for the good of the whole. During practice and in racing, his mental processes are focused into the grimmest possible concentration. If the boat falters, or slows, or is off keel, his first instinctive thought is "What am I doing wrong?" He knows that in spite of his interdependence, he is completely on his own, that neither mental lapses, physical breakdown, or injury, can result in his being substituted for. Perhaps the greatest mental attribute for an oarsman is willpower. When the oarsman approaches the finish of a tough race, then he will do even more than before. He is responding to the ingrained credo which forbids letting down the crew.



One of the women's crews "pushing off" to conquer the Schuylkill River, fall 1989.

Reflections of an Oarsman

By Cadet William H. Reinhart,
Class of 1990

Anger. Grace. Excitement. Harmony. Desire. Each has a place in the process that transforms a shell into an instrument of concentrated power. This process, however, requires the cost of training. The crew's technical skills must be fine tuned while their bodies adjust to the physical demands of miles of work on the river. They must

force their bodies and minds to endure pain and exhaustion so that they might experience the joy of rowing. The pursuit of this experience is what drives the oarsman. It is down at the river where the rower's day is formed. All previous activities and any thoughts of the future take on a different light when compared to the task and ultimate goal set before

the rower.

Walking down to the river, the rower glances toward the door of the boathouse to see if it is open and if the day's activity has started. The boathouse has a certain feel about it that hints at the simplicity and tradition as well as the grace and power of the sport. It is very plain and used only for equipment storage because of its limited size. The sixty foot shells lie in the boat racks with their $\frac{1}{8}$ inch skins upwards while the 12 foot oars rest against the far wall providing a picturesque backdrop. The composition of the shell is a manifestation of the cross between strength and fragility of the sport. The shell, designed to be the instrument of speed, must be handled with great care while the oars, the means through which the power of the oarsmen is placed into the shell are made to be handled roughly.

The chore of moving the oars to the river's edge must be accomplished prior to the arrival of the coaches. Within five minutes, the crew moves all 44 oars to the riverbank. Each blade is painted with Army's distinctive design in black, gray, and gold. All that remains to be done before practice is to begin to warm up by stretching and awaiting the coxswain's command. Stretching is extremely important to the oarsman to allow for greater range of movement and, thus, a longer stroke. It also provides a moment when the rowers can joke around with their fellow oarsmen. Upon the arrival of a complete crew, the coxswain will issue the command "Hands on!" which signals the beginning of practice. From that moment on, all commands and any spoken words come only from the coxswain or coach. It is only during a break or when the oarsman is addressed that he is permitted to speak; even then, his speech must be constructive. All of his concentration must be directed on his rowing and how to improve it.

While later boats are launching, crews already on the water have time to continue to warm up. This phase consists of rowing a modified stroke and concentrating on form and stretching. Additional exercises are then chosen by the coxswain and the lead oarsman in the boat who is known as the stroke. These exercises work on correcting the particular problems that the boat has been having. Once all the varsity shells have been launched, they line up together and await the coach's command specifying the workout. The novice shells do the same, but with their own coach and own workout.

The fall races are called "head" races. These are races against the clock from two and one half to four miles long. Such regattas require tremendous endurance of the body and mind. Practices are scheduled to enhance endurance, as

well as reteach any technique lost over the summer. The workouts always provide for long continuous rowing. Practices during which the coach does not allow the boats to compete, but forces them to remain even with one another provide the most instruction. It is during these practices that the attitude and morale of the boat are demonstrated. The oarsmen are constantly struggling to force themselves to concentrate on rowing throughout the tedious workout. If one boat continually falls behind the others, it is a sign that the oarsmen are easing up their concentration and power and allowing the workout to defeat them. Similarly, if one boat continually leads the others then the oarsmen are also showing their inability to follow the coach's workout.

Throughout the week the coach will give the rowers a reward, of sorts, by allowing them to compete. This provides the mechanism through which one boat can claim its dominance over the others, at least until the next competition day. The oarsmen are happy that they are finally allowed to test their strength and style. The competitions take on two forms. One consists of several small sprints or "pieces" to see how crews react to a previous loss or win. Seldom will one crew allow another to make a clean sweep of all the daily pieces. This results from the dejection that comes from losing, and the fierce competitiveness that burns in each rower. Physically the crews feel the same at the end of a piece, but it is their differences in attitude and desire that formulate the victors of the remaining pieces.

The second form of competition consists of a single race. This differs from the pieces in that it is like a real race in distance and style. There are no breaks or free time for re-evaluation once the race begins. The oarsmen cannot think about anything but their form and their

boat. All strategy and information about other boats comes from the coxswain. The coxswain must motivate the oarsmen to change their style or attitude as the race is proceeding so that their boat will cross the finish line first.

With the onset of the icy conditions of winter, the rower is forced off the water until spring. To continue rowing the crew turns to a machine called an ergometer or "erg." The erg is a rowing machine with resistance provided by a weighted flywheel. An erg workout tends to be more physically demanding than a water workout. The coaches take advantage of this fact by formulating workouts that will completely drain the rower and enhance his aerobic and/or anaerobic conditioning. The combination of erg and weight training increases the rower's strength and endurance, readying him for the spring. The erg also has the unique ability to test and compare the individual oarsmen as they perform the same workout under the exact same conditions. Erg workouts take just as much desire, concentration and drive as water workouts. Oarsmen don't like ergs but do respect them and their ability to build the rower.

The spring allows the rower to return to the water. The training is similar to what took place in the fall even though spring races are fundamentally different than fall races. The spring races are 2000 meters in length and are rowed against an opponent, not the clock. The spring workouts, consequently, are focused to prepare the crews for short, intense races against a tangible opponent. During the spring the crews have the opportunity to compete against boats of the same caliber in approximately five regattas. The spring season is more rewarding because of this. The races, with fewer more evenly matched boats, provide for more excitement and, in the case of the Army crew, more victories.



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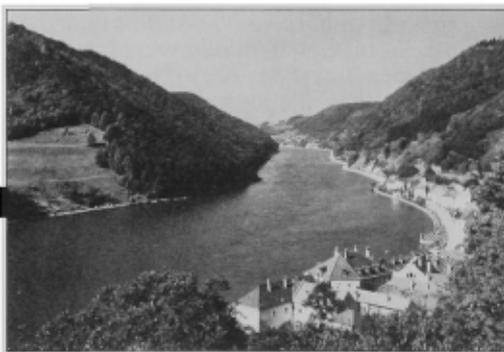
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Graduation Rates Newsworthy

By Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr,
Director of Admissions

By the time you read this, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) will have addressed graduation rates for athletes at their January convention in Dallas. The presidents' commission, in response to Congressional legislation that would require colleges to publish the graduation rates of athletes and other students, proposed a rule that would force Division I and II colleges to do just that. Another NCAA proposal would require Division III colleges to also do so. Disclosure for athletes and other students would be broken down by sport, race, sex and field of study. LTG Palmer currently serves as a member of the presidents' commission of the NCAA.

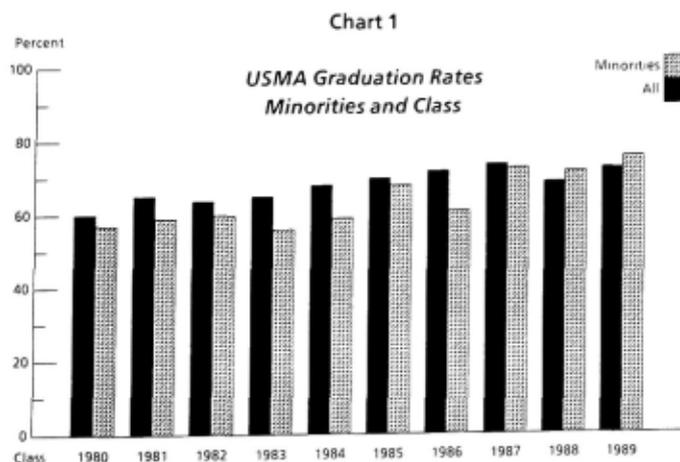
In the 29 November issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a front page article is entitled, "Colleges Try New Ways to Insure Minority Students Make It to Graduation." The theme of this article outlines some approaches for improved minority retention in college. However, retention of all students is also a national concern.

"A national study by the Education Department of 1980 high school graduates shows why colleges are concerned. While 52 percent of the white 1980 graduates who entered four-year institutions had received bachelor's degrees by 1986, just over a quarter—26.6 percent—of the blacks and Hispanics had done so."

Neither statistic is very impressive!

In view of these concerns about graduation rates, how is West Point doing? In answering, we will share some USMA data to include specific concerns with respect to minorities and athlete populations.

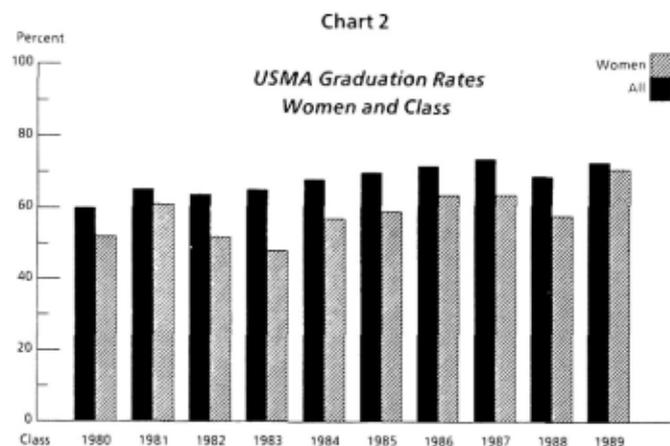
Chart 1 shows USMA classes of the 1980's for all students and for all minorities. At a glance you may make your own conclusions. Among them I would venture to say are that we have moved graduation for all cadets from the 60 to the 70 percentiles, and that our rate has been consistent for five years. We have improved the graduation rates for minorities from less than 60 percent to better than 70 percent in this decade. Minorities have actually exceeded the class for the last two



graduating classes. For brevity I have not shown charts on blacks or Hispanics, but graduation rates for black cadets have exceeded the class for two of the last five years. Hispanic

cadets have graduated better than the class for the last two years.

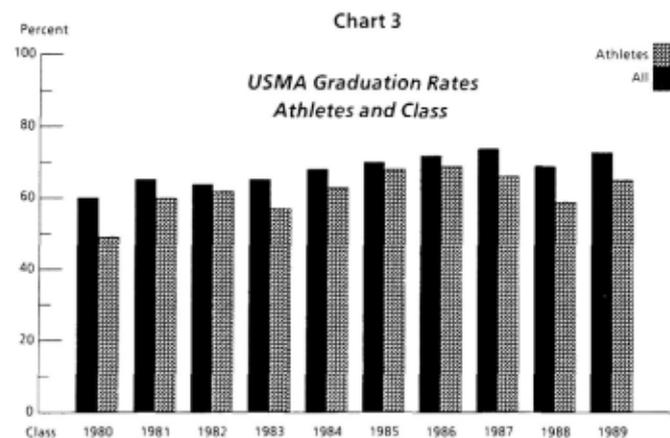
A special composition group at USMA is women cadets. Chart 2 shows their graduation rates. Again, make your own conclusions, but I would suggest that overall graduation rates for women have improved in the decade. Because the number



of women in each class is very small (approximately 11 percent of the class), there can be a variance from class to class.

For recruited athletes the data is shown at Chart 3. In summary, recruited athletes graduate at a rate somewhat less than the class as a whole, but at a very respectable rate. The class of 1989, for instance, graduated 65 percent of all recruited athletes.

I share these data with you because it is important that you



know the facts in light of genuine concern about graduation rates. I have shown specific composition groups in this report because they represent a healthy complement of the Corps of Cadets. There are over two hundred minorities in every class, close to three hundred recruited athletes in every class and one hundred fifty women in every class. In fact, I often report that the composition change of the Corps of Cadets in the last 15 years is much more dramatic than all the buildings the engineer has built, or all of the curriculum the Dean has changed. Finally, in the case of USMA we should remember that even the cadets we lose graduate from college; they simply depart West Point to finish their studies elsewhere. So our contribution to society in terms of graduation is probably well into the high 90 percentiles, compared to the national average cited above of about 50 percent. Quite a variance!

Members of the Field Force should take pride in USMA
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Academic Limits

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



Each year the United States Military Academy graduates approximately 1000 cadets who are commissioned as Second Lieutenants and enter the Army. It marks a new beginning for a group of bright eyed and enthusiastic young people who are bent on making an impact on the world. At first glance they all appear to be on an equal footing, having shared a common experience and survived the somewhat Spartan life of a cadet at West Point. True, there is a great deal of commonality in their lives but their personal achievements vary greatly. It is on these individual records that I would like to focus.

West Point is first and foremost a military academy. Its mission is to produce leaders of character for the United States Army. To achieve this goal, each cadet negotiates a rigorous path through academic, military, physical, and character building requirements. An important measure of the institution's success in academics is the number and type of awards and honors won by its students. To some, it comes as a pleasant surprise that West Point ranks fourth in the nation in numbers of both Rhodes Scholarship and Hertz Fellowship winners. Most of our Rhodes Scholars have elected to work in the area of philosophy, politics and economics. Hertz winners work in the area of applied physical science and engineering. Comparison with the other leading institutions in the nation indicates the calibre of the competition and success enjoyed by our graduates. What makes USMA remarkable is our competitive standing, high in both humanities and engineering; we find this to be eloquent testimony to our academic program. (See box)

Rhodes Scholarships (Humanities & Social Sciences)		Hertz Fellowships (Sciences & Engineering)	
University	Since 1923	University	Since 1973
HARVARD	222	MIT	70
YALE	160	STANFORD	45
PRINCETON	144	CAL TECH	32
USMA	66	USMA	30
STANFORD	53	USAFA	20
DARTMOUTH	40	CARNEGIE MELLON	14

The latest USMA cadets to be selected for the Rhodes Scholar Awards are Jennie M. Koch, from Potomac, Maryland, and Carolyn A. Ford, from Pensacola, Florida, both Class of 1990. They are among thirty-two students selected annually from all colleges and universities in the United States who will attend Oxford University beginning this summer. This year, the selection included four students from Yale and from Princeton, three from Harvard, and two from Georgetown and Kansas State.

So far winners of the 1990 Hertz Fellowships have yet to be announced. Last year's winner from USMA was Andrew M. Fedorchek from Fairfield, Connecticut; he was also named as a 1989 National Science Foundation Fellow. USMA graduates were first awarded NSF Fellowships in 1962. Since then thirty-seven have performed graduate study under this three-

year program leading to doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, and social sciences and in the history and philosophy of science. There have been 154 honorable mentions.

The government of the United Kingdom founded the Marshall Scholarship program in 1953 to honor General of the Army George C. Marshall, and to express British gratitude for the Marshall Plan. The first USMA graduate earned this competitive award in 1983. Since then nine more have achieved this distinction, including three last year. Cadet Edward P. Hoyt, from Stamford, Connecticut, and the deputy brigade commander, Michael J. Thorson, of Onalaska, Wisconsin, were two of thirty winners announced this year. Both will be attending Oxford University. Thorson received several other awards of distinction. He was one of twenty college juniors who won the 1989 TIME College Achievement Award. He won the Toyota Leadership Award and was one of eleven college football players honored with the Scholar Athlete Award at the 32nd National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame dinner. In addition, he was the twenty-first USMA winner of the NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship Award which was initiated in 1965.

The Olmsted Scholar Program is unique in that it selects officers with three to nine years of service and provides an opportunity for them to increase their knowledge and understanding of foreign nations in their political, military, economic and other aspects. USMA has had sixty-three outstanding officers selected as Olmsted Scholars, the 1989 selections being Brian J. Butcher '83, from Boulder, Montana, and David A. Mosinski '81, from Riverdale, Illinois.

Phi Kappa Phi came to USMA in 1978. This academic fraternity is an interdisciplinary society honoring students of the humanities as well as engineering and the sciences. For this reason, it is ideally suited to West Point's balanced curriculum. The top 10% of the graduating class and top 5% of the junior class are eligible. In 1985 the Chapter nominated its first cadet for one of the 50 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships awarded each year. In 1989, Cadet John M. George '89, from Missouri City, Ft. Bend, Texas, became the fourth winner selected from USMA.

Our cadets competed for Washington Internships for Students of Engineering (WISE) for the first time in 1985. Aimed at underclass students, sixteen junior engineering students, selected annually in a nationwide competition, spend ten weeks in Washington, D.C. learning how engineers contribute to public policy decisions on complex technological matters. Lisa A. Shay '89, Clinton Corners, New York, was the first WISE selectee for West Point.

In 1971 the Department of Defense established a policy whereby up to two percent of each USMA class may enter medical school. Competition in the program is restricted to cadets who convince an institutional board that they have the academic and other qualities desired. Cadets must seek selection for one of the two fully funded programs that educate physicians for the Army: the Uniformed Services University of the Health Services or the Health Professions Scholarship

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The COM Reports

By BG DAVID A. BRAMLETT, *Commandant of Cadets*



Let me begin my report with an update on MG Fred Gorden. After the change of command on 18 December, his departure preparations completed, he and Marcia left West Point for a short stay in New York City. They flew to Hawaii on 10 January where he took command of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) on 12 January. MG Gorden and the 25th have been off and running from that date preparing for TEAM SPIRIT, a deployment and exercise in Korea. We at West Point wish him well in his command.

Given that passing of the colors in December, you might wonder about the impact of changing Commandants at mid-year. At the risk of being accused of making a virtue of necessity, I am convinced that it has helped and accelerated my transition, requiring me to quickly become a full-time participant in the USCC routine and in the preparations for summer. I participated immediately in Class Committee proceedings, Academic Board deliberations, class functions (100th Night for '90, 500th Night for '91, and Winter Weekend for '92—you might wonder what happened to Gloom Period), and attended numerous other functions with the cadets in the process of being themselves. I think the total immersion experience is preferable, though your family has to be good sports about it all . . . mine was.

My immersion began with an initial in-briefing from the USMA and USCC staffs followed by an introduction to a major change in the academic year—the allocation of two weeks right after Christmas leave for a focus on military-related instruction and training. This period, appropriately called INTERSESSION, is when the basic military science courses, formerly taught during the academic semesters, receive the priority of attention. This approach will hopefully strengthen the professional knowledge that is being taught to the cadets by not placing it in competition with other, pressing academic requirements. In addition to military science courses, many cadets were given the opportunity to participate in a credited, physical education “carry-over” sport that they would have had to otherwise take during the semester. With the military thrust of this being very similar to a summer training period, the duty

uniform was BDUs and instructor support came from all across the staff and faculty at West Point. A typical day was filled with a number of professional development classes and the opportunity for the cadet chain of command to reorganize for the semester. In years past, many of the activities that took place had been crammed into the first few weeks of the 2nd Semester, or spread throughout it. INTERSESSION has not only given the cadets a focused time to devote to their military instruction, but has also further supported the pursuit of excellence in academics during the regular semesters. While the assessment of the period is still ongoing, our initial feedback indicates we accomplished our mission but there is greater potential that we must realize in future iterations.

Among all the activities that have taken place recently, easily one of the most significant events was branching for the first class. This year, the first class received their choice of branches based on a class standing determined by weighting the three programs: 55% for academics, 30% for military, and 15% for physical. Previously, the weights had been 77% for academics, 20% for military, and 03% for physical. This adjustment in weighting came about after completion of the self-study conducted by the Academy for the Middle States Accreditation Evaluation and the subsequent work of a committee formed to assess the degree to which our three developmental programs contribute to the accomplishment of Academy goals. This year 90.5% of the firsties received their first choice. Let me share with you some information about the branch selection, to include how many cadets who currently rank among the top 100 in the class selected each branch.

I'll begin with *Infantry*. Among the 214 that chose Infantry was Cadet Edward Hoyt, the number one cadet in the class and Marshall Scholar, and Cadet Michael Thorson, the deputy brigade commander and our other Marshall Scholar. Infantry drew 24 from the top 100 cadets in the class, closing at 866.

Armor attracted 132 cadets. The highest ranking cadet choosing Armor was Cadet Eric Peltz, number 12 in the class. He was joined by 16 others from the top 100. Armor closed at 937, with the distinction of having the “goat” in the class

based on the current rank order.

Field Artillery polled two more than its minimum fill, including one woman, for a total of 176. Thirteen cadets from the top 100 selected FA. The highest ranking cadet choosing FA was Cadet Jeffrey Sanborn, number 6 in the class. It closed at 933.

Air Defense Artillery garnered 87 cadets, including five women. The highest ranking cadet to choose Air Defense was Cadet Roger Wheeler, number 31 in the class. Only one other cadet in the top 100 chose AD. It closed at 932.

Aviation drew 87 cadets. Three of these were women. The 10th cadet in the class, Cadet Hely Wood, chose Aviation, as did 9 more from the top 100. It closed at 750.

Engineers attracted 103 cadets. Four women were among them. The 11th cadet in the class, Cadet Michael Husted, chose Engineers, along with 23 others in the top 100. Among men, it closed out first in the close-out order and at 887 overall.

Signal Corps drew 6 men, and 16 women, for a total of 22. The only one in the top 100 to choose Signal Corps was Cadet Steven Durham, number 45 in the class. It closed at 923.

Military Police attracted 12 cadets; among them 6 women. One other person in the top 100 joins Cadet Christina Juhasz, number 16 in the class. It closed out at 773.

Military Intelligence drew 19 cadets, with the women reaching their ceiling of 12. Six cadets from the top 100 chose Military Intelligence, including this year's Rhodes Scholars, Cadet Jennie Koch and Cadet Carolyn Ford. The highest ranking cadet to choose Military Intelligence is Cadet Suzanne Nielson at 3 in the class. It closed at 919.

Adjutant General Corps had a ceiling for women of 6 and got 2. The ceiling for men was 5 with none selecting AG. It closed at 835.

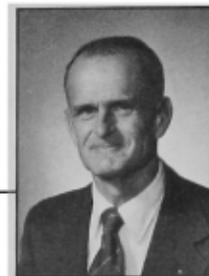
Finance attracted its ceilings of two male cadets and three female cadets, closing at 921.

Medical Service drew its ceiling for women at 3, and 2 of its 3 men slots. It garnered one from the top 100, that

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The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics



The column for this issue of the *ASSEMBLY* is always an exciting one to write because we are in the middle of our extremely active and busy winter season. Virtually every Tuesday and Friday evening and, of course, all day Saturday (and sometimes Sunday) there are athletic events going on here at West Point. That, coupled with an effort to travel to at least one away game for many of our sports, makes for a busy time of year.

We continue with a strong overall record in this sports year, having won 199 of our 306 contests to date, and with most of our winning teams enjoying outstanding success.

Our perennial rifle and pistol winners remain undefeated at this point with some critical matches coming up, including of course the pivotal one against the Naval Academy.

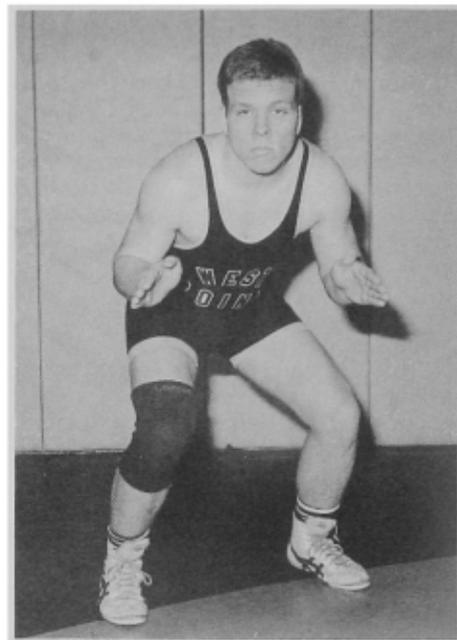
Gymnastics is having an outstanding year, showing some of their best scores in the past four or five seasons, and now stand with a 10 and 1 record. Their competition with the Naval Academy will be much later in the winter season and, of course, Navy has enjoyed outstanding success over these past several years.

Our wrestling program under rookie coach Jack Effner has been truly superb. Jack's wrestlers are fun and exciting to watch, and several of our young people, I know, will enjoy outstanding post-season success. Uppermost in our minds of course is the 24 February match against the Naval Academy; we have not won this one in many, many years. A real blow was the loss of our co-captain Paul Kuznik, who suffered a broken shoulder in a recent match and is out for the season. Plebe Dave Warnick has had outstanding success as have Nick Maulden, Bill Barrow, Mike Ferrari, and E. J. Pasteur.

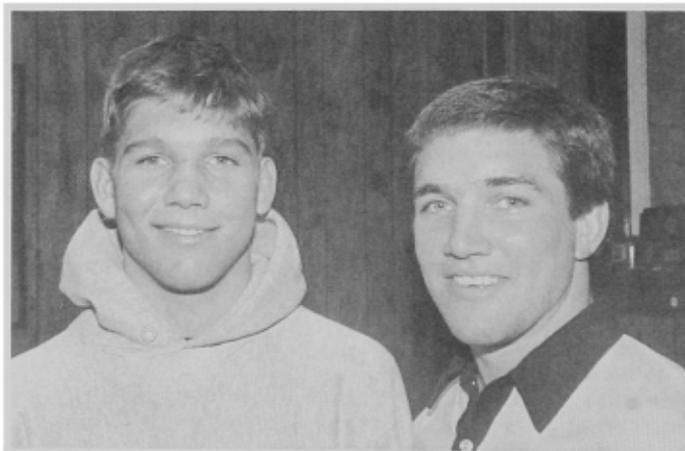
Men's and women's track both have winning records; Diana Wills continues her domination of the opposition, winning four events in the recently completed Army-Navy Women's Track Meet which was won by Army in an impressive fashion. Diana is truly a superb athlete, an outstanding competitor who has provided great leadership to our program over these four years and will be sorely missed as she graduates this May.

Men's swimming is enjoying a great season, having won two league matches by very close scores, with exceptional performances from captain Al Anderson, Mark Matheson, and Phil Williams. The women's team is just below .500 but has improved in the latter part of the season, and this past weekend won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship meet in impressive fashion with outstanding performances by Colleen Criscillo, Jennifer Grzbek, Julie Richardson, and Kristyn Roberts.

Our women's basketball team deserves special mention at this point in the season. They lost seven straight games at the beginning of the season against very tough Division I competition, but since then have won 12 and lost 2, mostly in Empire State Conference play. Two of their losses have been to perennial power Pace; it's tough to win three times in a season, and I have confidence our team will beat Pace in the conference tournament upcoming in early March. Jennifer Fleming, LeeAnn Duhoski, and Mary Langendorf have performed in outstanding fashion with Jennifer Fleming rapidly approaching



Bill Barrow



Dave Warnick with head coach Jack Effner

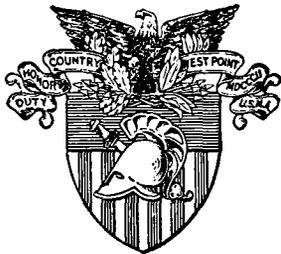
the 1000 point mark for her superb four-year career.

Men's hockey rests at just below the .500 level fighting for a slot in the tough Eastern College Athletic Conference Hockey League Playoffs. This would be a first for the Army team. One of the most exciting events this year was our win over Harvard at Harvard early in the season. It was the Harvard home opener

when they raised their national championship flag from the previous season, and our kids winning on their ice was a great tribute to the leadership and intensity of our coaching staff and, of course, our co-captains Rich Sheridan and Scott Schulze. The team has also beaten powers RPI and Cornell; we need several wins here as the season winds down in order to assure that playoff slot.

Men's basketball, although playing with more intensity, continues to suffer in the won-loss column. We continue to have high hopes that this program can rise here at the end of the season, beat Navy and perform well in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament which will be held for the first time in the new Knickerbocker Arena in Albany, New York. Steve Rothert, Ron Wilson, and Todd Mattson continue to provide solid leadership. A great blow to the program was the loss of Derrick Canada, our high scorer, because of an Academy administrative procedure.

This is my next to the last column as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics here at the Academy. These 10 years have passed quickly and it is my hope, for the most part, you can look back and feel that we gave a 200 per cent effort toward our goal of providing an athletic program of which you can be proud.



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	.738	—	Kelly Demers
Men's Cross Country	7	5	2	0	.714	Lost	Mike Dolan
Water Polo	33	23	10	0	.697	Lost	Dan Ewen
Women's Tennis	8	5	3	0	.625	—	Julie Hiebert
Football	11	6	5	0	.545	Lost	GAME
Men's Tennis	6	3	3	0	.500	—	Mark McMullen
Men's Soccer	19	8	9	2	.474	Tied	Mark O'Donnell
Women's Cross Country	5	2	3	0	.400	Lost	
Totals	151	100	47	4	.675	2-4-1	
Winter							
Rifle	18	18	0	0	1.000		Sandra Stevens
Pistol	9	9	0	0	1.000		George Riggins
Gymnastics	11	10	1	0	.909		Scott Curtis
Wrestling	15	12	2	1	.833		Paul Kuznik Eric Zeeman
Men's Track	6	5	1	0	.833	Lost	Jim Orrange
Men's Swimming	11	8	3	0	.727	WON	Al Anderson
Women's Track	5	3	2	0	.600	WON	Diana Wills
Women's Basketball	21	12	9	0	.571		Jennifer Fleming Leeann Duhoski
Hockey	26	10	12	4	.462	—	Scott Schulze Rich Sheridan
Women's Swimming	11	5	6	0	.455	Lost	Michelle Dunne
Men's Basketball	22	7	15	0	.318		Ron Wilson
Totals	155	99	51	5	.655	2-2	
Overall	306	199	98	9	.665	4-6-1	

Coming in 1991—A Class of 1966 Edition of *Slum & Gravy* (Continued from page 11)

slides, photos and videotapes to the West Point Library as part of a permanent Class of 1966 memorabilia collection.

S&G is no longer a cadet publication. But if a void was created when it disappeared from the scene, it is possible that this present effort can spur interest in its possible reintroduction. "Obviously, as

a former editor, that would not displease me," said Cox.

But in the final analysis the *Slum & Gravy Project*, the endowment project, and other "happenings" are a result of shared experiences and shared values amongst a group of people, comrades for over a quarter century, who feel that the

Academy has made a significant contribution to them on a deep personal level. The final output of the Project is likely to make a permanent testament to that fact.

George Cox
Norm Fretwell
Jeff Rogers

Graduation Rates Newsworthy (Continued from page 17)

graduation rates. The counsel they give as candidates begin the USMA admissions process is all important. Explanation and confrontation that take place with the candidate interview, especially concerning Cadet Basic Training, the Honor Code, the Fourth Class System, and the service obligation also contribute to better expectations by the candidates who become cadets. So, in the midst of the admissions cycle for the Class of 1994, and at a time when our first admissible candidate mailing is about to go out—this is a time to think about graduation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article on how U.S. Military Academy graduation rates compare so favorably with other colleges and universities throughout the nation was published in the winter edition of the Admissions Office Information Bulletin. This publication is distributed to the Admissions Office's active field force representatives on a quarterly basis.

Academic Limits (Continued from page 18)

Program. In addition they must obtain admission to a medical school of their choice. So far 212 graduates have been selected for the program. This is impressive considering USMA does not have a pre-med program.

As seen from the foregoing, the academic program at West Point is alive and well. Leaders are graduating with a quality education. The curriculum which has been accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools since 1949

and by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) since 1984 is strong and viable. Evolutionary changes have been accommodated and the student performances indicate that West Point still stands in the forefront of undergraduate education. Those of us charged with the stewardship of USMA are proud of our cadets' performances and are confident that the quality of the West Point experience will remain at the highest levels as we approach the third century.

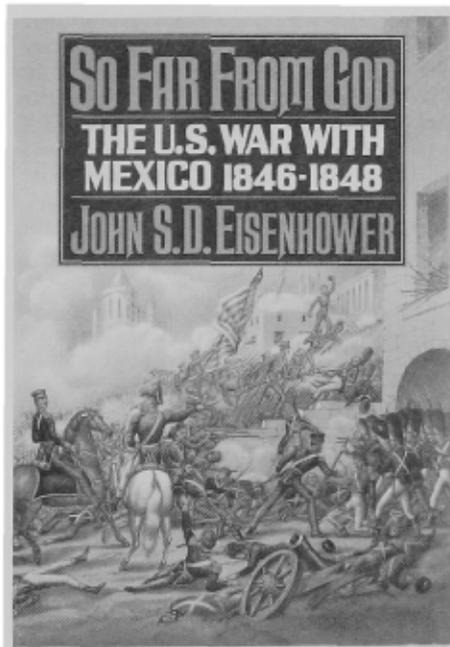
Book Reviews



SO FAR FROM GOD: THE U.S. WAR WITH MEXICO 1846–1848.

By JOHN S. D. EISENHOWER. *Random House, Inc., New York, N.Y. 1989, 436 pp with maps, notes, photographs and index.*

Mention the Mexican War, 1846–48, and most USMA graduates will recall memorizing Scott's "Fixed Opinion," which lauds the many junior officer graduates of the Military Academy for their outstanding performance during this war. Their accomplishments demonstrated that the Military Academy was an essential institution to the nation's defense. Concurrently, the Mexican War served as the crucible to mold the officers who thirteen years later became the senior leaders in the American Civil War. Yet there is much more to this war meriting renewed investigation, and John S. D. Eisenhower's book will stimulate renewed interest in this important period in America's history.



Though Eisenhower offers no new historical interpretations, he does achieve his stated purpose of reintroducing the significance of the Mexican War to American history. The victory over Mexico dramatically affected the future

of the United States. The spoils of war added over one million square miles of territory to the United States, thus increasing its size by 20 percent. Eventually, the states of California, New Mexico, Utah, and parts of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and Wyoming would be carved out of this vast acquisition. Integral to President James K. Polk's land grab was the rekindling of the emotional issue of the extension of slavery into the new territories. Early in the war Congress, aligning itself along sectional lines, heatedly debated the Wilmot Proviso. Clearly, the Mexican War was a direct step toward the great sectional confrontation, the American Civil War. I vigorously endorse Mr. Eisenhower's calculated understatement, "This was no minor episode in our history."

Indeed, from a military history perspective, the Mexican War was no minor episode either. Mr. Eisenhower declares,

"the success of American arms represented a remarkable feat. Considering the vast distances, the slowness of transport, the paucity of local resources, and the menace of virulent disease, it is remarkable that Taylor and Scott even managed to reach the scenes of their victories, let alone face the guns of the Mexicans."

Yet this war remains one of the least studied by military historians and military professionals. We are fortunate that Eisenhower undertook the task of publishing his well researched book because military historians and military professionals can learn much from studying this war.

Some of the facets of warfare which are integral to this conflict include the first successful attempt at mobilizing for and prosecuting a war outside the boundaries of the United States, tense civil-military relationships, Army-Navy cooperation and lack thereof, both good and bad generalship, and volunteers versus regulars. Other topics of importance include logistics, military intelligence, junior officer leadership and initiative, tactics, media relations, civil affairs, and individual heroism. As a consequence, the Mexican War offers the military historian and military professional the opportunity to explore these many complex aspects of warfare.

For the most part, Mr. Eisenhower provides a thorough analysis of the many diverse diplomatic and military dimensions of this war. He logically organizes the book into six major sections: Background, Confrontation, Zachary Taylor's War, The War in the West, Winfield Scott's War, and Nicholas Trist's War. Of particular interest is Eisenhower's discussion of the unusual circumstances confronting Nicholas Trist (USMA X-1822) as he attempted to conclude a diplomatic peace with the Mexican government, which was in total disarray after Scott's victory in the battle of Chapultepec. Diplomatic matters were complicated further because Trist had fallen from favor with President Polk and officially had been recalled. Despite these exigencies, Trist continued his work and concluded the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in February 1848.

In the military realm, Mr. Eisenhower's analysis of the primary battles of this war is most thorough and incisive. He provides a reasoned examination of the situations facing the opposing commanders and then imparts insightful critiques of the courses of action chosen. The maps are good and help to lend clarity to the maneuvers and actions involved in the various battles. These battle analyses make the book particularly useful to those interested in adding to their professional reading.

The discussion of the principal generals—Santa Anna, Zachary Taylor, and Winfield Scott—is for the most part a lively narrative which brings to life each of these key players. The discussion of Santa Anna is especially good. Unfortunately, Mr. Eisenhower leaves the reader with a general assessment that the capabilities of Taylor and Scott as field commanders were on par. Recent historical scholarship (K. Jack Bauer, *Zachary Taylor*, 1985) accords a considerably lower appraisal to the generalship of Taylor than that given by Eisenhower. On the other hand, the historical consensus about Scott's generalship has been immensely favorable. One of the foremost generals of the 19th century, the Duke of Wellington, declared in 1848, "His [Scott's] campaign is unsurpassed in military annals. He is the greatest living soldier." In the eyes of renowned generals of his age, as well as in the

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News from the Societies



ROCHESTER

Founders Day: This year's Founders Day celebration will be held on Sat, 10 Mar at the Green Lantern Restaurant in downtown Fairport. Our speaker this year is **COL Frank R. Giordano '64**. COL Giordano is chairman of the Math Dept and has been at West Point since 1975. He promises a good time for all and no one should worry about having to "TAKE BOARDS" when he heads up our get-together.

Bring Your Dancing Shoes: For many years some have suggested we add dancing to our Founders Day program. This year we are happy to announce that "GO" Sound Systems will provide disc jockey musical entertainment from 2200 until midnight. Their library of tunes includes swings from the big band era, contemporary, slow and rock and roll.

Admissions Field Force: Authorized slots are still available in the Military Academy Liaison Officers (MALO) group here in Rochester. **Rob Stephens** heads up our area and hopes 1 or 2 more grads can help out in this reserve recruiting assignment. If you would like some info please give Bob a call.

Speaking of Reserves: **COL Glen Losel**, the bde cmdr of our local National Guard, has been an honorary member of our West Point Society since 1987 and has helped our group on several occasions. Right now he (and all of the Guard!) are very proud of their new flight facility. If anyone is interested in a tour, please give **Dan Enright** a call and we will try to set one up.

Good-bye's: Several local members have moved on to bigger and better things. **Bob Carrol**, who is past pres of the Buffalo chapter, has moved to PA. **Paul Parkins '75** & **Debbie** have been moved by Kodak to one of their offices in Great Britain. **Dan Wood '77** & **Donna** have left Mobil and moved to Stamford, CT where Dan has accepted a job with St. Regis. Best wishes to all in their new positions.

Video Tapes On West Point: **Mark Preston** has a copy of the Good Morning America broadcast from West Point, and the CBS news special "48 Hours" on a single VHS tape. He can make copies for anyone who would like one as long as they pass on a blank VHS tape. Let him know if you are interested.

School Contact Luncheon: The Feb date has been rescheduled to late Apr. More info will be available at Founders Day, but more volunteers to help at the school of their choice are still needed.

Leadership Award Program: Many, many thanks to this year's committee. **Charle Bernitt '62**, **Brad Denham '82**, **Mark Jaworski '80**, **Mark Preston '77** and **Dick Reinholtz '63** put in a lot of hours to support our local "mini Thayer Award" for high school students. Our civic award program helps reinforce the efforts of West Point to encourage top students to consider the Academy as one of their college choices. The success of this year's program: 36 applicants from 25 schools is a direct result of the efforts and hard work of the committee. Thanks guys!

Leadership Award Finalists: The five Rochester area students who have been selected as finalists are Amy Capron of Canandaigua, Trevor Clendenin of Rochester, Jeff Murphy of Springwater, Kristen Rensberger of Canandaigua and Dan VanSlyke of Rochester. The overall winner will be announced at a special reception with **COL Giordano** on 10 Mar. Amy, Trevor, Jeff, and Kristen attended the Army-Navy party and had a chance to meet with members of the selection committee.

Speaking of Army-Navy: With the exception of the final seconds, the party at the Marriott was a smashing success. This year's turnout of about 175 people was the biggest we've ever had. The caterers kept the buffet table well stocked with pizza, wings, roast beef, hot dogs, etc. and everyone had plenty to eat. The Blue and Gold Task Force of Navy came *extremely* close to outmanaging us. We will need a *much better* turnout of the troops next year to keep those crabs in their place.

New Officers: At the business meeting, **Dan Enright '82** was elected as our new pres, **Dave Sherwin '82** VP, and **Sandy Galli '74** sec-treas. Dan was last year's treas and Sandy is a past officer from several years back. Our thanks and best wishes to Dan, Dave and Sandy and appreciation to this year's outgoing officers **Mark Preston '77** and **Peter Demarco '81**.

New Members: **Greg Curtis '77** & **Cynthia** are now back in Fairport after spending 2 years in the Far East with

Harris R.F. Emmet Green '81 has recently moved up here with Mobil Chemical where he works out at Powder Mill. **Eddy Mill '84** joined the bureau as soon as he got out, and is now an FBI agent in the Rochester office. Eddy & **Gwen** live in Fairport. **Ron Male '69** has been around for awhile—but we just found out about him so he is "new" to the social roster. Ron is at Xerox and has been a Rochesterian for quite a while.

If anyone knows of any other grads out there—let **Mark Preston** know so we can add them to the roster and let them know about our society's activities. Please check the roster and review it for any familiar names. If someone's not there—let us know as soon as possible.

Local Grad is an Astronaut: **LTC Jim Adamson '69** of Groveland was a crew member on a recent mission of the Columbia Space Shuttle. LTC Adamson grew up in Livingston County where his parents still live. Prior to being accepted into the NASA program he was a highly decorated helicopter pilot in Vietnam, and an instructor of the year at West Point. We are proud of LTC Adamson and his outstanding achievements and service to the country. If anyone knows of other local grads who also have some distinguished record of service, please let us know so we can recognize them and their accomplishments.

—Mark Preston '77

OREGON

The West Point Society of Oregon has scheduled a steak-out at the Portland Airbase Officers Club on Sat, 19 May. We had an excellent time at a similar type affair a couple of years ago so we are going to do it again. A newsletter will go out with the details. **Harry G. Walker '45** (503) 245-3110 is putting everything together. We plan to ask members of the West Point Parent's Club of OR and southwest WA to join us.

If you are a graduate living in the state of OR or in southern WA and did not receive a society roster in the mail the middle of Feb, contact **John M. Lovejoy '78** at (206) 695-9656 to be placed on our mailing list.

—John Lovejoy '78

FORT BENNING AND COLUMBUS GEORGIA

The West Point Society of Ft. Benning and Columbus, GA held its quarterly meeting at the Ft. Benning Officers Open Mess (FBOOM) on 18 Jan. MAJ Marvin Wall of the USMA Admissions Office made an in-depth presentation on how cadet candidates are recruited. It was announced during the meeting that USMA Superintendent, LTG Palmer, will be the guest speaker for this society's Founders Day dinner at the FBOOM on 10 Mar.

—Charles Belan '60

PALM SPRINGS

The West Point Society of Palm Springs, est in 1988, recently had an informal change-of-command ceremony—outgoing pres, **John E. Fitzgerald, III**, Palm Springs atty, passed the guidon to **Rolfe Arnheim** for the upcoming year.

The Palm Springs Society services a large geographic area from Lake Arrowhead to Palm Springs to La Quinta. Its initial year was highlighted by a luncheon meeting at O'Donnell Golf Club in downtown Palm Springs and an outstanding speech given by AOG Pres Denis Mullane.

UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

It is certainly fair to say that the only disappointing part of this year's ARMY/NAVY GAME festivities was the final score of the game! Of course, one can hardly argue, regardless of the outcome, that the game was a fine example of the intense rivalry that ARMY/NAVY football is. **Reg Fadden '74** did a superb job of coordinating the event that was well attended by alumni from both of the academies. We did outnumber the midshipmen but they were enthusiastic enough to influence their alma mater's performance on the field! It's important to note that on the same Sat, earlier in the day on a local "field of friendly strife" there was another football game played with the same determination and competitive spirit that would be evident in the "real game" that afternoon on national TV. This "forerunner" was not televised nor even attended by many spectators but the results were, should we say, "expected:" ARMY 21—NAVY 7.

We are proud of both "Army" teams and are already looking forward to "next year's game!"

—Greg Leikvold '80

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

With less than two years as an organization the West Point Society of Northern California has 70 members and another 100 or so potential members who

live in the areas of northern CA and NV. The society has been very active thus far in hosting quarterly meetings and in promoting the virtues of the Academy throughout the area. The next event will be the celebration of Founders Day which will occur on 9 Mar, at the Sacramento Army Depot Officers Club. Each grad in the area will receive an invitation. For future planning, a membership dinner meeting will be held at the McClellan Officers Club on 29 Jun.

—George Grayeb '52

PUGET SOUND

The Army-Navy Football Game was broadcast on a big TV screen at the Sandpoint Navy Officers Club in Seattle on 9 Dec. Approximately 40 alumni of both Academies and their wives gathered to watch the game. Until the last few seconds it was a great game enjoyed by all the Army fans. Wait until next time!

At Christmas time each year **Betty & Dr. Pat Tisdale '50** graciously open their beautiful Tudor-style home on Queen Anne Hill overlooking downtown Seattle to enable society families to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas. This year the party was on 16 Dec. Over the years Betty has received numerous neighborhood awards for both originality and beauty of her decorations. Many of Pat's classmates attended, as well as other members of the society and their spouses.

—Win Curley '41

CENTRAL NEW YORK

On 16 Sep 89, a gray and later wet day in Syracuse, the Orangemen (ranked 10th nationally) hosted Army in front of over 48,000 people in the Carrier Dome. Earlier that morning, the West Point Society of Central New York hosted a pre-game brunch function. With planning starting in May, over 130 people including the Supe, Com, Dean and others joined for a sumptuous brunch in the rustic Glen Loch Mill restaurant.

ALASKA

—Charles Breeding '78



Members, wives and friends of the West Point Society of Alaska support the Black Knights at an Army/NAVY Game "tailgate" held at the Elmendorf AFB O'Club. (photo by G.W. Bowen '73)

—G.W. Bowen '73

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The winter luncheon of the West Point Society of DC on 18 Jan at Ft Myer, VA topped all attendance records of such events with nearly 250 members and guests on hand. They were drawn to the affair by the guest speaker, **Dr. Wesley W. Posvar '46**, pres of the U of Pittsburgh, who spoke about the findings of the commission he chaired to study the West Point Honor Code and System. The commission was appointed by the Sec of the Army and the Chief of Staff to look into the whole matter of honor at West Point, not into any specific case.

The process, he pointed out, involved a review of documents and reports, meetings and interviews with cadets and many citizens, and liaison with the Air Force and Naval Academies. In the end, **Dr. Posvar** noted, "there was a ringing endorsement of the Honor Code, which is a commanding ethical force and a standard of ethical behavior that cadets can abide by and that is an example for all of America's public servants."

Citing the results of interviews, he said that 84 percent of the cadets said they would turn in violators. "A substantive number," he commented, "said they would not report a best friend if there was any doubt about the infraction."

The commission determined that in the case of sanctions, the Honor Committee is deterred when absolute sanction was the only recourse when other mitigating circumstances existed. **Dr. Posvar** told the graduates that surveys of cadets showed they favor alternate ideas rather than the ultimate of separation. This, he noted, was an attitude prevailing at West Point in earlier years when some flexibility of sanctions was practiced.

In the matter of mingling regulations with the Honor Code and System, **Dr. Posvar** said: "An overwhelming view by cadets is that the code is used unnecessarily this way." He also pointed out that the term "quibbling" is very ambiguous and the commission recommended "getting rid of this term so the Honor Code could be supported more effectively."

In a concluding remark, **Dr. Posvar** suggested that the Military Academy needs an advisory board, similar to a Board of Trustees found at civilian universities. In his opinion, this board would not consist only of USMA graduates, but would include leaders of various professions. He said, "I think an advisory board would be helpful to West Point."

The commission's report concluded there is widespread support of the Honor Code and System by cadets. Its recommendations, as outlined in **Dr. Posvar's** letter to the Army Chief of Staff, "are intended to simplify enforcement of the Code; to remove excess and trivial

detail; to endorse flexibility of sanctions, enabling rehabilitation of an offender when that is feasible; to reaffirm that enforcement of the Code is the responsibility of every participant; to amplify the favorable effect of the Code in later careers and throughout the Army; and to support the Code as an exemplar for all public service."

Following his remarks, **Dr. Posvar** answered a number of questions from the audience. Intense interest was shown by attendees in the subject matter. The society was especially pleased to have **Dr. Posvar** as guest speaker.

In a tribute to our previous pres, the West Point Society of DC presented **GEN William Y. Smith '48** a specially engraved plaque from West Germany containing the West Point crest. Making the presentation at the Jan luncheon, **LTC Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48**, soc pres, commended **GEN Smith** for outstanding leadership in important society matters during his tenure from Jun 87 until Jul 89.

The 1989-90 Directory of members of the society has been published and was distributed in Jan. It lists the name, class, address, and military assignment/business of every member of the society and is provided free as part of membership privileges. It is proving to be a popular publication among graduates in the greater DC area.

—Phil Farris '46

CLEVELAND

What was to be a quiet, old fashioned gloom period turned into a skirmish for area grads when the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* ran a series of articles of America's service academies. The series, which attempted to sound a national alarm, began by citing declining active duty retention rates. In the following installments, each academy had its turn in the spotlight as such gross extravagances as low interest auto loans were amplified while the offsetting rigors were soft peddled. By the end of the week, it might have appeared to the newly misinformed reader that the nation would be better off if the academies were closed. New theme! Two area grads were prominent in their efforts to set the record straight. **Bill Willoughby '60** stood his ground during a telephone interview regarding admissions. Thanks to **Bill's** persistence, the writer found it difficult to effectively assault the admissions effort. Soc pres, **Merritt Bumpass** joined the fray when he countered the series with one of his own . . . a ½ editorial page rebuttal in which he very effectively dissected the *PD's* weak arguments. As a result, area members felt that justice was served in a dignified manner.

Finally, now that the fog of battle has lifted from Lake Erie the only beleaguered member is **Don Matz '84** who is diligently preparing for **COL Al Rush-ton's** Founders Day visit on 10 Mar. Al will be treated to a new venue. **Stouffer's** Tower City Plaza Hotel on Public Square. However, I'm sure that whatever dignity we muster for the event will be humbled by the inevitable **LRRP's** into Cleveland's Flats after the event. Sylvanus would be proud . . . Beat Navy!

—Al Catani '69

NORTH TEXAS

The West Point Society of North Texas (WPSNT) has been involved in a large number of activities during the past few months—some successful, some unsuccessful, but all have been exciting. Thanks to the hard work of **Driskill '52**, the society membership is at an all time high.

The annual Army-Navy game party was held at the Granada Cinema where over 100 people attended. We had a great time (except for the outcome). **McDaniel '78** was responsible for making the arrangements and did an outstanding job. Speaking of Army-Navy, the local Army contingent lost the second annual flag football to the Navy by a score of 28 to 7. Approximately 35 Army weekend warriors participated. Navy's Staubach continues to be Army's nemesis. **Divis '81** was responsible for organizing the event and did a bang up job. A Tri-Service Basketball Tournament is presently in the works but nothing has been firmed up at this particular time.

The WPSNT's admissions program continues to be extremely active under the leadership of **Nowak '64**. Over 175 candidate files have been opened in the North Texas area with several candidates being selected under the early admission's program. On 29 Dec, **Coaches Young and Sutton** attended a get-together for candidates in Dallas. Coach Young gave a very interesting speech. Various cadets as well as graduates were on hand to answer questions concerning USMA. **Murrill '67** also spoke to the candidates about life after West Point. One of the things that the WPSNT has done to support recruiting is to establish the Eisenhower Award which is presented to the North Texas secondary school educator who has made an outstanding contribution to youth development and has had a positive impact on the USMA admissions effort. The award consists of a \$500.00 honorarium and a bronze Eisenhower medallion sculpted by **Felix W. D. De Weldon**. Mr. De Weldon was sculptor of the Soldier's Monument at West Point and the Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington, D.C. Last year's award winner Ms. Bettye Stallup used

the \$500.00 to visit West Point and the USMA Preparatory School. The WPSNT is presently engaged in a fund raising effort to permanently fund the honorarium for subsequent winners of the Eisenhower Award. **Alban '60** is chairman of the Eisenhower Award Committee.

Last but not least, the West Point Glee Club visited Dallas on 9–14 Mar to perform two major concerts with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra to raise money for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children. WPSNT assisted those organizations with planning and logistics support. The Glee Club also performed at four different high schools in the area representing the various geographic areas. The Glee Club's trip was a success and is a real help in promoting the USMA admissions process.

—Kenneth L. King '60

NEW YORK

The West Point Society of New York coming off a very successful fall 89 that

featured a spectacular evening of music at Carnegie Hall and an enjoyable dinner at the Meadowlands Racetrack enters the 90's on top of current events. The first Distinguished Speaker, Ty Cobb, former Assistant Director for Soviet Affairs in the National Security Council, addressed the state of affairs in the Soviet Union. His enlightened presentation is prophetic in light of current and ongoing activities in the Soviet Union.

Founders Day was held on 16 Mar at the Union League Club with a delightful evening of comradeship. Accepting the 1990 WPSNY Founders Day Saber and sharing some inspiring thoughts with the membership was Paul Volcker, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. The traditional speeches by the oldest and youngest grads brought back memories of days gone by and reaffirmed to the older grads that "The Corps Has!" The evening was followed by dancing to the music of the Bethune Band. Many thanks and a job well done to **Steve Metcalf '69** and his committee: **Charlie**

Hug '57, "TD" Decker '81, and Jeff Friedel '81.

Upcoming events include a dinner on 7 Jun on the *Intrepid* co-hosted by AUSA and featuring **GEN Colin Powell**, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Also later in Jun we will be hosting with the West Point Parents Club and the Admissions Office our traditional cruise on the superintendent's ferry. In attendance will be newly admitted candidates and their parents.

Society VP **Steve Metcalf '69** 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. Broudon-Beachler**, Associate.

Finally—we close with the news that the New York Society now numbers more than 1031 strong. Under the direction of **Bob Luckese '50**, this year's recruiting campaign pushed us now over the symbolic benchmark of 1000. And we continue to grow!

—Edmundo Colchado, Jr. '76

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being Cadet Kevin Whang, 67 in the class. It closed at 708.

Chemical got 2 women compared to its maximum of 5, and zero of its 9 men.

Transportation attracted its maximum of 9 women, and 3 of its 8 men's slots. It closed out at 761.

Ordnance drew its ceiling of 15 women, and 6 men of its 14 available slots. It closed out at 896.

Finally, *Quartermaster* attracted its ceiling for women at 14. The ceiling for men was 12 with 3 selecting Quartermaster, closing at 777.

This year's graduating class will again be commissioned into 16 branches. A new Department of Army policy now requires that all graduating male cadets who are physically capable serve in a combat arms branch. With the exception of Adjutant General and Military Intelligence, which will require four years, the normal assignment period will be two years. Many of you remember this as "Branch Detail" in that those cadets commissioned in a combat support or service support branch would first go to a combat arms basic course, and then serve in an appropriate unit.

Before wrapping up this article, I would like to make mention of our Rhodes Scholars. The last *Assembly* recognized the scholars selected for this year, but I would like to make you aware of a point that may not be widely known. Since 1923, West Point has had 66 cadets awarded Rhodes Scholarships. We rank fourth in the nation, behind Harvard, Yale, and Princeton in providing outstanding men and women to that prestigious program. We, at the Academy are proud of this fact, and I just wanted you to share in our pride.

And don't forget, **BEAT NAVY!**

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interpretations of modern scholars, Winfield Scott clearly was much superior to Taylor as a field commander.

The most surprising disappointment in the book was the author's shallow coverage of the exploits of the junior officers, particularly those from the United States Military Academy. Their performance was most eloquently immortalized by Scott,

"I give it as my fixed opinion that but for our graduated cadets the war between the United States and Mexico might, and probably would have lasted some four or five years, with, in its first half, more defeats than victories falling to our share, whereas in two campaigns we conquered a great country and a peace without the loss of a single battle or skirmish."

Though Eisenhower gives good coverage of the exploits of Robert E. Lee (USMA 1829) and Braxton Bragg (USMA

1837), he provides little or no description of the exploits of other notables such as Ulysses S. Grant (USMA 1843), Thomas J. Jackson (USMA 1846), George B. McClellan (USMA 1846), George M. Meade (USMA 1835), James Longstreet (USMA 1842), George E. Pickett (USMA 1846), Pierre G. Beauregard (USMA 1838), John F. Reynolds (USMA 1841), William B. Franklin (USMA 1843), et al. During the Mexican War, all of these officers received brevet promotions for their outstanding performance or were cited for gallantry, or both. Addressing their experiences in some depth as junior officers would allow readers to learn more about the feats of these men. Furthermore, readers could judge or compare their combat performance as junior officers to their performance as general officers in the Civil War. These USMA graduates certainly merited coverage equal to that given by Eisenhower to Captain Samuel

Walker and the Texas Rangers.

In spite of these few shortcomings, this book is a must for military historians and professional officers. The book is enhanced considerably by an excellent collection of portraits and photographs of many Mexican and American civilian and military leaders who played prominent roles in the conduct of this war. Additionally, the other photos, sketches, and paintings provide an intriguing glimpse of American soldiers and the Mexican people of that period.

Eisenhower should be commended for renewing interest in this fascinating period of American history. Those who read this excellent book will certainly enjoy it. Moreover, it will be a welcome addition to all professional libraries.

Reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Blake, Assistant Professor, Department of History

Bulletin Board



Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates

The Board of Trustees has announced that the 1990 annual meeting of the Association will be held at a time and place separate from the Graduation Week Alumni Luncheon. The details, including proxy designations, will be furnished to all members prior to the meeting.

Change in Graduation Week

Beginning in 1991 USMA will change the times of graduation week from what it has been for many years. The new graduation week will run from Sunday to Saturday with graduation being on Saturday and the alumni reunion period will run from Sunday to Wednesday. In 1991, the dates for the alumni portion of graduation week are 26–29 May; in 1992, 24–27 May.

Galloway '57 Appointed New Dean

Colonel Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., Head of the Department of Geography, will assume duties as the Dean on 1 July 1990, when he will also be promoted to the rank of brigadier general. A 1957 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Galloway holds a master of science degree in civil engineering from Princeton University, a master's in public administration from the Pennsylvania State University, and a doctoral degree in water resources geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Colonel Gerald E. Galloway, Jr. (photo by SPC John Barker)

Colonel Galloway was selected from a group of academic department heads at the Academy. Brigadier General Roy K.

Flint, the current USMA Dean, will retire 30 June, after serving as Dean for five years.

Assembly Salutes Class of 1915 Scribe on 100th Birthday

The Assembly staff is honored to congratulate one of its most faithful scribes, Colonel E. DeTreville Ellis, Ret. on the occasion of his 100th birthday, 12 March 1990. "Det," as he is known to his friends, is one of two remaining members of the Class of 1915, the "Class the Stars fell on." The other living member is General James A. Van Fleet. There are also some 30 widows of the class surviving. Colonel Ellis saw service on the Mexican Border, in World War I, and during World War II in North Africa and Europe. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School (1935) and the Army War College (1937); he also holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School (1926). He retired from active service in 1950. Det has been doing an excellent job as class scribe since June 1982, a remarkable achievement. We wish him many happy years ahead.

Here is Det's current column for '15. I think you will agree that he is doing a noble and extraordinary job of keeping the "Class of 1915 family" together:

Mary Larkin died on 16 Dec 89. *Elisa MacDonald* died on 19 Dec 89. *Eileen Leonard* died on 20 Jan 90. Your scribe has the name and address of next of kin. The Class extends its sympathy to the families.

James Gerhardt of Dallas, TX visited his mother, *Ruth Gerhardt*, and his sister and her family in Tampa, FL at Christmas. *Helen Woolard*, daughter of our *Albert Whitney Waldron*, sent greetings to '15. *Alice Mason* also sent greetings to '15.

Mary Welby Cochran is still at the Shenandoah Valley Healthcare Center in Buena Vista, VA. She enjoys bingo, and the weekly Episcopal Communion Service conducted by the clergy of Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church from nearby Lexington. Her son, John, Jr., visits her daily. Her health remains reasonably good. *Beatrice Watson* sent warmest greetings and good wishes for the holiday period to '15.

Anne Chapin celebrated her 95th birthday at the Smithville Retirement Home, Cedar Creek, TX. Her son, Bill, and his family helped her celebrate. She can still get around in her wheelchair. Francis J. Dunigan, Jr., son of our *Francis J. Dunigan*, sent warm wishes to '15. He and his family are doing well. *Lucy Fox* is well and as happy as can be expected. She was 95 on 4 Dec 89.

John Lorch, son of our *Robert B. Lorch*, sent greetings to '15, and gave considerable information about the entire family. He and his wife, Lois, visited your scribe in 89. Betty & Gus Yearling keep me up with news of family. Betty is a daughter of our *Edward B. Hyde*.

James A. Van Fleet is 97 years young and still going strong. He has received the honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from Columbia Univ; the Univ of Florida; Long Island Univ; Seoul National Univ, and Chungang Univ of Korea. When he has a few minutes to spare he is working on his book—*The Will to Win*.

Christopher David Ogren is attending the Air Force Academy and will graduate in '90. He is a great-grandson of our *Douglas Lafayette Weart*. All of the Weart family are fine. *Kitty Bradley* sent greetings to '15. *Satchie Naiden* spent Thanksgiving with her daughter *Satchie Dolan* in TX, and Christmas with her daughter *Charlotte Wood* in AL. *Liesbeth Boots* sent greetings to '15 from FL.

Eula & Paul Hoff celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and the 25th reunion of his MBA class in 89. Eula is a daughter of our *Hubert Reilly Harmon*, the first superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy. Eula is doing research in preparation for a biography of her father with special emphasis on the early days of the U.S. Air Force Academy. *Vesta McDermott*, daughter of our *John A. McDermott*, sent greetings to '15. She attended our 70th reunion in 85, and expects to attend our 75th in 90.

Change of address: *Marguerite Gilkeson*—The Cedars, 3300 Lynchburg Drive, Montgomery, Alabama 36116.

Library Friends to Award Cadet Prizes for Excellence in Research and Writing

The chairman of the Friends of the West Point Library announced in Janu-

USMA Company Mottos

CO	MOTTO—MASCOT
1st Regiment	
A-1	"Be Straight or Be Gone"—Axemen
B-1	"Go Barbarians"—Barbarian
C-1	"No Guts no Glory"—Crusaders
D-1	"Bad to the Bone"—Duck
E-1	"E-1 Dammit"—"Go Vikings"—Viking
F-1	"F-1 and Proud"—The Marching 100
G-1	"Go Greeks"—Greeks
H-1	"Root Hog or Die"—Hog
I-1	"I-Rock"—Cavemen
2nd Regiment	
A-2	"Go Spartans"—Spartan
B-2	"Go Bulldogs"—Bulldog
C-2	"Go Flying Circus"—Flying Circus
D-2	"Go Dragons"—Dragon
E-2	"Go Dogs"—Dog
E-2	"Go Zoo"—The Zoo
G-2	"Go Gators"—Gator
H-2	"Go Hounds"—Hound
I-2	"Go Moose"—Moose
3rd Regiment	
A-3	"Go Armadillos"—Armadillo
B-3	"Go Bandits"—Bandit
C-3	"The Place to Be"—Go Fighting Cocks
D-3	"Delta Heat"—Tasmanian Devil
E-3	"Where Eagles Dare"—Eagle
F-3	"Mount Up"—Falstaff The Trooper
G-3	"Gopher It"—Gopher
H-3	"Beware of the Storm"—Hurricane
I-3	"Terror of the North"—Polar Bear
4th Regiment	
A-4	"Go Apaches"—Apaches
B-4	"Go Buffalos"—Buffalo
C-4	"Go Cowboys"—Cowboy
D-4	"Crush-em"—Destroyers
E-4	"Go Elephants"—Elephant
F-4	"Go Frogs"—Frog
G-4	"Go Guppies"—Guppy
H-4	"Go Hogs"—Hog
I-4	"I-Beam"—I Beam

ary a new program that will award prizes to cadets for "excellence in research and writing" and will publish the best of these efforts as Occasional Papers of the Friends. Friends' Chairman, Colonel Roger H. Nye (Ret.) stated that the Council of the Friends had for years sought ways to recognize cadet and faculty accomplishments in research and writing, but felt that staffing and resources must be right for such a venture. "Now," he said, "we feel that the 1990s offer an opportunity to inaugurate such a program, and we know we can rally the Friends' membership in support of it."

To initiate the program, the Friends have asked the Head of the Military Academy Department of History, Colo-

nel Robert A. Doughty, to select in the spring of 1990 a cadet research paper that he deems worthy of a special prize, as recommended by a faculty committee already constituted within that department. The Department of History has, over the last decade, introduced a curriculum that is tutoring nearly 100 cadets in history research projects each academic year. Some cadet papers have shown sufficient excellence for recognition and publication in recent years.

The Friends' prize in 1990 will be \$250 for books of the cadet's selection at the Cadet Bookstore. If the History faculty believes the paper is worthy of reproduction, the Friends will print it as an Occasional Paper. Distribution will

be to Friends members, the author, and selected USMA faculty and American scholars. The Friends will urge scholarly journals to reprint their Occasional Papers.

The purposes of the program are to provide incentives for quality cadet and faculty scholarly performance; to inform a larger audience of the high level of research and sophistication of academic work at the Academy; to enhance USMA Library Special Collections in keeping abreast of faculty and cadet research needs; to provide a basis for receiving donations to support this and other West Point scholarly programs.

Funding for the Friends' Prize Program for Excellence in Research in Writing in 1990 will be targeted at \$1500 from the Friends general funds. As experience is gained, the program with the Department of History will be expanded to other USMA departments and agencies. The Friends will announce 1990 prize winners in future Friends' publications and media releases. Inquiries should be made to Box 87, West Point, New York, 10996.

Colonial League renamed Patriot League

The presidents of the seven Colonial League institutions recently announced that the league has adopted a new name to go with its "new game," and it will henceforth be known as **The Patriot League**.

The Colonial League was established in 1984 as an athletic conference competing only in Division I-AA football. In July of 1988, the Council of Presidents announced that the league would expand to 22 sports with the beginning of the 1990-91 academic year. The league also intends to be involved in activities other than athletic competition, with debating and other cultural activities on the agenda.

The league was founded on a number of principles, to include: maintaining teams of athletes whose academic ability and progress is representative of the entire student body, the awarding of athletic scholarships on the basis of need, and holding institutional presidents directly responsible for the governance and policies of the league. These principles are receiving more attention in the NCAA at a time of increasing national concern about intercollegiate athletics.

Dr. Peter Likins, president of Lehigh University and chair of the Council of Presidents, feels that, "The Patriot League has resulted from the initiatives of a group of college and university presidents and the presidents intend to remain involved in the formulation of league policies. We have, from the beginning, kept our eyes on the horizon, building toward goals for the end of the

century. Coaches, athletic directors and various members of our faculties and administrations have been key players in the development of the league, but the presidents have maintained the central role."

Present members of the league include: Bucknell University, Colgate University, Fordham University, College of the Holy Cross, Lafayette College, Lehigh University and the U.S. Military Academy.

In making the name change announcement, Carl F. Ullrich, Colonial League executive director, said, "We feel that now is the appropriate time to make this change. Our league will be taking a giant step forward beginning with the next academic year and the opportunity to be known by a new name will add to the excitement. In changing the name from Colonial League to Patriot League, the presidents seek to differentiate more clearly between this league and the Colonial Athletic Association, which was founded in 1985 for sports other than football. We look forward to our new identity and the opportunity to compete with a full competitive schedule."

The expanded Patriot League will include competition in the following sports: football (men), baseball (men), basketball (men and women), indoor and outdoor track and cross country (men and women), golf (men), lacrosse (men and women), soccer (men and women), swimming and diving (men and women), tennis (men and women), field hockey (women), softball (women) and volleyball (women). Not all Patriot League members will field teams in all sports under the alignment agreed upon in July of 1988. Army will maintain its independence in football, where it plays an NCAA Division I-A schedule as opposed to the I-AA schedule of the rest of the league. Army will also maintain other

scheduling arrangements in baseball.

Pointer View
5 January 1990

1/92^d Artillery to Hold Reunion

1/92 Artillery IFFV: Anyone who served with the 1/92 Artillery in Vietnam, Fort Bragg or Fort Hood, or with any part of the 92nd Field Artillery, WWII or Korea, Reunion: 30 May-1 June 1990 at Fort Hood, TX. Contact: Chuck Gall, 1277 S. 2nd Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018-1528; (708) 298-7071.

401st Bomb Group Association to Hold Reunion

A reunion of the 401st Bomb Group Association (H), part of the Eighth Air Force over Germany and Occupied Europe during WWII, will take place in Portland, Oregon, 19-22 September 1990.

Our listed membership is now 800+, and we have addresses for over 1,500 members of the flying group and support units at Station 128, Deenethorpe, England. We estimate that up to 7,000 men may have served with the 401st Bomb Group at one time or another. We flew the B-17 Flying Fortress.

For further information, former group members should write to the Group Secretary, Ralph "Rainbow" Trout, PO Box 22044, Tampa, FL 33622.

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Mr & Mrs. John E. Beier Establish Trust

Mr. John E. Beier, USMA '39, and his wife Peggy have established a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust which will provide an endowment for Army Swimming. Mr. Beier, who left the service as a lieutenant colonel shortly after World War II, was a member of the Army swimming team as a cadet. He entered his family's printing business in Dixon, Illinois, and rose to become its president. He and his wife continue to live in Dixon although he is now retired from business. Mr. and Mrs. Beier will receive income from the trust until both have died, at which time the principal will come to West Point for swimming.

Seeks 1904 Howitzer

LTC Philip S. Gage, Jr (ret), 2128 Belvedere Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 (Tel 404-355-3526) would like to obtain a copy of the 1904 *Howitzer*. Anyone able to help or provide a lead, please contact him.



Alumni tour group transits Panama Canal in January. Air Force fighter cover and Army patrols of the locks and Gatun Lake added to the excitement of the Canal.



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Dear Fellow Graduates:

In my last letter to you in *ASSEMBLY* magazine, I spoke about our upcoming Long Range Planning Conference to be held at the Westfields International Conference Center, near Dulles Airport in northern Virginia, during the period 1-3 June 1990. One subject worthy of discussion at that time is USMA's expanding need for private contributions.

Over the years of the Association's active fund-raising program for the Academy, our graduates, widows, friends and corporate/foundation donors have responded in magnificent fashion to our appeals. Significant amounts of money have been provided for a variety of projects and programs which add a margin of excellence to the cadet experience at West Point. The primary beneficiaries of these restricted and unrestricted contributions to the West Point Fund are cadet extracurricular activities programs in the education, athletic, club and social areas. Other important donations have been instrumental in providing many worthwhile class gifts, a partial endowment for the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program and major grants of computer equipment.

As I look to the future, I see a continuing need for growth in our efforts in "furthering the ideals and promoting the welfare of the United States Military Academy" through our private fund-raising program. Superintendent General Palmer and his staff have been working diligently to prepare West Point for the years ahead so that the high esteem in which our nation holds West Point and its graduates can be sustained. The USMA Bicentennial Plan has identified many programs, projects and activities which may be suitable for private fund-raising support. In a period of declining appropriated funds, for the military in general and West Point in particular, it is imperative that we review and upgrade our fund-raising effort to insure that the margin of excellence which we expect is maintained.

It is in this context of providing necessary private fund support during the next decade that I have established a small working group of AOG leaders which is meeting with the Superintendent to review and propose long term policy direction to the fund-raising program. We have employed the services of a respected fund-raising consultant to assist. The West Point Fund Committee is participating in and contributing to this ongoing dialogue and the Long Range Planning Conference may have significant input to the process.

Stay tuned in for more information about the direction of our fund-raising effort as we prepare for the decade of the 90s and beyond.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane
President
Association of Graduates
USMA

Report from the Classes



The March *ASSEMBLY* was Daryl DeBerto-Ferraiolo's final issue as Assistant Editor as she is leaving our staff to become a full-time mother. In the late spring Daryl is expecting—twins, no less. I would like to take this opportunity to express my formal appreciation for her superb contributions to the Association's Publications program these past five years. Her talent and energy were indispensable during our conversion from a dated style of production to the modern electronic operation that we have enjoyed for the past 3 years. Her enthusiasm and cheerful, professional demeanor not only infused efficiency into our office, but also created a congenial environment. Her other contributions, beyond insuring that the fast-paced day-to-day activities proceeded in an orderly fashion, are too numerous to recount. I know that the scribes have had frequent contact with Daryl and will miss her as we will. Our congratulations and best wishes go with her as she approaches motherhood.

and know that her tenure will be a happy experience for her and the Association of Graduates. *Editor*



Linda G. Berman

just stood there watching lamps and chandeliers swinging madly, hearing the roar, feeling and seeing the pitch and roll. We are philosophically conditioned to the idea that someday the Big One will come. We have had almost 100 aftershocks and literally thousands of minor tremors, so the earth here is truly nervous. Wherever one lives, you cannot escape natural disasters. Since then, we have had glorious Indian summer days. So despite earthquakes, it is still my favorite place."

A letter from COL Thomas J Wells '28 tells that his sister Jane married an ex-classmate of ours, **Frederick Townsend**. After being found, he got a commission in the Field Artillery in WWI. He died in 66. Jane died on 6 Jan 90. Both are buried in Arlington.



Daryl DeBerto-Ferraiolo

On an encouraging note, after a selection process that involved a number of qualified candidates, Linda G. Berman was designated as Daryl's replacement. Linda, an honor student at the State University of New York at Albany, graduated in May 1986. Her most recent position was as the public relations assistant at the Albany Institute of History & Art where that experience aligned closely with the skills needed for *ASSEMBLY* production. Daryl has been an excellent teacher these past six weeks and Linda an enthusiastic student, who comprehends procedures quickly, so the change-over should be smooth. We are delighted to welcome Linda to our staff

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Louise McKee, Dick's widow, died last 3 Sep. Survivor: her daughter Barbara Evans, Sagle, ID.

Kate Agnew died on last 8 Dec in Bethesda Naval Hosp. Survivor: her son Malcolm, COL USAF, Ret, of McLean, VA and daughter Charlotte Fisher of NY. Kate's father was a COL, CAC.

Alice Kramer of San Mateo, CA tells of the quake. "I was walking across my living room when it happened and probably because I was moving, I was not thrown to the floor. I grabbed a table and

As I write these notes for what will be the May issue of *ASSEMBLY*, you will be receiving the Mar issue and know that your scribe has not gone AWOL and can report that the doc's are giving him good reports and prospects for some more yrs.

With deep regret I must inform you that we have lost another classmate, **Ken Leslie**, on 21 Dec 89. This leaves 16 still living, all over 90 yrs old. They are: **Brimmer**, **Broome** with wife **Aline**, **Chorpeneing**, **Evans**, **Fitzpatrick** with wife **Dorothy**, **Hinds** with wife **Betty**, **McReynolds** with wife **Lucy**, **M Miller** with wife **Louise**, **Morrison** with wife **Viola**, **Odor** with wife **Marie**, **Pulsifer**, **Riani** with wife **Eleanor**, **Schow**, **Trichel** with wife **Betty**, **Usis**, and **Wanamaker**. Dad Miller is the oldest and the youngest is Bob Schow.

We are indebted to **Wannie** for most of the above which he has provided to his constituents. But, the same info is available to all classmates and widows if they subscribe to the *ASSEMBLY* and annual *REGISTER*. If you do not, it is suggested that you do. Write or telephone COL Child, Dir of Publications, AOG at WP. His telephone number is 914-446-5800.

With sadness the loss of two widows is reported. **Mary Reed Johnson**, widow of **Al Johnson**, died on 30 Sep 89 after a long illness. Funeral services on 4 Oct at

Hollywood cemetery in Richmond, VA. By letter and telephone, Colin Dickson, son of our **Monk Dickson**, reported the death of his mother, Eleanor, on 22 Dec 89. Burial will be at WP, probably in Apr. Eleanor was quite well-known as an actress and a writer. Also, both Monk and Eleanor came from longtime WP connected families. Our classmate **Harrison Shaler** was Eleanor's brother.

Edith Griffiths has now moved into the Fairfax. Address and phone number as follows: Fairfax Ret Community, 9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060, 703-781-0196. **Lucy Bowman**, by letter and phone, tells me she is selling her Carmel home and moving into the Fairfax. How about that? Two classmates and two widows will be there soon!

In a recent letter to **Wannie**, **Felix Usis** reports that he is having quite a few ailments, but is hopeful the docs will discover the cause of some of them and take appropriate action. Felix keeps in close touch with **Betty Trichel** and she reports that **Gerry** is much the same, spending his days in a wheelchair with no interest in reading or TV. **Boyd Fitzpatrick** reports all is well with them in Sarasota where they always spend the winters.

If anyone has info as to the present addresses of **Kay Hubbell** or **Muriel Searby**, please contact Wannie.

From **Al Riani's** area, **Charlie Morrison** reports that their 7 yrs of marriage grows happier each yr—great! But, he cannot dance or go on trips anymore. Lots of us are in similar situations.

Now from my territory, **Bernice Keasler** sent a most pleasant holiday greeting with a note. In several notes, **Chief Brimmer** has expressed concern about me and I telephoned him my appreciation. He said he had a most pleasant Christmas. In my last *ASSEMBLY* notes, I mentioned that we had 5 class widows in San Ant; it now appears that we will soon have 7. I have just learned that **Peggy Hicks**, widow of our classmate, **Ron Hicks**, has moved into AF Village where **Carolyn Christiansen** lives. **Peggy's** address and telephone number are: AF Village, 4917 Ravenswood Dr, San Ant, TX 78227, 512-674-7142. **Gracie Baker** is moving back to the Army Ret Center which she left not too long ago. Next time I hope to have her address and telephone number.

The Founders Day dinner will be on 10 Mar and your scribe surely hopes to attend and will be the oldest grad present. If so, it will be the *fifth* time he has been so fortunate. And he is hoping to persuade some of the Class widows here to be his guests.

Now that we are moving toward 6 issues of *ASSEMBLY* a yr, it follows that class notes must be submitted every two months. Next deadline is 13 Apr. Keep in mind.

'19

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The Class of '19 mourns the loss of two of its most illustrious and loyal members, **GEN Albert C Wedemeyer** and **BG Lester DeL Flory**.

Al died 17 Dec 89 at Fairfax Ret Community, Ft Belvoir, VA. Services were held on 20 Dec 89 at the Ft Myer Chapel followed by interment with full mil honors in Arlington Natl Cemetery. **Herb Jones** and **Les Flory** served as two of 11 honorary pallbearers. Al served as pres of the Class only 5 yrs, from 69–74. But whether he was pres or not, he was always the one to whom everyone went for advice and assistance; and no matter how difficult the problem, Al always made every effort to solve it, be it personal or professional—and always anonymously. No doubt he helped some in a financial way as well, as he was most generous. Al would take no credit for his assistance. He was naturally helpful and interested in the welfare of others. He was a most lovable man with many, many friends. He loved WP and surely lived up to its code of "Duty, Honor, Country."

Les' death on 2 Jan 90 was rather sudden and certainly unexpected as he had been admitted to Walter Reed Army Med Center only hrs earlier. Memorial services were held in the Ft Myer Chapel on 8 Jan 90 followed by interment with full mil honors in Arlington Natl Cemetery. During the tenures of Al's successors as pres, **Dick Ovenshine** and **Bunker Bean**, Les served as treas of the Class and continued to do so after Bunker died in 88 and no replacement was chosen. Since then Les had been the mainstay of the Class, making every effort to hold it together with the help of **Hei Heiberg**. They organized and attended the Class's 70th Reunion in May 89 where Les represented the Class as the oldest graduate present at the alumni exercises. In addition to his faithful service as Class treas, Les made many contributions to the welfare of the Class and classmates. His many friends appreciated his concern, loyalty, and good works and will miss his vitality and good humor.

To **Dade & Katharine** and the families of **Al & Les**, the Class of '19 and their many friends extend our sincerest sympathy and assure them that their loss is also ours.

(The scribe is indebted to **Herb Jones** for invaluable assistance in the preparation of the above notes. Herb knew both men well, having formed an enduring friendship with Al when roommates at USMA and becoming close to Les in later yrs.)

From CA, I'm jubilant! I've found **George Dillaway** and **Emily McNamee** who were lost to me for some time. Also, I learned the whereabouts of **Mary (Nelson) Dickenson**, formerly Mrs **Russell Nelson**. George writes with good humor about his and **Connie's** health problems—his doctor is unsympathetic to his complaints about the number of pills he has to take, and **Connie** is still suffering from a fractured ankle even though she is free of the cast she endured for 6 wks. It was difficult to keep up with Emily through several moves during recent yrs. She is now back in Irvine, but at a different address. A broken bone in her foot immobilized her for 6 wks, but it is healing nicely. She can now get around again and enjoy weekly luncheons with **Mary Dickenson** who drives over from Corona del Mar to pick her up.

From various states, west to east: WA: **Amelia Luce** is in reasonably good health—"Fine for 93," she says. Her 21 yr old grandson, **Donald Watson**, lives with her and although he is a student and has a job, he still finds time to help her with chores and transportation. KS: **Virginia Chapline** lives alone in her house with daily assistance. She is lively and keeps well informed of the news, both current events and gossip, astounding her grandchildren with her knowledge of the latest fads. OH: **Evelyn Brown** now resides in a nursing home in Columbus. She delights in reciting poetry and frequent visits from her daughter, **Evelyn O'Brien**, who lives nearby. NJ: **Mercy Buck** also lives alone in her house, assisted by day help, and is interested in '19 news.

From San Ant **Viv Hamilton** writes that she has recovered from a heart attack suffered last fall and is working with the Interior Comm during the construction of the \$2,000,000 addition to AF Village I Nursing Home. **Ham** is adding to his tomes of world history besides keeping track of favorite football teams. **Viv** also



1919: **Ham & Viv Hamilton** represent the Class at a recent San Ant WP Soc dinner

reported that **Mildred Stearley** continues to devote much of her time to St Andrew Episcopal Church activities, but still manages to meet her commitments

to several other orgs.

Hei & Ann Heiberg were planning a Feb trip to AZ to escape the still frigid weather in Louisville. Expect a report in the next issue.

Dorothy Ferenbaugh is almost back to normal, gradually recovering from last yr's surgery. She loves living at Knollwood. In addition to the gp of '19 residents, she also enjoys the company of her sister Elizabeth, the widow of BG Charles F Craig, and her sister-in-law, the widow of COL Charles Van Way '24. **Mary Hedekin** travels less than she did a few yrs ago. However, she still maintains two homes, dividing her time between Wash, DC and Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL.

NOTE: The Class Fund which was administered by **Les Flory** is in the process of being transferred to the AOG. For the present, and until further notice, requests for reimbursement for memorial flowers/donations may be sent to me.

'20

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With great sadness I report that **Ruby Adamson**, **Kay Coe**, **Julia Mitchell (JD)** and **Larry Bartlett** have died. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Ruby Adamson died 13 Nov 89. This news came from Nancy Taylor Evans (Rhu's daughter) and Mary Miller, a close friend of Ruby's daughter who provided more facts. Ruby died of congestive heart failure at her home in Vallejo, CA. She was buried beside **Godfrey** at the Presidio of San Francisco National Cemetery. They had graduated together from IL's Blackburn College and attended reunions there on their way to '20 reunions at WP. After Godfrey died in 59, Ruby maintained active interest in the Class. Last Aug she wrote she was bedfast and could not attend our 70th reunion and sent "Best wishes to all '20s." Surviving besides Mary are son, Dr Godfrey Douglas, Jr, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Kay Coe died of an aneurism on 19 Dec 89 at her home in Virginia Beach, VA. She lived life to the fullest: "An All-American Skeet Shooter in 39; a commission portrait painter with works displayed in DC galleries, Red Cross worker in WWII; on boards of directors of DC's Children's Hospital, Junior League, Sulgrave and Chevy Chase Clubs, and St Margaret's Episcopal Church. She was buried in Virginia Beach's Eastern Shore Chapel Cemetery. A very beautiful eulogy was given there by daughter Linda—"... losing her leg in 86 and making pancakes for her family balanced on one leg in the kitchen, coming back again and again from operations, a stroke, aneurysms ...

her sense of fun and ability to poke fun at life's adversities... no one who knew her will ever forget her courage, her fighting spirit—especially in the last few years... Mom has left us a legacy of courage to last a lifetime. To use her words—she had guts... She and dad sent Punkin, Anne, and me to the Madeira School whose motto she loved—'Function in disaster and finish in style.' Mom... you did." In the past 2 years the Coes had more than their share of tragedy: their home destroyed by fire; a new home beautifully designed by architect Punkin who died of cancer before it was finished; and now the loss of Kay. Surviving are husband **Bill**, daughters Anne Heyniger and Linda Coe and 6 grandchildren.

Julia Mitchell (JD) died of cancer on 10 Jan 90 at her home in Vinson Hall, McLean, VA. She was buried in Arlington National Cemetery beside **John**, who died in 83. **Kay Burns**, **Anne Holle** and **George Rehm** attended with family members. Battling cancer for several yrs, Julia courageously refused chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She continued normal activities almost to the last—driving herself back and forth to Walter Reed some 20 miles away through dense traffic, visiting her children and friends, attending church and social gatherings. Last Oct, she was at the '20 mini-reunion at DC's Knollwood given by Anne Holle and Anne's sister, Polly Taylor. Surviving are daughter Nancy McCabe, sons ret COL John D Jr '49, and ret LTC George B '58, brother George E Slifer, sister Maxine S Feigus and 3 grandchildren.

Larry Bartlett died 21 Jan 90 of heart failure at the Vista Hills Hospital, El Paso, TX. He was buried with full military honors at the Ft Bliss National Cemetery, TX beside his wife **Helen**. When she died in 84, Larry preferred living alone in his home with family members nearby although his eyesight was failing. He became bedridden after breaking his hip in Dec 87. A WWI veteran, Larry's distinguished WWII service included CO 43 AAA Op T-AP 43-45 and CO 53 AAA Bde Okinawa 45-46. Surviving are daughter Betty Caramanico, sons Laurence W Jr, and Donald H, 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

When **Charles Holle** died Apr 89, **Anne** received many expressions of affection for them both and of condolences from classmates, Class widows and many others. More came in last Christmas. Some excerpts: "May this Christmas be not too sad for you;" "I have a most vivid and warm memory of GEN Holle, exceptionally thoughtful and considerate. Count on our love;" "We all miss your Charles every day;" "A great American lady. Love and God Bless."

Anne Rousseau will not be at our 70th

reunion. She says, "Flying does not appeal to me any more. I only make a quick trip to Maine once a year to check **Joe's** and our son's graves... Am blessed with good health and making the most of these precious years..."

Marian Johnston (EC) writes: "Have stayed well... adjusting slowly to living alone... content in my retirement cottage... see **Gina & Sid Hinds** quite often."

Carl Englehart had an MRI scan of his wrenched right shoulder. It showed need for 3-4 hours surgery which his cardiologist said he could not survive. "So, no more bowling or golf and I'm a southpaw at meals... **Margo & I** still hope to make our 70th reunion. I've never made one and Margo has never seen WP."

Jo Routheau broke her foot in Jan. Getting along well now. She & **Eddie** plan to move to the Fairfax Army Ret Home 30 Mar.

George Rehm, **Eddie Routheau** and **Duke Samouce** attended the 18 Jan luncheon of the WP Soc of DC at the Ft Myer, VA Off Club.



1920: The Tom & Connie Bessell Davidson family

A happy ltr with snapshots came from **Connie Bessell Davidson**: "... I am **Katherine & Bill Bessell's** daughter and **Verone & Gar Davidson's** ('27) daughter-in-law, having married their son Tom (looks just like Gar!), over 30 yrs ago at WP when daddy was **Dean and Gar Supe**" (and **Gillette, Shick, and West** were Chem, Drawing, and Law Dept Heads). "Remember so vividly wonderful '20 reunions at our quarters and how much my precious parents enjoyed June Weeks with so many dear friends coming back to visit. Still in touch with many... **Michael Gillette, Trix & Ted's** son, and I have stayed close friends for 50 yrs since our shared 2nd birthday party at Leavenworth in 39 and correspond frequently... Tom & I have been blessed with 4 lovely and fun children, each fortunate to inherit beautiful and special qualities of **Katherine, Bill, Verone, and Gar!** We're so lucky! Tom Jr, at 19, looks so much like his granddaddy **Bill Bessell** at that age as a cadet."

'21-'22

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I joined the 90 Club. When I was a plebe, my aunt sent me a birthday card in which she wrote; "Today on Mar the 19th, 1919 you are 19 yrs old. Congratulations." During the past 70 yrs, I have used that statement many times to answer the question, "How old are you?" The other members of the club, in order of age, are **Milo Cary, Myron Leedy, Bob Taylor, Mark McClure and Ham Meyer.**

Bob & Janet Taylor now reside at Renaissance Sr Living Comm in Austin. Janet has Apt No 149, while Bob is in the extended care unit. Bob spends most of his time watching TV and each day Janet spends several hrs with Bob.

Carol Olmsted was not available when I called on the phone, but the housekeeper told me that George is about the same. We are thinking about you, George, and hope these notes find you feeling better.

"PD" & Peggy Lynch are editors of the annual yrbook of the Poetry Soc of TX. They did the 90 version of the book which is being printed. Peggy is now prog chairman for this yr and goes to Dallas for monthly meetings.

The following was enclosed with **Myron Leedy's** Christmas card: "93 in 90 is an exciting yr to look forward to. We hope that this Christmas of 89 has been as good to you as it has been for us. We did not get much, but there is good company here, and there have been visitors to make life interesting and exciting.

"My son Gavin and his wife Gin came in the early summer, and Charlotte was here to help celebrate my 92nd birthday in Aug. Daisy finds time to visit every day, and I was able to see my grandson Harry before he left for his asgmt in Korea in Sep. Granddaughter is off to college in McMinnville, OR, but she finds time to come by when she's home for a break. I appreciate all the notes, cards, and messages that came over this yr, wish it was possible for me to do better about correspondence."

Bill Lawton wrote me that he is still trying to get used to apt living. As he put it: "It ain't easy." He also wrote that he saw in the Ft Myer Chapel Bulletin that **Shelby Little's** widow **Eleanor** died. She is survived by a daughter.

Other than the usual aches and pains, **Clare Crary** is still able to live by herself and entertain her friends once in a while.

Ginny Klein attended the Navy Game last fall and spent Christmas with her daughter and other members of the family in TX.

In his Christmas card, **Carroll Sullivan** wrote that he plans to see me at WP in 92,

if not before. I hope I can make it.

This is a quote from **Diddy Taylor's** Christmas card: "The Taylor family is grateful for the dedication of the Administration Building at WP as Taylor Hall this spring." This will set a record for having 2 bldgs dedicated to 2 members of the same Class, the Class of '22—Olmsted Hall and Taylor Hall.

'23

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Battle Horton writes from FL: "Your note brought back pleasant memories of my service at the Presidio of Monterey Nov 24-Jun 26. **Bruce King, Phil Enslow** and I were ordered out there from Ft Hoyle just before the Navy game which was to be in Baltimore (much to our disgust) to join the 2nd Bn 76 FA. Ft Ord was then the Gigling Reservation which consisted of a lot of sand, sage brush, and rattlesnakes. On one of our field exercises, we had dismounted for a rest and were holding our horses when a rattler scared the lead horses. They took off as did most of the horses and made for the stables several miles away at the Presidio. The road through Del Monte and Monterey was littered with mess kits, saddlebags, etc. What a mess!

"We played golf and polo at the Del Monte Hotel and golf at Pebble Beach which was practically unknown in those days. Those were the good old days!" The **Hortons** have one daughter, married to COL James Harden USAF ret in Savannah, GA, a grandson at FSU and granddaughter in high school.

"**Salee O'Shea** is the only '23 we are near and we keep in close touch. She is fine and just returned from a trip to Bermuda." **Battle** concludes: "I spend a lot of time filling out Medicare forms and that's better than the alternative."

Responding to my query as to his safety when the tornado hit Huntsville, **Doug Pamplin** writes that he and **Lelita** had moved to FL. **Lelita** suffered a stroke in Sep 88 and they are now living near their only child, a daughter. **Doug** is keeping house and doing a little gardening. Their address: 539 Evergreen Rd, No Ft Myers, FL 33903.

Paul Lanning (ex '23) writes that he & **Claire** are reasonably active and well. They have moved to a rest home close to their daughter & son-in-law in Sandusky, OH. **Paul** inhabited the 14th Div Plebe Heaven. Most of the H Co upperclassmen sought him out prior to Christmas leave and graduation to obtain a railroad schedule. He was amazing with his knowledge of railroad time tables. Another occupant of Plebe Heaven, **Jim Hart** (ex '23) resigned prior to Christmas to enter Columbia Law School. He ret from general practice a

few yrs ago, but keeps posted on USMA and attends most A-N games.

The **Wendell Johnsons** have comfortably settled in their new Fairfax Army Ret Ctr apartment with considerable help from the Wendell Jrs and son Jerry and Millie. Since his injured knee has forced him to use a wheelchair, he takes advantage of the center's many conveniences. Incidentally, **Sarita Edwards** and **Karla Harrison** are listed for future members. **Wendell & Ruth** telephoned **Dottie Torrence, Dottie Kehm, Virginia Post, Carmen Guevara,** and the **Joe Smiths.** All were cheerful and welcomed the Johnsons to the area. Virginia is able to visit her family. **Dottie Torrence** failed to get to Erie last summer, but she sees her son Ronnie often. **Dottie Kehm** is in a wheelchair and has her meals sent to her apartment. She sees her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren often, who are living nearby.

A letter received after the last deadline from **Bill Lucas Jr '55** related the ordeal suffered by **Bill Lucas** during **Hugo**: "The day before the hurricane hit, we all tried to get Bill to evacuate; my daughter in Greenville offered to pick him up, but he would have none of it; he had survived 7 amphibious landings in the Pacific, and at 88 he was not going to move. I talked to him at 2100 Thurs night and he had his pajamas on and was in bed. Soon after, we lost phone contact. At about 2300, he was awakened by the rain coming in around the sliding glass doors leading out to the balcony, got dressed and went into the living room to join **Mary Alice**, the maid, and her daughter who had evacuated from **Sullivans Isl.** Within a few minutes, the living room glass doors blew in and **Mary Alice** grabbed him and said, 'COL, we have to get out of here!' It is lucky they left then, for soon thereafter, the end wall of the living room blew out and the wind swept half the living room furniture out into the storm, and we never saw it again. They stayed in the hall for a while with some others in the same boat, then walked down the stairs to the lobby from the 15th floor, since the main power was out and the elevators weren't working.

"Fortunately, the water level from the storm surge had not entered the lobby, so **Mary Alice** borrowed a small mattress and made him a pallet on the floor between the elevator banks. Fri morning, when the storm subsided, **Mary Alice** waded up the st to a parking garage where they had put the car on the 4th floor to protect it, and drove back and took **Bill** to temporary shelter with a cousin whose home had suffered relatively minor damage. I found this out about noon Fri via a phone call from a woman in the condo whose telephone was still working, so **Pat** and I loaded up the car with relief supplies and headed

for Charleston. We all refueled to Greenville, 220 miles away, since that was the closest place with vacant motel rooms! After much long distance commuting and calling, we were able to get Bill situated at Cooper Hall in Mt Pleasant, but that's another story. Through it all, Bill was in good spirits and held up well, but I do believe it hastened his passing on 14 Nov when he slipped away during his sleep to join **Martine**."

Word from **Ed Howard** is that only the edge of Hugo touched their home in FL. **Abner McGehee** writes that **Alice** had a good recovery from cancer surgery and radiation. They have acquired a summer place in the high country at Salida, CO, where they plan to spend Jun thru Sep in the future. He has been the OLG at Founders Day for 5 yrs and has asked to be the OLG emeritus in 90. He has asked BG Jack Pollin ret to be his successor. Son Bill & wife left San Jose, CA and are building in Rio Rico, a suburb of Nogales. The site is at 4000 ft with a 360 degree view. Abner says it is an excellent FA OP. Son Judson is an English prof at NAU in Flagstaff, so they see the grandchildren frequently. In all, the McGehees have 17 grandchildren, including 6 of the Madison Schepps '55 and Winston Schepps '59 whom they raised, and two great-grandchildren.

Several Class juniors live in the San Jose area. Sally Harmony is married to Tom Sullivan, a CPA. They live in Menlo Pk and have two children, Carol a junior at Santa Clara Univ, and Steve in high school. Majorie Fitzmaurice Bunn teaches in the San Jose School system. Mary Garrecht Ludwig & her husband live in Sunnyvale. Mary has ret from bus except at this time of the yr. She is busy compiling IRS returns. Mary's sister Ellen Garrecht, MD ret from her practice and lives in Flagstaff, AZ.

I was happily surprised Christmas, to receive telephone greetings from **Kenner Hertford**. Although legally blind, he was in excellent spirits, and in reasonably good health due, he says, to the excellent care from **Betty** his wife. Also enjoyed a card from **Dave & Kay Dunne** who apparently are fine. Over the holidays **Eleanor** & I had visits from 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren, plus assorted spouses. We had a great time and Eleanor celebrated her big 90 with a party for 50 family members.

News from the Christmas card to the **Johnsons** from the **Guevaras** noted that Santiago had two sessions in the hosp, two wks in Jan for pneumonia and 3 days following Thanksgiving due to a fall. Carmen survived two cancer operations. However, the news of the grandchildren is all good. Among them Marie graduated from Cal Poly and is now pursuing a master's math course at UCLA. James will obtain his MD from Northwestern

in Jun. Mark is a CE LT. Mary Jo, in May, received a master's degree in journalism from Columbia. Cindy, a CE, received an MBA from Harvard. Robert is an Army LT, stationed in GA.

Doris Heany writes that she added two great-grandchildren this yr to her family. **Ada Brown** has curtailed her traveling this yr to visit her sons. She still drives with one usable eye and plays duplicate bridge.

The **Craigie** Christmas greetings were delayed this yr due to Victoria's ailments. With help from Gale, plus an exercise prog and therapy prescribed by her dr, she is well on the road to recovery. Bill ended his 25 yrs, 31 Dec with Lockheed, 7 full-time and 18 as a consultant. It was a meaningful period in his life.

Bob & Mary Smith live in a ret home at Grass Mount Gardens. As of 9 Jan, he writes that they are slowly recovering from a viral infection contracted a mo earlier and hoping soon to resume active membership in the many activities provided by the home. They are fortunate to have two sons in the area which are of great help. Bob is shook up over reaching the big 9-0 in Feb.

In his Christmas greeting **Ken Sweany** mentioned that during Dec, **Laura** spent a wk in the hosp. To assist now in her care, a woman 6 days a wk has been hired. Ken writes, "Our son and his family have been with us since right after Christmas. He, his wife and older son came from Rochester, NY, his daughter from Phoenix, AZ and his other son from San Diego. We enjoyed having them with us. Their daughter, Jean Carol, attended the wedding of her younger son, a geologist, in Burlington, VT during the holidays. Jean reported the wedding was beautiful and all were happy.

Moe Cavender has moved into the Cherry Hill Club, a ret home at 28333 Valley Blvd, Sun City, CA 92381. Moe states it is a delightful place, excellent food with someone to check on him. He plans to attend a reunion of former members of the 106th Div.

Louise Rosenberg this past yr has had two back operations and while now somewhat recovered, she must use a walker. The Rosenbergs moved to AF Village, 31 Jan because **Lyle** wrote that it provides life care, is new and attractive. Address: 17050 Arnold Dr G 108, Riverside, CA 92508.

From **Joe Smith** and **Marge Rich** comes the sad news of the passing of **Emily Timberlake**. She died from a heart condition in San Ant, 15 Jan. Marge and **Punkey Jamison** attended the funeral in Christ Episcopal Church. Joe was an honorary pallbearer. She was buried next to **Pat**, who died in 83, in Sunset Memorial Pk. "She had no children, but she had more surrogate children than anyone you ever knew. She loved young

people and was a young 86," her brother Rufus S Bynum of Midland, TX noted in her obituary. Our condolences are extended to her survivors, her brother and her sister, LaVera Henley of San Ant.



1923: Herb Enderton, with 2 sons and 2 daughters, celebrating his 91st birthday.

Joe Smith wrote me that **Forstall Adams** had died. To obtain more info, I wrote to his niece Mrs Charlotte Adams Harrell. Her reply reproduced in part tells it best: "Uncle Forstall died on 19 Jan. He had been sick for over two months. We had a birthday party for him in the hosp with balloons, ice cream cake, and taped music of two WP songs and 'Happy Birthday.' Even though he was way down the hill, he was in good humor—as he always was! This was 16 Jan.

"Aunt **Elsie** (they were married 50 yrs) passed away about two yrs ago. He is survived by his brother, my father, Walter Paul Adams, Jr, as well as myself, 6 great-nieces and nephews.

"**Forstall** had requested that his body be donated to a medical school, so there will be no burial until his ashes are returned in two yrs. I have a nice letter from the Eastern VA Med School noting his contribution to the service of medicine and the advancement of knowledge of the human body.

"Thirty yrs ago **Forstall** wrote an obituary of a classmate to send to the **ASSEMBLY** magazine. At that time he decided to write his own obituary and send it to **ASSEMBLY**. They promised to file it until needed. I sent them a copy the other day, just in case it had been misplaced.

"It was written in his own style of humor, and so typical of him that I used it as part of a toast at a wake that we held in his honor. I had all of his photo albums and scrapbooks spread on tables in the living room and everyone enjoyed looking and reading. I believe he would have enjoyed it, too!

"His 'auto-obituary' was rather short, but full of humor. The only real facts contained were relating to his birth and education. So if you would like to add to it, that would be great. I just hope **ASSEMBLY** sends that issue to his same address (mine)."

Ken has made a donation to the WP Fund, and Bill has written to express condolences from the Class.

Some 70 yrs ago, as this issue is being published, the Class departed for summer training at Ft Dix, NJ. It was to the unknown with no precedent for guide. Another '23 first. The parting advice from the COM was, "Have a good time and take lots of pictures." **John H. Stodter** died 15 Jan in Richmond, VA. Burial was at Arlington Natl Cemetery. Condolences to his survivors. **Ken Sweeney** made a donation to the WP Foundation in his memory. **Bill Craigie** has written condolences of the Class to his survivors.

'24

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On a stone monument near the Chateau of Sainte Rosaline in Southern France, there is a plaque, inscribed in gold letters, the English translation of which reads as follows:

The 15 August 1944

Sainte Rosaline

and its region were liberated at four o'clock in the morning by the 517th Regiment of American Airborne Troops

under the command of Colonel

RUPERT D. GRAVES

The Baron's reason for installing the plaque was to show the youth of France how much it is indebted to the US for its freedom.

That liberation was part of the operation "Dragoon," conducted by the 1st Airborne Task Force which had taken off

from several airfields in Italy. After consolidating their positions at the various drop zones, **Rupert's** battalions advanced eastward across the Maritime Alps to the Italian border. They were later relieved by an armored unit and returned to the Nice area from where they were sent to Northern France in time to take part in the Battle of the Bulge.

Since the war, **Rupert's** Regimental Combat Team has had several reunions. They now manage to get together every two yrs. On a few occasions some of the members have held mini-reunions in France. All of the airborne troops now expect to hold a big reunion next Jul in Wash, DC.

The WP Soc of DC had Dr Wesley W Posvar '46 as principal speaker at its winter meeting on 18 Jan. The Secy of the Army had recently appointed Dr Posvar to head a special commission to study and report on the Honor Code of USMA. The commission strongly endorsed the Honor Code as presently established. It recommended only a few changes, mostly in emphasis. Minor offenses of a technical nature should be handled by counseling. It should be understood that the Code is a manifestation of the Academy's purpose: "to provide the Nation with leaders of character who serve in the common defense." Its standards of ethical conduct are meant to apply not only to the undergraduate cadets but also to all commissioned officers throughout their active service. Indoctrination of that concept should be an important part of the Academy's tng. Dr Posvar's remarks were well received.

In addition to the trip to England in

Aug, reported in the Jan *ASSEMBLY*, **Milrae Nelson** made an auto trip to the FL Keys in Apr. She visited Key Largo, largest of the Keys and linked to the mainland by the 113-mi highway over 42 bridges. Key West sightseeing included the Ernest Hemingway home and museum and gardens. In May, **Milrae** visited Palm Beach, FL, the Space Center at Cape Kennedy, the Magic Kingdom at Disney World, and the Sea World near Orlando. On the final day she relaxed at Bath Tub Beach on the Atlantic, just a few mi from her home.

Charlie & Jean Palmer state that the past yr has proven that they made the right move into their ret home in Falls Church, VA, while they still had the time. They can battle the encroachments of the aging process without worrying about too many household chores, but **Charlie** admits that nothing beats owning your own place. **Jean** exercises her talent with clay figurines.

We have been informed that **Margaret Tasker** enjoys receiving cards and notes from everyone, but is not able to write or dictate effectively. She appreciates hearing from all her friends, and her general health is good.

We have received word that **Pat Passolli** has not been well for the past yr, and in Jan 89 moved into a nursing home in Ft Worth, TX, not far from the home of his daughter Cora & her husband, ret LTC Daniel W Tierney, who live at 3737 Willow Circle, Weatherford, TX 76087. Correspondence to Pat should be addressed to him in care of the Tierneys.

In previous Class publications, we stated that **Bill Triplet** reached the age of 90 on 21 Sep 89, and we assumed that he was the oldest living member of the Class. **Walter Gillespie** has now notified us that our assumption was wrong, and that he, **Walter**, reached age 90 on 5 Oct 88. We offer our humble apologies to **Walter** for the mistake, and also our hearty congratulations to both **Walter** and **Bill** for reaching that venerable age.

Talley Hill says she made it to High Hampton, NC just before Hurricane Hugo hit Charleston. She also did the Galapagos Isls on the cruise ship *Isabella II* which was her first cruise in the Caribbean. It was a busy yr, but **Talley** says, "No more travel for a while."

We regret to announce the death of **Walter Armin Linn** who died on 18 Dec. He was buried with full mil honors in the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, PA.

'25

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Received greetings from a number of classmates, widows and family members over the holidays. **Bill Gilmore** reports



1924: Southern France, Chateau St Roseline, 1944-89

that he is enjoying life in the Carmel, CA area. He has 4 grandsons, one granddaughter and 6 great-grandchildren. One of his grandsons is a CPT in the Army. One, a LT, is a Navy flier and the other two are civilians. The granddaughter recently returned from a tour in So Africa as a member of the Peace Corps.

Ruth Walsh, daughter of **Bee Holland Helmick**, reports that Bee is doing very well physically. She had pneumonia last summer, but bounced back beautifully. Since the bout with pneumonia, however, she is increasingly forgetful. She attends an adult day care center twice each wk where she does handicraft, as well as varied activities designed to offer visual and auditory stimulation.

Red Long reports that he and Cathy are in good health considering their age and are still able to do some traveling. Unfortunately, they do not expect to attend the reunion.

Janet Renfro writes that 89 was a better yr for CD. He is in a rest home in HI and in a wheelchair. He dresses himself and sleeps a lot, but when awake is alert and interested. He has recovered from his back injury, so his back and feet are no longer painful. Janet lives in the Santa Cruz, CA area and was jolted by the 17 Oct earthquake. Structural damage to her home was minimal, but many treasures were lost. The many aftershocks ranging from 3.9 to 5.0 developed the sensation of being on a roller coaster. Her vision is poor, but she manages on her own.

Marcia Horner says 89 had its ups and downs for her and Jack with fortunately more ups than downs. Jack is in the Four Seasons Nursing Center in Austin, TX. He is doing very well considering all the complications one develops while becoming 87 yrs young. His appetite is voracious and he is still "commanding the troops." They continue to have a picnic lunch each Sat and go out to dinner on Sun. Marcia is still employed at Bank One, TX. She plans to try to take Jack to the reunion.

Agnes Toms, widow of our deceased classmate **Ray Toms**, wrote from England that the members of the WP Society of UK were invited to the Navy Hqs in London to watch the A-N game on TV. Sounds like a plot to me. Agnes expects to attend the reunion and remain in the area for several days. She had heard from a number of class widows, but the only one who expected to attend the reunion was **Liz Wood**, widow of **Bill Wood**. Liz had fallen and broken her wrist, but hoped Bill Jr would transport her to and from WP.

Received some very sad letters also. **Carl Meyer** wrote that **Louise** died in San Ant, TX on 13 Dec 89. She had had a heart problem for yrs and died after an overnight stay in the local hosp. She was buried in the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery,

San Ant, TX. His daughter, Mrs Nick Robinson, lives in Austin, TX. We hope to see Carl at the reunion.

A letter from **Henrietta Liwski**, wife of **Pete Liwski**, stated that Pete died in Walter Reed Hosp of kidney failure on 2 Dec 89. His body was cremated and buried in Arlington Natl Cemetery. Pete leaves 5 children, 17 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. Henrietta suffered a broken hip in early Nov 89, but has recovered to the point where she hopes to make the reunion in May. Her address: Rt 1, Box 2420, Reedsville, VA 22530.

A letter from Daniel H Robertson III stated that his father, our classmate **Daniel H Robertson, Jr**, died on 7 Oct 87 at Christian Health Care Ctr in Wyckoff, NJ, where he had been a resident for several yrs. He was buried at Fairmount Cemetery in South Orange, NJ. His wife, **Gladys**, died several yrs ago. Robbie is survived by his son Daniel H Robertson III and two grandchildren.

Received a belated report that **Jim Deary** died on 2 May 87 in Covington, LA. He was buried in the military cemetery at Ft Sam Houston, San Ant, TX. His daughter, Anne D Foret, is his next of kin. Address: 29 Cypress Rd, Covington, LA 70433.

A short note to **Haydon Grubbs** from **Mrs Sol Senior** stated that Sol had passed away, but gave no further details. More on this in the next issue of *ASSEMBLY*.

Because of the 65th class reunion scheduled for May, an intensive effort was made to contact all classmates. As a result, it was found that some of those who had not been heard from for a yr or more were not living anymore. It is requested that any classmate or family member learning of the incapacitation of another classmate, drop me a note. It would help me, other Class members and the AOG. However, I am not anxious to turn our notes into an obituary column and therefore other news of classmates or families would be appreciated also.

Haydon Grubbs has asked me to remind classmates that Class dues for 90 are due and payable as of 12 Jun, our graduation day anniversary. Please send your \$10.00 to him at PO Box 615, Shalimar, FL 32579.

Hope to see all of you at the reunion.

'26
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By the time you read this "report," **Marjorie Conzelman Davis**, Clair C's widow, and Deane Davis, her husband, will be well into their annual stay in FL. Their FL address: 1624 Treehouse Circle, #T121, Sarasota, FL 34231. An elaborate, profusely illustrated letter gave us readers a detailed picture of Marjorie's

yr and contains a host of interesting and amusing facts such as the birth of a granddaughter probably named after a great¹⁰-grandmother, famed in NH history for scalping Indians (who had captured her and a newborn baby) as they slept on an isl in the Merrimack River; the fact that husband Deane, a former NH governor, still prominent and respected, was recently the object of a TV interview on NH history of the past few yrs.



1926: Dick Mayo as Grand Marshal of 89 Vet Day Parade in Ft Lauderdale, FL

The photo you see here is the Grand Marshal of the 89 Ft Lauderdale Vet Day Parade aka **Dick Mayo** who was asked to show up in uniform. He's proud and pleased that the rig he wore for ret more than 30 yrs ago fits him perfectly.

The long, cold winter in San Ant has set **Kathleen Osborne** to yearning for spring. She reports that there is not much change in **Ralph's** condition.

Liz & Ellie Plummer will spend 3 mos in FL this season with a longer stay planned for next yr. The constant 0 to -15F temps in Nov and Dec were hard to endure, though two fireplaces plus snow on the roof of their 200-yr-old house made life bearable. Liz reports that he was active outdoors during the warm mos but can't take his usual daily 3-4 mi walks in the cold owing to asthma. He gets his exercise, he claims, walking up and down the aisles of grocery stores. Meanwhile, "The days pass all too fast and I don't accomplish much, but keep out of trouble."

Effie Doyle has just returned from a two-wk Caribbean cruise. She intends to visit WP this spring when the weather improves. The recent CA Bay area earthquake was the worst that **Marje Brady** remembers in CA. "I was very lucky, not hurt, no serious damage. And why not? The house went through the 06 quake. But it really moved about." Now, after some searching about, she has found an experienced repairman who patched up the damaged brickwork and mortared up the cracks and the like. So she claims she is glad to be home and able to rest after extensive traveling. "Nevertheless, I hope to go to Mexico in the spring and France in the summer."

In addition to tripping about, Marje brought up the name of a '26 widow who wants to join the clan: **Mrs Walter Young** of 1890 E 107th St, Cleveland, OH 44106. So have a wonderful set of trips, Marje.

Spud Murphy writes that he & **Gen** are as well as can be expected. She has considerable trouble with arthritis, "but between us, we get along pretty well—I help her to walk and we make it to the dining room pretty well."

According to a note from her daughter **Jennie Bridge**, **Cecie Elliott** has been in a nursing home during upwards of a yr and would gratefully appreciate hearing from friends. Don't have her address now but it will be in the next issue of **ASSEMBLY**. Meanwhile, a letter addressed to **Cecie** at 57 Lawrence Rd, Boxford, MA 01921 will reach her.

It is the sad task of this issue of **ASSEMBLY** to announce the death of **Tep Barbour**. He had been ailing for several yrs and at last moved into a nursing home in Frederick, MD, where he died from pneumonia. No particulars are available on the interment which reportedly will take place at WP. They should be available for the Jul issue of **ASSEMBLY**. So the Class sends condolences to the family of this fine and respected off.

Beth McNaughton continues happily to lead a double life. "I paint in my studio (located in her old home) almost everyday . . ." and then returns to her new apt, happy and contented. How blessed she is to be able to continue her outstanding painting and how fortunate we are to have her as a member of our gp.

Freddie Munson plans to move into the now co-educational Army Distaff Hall in Washington, DC, where he knows a goodly number of widows, having grown up with them in Ft Leavenworth. A cataract was removed successfully from **Hal Doud's** right eye; some time ago he had the same operation on his left eye; so he doesn't do much daytime driving and no driving at night. That still puts him far ahead of many in our age gp who can't drive at all and are accordingly chained down to the spot where they live. Nevertheless, Hal claims he's happy where he lives.

The widow of **Charley Martin**, **Evelyn Smith**, displays a marvelous jubilation, a sparkling animation. She notes her extended family is quite large with 7 children and spouses and 10 grands, the juniors ranging from 2-22 so that her holidays " . . . become increasingly hectic. . . . I keep busy as chairperson of Art Dept, painting and exhibiting. My travel schedule looks like a timetable. . . . I thank God daily for my good health and joy for living." So we rejoice with you, Evelyn, that you are so blessed and can enjoy your yrs and pass on to others that enjoyment.

In the resume of his 89 jaunts, **Hal**

Forde includes two trips to Kenya, a visit to **Betsy's** family in WY where he made like a cowhand, and a cruise up the coasts of Chile and Peru. Though he has been opportuned to give with photos and acct's of his trips, Hal hasn't put out much. A teasing acct in his Christmas letter about observing a pride of lions kill a wart hog, and then being chased by annoyed elephants shows what might be available. But Hal ends that letter by remarking that he'll admit his age and infirmity in 90 with a trip to Oaxaca (suggested by **Marje Brady**). Otherwise, no plans. Here an observation appears fitting: much the same spirit which animates the Greek hero Ulysses, who is reported by an eminent sherry-swigging English poet as saying,

"I cannot rest from travel . . .
Though much is taken . . . though
Made weak by time . . . but strong
. . . To strive to seek, to find . . ."

must enliven Hal who is about the same age as the soliloquizing great U. Keep striving, Hal, and a great trip to you.

Most of the sadness and sorrow **Mimi Broadhurst** has suffered owing to **Bob's** death have faded through the joy brought by the birth of a great-granddaughter and by the marriage of **Bob's** daughter in a lovely ceremony at dusk in a romantic ante-bellum estate. For long, Mimi has been trying to discover the cause of shattering spells of dizziness. Now after many trying examinations and tests, her MDs have come up with a satisfactory system of medication. "I can say I feel really good for the first time in yrs." May continued good health as well as joy be your Christmas gifts, Mimi.

LOST: Is anyone in touch with **Rosy Van Meter**? The brave laddies in blue claim they can't deliver to her; she has disappeared.

FOUND: The widow of **Walt Young**, **Mrs Walter Young**, 1890 E 107 St, Cleveland, OH 44106.

With deep regret, the scribe closes this report with the announcement of **Edwina White's** death 20 Feb. Burial to be at WP. No further details at hand, but should appear in next issue of **ASSEMBLY**. Her joyful spirit, like that of a child, amazed and charmed by the beauty of the world, endeared Edwina to all who knew her. Her going diminishes our Class woefully. Our condolences and love to Edwina's remaining family.

'27
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Ethel Kuter and **Betty Lovell** turned in the most news. They attended a WP-Navy party at the AF Village. **Jean Burgess** attended in her wheelchair. The sad part was: "Just learned that Navy won."

Betty is going on a cruise in Feb and hopes to see some of the places where she lived, like Bucharest, from 46-49.



1927: AFV II hosted a WP soiree (Army-Navy game) 9 Dec 89. Among those attending were Betty Lovell and Ethel Kuter from AFVI

'27 was featured in an *Amicus* letter: " 'Giving half my house to WP may have been the smartest thing I ever did,' are the recently received words of **COL Woodson Hocker**. . . . Last yr before moving into a ret community, he & his wife **Betty** deeded 50% of their house to us to establish a unitrust. He now gets a significant income from the unitrust, had a large charitable deduction last yr, avoided most of his capital gains on a 10 yr old house and ultimately will be responsible for a large sum of money coming to WP. It truly was a 'win-win' situation for COL & Mrs Hocker. It might be for you, too."

Mac Miller reports that he has taken the usual steps to see that an appropriate page for **Barney Daughtry** is made and placed in the Memory Book.

His figures for '27 are now as follows: Living—54—26.6% (incl **Hackman** and **Minter**—no record). Dead—149—73.4%.

Several requests have been received about the "earthquake." Our damage consisted of one broken soup dish. It was the kind that have two "ears" and do not stack well. Our house is on rock. Houses on soft ground suffered the worst damage.

A very nice letter from **Tom Watlington** recalling the happy days of long ago. **Trappnell** reports that he & **Betty** enjoy visits from **Joe Ganahl's** son, a ret col.

'27 has more members percentage wise of the "Friends of the WP Library." The "Friends" reported a fine gift from **George Derby**. It consisted of the papers of his grandfather **George Horatio Derby USMA 1846**. These papers are a very valuable addition to the Special Collections.

'28
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Some sad news. **John Farra** died 27 Jan and services of burial were held in Ar-

lington Natl Cemetery on 1 Feb. Your scribe and others of the Class were present. The condolences of the Class go to the members of John's family.

Had a note from **Virginia Anderson** about a family reunion in New Orleans at the home of daughter Carolyn (wife of COL Robert B Hughes, Ret '50), enclosing a picture which I hope can be included in this report.



1928: Virginia & Web Anderson and their 4 great-grandchildren

From the Army Residence, San Ant, TX where **Russ Blair**, **Ralph & Ruth Butchers**, **Bese Browning**, **George Mundy**, **Ned & Kitty Sirmyer**, **Josephine Warren** and **Bob Tate** (now in the Health Care Ctr) reside. **Sunny Blair** had a setback from her hip replacement earlier this yr and has just returned from 2 wks in the hosp and finds more surgery will be necessary. **Josephine Warren** had a happy Christmas with her son and 3 grandsons from Mexico City. **Harry Kirby** is a patient in the Health Care Ctr and keeps wife **Estelle** busy coming and going. **Mary Ann Willette**, widow of **George**, is in a nursing home in San Ant. **Howard Hastings** still goes to the off everyday and **Margaret** is recovering from surgery. **George Mundy** still golfing regularly and shooting in the 70's. **Howard Bunker** has slowed down but hanging in there. **Sally Anderson** active in bridge in Village I. **Bess Browning** expecting a visit by two daughters, **Jackie** and **Pat**. **Francis Cole** reports a quiet yr. **Garrut Ivy** received a report that her affliction is not cancer. **Wilda Landon** has some eye problems, but they have not interfered with planned travels. **Ned & Kitty Sirmyer** have been involved in an auto accident which required some hospitalization. **Francis Myers** reported that the TX freeze did not interfere with Christmas visit to families resident in Mexico.

Have just received news that **Jack Hinrichs** died out in CA on 13 Feb. His son **Jack Jr** reports that he will be cremated and his ashes interred at WP sometime in spring. I express here the sympathies of the Class to Jack's family.

'29

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The past Holiday Season has been a record cold one in many areas. We dodged the pre-Christmas cold wave that hit the Tampa Bay area and put such a heating load on the electric companies that they cut off power 20 mins of each hr, but we caught a record cold wave and snow in the Wash area which was the worst **K D Nichols** remembers, and the weatherman says in this century. Fortunately, we didn't have to get out so we made out quite well. It did interfere with getting together, except by phone, with many '29ers.

Dot & I had a pleasant lunch with **Fenn Sykes & Ginger**, but didn't garner much news except that the Distaff Hall is now co-ed, renamed, and has a couple of couples. Forgot to ask **Emma Rasmussen** when I talked to her. She's doing well and may make a trip to FL before long. **Della Caraway** has had a difficult time since her fall in her apartment in the fall. She spent a few days in Walter Reed because of a broken pelvis and then moved into the nursing center at the Distaff Hall for 6 wks of uncomfortable bed rest waiting for old bones to knit. She graduated from crutches and a wheelchair to a walker and is back in her own apartment. She says she's griping a lot, but she has just cause.

Slim Vittrup had us out to see his set-up in a fine 2 Br 2 Bt unit in the Jefferson at the Fairfax—the Marriott built and operated —Army Ret Center near Ft Belvoir. That gave us a chance to compare notes with Pinecrest Pl as each of them have about the same number of units—just under 400—but Fairfax has much larger grounds, more parking and several choices of floor plans. Pinecrest is high rise (9 floors) while Fairfax units are 4-high or semi-detached cottages. Basic difference is that the Fairfax offers "Life Time Care" and requires a substantial endowment and monthly maintenance fee. At Pinecrest, there is a small security deposit and a monthly maintenance fee. The Marriott provides a larger, more spacious formal dining room in their central community area which has no living quarters, but a fine pool, library, meeting rooms, etc on two floors. Based on one lunch, the food is excellent and the service is by older, more experienced, formally dressed servers. Both serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner with the main meal included in the maintenance fee. At Pinecrest, the DR is closer to living areas, less formal with fewer well-trained servers. Food is good and improving, but not yet as good as Marriott's. Both have capable, pleasant staffs. Best part of it is that **Slim** is well

pleased at Fairfax as are many others, and we prefer where we are.

Couldn't get a 1st hand report from **C G Calloway**, but **Red & Dort Reeder '26** and **Bill & Fran Dick '31** like it. **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss** understandably didn't and have moved to a condo in Falls Church. Can't say how they compare to Army Ret Center, USSA Towers and AF Village II in San Ant. **Bob & Mary Cook** and **Marion & Harvey Sheppard** have moved into Mayflower Ct, a new ret center in Winter Pk. They too have encountered many of the same problems like the ones at Fairfax of units not really ready when they moved in but, despite them, they seem to like the more formal dining rm, maitre d', attractively dressed servers, crystal goblets, etc. They have the choice of luncheon or dinner on their maintenance fee.

George & Helen Bush have decided their house is too big for them and have been getting it ready to show so they can move to an apartment. **KD & Jackie Nichols** feel the same way about the farm and hope the sale goes through soon so they can move into their condo in Chevy Chase, MD.

Mary Jo Conner is doing well, but misses the luncheons the DC gp used to have. **Roy Vincent** from Pgh does too.

As I continue these notes, the rain has changed to snow and the ground is white. As yet, the Chief of Engrs has not decided when to dedicate "Lincoln Hall" at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. Both **Freddie** and "Little Abe" plan to be there. During the summer **Freddie** and her two nearby daughters are hosting a "Lincoln family reunion." "**Dee Dee**" **Armstrong** went to CA for a family get-together with her sons—"the banker and the Dean." **Connie Booth '31** has been appreciative of help in locating some of **Fred & Marge Sladen's** relatives re the 1980 100th yr reunion of our 1st Supe's class. Picture of **Jim & Lois Stephenson** (clockwise) at Thanksgiving dinner with daughter **Dianne** and grandson **Evan**.



1929: Thanksgiving dinner in USSA Towers Dining Room: **Jim & Lois Stephenson** with daughter **Dianne** and grandson **Evan**.

This should be reaching you at a good time to think about "Memorial Day," why it was established and should be

continued. Our Class can be proud of what our "**Danny Sundt**" has done and the recognition he has received for his assoc with the Newark, DE Memorial Day Comm for the past 33 yrs, including being chm of the comm and parade marshal. In 89, they had 84 separate elements in the parade with ADM Reider of the Phila Naval Base as receiving off. Among the 84 were the drum and bugle corps from Albany, GA, and helicopter flyover from DENG; color guards from Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; USATC at Ft Dix, NJ; 1st DE Regt (American Rifles); historical units of the DE Natl Guard; USAF Base, DE; Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, NJ; USMC & USN Reserve, and Sea Cadets, Wilmington, DE; Univ of DE Army ROTC. Army & AF ROTC with bands from 5 high schools; drill team from USCG Training Center, NJ, Marching Unit, COA, 4th Bn 26th Inf, Ft Dix and delegations from WWI Vets; DAV; Vietnam Vets; Am Legion and VFW Vets. Also an interesting contingent from NUR Temple with color guards.

They had a ceremony on the campus of the univ at which Gov Castle of DE was given the mil honors. A presentation by the master of ceremonies told why they were having a memorial service. They had a massing of color guards after the ceremony for the gov, and then they had wreaths presented to the Memorial Library by the gov for the State of DE, and one by the Gold Star American Mothers for those who gave their lives for the Country. Taps were played and then the troops were assembled for the start of the parade. The parade moved about a half mi up Main St and back on DE Ave to the univ campus. It passed the reviewing stands on Main St and the Admiral received the salutes for the various units. They had presentation of wreaths in rear of reviewing stand by City of Newark, WWI American Legion, VFW and others followed by Taps. The Bolling AF team did a precision drill after all was over with the parade. You can see why Danny said, "*I have felt a thrill each yr leading the parade and it is always very well done and well appreciated by the residents of Newark and many from elsewhere in the state.*" I get a thrill writing about it and I hope you get one reading about it. It is the biggest and best memorial parade in the state of DE, and is on the schedule for the various military stations in DE, NJ, PA, DC, Bolling AFB in VA, and Marine Unit in Albany, GA.

Another '29er to be proud of—better I should say contingent of 3 generations of **Keelers** who are all achievers par excellence. The 4th is started with a handsome grandson. After ret and getting more degrees, **George** taught at Duke and then he & **Marion** joined the faculty of Charleston College in 60 (when it was about the same size as WP when we

graduated). They captured the spirit of that venerable institution, as well as of WP. Their students learned far more than math or English, and their teachers found time to engage in college and comm volunteer activities such as coaching the golf team and being chm of the Faculty Comm on athletics when the phrase "intercollegiate athletics" was far from popular there. They ret from college in 70 at a marvelous party and then in 87 George was awarded "The Founder's Medal" established just 3 yrs prior. He was also elected to their "Athletic Hall of Fame." The Keelers established at Charleston College a permanent award in the Political Science Dept in memory of their son "Hop" who was killed in Vietnam while on a "combat sabbatical" from AF Academy.

The other second generation members have emulated "Hop;" Emmett collecting award for best "Paper of the Yr" in the health field; Shan active in China; George is medical consultant to USA Today; Kay is on the board and Ginny treasurer of US Rowing Assoc, etc. Won't try to list all the 3rd's achievements but they are many—presidential nominee, world-class rowing, soccer, orchestra, student advisors, etc.

A few last-minute items: Second hand report that **Doris Hanegan** is going strong in Bryan, TX. **Roy Vincent** is going to be near Sarasota in Feb, and we hope to make connections this time. **Paul & Josette Thompson** are back from their trip to France and hope to visit Orlando soon to see their new granddaughter.

Kirk Kirkpatrick has returned to the Wesley Nursing home. **Ginny** reports that even though he is quite weak he's "hanging in there." **Jim Gavin** died in Baltimore 23 Feb from complications of Parkinson's. He had a distinguished career as a paratrooper, R & D chief, both in the Army and in civil life with Arthur D. Little and was ambassador to France. He ret from the Army in 1958 as the youngest 3-star and in 1977 from AD Little. **Mary Cook** has returned to her new home in Mayflower court after another carotid surgery and doing well. **Marion & Shep** left for Auckland, NZ the end of Jan. **Bill Yost**, whom many met at the 60th reunion, reported that the contract for carpeting the walls of the '29 corridor in Eisenhower Hall has been let and work is to start at the end of the present exhibit which is attracting quite wide attention as it displays artwork produced by many patients in several NY psychiatric hospitals. Carpeting is to be completed before the next exhibit of artwork by cadets is opened. The display case should be available before alumni wk and hopefully the improved lighting before the end of Jun. The Mar appearance of the Smothers Brothers in the Eisenhower Theater which was cancelled may be rescheduled for next fall.

The Bay Area '29ers **Dave & Charmian Anglum**; **Lois Ann Carey Allen** with husband **Bill**; **George Coolidge** and **Betty McGarry**; **Martha Hail** with son-in-law **Peter Forney**; **Mary Lou LaPage Murray**; **Johnny & Gracie Theimer** celebrated the new yr at lunch at the Presidio Officers Club on 25 Jan.

Lois Carey had gone to the hosp a wk before and still in with a heart attack followed by an insulin shock. **Lois Ann & Bill Allen** told us about a cruise they had taken with **Lois** on the Caribbean on a line that had made her a commodore some yrs ago for her friendship with them.

Ducky Hail went to Letterman a few days before with a slight stroke affecting his left side somewhat and his manual dexterity. He speaks ok but was not doing too well with his customary Bic razor so we got him a Remington, a type he had never used but to which he adapted readily and happily. Also managed a weekend pass and has recovered so well he's in Letterman for minor surgery. **Johnny** reported **Ducky** was headed home before Valentine's Day, and then took off for Honolulu with **Grace** for a golfing holiday.

Can anyone help us out with info as to when and where any of the following classmates died and where they were buried? **Coutlee**, **Hayden**, **Joe Lovell**, **Charley Lynch**, **Schorr**, **RVM Smith** and **Trotter**. Neither **Ducky Hail** nor **Johnny Theimer** have had any contact with **Coutlee** for several yrs. The 89 *Register* shows no date of death. We would also appreciate similar info on **Mrs R W Andrews** and **Mrs Phillip W Merrill**, as mail to them has been returned with no definite info.

Also where is '**Marion Lamson Carr**;' she tried to call me at **Bill's** after we left in Jan, but just said she was the widow of a classmate (**Venus**) and **Bill** assumed I had her address, which I don't.

Should any of you have some old class directories previous to 84, I would appreciate it if you would loan them to me so I can make copies of them. Thank you.

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Welcome to SPRING and not a minute too soon! After last winter, we can all use a great spring and summer. Delighted to say we do not have any bad news to report in this issue. Our class is holding at 76 of our original 241 graduates. At least 30 of us plan to attend our 60th Reunion, and we anticipate an even larger number of wives and widows. The Thayer's number is 1-800-247-5047. Please get your reservations in promptly.

In the 60's and 70's we bragged about our grandchildren. This decade we are



1930: Bill Carter at home with three great-grandchildren

bragging about our great-grandchildren. **Bill Carter** sent in a splendid snapshot dated 14 Jan 90, his birthday, taken at home, showing his 3 great-grandchildren: James Bell, Alexa Sweeny, and Rachael Bell. Such lovely children are indeed precious blessings.

On 18 Jan, the WP Soc of DC held its winter luncheon at the Ft Myer OC. The speaker was Dr Wesley Posvar USMA '46, Pres of Pittsburgh Univ for more than 20 yrs. He recently led a comprehensive review of the WP Honor System, and spoke on that subject. Our class was represented by **King, O'Meara, Carter, Mitchell, and Beasley**. We are happy to report that the Honor System was given a resounding endorsement of approval by Dr Posvar's Comm. He challenged us to consider how the standards and ethics of the Honor System could be most effectively carried over from WP to everyday service life. Any suggestions?

From Charlotte, NC, **Jasper Riley** wrote in that he is physically unable to undertake the Reunion trip. He suffered a massive heart attack in May 88, and still suffers from dizziness and weakness. The fact that he is now 85 is no help. We appreciate his best wishes for a happy Reunion, and hope his health improves.

With her Reunion questionnaire and check, "**Libby**" **Curtis** sent in a very warm note recalling happy days with **Jim**. When their granddaughter Cathy was 1 1/2 yrs old, Jim taught her how to climb down stairs. This yr Cathy was pres of her sr class at Westover in Middleburg, CT which was Libby's school. She is very proud of this young lady, as well as she should be. Our thanks to you, Libby.

Another very nice note from **Mary Ann Taylor** in Carmel, CA, arrived just after Christmas. She is not able to attend the Reunion due to a previous commitment to a 46-day freighter trip down the E Coast of S America. She reports that **Bill's** grandson Michael Marcelli was commissioned a 2nd LT in the AF in June, at which ceremony "**Mike**" gave a very touching tribute to our Bill. Our best wishes for happy landings to LT Marcelli, and our thanks to Mary Ann.

Please let us hear from you about your trip.

Jack Dudley wrote in early Nov from Concord, MA, to say he planned to be back in CA after Christmas, and planned to attend the Reunion in May. We are sure he enjoyed the warmth of CA after the deep freeze Christmas in MA. See you at WP, Jack.

We are very sorry to get a note from **Evelyn Mandelbaum** saying she did not feel up to the Reunion trip. In addition, she has had cataract surgery, and does not see too well. We sincerely hope you will enjoy prompt improvement in 90, Evelyn.

We have new addresses for 4 Class widows: Mrs **Percy H. Brown** c/o Sadler, 6121 Occoquan Forest Dr, Manassas, VA 22111; Mrs **John C (Glen) Hayden**, 4031 Moores Field, San Antonio, TX 78217; Mrs **E A (Constance) Kenny**, P O Box 34, Hendersonville, NC 28793; Mrs **Archibald W Stuart**, 1000 Vicars Lndg Way, Pointe Verda Beach, FL 32082.

If any of these ladies did not receive a Reunion questionnaire and would like one, please telephone me at (703) 256-8875 promptly, or call Mrs **Charlotte Brisach** at (703) 281-9400.

Your scribe does not have current addresses for the widows of the following classmates: **Barrow, Eubank, Hamlett, Heath, Hurd, Kelley, Luckett, Packard, Parker, Patrick, Pauley, Perry, Roy, Sutton, Wall, B Walsh, and J Walsh**. We would also like to know the address of Mrs John Milliken, **Freddie Castle's** sister. Any information about these ladies would be deeply appreciated.

Herb & Site Mitchell have moved to the new Army ret home, Potomac, which is nearing completion just south of Ft Belvoir on US Route 1. The new address is BG & Mrs H V Mitchell, USA (Ret), Adams #208, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-2714.

I have no other details, but **Ham Howze** has a new address as follows: GEN Hamilton H Howze, 5416 Regal Dr, Ft Worth, TX 76132.

As previously reported, **Hall & Cece Stokes** are now living in AF Village in San Ant. We show below a recent snapshot of this couple taken on a bright summer day in TX. Address is 4917 Ravenswood Dr #160, San Antonio, TX 78227.

In late Jan, COL Glenn Farris '31 wrote in from Gainesville, FL, about Mrs Buff Kunzig Gordon. Buff is a daughter of **Henry & Betty Kunzig**, both now deceased, according to my records. Buff is now married to Prof Michael Gordon of U FL Law School, in Gainesville, and has become a well-known sculptor and painter in that city. She recently held a showing of 18 of her paintings depicting "campesinos" of Latin and Central America, where she has frequently visited with her husband. The entire col-



1930: Hall and Cece Stokes; AF Village, San Antonio, TX

lection, done in heroic dimensions, now hangs on the walls of the waiting room of the Gainesville Airport. When you have occasion to go there, don't miss this tremendous and colorful work. Our sincere thanks to you Glenn for your very newsworthy ltr, and our congratulations to Mrs Gordon. Her parents would be proud, and so are we.



1930: Buff Kunzig Gordon with Colonel Farris; Gainesville, FL Airport

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In the last issue, I said our reservation of Overbrook and the two adjacent lodges for our 60th reunion was for the alumni segment of 1991's graduation wk, and that I would inform you of the inclusive dates of that segment when known. The inclusive dates are Sun, 26 May through Wed, 29 May 91. Meanwhile, progress is underway with help from **Andy Adams** and his American Battle Monuments Commission looking toward obtaining approval from WP authorities for our proposed bronze plaque honoring classmates who lost their lives in WWII and the Korean War. There are 14 who thus died in these wars in the service of their country (all WWII except **Bill Isbell**, killed in action in Korea): **Blanning, Donaldson, Fleeger, Frederick, Humber, Isbell, Jones SE, Lester, Marshall, Mathews, McClellan, Pahl, Raker, and Saint**.

Gordon & Aina Blake are still busily engaged with their "Homes for the Homeless," a worthy org dedicated to the humane treatment of animals. Fund raisers include cat scratching posts, made from scratch from sound timber by Gordon. Another one consists of collection of aluminum cans for recycling. Keeping up their annual tradition, they gathered in Wrightsville Beach, NC last Jul with lots of family members. At long last they visited Gordon's hometown, Charles City, IA. While up that way they didn't forget Scott AFB with its annual AF gen off conference. Incidentally, Gordon has now had two awards named for him. **Joe & Edie Carroll** kept up their traveling pace by a vacation to most of the Hawaiian gp. This trip though had visions of nostalgia. For it was on Ford Isl, near "battleship row" where they were married. Joe was stationed there and Edie was a school teacher. They visited the R&R camp (could be the Kilauea Camp), where they spent their honeymoon. They had gone over on an inter-isl ship (probably the "Rolling" *T Frank*) and returned on a minesweeper (likely the *USS Oglala*, which was sunk at Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 41). They found, as all of us have, that Oahu is a far different place from the paradise we knew—but some things remain the same. Joe meanwhile took a refresher course in the 90 AARP-Tax-Aide Prog with the purpose of serving as a tax counselor. And not to be forgotten, they have 7 great-grandchildren.



1931: Westpheling, oldest grad, WP Society of N TX, Dallas, 1989

Ted & Nina Parker did a pleasant and educational tour of AK in Jul. En route they spent a wk in the Seattle-Tacoma area visiting Ted's sister Kay and many of her children. They saw **C² & Jeanne Smith, Howze, and Vesta Mansfield**. Last spring, the Parkers attended Alumni Wk at WP and in the fall, Homecoming. A seldom heard of, but tragic circumstance hit the lakeside cabin of their daughter, Kathleen, when lightning destroyed it, killing her beloved dog. Neither she nor others were touched. The ANCC luncheon gp enjoyed a pleasant surprise last Dec when **Bob Lee**, looking his usual hale and hearty self dropped in

to have a bite and join the merriment. At this writing in early Feb, **Moppie Perry** and **Art Hercz** plan to be with us at our session on 6 Apr. Succeeding quarterly dates are 13 Jul, 14 Sep, and 7 Dec. As mentioned before, **Klemm Boyd** honchoes a great springtime Wash area gathering at his house and club on Gibson Is, MD. He invites any visiting classmate and/or wife or widow to join him and the rest of us in the future. The next joyous occasion is at 11 am, Thurs, 26 Apr. Klemm's address is St Giles Rd, Gibson Is, MD 21065, tel (301) 255-4529.



1931: Mary Levenick and her and Lev's 9 grandchildren

Cam McConnell lost a mo of golf last Sep when he had a mild heart problem with 11 days hospitalization culminating in a coronary balloon angioplasty. Happy to say he has returned to his favorite pastime, walking the course without any trouble. **Julie** has been slowed down from a fall last Nov when she injured her back. Your scribe is presently detained at Alexandria Hosp, VA, being treated for sodium deficiency, while his bride **Betty** is recovering in No VA Orthopedic Center from a total right hip replacement.

Address changes: **Don & Virginia Little's** bldg no is 9100; I previously reported it incorrectly. **Bill & Fran Dick** retain their previous tel no—(703) 780-7461. Two further recent arrivals at the Fairfax ret facility on Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060 are **Eleanor Carhart** at 9100, Apt 214, tel (703) 781-0398; and **Grace Moses** at 9120, Apt 105, tel (703) 799-9380.

'32

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EVERYBODY GET A MAN! YOU CAN'T TELL THE PLAYERS WITHOUT A SCORECARD. The editor of this mag made an offer I couldn't refuse. He said that if any scribe wanted to send a ltr to his classmates who do not subscribe to *ASSEMBLY* in order to persuade them to subscribe, he, the editor, would foot the bill for reproduction and postage.

I wrote and he did.

So far the results have been very good. I wrote a uniform but personal ltr to classmates and our widows for reproduction; then before I mailed them, I added a little personal handwritten note to each particular individual.

Several have written me saying they have subscribed again. It's a good idea. *ASSEMBLY* not only keeps you in touch with personal friends in several classes, but informs you of what is going on in the Yousmay itself which by any standard is right up near the top among the best universities in America. Call me a junior boy scout if you will, but the only reason I said it is because it is true.



1932: Pat Zitzman in uniform

ONE-ON-ONE. (Again, everybody get a man, or woman.) **Pat Zitzman** recently decided that she should help the human cause more than she has so far, so she signed up to teach, one-on-one, a less educated resident of San Ant. After several hours of indoctrination, Pat drew as her student, an attractive young mother whose little son is in nursery school. After a scary brief layoff, her husband got a new job and everything is stable.

Pat's student is an intelligent native-born anglo American high school graduate and is really trying hard. Pat spends about 2 hours in preparation for each one hour period and the results are beginning to show. The student is improving and appreciates the help that Pat is giving her. What is the subject? Reading the English language.



1932: Sally & Ernie Powell

FINAL FAREWELLS. A phone call from **Bill Powers** from New Smyrna Beach followed immediately by another from

Archie Lyon from his home in Ft Belvoir on the afternoon of New Year's Eve, told of **Ernie Powell's** sudden passing. Ernie was one of our youngest, superb athlete, and I don't think liquor or tobacco ever touched his lips. As a cadet, he was the regular first baseman in every game of varsity baseball. He would have been an equal stand-out in tennis had not the intercollegiate competitive seasons of the two teams coincided. He showed his ability in tennis during the summer camp tournaments and after grad carried on with it until the day he died.

Ernie served in the South Pacific and the Philippines in WW II during which he received the Bronze Star and the Air Medal. After the war, he served as chief of the Air Mission in Chile, then held the same position in Peru until he retired in 61.

Resuming his tennis, **Ernie** was dir of the Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation and secy of the Mid-Atl Tennis Assoc. For 17 yrs he was head referee of the two area professional tennis tournaments.

As a player, **Ernie** won the Swedish and Canadian natl championships in the over-55 class, was chm of the USTA Tennis Rules Comm and authored *The Code*, which is used in all nationally sanctioned tournaments conducted without officials. *The Code* has been published in various languages around the world.

Ernie was the recipient of 17 natl sr doubles titles and 4 sr singles titles. As **Sally** wrote, he knew he had terminal cancer and went ahead each day doing exactly what he had always done and had a great time doing it. Just before he died so abruptly, **Ernie** was inducted into the Mid-Atl Tennis Hall of Fame.

Ltrs from **Archie Lyon** and **Dick Hunt** said that over 200 were present at the memorial service at Ft Myer after which they all went to a reception at the club to reminisce with **Sally**.

So long, **Ernie**.

Jane Schrader called in to report the death of **Billie Howarth** who was interred with her **Ed** at WP.

Esther Wray phoned me the sad news when **Mary Cain** lost her daughter in a home accident in Jan. I was in **Jim & Mary's** wedding on graduation leave, and when I was scrambling with a new div shortly after Pearl Harbor, got the news of **Jim's** death in an air crash. Over the yrs **Mary** rose through the administrative ranks in the Pentagon through her own efforts and supported herself as well as her son and daughter until each was married.

As a sideline, **Mary** has been the principal asst throughout the yrs to our Class secy, **Archie Lyon**. Along with a bevy of our other girls, **Mary** supplied **Archie** with the lady-hrs of work that are necessary to keep USMA '32 running at full speed.

Our deepest sympathy to you, **Mary**. **THE FAMILY SEQUOIA**. **Libby & DB Johnson** went to Salt Lake City for the wedding of their granddaughter. **DB** said "she is as tall as I and very pretty." Anyone who knew the 6' 1" matching pair of **DB** and his lovely junoesque **Libby** when they were married knows that that young man in Salt Lake is very, very lucky.

Shortly after while they were in a honeymoon swing, **DB & Libby** took a cruise on a clipper ship, 80 passengers, to the Leeward Isls.



1932: Red Seaward and Buddy

Red Seaward has acquired a new housemate whose ancestry is probably more distinguished than that of any of us. Certainly his name is—**Annaja's** Jolly Buddy Boy, **Buddy** for short. See pic.

THE MORE THE MERRIER SUBDIVISION. **Jim & Eleanor Woolnough** report the following combined roster: 5 kids, 12 grandkids, 10 great-grandkids. "Try financing Christmas with that as a start," says **Jim**.

I'm all heart so my reply was, better you than me, **Jim**.

NEW ADDRESSES. **Marjorie Sinclair** has moved from Alexandria, VA to a comfortable new apt in a ret community in Gainesville, FL. The Atrium, 2431 NW 41st St, Gainesville, FL 32606 which is just a mi from daughter **Susan** and her family. **Susan's** husband **Carl** is an English prof at the U of FL in Gainesville, and **Susan** teaches high school English at a prep school affiliated with the univ.

WORLD TRAVELERS. **Maddy Garland** wrote that he & **Lillian** are setting up a trip to Oberammergau for the Passion Play. Two yrs ago they dawdled along the Danube to celebrate their 55th and are going back to the area again for a replay.

Marion Hardy wrote that she and **Ruth Sutherland** had a marvelous (underlined) trip to AK last summer and have plans for one to Switzerland coming up in Jul. **Marion** reports that she sees her neighbors, **Click & Mary Rees** and **Ed & Bee Suarez** often and things are going OK.

Noi Kambhu is back from Bangkok

alternating between the homes of her daughter in Weston, MA and of her son in Wash, DC. Any time you want to get in touch with **Noi**, try **Sas & Tom Cutter** in Weston first at 1-800-582-8204 and you will reach **Noi** no later than on the first bounce.



1932: Phyl Dreyer cuddling little Chris in Singapore

Chris & Phyl Dreyer work as hard as anyone I know to take care of someone who needs help. They get around, but for yrs have adjusted their own schedule to help a neighbor who is over the hump. (She recently gave her nurse a \$10,000 birthday present and an \$18,000 car to someone else without **Chris's** knowledge.) **Chris** has since been appointed her conservator.

So it was good to hear that **Chris & Phyl** took off on an 18-day tour to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Penang. It was just what they needed; they took hundreds of pix but didn't send me any for this mag. (**Phyl** said that her companion in the one above looked too much like **Chris**.)

When that word leaked to me I insisted that nobody looks too much like **Chris** and in absentia, **Phyl** relented. She was away on another short trip and my deadline was close so **Chris** borrowed the above from **Phyl's** daughter who lives nearby; I got it 2 days before sending it to the ed.

Another little triumph that convinces me that I am overpaid for slaving away as the scribe of '32.

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. A note from **Harvey Fischer**. "Pat, you inspired me so I got a new hip on 7 Nov. It does take a long time to return to normal but like you I will make it."

A ltr from **Bill Little** said that he is still active and busy with his church work as a Christian Science practitioner and teacher which he took up when he ret from the Army in 56. I haven't seen **Bill** often over the yrs, but my fondest memory of him is of WW II in early 43 when I was the sr US signal off in the Fifteenth Army Gp hq in Algiers. **Bill** was CO of the Signal supply depot there which was the only source of communications equipment for the US troops spread across North Africa from Casablanca to

Tunis. Things were tough all over but there was always enough US signal equipment for all of the US troops and half of the British.



1932: Eva & Chih Wang

Chih & Eva Wang report that all's well with them in East Lansing, MI. Chih and **Jude Abel** were born on the same day on opposite sides of the globe, viz, China and Indiana respectively, and are close to being in a tie for our sr member.

In his ltr, **Walker Goodrich** said that after a quick trip to the emergency room and repair work by the medics he is back in circulation "functioning on all cylinders . . . walking and shoveling mid-winter snow in upper upstate NY but no skiing nor skating." Cruel and unusual punishment for the first line center on our hockey team who during a game against Harvard in 32 at WP didn't give an inch to his opponent who was chosen for the US Olympic team that yr.

AF Village West is complete and **Bob & Billie Terrill** have moved in. Bob is in the skilled nursing facility and Billie's neighbors are a delightful ret AF couple. Billie reports that Bob requires total care but seems to be comfortable and doing satisfactorily.

Earlier, **Billie** and a lady friend traveled to northern CA visiting old friends and stopped in Santa Cruz en route to visit grandson Bob. Billie's biggest event of the yr was the marriage of their youngest grandson, Scott, who in due course made **Bob & Billie** great-grandparents.

Meanwhile, daughter Lynn & her husband Dick were crew on a sailboat to HI and are now talking about a longer trip of that type in a boat of their own.

At the moment our **Bob** is immobile with no chance of recovery. But I think his genes are carrying on.

A ltr from **Stan & Anne Sawicki** said that they drove to San Ant in May for a check-up on Stan's hip replacement which is doing very well. Drove to Winston-Salem, NC for our grandson's graduation from Wake Forest. To Little Rock, AK, for reunion of the 7th Div. Wonderful time, met people we hadn't seen for a long time. Heard some new stories. In Aug to Toledo for a visit with Drs Stanley Sawicki, Jr & Thea who are teaching at

Ohio Med College. In Sep to Palm City, FL to visit son Chuck & wife Pris in their condo overlooking the Atlantic. In Oct, a bus tour of Easton, OK and Westing, AR with a gp of sr (?) citizens.

"Finally got our leaves raked up, the leaves are getting more plentiful as the yrs go by." And heavier, dear **Stan & Anne**, much heavier.

A WP **MINI-SUB LIBRARY**. As Pat & I are planning our final, honest, our very last change of residence to the nearby Inn at Los Patios, I have been considering what to do with about 6 linear ft of shelf space of old **Howitzers**, **USMA Registers**, **Army Registers** of just before and after the formation of the US AF. We also have several hardback publications which are of special interest to WP grads. As an individual I often get requests for and offers of material from grads of our own and other classes.



1932: Ken Zitzman at home

I have finally hit upon an ideal solution. There are, in San Ant, 4 excellent ret residences that are pointed primarily to the mil and each has in residence a substantial number of WP grads, both Army and AF. Each has a library-reading room and I think that they would welcome new volumes. I'll try it for size soon and let you know the results.

There are also several other places across the country that come to mind for a similar move: San Fran, CO Springs, Ft Belvoir, Orlando to name a few. If you know of any already in existence, please send me name, address, and serial number so I can pick their brains. I'm lazy and I don't want to reinvent the wheel.

The next deadline for you to send me news for this column is 5 mins after it occurs. 10 mins if you can include pix.

'33

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"THE PARTY'S OVER!" screams the *Washington Times* banner headline, in a euphoria comparable to that following WWs I and II. We may be in for a brief period of self-congratulations by the media and the politicians, with perhaps passing ref to the steadfast forces who

manned the battlements and sometimes paid with their lives, as in Korea and Vietnam, for this tremendous "victory of democracy." Those forces will now be cut, in the time-honored tradition of our country—let's hope not as devastatingly as heretofore. . . .

Meanwhile, the momentous, uncertain and unpredictable times go thundering on, with unresolved problems both at home and abroad calling as always for wise and courageous leadership. Against that backdrop, our personal affairs assume a very modest perspective.

We are sad to report that as this issue goes to press, we have learned of the death of "**Blackie**" Myer, who passed away from heart failure on 16 Feb 90. He will be interred at the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. We send our deep sympathy to his widow, **Jean**.

Our news is largely Christmas mail.

FIRST AND FOREMOST of our individual news concerns someone from the end of the alphabet, with a headline of his own: "**GRAND SLAM:**" reports the *Hilton Head Island Packet* on 26 Nov 89. "**GOLFER ACES ALL FOUR PAR 3s AT LONG COVE.**" The ensuing article features the unmistakable, unflappable Jack Nicklaus of '33, **Sim Whipple**, smiling broadly as he twirls a golf ball on his finger. "Four aces in golf is unimaginable for most people" says Packet staff writer Mike Miller, "but no big deal to Sim Whipple." Miller cites Bob Patton, the head pro at Long Cove, saying that no one else had ever aced more than one hole there. Sim sank his 3rd ace on 17 Sep, before his 80th birthday (12 Oct) and his 4th on 7 Nov. . . .



1933: Sim & Peggy celebrate his four score years

Expressions of delight at this feat have come from all over: "This is a scribe's dream," says my colleague, Ken Zitzman '32. "We were always close to the Whips." Ken loaned me the pic of **Sim & Peggy** at Sim's 80th birthday bash. "I'm so proud of him," writes **Betty Gallagher**, "I sent a dozen copies of this to his closest friends." (At least 6 found their way to me, Betty. The first was from Sim himself, modestly saying, "I hope the

enclosed may provide a few lines for ASSEMBLY").

"Despite a few physical problems," writes **Wally Andrews**, "I managed to take a 24-day trip to Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Athens and Istanbul. Certainly saw a great deal—tombs, fortresses, temples, mosques and finally the Acropolis and Parthenon—but glad to be home again . . . I've tried for yrs to find **Ed Raff**—believe he owns or manages a hotel on Bora Bora and also flies a light plane on charter basis." (Ed, let's hear from you!)

Ed Ashworth sends sad tidings: "Enclosed is the obituary of my only daughter, Jane. You will note she was born in the Service, married in the Service (MG Ed Robertson '47 (Ret), now in Columbia, SC) and passed away in the Service." Our deep sympathy, Ed—clearly she lived a full and productive life. "In the summer," Ed writes, "Sue & I motor home to MI, where her relatives live; later we head to the OR coast and WA to visit friends and more relatives. In winter, snowy roads confine us to our valley, and we hibernate. Seldom see the **Neelys**, but we exchange cards."

"90 promises to be an exciting yr!" writes **Rosalyn Beck**. "My eldest granddaughter Cathy & husband Chad relocated here from Anchorage in Oct, so I have Brenda and all her family close at hand. Rick, my eldest grandson, is marrying a lovely girl, Kirsten Syrdal, in Jan, and Cathy expects a baby in Feb. . . ."

Ed & Christine Bodeau make it up to the DC area, but too infrequently, from their new digs in Fuqua-Varina, NC.

Charlie & Barbara Carver continue busy and well-pleased with their San Ant Towers home; he stays in close touch with DC classmates.



1933: '33 golfers in Carmel: Senter, Leslie, Ely, and Van Way

From **Gray Essman** we have greetings and a very welcome check for the Class of '33 WP Fund Gift Acct. Hearty thanks, Gray.

"I'm headed to Ft Lauderdale in Jan for 3 mos," says **Betty Gallagher**. "Hope it warms up by then!"

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

"Please write up some more memories," says antique dealer **Bill Given**, "so they will generate some in me. . . . Been a good yr for sales—made more this yr than in [my] whole military career. Docs and lawyers are our best customers. . . . Age and health fair."

News of WP from **Pat & Rita Guiney**. "We have at hand a Corps of Engrs newsletter describing a painstaking \$1.7 million restoration of Cullum Hall, a 9 mo undertaking which also included the AOG offices. . . . We had a great Christmas with **Margie & Ken** (in Hershey). Young Pat and family are fine also."

"My left knee replacement surgery (7 Nov) has me still using a cane," writes **Fritz Hartel**, "but **Dot & I** are doing as much as we can. We send our best to our classmates."

Hurly Hurlbut has singular ideas about how to celebrate: "Started the yr with hernia surgery in Honolulu. Thought it was hilarious until the valium wore off! Now (Dec) am spending my birthday exchanging my right hip for a newer model . . . if successful, plan to rejoin my golfing assoc for at least 9 holes." He & **Polly** have just taken off (Feb) for HI.

"**Charlie Carver** has been a great help in my endeavor to obtain survivor benefits from the VA," writes **Kay Jensen**. "I appreciate the interest and help from **Walt's** classmates. . . . Enjoyed a fun time at the **Thorlins** for the Navy game (a disappointing outcome, wasn't it?) **Walt's** daughter and family from Minneapolis will spend part of the holidays with me. That will help alleviate the loneliness. . . ."

"We're having sub-zero weather and snow," reports **Bea Jones**. "The snow geese stopped here (Lake Quivira) for a rest, and stayed—they're walking on the lake ice and foraging on our shores. I leave for CA in Jan for the winter mos."

The **Lincolns'** card lists their many homes over the yrs and says "with all these stops through the yrs, we send you 89 Christmas greetings from 2908 Farm Road"—"A Good framework," says **Abe**, "for our 55 wonderful yrs."

"We had 3 college and one high school graduation, and a wedding," writes **Dick (RD) Meyer**. "At the bride's insistence, I took her down the aisle in my uniform, which still fits . . . I've been painting a lot—took two courses at Akron this fall. Got an 'A'."

"The **Longleys** spent some time with us at the end of summer," **Posie Neely** reports. "**Cam & Bob** went fishing with moderate success. We're planning to go to Hon in mid-Feb and they plan to join us there. I'm about to ret as Chm of the Library Board—6 yrs is a long time. . . . I don't enjoy fund raising but like administration, which probably indicates that I'm just bossy." Comment, **Bob**?

A short letter from **Pat Patterson** tells

us that "at 81+ I am still the 'healthiest kid on the block' and leading a full and interesting life." He enclosed a letter from MG Donald R Infante, CMDT USA Air Def Arty School at Ft Bliss, informing Pat that the Off Advanced Course Class 6 and 7-89 had been named the "Pat Patterson Class." "Your historic contributions to our branch make you a natural choice for this honor," wrote Gen Infante. "Our students would be honored if you were to address them at any time during their course. . . ." Angina problems kept Pat from making the trip, so the school sent a VCR team to interview him, and in that manner he was able to address the class. (I called Pat at (407) 647-1965; he's clearly still the live wire he's always been.)

From **Pete Pittman's** widow **Jennie** (via **Hurly**) we have a full pg ad of the U/CO at Denver featuring their daughter **Clair Villano**, who has been Dir of the Consumer Fraud Unit in the Denver Dist Attorney's office for the past 13 yrs. "CU Denver really enhanced my life," says **Clair**. "It's made the second half of my life much richer." Quite a gal!

"Why are there so many 'WP Bashers'?" asks **Jimmy Polk**. "We seem to get about one a yr and I don't recall as many about other Service Academies . . . (Perhaps we're not as sensitive/alert to other's bashings, Jimmy—has anyone kept score?) **Joey & I** are fit and well," (Jimmy continues), "We're going on a late Feb cruise in the Caribbean, then back to DC in Mar."

"We didn't win a lottery nor did I shoot my age," says **Phil Pope**, "but we did spend a mild winter here at home (no one invited us to FL). On 2 Mar while spreading fertilizer, I had my first angina attack." (Come, **Phil**—you've been spreading something very much like fertilizer for yrs, don't blame it on *that!*)

"Two grandsons, **Duncan MacKay** (May) and his younger brother **David** (Aug) were married this yr. **David**, in tng at New England Coll of Optometry, learned that Army is offering top 25 candidates in 50 states a commission now as 1st LT and as CPT on graduation. **David** applied, is now receiving Army pay, and the Army pays for the rest of his schooling.

"Spent all Oct and part Nov on my back at **Walter Reed** (heart). I'm now about to offer strokes to **Cal Smith** and **Bill Ely**. . . . For serious reading, try *The Long Gray Line* and *About Face*."

A fine Christmas letter from **Dale & Barbara Scoville Brown** says the latter had cataract surgery in Nov and found it "a piece of cake" as predicted. All well with them and theirs.

"I have a total replacement hip, have had one cornea implant, and am awaiting surgery on the 2nd eye," writes **Lisa Shinberger**. "Isn't modern medicine wonderful!" (And aren't attitudes won-



1933: '33 golfers in San Ant: Carver, Thorlin, Dahlen, and Cyr

derful?!) Lisa wrote Abe to thank him for sending her info on how to apply for WP, which she forwarded to her daughter. "Now I've done what a grandmother can."

From **Carol Speiser** a grand card and letter. "... happily busy all yr. Several trips to WP w/out-of-town friends—a beautiful, scenic spot I never tire of. My uncle (nearly 101) is taking all 14 of our family to dinner Christmas Eve. . . ."

CLASS MATTERS: *Contributions to Class Funds.* Though not yet an urgent matter, we still need contributions to our funds at AOG: 1933 Admin. Acct, AOG; or 1933 WP Fund Gift Acct. (Contributions to both funds are tax-deductible).

Reunion. Only 3 yrs to our 60th. Can it be? May we all be fit and ready to attend!

'34

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Let's rejoice over the good news and commiserate over the sad news in this ltr from **Nancy Northan**. The photo and newlyweds' credentials came from **Moon**. "I had a bout with breast cancer in Sep. After two operations, I was able to close up Maine and go to grandson Steve Matteo's wedding in Stowe, VT in Oct. Back to FL where I had radiation treatment up to the day we left for Sally's wedding in MD. We traveled via auto train for the ceremony at Mt Airy Plantation. Beautiful but cold. We returned home after taking the newlyweds to the airport to go to Barbados. Sally is now Mrs Michael Patrick Campion." The newspaper picture of Sally shows a beautiful young woman, graduate of Ladycliff Col at you know where. She is currently asst development manager with Winchester Homes in MD. Mike graduated from U MD and is regional mgr of Tate Access Floors. They now reside in Silver Spring.

Arno Luehman died last Dec but the obituary was received too late for our last deadline. We send belated condolences to beautiful **Constance Hardwick Luehman** whose constant and loving care the last few yrs kept Arno in comfort and



1934: Eight senior citizens and 2 newlyweds: Gene & Hope Corrigan, Jack & Ruth Renfro, Mike & Sally Northam Campion, Moon & Nancy Northam, and Bill & Anne Kern

good spirits until cancer claimed his life. Arno left his mark on our nation's military heritage after showing his mettle on the playing fields of WP. A WWII bomber combat pilot, he later became commandant of the Air War College, USAF Director of Information, and Mil Advisor to the US Delegation to the UN Gen Assembly. Following ret he was elected president of a public relations firm. Another pilot takes his expertise, joining the heavenly ranks of those who dedicated their lives to Duty, Honor, Country.



1934: El Paso meeting of Monday morning quarterbacks after Navy game: Dottie & Axel Waugh, Betty & Dick Moorman, and Charlotte & Harry Hubbard

When you read **Dick Moorman's** ltr in Apr, it will jar your consciousness back to that ignominious day on the marsh grasses of Hoboken when Army football dropped its sights for a short period of time. Dick writes: "On Army-Navy Game day, most of the El Paso '34s met at Chez Moorman, except **Alex Stuart** and **Polly Elliott** had made other commitments. After a pre-game brunch," and I quote, "We watched an exciting game right up to the horrible anti-climactic finish. We were all so upset about the outcome of the game, we forgot to take a picture. A few days later, we gathered at **Charlotte & Harry Hubbard's** and took the photo shown."

Frankie & Dudley Wilmeth loaned us their Christmas cards received from **Jack & Ruth Renfro** when they were in



1934: Drs. Charlie & Suzanne Hill staged annual winter reception at Suzanne's sister's waterfront estate in Hampton

Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, Ruth & Pete Kopcsak from their new home with a full view of the Zugspitze, and **Helen Merrill** in Bolton, MA. **Johnny Merrill** was killed near Cherbourg the wk after he had been awarded the Silver Star and command of an Inf bn. Helen had surgery this winter to replace her arthritic left hip. She writes that although she must walk with a cane, there is no pain. The Kopcsaks had rented in Germany for 17 yrs many handsome homes with some glorious views, and had just settled in their new chalet when they departed for OK to attend reunion with his Tank Destroyer comrades.

Classmates & wives will enjoy reading this quotation from **Dudley's** ltr to the Dwight D Eisenhower Society in response to a query in the *Uniformed Services Journal* for anecdotage about Mamie's GEN. The occasion will bring back memories of our days as subalterns on Army posts around the world. Here's Dudley: "I was assigned to the 3rd Tank Co of the 3rd Inf Div at Ft Lewis, WA and arrived in the fall of 1938. I was a LT and Ike, I believe, was a major, commanding a battalion of the 15th Inf of the same div. This was back in the days when every officer joined the Off Club, *by order of the CG*, and the CG was **MG Sweeney**. It was customary for every officer and his lady to attend the hop at the club on the first Fri of each mo. Dress uniform was required. There was a receiving line, and the line was roll call. After you finished the receiving line, you got a drink, and then sat in a wall chair around the ballroom until the receiving line closed.

"Frankie and I found ourselves sitting next to the Eisenhowers. Recognizing us as newcomers, they introduced themselves. Mamie noticed my tank insignia, a rare insignia inasmuch as there were only two tank officers on the post. Mamie remarked, 'Oh, how lucky you are to be in tanks! Ike loved his duty with tanks best of any service he ever had, but when he was promoted, he had to leave tanks because there were no assignments!' (Note: At this time there were only tank companies.) Mamie finished, 'He has

been unhappy ever since, and says he will never get anywhere now because he had to give up tanks.'

"In Jan 40, the 3rd Div, in ships, made a 'hostile landing' on the beach at Monterey. GEN George C Marshall was there to witness the beginning of the maneuver, and soon thereafter Eisenhower was called to Wash, and his meteoric rise started. The off who 'would never get anywhere now because he had to give up tanks,' became our Supreme Allied Commander. It was I who never got anywhere when I gave up tanks and went back to the Infantry!"



1934: Skipper Bob Tyson introduces guest Bill Kern to ketch sailing on the Rhappahannock

Frances Creager "Cookie" Darrah, widow of John "Flicker" Darrah, died of cancer 28 Aug 89 at Panama City, FL, where she was living with their son John Walker Darrah III. Flick died 11 yrs after a heart attack, which somebody forgot to tell him about, for he continued to serve in very important positions as chief of War Games and Research & Dev for Army War College, chief of Armor and CONARC. The Class sent condolences with regrets that we had just received the obituary.

Ken Cunin started the yr with another heart bypass surgery. At press time, Ken is holding his own in the intensive care unit of a hospital in downtown San Ant. His daughter, Janet Gibeaut, reports via Charlie White that Ken may need another operation which will have to await the clearing of complications of gallstones and fluid in his lungs. The prayer group went into action as soon as we received the news.

When I hear of classmates' illnesses, I become very sentimental about WP, and usually I turn to my unbound copy of *The Spirit of Old West Point*. It was written by Morris Schaff, who graduated early during the Civil War, after enduring the agonies of the Corps, each member having to make the terrible decision whether to remain at USMA or resign and join the Confederate militias. Schaff reports a considerable number of cadets from the South, "I have always thought the real heroes of the war were Southerners who, without a drop of Northern blood, remained faithful to the flag." He might



1934: Our annual portrait of Evelyn & Pete Ward taken at the lavish reception they staged at the James River Country Club

have added there were heroes from the North who, out of brotherly relations established at WP, joined the Confederacy.

Schaff would be pleased to see the new library with its million volumes, periodicals and documents, for he complained, "The library in my day carried too little weight; no appeal was made to its inspiration in official & private life, depriving graduates of that final satisfaction which comes only from the field of literature." Tonight the library does not close until 11 pm, and there are more than 300 cadets performing research there every evening, including Sundays. But gone are the tall ogival windows, the book stacks that reached 3 floors to the ceiling and the 3-story stair-ladders that reached topmost shelves. As the Supe said, "things are better since young ladies joined the Corps."

Class president Cy Betts appointed Harry Hubbard to serve as chairman of the nominating committee, and to select his committee from the El Paso area. Our by-laws stipulate that Class officers must come from the San Ant area, and the incumbents have indicated a willingness to serve once more. Nominations at the time you receive this issue will include Betts, Cunin and Larry Savage. If you question how this could happen, refer to your minutes of the 50th.



1934: Jack & Ruth Renfro at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia

Cy also says you may soon be polled to elect a site for a mini-reunion in 92. PS. Brown opted for a mini at WP during the

fall football homecoming, but his option escaped notice as did previous ones for the already overcrowded fall homecomings. Cy is waiting to hear from classmates in CA, FL, and VA. Each of those groups should form an *ad hoc* committee and report to Cy before this fall. A Class election will decide the issue, but there can be no vote until he hears from you. There is also a possibility that Gerry Higgins and Dale Smith could invite us to Palm Springs. Regional proposals should cite the specific facilities that may be available, activities for a 3- and a 4-day affair, transportation availabilities and the estimated costs for accommodations and travel. For a starter let's hear it from you guys and dolls at El Paso, Frisco Bay, Orlando, Tidewater, VA, and any classmates in between.

'35

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"Gloom Season" news is wholly appropriate for our lead-in report—Joe Anderson's demise on Jan 1st. Most of us were aware of Joe's slowly worsening physical condition, dating back prior to our 50th Reunion when noticeable sight impairment was evident. Death was due to leukemia, coming peacefully at home after he voluntarily engineered his own release from WRGH a few days earlier. Joe, Nanie and the entire family were fully cognizant of the inevitability of his imminent passing and with typical, indomitable fortitude he assembled them for last, loving farewells. Medical personnel had informed Nanie as far back as 6 yrs of a "... 5-yr expectancy, at best," so it was with characteristic courage that she *alone* lived with and kept this info to herself, saying afterward—"Joe gave it his best—plus one." Services were conducted at the Ft Mver Chapel on 5 Jan with a beautiful, well-planned prog of prayers, eulogies and commendations. At Arlington, full mil honors were rendered complete with riderless mount, band and firing platoon. The Class from DC and vic was very well represented with 42, augmented by Mac & Katy Peeke from Williamsburg. Frank Murdock was one of the honorary pallbearers. Nanie is spending some time in the Bahamas w/Joe's sister; we have reasonable assurance of her attending our 55th. The entire Class joins hands with Nanie and the family in sharing Joe's loss—his infectious good humor and erudite observations dominated Class gatherings whenever he was present—a true Southern gentleman. RIP.

Milestones. Hart & Betty Caughey were honored at their 50th wedding anniversary in Ormond Beach, FL, where their 4 daughters, spouses and families gathered 21 relatives, incl



1935: Walt Simpson, Al Robbins, and Joe Anderson. Doubtless, last photo taken of Joe. (This, and all photos, taken after Army/Navy game at the Andersons)

Hart's two sisters, coming from NY, TN, VA, CA, PA, and AZ for the occasion. Also, **Bill Lapsley's** 80th birthday was the occasion for a celebration that was quietly planned for by a son and daughter—BUT—at the A/P meeting turned into a surprise 100% gathering of all 5 offspring and spouses, coming from Stafford, NY (Jon Lynn, step-son WP '62, now golf-pro) Savannah, Carmel, Albuquerque and L.A. Three days of festivities featured dinner parties at USAA Towers and sight-seeing beautiful San Ant. (Scribe note: info on *all* milestones encouraged—they're happy occasions).



1935: Rosalie & Carmon Rogers, Charlie Leonard and Frank Fiore

Report from **Al Shower**; he's moved to AFVW; address: 17050 Arnold Dr, #G-308, Riverside, CA, 92508. **Ken & Allie Bergquist** also now residents AFVW; 17021 Andrews Cir, Riverside, CA 92508. Allie sends word—Ken's doing well but not well enough to travel, so no reunion. Al's latest on **Dee**, "She's hanging on but w/little recognition. She's in a nice double room and receiving excellent care." Al is as peripatetic as ever, having recently attended 2nd Air Div Reunion, Hilton Head, 10 days in Japan and Christmas w/daughter Kay and family, State College, PA. The latest occupant at the Fairfax is **Margaret Orth**, bringing the Class roster there to a total of 13. Kudos and plaudits on "Life at Fairfax" came in from **Les & Dottie Wheeler**, **Kay St John**, **Jean Horstman** and **Mike & Marguerite Bowyer**. Their



1935: Jo & Tommy Musgrave and Nanie Anderson

enthusiastic endorsement of lifestyle there is contagious and worthy of incorporation into a brochure. There's a genuine "red carpet" in effect at all times—so travelers to the DC area touch base.

From the "Recovery Room": **Ham Twitchell** had heart valve surgery at WRGH 5 Feb and is doing nicely. **Bill Chapman** had surgery on the left hand to relieve a painful carpal syndrome, while his **Charlotte** developed a combined knee/sciatic nerve condition. Both healed satisfactorily so they celebrated with a golfing trip to Jekyll Isl in Mar with **Jim & Connie Kimbrough**. **George Eckhardt** exited a small fishing boat last fall and bumped his shin; the injury produced a blood clot, swelling and non-use of the leg. Long and painful treatment averted infection and now prognosis is excellent with the use of surgical hose. **Bob Strauss** tripped and fell, fractured his left arm and sustained a severe concussion. Recovery progressed nicely and he & **Betty** now report, "... will NOT interfere with Reunion plans." **Glenn Thompson** had knee surgery at Loma Linda VA Hosp, NV, in late Dec. We have no follow-up so conclusion is he's mobile again. **Harry Lewis** had prostate surgery (club member!) and he & **Edith** observed his recovery with a Carib cr. Finally, **Ferris** household not immune; your scribe had left inguinal hernia surgery 1 Feb; "survival" complete. Comment: It's encouraging that our "parts" are still "repairable w/o replacement."

Warren Everett is still gainfully employed (\$1/yr "gainful?"), working with LTG Dan Graham '46 of High Frontier fame. He has a variety of duties incl dir board Intl Science & Engineering. **Frank & Jane Fiore** spent Feb in Costa Rica starting up a data entry project for US firms. **Kent & Diedre Parrot** are pres & VP Harkane Co, promulgating the musical, "The Catch Colt," written by Kent's late mother, widely-known writer/musician. Chas Osgood of CBS will narrate same on PBS. Kent also serves on US-USSR Relations Comm of DC Episcopal Diocese, sponsoring teen-aged American visitors to USSR, and paid in part by the Soviet purchase of a novella written by Kent's mother. **Walt Simpson**



1935: Dottie Wheeler, Bernie Waterman and Jane Fiore



1935: Marge Leonard, Edna Hill, Rosalie Rogers and Charlie Leonard

ducked the arctic DC weather over Christmas with a visit to daughter Peg in SC. **Bill & Anne Patterson** report the arrival of 2 more descendants—grandson (through son, Lance) and great-granddaughter Lally. **Bernie & Harriet Waterman** paid a nostalgic visit to Ft Monroe over Christmas (scene of their courtship!) and spent some time with grandson, CPT Jim Broadus, The Citadel '80, who has recently been selected for MAJ—doubtless a first in this category. They met with **Joe & Betty Moore** at a party and report them looking "chipper." **George & Kathleen Jones**



1935: Bill & Charlotte Chapman and Les Wheeler

cruised the China Seas on the *Ocean Pearl*, George being guest lecturer on WWII in the Pacific. Following this, they visited Manila as guests of the Philippine govt and participated in the rededication of Corregidor as "Island of Valor, Peace & Intl Understanding."

George also visited with GEN Ramos of WWII fame who is now SEC DEF in the Philippine cabinet. They were in Manila on the occasion of the 1 Dec uprising but were 5 mi from where tourists were detained in their hotels; they were able to depart 4 Dec on 1st flight fr Manila Airport. Nat & Ginny Martin have their



1935: Joe Keating, Walt Simpson, Rosalie Rogers, Frank Fiore, Charlotte Chapman, and Charlotte Rumsey

daughter & son-in-law (USAF) and 2 children rotated stateside for W Ger. The Martins went to DC in Dec to observe Ginny's grandfather's 90th birthday.

Reunion plans are in super-shape thanks to the tireless efforts of **Bud & Jill Schlanser**. Those of you scheduled have received pertinent info from them. The Reunion types owe them a debt of gratitude. Those of you not scheduled will be remembered in all "BS" occurring May 23-26, incl. I'd like to call your attn to the Jan 90 ASSEMBLY issue, pp 131 & 160. The article is a tender and warm tribute to the late daughter of our highly respected classmate **Duke McEntee** and his beloved **Jan**—Martha Roseborough, wife of Morgan, WP '66.

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The first notes you'll probably read occurring at the beginning of our 9th decade will not come to you until after you've settled your accts with the "eternal revenue-er!" Consequently, many events have already happened in the 90's!

To accord honor and proper respects we must report on the saddest events first: The dynamic and always energetic **Jeanne Faiks** yielded to cancer at Coral Springs, FL, on 18 Dec. Similarly, our great **Joe Nazzaro** succumbed to the disease in Tucson on 5 Feb. There apparently was no warning of this illness less than a yr ago when many of us had our reunion in AZ. And finally, we lost our very great friend **Bob Safford** in Wash, DC on 25 Jan. Bob's passing followed a previous stroke and heart problems. To these 3 well-known and beloved we send our fond adieu.

As we understand it, after **Sally Beard** completed your last column, she ski-daddled to New Orleans for R & R. We've learned now that she's back in her newly occupied aerie in NC forest—and well. In late Jan, **Barbara O'Brien** suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. Her condition, though grave at first, has improved as we write, and it is assumed she will be much better when this is read.

In Jan, **Betty Connor** stated that she and Charleston are still cleaning up after the Hugo mess. She was in San Ant before Christmas, staying with the **Partridges**. She visited also with the **Powels** and the newly arrived **Landrums**. **Teresa Cozart** wrote that she was with her son, living in OR, during the holiday. It was a pleasure to view a WWII TV documentary of **Ben Davis** and his fighter gp in Feb. According to **Dawalt**, **Grace Layne** is bedridden in a health care facility near Ft Belvoir. The poor sweet girl can't communicate nor feed herself. **Larry Sievers** is very frail and her daughter looks after her. **Larry Laurion** has been in and out of the hosp, but fortunately seems to be controlling his ailing heart. **Ted Clifton**, after falling on ice last spring and breaking his leg, is in good shape now, albeit he relies on a cane's support. In Dec, Ken said that **Barbie O'Brien** was thrown from a horse and busted up a bit. We do not know if this is related to her Jan stroke. He also stated that the **Swains**, after moving to Fairfax, VA from El Paso, were being sued by the person who bought their TX home. This sounded a bit strange and probably has been resolved. The **Fergussons** are still seriously grieved by the misstatements written in the *Long Gray Line*, a book published about Class '66 last summer, and erroneous comments about his son on p 350 and nearby. **Mary Geist** wrote to thank the Class for their sympathy last summer when Al died from cancer. **Phil Greene** served on a comm which arranged the Dec commissioning of the Navy's *USS Normandy*—a missile cruiser at Newport, RI. He devoted a lot of time to this project and it apparently went off very well. **Marian Godfray** and her son Tom were among honored guests. As you may remember, **Len Godfray**—as well as **Fred Kellam**—both lost their lives on 6 Jun in the Normandy invasion.

In late Dec **Elmer Grubbs** wrote that he'd just planted over 30,000 pine seedlings. He'd played tennis with **Orville Stokes** in FL before returning to SC. He was surprised when an old man like **Bob Partridge** said he'd biked 4,000 miles from San Ant to San Fran and back. Just before Christmas, **Bill Hay** also suffered a stroke and his right side was severely affected. He went to a hosp, to a health center, then home in a period of about two months. His condition now seems quite improved; yet he has farther to go and solicitous encouragement from '36 well-wishers can do

naught but accelerate his cure. As an anonymous individual supposed, the Class may need another good reunion, and we may need to enlist (re-enlist) help from an already experienced person!

We had several chats with **Bev Combs** down in San Ant which centered around her son's coming to Atl. She's in reasonable health, but has done little traveling. We've enjoyed correspondence with **Bub Clark**, related to several Class topics. Also conversed a few times with **Ollie Haywood**, who was—as can be imagined—amusing himself with numerous computer progs. He said 89 had delivered him several serious health problems, but that he was now in top flight shape. **Clark Hosmer** was the only one of our 159 living classmates who offered to write an obituary for our 32 long unmemorialized mates. He also wrote an article opposing the Panama invasion which received at least two endorsements from afar. A visit from him in Atl in Feb was pleasantly enjoyed as he was beginning a western trip to include other classmate rendez-vous. **Barbara Joerg Mitchell** wrote a cordial note following a trip south and through Atl. **Larry Laurion** continues to keep his heart running, although sometimes its operation seems rocky, turbulent, and uneven. He gains much solace from being near his son and classmates. The Hudson River Admiral & his "Mrs" (**Meanys**) were cruising through Panama on 9 Jan. It is not known how much support they were able to offer USA invading forces. Christmas day **Eddie Miles** took the trouble to write and extol virtues of mini-reunions and in particular one in southern CA. Well, it's something to dream about for 92. **Ace Miller** reported that he keeps in touch with **Tetley**, **Sandy McCorkle**, **Fergusson** and sees **Janof** once in a while. The gang misses **Fred Walker**. In Dec, **Bobbie O'Brien** wrote that he & **Barbara** had visited Santa Fe where they saw a bit of **Nancy Cole**. Bob thinks Barbara should be out of hosp by the time you read this. Also, his latest two colts are named "Crafty Clyde" and "Go Go Gordon" after **Layne** and **Austin**. **Bruce Palmer** sent a newsy missive describing the elegant homes in the new Marriott-built Fairfax complex. He has been busy for mos disposing of his home in VA. He says the **Swains** have used **Vera's** paintings to great advantage in their new apts. He refers to others of the Class as neighbors—**Nadine Kingman**, **Helen Spencer**, **Laurion**, the **Dorlands**, **Julie Abrams**, and the **Kieffers**. Bruce keeps in fairly close contact with **Jim Hughes** who is very closely restricted to his home in W Palm Beach, FL. Fortunately, he has 2 daughters who look after him. Bruce, also, has completed his second book: *Intervention in the Caribbean*. If anything like his book on Vietnam, it will be a classic.

In Apr 89, **Westy** and **Gage** arrived together in Tucson. They had been in-

vited to visit **Gene & Ruth Patterson**—of that city—whom no one had heard of for yrs. In possession of a good st map and a gas-filled car, both set out with anticipation. By sundown and about 2 hrs later, the Patterson's home had not been located. It seemed that the house number *did not exist*. Of course, the search was abandoned, but the next day and for 8 mos after, keen interest was shared by **Westy and Phil**; and all manner of attempts tried. Westy thought your scribe would finally prevail because a Tucson friend actually located the Patterson house, but could not speak to Gene. Then a Christmas card came to Westy—by utter coincidence—from one of Gene's daughters who wanted to get hold of a '36 *Howitzer*. Phil sent her one with the explicit agreement that for the book she would furnish a full background on her parents. Gene & Ruth's youngest daughter, Mrs Rebecca P Kmet, completely filled in a many decades info gap. Highlights are: Gene resigned from the Army in 46 and became a Presbyterian minister in MS. He could not "afford it" so came back into service between 52–63. He ret for disability with severe cataracts and diabetes as a reserve COL. Having been at Huachuca in the 60's, he settled in Tucson, but (apparently) has had a difficult time. Nevertheless, he & Ruth raised a very fine family of 5 (3 girls and two boys). Each boy is an electrical engr with a college PhD, and Rebecca has a BS and MBA, and has served 3 yrs active as a Navy LT (Medical Service). Rebecca loves WP and the Army but is a strong women's activist—*against* women at the Academies and in combat roles.



1936: Rebecca Patterson, Gene & Ruth's youngest

Had contact several times with the **Ripples**, who seem to be in good spirits. Similarly, we have maintained periodic contact with **Jack Kellys, Holtons, and Snyders**. Although somewhat sedentary, no one has had any serious new health problems except **Polly Holton**, who has recovered nicely from a female oper. **Freddie Terrell** told us that he'd already passed his 1st wedding anniversary. He was married to **Lorena** in 88. He also said they'd enjoyed a Christmas party at

Chappelears. Attending also were **Jones, Finkels, and Meanys**—down from Las Vegas. He mentioned that **Finkels** had moved to Oceanside, CA. **Tom & Rachael Thompson** sent a recipe for cultivating chestnuts. His efforts are copyright and one supposes they should be if this gastronomy may be maintained. **Clint True** has been having a little heart "fluttering," but in his most recent letter he had biked over 83 miles in recent days. Hopefully, this endorses fairly good health. **Peggy Vincent** stopped off at Atl airport going and returning with an avid bridge gp. Unfortunately, this yr she returned with a cold. We were nonplussed at a super-scholarly article that **Fred Walker** had published. His thesis disagrees with a majority of scientists for outer-space. Fred does not agree with the "Big Bang" theory. Now if Ollie were here. . . .

We are sorry that **Edie Wildrick** has gone back into the hosp. We heard from her on the last of Jan, but do not know any prognosis. **Helen Hess** called just as these notes were finishing. And a note from **Caye Curran** arrived about the same time. No startling news from either source.

Your scribe wishes to state how grateful he is to **Sally Beard** for assembling and writing these notes in the previous issue. Sally is very smart and very capable. The Class is fortunate to have such an individual to serve when needed.

Hope all are having a good summer and we apologize for skipping a mini this yr. But couldn't it happen that if we leave the reunion field fallow for one yr, we'll enjoy so much better a blossoming in 91?

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Chester Johnson received a letter from **Seddie Suriya** thanking him for a donation to the WP Fund in memory of **Knobby** and provided more details of his death. He died suddenly on 2 Apr while reading the morning newspaper, probably a heart attack. He had been seeing his dr weekly but there had been no symptoms of heart problems. **Knobby** was air marshal of the Royal Thai AF. He was cremated 19 Nov at the Royal Cremation Wat Dhebsirindhavras, Bangkok, at the expense of HM King Bhumibol. The King's daughter, HRH Princess Dheparatana, presided over the ceremony. Seddie's address: 193 Charoenmitr, Sukhumvit 63 (Ekamai), Bangkok, Thailand 10110.

There is nothing much to rpt from the Dec and Jan luncheons except that they were well attended and we all had a great time. There was good attendance from the Fairfax Ret Comm, and it was great to see **Jim Duncan** back in action again. The Fairfax gp lobbied to have the co-ed luncheon down there on Fri 20 Apr. **Fred Clarke** sweetened the pot by offering li-



1937: The Odens and Palmers at Wmsburg

bations from his private stock, so do come if you are anywhere near Wash.



1937: Wmsburg—Randy Hines, Fred Clarke and Marge Hines

The Dec luncheon is memorable to all of us attending because **Ash Robbins** came to it with **Finn**. He was his cheerful, robust self, enjoying the camaraderie of his classmates, and that is the way we'll remember him. On 11 Jan he died suddenly of a heart attack when he went out to the yard to fetch some firewood. He is survived by **Mary Anne**, his wife of 25 yrs; two daughters by Routh—**Barbara Gibbs** of Ft Collins, CO and **Sandra Ward** of Chancellorsville, VA; step-daughter **Constance Jeunette** of Lake Ridge, VA; stepson **Robert T Rush** of Purcellville, VA; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. **Ash** ret from the AF in 58, and several yrs later started teaching math in the Fairfax school system. He put down solid roots by being active in civic and church affairs. He was treasurer of his church and was involved in Meals-on-Wheels. In this capacity he was able to help out his classmate **Jim Duncan** when he was recuperating from ops. His ashes were scattered over the Atl where he enjoyed fishing. A memorial service was held in his church, St Aidens Episcopal Church in Alexandria on 15 Jan. The church was packed with classmates, wives and widows and his many friends and neighbors. The congregation was offered an opportunity to comment on the life of **Ash**. The response was a revelation to those of us who have never really entered into the life of a civ community. He had become a pillar in the community and was especially loved

and respected by his neighbors, members of the congregation and the many students he taught over the yrs. He certainly made a difference. Mary Anne sent a sweet note of appreciation to the Class for our floral tribute and support.



1937: Wmsburg—Alice Griffin and Lorrie Spaulding

Jan was a tough mo for we lost another of our Wash gp. **Luis Mercado**, who had been ailing for several yrs, died at 1230 on 23 Jan in Brooke Army Med Center, San Ant. The trip to San Ant the last of Dec was tough on Luis, although when I saw him the day before, he was looking forward to getting settled in their apt in USAA Towers. Just after arriving, he was admitted to the ICU and never really recovered. He was brought back for burial in Arlington Cemetery with full mil honors after a Requiem Mass. A close friend, Howard Slaton '42, joined his roommate **Bill Dodds**, **Finn Unger**, **Bob Gildart**, **Geo Maliszewski**, **Rene Lopez-Duprey**, **Gus Prentiss** and me as honorary pallbearers. Besides **Sally**, Luis is survived by their son **Kim '60** (one of our first sons to graduate from USMA); granddaughters **Antonia**, **Andrea** and **Katrin**; brothers **Alfredo** and **Eduardo** of San Juan and **Wilfredo** of NYC. Luis was the oldest of 7 sons. After the funeral, those who could, came out to our house to visit with Sally. Brother **Eddie** was so much like Luis in looks, speech and mannerism, he reminded us of him in his heyday. Sally stayed with the Slatons for several days to do the chores that have to be done on these sad occasions. She then returned to her apt in USAA Towers. **Kim** and his family live in San Ant, except for **Toni** who is opening an off for USAA in VA Beach, and **Andrea** who is married and lives in FL. We'll remember Luis for his fierce loyalty to his Army and friends, his wit, conviviality and lively conversation. We in the Wash area will also miss Sally very much, so you all take care of her down there in TX.

In Jan the **Wilhoys** and **Fraziers** took a 7-day cruise of the Caribbean aboard the *Yorktown Clipper*, a brand new ship of the Clipper Cruise Line. The Wilhoys stayed down there for awhile with friends on Eleuthera. 19 Jan the **Lemmons** embarked on a 12-day cruise of Caribbean beaches for snorkeling and scuba diving,



1937: Wmsburg—Mickey Powers, Dottie Graham and the Gildarts

starting from St Thomas. Their craft was a sort of LCI that drove right up to the beach to disgorge its scuba and snorkeling troops. They remained a few days in San Juan where they socialized and toured the isl with the **Lopez-Dupreys**.



1937: Wmsburg—Geo & Mary Sloan

Stan Connelly wrote to the **Gildarts** 10 Jan from Jyvaskyla (with 2 dots over the a's), Finland, to which he had accompanied daughter **Jeanne**, a Fullbright prof at the univ. She had spent the holidays with her parents. The univ is in a small city over 100 mi no of Helsinki and is one of the few Finnish U's with a campus. They say it is very beautiful. We are sorry to hear that **Jeanne** recently lost her husband. When I called **Stan** to tell him about his good friend **Robbie's** death, he had just gotten home from Finland. The **Connelys** plan to stay home this yr as much as possible.

A note from **Bill Amos**, 9 Jan, says "Having sold our beloved Casa del Sud we are returning to Santa Rosa from



1937: Wmsburg—"Martha" Metz, Eleanor Ohman and Molly Johnson

which future travels will be based.

I am involved in the Montgomery County tax revolt and am polishing up my saber to lead the charge on Annapolis. This is my shortest column to date, so I'll include some pics that arrived late for the last column.

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Mar **ASSEMBLY** Notes covered our Nov Mini Reunion, leaving a backlog of other items for these Class notes. On 27 May 89 **Vince & Bobbie Elmore** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party hosted by their two daughters and son. **Keith & Margie**



1938: Vince & Bobbie Elmore's 50th wedding anniversary, May 1989

Kincaid celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6 Sep 89. Their sons, **Bill Jr** and **Tom**, treated them to a golfing weekend at Ojai Valley Inn and Country Club near Santa Barbara. "As you can guess, we are very proud of our brood; all of them live in CA." **Bill**, wife **Susan**,



1938: Keith & Margie Kincaid's 50th wedding anniversary, Sep 1989

daughters **Karen** and **Katy**, live in Fremont; **Tom**, wife **Pat**, and sons **TJ** and **Michael** live in Mission Viejo.

18 Oct Ft McNair luncheon was attended w/wives by **Bixby**, **Blackburn**, **Brown**, **Conell**, **Damon**, **Izenour**, and **Lewis**; also by **Chavasse**, **Nim Collins**, **Trudy Hannum**, **Miller**, **Mrazek**, **Bill Smith**, and **Walson**. **Dick Stilwell** discussed prep'ns for the Nov Mini. He &

Alice were at WP the previous weekend for the Army football victory over Holy Cross. They attended the review preceding the game. Alice missed our luncheon to be at the Natl Press Club for a speech by the pres of So Korea. Dick conferred w/pres Roh Tae Woo during his Wn visit and went later (16-19 Nov) to Korea. The Blackburns have sold their local home and are moving to FL 4 Dec. Bob Brown commented that their departures, plus earlier moves by the **Beverleys** and **Lotzes**, will reduce attendance at future monthly luncheons. News Letter 15, Friends of USMA Library, indicated that Paul Barker, brother of our classmate **RA Barker**, is arranging to publish the latter's diary of WWII experiences.

5 Nov the **Mrazeks** dined at Boulder, CO w/**Ken & Blanche Glade**. USMA roommates, Ken and Jim had not seen each other since graduation—"a warm reunion, long overdue." **Jim & Ellen Craig** have moved to 12150 Pigeon Pass Rd, Moreno Valley, CA 92387; tel (714) 247-0108. 13 Nov telecon w/**Ed Machen**: **Jim & Dee Lynch** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a surprise party hosted by their children and grandchildren w/about 50 guests attending, including the **Jacksons**, **Tillsons** and **Machens**. The **Wansboros** were unable to come due to illness. Ed thanks USAF classmates for their responses w/input for **Larry Wernberg's** obituary. After the mini the **Riordans** enjoyed a trip through the mountains to Boulder. Their two daughters and grandson were w/them for Thanksgiving. Cliff commented, "For the past 4 yrs I and ret paratrooper 0-6 Bob Atkins have been members of Tip-Off Club, booster org for Univ of FL basketball. Before each game the club serves a tasty buffet and holds a pep rally. LT David Noegel USMA '88 is son of club member. Ed Lahti was Bob Atkins' WWII regt cmdr. Small world!" Ed Lahti is registered to attend Airborne's 50th birthday celebration at Ft Benning and Atl 26-28 Apr 90. Sec Def will attend the activities at Ft Benning.

On 3 Dec **Jim & Miriam Lewis** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (actually 4 Dec) w/a brunch at Ft Myer Off Club, attended by about 100 friends and relatives. W/considerable research, ingenuity, and imagination, daughters **Cynthia** and **Carolyn**, skillfully assisted by their spouses, **Tom Jacobus '67** and **Michael Quinn**, decorated the Devers Room w/1939 memorabilia for the cocktail hr. A pianist played nostalgic music of the thirties. The **Chaffee** and **Abrams** rooms were decorated beautifully for the Christmas season and this occasion. COL **Dick Smith '28**, whom they both knew before their marriage, proposed a toast to **Jim & Miriam**. About 30 classmates, wives or widows attended. Other guests included duplicate bridge, golf and church friends. Sharing this occasion w/so many old and dear friends



1938: **Jim & Miriam Lewis'** 50th wedding anniversary (1939 wedding day photo in background)

added to its pleasure for **Jim & Miriam**.

4 Dec the **Mrazeks** went to Cayman Isl and did some snorkeling, returning 11 Dec. **Jim** appears to be making a fine recovery from surgery last summer. 10 Dec, from **Johnny Jannarone**, "Here is an excerpt from a 'Y' bulletin: **Ann Jannarone**, our 'Super Senior,' with more energy than all of us put together has received a most distinguished award from her Alma Mater, Montclair State College. She has been inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for her contributions to athletics in and out of college all these yrs. . . . **Audrey (Ann)** says this lends legitimacy to her 50 yrs of Mon morning quarterbacking. We have just completed 33 yrs of perfect attendance at Army home games (as well as Army-Navy games)."

From **Carter Duncan**, "I talked to **Tony Chanco** who is recently returned from Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore and Honolulu. My mother marked her 100th birthday in Oct. I am staying w/her as long as she stays w/me. How come a mini only one yr after our 50th? Is it an annual affair?" All we need is for someone to propose an attractive mini and volunteer to make the arrangements for those who want to come. Discussions are already taking place for a mini during 91. From **Max Murray**, Portsmouth, NH, "I know of no other classmates in this area, but keep looking. We cruise up the Maine coast and down to the Cape in our little 23' cruiser and enjoy all seasons up here." From **Chuck Jackson**, some extracts, "After the mini I went to Denver to visit an aunt, who will be 100 yrs old 22 Jan. 20 Sep we received warnings to evacuate our home in Mt Pleasant to escape Hurricane Hugo. We spent 6 days in Augusta w/**Jim & Dee Lynch** waiting for power to be restored in our ret comm. Although the eye of the storm passed through Mt Pleasant, we were lucky. Only one window was broken w/very little water damage. During Nov we visited **Charlotte & Jim Taylor** in their lovely home on Hilton Head Isl."

20 Dec Ft McNair Luncheon was attended by 12 classmates, 8 wives, and 7 widows on a cold wintry day. The dining rm was decorated w/a Christmas tree and

other holiday items. **Nim Collins'** guests were her son, LTC **Kevin Collins USAF**, and his wife **Barbara**, visiting from AL.



1938: **Nim Collins** with son **Kevin** and wife **Barbara**, Dec 1989

Rosalie Folda Valentine and **Isabel Bonnett** had just returned from SF, where they observed earthquake damage and visited relatives and friends. **Paul Davis** left early to teach his afternoon Spanish classes. **Thelma Mrazek's** 92 yr old mother arrived alone from FL after being re-routed by air thru Atl. The **Millers'** son **Frank** will soon become ADC 24th Div at Ft Stewart. Their son **Brink** is Dist Engr at Galveston. **Mary Missal** was visiting son **Don** and family in Seattle. The **Sussmanns** and **Art Smiths** cancelled reservations due to bad weather. The **Bromileys** had planned to attend, but their air flight was delayed.

Shirley & Junie Lotz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Ft Belvoir on 23 Dec w/gathering of family, friends, and classmates, arranged by daughters **Shirley**, **Virginia** and **Anne**. Son **Roger** was



1938: **Junie & Shirley Lotz'** 50th wedding anniversary, Dec 1989

there from HI, as well as both sons-in-law and 7 of their 10 grandchildren ranging in age from 18 months to 21 yrs. 98 yr old great-grandmother **Colton**, recovering from pneumonia, could not come but happily she was well enough to enjoy the gathering of the family. The occasion was highlighted w/a presentation of a Memory Book compiled by their daughters from contributions by more than 100 friends and relatives. Some of the amusing anecdotes were shared during the presentation.

27 Dec the **Stilwells** hosted a cocktail

buffet for Christmas visitors—**Muriel Amick, Junie & Shirley Lotz, Dick & Edee Bromiley** and daughter Joan. The **Browns, Lewises and Millers** were local guests. Everyone was relaxed after Christmas activities and enjoyed much lively conversation. Results of our 89 Golf Classic are: Winner—**McHaney**—Gross 84 Hdcp 16 Net 68. He apologized for a wonderful chipping and putting exhibition (12 one putts). He ably represented “F” Co & AR by winning in all 3 categories above. Others participating in order of net scores included: **Lewis (OK)**—Gross 90 Hdcp 21 Net 69, **Bill Smith (MD)**—Gross 98 Hdcp 26 Net 72, **Mel Russell**—Gross 95 Hdcp 22 Net 73, **Vail (NY)**—Gross 93 Hdcp 18 Net 75. Obviously, some of our low scoring golfers did not compete this yr. **Bill Vail** has passed the sponsorship of our next Golf Classic to this yr’s winner—**Galion McHaney!**

On 19 Feb our classmate **Richard J. Long** died suddenly of a heart attack in a hosp near his home in CA. Memorial services will be held at the Presidio of Monterey, and he will be interred at Brookline, MA, with his parents. He is survived by his widow **Alice**, daughters **Andrea** and **Felicity**, son **Mike**, their spouses, and 3 grandchildren. We sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

6 Jan **Cliff Riordan** competed in 11th Annual Lake Newman 15 KM Race sponsored by FL Track Club of which he is an active mbr. He sent me the FTC bulletin about the Great Gainesville Rd Races during Feb in which he is competing. 18 Jan Ft McNair luncheon was attended by 9 classmates, 6 wives, and 3 widows, enjoying a mild Jan day. Some absentees had the flu or hosp appts. Proposals for 91 mini-reunion were discussed, including AK or Caribbean cruises, or a visit to Tides Inn in VA. Inconclusive results were reported to **Dick Stilwell** who was unable to attend.

21 Jan **Junie Lotz** is unpacking and readying their new home in Sun City Center, FL for long-term occupancy and for guests during Feb. On Feb 1 **Shirley** went to VA to visit her mother and returned to FL on 7 Feb. Their 90 schedule of activities and travel is already crowded!

From **Hugh Wallace**, San Ant, TX 30 Jan: “**Beno Bruton**’s daughter in Austin has had heart surgery and is doing well. **Omar Knox** is making a marvelous recovery; **Maria** says she has a hard time keeping him under control. **Mona Preuss** visited over Christmas with her son and granddaughter in San Fran, then on to Seattle to visit her second son and two grandchildren there. **Jan & I** had relays of children and grandchildren in groups of 4–6 from 22 Dec–2 Jan. It was enjoyable, but **Jan** had to run the washing machine overtime and do a bit of bed-changing.” 31 Jan from **Bill Strand**, “**Mac & Barbara Macomber** had a delightful party on 12 Jan 90 to celebrate **Mac**’s

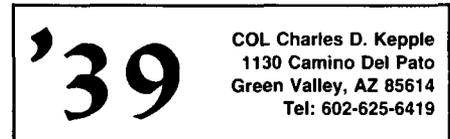
75th birthday. Drinks were in their lovely home in Fair Oaks Ranch followed by a delicious dinner at the nearby Fair Oaks Country Club. Champagne was served and ‘Happy Birthday’ was sung by the **Kieffers, Wallaces, Artmans, Jo Ryan, Singers** and their son **Steve USMA ’66, Coiras, Skaers** and **Strands**. **Gerry Brischetto** visited her son, Dr Bob Brischetto in San Ant in Jan. The **Strands** enjoyed a pleasant lunch with **Gerry** at **Marie Callenders**, an attractive restaurant here. **Gerry** recently got together in St Louis with **Ginger Demitz**, widow of **Bob Demitz**. Also in Jan **Mary Kelley** flew to NY and, accompanied by her daughter **Bonnie**, went on to San Juan to board the cruise ship *Golden Odyssey* for a 7-day Caribbean cruise. Of all the interesting places, Grenada was rated best by **Mary**. The cruise ended in Curacao. They flew back to Miami together and, after a brief stay, **Bonnie** went on to NY and **Mary** returned to San Ant. **Mert & Jean Singer** spent a pleasant 10 days in London during the end of Jan. The occasion was an intl meeting on food processing and food service equipment. There were 1500 exhibitors and 20,000 attendees. **Mert** gave a pitch on irradiated foods. England was hit by the worst winter storm in 300 yrs, but **Mert** says they survived in good shape except for some traffic delays while going to the theater one evening. Their vote for the most enjoyable show was *Miss Saigon*. **Jean** got a special treat when she met **Princess Diana** who was visiting the convention.”

3 Feb **Ches Chesarek** is recuperating after serious heart surgery at Letterman Army Hosp. We hope that he will have a full recovery and be home again soon.

9 Jan **Herb Spangler** died at Long Beach and was interred at Riverside Natl Cemetery. We received notification by AOG letter to **Stilwell** 17 Jan. Yrs ago **Herb** had been hospitalized as a result of two severe strokes and an auto accident, and was later in long-term care. He is survived by his daughter **Mrs Maribeth Brown**, 2404 Old Farm Lane, Edmond, OK 73013. On 16 Jan our classmate **Francis (Tip) Harrison** died suddenly, with minimal suffering, of cancer at Ft Ord Hosp. His remains were cremated and scattered off the Pacific coast. **Tip** ret from the Army at Ft Ord in 66, and had worked until 78 in the CA State Univ System. **Mark Brennan** and **Jim Henderston** attended the memorial svcs at Ft Ord. He was survived by his widow **Bertha**, two sons, **Ron** and **Richard**, a sister, and two grandchildren. On 27 Jan, **Shirley Byars**, widow of classmate **David O Byars, Jr**, died in Tacoma of heart failure after two wks illness. Memorial svcs were held on 3 Feb in Tacoma, and she was interred with **Dave** at Lakeview Cemetery. She is survived by her son, **CPT David O Byars III (Ret)** of **McCall, ID**, and daughter **Anne Byars Hyder** of

Woodbridge, VA. Our class pres, **Dick Stilwell**, has contacted the bereaved families with condolences and offers of assistance if desired. We are shocked and saddened by these deaths as we complete the first month of 90.

Due to space limitations for class notes, some items were edited for brevity, or postponed until the next issue of *ASSEMBLY*. Many thanks to **Hugh Wallace, Bill Strand, Jim Mrazek**, and others for their contributions.



The mail bag was quite full this term, so on with the report. **John Dickerson** writing from Vienna indicated that he generally spends the winter mos in the US. In 88 he arrived just before Christmas, returning to Vienna in late May 89. He spent a couple of wks in FL, then to CA where one of his brothers is settled. He rented an apt there and stayed a couple of mos. This past winter, he expected to do about the same, but should be back in Vienna by the time this is published in Apr. Last autumn, he was pleased to celebrate his birthday in Vienna with son **Tom**, and youngest brother and brother’s wife.

Fritz, the cuckoo in the first cuckoo clock (there are now two) of the **Riel Crandalls**’ abode wrote a long ltr detailing the **Crandalls’ Odyssey 89**. Right after New Years, **Bea & Riel** went to Disney World, stayed at the Grand Floridian, then trooped over to St Petersburg visiting some of **Bea**’s old haunts where she spent the yr **Riel** was in Korea. Upon returning from the Class reunion, they headed out to Monticello, MN, accompanied by both daughters and their families for a family reunion with **Riel**’s brother **Keith** and family, celebrating **Keith**’s 80th birthday. **Riel** gave the Memorial Day address back in Cromwell, CT (home) and then off to **Bea**’s HS reunion in June. Jul saw them on the AOG trip to Eastern Europe where they visited Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and both Berlins. Leaving the tour there, they went to Zurich and toured the back roads of Switzerland, buying the second cuckoo clock of which **Fritz** spoke at the start of his report.

Elder & Erna James wrote at Christmas time of their activities in 89. Following the Class reunion, they visited granddaughter **Jacqueline** on Long Isl, stopping in Boston and Cincinnati en route home. “In late June, **Elder** took the 3 grandsons to camp on the White Mtns Apache Reservation for a wk of fishing, craw-dad catching, boating, card-playing and world class dillydallying. Shortly after the boys had left, the 3 person granddaughter crew arrived for their wk; the time with them was a little less hectic

and took place in a more highly developed USFS campground with all the amenities. The memories of those days in camp with each group are precious; we had an awfully good time." Daughter Gail and Elder closed out the camping season with a delightful wkend in mid-Oct.

Sadly we must report that **Erna James** died of a lung ailment 1 Feb of this yr. A beautiful service was held on 4 Feb at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Tucson to memorialize a lovely lady. Each of her 3 children spoke of their memories of their mom, and others of the many friends that Erna had made during her yrs in Tucson had eulogized her as well. Attending from the Class were the **Kobes, Maxwells, and Kepples**. **Gerry Reeves** did not attend, but there it was learned from Nancy Maxwell that Gerry is planning to move to El Paso where she has a support group of family and friends.

Ed Hamilton wrote from VA: "In Sep the **Mancusos** hosted 22 of us at their new home just no of Fredericksburg. Out of towners included the **Al Evans** and **Frank Newcomers**. All of us enjoyed the hospitality of our gracious hosts, **Steve & Ann**, and the tour of their lovely new home. I have enclosed a pic of virile 50 yr vintage males surrounded by lovely, flirtatious sirens. Pics by, and courtesy of, **Al Evans**. The below pics were not captioned and I'll not try, for all I need is one mistake on the distaff side and I'm in deep trouble. My apologies to **Abbie Boylan** for not recognizing her in the Ft Bliss 89 Founders Day photo, Jan 90 issue. She is the lovely lady in the middle (Founders Day photos are seldom captioned either).

Elly & Sue Wood sent Christmas greetings from Carmel. They are both in reasonably good health. He has recov-



1939: '39ers enjoying party at the Mancusos' lovely new home.

ered nicely from a broken leg suffered in a ski accident; they planned on more skiing after the holidays.

Higgy Higgins wrote a long ltr with news of the **Hilton Head Det**. He, a loyal correspondent and one of my best supporters, said that all who attended the 50th were most complimentary of the arrangements and conduct. They were looking forward to the 55th, and hope all can make it.

Jack & Teet Dobson relocated to the Bermuda Run ret community near Advance, NC, which is about 14 miles W of Winston-Salem, where my son Dave and family live. **Nina & I** looked it over in 85 and were most impressed. Dave really wanted us to settle there, but we chose to pioneer out W. **Higgy** also mentioned the move of the **Kobes** from Beaufort, SC, to Tucson, as reported in the Feb notes.

He then wrote: "Of great interest to our Class was the recognition given to **Dick Curtin** when he was honored along with 6 other AF Generals as a pioneer in establishing the foundation of our national military space power. Dick was

cited on a plaque hung in the National Air and Space Museum for 'his foresight and initiative in establishing the US as the world's leading space power in the 1960's.'" Dick is the brother-in-law of **Higgy & Bill McCaffrey**.

"**Ken & Allie Lou Collins** returned from their annual sojourn at Raggedy Mt in NH. **Matt Legler** had an interesting return to the battlefields of Normandy and the Bulge, which he enjoyed very much.

"**PD Wynne** has recovered very well from a serious medical condition in Aug. **Bob Williams** has continued to improve from the effects of his stroke of last yr. Both look to the 90s with great hope which we all share with them.

"The **Ed Smiths, Jim Kellers** and we continue to enjoy our life in Sea Pines; we're glad **Hugo** skipped us, but we were amazed with the snowstorm of the century just before Christmas. **Ann & I** joined the other '39ers who could not wait too long after graduation and enjoyed our 50th wedding anniversary in Aug. All the best in 90." A nice ltr it was! Thanks, **Higgy!**

John Carpenter informs us that **Roger Phelan** passed away on 10 Jan after a long fight against emphysema and lung cancer. His ashes were buried in Montgomery, AL. **Margie** will continue to live in Montgomery at 3512 Falcon Ridge Ct, 36111. John's wife **Dottie** is recovering nicely from a total hip replacement, and John is eyeing an **Allegro 31'** diesel motor home. (**Nina & I** are very pleased with our two yr old **Allegro**).

Heard from **Julian Ewell** and **Tommy Thomason**. They both have recently moved into The Fairfax "with **Bob Camp** following along soon." The Fairfax is a Marriott Lifetime Care Ret Comm sponsored by a group of ret Army off. Joel's address is 9090 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-2702. Tel: (703) 780-9584. Julian says, "While it is still in the throes of completion, it is very pleasant so far." His address appears below under changes to **Norm Farrell's** directory. Joel enthusiastically relates, "**Nernie & I** have found that change to be the best decision we have made in yrs. Renewing old acquaintances (some we haven't seen in 30 or 40 yrs) and making new friends on a daily basis are positive features which are most rewarding." He likes the freedom from responsibilities of home ownership, but most of all, the comfort of an excellent health and life care center right in the community.

Julian reports that he & **Bev** are doing about as well as could be expected healthwise. He has been appointed honorary COL of the 501st Inf Regt, the 1st Bn of which has recently been activated at Ft Richardson, AK. He said, "I was pleased and flattered as I was one of the early members of both the 501st Parachute Bn and the Regt, as well as regt cmdr of the 501 during WWII. The current bn is also parachute/airborne."



1939: '39ers gathering at Steve & Ann Mancuso's home near Fredericksburg

Other news from **Joel**: Daughter Cathy has become a mother-in-law 26 Jan when her daughter, Nicole, married Wes Strickland, AF LT. They will be at Scott AFB. "Oldest grandchild, Joel III, made the drop into Panama with the 82nd Abn. After patrols and other duties opposite the Papal Nuncio while Noriega was there, he returned to Bragg with 2000 others in the drop which was widely televised."

Norm Farrell wrote in Jan that he had two trips to emergency with a hemorrhage in his right eye, an overnight stay at DeWitt AH, 4 visits to the ophthalmologist at WRMC, a non-injury accident with \$1600 damage to his car when he was rear-ended by a non-stopper, and a wk in WRMC to get his heart back in regular rhythm. "But despite this tale of woe, I am in great health, eye ok, and we had a marvelous Christmas with all 4 children and 6 of 7 grandchildren." He received a rpt from a friend that **Gene Trahan** had a heart attack at yr's end. Drove himself to the hosp, was in intensive care, got a pacemaker, and was due out on 8 Jan.

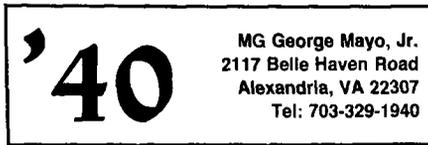
Norm also sent along changes to the *Class Directory*: Add new wife, **Anita**, to entry for **John Olson**. Change addresses and tel as follows: **Buster**, PO Box 4488, rest unchanged; **Davidson**, 7319 Hidden Hill N, 78244; **Dobson**, 3130 Bermuda Village, Advance, NC 27006; **Dziuban**, 21157 Twining Ave, Riverside, CA 92508; **Ewell**, 9024 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060, tel (703) 781-3904; **Kingsley**, zip 33940; **Mancuso**, tel (703) 371-7826; **Meyer**, 1422 Republic Pl, Indian River Colony Club, Melbourne, FL 32940, tel (407) 255-6668; **Olson**, 501 A Tanglebrier Ln, San Ant, TX 78209, tel (512) 821-6017; **Scott**, tel (407) 255-6461; **Wilson, WW**, change spelling to **Woody** and list 2nd address as PO Box 485, Newport, VT, tel (802) 334-6177; **Sullivan**, 17050 Arnold Dr Apt G218, Riverside, CA, 92508, tel (714) 697-2566.

He then listed recent deaths of members of our Class, but had no details: **James L Rogers**, **Robert W Page**, **Raymond A Janowski**, **Millie Banning**, and **Harry T Smith** (Hyannis, MA, 21 Dec 89). We are saddened by the passing of each one, and extend our deepest sympathies to the survivors. Will those who have more information on any one of our dear departed please send it to the scribe so it can be reported to the Class?

Regarding obituaries, **Bur Showalter** requests that any classmate with factual information or personal comment on **WW Croxton's** or **PW Long's** careers (cadet, officer, or civ) contact him. He promises "no attribution." Bur also reports that he was elected honorary VP of the 3rd Armored Div Assn at its annual convention in Cincinnati in Sep. He commanded the 703rd TD Bn in that div.

And now I must announce that, with this report, I complete my second tour as Class scribe, the first having been in the

early 70s. It has been my pleasure and privilege to have served in this capacity. **Bur Showalter** has graciously accepted the call of the Standing Comm to succeed me. His address: Col Wilbur E Showalter, 1360-40 Black Forest Dr, Dayton, OH 45449; tel (513) 859-0546. Let's all give him our support, as I thank you for that which you have given me! Gracias.



You should get this issue of *ASSEMBLY* shortly before you leave for the 50th Reunion on 23-26 May. Thus, it's a little bit late for me to describe now the planning for the reunion. But if, somehow, you've missed all **Thad Nosek's** reunion newsletters this past yr and haven't yet arranged to be at WP with the rest of the Class, it's time to push the panic button. Give Thad a ring at 703-768-7753 and see what can be done. We'd like to have you with us.

We note with pardonable pride that the sr Class aide during our reunion will be **Hobie & Molly Pillsbury's** son **COL HB Pillsbury, Jr '67**, who has been at WP since 83 as Perm Assoc Prof in Dept Soc Sci.

Chuck Balthis read the Supe's letter in the Jan *ASSEMBLY* with its comment about WP being so peaceful during the Christmas holidays now that plebes get leave. He wrote the Supe, "The Sat before Christmas I went to WP to watch my granddaughter compete in the Metro NY Area track meet. We drove in So Gate and along the through-traffic route to the Field House. During the day, and on our way out, we never saw a cadet or officer. The only mil person we saw was one MP handling traffic at the Field House. It was different during Plebe Christmas in 36!" The Supe responded, "It is far different from Plebe Christmas in 52 also! Noting that your Class has its 50th Reunion coming up, I hope you'll return—there will be more than enough activity then."

John McLean sent his annual treas report; it's good news. "From mid-85 to end-89, generous contributions by almost all our classmates to the Class of '40 gift acct in the WP Fund totaled more than \$138,000. Thus, even though we've spent \$67,000 so far on our 50th Reunion gift—the illustrated history of WP—there was still a balance in the gift acct at end-89 of over \$71,000. This should cover the rest of the estimated \$125,000 total cost of the WP history and leave a healthy start on fund accumulation for our next project down the road."

John continued, "The Class of '40 Admin Acct with the AOG had an end-89 balance of over \$5,400. We've been trying to build up this acct to be sure we have ready cash for activities like funding classmate memorials, publishing up-

dated Class rosters, mailing more frequent correspondence to the Class as a whole, providing seed money for mini-reunions, and covering unexpected costs in connection with the 50th Reunion."

John ended, "Continuing tax-deductible contributions to these two accts as well as to the unrestricted portion of the WP Fund will help support desirable projects for the Corps, the Academy, and our Class in the future."

Jim & Barbara Maedler made a belated after-action report on the Navy game at the Meadowlands. "Along with **Lee & Marion Fritter**, we had good seats on the sunny side of the stadium and, as far as we know, were the only classmates present. It was a beautiful but frigid day, so we froze when we lost the sun after half time. You know the score; Navy played hard and earned the win."

Jack Wright wrote to say he finds it very interesting to hear what classmates do with their time. For himself, there's quite enough to keep him busy. You recall that, after Jack ret from active duty, he spent 8 yrs or so as a prof staffer with the Boy Scouts' Natl Hq, directing such things as R & D and setting up big Jamborees. Recently, he published his diary of 3 1/2 yrs as a Japanese POW in WWII. For the past 15 yrs, he's been increasingly interested in genealogy, which has led to his participation in several genealogical socs. "I served as pres of the Dallas Chap and of the TX Soc, Sons of the Amer Revolution and did the research which led to **Phil Loofbourrow** and **Bey Campbell** becoming members. Now I'm working on the research for **Bob Williams**. I presently serve as Gov Gen of the Order of Founders and Patriots of Amer." Jack went on, "**Helene & I** are planning our final move (#34) back to CA. As soon as we sell this house in TX, we'll move to AF Village West, near March AFB. This will be going home for us, since we went through high school together in Hollywood."

Freddie White also has been doing his share of writing. For well over a yr, he's been working as managing editor of the recently published Army-Navy CC 1924-89 Historical Review.

Ray Renola reminded us of some of that history, when **Sam Webster** came east last fall to play in the natl 70-and-over clay court championships at Army-Navy CC in Arlington.

Ford & Peg Fuller spent much of Dec in Palo Alto, CA for the dual purpose of inventorying Fuller children and grandchildren in Palo Alto and housesitting for **Peppy Millican** in Los Altos Hills while she went tripping. Ford said, "We had a great time staying at Peppy's house and using her car. Had dinner one evening with **Sam & Kim Webster** and **Ed & Sarah Hoover**. Peppy's trip was good, but strenuous, and we're trying to persuade her to go to the 50th."



1940: Vaughan, Webster and Renola at ANCC tennis tournament banquet

Harmon Rimmer wrote that the memorial service planned for Dorothy in the Presidio of San Fran, canceled last Oct by the earthquake, was being rescheduled for early in the spring.

Back in early Dec, John & Alleen Burfening made a short trip to El Paso and environs. Lanny & Nora Witt held a mini-dinner for the Burfenings at their home and found a number from the area, including Dick & Annette Cassidy, Jenks & Maggie Floyd, John & Edy O'Keefe, Hazel Saunders, and Jake & Rosemary Taylor.

A recent card from Jeanne (Brewerton) Buchanan confirmed the report in the last Class notes that she had married Lincoln A Buchanan 18 Nov. Jeanne included this photo and said their address would still be 174 Highland Ave, No Tarrytown, NY 10591.



1940: Jeanne (Brewerton) Buchanan and Lincoln A. Buchanan

Marge & I were no end flattered to have a letter in mid-Jan from the itinerants, Bill & Kathy Porte, who announced they were back from 2 wks in HI and casting about for other fields to conquer. They suggested that we Mayos join the Portes on a "short" trip in Jun, just after the 50th Reunion, covering Israel, Rome, Munich, and the Oberammergau Passion Play, all within 14 days. Israel alone is going to involve visits to something like 26 places in 6 days. Marge & I aren't quite that athletic at this stage of the game! Despite the challenge of making the 50th extend a bit longer, we reluctantly dropped out of the competition.

Dave & Natalie Yates wrote in mid-

Dec from their new home at 706 Foxpointe Circle, Delray Beach, FL 33445. Seems they'd been thinking of moving to FL for some time, but had put it off, until some mos ago, Dave had "first a mild heart attack and then a serious stroke, from which he's made a marvelous recovery." With their doctor's blessing, they undertook the wrenching move from almost 30 yrs of living and accumulating in Brookline. And this also included moving their 98-yr old mother! Natalie added, "We plan to stay put until May, then fly up to attend Dave's 50th Reunion at WP and stay up north until we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on 16 Jun at the Old Cadet Chapel."

And, as Sam & Jean Patten put it, "The good news is that Jean is feeling great more than a yr after her surgery for lung cancer. The bad news is that she is feeling so well that she's gained 10 lbs!"

I must report several items of bad news. First, we were very sorry to have word from Albuquerque that John O'Brien lost his beloved Betty on 25 Jan after a rapid onset of cancer. We send our sympathy to O'B, who is at 2217 Dietz Pl NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

A call from Joe Sites '51 reported that Theodosia (Pitman) Kelsey, widow of our late Jim Pitman, who later married CDR John Kelsey, USN Ret, USNA '43, died of cancer 2 Feb in Arlington, VA.

And Sam Webster called to report that Bob O'Donnell died peacefully in his sleep on 10 Feb at New Rochelle, after a long battle with emphysema. We offer our condolences to Julie, who can be reached at their home at 112 Forest Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10804.

Marge & I look forward to seeing you all at the 50th!

'41

COL B. C. Andrus, Jr.
505 Hidden Valley Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Tel: 719-598-2206

Sir, there are 365 days until the greatest '41 reunion ever! Can you believe? Mike Greene is preparing to make it one fittingly unique and special. Joe Gurflein's comm will make you glad you came, and the Book is on its flight plan and will be delivered to you well before the gathering at WP. We won't plant a Class tree in the middle of the Plain nor "Geronimo" out of a North Barracks window, but we will have a Helluva good '41 time just being together again.

As we prepare for this great event, here are a few suggestions. Let's devote a max effort to bringing all of the obituaries on our beloved classmates up-to-date. The latest report from the fine people in the AOG's office show the following not yet received: Jock Adams, Mike Aliotta, Clint Ball, Spike Briggs, Charlie Busbee, Jack Camp, Dave Cooper, Elk Franklin, Jim Graham, Henry

Irwin, Charlie Jones, Dick Levy, John Linderman, Jack McClure, Art Meyer, Maynard Moyer, Al Muzyk, Dick Polk, Jim Roy, and TK White. This is quite a number—total 20. Quite a few are in the works and we have some inputs, approved by the family for the book. These only need to be slightly restructured for ASSEMBLY. But, I think everyone would agree this deserves a MAX EFFORT so that we can know there are no stragglers in this important category when we gather for the memorial service at the beautifully refurbished Kelleher-Jobes Arch next spring. If you can take one or more as an "action officer," please let me know.

I am happy to announce that we have a surprise for all. To vastly enrich the Fiftieth Yr Book, we will have approximately 15 pictures in the color section made available by Bob Krist whose photo edition of the book *West Point* was published under the auspices of the AOG by Harmony House. This beautiful collection of pictures of our Alma Mater and the Corps, as it is today, is being marketed by the AOG, and you can obtain a copy by calling 1-800-523-0124. Bob Krist is a photojournalist whose work appears regularly in such magazines as *National Geographic*, *Travel and Leisure*, *National Wildlife and Islands*. He has been kind enough to make his beautiful slides available to us for the Book at no cost. You will be delighted when you see his images of our Alma Mater preserved for posterity in our Book.

The annual DC '41 Christmas Party took place on 16 Dec at the new and beautiful Belvoir Woods complex. Jean Moody and Jane Gribble laid on the plan and it could not have been more elegant: cocktails in a private room and then a sumptuous dinner served in a banquet room. I got Jean to help me with the list of guests: Fred & Kay Ascani, Fred & Jerry Baker, Henry & Dorothy Bodson, Horace Brown, Skip Brown, Joe & Ev Canella, Celia Clinton, Lucy Cooper, John & Ginger Deane, Bob & Emilie Elsberry, Charlie & Johnnie Fletcher, Jog & Mary Green, Mike & Eileen Greene, Jane Gribble, Joe & Marion Gurflein, Stan & Eva Hays, Bob & Rene Langan, Eloise Levy, Jock & Annette Mateer, Walt & Midge Mather, Jean Moody, Jane Platt (widow of Thos Reagan), Spec & Cleo Powell, Ed Rowley, Brad & Ruth Smith, Herb & Rose Stern, Pete & Maxine Tanous, Barney & Bettie Woodruff.

It was particularly nice to greet Jane Platt at her first Christmas Party with the Class. There were two last min Benos; Woody Garrett fell on the ice while bringing flowers to Jane's grave, and his dr ordered him to rest. And sadly, Mo Reed & Joe got word that wk that her only son, Brent, had died of a massive heart attack. Jean Moody can be reached at 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy #122, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060 if you want to find out more about that lovely home for seniors.



1941: Who are these young kids?



1941: A Pointer cartoon by you-know-who!

And the Carmel Mini is picking up speed. Lynn Lee's computerized roster shows 95 reservations at this writing. By the time you read these words the event will be a pleasant memory. The CA gang has really done a great job pulling it together.

Hugh Foster reported this unique and heart-warming experience. His first job as a Signal Corps 2nd LT was to train 17 Comanche Indians as codetalkers for the 4th Inf Div. They would pass orders and reports "in the clear—Comanche clear" to save encoding time and to frustrate the German intelligence types. Last Nov they had a reunion in OK City to which Hugh was invited. The 3 surviving Comanches and their tribe were decorated by the French govt. Hugh received special gifts, qualified in a ceremonial dance, and was given the Comanche name "Poo-ee-whee-tek-wha Eksabahn" which means *telephone soldier*.

You undoubtedly noticed in the Jan 90 issue of *ASSEMBLY* that I misspelled Mal Troup's name in the caption under his picture at the Gauvreau Memorial. Mal has been driving me around for



1941: Who are these old fuds? Gauvreau Memorial '89

Police Calls ever since, but at 100th Night, I go on probation.

Thinking about the totality of our Big 50th, I contacted the AOG to learn more about the WP Memory Book. As you know, when a classmate dies, our treasury sends a \$25 contribution for this book in memory of that person. These books were donated by the Class of '27 at their 50th. They are located in Cullum where chairs and a table are conveniently placed to permit visitors to peruse the appropriate volume. Each page is made of heavy parchment with an attractive border of WP scenes in color. The name of the deceased is hand printed at the top together with the yrs of birth and death. Then everyone who has contributed in the name of the deceased is listed on his page. For further info contact the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, West Point, NY 10996. It is a very worthy project and perhaps a stopping point during our reunion.

Steve Plume sent a very considerable sheet of newsprint about Jack Kelsey's Blueberry Farm and his role as an envi-



1941: Major Joe Tate in N. Africa, 1943

ronmental watchdog. The front page of *The Banner* states, "When you 'gore' Jack Kelsey's ox (a Kelsey way of saying that if you litter the roads, silt the streams, junk up the outside of your home or business), you had better be prepared to hear some noise and experience some action. Since he & his wife Betty moved to their home off of Lee Gwaltney Rd, situated on a beautifully manicured 14 acres of blueberries and raspberries, in Jul 86, Kelsey has made things cleaner and greener." Being a lover of blueberries and one who hates the sight of a beer can in the ditch, I say "Hats Off" to our former mule rider!

Rod O'Connor sent a very poignant clipping from the Dyess AFB paper written by his son, LTC Richard M O'Connor, 463rd Field Maintenance Sqdn, Cmdr. Entitled "Remembering: Patriot-

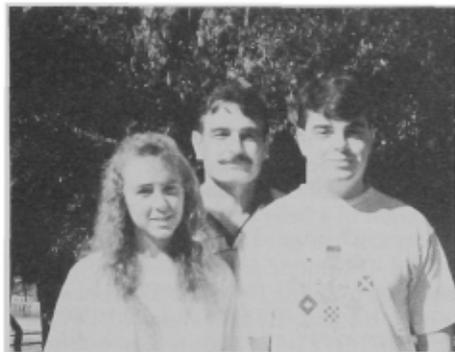


1941: At our big Fortieth

ic Pastime," it focused on the anniversary of our Constitution and a special anniv for the casualties of Vietnam, many of whom were his USAFA classmates. He closed with these words, "The Constitution and the KIAs-MIAs are intertwined. They form part of the fabric of our nation. It's good to remember and reflect on them."

POTPOURRI: For the first time ever, I heard from Kenny Due via his daughter, Sharon Embach. He is not well, but decided to send some bio data and an order for the book. Curiously, his letter was addressed to Mr EB Hemstead at my address—that is the name and initials of the "B" Co Tac of our day. Jack Richards '64, reported a "... great time at our 25th. The Wards were there, but the Murrays

could not make it. Over 1/2 of the Class returned." **Jasper Vaughn** reported "... Mark Pollock is now expecting a 3rd child; the **Dienelt** clan grows before your book is published." **Walt Woolwine**, our Book treas, is doing a great job of safeguarding our money for the Book. Over \$26,000 earning interest, and the impact on our Class Fund should be minimal. **George Stalnaker** reported, "On 7 Nov I had a sudden 3-way bypass, 10 yrs to the mo after the first one." He said he is picking up speed, walks up to 2.5 mi 5 times per wk. **Wray White** plans to be back on the bridle paths by Easter after a 4-way bypass. **Charlotte** is in a home and not doing well. Phone call reports: **Clearys** in Ft Lauderdale for the winter; **Horace Brown** working on the big 50th; **Race Foster Jr**, having been located, is happy to participate in the book. He is a contract pilot and



1941: Stacey, Race Jr., and Race III Foster at their home in Panama City

hopes to ski with me before the end of the season. **Potter Campbell** will send poop on his new job as a cadet counselor. **Margaret Cheaney** gave poop on Cadet Moon and the news that his brother, Joshua, has received his orders to report to USMA this summer. **Pat Lee** has sent in all the poop for the Lee bio section of the book. **Wally Lauterbach** has decided to make the Carmel mini. **Jack Christensen** reported that **Muriel** is hospitalized with a virus. **Johnny Brooks** reported in from FL—a mini-mini dinner with the **Seamans** and **McIntyres**. **Spec & Celia Powell** are enjoying Sarasota. **Mal Troup** asked me to announce that on the Book sales "leader board," **Ralph Kuzell** is at the top with 7 books ordered and paid for. **Biss Moore's** address changed to 38 Barony Lane. **Jean Moody's** new phone: 703-799-4574.

YEA REUNION!!!

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Whoever said that "no news is good news" was obviously not assigned to write a Class column! With the short fuse between ASSEMBLY issues, I'm doubly indebted to you whose messages provided the following!

Despite all our hopes and prayers, **George Hozier** lost his heroic struggle with viral pneumonia on 19 Dec. It was a bitter blow, after a brief period when he appeared to be on the upgrade. No date has presently been set for services at WP. Our hearts go out to **Shirley** and the children.

A card from **Lorraine & Rube Rubenstein** regretting their absence at the San Ant gala. They looked in vain for '42ers at the Navy game, but did see **Rene Murray** as well as **Ben Hill's** in-laws.

The **Fergussons**, **McAdams** and **Retzers** hosted what must have been a hilarious Halloween party, judging by the photographic evidence!



1942: This must be Fergy and his cat's meow!



1942: Jim (Garfield) and his back fence admirer



1942: Karl—a real "cat" and Betty

Phil Wyman hosted Super Golf IX beginning in Oct but finally ran afoul of the weatherman, incl rain in the first round and snow later on! New winners continued to be in vogue, with **Sam Koster** beating **Phil** in the Black Flight, **Howie Slaton** taking **Charlie Mizell** in the Gold and **George Hesselbacher** winning over **Larry Vogel** in the Gray.

Ed Farrington has been great about keeping me posted. On their trip to HI, he was disturbed to find his mother not doing too well. They did have a chance to dine with **Tom & Claire Rienzi**, and he had a long phone conversation with **Dick Gaspard**, who sounded good. Ed also reported on the '42 holiday luncheon, as did **John Westenhoff**. There were 80+ in attendance, including 3 grandchildren. **Pete & Juanita FlorCruz** broke a record with 6 other family members on hand, to incl Captain "Cookie" and her Captain husband! It's so great to see that warm event prosper. Maybe we can get the kids to carry on when we old fuds are gone. A highlight was the presentation of an AOG ceramic tile of a Captain's shako, sword and sash to **John Westenhoff** for his unceasing labors in setting up our luncheons, taking our pictures and always being available when help is needed.



1942: The Westenhoffs receive hearty thanks from '42

Mary Bolton was thoughty enough to send an article from the *San Ant Express-News* about **Lynn Koisch**. It seems that Lynn is the volunteeringest gal in the Army Residence Comm. From mktg for the occupants of the health care facility, to aiding the activities dir, to entertaining nursing home patients in the Koischs' apt, Lynn is always on hand. She and other ret nurses even pitched in to help ill residents when an ice storm kept staff personnel from getting to work! How nice to have good deeds recognized. Our collective hats are off to you, Lynn—and to **Frank** for that devious engr mind that told him to woo her and win her! The **Boltons** are now settled in the Residence and love it. Now to find the perfect buyer for that perfect house of theirs—realizing that the **Horridges** are #1 on our list of those to hope for!

Larry Vogel asks that I advise you of his assistants for the big Five-O reunion, so here they are: **George Allin**, **Bob Clagett** (memorial service), **Ec Cutler** (wouldn't you think he'd move, but how could we do without him!), **Jeff Davis** (procurer of the Surprise Gift Package), **Frank Koisch** (coordinator of suggestions from San Ant), **Johnny Reid** (head financier) and **Robbie Robinson**. Do let them know of preferences or peeves.

A phone call from **Bob & Hancel Evans**, now in the Keys but soon to arrive at Ft Myers Beach. Their guest list is lengthy, and we regret that we shall miss out as we head for 2 wks on the Costa del Sol. We will not be with the **Offleys** (already there), but we shall be close by and subject to them and their delightful British friends. Should this be my last column, you'll know why!

Another call from **Jack Watson** who is soon to be doing the Aegean Sea. He's been charged with predicting the decline of our numbers as it affects future reunion requirements, etc. I put on my actuary cap, dazzled him with my response and finally admitted that I didn't understand what I'd said either!

Ted Marks sent a couple of snaps from the last golf gaggle and laid a quote on me that I hope he'll identify someday!



1942: Two old "roomies" are glad they found replacements!



1942: The "hacker" explains the game to Bud, George, Sam and Dick!

A terrific article by **James F C Hyde, Jr.** from the *Washington Post*, subtitled, "Don't Play 'Guess Who' With Friends Who Can't See." It contains Doc's comments on a list of do's and don'ts from the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind. Wish they could be faxed to all, but common sense rules throughout. Do identify yourself, don't be pushy, don't shout, do acknowledge your presence—and departure, do be precise in instructions, don't avoid "see," etc, and do address the person by name if comments are directed their way.

Take good care of yourselves and each other and keep those cards and letters coming.

Jan
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Well, there was no snow and it wasn't cold, but it was 19 Jan 90 (just 47 yrs after our Jun-in-Jan graduation) and here were some 29 classmates & wives assembled in a private ballroom at Bolling AFB in DC to celebrate the occasion.



Jan'43: Jo & Jim Hackler joined our Wash area clan to celebrate our 47th Jun-in-Jan anniversary on 19 Jan 90

The "out-of-towners" included **Jim & Jo Hackler** from Myrtle Beach, SC, **Bob & Frances Wood** from Annapolis, MD (though they now live in the lovely little eastern shore town of St Michaels), **Ollie & Dorothy DeGruchy** and **Fred & Helen King** from "greater Severna Park," MD.



Jan'43: The "greater Severna Park" members of our DC area clan at our 47th: Ollie & Dorothy DeGruchy and Fred & Helen King

With **Joe Benson** (our MC) leading the traditional toasts and **Bob Navarra's** combo providing a variety of music (for the 17th yr), we were off to a most enjoyable evening of dining, dancing and reminiscing. Among the "swing-and-swayers" on the dance floor were those "demon shaggers" **Ted & Marge Seith**, the "cha-cha-chaing" **Bill & Peggy Knowlton**, the aerobic **George & Joyce Rebh** and the "jitter-bugging" **Joe & Nancy Benson**. Mix them all together on a video tape and what do you have—the "lambada," that "Brazilian tornado!" Also during the course of the evening,

• **Joe Benson** announced that he had

just received 47th anniv greetings via phone from **John & Ann Buckner** and **Rex & Betty Dettre** in Bullard, TX;

• **Jim Hackler** took over the podium to tell a good old Myrtle Beach joke; and
• **Bill Knowlton** (Class VP) made a surprise presentation of a very handsome plaque commemorating some 23 yrs of service to your scribe. I was dumbfound-



Jan'43: Bill Knowlton leads the contingent of 7th Arm Div vets in the "liberation day" parade in Eindhoven, Holland

ed, to say the least, but most appreciative, and wish to thank all of you for this enduring memento—esp those who were involved in promoting, designing and producing it, among whom, I have learned, were **Jim Hackler**, **Jim Frankosky**, and **Jim Dempsey** (our Class pres).



Jan'43: Jim & Alice Frankosky and Jean & Jim Cobb at a local "mercado" in San Ant

According to **Quent Goss**, West Coast members of our clan gathered at the Navy Off Club, Miramar NAS, San Diego on 13 Jan 90 to celebrate our 47th Jun-in-Jan anniv. In addition to **Quent & Jerry Goss**, those "present-and-accounted-for" were **Jim & Marge Aleveras**, **Hal & Charity Barber**, **Dave & Barbara Barger**, **Bill Brady** (Billie was "MIA" with a touch of the flu), **Bob & Shirl Fishel**, **Rog & Jane Anne Fisher**, **Earl & Barbara Hehn**, **Al & Elaine Hughes** (all the way from El Paso), **Bob & Glenys Lacy**, **Bill & Peg Myers**, **Jeb & Marge Stuart**, and **George & Layta Weart**. Although the weather was wet, the dinner was good and the camaraderie the best, so everyone had a great time. **Quent** also reported that

• Everyone agreed to celebrate the occasion again next yr—hopefully in San



Jan'43: "Las senhoras" Alice McDermott, Barbara Barger, Skip Moore and Helen Goldenthal at our San Ant BBQ

Francisco if they can "hornswoggle" a classmate to take it on;

- Although **Dave Barger** is still working for Northrup Corp, he's beginning to talk about ret—sounds like the "70-yr itch;"

- **George Weart** is doing well after joining those of us who are already members of "hip (replacement) parade;" and
- **Maisie**, the West Coast clan's mascot conceived and introduced by our late **Bill Taliaferro**, was transferred from **Bob Fishel** to **Dave Barger** during the course of the evening.

Now, have you read **Fly Flanagan's** new book, *The Angels: A History of the 11th Airborne Division*? It's a complete, personalized history of the 11th Abn Div during WWII, and Fly does a great job making it alive, like "those guys of the 11th who bounced when they walked." This is Fly's 4th book, and his column, "Before the Battle," appears monthly in the *Army Magazine*. "Geronimo," Fly!



Jan'43: Fly & Peg Flanagan at their home, Parade Rest, in Beaufort, SC

In the news recently was

- A ltr to the editor of the *Washington Post* (17 Jan 90) by **Bill Knowlton** that, in light of MP CPT Linda Bray's actions in Operation Just Cause, explained who is eligible for a Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB). This was soon followed by another ltr to the editor from a "brash" young major at the USMC School in Quantico, VA, who stated that Bill was "wrong, but not as wrong as most of those discussing CIBs." A day or so later, another ltr to the editor advised the young major and others who might be interested just who Bill is and

why he is "eminently qualified to discuss the CIB," to which **Joe Conmy**, who was 3 times awarded the CIB and is among the 6 USMA graduates in the CIB Hall of Fame at Ft Benning, added "Amen!"

- A full-page very complimentary article in the *Washington Post* (4 Jan 90) about an up-and-coming young Woolly Mammoth actress by the name of **Sarah Marshall**, who is the 6th of **Bob & Kiki Marshall's** 8 children and "occupied a lowly place in the ruling order" of the family. According to the *Post* article, Sarah Marshall is "an extraordinary actress who gets better from role to role." She is currently starring in "The Dead Monkey"—a "fiercely original and scathing work about an aging CA surfer and his wife (Sarah) of 15 yrs who realize that their pet monkey is all that has kept their marriage from collapsing, and now the monkey is dead."



Jan'43: Brad Lundberg, Betty Stewart, Jack Daye, Dana Stewart and Mary D. Starnes pause for "uma bebida" at the BBQ

- An article in the 7 Feb 90 edition of the *New York Times* on the Cappa Chell Finishing School and Model Agency here in Northern VA (Tysons Corner) that featured young **George Rebh** (son of **George & Jean Rebh**) as the instructor of the personality classes at the school. For your information, two of the alumnae of this school/agency are **Fawn Hall** (of the Oliver North episode) and **Rasheeda Moore** (of the more recent DC Mayor **Marion Barry's** "Pandora's box"). Meanwhile, young **George** is preparing to launch a real estate investment seminar under the title of "License to Steal" this fall.

Pat Wardell (our Class sec) recently provided me with the following additional major changes to our 15 Oct 89 Roster of Classmates & Their Wives:

- **Kirby & Barb Gean**, 1650 Frontier Dr, Melbourne, FL 32940.

- **Ed & Joyce Hardebeck**, 205 Triunfo Canyon Rd, Apt 166, Westlake Village, CA 91361-7133.

- **Bob & Glenys Lacy**, 1232 Fleetridge Dr, San Diego, CA 92106.

But we still do not have a new address for **John & Alice Nazzaro** who left us here in the DC area to join the **Lundbergs** and **Geans** at the Indian River Colony Club (a ret community) in Melbourne, FL. Inci-



Jan'43: Otto & Sam Benner out for evening at Air Force Village II in San Ant

dentally, **John's** illustrious 4-star brother, **Joe** (USMA '36), died of cancer in Tucson on 5 Feb 90. Our sympathies are with you, **John**, wherever you are.

In other welcome "bits-and-pieces" of news from "hither-and-yon,"

- **Tut Frakes** reported that the Flight Memorialization Project at USMA is in "full swing" and, as of the end of 89, approximately 30% of our USAF classmates had already made contributions/pledges. The Fund Raising Comm for this project is "chaired" by **McD** and includes both **Tut** and **Jim Frankosky**.

- **Elvy Roberts** and **Bob Beightler** had "their annual luncheon at the St Francis Hotel in San Fran on 6 Dec 89 and, the following day, **Bob** was **Elvy's** guest at the Bohemian Club's Christmas show." **Elvy** also announced that he "married **Kim Ngo**, whom he has known for 18 yrs," on 11 Nov 89.



Jan'43: Ernie & Dottie Raulin visited the DC area during Christmas for a visit with their daughter, **Leslie** (MAJ USA/DC), and **Boots Minckler**

- **Em Reynolds** said that he & **Betty** were able to visit Bermuda last yr, but travel is becoming more and more difficult for him in his 12-yr struggle with MS. As **Em** stoically wrote, "Sure, I wish I could walk without falling; and I wish I could talk more clearly; and I wish I could write more legibly; and I wish I didn't have trouble swallowing; but it could be a lot worse!" What a fighter—our best to you, **Em!**

- **Bill Hahn** retired as a lay pastor for the inner city congregation of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church, but **Marian** & he have joined a suburban Lutheran congregation and

continue to work together as American Bible Society volunteers. Meanwhile, "down under" in Australia, their son Chuck "works all hours producing, selling, and distributing Hahn Premium Lager, and he sells all that he makes."

• For **Dolly Neale**, "the past yr has been one of great changes and learning things I never wanted to experience, but I learned to cope—surviving big and little frustrations, like learning to uncork a wine bottle." As Dolly observed, "there's nothing wrong with my ability to visit with old friends," and this she did at our mini-reunion in San Ant last Nov.

• **Ed Bennett** joined **Ralph Hofmann** and **Walt Nygard** as a member of the double-knee replacement clan, which would appear to be "upstaging" those of us in the "hip parade."



Jan'43: Ed & Dot Bennett at their granddaughter Barrie's wedding to Roger Bowers in DC on 2 Sep 89

• **Bob & Ruth Cook** are very comfortably ensconced in their new apt at the Fairfax in the Army Ret Residence on the Potomac. It would appear that Bob has become the more-or-less unofficial "mayor of the Fairfax" based upon his involvement with the Activities and Recreation Committee.



Jan'43: Our late Danny Moore and Bill Hovde at the "best little mini-reunion in TX," 2-5 Nov 89

Unfortunately, we also recieved tragic news from **Brad Lundberg** shortly before these notes were sent to the editor, that **Danny Moore** died of a heart attack at home in Deland, FL early on the evening of 10 Feb. According to Brad, Danny had enjoyed winning a round of golf from John Bowley (his brother-in-law and Jun '43) that afternoon, had returned home with a hug-and-a-kiss for

Skip, sat down in a comfortable chair to relax, and moments later, he was gone. Danny was eulogized at a memorial service in Deland on 13 Feb and was interred at WP on 15 Feb. We offer our deepest sympathies to Skip and the members of their family, for Danny was a great man and classmate.

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Christmas and yr's end brought lots of Class mail, with so much news and so many photos that I will have to spread it all out over multiple issues. Your *ASSEMBLY* magazine is transitioning to 6 issues per yr; thus, your scribe will have 50% more opportunities to tell you what he knows. So, for now, we had best get on with it!

You may recall that, thanks to the indomitable **Quintus Atkinson**, I was able last time to bring you a brief item about the appearance of **Maggie Saine**, son LTC Jim (USMA '67), and grandson, cadet Sam (USMA '93) on the ABC "Good Morning, America" TV prog about WP on 16 Nov 89. Since then, firsthand info has come in from the sr Saine himself, along with this fascinating photo in which we see the slope of heights running from 5'8" to 6' and on up to 6'4".



Jun'43: Maggie (June'43), Jim ('67) and Sam Saine ('93)

Maggie wrote: "When the call came from NY asking if I would come up for the show (expenses paid), I wouldn't have believed my ears if son Jim had not already alerted me. . . . Neither my flight nor Jim's could get into White Plains, NY, and both of us found ourselves grounded in Allentown, PA at 2200 hrs the night before the show. However, the "Good Morning, America" people located us there and sent us by limo from Allentown to WP, where we arrived at the Thayer Hotel about 0100 hrs on the day of our 3-generation interview on natl TV!" Well, that's showbiz, Mag. Our old track star seems to have enjoyed the experience. He sent clippings from 3 SC newspapers that covered the event. I note that Jim, a former English prof at USMA, is now at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA; and that grandson Sam was "pro" at Plebe Christmas—not

turned out like Gramps. The press quoted Maggie as saying, "It made me very proud when my son and then my grandson went to WP. . . . I was very happy to be the start of the line." And all of us are proud of all 3 of them.

As I finished writing the above item, an unexpected phone call came in from a Dr Brian E Hayes (coincidentally, a '67 classmate of Jim Saine) who wished to inquire about our classmate **Marty Harter**, who was killed during an air mission over Kylisburg, Ger on 19 Feb 45. Marty's wife subsequently remarried, and of this union was born Dr William Pace, now of Rt 1, Box 1024, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Pace is doing family history research and called on his USMA grad friend Hayes to help find info on Marty. Hence this appeal: anyone who was close to Marty (roommate, close friend, etc) is asked to contact Dr Pace at the address given above. As I recall, Harter was in old "E" Co.

All of us have watched in astonishment as the nightly news from eastern Europe has rolled by during the months since Nov 89. One who did more than watch the tube or scan the *Washington Times* was that world-class gadabout and dean of the "Space A" masters, **Bill Roos**. When the Berlin Wall breakthrough occurred in early Dec and all those happy Germans started swarming through and over said wall, Roos could not contain himself. After clearing with **Miriam**, he spread his cloak and was gone in a flash of light and thunder—by air to Frankfurt, and then by rail to Berlin, where he engaged a room in a luxury hotel near the Brandenburg Gate and spent several days in close observation of the scene at the wall. He even took a few whacks at it himself, and then nonchalantly returned home the same way he had come. Bill, this is a great story, but you do *not* get another campaign ribbon for this foray. However, I thank you for the small fragment (neatly wrapped in plastic) of the Berlin Wall which you gave me for the Class archives.

It seems, as **Bobbie Keck** tells me, that she & **Jim** are the only Jun '43 persons in AF Village #2; but there are many more elsewhere in San Ant. The largest concentration of our forces is doubtless that of the Wash DC Metro Area, but I believe that the San Ant area must be second. Bobbie has kindly sent me a copy of the San Ant roster prepared by **Rip Collins**, and I count 40 classmates & wives clustered around the Alamo. "The WP contingent here is usually led into mischief by **Jean & Rip Collins**—our 'social directors,' along with **Ann & Ed Renth**." She also wrote that the **Kecks** spent a wkend at USMA last fall, then "looped up through Canada and back down through my New England at the peak of the leaf color changing time, ending in RI for Jim's 50th high school reunion." Later, back in San Ant, they "particularly enjoyed a dinner with **Kit & Penny Carson** and **Jim Bower** at **KP & Georgene Kilpatrick's** lovely new home."

(KP—do you have a new address? Have you told me and the AOG what it is?)



Jun'43: Margaret & Dick Parker, Bobbie & Jim Keck

Last fall, with the West Wall at Thayer Gate complete, **Lee Hogan** and **Jack Morris**, on behalf of the Gift Comm and the whole Class, determined that a small token of our appreciation for accomplishment and dedication above and beyond the cost of contract was in order for **Tim Doyle** and Alison Adams, our sculptors. Hence, gold watches (a man's and lady's) were obtained from the Seiko special limited edition featuring the USMA seal design on the faces. These were appropriately inscribed "With our timeless thanks—" and, in Christmas wrappings, were dispatched to our artist friends in New Haven, IN. With this package went a letter of 15 Dec 89 saying: "We sought something that would remind you from time to time of our shared undertaking—the new Thayer Gate at WP . . . We want you to know always how much we admire your skill and how much we appreciate your dedication. You went far beyond contract or agreement in your unselfish support of our proud enterprise. . . . May the enclosed items tell you with every passing day of our respect and friendship. From the Class, Lee Hogan."

Early in Jan came a reply from **Tim Doyle**. Let me quote our eloquent honorary classmate (in part). "Christmas Eve here is a gentle thing. The living room is adorned with straw stars from Ger. Tiny horses and other small animals perch about on window ledges. Our nativity scene sits within the mirrored recess of an 18th-century upright chest. The house is lighted with kerosene lamps whose golden glow and last century fragrance make a timeless coziness inside, while all outside is crystalline white and sub-zero. . . . Into this world had come your package several days before. And, aside from an occasional gentle shake, it rested, undisclosed as a Buddha, upon the cedar chest. When midnight came, the box was opened. There we found two beautiful watches, on their faces in polished gold "United States Military Academy" and the "fried egg" that has become so meaningful to us. . . . Perhaps an elf passed the word that both Alison and I were in need of watches, or even told how much we prefer dial faces to digital ones. If

not, then your perceptiveness ranks as high as your generosity. . . . Thank you, all of you, for being the quality of people you are, and for such a lovely Christmas. We return our 'timeless thanks.' Tim."

Using the comm ctr facilities at the new Fairfax ret comm near Ft Belvoir, **Lynn & Alan Jones**, with **Nikki & Ned Burr**, arranged a delightful dinner party on 23 Dec 89 for the Jun '43 crowd in the Wash area, to include offspring. About 60 were present. From this grand affair (black tie optional), I have many photos, courtesy of **Arch Hamblen**, but will have to spread them out over several issues.



Jun'43: Hosts Alan Jones, Nikki & Ned Burr and Lynn Jones

Those present included (with abject apologies for any inadvertent omissions): **Quint & Liz Atkinson**; **Charley & Betty Benson**; **Gary & Margie Black**, with son Gary Black; **Ned & Nikki Burr**, with Shelley Burr Heller, Becky McPherson, and Chip Burr; **Bill & Cecile Cover**, with Bill's sister, Audrey Conklin; **Dave & Mary Davenport**; **Steve & Edith Gordy**; **Arch & Diana Hamblen**; **Warren Hecker**; **Harry & Ruby Heintzelman**; **Alan & Lynn Jones**, with daughter Nan and Bob Haines.



Jun'43: Edie Shiely, with son-in-law Rick Frykman (USMA '69) & daughter Diane

And there were: **Bill & Nancy Malone**; **Dick & Connie McAdam**; **Jack & Lois McGregor**, with Jill (daughter) and Terry Jones, (daughter) Jaqulyn Duncan, and Jeff Lobaugh; **Mo & Anna Mazingo**; **Joe O'Hare**; **Bob & Florence Plett**; **Bill & Miriam Roos**.

And there were: **Bill & Harriet Scott**; **Sandy & Chris Sembach**; **Edie Shiely**, with

(daughter) **Diane** & son-in-law LTC **Rick Frykman** (USMA '69); **Harriet Tenney**; **Wick Wikert** and **Frances Chandler**; and **Frank & Bea Wood**, with son Frank Wood.



Jun'43: Harry & Ruby Heintzelman, Edith & Steve Gordy

McClure furnished me with the new address for **Dick & Alice Wheeler**, but this was an extra, because a card from Dick himself had already provided that data, to wit: 15635 Indian Head Ct, Ramona, CA 92065. Wheelers invite visits from any classmates who happen to be in the San Diego area. Their new home, incidentally, borders the 5th green of the San Vicente Golf and Country Club. . . . And here's another change of address for you, from my old yearling yr roommate, **Joe Boyle**, who for many yrs had been dug in out in Spokane, WA. "Dear Will," he wrote, "Kay & I have moved back from the frontier and are now living with other ret people in FL. Our address is 6841 16th Terrace N, #568, St Petersburg, FL 33710. This was quite a move—from a 17-room house to a 2-bdrm apt, but we did it to be near where our older kids are planning to ret." This may be a slight exaggeration, but I believe all 13 (yes, 13) of the Boyle offspring went into the US Army by one route or another. Talk about contributing to your country! (I remember when Joe & Kay met. And what a beautiful, red-haired colleen she was, from Brooklyn, like Joe.)

"I'm not sure that I want the next 4 yrs (to our 50th) to hurry by, but I do admit that I look forward to seeing all my wonderful classmates & their wives again." So wrote **Walker Jamar**, and, like the feller said, "the feeling is mutual."

Now I have some real deep-space



Jun'43: Walker & Sylvia Jamar

news for you. Not long ago I read Prof Hawking's recent bestseller, *A Brief History of Time*, and concluded that anyone who could understand the last part of that book *and believe* it should have no trouble at all with religion. (When it comes to quantum mechanics and quantum gravity, I—seriously—much prefer Zen Buddhism).

The seagoing **Weyricks** and their boat did several cruises out of Punta Gorda, FL during 89—to the Dry Tortugas, the Abacos in the Bahamas, etc. **Joe**, on those long hauls when there is nothing to do but lock on a steady course and hold it, what you might do would be to read that 54-pg manuscript and write your comments. Think about it.



Jun'43: Caribbean navigators Norma & Joe Weyrick

From out in the west TX town of El Paso, **Don Mehtens** sends the grand New Yr's photo below. He & **Joanie** were planning to visit the Philippines with the US Horse Cavalry Assoc at the end of Feb, and while there, hoped to see **Ed Suatengco** and/or **Rocky Ilete**. **George Alexander** had planned to accompany the **Mehtens**, but unfortunately problems of arterial repair and recuperation have prevented him. Best wishes to you, George, for a speedy recovery.



Jun'43: New Year's with George Alexander, Joe Walsh, and Don Mehtens

For the past several issues I have mentioned the plight of **Stan Ott**, as he struggled to recover from an operation last summer for brain cancer. Then on 31 Dec 89 came a call from Stan's brother **Dave (USMA '44)** saying, "Stan died this morning." After funeral services at the First

Methodist Church at Mt Hermon, LA, Stan was buried in the family plot nearby. Military honors were provided by a detachment from Ft Polk, LA. **Marilyn** at this time is still at 1 Oriole St, New Orleans, LA, 70124, but has indicated she may return to the Wash metro area. . . . On 9 Feb **Jack McGregor** called to say he had just been advised that a funeral service would be held for **Joe Huau** at Ft Myer that very day. Joe had died of cancer at his home in Homestead, FL on 29 Jan 90. Jack and I attended the service and accompanied the funeral party to the columbarium in Arlington Natl Cemetery, where Joe's remains were deposited. Full mil honors were provided by the USAF band, color guard, and honors co from Andrews AFB. Joe's wife, **Carhelle**, continues to reside at 27545 SW 166th Ave, Homestead, FL 33031. . . . To the **Ott, Huau** and **Earnest** families, the Class extends most sincere sympathy in the loss to them and to us.

Then to **Clyde Earnest's** cadet roommate, **Bob Mathe**, came word from **Tom Johnston** that Clyde had succumbed on 16 Feb 90 to a culmination of diabetes and pneumonia in the Mary Immaculate Hosp at Newport News, VA. Graveside services and burial occurred at Historic Christ Church, Irvington, VA on 22 Feb. Military honors were conducted by a detail from the 3rd Infantry (the Old Guard), and Class representatives were present. Clyde's son, Mr. Herbert L. Earnest II, may be reached at Box 11, Hood, VA 22723.

I cannot tell you anything more about the 50th yearbook proposition, because (mid-Feb) you are just now receiving our letter. Survey results and evaluation to you next time!

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The **Flynns** and **Cushmans** spent a lovely wk on Dingle Peninsula, Erie's western-most tip, in Jun. (The next parish west is Boston.) They didn't mention the berry crop. In Oct the **Cushmans** moved to join the **Haymans** in Old Town Annapolis (4 Revell St, 21401).

Buf Norman wrote **Connell** that he retired 9 yrs ago, sold his business except for some 150 apts; now he & **Patsy** just play golf 4x a wk and take golfing trips mainly to NC and FL. Buf's son is a prof at U of SC; daughter is a librarian at Dickinson Coll. His moan that his handicap is up to 9 from 6 will find little sympathy among us. Small wonder **Kern Pitts** is too smart to play him.

Seven young-uns checked in on **John Tkacik's** three score-and ten, one from China, a deputy consul-gen, and 6 others from VA, CA, MI & SC who surprised him at a "quiet candlelight dinner for two." They must be from his first wife; Anne's too young! PS, **Jim Young's** son is



1944: Msgr. Moore and two in need of prayer (Wear and Tkacik)

in Taipei for language trng, pre-China posting.

Hurricane Hugo took a swipe at **Nick's** place on Antigua, lifted the roof off **Sandra Miller's** house in St Croix, destroyed **Jim Scoggin's** beach home near Charleston, SC and, as an afterthought, hit one of our gang at/near Ft McPherson, GA. In early Dec, the wreckage was still much in evidence as I drove to FL. Sandra and Scoggin sent the makings of a couple of short stories! It apparently missed **Bill Miller** in Barbados—or was he still in Belem? Last Apr-May, Bill saw **DeLa-**



1944: Miller in Belem, Brazil, Sep 89

Mater and **Darrow** in Denver, where Bill gets maintenance on his artificial heart valve, sold to him as "good for 5-to-10 yrs." (Ten's up next Sep!)

On 3 Jan 90 we buried **BG Tom Hoxie**, USAF (Ret) on a beautiful sunny day in Arlington Cemetery. His eldest son delivered a brief eulogy as a final and fitting tribute to his father before a congregation including a score or more of classmates/wives. We were pleased that Tom wished to be buried here and that his handsome, impressive family considered that they were bringing him "home." **Jim Connell**, godfather to one of Tom's daughters, hosted the family reception afterward. It was heartwarming to see the young Hoxies renew acquaintances with some of our generation after many yrs: "Remember me? You lived next door to us on Guam in 46; you released the brake on my Buick which took off down-hill, through several yards—" "Oh, COL **Morrison!**"

The night before, on 2 Jan 90, we lost

Jack Vittulo. A veritable host paid their respects to Jack at the mortuary, at the funeral and burial on 8 Jan. The Class of '44 attending were almost lost in Ft Myer's crowded New Chapel with 30-some relatives joining **Louise** and their children, their many friends from the DC-VA area, Louise's health profession colleagues and Jack's from his second career in the Dept of Energy. The reception afterwards in the Arlington Center, evocative of the big country funerals in my part of the world, joined family and friends in comforting conviviality as we celebrated another good life we were privileged to share. The gathering was most welcome after the grey, snowy/rainy last mile that we walked with Jack's caisson; hot drinks and buffet, thoughtfully furnished by '44 wives, were much appreciated.

Chuck & Jan Steele regretted to miss the reunion, but they lost their lovely daughter-in-law in Alexandria, VA, only days before. They cherish the help by the **O'Donnells** and **Ott**s at that sad time. Over Thanksgiving with grandchildren in CA, they visited the **Ingrams** in Pacific Palisades where Don was recuperating from surgery. (Get fully well, Don!).



1944: Jan Steele and the Ingrams

During the holidays, Chuck saw the **Denmans**, whose condo shares an Eden Isle with "Steel-away" on (I dare say) one of those lakes which are residue of Corps of Engineers and earth-mover unions across the West. I think it's probably near Heber Springs, where the Corps was doing some dam job on the Little Red.

Appreciate reunion snaps from **Betty Wear**. Too, as I await my 8th day for delivery of important mail from the adjacent zip code, I was not too surprised at my New Year's note from **Jack Peterson**—mailed from Fredericksburg 29 Oct. Although we highlighted the **Christl Arena** dedication in our notes, and the Class letter had an unsurpassed report on the event, the snapshots were presented "for the record."

The 9 Jan Class luncheon, understandably muted after a week of funerals, was rescued in a sense by the report of **Phil McAuliffe**, who departed as Commissioner of the Panama Canal Commission with the outgoing Old Year. His



1944: Reunion—Hendricksons, Hales and intruder



1944: Reunion—Cheadles and Bressler



1944: Reunion—Petersons with Ed Christl's widow (& husband) at Christl Arena dedication



1944: Bob Pearce and Jack Peterson, Christl's roommates at dedication

report on the conduct of the Panama invasion, the performance of US forces and the prospects for successful Canal operations was reassuring. The same cannot be said of the Panama Railway. Some guys get a going-away party at a change-of-command, or maybe a cannon salute. McAuliffe got a tidy little war!

On a Park City, UT ski lift: "Where ya from?"—"Guam." "D'ya know **Canon Moore**, the St John's Headmaster?"—"Yeah, he's my dad." "Then say hi to your beautiful mom."—"OK."

If we're long on brevity, and short on levity, it's because I'm due for an IRS audit on this deadline date. I will donate to the '44 kitty from any refund. GSOY-P,A!

'45

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For the first time in nearly 20 yrs of writing this column there hasn't been any news from any of you specifically for the column. But Ho, Ho, Ho! You may think it's spring when you read this, but I'm going to pass on the news that was on your Christmas cards. Deadlines being what they are, this is the first opportunity since they arrived in our mailbox. (There's no backup for the next issues, though, so it's up to you to send your news and pix ASAP).

Mick & Mary-Jane McMurdo lived across the back yd fence from us in N Springfield, VA in 60-63. They took over **Jim & Bette Root's** place. Said Roots were kind enough to lend me a car and offer advice in spring of 60 when I visited the DC area to find a place to live after finishing grad school at GA Tech. McMurdo's Christmas letter said they visited Europe for almost two mos in 89. They headquartered with son Keith and family in Landstuhl where Keith & Kerriane are at 2d Gen Hosp. They also toured Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Austria, and Ger. Son Mike continues to work with JMB AMFAC in HI as VP in distribution. Sen Mary-Jane's bill to limit release of chlorofluorocarbons became Hawaiian law.

Root's letter asked if we remembered where we were at 5:03 p.m. on 17 Oct 89? **Bette** does. She was under the sturdy mahogany dining table with 2 granddaughters, one daughter-in-law and a big black cur—Garry's dog, Ernie Banks Root. She said it was noisy as hell but their peninsula took it O.K. They did without electricity for 48 hrs. Three of their children live in Monterey County. **Jim & Gail w/Wendy** (12), **Lori** (9), and **Christy** (7) live in Pacific Grove. **Ham & Charmaine w/Cassie** (6), and **Marc** (4) settled into brand new house in Salinas. **Carol & Gary w/Jennifer** (9), and **Mary Elizabeth** (8) are now in Carmel Valley. **Judy** and family are still in Park City, Utah.

Dick & Joan Jett were our neighbors in Heidelberg in 63-64. They wrote that 89 was a yr of treating illnesses. Joan had chemotherapy and Dick had knee surgery. Hugo was kind to them at Myrtle Beach and they escaped without damage.

We visited **Worthingtons** at their home just a few mi from Ft Lewis when our son, **Jeff**, was stationed there. They wrote that **Linda & Rich** are still in Pittsburgh. They visit frequently with their **Janet**. She & **Jim** now own a beautiful lot near **Anacortes** which has a breathtaking view of Puget Sound and the San Juan Isls. Susan was married 5 Aug. On 10 Aug, **Yole** had triple bypass heart surgery.

Bob & Janis Krebs and their family lived in N Springfield where our children and theirs became friends. They wrote that **Jan & Bill** and their two children still live in Norfolk. **Rob, Ann** and their two are truly enjoying HI. **Rob** was promoted to LTC and cmds an arty bn. **Bill, Sarah** and their 3 children are in Greensboro, NC where **Bill** is doing fine with **Merrill Lynch**. **Krebs** are planning a visit to HI in Feb.

We knew the **Rasmussens** in N Springfield and had a joint vacation with them in Garmisch one winter in Ger, when we all skied at the Eibsee. They had all their family together for a wk in NC—12 under one roof. Son **Kai** (State Dept) and family are stationed in Bangkok.

The **Starkeys** lived a few units from the **Macintires** in the row houses on Geronimo Rd at Ft Sill. We were close to the balloon hangar there. **Hank** was in the Dept of Motors while I was in Gunnery—55-57. **Hank & Nancy** said the Good was 3 school-aged grandchildren's grades, two pre-schooler's health and good nature, FL's weather, and **Hank's** bowling scores.

The 2nd yr I was at GA Tech was the yr **Mac MacDaniel** and family arrived. In between terms we all had some good times together. That was 59-60. I remember when we were all out at the golf club for a pro's clinic. The pro asked a rhetorical question: Has anybody ever done so-and-so? **Mac's** daughter, **Dorothy**, piped up with, "My daddy did!" Every question the pro asked, this little voice from the back called, "My daddy did!" Everybody roared as **Mac** tried in vain to keep her quiet. **Mac** wrote that he & his wife planned a 7-day New Yr's Eve party aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean.

George & Skip Hoge had the good sense to wangle an asgmt to Ft Sill. **George** taught Armor tactics to all the resident cannon-cocker students. We enjoyed getting to know the **Hoges** during their stay there in 55-56. **Skip** wrote that they enjoyed a visit from the **Zooks** and from **Jim & Lee Morris** at their home in suburban Ft Leavenworth. They missed the Orlando mini as they were traveling in England, Scotland, and Wales at that time.

Rupe Jernigan was my roommate for 2 yrs at WP (I understand it isn't acceptable to say cadet wife any longer) and was best man at our wedding on 11 Mar

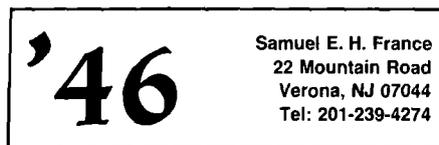
50. They wrote that **Fayetteville, NC**, where they live, is getting decent reviews these days. The **Prince Charles Hotel** opened New Year's Eve. Daughter **Beth** was transferred by **Penney's** from **Bowling Green, KY** to **Asheville, NC** where she has the women's dept in a brand new store. Bonus is that she is within easy visiting range of brother **Dr Tom** who practices medicine in **Johnson City, TN** just on the other side of a line of mountains.

I first met **Christine Zeidner** when she visited her brother, **Bob Mann**, at the OBC at Ft Sill, summer of 45. When **Mary Jane** & I first set up housekeeping at Ft Bragg in 50, **Bob & Christine** were there. In the early 60's I was TDY to **Silicon Valley, CA**. I wasn't authorized a rental car, and took the bus down to **Presidio of Monterey** for a visit. A very late arrival at the **Zeidner's** quarters didn't dampen their cordial welcome. **Christine & Bob** wrote about a 3-wk trip to the USSR in Sep 89 when they visited central Asia, Georgia and Armenia—a hard trip but fascinating.

Jim Munson was already entrenched as a Pentagon worker when I arrived in the summer of 60. The first time I saw him he was standing at one of the coffee bars drinking a 7-cent cup of coffee from a small styrofoam cup. I heard he was the attache in Argentina later on. Fine friend, **Jim**, sends me the news frequently. This Christmas he told of the plans he & **Nancy** had to travel the Northland during winter. It was to be Minneapolis, Winnipeg, and then a train ride across Canada to Vancouver, with layover in Banff/Lake Louise and return from Portland, OR via Amtrak's northern route. Sounds like a great trip particularly since the Canadians have stopped running that train now.

After I started this column I received **Jim Elkey's** letter telling me that 3 of our classmates have died. **Tom Dowd** (E-1) died in Miami Beach, FL on 13 Dec 89. He never married and leaves his mother and a brother. **Tommy Scarborough** (B-2) died in Sullivan's Isl, SC on 1 Jan 90. **Tommy** was a widower and leaves his daughter, **Vivian**. **Whit Whitcraft** (A-1) died in San Pedro, CA on 3 Jan 90. He was a widower and leaves his 3 sons, **Christopher, Daniel III, and Jonathan**, all in CA.

Don't forget our 45th Reunion at WP 4-7 Oct. Send your news and pics NOW before you forget.



I have joined the computer world and this is the first column to be produced by me using the machine. I have a lot to learn but have been able to get started by

taking baby steps. I will say it is faster for me and in the long run will help me keep better track of what I have written and maybe finally get some data about the Class into record file better than the 3x5 cards I once started, but never got to first base with.

NECROLOGY: Have received from **Merl Hutto** info forwarded to him by AOG regarding the deaths of **George T Adams** and **Rex Beasley**. **Adams** died on 7 Nov 89 in Ormand Beach, FL and was interred in Americus, GA. His next of kin is listed as a cousin, **Mrs Langdon Sheffield**, from Americus. The info was sent to AOG by **Jack McWhorter**. **Beasley** died on 21 Dec 89 in Princeton, NJ. His widow, **Constance**, is still in Locust Grove, VA. The ASSEMBLY of Jan 90 listed the death of **Robert F Morris** on 4 Nov 89 in the 'Last Roll Call.' The sympathies of the Class are extended to each of the families of the deceased. **Dick Hacke's** wife **Jayne** acknowledged the receipt of flowers from the Class and mentioned that **Dick** died of bone cancer. Her address is in the latest REGISTER. Also **Bee Jay Ireland** has acknowledged receipt of the flowers sent on behalf of **Paul**.

Jack Barth mailed a newspaper article from the *NH Sunday News* of 22 Oct 89 which covered a story about **Bobby & Ginny Chabot's** visit to WP for the Army-Holy Cross game last fall. It was written by noted sportswriter **Bob Hilliard**, who was at the game with the Chabots. It's too bad I can't run the whole article because it was really interesting. Covered a lot of our football seasons as cadets when **Bob** was a starting halfback.

McWhorter has located **Rollo Skilton's** widow and confirmed that **Rollo** is the person mentioned in **Clay Blair's** book, *The Forgotten War*. **Jack** has received a request from **Teddy Hill, Steven Hill's** widow (name changed from **Hilovsky**) for help in locating two copies of the '46 *Howitzer* for her children. **Roger Nye** has said there are none at WP—is there anyone out there with an extra copy?—if so let **Jack** know. Also, if anyone knows the whereabouts of **Bob Dickson's** widow, please advise either **Jack** or me. She was last known to be living on Long Isl.

Bob Williams mailed an article about fellow dentist **Jim Thomas** that was in a Memphis paper last Nov. **Jim** was one of several to tell about their volunteer activities when **Pres Bush** visited Memphis. **Jim**, now ret, spoke of why he would volunteer and it comes down to being happy that he could help others. The article cited a number of **Jim's** experiences as a volunteer; let me give you one. He spoke of many trips to remote areas of Latin America as a volunteer dentist, and of a picture in his mind of a jungle Indian who had traveled for several hrs by dugout canoe to have an

aching tooth removed, and, when relieved by Jim, smiled and thanked Jim with the words "May God pay you." We can be proud of classmates like Jim that can help others.

The Founders Day activities are beginning. **Ethel & I** will be at Picatinny on 9 Mar. We also anticipate two more grandchildren this yr.

I've mentioned a number of items in the past few mos reported by **Guy Troy**. His Christmas bulletin, however, does have a few I didn't know about. **Moose & Jan Musser** spent 8 wks in Europe last yr incl a tour of the Balkans. Guy was in Budapest w/the Pentathlon at the same time, but missed seeing them. He tried but thought they were in a hotel when in fact they were living on a ship on the Danube. Musser's son Glenn was married in Oct.

Phyllis Tixier enjoys traveling to London to spend time with her daughter Sally, who had a daughter in Oct, giving Phyllis another grandchild. Son Mike now lives in Tampa and he & his wife are expecting another child in Jun.

Norm & Anne Stanfield weathered Hugo but their home did sustain damage. They lost power, but **Harry Smythe** loaned them a generator until power was restored.

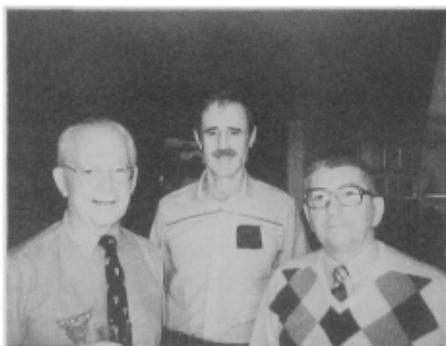
Skip & Janet Strain included with their Christmas card some photos and news from those who gathered at **Kanes'** for the last A-N game. First I'll cover Skip's news. Janet ret last Jan 89 from her job at El Camino Hosp and is now enjoying every minute. In Apr they flew to FL for their annual reunion w/family members. They toured Cape Kennedy while there. During the whole trip, his left arm was in a cast! In Jun their AF son Glenn, at Edwards AFB, was promoted to LTC. Skip's son-in-law Terry Miller, with the State Dept, was promoted to FSO-1 (Foreign Service Officer), the equivalent of COL. In late summer they flew to Paris via London and Brussels to visit the Millers and their newest granddaughter Vanessa Grace born 21 Jul 89. The quake shook them more than their home, but they did suffer broken glass items.

Twenty-one classmates & 16 spouses gathered at the **Kanes'**, this the 19th annual get-together. The attendees and their news: **Jack & Kathy Armstrong's** son John '78 has an MBA from U of Wash. **Jack & Val Dayton** took the AOG trip down the Seine. Val's now recovered from back surgery. **George & Carol Fink** returned from a mo in Greece. **Joe & Jane Giza**—Joe ret—Jane's going to college. **Jim & Jane Hobson** planning space A travel in 90. **Charlie & Lolita Hall**, as well as **Walt & Lenora Hamilton** and **Stymie & Jeanne Kline**—no news. **Ed & Miriam Houseworth** fully ret and visiting their son Steve '74 at Presidio. **Larry Ingham** took a marvelous rail trip through the Canadian Rockies. **Bob &**

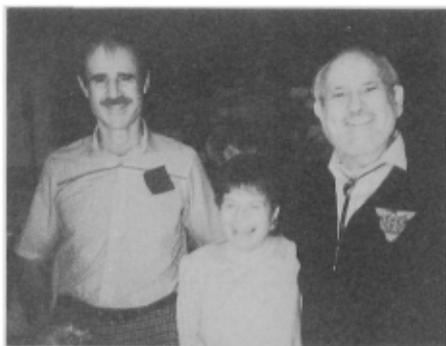
Edie Kane are proud of grandchild #12 and another is on the way. Both **Kanes** had surgery in Jul and both ok now. **Minor & Maxine Kelso**—he had knee surgery, is ok now. **Ben Kinney** ret from active ministry 30 Jun 89, and was in Scotland in Jul where he was a marshal for the British Open. **John & Connie Molchan** spend every wkend on their boat (37' trawler) and hope to join the trip down the Danube this yr. **Bill & Vance Mendenhall** settled in the country and this is their first time at the **Kanes'**. **Bernard Petrie** and **Jack & Annette Sadler**—no news as well as **Jack Paden** and **Steve & Squeak Conner**. **Ed Chynoweth**—his first time at **Kanes'** is farming near Fresno—grapes and other fruits.



1946: The group at Kanes' (1989)—too many to list, but check letter for names



1946: Bob Kane, Ed Chynoweth and Joe Giza



1946: Ed Chynoweth, Squeak Conner and Skip Strain

The last piece of news comes from **George & Joanne Patton** w/a long and interesting letter about their 89 adventures. At the beginning of the yr they had



1946: Group at Kanes' (1989)

boarded a small cruise ship in Rio and accompanied the Smithsonian Assocs on their cruise around Cape Horn. They ended the yr by having the entire family at home in MA for the first time in many yrs. Their youngest daughter, Helen (sitting on cannon left in photo), was applauded by Wash critics when her "No-Neck Monsters Theatre Co" presented a musical, "Sanctuary DC," about homeless youth in the city. Later in the yr, the co received two Helen Hayes Award nominations, a first for a brand new co. Their youngest son Benjamin (tallest in the photo) is also in DC as Dep Dir for new Natl Wilderness Inst which is dedicated to promoting wise mgt and beneficial conservation of natural resources. Sr Margaret Georgina is keeping a watchful eye on the thriving Beatrice Ayer Patton School of Montessori which she founded 10 yrs ago. The Pattons enjoy visiting with their grandchild who is 3 1/2 yrs old, and lives with his dad & mom, Bob & Vicki Patton in Darien, CT. Vicki also has two sons, Tom a soph at Princeton, and Chris in his final yr in HS. Back at Green Meadows Farm, young George's house is almost ready to move into. He took top medals in tennis at the State Special Olympics, adding another sport to those he has already excelled in. Big George had a banner yr at the farm and will be enlarging his farmstand operation for 90. They also sold lots of firewood as a result of the coldest Dec since 1870. George took his boat *Arcturus* for a cruise in the Virgin Isls during the mo of Jan 90 and was no doubt joined by some classmates. I'm sure we will hear about that later. Joanne was scheduled to join them in Feb. She expected to be the galley chef and willing passenger.

It is with deep regret that I must report a phone call received today by my wife **Ethel** from **Clint Friend**. He called to tell us all that his wife **Leigh** died 5 Feb 89 and was buried at WP on 9 Feb. To Clint go our greatest sympathies.

Received a letter 12 Feb posted 9 Feb from Blackwell '56, w/a photo of **Hal Horne** taken during the get-together of WPers for the last A-N game. They met at the Tripler Army Med Ctr Off Club. There were 59 there including two par-



1946: The Patton clan (1989)

ents of a cow and 2 of the other types wearing blue and gold.



1946: Hal Horne

'47

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Disaster continues to stalk the country with TX (mostly the Valley) being devastated by a one-time-in-a-century "Blue Norther" which lowered temps well below zero (can you believe -6 in San Ant 22 Dec). Much of the orange and grapefruit crop was frozen but worse, the trees are probably dead. Many homes had water cascading down from the attics (Houston). Here in Lubbock, our neighbors all around had frozen pipes but we were on way to Padre Isl where we encountered ice in our condo lounge, water and ice all over; the lagoons were iced over. We still had an enjoyable time—sorry we weren't able to contact those in San Ant and Corpus Christi because of the intense cold and power outages.

We will mention highlight comments of all 60 who this time wrote in with Christmas cards.

Jean & Don Robb—Don is still top one in Class actively flying and giving flight instruction. Daughter Judy completed her MS in arch at U of VA and went cross-country twice. We wish she could have stopped by here in Dec. **Mary Lou & Jim Edington** will soon have all kids married off when, on 5 Mar in HI, son Mark marries Sorena. Daughter Patricia married David Gardner last Aug on a

41-ft catamaran on the NV side of Lake Tahoe. **Barb & Frank Boerger**—Frank working harder than ever on S.F. consulting job. **Kay & Jim Johnson**—At 42



1947: Pres. C.C., welcomes Jim Johnson and Tom Hayes, 42 1/2

1/2 Hayes and Johnsons traveled up to Manitou Springs, CO. Kay and Jackie were browsing inside an antique shop when Tom and Jim encountered the pres of C.C. outside. Having discovered that the 42 1/2 was being held close by, the pres put up a "welcome" sign. Jim says that they took pic when they noticed the sign upon returning through town.

Betty & Pete Boerger and **Bunny & Bill Nairn** must be following aerobic and diet regimens because they look wonderfully healthy and trim. **Dorothy & Willis Knipe** sent in 42 1/2 pic to show everyone how much younger '47ers are.



1947: Willie & Dottie Knipe with '48ers, Byers and Barbers, 42 1/2

Pat & Doc Haskin finally hung up their skis because of "old age" or "old bones." **Mary & John Delistraty**—both children last yr married in exceptionally beautiful settings: daughter Chris to Steve Atwater at Lake Tahoe on Christmas Eve; son Damon to Irene Allen in Grand Tetons in Jun. **Mary & Hap Beuhler**—we enjoyed pic of their lovely home in snowy setting on Christmas card. **Barbara & John Culin**—we enjoyed the pic of championship retriever dog, Lily, which John trains. Barbara may come to Lubbock for dog championship trials. (I could not print pic w/o handsome grad/spouse in pic). **Annamaria & Bud Salisbury** stopped by Carmel Valley for visit to Culin's recently. **Patt & Duke Du-**

quemin—they are still packing their schedule so they must continually double-time. Duke may play doubles with me at Sarasota, FL in Feb and in Natl 65's in Knoxville in Sep.

Naoma & Buck Fernandez—Buck has initiated a new co: BNF Enterprises, certified under SBA program for minority businesses. He is spending considerable time down at Sarasota, FL on construction business. **Marge & Andy Anderson** spent a quiet Christmas holiday period in Chicago and NY. **Lannie & Jack Dunham**—I'm pleased that 89 was finally the yr of "travel & fun" for Dunhams: travel across country several times, 42 1/2, Elderhostel trips, and a mo in Europe. You deserve it. Jack had 6200 multi-colored lights on various trees inside and outside for Christmas this yr!

Mary & Ike Ickler saw **Hugh Bartley**, consulting in Fallbrook, CA, several times last fall. Ike hated to miss 42 1/2 because of his allergies. What kind? I have a "Russian thistle" reaction ea Sep which attacks with great force. **Phyllis & John Gaddie** pic shows you the quiet TX kind of yr they've had. **Jill & Jack Faith**



1947: Phyllis & John Gaddie, San Marcos, TX

had a mixed yr. Jill still on recovery from broken ankle and Jack is busy with Ketron (3 trips to Europe). **Mary & Bill Mahlum** saw Faiths on trek south to winter home. Then they had a visit from **Barbi & Doug Weaver** (on Elderhostel trip in Savannah). **Willie Munroe** is back in Tucson for a while. **June & Jean Burner** have great plans for mo of Feb. We hope to see EPCOT, etc with them.

Jane & John Mastin had a busy Air-stream trailer traveling yr from Mexico to Canada. Mixed in were trips to the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque and Rock & Mineral Gem shows and 42 1/2. Home is on the prairie somewhere. **Gerry & Bill Coghill** always supply me with plenty of pics as do the **Burners**. **John Nail** is concentrating more on tennis and photography now. **Mil & Dick Steinborn** took R & R in the hot mineral springs of Glenwood right after performing above and beyond at 42 1/2. **Meg & Howie Sargent**—Meg should be finishing up official portrait of LTG Palmer, Supe, and a painting of Kristin Baker, 1st CPT of cadets; Howie, progressively busy



1947: Gerry & Bill Coghill in cog train climbing Pike's Peak, 42 1/2.

with Camelot Productions and Omstar. **Marilyn Halligan** had the whole family home for Christmas. We also shall all miss Bob and his indomitable spirit. **Lee & George Lynn**—As **Don Robb** is doing, George is still flying his plane around quite a bit, although last yr the highlight trip was a 10-day ship cruise through eastern Caribbean.

Muriel & Bill Webb—We had good TX wx during a nice visit from the Webbs who were on their way back to the DC area. **Doris & Dick Littlestone**—



1947: Bill & Muriel Webb with Bobbi, chez Geraci

The pic of painting by Doris on their holiday note reminds me of works by modern artists like Picasso. **Ruth Clark**—In her Christmas card/letter, she wrote a beautiful loving poem about "Bill." It made me stop and think about the past 45 yrs and the good encounters that we have had in cadet days and then later during officer days. Please write to Ruth at 2511 Arbor Dr, Bryan, TX 77802. **Joan & Paul Curry**—the latest to ret fully from his long-standing civ job. **Doris & Bob Peckham**—They traveled around country for 76 days last yr; Bob worked 10 days as a sub judge in Clarke County. Doris played bridge 100 times last yr. I don't know how many cross-word puzzles Bob worked. **Jim Mattern** sent a Christmas card which showed a local adaptation of a Cherry Quilt, a particular design which is unique to the Waynesboro, PA area. **Nancy** used to love and be so good at quilting. **Pauline & Wally Veaudry**—Not only is Wally still working at the med center in Columbia, GA

but Pauline is volunteering at Ft Benning and the med center. **Mary & Jim Colburn** have joined the crowd traveling south to the warm air in FL and AZ from time to time. We agree. This column is being written early again because **Bobbi & I** go to Orlando and Sarasota and vic for 3 wks soon (end of Jan). **Ann & Jack Pearce** had a wonderful old-fashioned Christmas in Socorro, NM with the whole family congregating at the home of youngest son, Eric. **Marilyn & George Bland**—Both also are still working in Pinehurst: George as exec dir Quail Haven; Marilyn, dir of catering at Holly Inn (historical landmark built in 1895). **Marion & Dick McAdoo**—As promised, see great pics of gps at 14 Oct 89 beautiful wedding. Mike McAdoo, Linda Stein-



1947: 14 Oct 89—Steinger-McAdoo wedding in Westport, CT: Pauls, Webbs, Maloneys, Starobins and McAdoos at reception



1947: 14 Oct 89—Steinger-McAdoo wedding

inger, Dick, Marion, Steve Steinger, Carolyn McAdoo Bouazouni, and grandchildren are in the family gp pic. We hope to see the McAdoos and Maloneys in Naples in Feb. **Dot & Wayne Hauck** had a wonderful long trip to Monaco and Europe despite the fact that both are still working: Wayne, very hard at his businesses and Dot, teaching. Wayne says, "If you are going from Paris to the airport and must turn in a rental car, allow lots of time!!!!" **Jackie & Tom Hayes** had to spend winter at their PA address this yr because their Kiawah residence was still undergoing repairs from "Hugo." But they are well and in good spirits(?). **Dorothy & Jim Bushnell**—Jim says that the holiday season sort of crept up on them unawares. It is understandable

when most of the previous 12 mos have been spent on enjoyable travels to Bermuda, Sanibel Isl in FL, Lake Erie, etc. See pic of Bushnells on the Appalachian Trail in the Blue Ridge Mts. **Bev & Bob**



1947: Dorothy & Jim Bushnell in Blue Ridge Mts

Rosen are doing early yeoman work on plans for our 45th. Bev says she really enjoys looking into all the places with Bob checking them out for our next reunion. **Janet & John Miller**—It's travel



1947: Bob & Bev Rosen with Muriel Webb at DC party

time for them. Knowing that they would be gone a lot now, they changed their address for mail to PO Box 258, Crownsville, MD 21032. And soon they will be living a good deal of the time on Lake Murray near Columbia, SC. **Mockie & Mike Maloney** (M to the fifth power) enjoyed the A/N game thoroughly at the Club in Naples with **Sue & Mal Wright**, who spend winters down there also. See pic. I don't know if the smiles lasted for the entire game.

Bernie Abrams, Dorothy & Graham Kent, Marcia & Bernie Gardner, Pat & Bob Moore, Joy & George Dell, Gwenne & Ron Heiser, Nancy & Frank Perry, Goldie Greenberg, Betty & Jack Schuder, Betty & Bill Conger, Lita & Bernie de Gil, Anne & Bill Cooper, all sent Christmas cards and notes. They apparently are entering into 90 in good health and fine mettle.

On 16 Dec, Bud Waggoner '48, called to report that **Jane A Robertson**, wife of **Robbie**, died early in the morning of 16 Dec in Columbia, SC. Most of the family were present. Services were held on 18



1947: Naples, FL: Maloneys and Wrights enjoying first half of A/N game

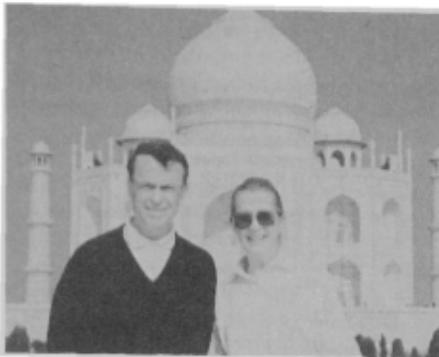
Dec in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia. Jane was buried in the family plot also in Columbia. A Class contribution was made to the Riverbanks Zoo, Field Box 1060, Columbia, SC 29202 in Jane's name. Please write to Robbie at 2102 Bermuda Hills Rd, Columbia, SC 29223. On 18 Dec **Bob Rosen** checked in with additional sad news: **Ann Lerohl** died in the morning of 18 Dec after never regaining consciousness from a fall downstairs. Burial occurred in Arlington on Fri, 22 Dec. Please write **John** at 4609 Eaton Pl, Alexandria, VA 22310. On 19 Dec, **Wally Lukens** also fell down his stairs and broke his leg in 3 places. Although he & **Sylvia** were unable to attend the Class party at Ft Belvoir, 35 others of the DC gp did. A great time was had by all—even by **Ann Baer** and **Kay Johnson** who worked hard decorating all the tables.

Two problems to be discussed next time: 1) How and who writes your obit; 2) One-third of our living classmates do not subscribe to *ASSEMBLY/Register*. Take care. Stay healthy.

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A Christmas card followed by a note brought the good news from Lynn that **Robbie Robertson** continues to make progress in recovering from a sudden stroke last Nov—Lynn says she first knew he was on the mend when he began noticing the nurses and speaking about a Jun trip to Kauai, HI—that's good news indeed. Robbie is home to stay now, continuing his recovery under Lynn's careful TLC regimen. **Jean & Jack Doody** are hale and hearty in FL and they wish the rest of you would come visit but not contribute to the crowding by moving to FL. Son Mark & wife have made them grandparents for the 3rd time (the other 2 belong to other son Jim & wife Claire). **Punk Hartnell** is hunkering down for the winter snow and cold in IL; daughter Helen and son George are intl travelers in their law and engring bus respectively. It was a plea-

sure to hear from **Alice & Sam Cockerham**, who report they are just back from a wonderful 3 wks in India and Taiwan in time to participate in the marriage in the spring of son John to Mary Beth Lister. Alice & Sam are still working, living in the same house in Alexandria, VA these last 25 yrs, while spending their wkdns on the MD shore—sounds like a wonderful recipe for happiness.



1948: Alice & Sam Cockerham at the Taj Mahal

Tammy Richardson has turned thespian and small bus person—she's in little theater in Bogalusa, LA in a production of "Steel Magnolias," and works in the local gift shop—but won't take too much time away from her frequent visits to grandchildren in Houston. Tammy has announced her engagement and pending marriage on St Patrick's Day, 17 Mar, to Jim Henderson in Bogalusa. They are planning a small family affair. That's great—we can't wait to meet the lucky guy! **Nancy Schless** sends greetings from Carlisle Barracks, PA, and reported a house full of children and grandchildren for Christmas. **John & Mary Ella Waggener** gave thanks for "another fine yr with many good times and great experiences." I think those words speak eloquently for most of us. The Waggeners traveled for a mo in central Mexico and entertained **Jim Barnett** for a turkey shoot—they failed to highlight any success or lack of it in bagging a bird. **Walt & Katy Plummer** are still surveying the world from their lovely place atop a hill in Frederick, MD. When the appended picture arrived from an anonymous donor, it would also appear that Walt might be in training for the Sun AM ministry.

An interesting statistic for you all to mull over; only 73% of our Class subscribe to the *ASSEMBLY*. That's about average in comparison to other classes. As you might suspect, the older classes have higher percentages, and the junior classes lower. Why do you suppose that figure is so low? It does no good to make a plea here; the very ones we want to reach aren't readers—I would be interested in any comments any of you care to make as to why it appears that more than a quarter of our Class are not interested in the rest.



1948: Walt Plummer

Another classmate in the CA earthquake area checked in; **Phil Day** reported that he survived nicely and played golf the next day. **Bill & Patt Byers** in San Diego hosted the **Brattons, Stellings, Cooks** and **Frank Robinsons** for the A-N game. **Bob Pomeroy** reported that on a trip to see family in CO, he had dinner with the **Lovejoys** and phoned the **Hookers, Barbers**, and **Otis Moore**. **Norm Lovejoy** followed up with a ltr to me saying he's not ready to ret yet, perhaps next yr, and again reiterating what a great remembrance that 40-yr book is. He asked that his congratulations be passed on to the reunion book comm—**Ware et al**, take another bow! All are



1948: Recently Class president Pomeroy presented a copy of the Class 40-Year Book to Supe Dave Palmer '56; a copy was also presented to the Association of Graduates

well; **Carolyn & Ken Barber** are especially pleased that daughter Nancy is a new member of Disney's World on Ice and is enjoying traveling with the troupe all across the US. You know all of us are 2nd and 3rd (or more) generation immigrants, but few have been as diligent in tracing their roots as **Jack Kastris**. Jack travels annually to his native sod of Greece; a few yrs ago he successfully identified the name of his mother's village, but had never visited. On his latest trip in late 89, Jack found the old village, visited his mother's former home and had a splendid reunion with not one but 6 cousins. **Audrey Kastris** continues her writing; she had an article published in *Woman's World* and another due in *Family Circle* in Feb. Way to go, Audrey—let Jack crawl over the ruins in

Greece! See, there are happy stories around these days. We're always looking for pictures of people we haven't featured in these pages for awhile. Here's one of the **Witkos**, **Audrey Kastris** and **Hoffmans** (Jack Kastris must have been taking the picture).



1948: Witkos, Audrey Kastris and Hoffmans

We want to send our regards and best wishes to a couple of classmates who are "under the weather" out there—**Punk Hartnell**, **Jack Kean** and **Jim Muehlenweg** are the latest to need our support. How about a little *deja vu*—I'm indebted to **Sid Berry** for the following nostalgia which is dedicated to those 40-yr veterans of the sailing from Seattle of the USMTS *MM Patrick* to Japan on 15 Aug 49. **Anne Berry** saved Sid's letter chronicling his recollections of that event and which I repeat here with appropriate omissions and my editorializing. "We boarded the *Patrick* at 0830; it sailed at 1030. We found quick confirmation that 2nd LTS aren't high-ranking aboard the *Patrick*. . . . We are quartered in 30-man compartments with double-decked bunks on "E" deck, the ship's bottom deck" (remember all those great bridge and poker games in between our duties of supervising the mess and cleaning of the troop compartments). . . . "An Army Band on the dock played for an hr before we sailed . . . *Give Me A Man Who's A Stout-Hearted Man, I'm Gonna take a Sentimental Journey* (yeah, later to the land of the 'morning calm'), *Why did I decide to Roam* (it wasn't our idea to go to that forsaken spot). At 10:30 sharp, the *MM Patrick* moved slowly away from the dock. The band played *Farewell to Thee* as wives on the dock & husbands waved goodbye. The strains of *Farewell to Thee* faded away. Suddenly there boomed over the ship's loud speaker the harsh, discordant, strange sound of Japanese music . . . as one remarked 'our 10% overseas pay has begun.' " (yes, and reality sets in). Thanks Sid, that brought back a lot of memories I feel sure many of us had forgotten.

Again we are grieved to report the death on 6 Oct of **Oscar Kochtitzky** in Little Rock, AK after a long bout with

emphysema and lung cancer, and **Bob Finnegan** on 3 Feb in Carmichael, CA. It's particularly regrettable that in Oscar's case no one thought to notify the Class officers in the DC area. After many wks had gone by, we finally found out because a concerned classmate, knowing of his long illness, called Oscar and learned of his death from his daughter. It was so long after the interment that the Class was unable to offer its help or even send a remembrance. This is the second time in as many months and is intolerable and must not happen again—my name and phone always appear at the top of this column—in cases of serious illness or death, notify me or your regional area rep and we will handle the rest of the notifications.

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William V Rice died 2 Nov 89 in Houston, TX, from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a form of muscular atrophy known as Lou Gehrig's disease. **Ben Suttle** visited Bill in the summer of 88 and as of that time, the disease had progressed so far that Bill could not talk and had a very limited control of his body. Bill had been a pilot and earned MBA and PhD degrees while on AD. Subsequently, he taught economics at the U of Houston, achieving the rank of prof in 81. A scholarship fund has been estab in Bill's name at the U of Houston—Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058. Bill is survived by his wife **Claire**, 2 sons and one daughter. Burial was in his hometown of Hiawasee, GA.

Richard E. Tobin died unexpectedly in his sleep at his home in Kenmore, NY, a suburb of Buffalo. Preliminary findings are that he died on 14 Feb as a result of bleeding from a ruptured ulcer. His surviving family includes his mother, 4 children, and a brother, Daniel '54. He was buried with honors at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 21 Feb.

Jack Finley wrote from Naples, FL to report on a post-A-N game '49er party. Jack says that, after some cancellations, "we ended up with **Bev** & myself, our friends the **Carrols** from MA, our trusty side-kicks **Petey & Jack Cox**, **Tim & Jeanine Cronin**, **Jim Lampros** and sister, **Bill & Ann Bumpus**, **Tom & Jo Marsh**, plus **John & Jan Miller** w/daughter & husband." Jack said he saw a few other classmates at the game but got to really talk only with **Jack Rust**. A few photos commemorate the party.

Jack continues: "We often see **Ken & Nancy Main** in Naples. Ken is in the marina and boat business, and seems to be enjoying himself." This summer Jack will become Chm of the Board of Trust-



1949: Jack Finley, Tom Marsh and Jack Cox after the A-N game



1949: Petey Cox, Tim Cronin, Bev Finley and John Miller



1949: Post-game smiles from Petey Cox, Jo Marsh, Bev Finley and Ann Bumpus

ees of Westbrook Col in Portland, ME, where **Bev** graduated. There the **Beverly Burpee Finley Rec Ctr** (gym with other uses) is under construction. Jack writes, "I decided a yr or so ago to build this in honor of my wife who has been, to say the least, the most important part of my life. We expect to dedicate the building in the fall. . . ." (Many congratulations, **Bev**. Is there anyone else out there with a building dedicated to her/him?) The **Finleys** plan to be in HI in Feb, and in Mar will join **Bill & Dee Liddicoet** for the alumni tour of Egypt.

Frank Wolak sent a photo of son **Frank Jr** on the occasion of his winning a natl fellowship at the Hoover Inst (Stanford, CA). This award allows each fellow to spend a yr on unrestricted creative research and writing. **Frank Jr** has a PhD from Harvard and is an asst prof of economics at Stanford U. **Frank** says he's particularly proud that his son has self-

funded all his grad work without contribution from dad. Due to the *ASSEMBLY* policy requiring a classmate or spouse to be in each published photo (with special exceptions), I asked Frank to send another which qualified under the rules. The replacement photo shows proud parents Frank & Jane with Frank Jr on the occasion of his marriage in Aug 89. Frank adds that he has reached #7 nationally in the softball squash men's 60 singles ranking.



1949: Frank & Jane Wolak with fellowship-winning son Frank Jr

The Wash Lunch Bunch met at the Pentagon on 16 Jan. Present were John VanderVoort, Ed Triner, Ted Swett, Lee Surut, George Summers, Al Singletary, Bob Pfeiffer, Larry Ogden, Phil O'Brien, Wayne Norby, Clay Moran, Joe Muckerman, "Rigor" Morton, John Maurer, Gene Mechling, Tom Marsh, Gene Marder, Kirby Lamar, Wes Knapp, Art Kingdom, Don Keith, Bill Huber, Ed Howard, George Hoffmaster, Bill Hoffmann, Dick Gillespie, Al Fagg, Bob Ennis, Hill Dickinson, Jack Carr, Ted Boland, Bob Black and Charlie Adams. Some of the info below was obtained at the luncheon through careful listening and incisive questioning. A scribe's lot is not an easy one. . . .

Gene Mechling said he had seen Pat Donohoe recently. Pat was doing some swimming to help break in his new mechanical hip, recently installed at Walter Reed. (Pat, Dick Morton and TD Wilcox give advice on the care and treatment of new hips.) Ed & Ernie Triner spent Aug to Oct in England. They first rented a flat about 30 mi from London and commuted in by train. Then they moved to a "delightful old college town" for 2 months. The Triners have been to England a number of times, and Ed says that this was a wonderful trip. Jack & Jeanne Carr spent Christmas in Ger w/ son Damion, an arty btry co. Bob & Sue Pfeiffer spent early Jan in Reno w/a son who works in Lake Tahoe. In Tahoe, the Pfeiffers saw Bob & Betty Jo Leisy. Bob L was in Candlestick Park when the earthquake hit. Phil & Sue O'Brien spent Christmas in HI w/daughter and family. Their son-in-law is an AF CPT stationed there.

Tom Marsh has not made much of a fuss about it but admits that, since 1 Jul 89, he has been CEO of Thiokol. Duane Smith was absent from the luncheon to get some surgical work done on his eyes. George Sylvester was in the hospital in Seattle, where he had gone to see daughter Susan and new grandchild. He had breathing problems in flight, and upon arrival, ended up in the hosp w/a collapsed lung. (There is third-hand info that this condition is most common among tall, thin males). In the meantime, Elaine missed all the excitement; she was staying w/daughter Wendy, who had been in a serious car accident in FL. Dick Stauffer, continuing to have difficulty in walking since his stroke but determined to do so, fell and cracked a rib at his nursing home.

Ted Boland, acting as chauffeur for Hill Dickinson, reported that Turner Croonquist had a serious heart attack and is in Letterman Gen Hosp. Subsequently it was learned that Turner was at Ft Ord having a physical exam when the heart attack occurred. Thus he received immediate life-saving care. Turner briefly returned home but is now back in the hosp. Ted also had a report from Arnold Winter. Subsequently Arnold called confirming that Don & Brenda Swanke are off to Kuwait for at least a yr. Don is proj dir for an A&E firm doing campus construction there. The accompanying photo was taken just before the Swankes left. From L to R are: Arnold Winter, Don Swanke, Arline Magnis (mutual friend), Marion Marsh (Arnold's friend), Brenda Swanke and Al Goering.



1949: Sending the Swankes off to Kuwait in grand style

In a recent issue of a Wash bus publication, Bill Gorog was pictured and listed as holding 11 directorships. His principal occupation was given as Chm and CEO of Arbon International Inc. Dick Gillespie reports that Pat Patterson has gone whole hog and had both knees reconstructed. Pat is a long-time staffer with the Pan-Am Def Bd. The next two photos show ex-roommates Clay Moran and Malcolm Lewis (. . . not incl Gabriele Byrne to the R) celebrating Malcolm's 62nd birthday w/present room-

mates Marjorie Moran and Mildred Lewis. For those unable to recognize the background, these were taken during the reunion on board the *Queen of Bermuda*.



1949: The birthday boy is the one wearing the hat



1949: Marjorie Moran and Mildred Lewis help celebrate Malcolm's birthday

Tom Marsh passed along a ltr from Bill Dirkes in Dayton, OH. It seems that Bill and Bill Stemple decided to hold a 42 1/2 reunion in Phoenix. Then they decided, "Why not invite the rest of the Class?" Plans are to hold it from 29 Jan to 2 Feb 92. Subsequently a "Dear Classmate" ltr was received from Bill about the proposed reunion. If you did not get a ltr and want further info, write Bill Dirkes at 101 Forestview Dr, Dayton, OH 45459. Info is being sought on classmate Paul Ray Hinckley. Fellow I-1er Jim Schmidt attempted to trace him in Salt Lake City. There a cousin said Paul had died in 85. Your scribe has been asked to seek readers' help in obtaining data on Paul since he had "dropped out of sight," c. 1960.

At the 16 Jan luncheon, elections were held for the current yr. Elected were pres Ted Swett; VP Kirby Lamar; treas Duane Smith; sec George Summers; and dirs Tom Marsh, Wayne Norby, and Clay Moran. If you have suggestions, ideas, or questions, contact one of your elected representatives. The next Pentagon luncheon mtg scheduled after you receive these notes is 8 May. If you'd like to attend, contact Art Kingdom at (703) 569-9360 at least a day ahead of time for reservations and to confirm the date.

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Here we are in a new decade. Wish all the best to each of you for the yrs ahead—and want to thank the many of you who sent notes and cards with news of you and your families. I can't begin to answer each of you separately, so I will use the column and also pass on the news.

With so many it is really hard to know where to start, so I'll just plunge in. The letter from **Jean & Phil Harper** had pictures of them and of their children, all looking just great. Jean & Phil seem to be enjoying ret with lots of traveling. They saw **Barbara & Bruce Petree** in Sep at the beach and in Oct caught up with Phil's old roomie **Mark Jones & Gloria** while seeing **Joe Clemmons '51**. They also see **Will Hill Tankersley** frequently.

Tanya & Monty Coffin sent along a picture which includes their 3 yr old Vanessa. While Monty is teaching in two colleges, Tanya is going to college and working part-time. Vanessa in the meantime is working on her ABC's and drawing pictures of cats.

Loris & Ken Ebner also sent a picture, this one of the wedding of their son KR. Sitting are **Rose Buccolo, Ann Fuller, Joan Eichorn, Doris Byers, Mary Ann Beyle** (who came with Hal Libert), **Sheila Ehrlich, Kathy O'Brien, and Vic Cuneo**. Standing are **Bob Ehrlich, Joe Buccolo, Bill Eichorn, Pete Fuller, Andy Byers, Ken Ebner, Liz & KR, Loris, Carolyn Cuneo, and Hal Libert**. That was quite a turnout.



1950: The Coffins

Up at WP Malvene & **Ben Lewis** had Christmas with daughter Debra & her husband Michael. Ben's son Michael together with his wife Sidney and son Graham also were there. Only Alan and his family were missing. They're out at Subic Bay with the Navy. The Lewises, along with **Elaine & Lou Dixon**, are building very near the **Petrees** in a FL country club comm called "Suntree." It is very near the IRCC, where so many other classmates are planning on being.

On the Wash scene **Jean & Laurie Eek** sent word of their travels, many church related. Jean is very busy with her Conscience Frontiers classes and field trips plus Sunday School plus church deaconate plus plus. . . . Laurie is just as busy with golf, the Armor conference, jury duty, and 3 old cars. Oh, yes, he also is church moderator and working on the 40-50 book. Son Lauris III is a volunteer fireman and very active in the Masons. Donna Veeve and her husband Dennis have the two grandchildren—Denise (3) and Timmy (1 1/2). Jeanne got her MPA this yr and managed to make a business trip to Oakland just in time for the earthquake.

From **Gen & Jack Hendry** in CA comes word of their second grandchild, **Christopher John Kreuzer**, born to **Karen & Bud** in Sep. The mo before David, Linda and 3 yr old Katz visited them from KS. For the A-N game the Hendrys joined **Al Fern, Tootie, Lou Hansotte, and June Elliott** at the San Diego WP Soc. Well, at least the company was good.

Also from CA **Drew Rutherford** sent a picture of their A-N get-together in Monterey. L-to-R **Andy MacFarland, Bob**



1950: Watching the A-N game, 9 Dec

Gard, Ray Singer, Bob Grow, Al Scholl, Len Wegner and Drew in front. That's Bob Grow's father in the picture on the wall. I'm told the wives also were there, put no pic. Their New Yr's party was at the Singers', presumably the same gang but with the **Parishes and Hirsches** included.

Nels Thompson tells me that he & **Margaret** now have a grandson, after 3 granddaughters. **Allen II** was born to **Ann & Allen Mazerolle** on 18 Dec in Gray, MA where the Thompsons' daughter **Ann** is the dir of finance for Council of Govts of Southern MA.

A Christmas note from **Dottie & Carl Stone** said that Carl had surgery just before the holidays but was back home in their quarters in K-town, W Ger. Their son **Tex** & his wife live in Albuquerque, NM, where Tex is getting his PhD in mgt.

Speaking of surgery, **Dave Carlisle** in a recent letter said that **Bob Green** was having both elbows replaced because of arthritis and had already had both knees and both hips done. Certainly hope that all goes well and that Bob gets relief from all that surgery.

For Christmas **Robin Maresca** had her whole family home. The picture shows (L to R) **Bob, John, Gigi, Robin** and son-in-law **Tom DiViccaro**. Granddaughter **Jennifer** is in front of Robin.

From **OK Cyn & DS Wilson** report that son **Walter** grad from C&GSC and, as a senior MAJ, is now a bn FSO with the 9th Div at Ft Lewis. He & his wife have bought a house and seem to enjoy the Seattle area. Son **Lawrence**, a CPT in the USAF Space Cmd, returned from Sicily in Jun and is assigned to NORAD in CO Springs.



1950: KR Ebner's wedding



1950: The Maresca family

Down in FL **Ann & John Howard** have been busy visiting children and grandchildren: Ginger, Bill and their boys in Atl; Judy, Ray and their boys in Light-house Point, FL, and Darby, Suzanne, and JD out in Clayton, CA. Lynda Gail is finishing up her sr yr at Central FL in hospitality mgt. John decided to ret 1 Jun and is now even busier with the local Veterans Memorial Pk.

Connie & Joe Anderson are down in Montgomery, AL, enjoying the area, Lake Martin, and Auburn football. I understand Joe is working long hrs as sr VP of Lowder Realty, but he promises they'll make the 40th.

Another busy pair is **Betty & Kelly Veley** with 2 weddings during the yr. The first was Mark's to Joanne Reitz on 7 Oct in NY, and then Craig married Sharon Solomone on 28 Dec in FL. Add to that caring for 3 grandchildren in San Ant (while Rick & Tricia took a trip to England) and then time in MI to help celebrate Chris & Kim's 5th anniv.

Yet another wedding was held in Boston 10 Jun when **Marilyn & Ken Moll's** son Kevin married Melanie Ann Frost, shown in the picture w/the Molls and daughter Nancy. Both the young people



1950: The Moll wedding

have completed their MA's in music; they headed to CA just in time for the quake. Kevin will be working on his PhD at Stanford while Melanie continues voice studies.

Joan & Fred Nickerson sent along a picture of their crew. Those 4 young ones range from 2 mos to 4 yrs. My how they grow. Joan & Fred, by the way, will be starting out in early Apr to drive east



1950: The Nickersons

from CA in their RV to attend our 40th.

Troy & Bob Chambers had a grand time on vacation in Baja, topped off w/a few hrs playing with a CA Gray whale and her calf—a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

In a Christmas note from **Betty & Briggs Jones**, they said that son Howard is a sr art dir with an agency in Manhattan, while daughter Cathy manages a bridal salon in Richmond, VA. Briggs is still traveling a lot, a good deal of the time w/Betty along.

The picture that shows **Shirley & GG Thomas** with Temple and Mike was taken at Ft Bragg. Shirley is holding the newest addition, Donna, born 12 Feb 89. That's 3-yr old Daniel with Temple. GG is still with Barnett Bank, but Shirley ret from the dress shop. Though she really misses it, she is busy with church, volunteering, and golf.



1950: The GG Thomases at Ft Bragg

On 16 Sep, **Ann & Hugh Holt** managed a wedding out in Inverness, CA when daughter Laura married Richard Diaz. The Holts also got in a visit with **Jean & Jim Lee** down in Wrightsville Beach, FL. All look great. It was Jean who introduced Ann & Hugh in 51. Hugh is still the town mgr in Halifax, VA, complete with small town syndrome. Ann says even a wrong number takes 15 min.

Yet another wedding when **Ann & John Wickham's** son Matthew married Mary Ellen Raimonde in Jul. The couple is living in Tucson, where Matthew is working w/a hydrology firm while getting his MS. Son John is looking forward to completing law school this summer.



1950: Hugh & Ann Holt and Jean & Jim Lee

Just to keep them all near campuses, **Lindsley & her husband Bill** (and little Billy) are stationed at WP. Makes it nice for Ann & John to visit.

An old piece of Corps of Cadets stationery showed up the other day with a nice letter from **Joe Love**, saying that he & **Mary Pharr** had quite a Christmas. Seems that daughter Mary Bland married her law partner, Bob Gobelman, on 22 Dec with just 12 days notice. Add to that a 3-day ice storm on the 23rd, and you can see things were hectic, esp w/daughter Lee trying to make a plane to Belize. Daughter Robin brought granddaughter Caroline down for a couple of extra days, while Robin's husband Hill held off Reily back home. In May, Mary Pharr went to her 40th at Randolph-Macon, while Joe did some genealogy along the way.

Another busy time is being had by **Lee & Bob Werner**, following the birth of twins on 9 Dec to daughter Mary & Chris Smith. Aaron and Kevin were born in Twinsville, OH. (Can you believe that name?) Lucky they didn't live in Pentagon City.

Pat Tisdale is still being a country dr in a small KY town called Jackson, so **Betty** holds down the ft back home in Seattle, WA. With their many children growing, traveling, going to school, and starting jobs, there just isn't space in this column to mention them all, but it's wonderful that Betty & Pat can give so much to so many.

All 3 children—and that new granddaughter—were down in Auburn to celebrate Christmas with **Fran & Andy Pick**. Andy III, in fact, is there permanently, working w/his parents in the various family efforts. Charles is not far away, in Ft Walton Beach, where he is an asst branch mgr of a local bank. Betsy, Danny, and Cary Frances are furthest, up in Tidewater, VA.

Barbara & Bruce Petree sent the picture of a pre-Christmas party on 5 Dec in Melbourne, FL. In the front row are **Nancy Sibbles, Malvene Lewis** and **Barbara**. Middle: **Ann Howard, Elaine Dixon, Woodie Aman** and **Joy Viskochil**. Rear: **John Howard, Bruce, Ben Lewis, Graham Sibbles, Bill Aman** and **Lou Dixon**. The Petrees also report that they



1950: Classmates gather in Melbourne, FL

have a new granddaughter, born to Mark & Debra, and a new son-in-law, as Cathy married Jeff Holtmeir in Dec. Joy has certainly been a great "salesperson" for that area, since all those people, plus others, have bought homes in the Melbourne area. Bill Aman is the head of one homeowners assn there, when he isn't flying his radio-controlled planes or golfing. Woodie is golfing too, plus enjoying bridge and serving on committees. Bill, by the way, officially ret the end of the yr.

The big news of **Bev & Jack Macmull** was **Hugo**. It passed right over their place in NC, damaging the roof and walls considerably, but also taking out the utilities: no hot showers, or TV. Jack Jr is still banking in Atl; Steve & Dawn are stationed at Bragg, along with Kim & Harry, so no one is far distant.

While on the subject of **Hugo**, **Betty Curry** sent me an article about **Bill's** work on St Croix, helping with the disaster relief. Bill was the dir of logistics for the Red Cross effort there, spending a total of 5 wks on the isl under difficult circumstances, to say the least. Well done, Bill!

Another article came from **Phil Harper**, this one on **Clyde Spence**, who will be ret from the presidency of Marion Mil Inst this spring. The article talked of Clyde's fine leadership there, reinforced by Phil's comments on Clyde's reputation and the esteem in which his cadets held him.

One other pres to mention is **Lou Genuario**, who took over that volunteer job for the Alex Building Industries Assn. He'll have a busy time working w/the local firms and homeowner gps.

Looks like I've run out of space for this column, but keep the info coming. See you at the 40th.

'51

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Very sad news—**Jim Rockwell** died of cancer 2 Jan at home in Alexandria, VA; services and burial took place at Ft Myer on 6 Jan; **Bill Richardson**, **Gary Sander-son**, and **Bob Yerks** served as pallbearers. Attendance at final services over-

flowed the new chapel at Ft Myer and incl over 65 classmates & wives. In addition to **Ann**, Jim is survived by 5 children and 6 grandchildren. **Rocky's** infectious grin and quiet, sharp sense of humor will be missed by '51 and his many, many other friends.



1951: The Jim Rockwells and friends at brunch in 89: Anne Pendleton, Fred Rockwell, Ann, Barber, Claudette Barber, Jim, Jean Rockwell, Pendleton

Good News: On 15 Jan **Mary Agnes Evans** had her 3rd operation to overcome health problems due to a colon breakdown. Hopefully, Mary will be playing tennis again by late spring, fully fit and healthy for the 90's. After a 3-way heart bypass in late Jan, **Dick Wells** is now at home in AZ resting comfortably and looking forward to a rapid recovery.



1951: The Rogers plan for ret

Both **Lou Michaels** (in late Mar) and **Joe Rogers** (late Jun) happily anticipating ret. In late Jan **Steve Galligan & Nancy** visited grandson and DC area; had dinner w/**Pete & Ellie Beczkiewicz** who report both are looking forward to the Carlisle Mini! **George Meighen** reports that **Dan Foldberg's** extremely happy and content in Tulsa; we're looking forward to seeing Dan & Marian at '51 activities as soon as possible. **Steve Watsey** is now a VP w/FL Power. **Tom & Barb Odderstol** continue to expand their horizons: Tom's new bus, Packaging Plus, doing well while Barb prepares for her doctoral comps. **Dan Sharp** was recently appointed to an ID Board re Prison Operations and Systems Correctional Industries (for a while, **Marilyn** must have known that her worst fears had



1951: The Galligans will meet us at Carlisle!

been realized); both are wonderful and we already look forward w/a chuckle to Dan's input for next **ASSEMBLY** Hi-lite. Signs of the times—'51's wives are traveling to Europe in pairs; first, **Libby Peixotto w/Jean Rockwell** to France in mid-89, then **Marie Foss w/Pat Hook** to London in Oct; **Gussie Barron** and **Martha Jo Rice** vacationed in Rome during Christmas and had a delightful time. **Dave & Margaret Philips**, currently living in Charlotte, NC, are pondering a possible move to N VA in the near future (son and family live in Alexandria).

REGIONAL SPOTLITE- Southwest (AZ, CO, NV, NM) Rep-**Don McGann**, Dep-**Hank Evans**; (TX, OK): Rep-**Sel Graham**, Dep-**Ken Herring**. Both **Don McGann** and **Hank Evans**, who w/**Elaine** and **Mary Agnes** hosted the remarkable mini in CO, again expressed their appreciation for support and assistance they received in its planning and execution. Don says they plan to continue get-togethers for future A/AF games but hope to change the score to favor Army.



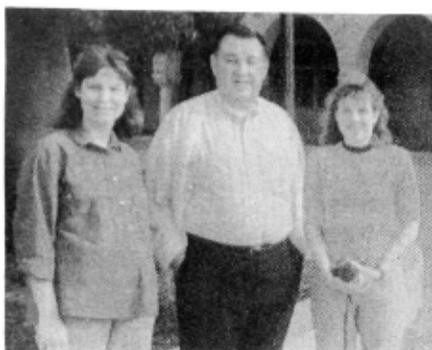
1951: The CO mini was great: Libby Peixotto and Alice Stockdale, co-hosts; the McGanns; Stockdale and Peixotto

Don reports "**T**" **Nance** hosted **Saul & Arlene Jacobs** and **Del & Jean Ring** in Feb in CO—later skiing w/**Rocky & Joyce Milburn** in UT. Never one to boast or laud CO,—"**T**" reports on his UT visit as "Hospitality great, skiing horrible." Of course, the Milburns w/an equal opportunity for comment stated ski news from CO was unreliable and not newsworthy (he is familiar w/"**T**" Nance). **Rocky** also states that **Joyce** seems fully recovered from last yr's broken shoul-

der. In 3 giant slalom races this yr (sr women's bracket), she's won two gold medals and one silver. Rocky is still an off in Inter-Mtn WP Soc. In Evergreen, CO, in addition to ret from the sch system, **Walt Phillips** also sold his advertising co. He & **Polly** travel often; in Oct 89 to Indonesia and Feb 90 to isles off Honduras to take underwater photography for Polly's Co. **Hank Evans** reports during **Don McGann's** recent ret party at UAL (he was prog mgr of the UAL 727 fleet), Don was presented w/a local newspaper headline: "McGann RETIRES—UAL STOCK SOARS." Incidentally, son Don flew Don's last flight before ret w/him, while **Elaine** was content flying 1st cl. The Evans had a skiing Christmas at Vail w/daughter Missy, and son Henry (MAJ, USA) and family. (Other daughter Edith is married to Bob Hyatt, son of **Bob & Tinky**). Nearby in Woodland Pk, CO **Joe & Jo Ann Danforth** fully enjoy ret, the children w/ growing families, high-country camping, and "studying" the railroad and mining history around them—turn-of-the-century narrow gauge railroads, mines, old town sites, related architecture, the Alpine Tunnel through the continental divide, etc. In addition, Jo Ann finds time to socialize as Club secretary and keep Joe contented, no small job. Their 4 children are scattered from NY to TX but w/daughter Gayla located in the DC area, we may be able to entice them to the East for another visit. **Bob Bauer**, who lives nearby in CO Springs, reports daughter Kimberly, a new PhD, received a grant from U of WI for studies in Thailand; 2 other daughters live close to Bob. **Lew & Marilyn Casbon** are located in Golden, CO, on a lake where Lew says there are only happy fishermen; the Casbons are not only proud of their area but very anxious to share it with all '51ers who can visit.

Joe Knittle reports from AZ that the **Fred Millers** continue active in Flagstaff; trying to maintain contact w/their children and 9 grandchildren requires much travel. Wife **Pat** plans to visit son Kurt and family this yr in Ger; he is with the 4/7th Arty; 2nd son Shane is on the promotion list to MAJ. The **Hoyt Vandenberg**s are enjoying the great AZ climate in the foothills of NE Tucson; recently **Sandy** was named a trustee for the AZ Avn Hall of Fame. **Cecil & Pat Nist** are still in Sierra Vista where Cece is active in real estate. Had his best yr ever in 89. **Lou & Mildred Bretzke**, once winter visitors to AZ, decided to enjoy its weather all yr long. Now fully ret, they live at Leisure World, near Williams AFB where Lou was once stationed. Their two sons also live in the area. However, they do return ea yr to view their property in Flat Head Lake, MT. Although no longer active in real estate, **Larry & Viv Eppley** do keep their licens-

es current. Enjoying ret, they gathered the entire family during the Christmas holidays at their time-share apt in Flagstaff. The **Steigers** are still in Tucson; **Wally** continues to build super TV broadcast towers—3 have been higher than 2000'. As the firm's Ops Off, Wally enjoys his continuous involvement w/ personnel, equipment and budgeting on a nationwide basis. **Norma** continues active in the needlework world, teaching to incl a natl seminar, judging and serving as an off in local and natl orgs. Son is in Atl; daughter is married and living in Phoenix. The **Knittles**, also located in Tucson, travel often; in Nov to Portugal and in Dec, visited daughter in Ger and son in Budapest.



1951: On a big wknd in CA in Apr 89: Corrigan w/daughters Kathleen and Paula at Stanford U for son's wedding

From the Land of Enchantment, **John Ballard** reports **Dick & Jean Haggren**, their 4 children and 2 grandchildren are doing fine. He is w/BDM, mgr for Tac Simulation. Each summer they and **Rod & Joan Gilbertson** get together and fly fish their favorite spots in MT. In Feb 89, **Pat & Eleanor Corrigan** enjoyed the beautiful scenery via train from Chihuahua, over the Sierra Madre Mts, to Los Mochis, thence to Mexico City. In Oct, they toured Eng, flew to Geneva, then drove through a snow storm over St Gotthard Pass to Aus. **Andy Chacon** says ret is great, although he still teaches grad mgt prog courses at Webster U. Also will teach 4 courses at the US Navy Base, Keflavik in Oct. During Sep/Oct, **Andy &**



1951: Andy gathers the family at Christmas: Chacon w/daughters Dolores, Monica and Cissy, Cissy's husband, and Isabel

Isabel toured Italy, France and Spain via rail—a most enjoyable trip. Also will attend a Sep reunion in Baltimore for survivors of the USS *Ommaney Bay* (sunk in Sulu Sea 4 Jan 45). In a relatively quiet yr, **John & Margie Hemler** managed visits to son and daughter (mother of their 4 grandsons) in Phoenix; hosted a family reunion in Oct and attended the mini in Nov. John, still in politics, is actively supporting Senator **Pete Domenici's** re-election efforts. Both are involved in comm activities and Margie keeps busy w/arts and crafts. "**Gus**" **Barron**, in addition to visiting foreign lands and attending minis, also stays busy as a part-time employee w/the Elder Hostel Prog. While the **Ballards** enjoyed trips to visit daughter Amy in DC and Ann's sister in the fall, Ann's knee surgery precluded their planned attendance at the mini. Ann is very involved w/volunteering efforts at Presbyterian Hosp while **John** still enjoys the commercial real estate game. While he and sons did manage several hunting and fishing trips in 89, "results" were mixed, but good times for all—a family trip is planned to HI in Mar 90.



1951: TX legislator lunches w/constituents: Graham, Thomas and Robertson

Sel Graham reports from TX that **Bruce Robertson** is back in action after a Dec gallbladder opn. Incidentally, Sel is a member of the Hughes & Luce Oil & Gas Gp which provides legal service to address legal problems of any nature throughout the oil and gas industry. Certified in oil, gas, and mineral law by the TX Board of Legal Specialization, Sel previously served as Counsel with Exxon and served on Exxon's Arbitration Team for re-determination of ownership of the Prudhoe Bay Field. When the TX legislature is in session, he and **Bill Thomas** frequently have lunch together. **Peyton & Anne Cook**, living on the golf course, are enjoying country club life in Boerne, TX. He plays golf while she plays tennis. Peyt also teaches at TX Mil Inst; he also recommends that should anyone in the DC area have urological problems, ask for son Dr David Cook at Malcom Crow, Andrews AFB, where he is staff urologist. A heart attack in 89 hasn't slowed **Tom Hastings** in any per-



1951: Members of '51 attend Jul wedding of Dave & Pattee Schlatter's daughter in Palos Verdes, CA: Cragie, Schlatter, Cook and Sargent

ceptible manner. Upon his & Gail's return to San Ant from CO in Nov, his father's death necessitated a visit of several wks to FL. A trip to Australia and NZ after his return home completed Tom's travels for the yr. Continuous travelers, the Hastings travel plan is probably even more detailed for 90.



1951: '51 reps to 1st reunion of USAF C1 of 52E: Bob McDonald, Witmer, Dickens and Watsey

A reunion of USAF C1 of 52E from K-14, Kimpo that flew Tac Photo Recon during the Korean War took place 8-10 Sep in Denver—32 pilots w/spouses. A reunion hi-lite was a visit to the USAFA w/lunch hosted by Supe Winfield Scott. '51ers attending incl **Dickens, Bob McDonald, Watsey, and Witmer.** **Bud & Betty Bacon** rep sportscaster Lindsey Nelson was guest of honor at A/N game party in Knoxville w/70 attending. On the other hand, **Joe & Cecil Clemons** watched the game w/**Waldo & Nancy Russell** and **Geo & Ann Meighen.** Joe said, "That's probably why we lost."

CLASS ACTIVITIES: DC Area Luncheons—11:30 am ea 3rd Thurs monthly. Feb luncheon included wives. **Bob Hyatt** did his usual outstanding job in planning and supervising luncheon activities. 90 luncheon schedule: 19 Apr, 17 May, 21 Jun, 19 Jul. Carlisle MINI-REUNION: 26-29 APR. Coordinated by **Charlie & Joan Crowe** and **Ron & Scotty Roberge.** Accommodations at Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse, 6 mi SE of Carlisle, good hwy accessibility. Varied



1951: The Russells of Avondale Estates

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. Tentative schedule: 26 Apr 1300-1700 arr and registration at Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse; 1800-1900 cocktails; 1915 dinner. 27 Apr 0800-1700 bkfst, followed by participation in activities desired; 1800-1900 cocktails at Carlisle Bks Off Club; 1900-2000 dinner; 2000-2300 dancing. 28 Apr brkfst followed by indiv activities; 1800-1900 cocktails on Allenberry Hotel patio. 1900-2000 buffet at Allenberry Hotel; 2030-2300 theatre. 29 Apr bkfst followed by activities desired, and departure. Questions/directions/concerns: contact Allenberry Resort Inn, PO Box 7, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Attn: Leslie Sterner, Dir of Sales, tel 717-258-3211.

NEXT REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT: Far West and Pac (CA) Rep—**Roy Herte,** Dep—**John Hemphill;** (HI) Rep—**Bill Quinn,** Dep—**Jim Hackleman;** (AK, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA, WY) Rep—**Dan Sharp,** Dep—**John Hemphill.**

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The Christmas mail was heavier this yr and very much appreciated. Herewith a sampling of items of interest to many of you.

Ollie Oliphant has added appraisals and insurance to his real estate bus in Bloomfield, IN. He referred to an earlier piece concerning **Lope Rimando's** desire to settle his family in the US and wonders if anyone has been able to offer assistance.

Dave Lyon reported seeing **Tow, Rollston,** and **Driskill** in the Ft Worth area, and that **John Brewster** has ret from FINA Corp. Also, **Scotty Shipe** has moved back to VA. Both **Joe & Donna Santilli** are now ret and continue to live in Orlando. They have many grandchildren who are about to receive even more attention.

Warren & Jan Spaulding gave us a report on youngest daughter Mimi's

wedding last Oct to **Douglas Thurston** at his family's ranch in Durango, CO, with relatives from VT and long ago friends from Ger attending the outdoor festivities and a barn dance.

The **Ulmer** family is growing: son **Buck '79 & Jean Williams,** both Army CPTs, were married in the Wash area last Dec; **ILT Tom Ulmer & Elizabeth** became the parents of twin girls in Fulda last Aug; and **Jeff & Cynthia** welcomed son **Bennett Ulmer** last Oct. **Jeff** hangs out with the IRS in Austin, TX. The Center for Creative Leadership has added affiliates in Australia and New Zealand, so **Walt & Marty** went there last spring to do the honors.

From **Loyd Rhiddlehoover** a photo of the CO Springs contingent gathered for the Army-AF game. From the left: **Mazie & Hank Carter, Bob & Mary Carbone, Lorelee & Jack Hettinger, Herb & Liz Devens,** and **Liz & Loyd** in the foreground. **Al Gorby** was there, but left before the picture taking session.



1952: CO Springs gathering for A-AF game

And **Art & Elaine Taylor** wrote about an overnight trip in Aug to historic Abbeville, SC where they were joined by **Mike & Joan Boos, Tom & Jan Ayers,** and **Jack & Carol Burkheimer** for a murder mystery evening, an **Agatha Christie** play, "Murder at the Vicarage."

We just returned from a trip to SC for golf at Myrtle Beach with the **Rehms, Claybrooks,** and **Lowders,** and a reunion at Columbia hosted by **Tom & Jan Ayers** for the **Burkheimers, Taylors,** and us. The **Booses** were unable to come up from Augusta where Mike had teaching duties. The Columbian contingent is active in civic and ret mil affairs, with Tom also taking an active role in church activities. In spite of these diversions, he has developed a solid golf game. He & Jan travel often and to great distances.

Art Taylor is a coordinator with the state off of emergency preparedness and got a good workout when Hugo came through last Sep. (Luckily, all 3 couples escaped serious damage from the hurricane). Art has a real estate bus, sings on the barbershop quartet circuit, holds offices in ret mil orgs, and is pursuing an Agent Orange claim. A full plate. Their daughter presented the first Taylor



1952: Burkheimers, Taylors and Ayerses

grandchild, Michael, born Dec 88 to Camille & Gary Zornjak in Leesburg, VA.

The **Burkheimers** have survived Jack's 60th birthday in reasonably good fashion and continue to enliven parties throughout Columbia. I couldn't detect any slowing down, and there is every indication that the pace will quicken when Jack ret from the textile industry. They sheltered the **Dunns** during Hugo, when **Bob & Audrey** had to evacuate their Fripp Isl home. Again, only minor damage.

The **Burkheimers'** daughter Nancy Ann (CPT, JAG) married CPT Jorge Lorenzo, also a JAG off, 30 Dec 89 in Tampa. They are now stationed in Ger. Present for the wedding were **Paul & Ann Malone, Bob & Audrey Dunn, and Everett & Anmarie Richards**. Carol Burkheimer and Anmarie are sisters.



1952: CPT Nancy Ann (Burkheimer) Lorenzo

Another **Burkheimer** daughter, Karen, is married to MAJ (DC) James Schmitt, stationed at Ft Irwin.

Jim Tow reports that **Lou Beasley** surfaced in the Dallas area, reportedly on a "toot" while en route to the home of the Confederate AF at Harlingen, TX. Lou is winding down his involvement in the retail grocery bus in Lamar, SC, where he & **Jo** live. The **Tows** hosted a reunion for Lou and nearby neighbors **John & Ann Hill**. Both Jim and John work on aerospace and def projects for the missile div of LTV. Jim will remain there at least until youngest daughter Patricia completes 2+ yrs at TX A&M.

Fred Stevens sent an update from



1952: Tow, Hill and Lou Beasley

Duxbury, MA, where he & **Elizabeth** have lived since ret. Fred was honored recently for his assumption of duties as pres of Cura Visiting Nurses Assn's board of dirs. This is a non-profit agency devoted to the care of the ill or aging in Duxbury and surrounding towns. The prog features home visits in addition to res care by the prof staff. Fred has long been a developer of info systems, and has applied his expertise to the local needs. In the process, he became expert in Medicare and Medicaid processes! Previously, he was recognized by the Library of Congress for his work in unifying its info systems. He has his own co and serves as pres, Duxbury Men's Club. Elizabeth is a prof religious educator and was ordained as Minister of Religious Ed at the First Church and Parish, Dedham.

Locally, I learned that **Al Bracy** had a close call in Dec w/a bleeding ulcer. After hosp care, he is mending and back to duty.

The Wash gp held its winter gathering at the Bethesda Naval Off Club on 21 Jan with 40 attending: **Claybrooks, Clines, Bob Craigs** (now living in St Michaels, MD), **Deverills, Kenneys** w/children, **Larkins, Lowders, Malones, McInerneys, McKnights, Moore** (coordinator for the affair), **Morans, Paluhs, Raifords, Rehms, John Sullivans, Wileases, Withereills and Yourees**.



1952: Sullivan, Rehm (reunion chairman) and Swygert at Jan party

Bill Raiford has accepted responsibility for staging the Academy's bicentennial celebration, which will of course coincide w/our 50th reunion. He men-



1952: Yourees, McKnights and McInerneys at Jan party

tioned a no of initiatives in recently formulated plans, incl stamp and coin commemoratives, a Congressional proclamation, an academic procession, musical tributes featuring WP-related compositions, and well-publicized Founders Day activities.

In the meantime, planning for our 40th reunion continues under the dir of **Tom Rehm**. By the time you see this column, you will have received a postcard posing questions and affording you an opportunity to express your preferences for activities and lodging. Please take time to respond directly to Tom. At the same time, you will also receive an Exec Comm questionnaire on your personal situation. Again, your careful and prompt response will be appreciated.

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It is my sad duty to report that **Ed Dinges** passed away 16 Jan. Services and burial were at Ft Sill.

'53 has been indirectly represented in Panama. **Graham McIntyre** writes that his son Gregory '88 and family were scheduled to come to VA from Ft Ord to spend Christmas w/**Graham and Norma**. Instead, on 20 Dec, he went to Panama with elements of the 7th Div. His Inf plt has been on duty out in the rural area. It is interesting to note that he reports that the Panamanians are appreciative and positive in their reaction to the US Army.

Those of you who reside in the DC area will be notified in the usual way, but to those who do not, we would like to announce that there will be a luncheon for classmates & wives on 26 Jun at the Potowmack Landing restaurant (located at the marina south of Natl Airt). Let us know you are coming, if you can; but, if you don't give advance notice, come anyway. We want to see everyone and should be able to accommodate a surprise visit or two.

Herm Gilster, who lives there, sent a photo of classmates at the A-AF game last Nov at CO Springs.

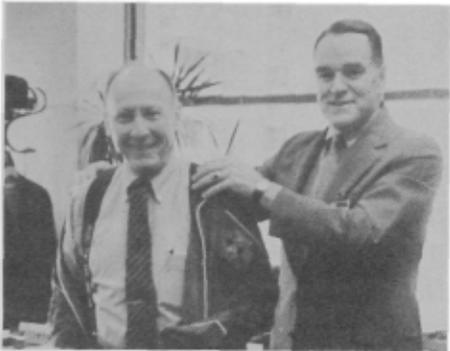
Sam Thomas sent a short note and



1953: In front of rope: Herm Gilster, Bill Horton, Antoinette (the falcon), Tom McKenna and Jim Borkland

some of **Bud Ellis's** campaign material. Sam has recently, I think, moved from OH, where my roster lists him, to Augusta, GA, where he is CEO of Information Systems Corp.

Well, despite the outcome, I thought The Game was even better than usual. Unlike 2 or 3 games I can recall, we didn't lose it; Navy won it! As I heard remarked, "At least, we didn't lose a coach." As Class pres, **Bob Bartlett** did his duty. The photo shows him presenting the "trophy" B-robe to Gus Hubal, the outgoing pres of USNA '53.



1953: Hubal and Bartlett

Ed Andrews called me the other day to tell me that one of our guys is a mayor! He then nagged **Ken Heitzke** till he sent me some clippings and info. Ken & Lois have lived in Monroe, CT for 12 yrs. He says it is a neat town of 17,000 located an hr from NYC and 1 1/2 hrs from USMA. Their 4 children and 4 grandchildren live nearby. Monroe has had a city mgr/ town council form of govt. Ken has been chm of the council for the past 8 yrs. The town voted to change its form of govt, and elected Ken as its first Selectman—the equivalent of mayor. Ken mentioned that he attends all the Army football games, and said that **Jack & Dottie Johnson** and **Bob & Donna Segal** do, too. Good luck, Ken. I hope you will still have time to get to the games this fall.

We had spring weather all Jan here in Alexandria. This morning I saw a crocus blooming in the front yard and forsythia looking all bright and cheery down at the Metro station. I guess with the publica-

tion time delay I should wish you Happy Mothers Day, or Joyful June Week, but I am putting the finishing touches on this on Valentine's Day. What can I say?

'54

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Bob Elton reported the death of **Quay Snyder** on 30 Jan in CO Springs. Quay had been on a sabbatical at the AF Academy from the Educ Dept in PA. **Quay & Joan's** two sons are grads of the AFA and are both stationed there. Quay was buried at the AFA Cemetery on 2 Feb. Several classmates mentioned speaking to Quay at the reunion. The Class expresses its condolences to Joan and the family at their loss.

Bob & Marilyn Elton live in Lorton, VA, and run a mgt consulting co.

On 23 Sep, **Roy & Fay Muth** saw son Roy marry **Victoria Lee Beall** in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, MD. The reception was held at the Cumberland Country Club. Roy II is a cnstrn mgr w/Marriott in Bethesda. Roy Sr is pres of Intl Snowmobile Industry Assn in Fairfax.

Herewith a welcoming message from **Larry Skibbie**: "Nancy & I thought the 35th Reunion was great! This was the result of **Jack & Barbara Miller's** superb efforts. The Class owes them a huge vote of thanks.

"At the Reunion, new '54 offs were elected. I will serve as pres, assisted by VPs **Frank Hart, Jack Miller** and **Ed Pawlowski**. **Doug Stuart** is treas and **Chet Piolunek** is scribe. We all accept the honor and, knowing full well that no one has yet been able to organize '54, we pledge not to attempt the impossible.

"The 40th Reunion is the biggest item on our agenda. We need a resourceful, volunteer reunion coordinator immediately. More about this milestone event later. Please plan to get involved and to attend."

On 21 Oct, **Ed Pawlowski's** children & their spouses, **Ed Jr & Lauren**, and **Edleen & Keith Bergelt**, held a birthday party for Ed in Ed Jr & Lauren's beautifully renovated row house on Capitol Hill in DC. Present were **Dick & Diane Hobbs, Walt & Renate Evans, John & Ruth Broumas**, and **Chet & Monica Scribe**. Evans' son John grad from OH U with a BS in journalism and a BFA in photography. He will live in NYC while pursuing employment. Walt heard that **Ron Lee** in Chicago and **Jan LeCroy** in Dollars, Texas are organizing L-2 for the 40th. **Tiny Tomsen** (M-2) may have to give up fishing.

Christmas greetings came with interesting updates. **Buck & Marie Weafer** loved the reunion. At Christmas in Leavenworth, they hosted their family. Son

Tom attends C&GSC and was selected for the SAMS prog. **Bob '81** is a prod mgr for Advd Night Vision devices w/ Varian in Palo Alto. Both daughters live nearby, one married. Mary still surveys the singles scene.

At Spring Grove, PA, **Jack & Barbara Miller** loll lakeside and made trips to their Myrtle Bch place and Atl City w/relatives. Jack is sailing and learning golf, while Barbara sharpens her crafts for school and home projects. They compete to spoil grandson Bryan. At the A-N game in Giants Stadium, NJ, they met **Jim Burris, Tom DeSimone, Corky Gabbert, Frank Ianni, John Klein, Bob Marcum, Ed McCloskey, Warren Palmer, Doug Stuart, Dan Tobin** and **Chuck Wood**.

Ron & Helen Button came up from Tampa for the reunion. Ron teaches math and Helen is a paralegal to a circuit judge in the Family Law Dept after completing law courses for her certificate last yr. They also traveled to Key West and St Paul, MN, where son Mike lives. Daughter Ann is a med transcriptionist in Tampa.

Glenn & Suzanne Matsumoto traveled to Orlando, Miami and Key West, where they visited Ernest Hemingway's home (he wasn't in). In Jun, Suzanne was detailed from the DC Bureau of the Mint to the San Fran Mint while Glenn traveled to Grenada, St Kitts and Antigua w/a US Investment Mission. After attending the 35th Reunion, they toured SE Asia by air and sea, visiting Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Bali, Manila, Hong Kong, Macao and 5 cities in China. Their journey caused Suzanne to miss the SF earthquake.



1954: Glenn & Suzanne Matsumoto at Borobudur Temple, Java, Indonesia, fall 89

Bob & Kay Keener completed Bob's pier and deck at their lakeshore home in Gilbert, SC, between visits of their friends and relatives. These included Bob's sister Deborah from Athens, Greece. Y'all come and bring your passports. Kay was promoted in her job with the US Attorney's Off in Columbia. Despite obedience school, their toy poodle Tyke is thriving. Bob is teaching it to saw boards and drive nails.

On 25 Jan, Pres Larry Skibbie con-

voked a meeting at his American Def Preparedness Assn off in Arlington of our new Class offs: pres Skibbie; VPs Miller, Hart and Pawlowski; and treas Stuart. **Skip Forman**, who deserves our praise as Nominating Comm chm, was also present but received no per diem. Topics covered were a scholarship in **Andre Lucas'** name, notifications of Class deaths, more spousal involvement in Class activities and our 40th Reunion. Ideas and feelings about any of these are solicited and welcome. **Madeleine Lucas** wrote Jack agreeing to the Class endowing a Prep School Scholarship in Andre's name. Interest on a \$25,000 endowment will provide one scholarship a yr.

Big **Bob Hunt** in Birmingham says he heard from **Jerry Anderson** that he survived the San Fran quake and is entering politics to get even. REALLY Big **Bob Mishak & Doris** phoned from Orinda, CA, to assure us they also were uninjured. They left for Eur where Bob is generating interest in org an offshore NFL. There go their Sundays.

You know the Tibetan natl anthem: Hello Dalai! Keep smiling.

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The passing of the 80's must have brought w/it a great urge to communicate, because the mails have been steadily bringing news of '55 from all over. To wit:

Ed & Nancy Mendell dropped me a lovely letter in mid-Dec to report a veritable Northern CA '55 reunion as a large gp of classmates & ladies staged a Christmas party that incl **Al & Kathy Cini** and their son **Mike**, **Fred Woerner**, **Bud & Mary Hall**, **Todd & Sue Graham**, **John Rock**, **Frank Schlotter**, **Will & Susan Holbrook**, **Bill Hadly**, **Jerry Seidman** and **Cliff & Eunice Rigg**, some very close friends of **Al & Kathy**. The venue was the Vets Hosp in Menlo Pk, where **Al** has been doing a little TDY from the **Cini** home in San Jose. **Ed** reports that **Al's** exploits in the hosp have been chronicled in the local papers, and center around some far-out therapy that the medics introduced which involved giving cats free run of the hosp. **Al & Kathy** expressed their concerns about the pesky pussycats and a little bureaucratic tug-of-war began that brought **Ed Mendell** into action to assist. **Ed** says the whole thing was a little surreal, and that **Al** was lucky that the therapy didn't involve Longhorn cattle! Upshot of the whole thing is that on **Al's** bestseller reading list now, number one spot is tightly held by: *One Hundred Uses for a Dead Cat!* By the way, **Al** had a phone installed in his room that will record

calls; take a moment and wish **Al** well by calling 415-323-1160.

Take good care of yourself, **Al**; we all send you our best love and regards, and thanks, **Kathy** and **Mike** for taking such beautiful care of "Old Bluebeard." Thanks, **Ed**, for the super letter.



1955: Ed Mendell, Al & Kathy Cini



1955: '55ers visit Al Cini and family in Menlo Pk, CA

Got a brief note and some super snapshots from **Rod & Pat Vitty** that captured the spirit of the football game tailgate gatherings near Michie Stadium during the season. Among those folks enjoying this particular fete were **Natalie Wilcox** and daughter **Anne**, a member of '93, a proud replica of her father, **Bill**; **Dan & Loretta Dienst**, **Dick & Greta Masson**, **Bob & Pat Strati**, **Ed & Nancy Trobaugh**, **Dave Young**, **Mike & Betty Stevenson**, and **Joe & Connie Franklin**. These guys really look like they're having fun: makes you want to go up there and dip your toes in the 92.2 million gallons.

Per my suggestion sometime back, I was pleased to receive a number of



1955: Rod Vitty and the Franks



1955: '55 tailgaters at Lusk Reservoir

family Christmas letters from classmates. This is really a classic way to keep up with the activities of our far-scattered Class.

George & Patty Page provided a true chronicle of enjoying ret, but staying manifestly busy in the process. Family gatherings in FL, where **George** did extensive repairs to his boat, and then later in the yr, sailing with a friend from NC to the Virgin Isls where they assayed the damage from good old **Hugo**. **Patty** is kept consistently occupied with her many responsibilities as a raiser and breeder of Shelties, and she is a key figure in the natl org that oversees the quality of such activities. The centerpiece of the **Page's** yr, however, was an extended trip to Central and Sub-Saharan Africa, during which they visited at least 6 countries and savored the thrills of seeing the whole gamut of magnificent wildlife in the many pks and game reserves in the area. **George** says he'd go back to Capetown in a heartbeat, so the impressions of this great trip must have been many. **Patty** says **George** made 35 miles of video tape to record their journey! Thanks for sharing your yr with us, **Pages**.

Quent & Anna Bates' Christmas letter found its way to my mailbox courtesy of **George & Patty**. From their home in Denver, the **Bates** have had an active yr to go along with the active bus life **Quent** leads w/his firm **Lerch, Bates and Assoc**. Much of their travel was to Northern CA to visit both their son **Scott** and his family, and sons **Steve** and **Jim**. The **Bates** too visited Africa in Oct and Nov, and **Quent** got in some A-1 trout fishing in AK in the fall. Interspersed w/that were some visits to the NYC area for Army games and Class activities.

Walt & Nancy McCrillis sent a very loving and warm resume of a yr that has been filled w/their family, their parents, a major focus on their grandchildren, and the full demands of **Walt's** ministry in MS. **Nancy** continues her full involvement with music, to include a workshop at Ft Wayne U. They did manage a couple of escapes to their favorite vacation spot in St Augustine, FL, where R&R are pretty hard to avoid. Good to hear from you, **Rev Walt**; please make

every effort to get you & Nancy to the reunion.

Time and space prohibits my reprinting **Dave Pettet's** entire Christmas letter; it is really a natl treasure. Dave makes home in Oakesdale, WA, on his own farm; his activities center on raising Drahthaars, a magnificent hunting dog known principally in Ger and mid-Europe. No, that's wrong; Dave doesn't raise these dogs, he is an aficionado of dog raising, who travels around the US to participate with other experts in the dog breeding world, and frequently travels to Ger, where the Mecca of Drahthaar-ness is found. During one such trip, Dave met a German family whose son came to live with Dave on the farm for about two yrs, not only to enjoy an exchange study visit to the US, but to learn something about our country. And there could be no finer teacher of the rich values of American life at its rural and fundamental best than Dave. Dave has shared over time the adventures of young Phillip's orientation to American schools, life and farm existence. It has been a true story of awakening and maturing in an environment of the wonders of American life and the gritty curmudgeousness and dry wit of our buddy Dave. Dave's yr was full of wonderful adventures, some pesky personal pain, but always a sense of humor. He recounts his visit to Seattle for the Explorers' Club dinner, at which exotic courses are always served. He said he had the hippo and it was delicious, but that the doggy bag he took home filled the station wagon. Dave resigns himself to the fact that it's a sure sign of aging when you can't finish even one hippopotamus! Thanks old friend, for a gem.

And speaking of Ger, from the Bavarian beauty of Oberammergau, I got a nice letter from **Bill & Sue Carrington**, who, with the coming of a new decade, are girding themselves for the presentation later this yr of the famed Passion Play in that little village. Bill is now a member of the faculty of the U of MD at their Munich campus, and Sue continues her superb woodcarving and crafts work in the area. Their travels take them around Europe frequently and they also make a yearly sojourn to the States to visit family. This is their 20th yr in Oberammergau, and the beauty, uniqueness and charm of that wonderful place never ceases to impress them. As always, they very graciously lay out the welcome mat to all of us as we visit that area. Happy 90's to the Carringtons.

Bill & Ronnie McWilliams are my info lifeline on the West Coast. They very kindly sent me full details of the A-N game party they hosted this past Dec, and in spite of the outcome of the game, there were some pretty happy faces among those classmates who enjoyed the McW's hospitality. The guests incl

Del & Shirley Jacobs, Dick Regnier & his friend, Georgie Pennington, Paul Smor & his friend, Cathy McGarry, Bud & Bonnie DeMaris, Jack & Marlowe Viney, Gerry & Barbara Samos, Sam & Betty Lowry, Dave & Toni Maurer, EJ & Doris O'Brien, Bud Hall, Al Spaulding, and John Hotchkiss. I heard through my own deep sources that this was really one fine party, and I appreciate Bill's ltr and photos below that clearly show a gp of happy campers.



1955: Jack Viney, Al Spaulding at A-N party



1955: Gerry Samos and John Hotchkiss—serious talk at 12:20 pm



1955: Three Buds: Demaris, Hall and the one in the can

Back here in the cold side of the country, **Carl & Jo Ann McNair** hosted a similar after-game and Christmas gathering at their home in Mount Vernon, VA. Assisting with the hosting along w/Carl & Jo Ann were **Billy & Rachel Arthur, Carl & Marcia Cathey, Jim & Ann Eddins, Durf & Barbara McJoynt, Ed Nidever & his friend, Susan Sheets.** Joining them on a crisp Dec afternoon were **Dick & Carol Baker, Jim Bergen,**

Alva & Val Bundren, Bill & Dorinda Burrus, Jack & Lynn Doyle, Al & Edie Edwards, Dick & Shirley Fontaine, Ray & Ann Gunderson, Zach Hagedorn, Don & Chickie Hilbert, Dan & Donna Ludwig, Dick & Greta Masson, Marty McGuire, George & Mary Monohan, Tom Mullan, Bob & Linda Newton, George & Patty Page, John & Mary Pickitt, Bill Roth, John & Anita Rudzki, Jim Ryan, Matt & Betty Schepps, John & Ruth Sloan, Dan Troyan, Dick & Sandra Wargowsky and Tom West. Happily, there were some very active camera operators on the loose that day, and I now have a number of snaps of the festivities. Unhappily, our beloved editors will only allow us 10 photos in any one article, so I'll spread these out across the coming issues. These DC area gatherings are really a great vehicle for bringing the classmates & ladies together here, and we are all very specially in debt to Carl & Jo Ann and their able assistants for hosting this yr's event. It never ceases to amaze me and, I'm sure, others, that we are really a smart looking gp of people, we '55'ers. A real Class act!



1955: The Pickitts and the Edwards at McNairs' party in VA



1955: Jim Eddins and Billy Arthur building libations

On a sadder note, I had a call recently from one of our former classmates, **Ken "Rip" Fagan**, from his home in CT, to report the loss of his lovely wife, **Katherine**, who passed away in late Jan. Rip left the service in 59, but has kept his interest w/our Class across the yrs, and he & Katherine took great pleasure in their long assoc's with old friends. I clearly recall some great times yrs back when



1955: '55ers at the McWilliams' A-N party

we were first together at the old Stewart Field USMA Prep School. Rip, please accept the warm sympathy of your friends in '55; our prayers are with you in your very private grief. Please make every effort to join us at the 35th next Nov.

Like you, I am amazed and astounded w/the changes that have taken place in the world since last I penned an article. The specters of the threat that we all faced during our careers are eroding rapidly and bringing whole new arenas of potentiality and responsibility to be addressed and managed. I'm confident that '55ers will play a continuing role in the leadership that will be required. As I've always believed, shouldn't be any hill for a climber. Take care.

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There are many exciting plans in the making for our 34th reunion at the AF Academy as well as for our 35th reunion at WP. Most of you should have received a ltr from **Mike Conrad** as well as important info about these events last Jan; however, I will provide some highlights in this article just in case you are not on good terms with the mail person or you move faster than the mail.

Charlie Hamm, our classmate and USAF Academy Supe, as well as an outstanding reunion comm composed of **Bill McPeek**, **Steve Beebe**, **Bob Grassberger**, **Robin Speiser** and **Ray Cannon**, have already firmed up the schedule of events for the 6-9 Sep get-together at the AF Academy in CO Springs. In addition

to the football game between the AF Academy and HI, you won't want to miss the reception and buffet at **Charlie Hamm's** quarters, the Supe's pre-game brunch at the USAFA Off Club, the social scene, buffet and dancing scheduled for Fri evening (7 Sep), the lunch with a Cadet Wing, the memorial service, the Class picture activity and the general good time that will be enjoyed by all who can be there. Please register for your hotel room and for the reunion no later than 22 Jul. If you need any further info, contact **Bill McPeek** at 747 Carved Terrace, Colorado Springs, CO 80919, tel (719) 599-4725.

Our 35th reunion comm, composed of **Farrell Patrick**, **Gerry Richardson** and **John Snodgrass**, are already off to a flying start for the Oct 91 gathering at WP. By this time, I hope all of you have responded to their questionnaire indicating your preferences for either a football wknd coupled with a cruise aboard a luxury liner to either Bermuda or Nova Scotia and back, or for a more traditional reunion wknd. Our reunion comm deserves a great deal of praise already for their innovative ideas concerning this most important event. No matter what the majority decides to do, this promises to be even more memorable for those who can participate than our 30th reunion. If you have any questions or comments, please contact **Gerry Richardson** at home (914) 221-4867 or his off (914) 485-7587.

I deeply regret that I must notify you of the death of **Silvio Pelosi** on 23 Dec 89 after a 5-yr bout with cancer. **Tom Masterson**, who reported this, said that **Sil** put up a gallant fight and never complained about his situation. The

wake and funeral were held at Holmdel, NJ with interment at a local cemetery. Two co-workers and his son delivered short eulogies. They described the **Sil Pelosi** we knew—intelligent, caring, committed and always willing to counsel or help anyone who needed it. There were approx 40 bus assocs at the funeral, in addition to family and friends. To the best of Tom's knowledge, no other classmates were present. **Sil** is survived by **Jan** and 4 children, **Donna**, **Karen**, **Vicki** and **Ron**.

Roger & Judy Root remembered us with a beautiful Christmas card and a nice personal note. **Judy** has learned from **Nancy Straub** that her **Jim** passed away in Boca Raton, FL. **Jim** was with IBM. For many yrs, he & **Nancy** had stayed in close touch with **Roger & Judy**. I think all of us remember him as an intelligent and very pleasant man, and he will truly be missed by all who were privileged to know him. **Nancy's** address is 899 NW 9th Ct, Boca Raton, FL 33432. She has asked that any donations in **Jim's** name be made to the Diabetes Foundation.

Aside from the above very sad news, **Judy Root** reports that 89 was one of the busiest ever for the Root family. They have traveled a great deal and managed 5 days in NY in Apr 89, when they attended a gathering of WP Soc presidents & wives. While in NY, they got to visit with **Farrell & Nancy Patrick** and **Jim & Joyce Anderson**, among others. Last Oct, they returned to WP for the Army-Holy Cross football wknd and stayed w/the Andersons. On that occasion, **Gerry & Barby Richardson** hosted a tailgate party which the Roots attended. The Roots also got together with a few other classmates to split a 5-Star membership which incl the football wknd rights to tailgate in a nice area by the old Smith Rink. The Roots saw their son **Steve** married in Oct, and only two days later, moved to their new home in an area called Wildwood in Raleigh, NC. They love their new location overlooking the 10th fairway of a golf course and w/a great view of a pond below.

Ray & Carolyn Cannon report that the times are busier than ever for them and their family. Unfortunately, **Carolyn's** father suffered a massive heart attack and died before they could reach him. Their family vacation in 89 was a wk in Oct on Captiva Isl, FL. **Ray's** mother joined them on this occasion and they all had a great time. **Ray** was promoted and is now mgr of Systems Safety for Martin. **Carolyn** has a new position as Quality of Service dir at the bank where she is supposed to be a part-time employee, but is now working more full days. Their daughter **Janice** was promoted to sr acct exec with Herring/Newman in Seattle. Fortunately, one of **Janice's** major clients is in CO so she can visit with **Ray &**

Carolyn about once each mo. Their other daughter, Donna, is on a one-yr sabbatical away from her regular job with Gannet Prods at Channel 9 in Denver (I believe).

Fred & Cindy Rall expect to be in their new home on the bayou at Ft Walton Beach, FL when you read this. Fred still teaches school and Cindy works part-time at the Base Chapel. Last Thanksgiving Day, they visited with their son Raoul (US Navy pilot) and his recent bride, Liz, in Corpus Christi, TX. Raoul & Liz will soon move on to San Diego. Their other son, Jeff, grad recently as a commercial art major from Hughes Coll and hopes to land a suitable position in the Jacksonville, FL area.

I received a nice Christmas card, family update and photo of the **Hattler** clan. **Carl** is building houses near their home on Hilton Head Isl, SC, and **Denny** stays busy by helping the nearby Canterbury School, and the Support our Aging Religious (SOAR) org. They had quite a scare when Hurricane Hugo passed through; however, they apparently survived this in good shape. Some family highlights include the fact that their daughter Hilary has been named gen mgr of her TV station; their daughter Amy is with Lenscrafters in Charleston and working her way up the certification ladder of the eye care bus; and their son William spent last summer in AK as a bush pilot. Carl & Denny also have 6 grandchildren to admire and spoil.



1956: Carl & Denny Hattler's clan

All remains well with **Ward & Judy LeHardy**. Ward is VP of Forest Hill Assocs, a small remodeling co near their home in Fredericksburg, VA. Judy is a real estate agent w/a firm in their hometown. They purchased a 39', cutter rigged world cruiser named *Cormorant*, and plan to start their 4-yr journey around the world in Oct 91. Their daughter Sally and her 3 children moved to a nice 4-bdrm home. She teaches full-time in the Fredericksburg sch system. Ward, Jr is now VP for production with an intl video co located in Springfield, VA. Their son Marcel cmds a co at Ft Jackson. His wife Nancy gave birth to Gene Barrett LeHardy on 8 Nov 89. As previously reported, son Peter grad from the

Naval Academy last yr and, after additional schooling in San Diego, will report on board his first ship (*USS Stein*) this yr.

As always, it was a pleasure to receive a Christmas greeting and bulletin from **Steve & Margaret Boylan**. They left their home in Marktredwitz, W Ger to visit son Kees at the U of CT, as well as other relatives and friends. When they returned home, they prepared and executed a "Polter Abend" for son Peter and his wife-to-be, Paola Roberta Scazzoli, last Aug. Margaret suffered the loss of one of her sisters-in-law in a tragic auto accident, but nevertheless, managed the ceremony quite admirably. Then they witnessed the wedding in Ivrea, near Milano, Italy. Peter & Paola honeymooned in France. Peter is currently preparing himself to be a tech rep in Korea for his co, Bosch. Their son Kees visited them in Europe in Jul 89 and also landed a co-op semester job with Sikorsky in CT last Sep. Kees was also elected VP of his fraternity.

Carleton & Jill Coulter have been more active than ever this past yr. They wrote *The Complete Standard Handbook of Construction Bidding and Estimating* (Prentice-Hall) and have begun *The Handbook of Construction Company Management* (same publisher). They enjoyed two weeks in Switzerland and Italy with Ruth, Jill's mother. Carleton was nominated for the SE Liles Distinguished Professorship in Const Engring and Mgt in the Dept of Civil Engring at Clemson U. On top of all this, he has been teaching an estimating seminar and a project mgt course at two dozen locations across the country and writes a monthly column for a remodeling publication. He is also active in const arbitration for the American Arbitration Assn.

Bill & Eva Jo McClung reported the marriage of their son James to Valerie Ann Hogan on 27 May. The newlyweds are now residing in Redman, WA, where James is a microbiologist for a large health maintenance corp and Valerie is employed by the Transcoastal Mortgage Corp. The McClungs are looking forward to the arrival of their first grandchild around Apr 90. Their daughter Mary Ellen is still an interior design prof at Clossons in Cincinnati. Their son Jeff is at Camp Page, Korea, and is a bn S-4 (logistics), mess off, OH-58 test pilot and teaches conversational English to Korean U students. Bill McClung made his annual Appalachian Trail pilgrimage w/ two friends; however, he was bitten by a deer tick and was forced to be treated for Lyme disease. Bill & Eva Jo visited some of their former stomping grounds around TX on their way to Bill's physical at Brooks AFB. Later, they traveled to visit with James & Valerie and have fun at Bill's high school reunion and an AF 907th ARS reunion.

Greg & Shirley Wold's son Greg gave WP a try, but early on decided to go on to other pursuits, and is now a student at IL Wesleyan. He earned a varsity ltr in soccer and was elected pres of the TKE's pledge class. Unfortunately, Greg lost his mother 8 Jun 89, just two days before young Greg's grad from HS. Greg is currently pres of the WP Soc of MI. **Dick & Mary Crews** report their son John is a CPT, and married a girl from MO in Apr 89. Dick is enjoying ret. He & Mary were planning a cruise and 3 wks in FL when this was written. **Stan & Connie Diez** are celebrating the arrival of their 2nd grandchild, Richard Kevin Bishop, on 12 Jan. Their daughter Lesa & son-in-law Phil Bishop live in Roanoke. Their son Eric & Susan still live in Austin, TX, where Eric is employed by IBM. Stan expects to join **George Wien** and **George Stapleton** at Brooks AFB in Mar where they will take their physicals together.

Jesse & Anna Blackwell continue to thrive in HI. Jesse hosted an A-N game party of about 60 grads, wives and children. He reports the Navy types really made it painful; however, it was still a fun gathering. Anna is now an independent public relations prof and seems to thrive best helping non-profits and prof organizations. Jesse is back working at his previous job in the WESTCOM procurement off. We were also delighted to receive holiday remembrances from **Art & Alicia Evans**, **Bill & Barbara McPeck**, and from **Mike & Meg Alexander** and their children, Jessica and Allison.

As this is being written, **Betty & I** are within a few days of closing on our second home in Boulder City, NV. Unfortunately, Betty's mother (87) is quite ill and we are hoping for the best. Thanks again for being so faithful in your correspondence and complimentary of my efforts to keep you informed. Betty & I are both looking forward to seeing the AF Academy for the first time at our 34th reunion. Hope to see a good many of you there.

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I'm going to start this column with some cheery Class news and congrats. **Gerry Galloway** has been selected to be the Academic Dean at WP and will replace BG Flint on 1 Jul, at which time he will also be promoted to BG. Gerry is currently the prof and head of the Geography Dept, and while that dept will suffer from his loss, the benefit to the rest of WP will more than make up for it. Congrats to WP and the selection comm for making a wise choice. **Diane & Gerry** were able to join us at our Class party this wknd, and they are both looking forward

to Gerry's new job with enthusiasm. Diane mentioned that this was the first Class party she's been to in the last 22 yrs, except for reunions, and it was really great. We had a large turnout, which included **Don Buckner**, visiting from Asbury Pk, NJ; **Tony Bullotta & Jodi**, who drove down from Westchester, PA; **Mike Ilsemann's** mother-in-law Iona, from WV; **Hank Hatch's** cousin, Mary Eaton; and **Ivana & Harry Davidson**, who have been living incognito in the area for the last 6 yrs. The party was hosted by **Hank & Shelley Hatch**, who I am nominating for Host & Hostess of the Quarter. It was catered by **Fletcher Elder** & all of the wives, dates and classmates who prepared desserts and salads, managed by **Rod McConnell** and **Dick Fadel**, and attended by some 76 assorted happy people. I understand, from Rod McConnell, that even **Bernie Loeffke** came by around midnight as the party was closing down. Of course, Bernie did have to walk all the way down from his house which is two doors away from the Hatches. That reminds me that the Class is still growing. **Samantha**, **Carl Day's** wife, is expecting in the May time frame, and **Bernie Loeffke's** wife is also due about then. This Class never ceases to amaze me. One of the highlights of the evening was the birthday cake baked for Rod McConnell by the Sgt who was assisting Hank. It was a real work of art, complete with the Class crest in icing. Rod is 57—how appropriate. We also sang "Happy Birthday" to **Moon Mullins**, whose birthday was the day before. **Moon & Florine** will host the next party, which is scheduled for some time in May. Call for details. Some other brief notes from the party: **Ted & Toddy Voorhees** are going to leave the traffic and high cost of living in N VA and move to Tampa, FL in Jun. They will be going into a golfing comm called Tampa Palms, and Ted will be able to walk to the golf course. **Joe & Sue House** are nearby (Joe works for USAA) and **Bev & Buck Rogers** are also in the area, and are thinking of settling in Tampa. Buck is currently the Dep CINC of CENTCOM. Ted will be doing some consulting work for AUSA, but won't let it interfere with lowering his handicap. Toddy was ecstatic about the move because it will bring her back to a nice warm climate, even if it's not HI. Have a happy move. **Maxine Stout** now has two grandsons, the second being born to daughter Beth in Jan. **Leigh Ogden** and **Marsha Preble** just returned from a glorious cruise of the Caribbean on the Carnival Cruise Line and recommend it highly, which leads me to the next item.

A very important date for all of you to set aside is 26 Sep 1992. That will be the wknd for our 35th reunion, and as soon as we find out what we're going to do, I'll let you know. As you know, we have

been considering a Caribbean cruise which ends up at WP, but that prospect seems to be dimming. I got a call from **Joe Quiros** after the last column was published, offering to see what he could do for us. Joe is the pres of Costa Cruises, a cruise line with 6 ships based in Miami. Unfortunately, he could not accommodate us, and couldn't find anyone else who was interested. Do you suppose they've heard about us?

More good news. **Don Kutyna** has been nominated to be the CINC for NORAD and USSPACECOM and to get his 4th star. Don, who has been the CG of AFSPACECOM in CO Springs for the last two yrs, will replace GEN Peitrowski, who retires on 1 Apr. In a newspaper article sent to me by **Mal Duffek**, Don is quoted as saying, "There are very few responsibilities offered a military man as rewarding as being able to serve as cmdr in chief of NORAD and the US Space Cmd." There's also a great picture in the article, showing Don with a satellite in the background, but I doubt that it will print. Don, how about an original for my next column? Mal mentioned that the announcement was made two days after the local '57 bash at the Broadmoor. He thinks the announcement was delayed because drinks at the Broadmoor are beyond a 3-star's income. Congrats, Don, on a really super achievement and a great job. That gives us a 4 star in ea of the services that count. Mal works for Color Microimaging in CO Springs, and included a calling card which is also a transparency w/a color picture of him. Neat. I'll send it w/the column to see if they can print the picture. Thanks, Mal. One picture that should be in the column is the one of the Class luncheon hosted

by **Carl Vuono** at the Pentagon. I'll leave it to you to identify the people, with the possible exception of the young captain. She is **Don Barlow's** daughter. At least that's what I think her name tag says, based on a careful exam with a small magnifying glass.

I regret that it is my sad duty to report the death of **Dick Caldwell**, who died during surgery at Walter Reed Hosp on 21 Jan. He was apparently suffering from a massive internal infection which developed in a very short time. Services were held on 25 Jan and he was buried in the cemetery next to the Andrew Chapel on Trap Rd in Vienna, VA. On behalf of the class, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to **Judy** and their two sons. I received a letter from **Tom Hicklin** w/an obituary for **Les Tate**. I also was sent a copy by AR Barry, a retired COL from the CI of '40. Thank you both for the info. Tom said that the '57 contingent in CO didn't even know that Les was in the area since he never attended any of the Class functions. Les was living in Englewood and was a mining engr. He died on 11 Nov at the age of 57, in Yankee Fork Canyon, ID, from accidental carbon-monoxide poisoning. He was buried in Mt Olivet Cemetery on 18 Nov. According to the article, he was self-employed and was working in the Sawtooth Mtns of ID. He is survived by his wife, **Carolyn Derrington Tate**; a son David in Pearl Harbor, HI; two daughters, Tami Zeman and Toni Montgomery; and 7 grandchildren. Contributions for a planned memorial geological library may be sent to the Arapahoe Credit Union, Attn Karen Stuart, 880 E Hampden Ave, Englewood 80110. On behalf of the Class, I extend



1957: Class luncheon at the Pentagon

our sincere condolences to the family. Since I'm not sure that they read the *ASSEMBLY*, I would appreciate one of the CO contingent conveying our thoughts to the widow.

Now for a few ltrs. **Cory & Bill Bailey** sent a holiday note from Newark, DE w/lots of family news. Bill's mother, who is 87, has moved from CA to DE and lives nearby. That will probably save a lot of long distance calls and cross-country trips. Daughter Bryn is working for the city library in Newark and is trying for a full-time job at the U of DE library. Son Bill is in his 2nd yr (of 5) at Brown and has a dual major, engring and pol science—seems like an interesting combination. When provided w/the incentive of a car to use, he obtained a straight A average last semester. (I didn't want to say a "bribe"). During vacations he works at a materials testing lab at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. He is an avid and expert skier and was invited to Vail and Telluride during Jan. I'm still trying to figure out who invited him. Daughter Brooke is enjoying life as a soph at Harvard and is in an honors prog for history and literature. She is also playing in the middle of the varsity squash team which, like last yr, will probably come in second nationally. Last summer, she participated in a keylatch prog for inner city kids in Boston, which was sponsored by the Phillip Brooks House at Harvard. This yr she'll be a co-dir for the prog. Bill, I didn't see your request for JD's address till just now, and by the time you read this you should have it. Thanks for the ltr.

Got a holiday ltr, the handwritten kind, from **Bud & Nancy Langworthy**, who are now back in their FL home after what seems like a yr of cross-country traveling in their mini-van. En route to visit son Don & his wife Nancy in San Jose, CA, they started out from NY after visiting with Nancy's folks and went to Montreal. From there they headed west in Canada, camping in KOA Kamping Kabins (seems like we did something similar some 20 yrs ago with 5 kids and a camping trailer), playing lots of golf and enjoying it. They dropped down in MT to visit Bud's sister's ranch, where son Bob joined them for two great wks in the Canadian Rockies. They left Bob in Bremerton, WA and headed so to San Jose, where they arrived a day after the birth of grandson Matthew. The kid couldn't wait until the grandparents arrived and was born 10 days early. They spent two mos with Don & Nancy, educating granddaughter Amanda on who her grandparents are, and then headed back home via the southern route. Probably a good decision since it was already Oct. They stayed w/family most of the way, visiting w/son Steve (who works for EDS) in Dallas. Nancy has determined

that he's the most eligible bachelor in TX. They also visited w/son Peter & his wife Kris, and their two daughters, Callie and Erin. Now that they're back home they're ready for visitors and you are all cordially invited. However, I suggest you check in advance to see if they haven't saddled up the van and taken off again. Thanks for a great travelog. Got a few more ltrs that I'll rep on in the next column. One was from **Wayne & Sally Nicoll**, who, after living in Augusta, GA for 23 yrs, have moved to Potter Pl, NH. Talk about a change of environment. Another was from **Russ Ramsey**, and a 3rd was from **Jack & Barbara Vickers**, w/a picture from their son John's wedding to Bethany Ann Burger last Apr. I'll include the picture here to make the column look better. I also have ltrs from



1957: The Burgers-Vickers wedding: Jack Burger, John Burger '87, Carol Burger, bride Bethany Ann, groom John Harold Vickers '86, Barbara & Jack Vickers; seated: Jennifer and Beth Anne Vickers

George & Sally Kilishek (w/a picture which I have included), **Don & Peggy Miller**, and **Norm Vaughn**. Be sure to



1957: The Kilishek family—Doug, Esther Wagner (Sally's mom), Sally, George and Tom

get the next *ASSEMBLY* for details on these ltrs, and more. The reason I'm ending the column now is that **Bernice & I** will be going to Israel on 14 Feb to visit our daughter Ruth, and the due date for this article is the 15th. In fact, this is the earliest (Bernice will mail it on the 12th) I've ever submitted an article and the *ASSEMBLY* staff will probably declare a natl holiday. Have a happy spring.

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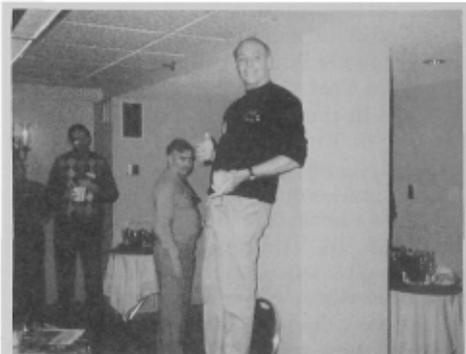
57th Column. **George Lawton G2**, Chm of our Exec Comm, called recently to say that **Max Pearsall E2** had complained to him that he'd read lots of ltrs from **Chuck Densford A2**, but one he wrote had never been reported. Scribe pulled out his trusty file copy of the 54th Col and read to Lawton all the poop from Pearsall.

Another time at a DC ANCC luncheon, **John Devens H1** claimed that a photo he'd provided of all active duty '58 EN files had not appeared. We bet \$10 on this issue, **Glenn Brown F2** held the money, and scribe collected at the 30th. The photo in question was taken in May 85 and appeared in the Sep 86 *ASSEMBLY*.

Recently, I received my "just-before-the-next-column-is-due-buck-up" ltr from my real boss, the editor of the *ASSEMBLY*. We scribes were reminded that space is tight and that the editor has had to trim a few of the longer Class notes, usually deleting from the end (LIFO principle: last in, first out).

That made me nervous. Checking revealed that **Max Pearsall's** b-ache was quite valid—his poop was deleted from the too-long 54th Column. And, further checking found the following deletions over the past yr, at which point the statute of limitations runs out. Here goes.

52nd Column deletions (Apr 89 *ASSEMBLY*): Someone sent pics from the "Prop Blast" for 82nd Abn Div files hosted by **Jack & Lee May B2** at the 30th reunion. One is of **Palmer McGrew I2** before doing a PLF off a chair. Another of

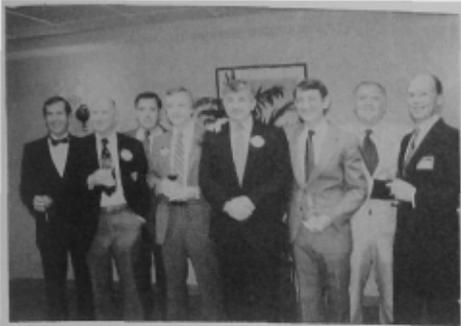


1958: McGrew at reunion "Prop Blast"

Palmer leading the singing for a couple of his Gens and too many other prop blasters to try mentioning names.

Singing was great at the 30th. Sorry I don't have a photo of **Ron Brunner I1** leading the Choir and Glee Club files at the Fri night dinner, but this will give you some idea of Ron's handicap.

Tom Forman G2 wrote, "Lawton



1958: B2 standing tall at 30th reunion



1958: Singers of the "Prop Blast"



1958: Choir and Glee Club alumni at 30th reunion

called me the Sun following the reunion, my great roommate **Edgie Waller** sent me some picture, and **Mike Easley** called and gave me a personal rep over the phone last wk. I'm really sorry I missed the big doings.

"I was especially taken by the words written (in the reunion book) for many of our classmates who have already joined the Long Gray Line—in particular those for **Wayne Day** and **Bob Giuliano**. Wayne was my first roommate, along with **Bob Pointer**. When I saw the photos of his children, my heart skipped a beat and a chill went up my spine as, in each of them, I could see Wayne sitting there at his desk across from me with that twinkle in his eye and that 'I've got a secret' smile on his lips."

53d Column deletions (Jul 89 ASSEMBLY): **Bud Davenport** E2, in DC (20 May 89) for a reunion of PAS (Peking American School). He was in 8th grade there in 46-47 before exciting evacuation on armed train with Marine guards and

Corsairs flying overhead cover, came by to buy a book today. Now that's the approved solution. He saved the \$5 mailing. He had lunch yesterday with **Ted Timberlake** E2 and **Bill Bicher** E2 (neither has been to an ANCC monthly luncheon lately). Bud could be "mister reunion": USMA Classes of '56, '57, and '58 coupled with Army brat time in Heidelberg and Berlin HS in addition to PAS!

54th Column deletions (Oct 89 ASSEMBLY—a bit more from Densford before we get to Pearsall): **Chuck Densford** A2 continues, "Off pipe smoking and back to earth. **Patsy** says to please return her picture of 'Space Angel' (aside: a great picture of **Chuck Teeter** L1, Army aviator of note prepared to fly his Mohawk in the defense of the free world). The empty frame is still being used as evidence that my ideas don't always work out the way I say they will!" (Aside: picture was **not** used in the Reunion Book because your scribe is a coward, and figured that Teeter might have arranged a "hit squad" if the picture were published—after it's found and returned, see **Patsy Densford** for viewing of "Space Angel"). More from Densford's ltr and **Kemper TX** in the column.

New ltr (addition, here it is, **Max**): "Enclosed is my check for \$45. Sorry it's so late. I really wasn't concerned about it since I thought that I owed **George Lawton** G2. I've been leaving him messages since his wedding in Dec. What happened to him? Let me guess—his new wife **Mary Jane** destroyed his recorder, he's cleaned up his act and no longer accepts insults from obnoxious classmates, or he just did not survive the honeymoon. After you extract your check, send this on to him (aside: done!). He really ticked me off. For yrs he's been after my wife, and now that I want her off my hands what does he do?—marries a good looking young chick." This epistle was from **Max Pearsall**.

Max continues: "Current on **Max G**, E2, '58. The VA wants me to get a master's in bus or health admin. U of Louisville wants me to come for a degree in engr. Little do they know what a goat I was in engr. Since **Charley Toftoy** E2 got a degree (aside: DBA), there's hope for all of us—he's got a good looking wife too! Can my classmates certify that a master's will guarantee a gorgeous wife and a great job?"

There's more: "There are no '58 guys in the Ft Knox area that I know of. **Tom Coleman**, my firstie E2 roommate, is in Greenville, SC. I'm trying to talk him into buying a race horse for me to train. How about the KY Derby in 93? **Tom Maliska**, my other firstie roommate, is in Steilacoom, WA selling real estate. **Bob Puff**, roommate plebe and yearling yrs, is in Apple Valley, MN shoveling snow

half the yr. He goes to DC area on occasion. Says he wants to play golf full-time in FL; been trying to get him to go fishing. **Eddie Adair**, my cow roommate who got found at the end of cow yr, is a deputy sheriff in Laurensville, GA. He's looking for Coleman or any other '58'er speeding through his turf. **Gerry Schurtz**, my other cow roommate, is in Las Cruces, NM. Hear he's a farmer and a gynecologist."

And more: "**Butch Saint** II, best man in my wedding, really came through with a classic in our reunion book. Great photo in ASSEMBLY (Feb 89). Next time let's request a photo of his wife **Ginny**. So much for all my KY Bull. May try to attend one of the monthly luncheons this spring or summer. PS. Let's get Saint to host a mini reunion in Heidelberg. **Coleman** and I will volunteer to go over and help him put it together."

Another addition to the former deletion: great ltr, **Max**. Thanks for b-aching to **Lawton**, but you could have called your scribe, given us an update on your grad school progress, and could have won \$10 easily if you'd challenged your scribe; I was sure it had been in the Class column.

Back to the 54th Column deletions: Out of space. Next column: ltrs from **Will Merrill** C1 (ret again in Apr after terrorist threats in Greece) and **Linc Jones** II,



1958: Will & Barbara Merrill and Ann & Linc Jones in Italy

Chuck Teeter L1, **Ron Bellows** K1, **John Brinson** C2, **Ted Hepner** M1, **Roger Waddell** A1, plus phone calls/poop from **Dale Cockle** I2, **Bob Higgins** L2. And explanations of how **Mimi Nun** and **Herb Puscheck** won "Jae Stanton Awards" in connection with the 25 Jun 89 swimming party.

55th Column deletions (Jan 90 ASSEMBLY): Short note from **Chuck Teeter** L1 with \$45 check for Reunion Book. Chuck is Dep Fourth Army Cmdr in Chicago. **Ron Bellows** K1 also sent \$45 via a short note acknowledging **Charlie Densford's** role as book salesman. **Ron & Barb** are in Williamsburg, VA.

"George, I really didn't steal the book—I put my name on the list and was told I'd be billed—not listed as a dead-beat in the ASSEMBLY," a plaintive note from **John Brinson** C2. My one-

man-band operation for taking book orders, collecting money, mailing copies, etc did not lend itself to true billing. What I told most classmates at reunion who picked up copies w/o having check-books handy (and I would *not* accept cash, too hard to keep track of—see how useful **Glenn Hall's** H1 cancelled check was in correcting my records) was "you'll read about it," if not paid before the end of 30th (obviously meaning reading in the column).

Your scribe did not mean to imply that **John** or any others who have read in the column that they owe me money "stole" the book, but billing was beyond my scope of work. Meanwhile, John is one of our major donors, having sent AOG \$1,000 shortly after reunion. I apologize that John didn't understand my billing system as in "you'll read about it."

Actually, at one point just before our 30th reunion, when I had to pay to accept delivery, my cash flow was neg \$2,500 (2,050 of which went on my plastic). After reunion I borrowed \$1,500 from the Class checking acct thanks to **Jim Ramsden I2**. The book project is now a bit in the black: Ramsden and Class are paid off. When my accts receivable of \$1,000 from your classmates are paid up, the project will have turned a nice profit for the Class. And when/if 50 additional copies are sold, the profit could go to \$3,000 or so. And, only 3 classmates have looked at the book and *not* bought it (their names will not be revealed here; however, they inspected the Book at the 31st mini).

Dale Cockle I2 called while in DC but my notes are unintelligible. He did confirm that **Dick Osborn D1** has moved to Fairfax, VA from Austin, TX (and I have subsequently talked to Dick at DC luncheons). My notes read "product-test equip: tel data base and test circuits-match data base." You now know as much as I about Dale's work in the tel world. Obviously the Signal Corps was not one of the 3 branches in which this scribe served (EN-IN-AV, but not SC).

(Continuation of **Roger Waddell's** A1 letter): "We took a trip to Asheville, NC. One goal was to search out the roots of my old plebe roommate, **Harry Culbertson Kirschner**. We found the Pisgah Inn that his parents were running in '54, but were not successful in finding anyone who knew anything about the family. I was hoping to find out where Harry is now." (Another aside: a worthy project for others of us to undertake—to find "lost" classmates, both those who were grad and those who were "found" somewhere along the way but are now lost and need to be found—great thing, this English language).

Mark Sigurski reported that **Butch Saint II** was in DC in Jul for a promotion board. Seems the "Saints" (CINC Butch and his tennis pro son Fred) defeated the "Sinners" (Sigurski and **Jack Tierney's**

son Mike) at the ANCC tennis courts. Butch also made the Jul luncheon. Fortunately, he remembered the 2nd Fri routine and brought **Andy Anderson G1** along with him.

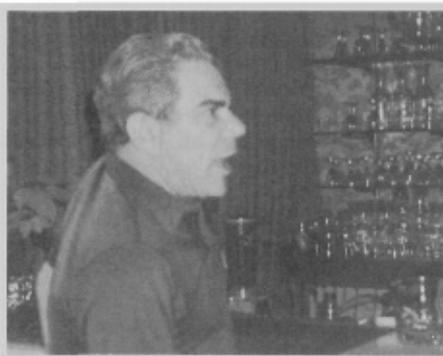
"F1 all present and accounted for!," rep CCQ **Bob Rhodes**.



1958: Recent photo of F2 CCQ, Bob Rhodes

Bob has located **Jean Johnson Locke**, widow of **Dick Johnson** (KHA 17 Jan 65). The photo shows that at least one CCQ can still get into his FD—Bob wore the uniform to a '50's party recently. How authentic can one get, wearing now what he wore then (57–58): "I couldn't breathe however," he confessed.

And now for the 57th Column. Of course Roger wore his ceremonial shoes to dinner. **Jesse Blackwell '56** sent a picture of **Ron Turner K1** and info on the WP Soc of HI A-N get-together at the Tripler Army Med Ctr Off Club. "The



1958: Ron Turner in HI

club put on a major spread: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, SOS, biscuits, sliced fruit, three kinds of juice, and an open bar that did rather nice Bloody Marys. LTG Tom Rienzi '42 said grace and we were off to the 4 TV monitors. Classes ranged from Steer '25 to Goebel '81 . . . and two of the other types wearing their blue and gold sweaters." Cannot report anymore or I'll cry about the game. Beat Navy in 90!

More next time: we hold Class exec comm elections at the Mar ANCC meeting, Founders Day gatherings around the world, how the "Jae Stanton Award" was passed by **Jae L2** and **John Nun A2** to **Pat Mellin L2** during Pat's recent business trip to DC, etc.

And plan now to attend the 32nd mini at Bar Harbor from Thur-Sun, 6–9 Sep. **Tom Sands K1** says that the Class cannot hold a mini anywhere that he & **Barbara** can't attend—they're going for the perfect attendance record. Tom also advocates showing up early and staying longer to amortise the transportation costs, which he & Barbara did for the Palm Springs affair. See you in Maine after Labor Day!

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Hugh Socks was reading the *Newsweek* 8 Jan issue's acct of the rebuilding of the PDF in Panama, when **Court Prisk's** name popped out as a counterinsurgency expert based in Panama City. Court was quoted as seeing a legitimate mission for the PDF in counterterrorism and counterinsurgency, but believing that they should never again be given the dominant role they held under Noriega. Hugh is a realtor with RF Maraccini Realty, Inc, a Century 21 affiliate in Springfield, VA.

Sid Yateman saw **Ed & Trish Burba** on 29 Dec in Carmel, CA, at the wedding of their daughter Emily to Scott Downey, a 1LT, USAF, and grad of the USAFA. It was a fine wedding, according to Sid, and Ed was happy to be able to make it, considering his involvement in the invasion of Panama in the preceding wks. Many thanks to Sid, who is a lawyer in Seaside, CA, for the accompanying photographs.



1959: Ed & Trish Burba with daughter, Emily

Thanks to **Gerry Stadler**, our Com at NWC, for pointing out an 18 Dec *Army Times* interview with **Fred Franks**, who cmds VII Corps in Stuttgart. Fred articulates the need for flexibility in adapting to the changing situation in Europe, and for keeping the attn of his 70,000 soldiers on the training mission. He obviously has great confidence in those men and women, and he sees taking care of them and their families as an important part of the cmdr's job. Computer simulations are now used extensively at sr cmd and staff levels, and Fred waxes enthusiastic



1959: Scott & Emily (Burba) Downey

about them. The entire interview is a good read if you can get your hands on that issue.

Had a call from **Rich Clark** early in the yr. He's been lured away from his love affair w/Mercedes and Porsches and now has eyes only for the new Nissan Infiniti, which he says has unbelievable technology and is simply the best car he's ever seen. He is now affiliated w/a dealership at Tyson's Corner in Fairfax County, VA. His third career, if I'm counting correctly.

Denny & Helen Morrissey are in Northbrook, IL, and celebrated 30 yrs of marriage on 9 Jan. Denny says he has no gray hair yet, but he admits that his 165-lb boxer's frame now carries about 230 lbs. During his 20 yrs of service, he had 4 asgmts totalling 9 yrs in the Chicago area where they have settled. Denny works as an industrial battery and charger service mgr and has handled all the mission-impossible situations and made money for his co yr after yr. He says he enjoys being a frontline person who actually gets the work out. That's the Inf ethic.

The **Morrisseys** have 4 children. Kathleen Thompson, 29, is the mother of their 3 grandchildren, ages 6, 4, and 3. Edward, 23, is a carpenter in Chicago. Dennis, 19, is a college student; and Therese, 18, starts college this fall.



1959: M-1 files at 30th Reunion

Jim & Jynelle Miller sent the photo of the Co M-1 contingent at the reunion as well as one (which, unfortunately, I didn't get) taken at the **Baraoidans'** on Sun following. **Pedro & Lydia** named their first daughter after Jynelle, and this

was the first time they met. I hope to have the photo to show next issue.

The **Millers** live in Holland, MI, where **Jim** has been a principal in a small business for the last 5 yrs. He has complete involvement in all aspects of the enterprise, and this job has been the most satisfying of his career. **Jynelle** frequently travels with him in the US, the Far East, and Europe on his visits to trade shows and various of his customers. They are starting to look for warmer places to live, at least for the winter, but have enjoyed living and raising their family in MI.

Jim & Jynelle have 3 boys. John, 29, is married, works at Clemson U, and he & his wife were expecting a child in Mar. Kevin, 27, has two sons and works with the Child Protective Agency in Kalamazoo. Brian, 23, has recently moved from the Red Lobster Div of Gen Mills to Royce Pk Investments, a Chicago brokerage firm. The boys went to Clemson, Michigan, and Notre Dame, respectively, so football has been a lively topic in the **Miller** house for many yrs.



1959: Katsarsky at Honolulu A-N game party

The photo of **Len Katsarsky** is courtesy of Jesse Blackwell '56, who took it at the WP Soc of HI's A-N game party at Tripler Army Med Ctr Off Club in Honolulu. LTG Tom Rienzi '42 said grace over a breakfast spread for the attendees and, according to Jesse, most everyone enjoyed the first three quarters.

We're looking forward to a Class luncheon here in Washington on 22 Feb.

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The view from my typewriter to the Verrazano Narrows and across to old Ft Wadsworth has been greatly improved by the timely arrival of some pithy epistles, phone calls, and visits. **George**

Seckinger sounds like he is living "the good life" in Atl; son Derek is in the AF at Griffis AFB, NY, and daughter Brigette is about ready to enter GA State. **Ken Hruby** is still getting rave reviews in MA art circles. The *Boston Globe* rated his one man show #2 out of 10 major art events in the area for 90. Ken describes his vocation as having enough psychic income to sustain him for another yr, at least. **Chan & Mike Eiland** (and sons Daniel and Jonathan) will return to DC from Bangkok in Jul 90; Mike's a little concerned, however, as he reads about classmates' kids graduating from coll and marrying while he and Chan still have 6th and 8th graders! Mentioning weddings—**Emmy & Regi Brown's** son Eric and daughter Denise were married in Jan and Oct 89, respectively. In Nov, Regi took the oath of off as the asst admin for prog and policy coordination for the Agency for Intl Dev. **John Neiger, Joe Fishburne, and Larry Prather** were there too for this M-1 event. Bob Kimmitt '69, a former first section hive of Regi's, did the introductions in a ceremony at the State Dept.

Bruce Holmberg writes that he & **Joan** are very busy in the Rockville, MD area: Joan has just about completed her work for a master's degree in education at U of MD, where youngest daughter Leigh is also a sr. Bruce is having a real adventure at Denro, Inc, which makes air traffic control and cmd and control communications equipment. He reports that **Betty & Bob Hampton** are in Bethesda where Bob has recently become the dir of Bus Systems Consulting to rejuvenate an arm of the Arthur Anderson consulting firm. **Bill Tobin** is with Korn-Ferry Intl; **Paul Vallely** continues to be in DC frequently, wearing his Res MG hat; **Roger Lee** is at Ft Leavenworth, working for Titan; and **Hamp Hodges** is running for Congress in TX. **Barbara & Bob Rosenkranz** are in Fairfax; actually, Bob spends most of his time in the Pentagon as the dir of force development in DCSOPS, striving to regroup the Army in the face of the realities of intl events and budget constraints. He is already getting lots of calls and advice, so we can all hold off on any added cards and ltrs. **Button & Gary Hyde** celebrated his 50th in Orlando w/the Hamptons and Holmbergs in the midst of a memorable bash that ranks w/events by Forbes or Trump. The Hyde's son Barry is assigned in Ger, having completed Ranger and jump school. Bruce & Joan's daughter Anne married Brian Lauritzen '82 in Williamsburg, VA in Sep 89. They are now in the 1st Arm Div—she is a plt ldr in the MI Bn; Brian is a btry CO. They overlapped with **Ed Leland** just before he pinned on his 3rd star; **Ed & Sally** were in Ansbach when the Holmbergs visited for a great reunion; it was Ed who introduced Bruce to Joan at the JFK Inauguration back on



1961: Emmy holds the Bible while Regi takes the oath from Robert Halligan; Bob Kimmitt '69 is on far right



1961: Anne Holmberg & Brian Lauritzen '82, married 23 Sep 89, Williamsburg, VA

that snowy day in 61. On a later trip, Bruce saw **Karen & George Joulwan**; George was also at AWC in early Feb, enthusiastically expounding upon current European topics.

Now that he has turned out the lights at the Engr School, Ft Belvoir, **Paul DeVries** has become the MDW DCS-OPS; he's in charge of just about everything it seems, to include the MPs (be aware when driving at Ft McNair). Sue is a training facilitator for the Corps of Engrs and is finishing up a master's prog. In Tampa, **Karen & Mike Urette** look great and are making some important contributions to the expanding economy there. In the north, **Nan & Ron Beckett** are the hosts of Crofton, MD as well as the curators of their in-house museum that could be the envy of the Smithsonian (write Ron for tickets). One last note, and maybe Ron can help: SOS from **John Skillman** in Tampa—does anyone have an extra "57 Bugle Notes?" (Did he wear it out through intense study?)

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I am back as the "scribe." **Dianne** thinks that I have lost it, as she remembers how much I was relieved when **Seth Hudak** took over from me. It could be mellowing w/age or nostalgia, or both, but I am happy to once again have the task. I ask for your support in the form of notes, pictures, phone calls, visits. . . . This newsletter can be successful only if we get the input from the Class.

Our sincere thanks to **Bill Mogan** for his work in our behalf over the past couple of yrs. Bill's visible effort, this article, is only a part of his interest in our Class history. In a letter to me, Bill expressed a deep interest in and a strong argument for our taking pride in the many of our Class who did and are doing magnificent deeds without fanfare or public praise. Bill's point that we already have a rich history is a reminder to me as historian, and us as a Class, to get on with it; I need your help with defining the "it." Ideas?

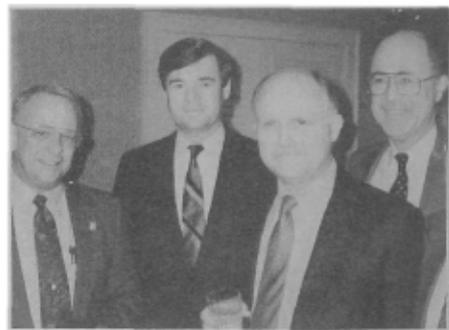
My task as scribe is made easier by the fact that we have a fairly large '62 contingent in the Wash, DC area. In fact, we now have a monthly Class luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club, on the 3rd Fri of each mo from 1130-1430. It is an informal, stand-up—make your own sandwich—wander around and chat—come and leave as you desire—affair. We have a few regulars but many more who make the luncheon when their schedules permit. We have also had a few

classmates who have timed their Wash visits to coincide with the 3rd Fri's. While **Wayne Downing** was still at Monroe, he made it to a luncheon and stayed on to help us close down. We last saw him as he jumped in the right rear of a car chauffeured by **Art Bondshu**. It was very touching seeing a classmate taking care of classmate.

PLEASE, anytime you are in the Wash area and can make it to the luncheon, just show up. No reser are needed, although a phone call helps me set up the number for the club.

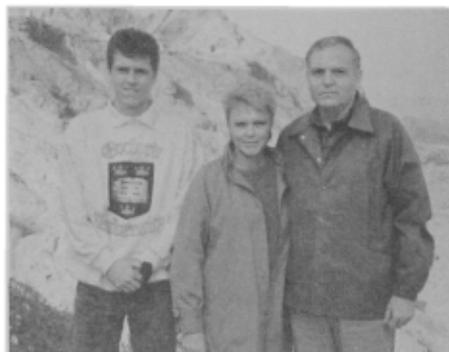


1962: Wayne Willis, Chuck Dominy and Paul Kirkegaard at DC luncheon



1962: Paul Kelly, Dick Barry, Sam Steele and Phil Pons at DC luncheon

Bill forwarded a ltr from **Jim Ellis**. **Jim & Carol** are looking forward to their summer re-assignment from their tour in Islamabad, Pakistan. **Jim & Carol** were



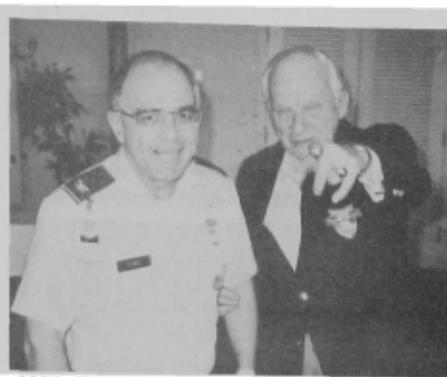
1962: The Ellises: Jim, Carol and son, Kevin; Khyber Pass, Dec 88

in the States in May for their daughter Tracy's marriage to CPT Tom Fass.

Sally Dargle writes that **John** is keep-



1962: Carol, Jim, daughter Tracy and son-in-law CPT Tom Fass at Eagles Nest (Berchtesgaden), Sep 89



1962: The "Com" shows Ed Rowe the way



1962: John Grimshaw and Joe Szwarcokop deep in conversation

ing busy with his financial work and is improving his tennis. Their youngest, Peter, entered WP last summer. The Dargles had a visit from **Ralph & Noel Burr** in the fall. They all enjoyed a fun wknd which included the Army-Syracuse football game.

I spoke with **Dave Armstrong**: I tried to find out what he does in the intelligence comm, but he was not talking. He & **Lynne** arrived in the Wash area in Aug, where Dave works in Natl Intelligence for Gen Purpose Forces. Also in that bus is **Frank Horton**. I am sorry to hear that Frank is leaving, for he has been a strong supporter of both WP and Class activities in the area. He leaves his job as dep dir for Intel, DIA, and goes off to be the Intel Off for SAC. Frank says that he is being sent back to be "re-blued" after numerous joint staff asgmts.

A sign that we are moving on is the few in number in this area who still wear the uniform. Besides **Armstrong, Horton** and **Bondshu**, we have **Chuck Dominy, Carl Morin, Ed Rowe** and **Joe Szwarcokop** bringing a mil presence to our luncheons. We have not been able to get **Gary Brown, Joe Rigby** and **Don Snider** to get their priorities adjusted and join us, but I will stay on them. Possibly, when **Bob Ord** gets here in late Feb to take over PERSCOM, he can free Gary (Dir, OPMD) for a lunch or two.



1962: Wayne Willis and Phil Stewart share a thought after lunch

It was a pleasure to have him w/us and we hope he can make future luncheons.



1962: Joe Petrolino, Sam Steele and Skip Holcomb at monthly luncheon

Jim Dodd, Tom Fintel, Dick Gramzow, John Grimshaw, George Handy, Jim Heigl, Skip Holcomb, Seth Hudak, Marsh Johnson, Matt Kambrod, Don Karrer, JJ Kelly, Paul Kelly, Joe Keiffer, Jim Kimsey, Paul Kirkegaard, George Kirschenbauer, Bob Krause, Bob Martin, Brian McEnany, David McLaughlin, Bob Mecedda, John Mumford, Dave Mundt, Phil Nelson, John O'Neal, Wayne Parker, Tom Pearson, Joe Petrolino, Dwayne Pipenburg, Jack Reavill, Bob Redmond, Larry Remener, Steve Schwam, Fred Sheaffer, Stan Shutes, Bill Smith, Ed Sprague, Phil Stewart, Sam Steele, Barry Thomas, Greg Wilcox, and Wayne Willis. **Dick Barry** lives in NJ but spends time working here so we see him frequently.

It is time to begin thinking of our 30th reunion. **Gus Fishburne** hopes to have specific issues for us to address by the next issue. As an aside, it occurs to me that our contingent at WP is thinning, and we can not expect Gus and the few who remain to carry this next reunion as they did the last.

Please help me to make the '62 Article in the *ASSEMBLY* truly representative of the wishes of the Class at large and not a "Wash Newsletter." I need your ideas and your input. Thanks in advance.

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Received a nice note from **Art Meier**—47 Ripley Dr, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808—works for the Strategic Def Cmd and is the PM for the Ground Based Radar.

I-I had a mini-reunion at the Meadowslands: **Bob & Donna Bruce, Rich & Joan Gallagher, Frank & Tanya Karoly, Tom & Wanda Mallison, Doug & Carol Mosier** and **Ken & Sally Wall** all assembled at the Embassy Suites Hotel, hit a tavern or two and froze at the football game. Young **Bob Bruce** USNA '92 and **Anthony Wall** USMA '93 tried to keep a semblance of order. The **Bruces** live at 7606 Modisto Lane, Springfield, VA 22153. **Sue & Rich Goldsmith** reside at



1962: GEN Stilwell '38 did not recognize Paul Kirkegaard behind the mustache

At the Jan luncheon, the "Com," GEN Stilwell '38, joined us. As many of you know, he considers us one of his classes.



1962: Jim Kimsey and Bob Mecedda, DC luncheon

I want to take space in this issue to run down the list of others who we see at the luncheons or who we know are in the area: **Jim Acklin, Bill Boozer, Roger Brown, Dick Chladek, Walt Chrobak,**



1963: Ken Wall '63, Anthony Wall '93, Bob Bruce USNA '92 and Bob Bruce '63

Carlisle Bks (17-B Garrison Ln 17013); Rich returned from Ger in the summer of 88 and is a faculty member. Daughter Amy graduated from TX A&M in Dec 89, son Rob is a cow at USMA and living in the old K-1 area of "New South" barracks while assigned to Co G-1. Lots of '63ers at Carlisle—the "group" gathered at Sue & Bill Boice's (Dep Com) including Nelson, Shine, Sloane, Mock, Chase, Esposito, Goldsmith & wives. Jack



1963: Nelson, Boice, Shine, Sloane, Mock, Chase and Esposito

Chase is a reservist currently a member of the resident AWC class of '90. Others in the area include staff & faculty members Jeff Davis and Doug Johnson and civilians Bill Alexander and Jim McCarver.

Lou Sturbois recently gave up his tank bde at Vilsek and has moved to Ft Leavenworth, where he is the new dir, Ctr for Army Leadership. Tom Solenberger ret in 88 and is now dir of European Operations for the World Resources Co. Tom & Renate live at 6707 Deland Dr, W Springfield, VA 22152. Their 3 daughters keep them busy; the two oldest are studying engring and art at Colgate while the youngest, Suzanne, is a HS freshman.

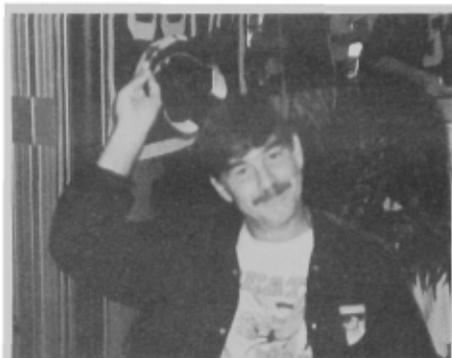
Frank Lennon is putting the finishing touches on our 25th reunion magazine and should go to press soon. If you have questions or want to order copies, contact Frank at PO Box 3244 Palm Beach, FL 33480, tel 407-659-0210 (off).

Also, please update your address with AOG so we can get info to you in a timely manner.

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The more astute of you may have



1964: "Your scribe"

noticed a difference in writing style in the last issue. The Christmas mails delayed the column over 3 wks and the deadline was consequently, for the first time in 10 yrs, missed. Fortunately, I had asked Tony Hartle to report on the reunion activities, so our space was not empty.

As might be expected, what with the reunion and the holidays, the mailbag has been gathering a considerable amount of dust. Had I submitted a column last time I would have reported a single letter. The intervening two mos have not produced much more.

John Ward, as most of you probably know, has been doing us a great service with his Class roster. He is currently working on an addendum which will include corrections and updates. He has done a fantastic job of locating people and we now have only 10 "lost" classmates. If you will review the list of those missing and get with John, maybe we can make a 100%. You will also be helping out the gift comm as we will immediately begin to dun them for their contribution. They are Ralph Campbell, Bob Carlson, Dave Dews, Stan Fracker, Jim Grisham, Phil Hughey, John Roller, Wiley Smith, Roger Somson and Dave Stepek.

John, at this juncture, has collected around \$7,000 from 230 classmates, to cover production costs. \$2,000 more will take him to the break-even point, so you guys who have been procrastinating, send in your dough (one of our fellows contributed \$500 to the cause!). If you have not received your copy, call John at (312) 621-1699, or, if you are in the Wash area, call Dan Evans at (703) 875-2933.

Just prior to the end of the yr, I attended the farewell p-rade for Dave & Judy Bramlett at the 25th Div. Mel Case was the cmdr of troops and did his usual outstanding job. Dave is now ensconced in our rockbound highland home as the

Com of Cadets. Just the thought of one of our number running that place gives me chills. Dave departed HI laden with suggestions from yours truly on how to whip the Corps back into shape. Watch for immediate improvements. Dave will be replaced here by George Fisher, who will be arriving in Feb.

Don Ullmann wrote from Ft Meade, which he describes as "that oasis of sanity between Wash and Baltimore." Don is there cmdng an MI Gp, as is George Cromartie. George, by the way, managed a swing through the Pacific and stopped in to see the scribe. He looks hale and hearty and appeared to be enjoying the HI weather. Don does his class duty by insuring that Neil Efrid, an MI reservist, gets back to the US from time to time, from his foreign service post in Maputo, Mozambique. Neil's wife Cindy is also in the foreign service and is happily co-located with Neil.

Don was recently invited to be the guest speaker at a Co A-1 dining-in, and found it to be quite an exp. He says that A-1 has lost its "laid-back" reputation and is now just the opposite. I don't know how well Don's memory is serving him. When I was a plebe, the most terrifying thing in the world for us 2nd Regt types was to have to go over to A-1! Don also reports that Don Barrato is doing well as the CG of the JFK Ctr at Ft Bragg.

Kevin Kelley checked in from the Presidio, which apparently has not been closed yet. Kevin recently got together with Jim Harvey, who is completing PhD work in the area and should have moved by now to join Jeanne and family in the Ft Monmouth area.

In a trip back to the east coast to visit their 2nd LT Engr son, Kevin & Rosmary dined with Barry & Jill McCaffrey at their quarters at Ft Belvoir. Coincidentally, Barry also wrote in w/the following photo of Bob & Satsuo Young, who were also in town from their digs in the far east. Barry is now dir of Strategy, Plans, and Policy, DCSOPS, in the Pentagon, and reports w/ky meetings with Karl Robinson, dir SSI at the Natl War College. Less formal meetings are held with Marty & Donna Michlik who live across the street from the McCaffreys. Barry's son and daughter represent the 3rd generation of Army McCaffreys. Daughter Tara was recently commissioned in the Nurse Corps, and son Sean is with the 82nd.

Back to Kevin. Co-located with Kevin in San Fran is Dennis Culp, who is with the So Pacific Engr Div. Kevin, who is the Sixth Army Engr, and Dennis did the heliborne damage assessment of the earthquake results the morning after it transpired. Busy but interesting work carrying on the old school's engring tradition.

Our final correspondent was Karl Rob-



1964: Bob & Satsuo Young and Jill & Barry McCaffrey

inson, who was using me to blow off steam about the A-N game. His real purpose was to publicize the fact that he and **Dan Evans** managed to finish the Marine Corps Marathon. He provided both before and after photos. I will not include the after photo as they look none too well for the exp. Note Dan Evans' license plate!



1964: Dan Evans and Karl Robinson

'65

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Greetings once again from Chicago. The good news is that the 25th reunion comm is well underway and in the able hands of **Zadel**, **Stichweh** and **Kuhn**, for the wknd of 20-23 Sep. Please note that the comm is contemplating starting on Thurs at a facility away from WP. We will try to get into the Jul **ASSEMBLY** article as much final info, since that will be the last article before the reunion.

I had a great dinner in Newport Bch with **Dave Kuhn** and his lovely bride of almost a quarter of a century, **Rose** (aka Rosebuds, as he calls her). These two people haven't forgotten what's really important in life. When I asked Dave how things were going, he indicated that everything was on the upswing, to include his bus and his golf score. Dave & Rose, both "A" tennis players in what I understand is a tough CA tennis environment, have decided to get serious about golf. Apparently **John Seymour**, who's in the gold bus in Newport Bch,

also took home some gold that day on the golf course.

I happened to read another book entitled, *Duty, Honor, Vietnam—Twelve Men of WP* by Prashker and would recommend it to you. Although I did not think the writing was as good as *The Long Gray Line*, several of our classmates are prominent in this new book, namely **Wes Taylor**, **Joe & Lynne DeFrancisco** and **Jim McEliece**. For those of you who share my wife's observation that not enough has been written about what the spouses endured during and after Vietnam, Lynne's poignant insight is right on target.

Larry Strassner has apparently stepped down as pres of Nuclear Support Services and will become a consultant to the co.

There was an interesting article in the 17 Jan *NY Times* about **Buddy Bucha** and his Port Liberte' project across from NYC. Several of you sent along an update on the latest **Chuckie Pfeifer** sighting—namely as the security guy at the 72 convention in the movie "Born on the Fourth of Jul."

Jim Golden has completed the Class constitution and will be getting it out to ea of us for our comments prior to the reunion. Jim also received a nice award from the CS for his work on accreditation at the Academy.



1965: GEN Vuono and Jim Golden, Dec 89

I also received a nice picture of 3 old buddies at the A/N game at Giants Stadium: **Reg Dryzga**, **Jim Harmon** and **Ross Wollen**. Ross also saw former roomie **Alex Alexander**, who had some health



1965: Reg Dryzga, Jim Harmon and Ross Wollen—A/N, Dec 89 at Giants Stadium

problems in '88 but is fine now. Ross is working on getting Alex back for the 25th for his 1st visit. I tried to get a line on our classmates in Panama during the recent invasion but with little success. To the best of my knowledge, **Frank Hennessee** and **Joe DeFrancisco** were down there. If anybody has any more info or pictures, please let me know.

We received a nice Christmas newsletter from **Cathy & Chuck Moseley**. Daughter **Debbie** grad from UNC-Chapel Hill and has landed a job teaching 4th grade near her parents' home. Cathy continues her work w/Christian youth gps, as well as women's clubs. Chuck has taken a new position at Carolina Power and Light as mgr of Lab Services. The attached picture is of daughter **Debbie** and son **Chip**.



1965: Debbie Moseley and Chip Moseley

I also received a nice Christmas ltr from the **Scholls** who were writing from Alexandria. Needless to say, I was shocked to hear of **Suzie's** serious ailment but was super glad to hear of her full recovery. She is back to normal now and everyone has described it as a "medical miracle." Daughter **Jenny** is a freshman architectural engring student at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, where she enjoys sch and volleyball at the beach. Son **Brian** is doing well finishing his jr yr in bus at Sacramento State. **Suzie** is back selling real estate with **Coldwell Banker** in VA, and **Wayne** is an Army fed exec fellow at the Brookings Inst. He's involved in research to improve the Army's environmental prog. **Bob Wolff** wrote from Potomac, MD to rep that his org (EHSC) had a get-together that was attended by **Tad Ono**, TRADOC Engr; **Emory Pylant**, FORSCOM Engr; **John Knowles**, cmdr, Installation Support Activity, AMC; **Ralph Locurcio**, Savannah Dist Engr; **Claire Gill**, Pacific Ocean Div Engr; **Duncan Brown**, DEH, Ft Bragg; **Chuck Nichols**, cmdr, Cold Regions Research Lab; **Ken Yoshitani**, 416th Engrs (Reserves); **Wayne Scholl**, fellow at Brookings Inst; and **Bob**, dir of Facilities Engr at EHSC. At the conference, the Chief of Engrs announced that **Stan Genega** will become dep dir of Mil Progs for the engrs until he's assigned to his one-star slot. **Bob**

also had dinner with **John & Linda Con-cannon**. They are both attending foreign language sch full-time, after which John will go to attache duty in Budapest.

Speaking of **Joe DeFrancisco**, he's the CO of the 7th Inf Div Arty, a job he's had for a yr and a half. Although no one from '65 is still in the Army at Ft Ord with the DeFranciscos, he has seen **Gerry Ledzinski**, **Step Tyner** and **John Swenson**. Son Eric graduated from WP (see picture) in May 89 after which he completed Basic, Ranger Sch and then will be going off to Ger as an infantryman.



1965: Joe ('65) and Eric ('89) DeFrancisco—Graduation May 89

But can you believe this—they gave him a wk or two off during Christmas from Ranger Sch! Boy, the Army really has! Daughter Laura is in college in Phila and enjoys it. **Lynne** is keeping herself busy with a part-time job in Carmel. Definitely two of my most favorite people.

The pictures from our gala event at the A-N game in Dec arrived too late for the last article, so I will include them in this one. We had a turnout of over 150, thanks in large part to the fantastic efforts of **Joe & Nancy Sanchez** and **Slats & Angie Letterie**. They really put a lot of work



1965: Nancy & Joe Sanchez and Angie & Slats Letterie—A/N party, Dec 89

into it and it clearly showed. We were wondering where **Terry Throckmorton** was. Terry's in northern VA with **Judith Ann** and owns 4 picture frame stores. To set the record straight, **John & Mary Kay Salomone** live in Burke, VA, where John's the head of dentistry. Mary Kay showed her A pin to a firstie during A/N weekend and when he looked closely at

it, his reply was that "he wasn't even born then!" They reported that our new BGs are **Stan Genega**, **Rick Shinseki**, **Clair Gill** and **Jon Thompson** (from TN). The Salomones also brought along their little 3-yr old who had a grand old time at the party.



1965: Ken Slutsky, Russ Pullen, Julie McEliece and Judy Coll—A/N game, Dec 89

At the football game, we ran into my old roommate **Zig**, & **Linda Roebuck**.



1965: Linda & Zig Roebuck—A/N game, Dec 89

Army played hard but Navy just wanted it more than we did.

In terms of the offspring dept, **John Howell's** son Pat shot more than a passing glance at **Kim Green**, who is a jr at BU and was there with her parents **Lew & Barbara Green** from Orlando. Also in attendance at the party were **Joe Barkley**, his wife and daughter, **Joe Anderson** & friend, **Mary Smith**, the **Kuhns**, **Ed Knauf**, wife **Susan** and son **Mike** (sr at Villanova), as well as **Mike's** girlfriend **Julie**. **Mike & Judy Leibowitz** and **Don Rowe**, who is now the Dean at Valley Forge MA, were also there. It was good seeing **Karl Plotkin** again, as well as **Kim & Gerry Olmstead** who were there with son **Kip '93**. Also heard that **John Swenson's** movie may be coming to fruition. The star is **Nick Cage** (Cher's husband in *Moonstruck*), as well as **Sean Young** from *No Way Out*. The co-producer w/John is **Arnold Copelsen**, who also did *Platoon*. **Step Tyner** has written the screenplay. Stay tuned.

The included picture of **Annette & Jack Lowe** came in the mail over the holidays and shows a good looking



1965: Kim, Gerry and Kip Olmstead, and Joann & Karl Plotkin—A/N party, Dec 89

family who fortunately take after their mother. **Steve Harman** wrote from Ft



1965: Jack & Annette Lowe and family

Huachuca where he is an 06. He & **Anne** will soon celebrate their 25th, as well as **Steve's** 25th yr in the Army. He is a dir of opns for the Army Info Systems Cmd, and she is a substitute teacher on post, and also busy decorating their quarters (built in 1880) that they just moved into. Son **Steven** grad from the U of M, sch of journalism, last May and is a reporter with the local newspaper. Daughter **Mary** grad from Seton Hall Coll where she was cpt of the soccer team. Son **Joe** is a freshman at Yavapai Coll in AZ. He was the cpt of the HS soccer team and also played football and baseball. He will probably go to college in VA. Daughter **Kate** is a sr at the local HS and was co-captain of her sports drill team. She is also playing soccer and is a member of the Natl Honor Soc. She lists AZ State as high on her list. Son **John** is into soccer also and a freshman in HS. And finally, daughter **Barbara** is in 5th gr and supposedly made a killing in the lemonade bus last summer. Well, **Harmans**, even though that was your 1st letter in a quarter of a century, it was a great one. Please put me on your future Christmas ltr list.

In a previous article, I mentioned that I ran into **Bill McCreary** in Wash and took him along to our Class luncheon there. **Bill** promised, and **Roberta** followed through with a family picture of the two of them and their 4 boys.

Karl Savatiel was at the A/N game and has a new job as pres of Satellite Comms



1965: Bill & Roberta McCreary and sons

for AT&T in Bedminster, NJ. **Tim Timmerman** wrote from USAA in San Ant, indicating that he would write the obituary for **Bob Lee**. However, he needs some help. If interested, please call him at USAA. Speaking of the **Bob Lee** obituary, I had written **Steve Bliss** a while back to see if he would help, but have received no response. Steve, if you're out there, let us know. Received a nice letter from **Pat Kenny**, who's still at Engr Hqs in DC. We are still looking for some help in writing **Jimmy Echols'** obituary. **Dan Donaghy** gave it a shot in 85 but we need some help. If anybody out there is interested, please call.

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Mike Brown (2nd Regt) called me "out of the blue" a few days ago to re-establish contact with the Class after many yrs. He got out in 73 after serving two tours in RVN, the first in the Field Artillery (67/68—Tet Offensive), the second in 71 after flight school. During his first tour, he was on the ground in the same battle in which **Thom Hayes** was killed. During the second, he made "avn history" by being the only Cobra pilot to ever have been hit by a N Vn SA-7 missile and live to tell about it. After taking a hit in his tail section, Mike rode his disabled helicopter down in a "pinwheel" from 4000 ft and crash landed in an abandoned N Vn base camp. He was rescued by a Huey, which hovered above the wreckage of his downed ship until he could muck his way up onto the skids and into the Huey!

Mike lives in Alloway, NJ, just outside of Philadelphia, where he works for Scott Paper Co as their Chester manufacturing plant mgr. He & **Mary** have two daughters, **Maureen** (20), who is attending Pacific Lutheran U in Tacoma, WA, and **Laura** (16), who is a soph in HS. Any classmates in the area are welcome to look him up.

I also received a call from **Jack Christie**, who is the preventive medicine off at Fitzsimmons Hosp. After taking pre-med courses at the U of PA, Jack

got out in 84 as a LTC to go to med school, which was a gamble for him at the time, as he wasn't accepted at any! However, he did get in to the UB Med School here in Buffalo, NY, and went back in to the Army as a MAJ. Of med school, Jack thought it was a "lot easier than WP." Jack & **Susan** have 3 boys, **Travis** (18), **John** (8), and **Robbie** (2 1/2).

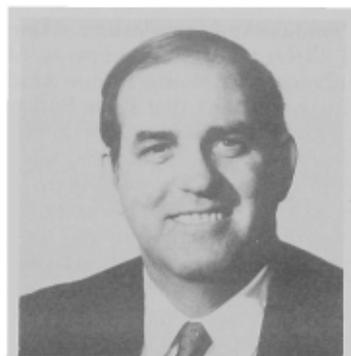


1966: Sam & Vicki Bartholomew and family

Sam Bartholomew wrote from Nashville, from his law firm of Stokes and Bartholomew. He & **Vicki** celebrated their 22nd anniv last yr with a new baby—**Benjamin Oakes**, who can be seen in the photo above, in **Vicki's** lap. Sam says he has been "blessed with a growing family and growing law practice," and invites any classmates passing through Nashville to give them a call.

Sam reports that '66 continues to be "well represented in 'Music City USA.'" Former roommates, **Tom Beasley** and **Doc Crants**, are revolutionizing the privatization of govt services with Corrections Corp of America, which they founded. They have had "tremendous success at privatizing corrections at all 3 levels of govt" and have done a marvelous job at building a publicly-held co. Both have been blessed with growing families, and **Doc's** son will be the number one graduate in economics from Princeton this yr ("no surprise to those who took calculus with **Doc!**"). Sam also relates that **Jack Isenhour** continues in the TV bus "and has won a number of awards in the production area." Jack has just moved from NBC to ABC. **Bob Turner** has recently come to Nashville, working in the health field with a privately held co dealing in diabetes and drug dependency. Thanks for the wealth of info, Sam.

John Ford has been promoted to public relations dir for Atlanta based Equifax Inc, a leading provider of consumer info services and systems for financial transactions throughout the US and Canada. Prior to joining Equifax in 88, John was VP of public relations and dev for GA Mil College. Before that, he spent 5 yrs as advertising dir for the Sec Def. John is an accredited member of the Public Relations Soc of America, and holds an MBA from Long Isl U and a master's



1966: John Ford

degree in journalism from the U of SC.

Greg Hoffman has been promoted to COL (USAR). Greg is the Artillery Team Chief of the 80th Division's Maneuver Tng Cmd in Richmond, VA. He served 12 yrs, leaving active duty in 78, the same yr he received his MS in nuclear engring from the U of NM. Greg is currently a project mgr with the US Govt in DC. He & **Aleta** live with their 3 children in Herndon, VA.

Recently, I received a letter from **Ted McCullough**. Ted is a project engr, currently with Pierce Processing of Louisville, KY and Cincinnati, OH. He received his MS in engring, structural/systems, from Vanderbilt U and has spent most of his career to date in design, operation, and mgt of processing equipment for bulk materials. He is currently engaged to be married on St Patrick's Day to **Cecilia Hardin** of Louisville. He has 4 children by a previous marriage: **Teddy** (the oldest), a 1LT in the Marines, stationed in Okinawa; **William**, a soph in a CA art college; **Patty**, a soph at Emory U in Atlanta; and **Laura** (16) a jr in a Louisville HS. Ted likes to play tennis, bridge, and write poetry. One of his poems, "Christmas Solitaire," was published last Dec in Sparrowgrass Poetry's Annual Poetry Novel.

I also was honored to receive a letter from **Russ Grant** this past Jan (his first to a class scribe). Russ is a "recent casualty of the oil bus," being one of about 25 "highly paid professionals" asked to leave when his Jackson, MS firm was sold to a larger firm in Houston. He since has opened a one-man law practice, "specializing in some of the more arcane aspects of the oil and gas bus and struggling from one day to the next." His wife **Janice** (HS sweetheart!) is an instructor at a local comm coll, and manages ("Thank God") to bring in a regular paycheck. Their son **Porter** (RP, III) is a frosh at Georgetown U in Wash. Russ promised him a Porsche, to be delivered upon graduation, if "only he would enter one of the service academies . . . but alas, no deal. It would have been infinitely cheaper!" Though he sees very few classmates, Russ wrote that he keeps in touch with **Jim Hallums**, **John Hanaberry**, and had occasion to use **Al Lindseth**

on a bus matter a yr or so ago. Al is with an "8 jillion partner" law firm in Atl.

The most interesting piece of news that Russ sent was that **Rees Barksdale**, also of Jackson, MS, has been nominated by Pres Bush to serve on the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. Rees received a phone call at his home last 18 Nov from the Pres, announcing his nomination. Russ was kind enough to provide a long article about Rees, published in the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* on 21 Jan. The article included a full color photo of Rees, unfortunately not reproducible here. Thanks for the very informative letter, Russ, and congratulations, Rees!



1966: Rob '91, Bill & Marilyn and Kemp '90 Otto in Wheaton

'67

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20 Dec 89: Lots of Christmas cards have arrived this yr—seems everyone wants to get his name in Lowrey's List of Loquacious Luminaries for a change. Maybe this signals a collective mid-life crisis for the Class—a gp need to be recognized for something worthwhile. Some of you, I know, really had to stretch the imagination to come up with something worthwhile to tell about yourselves—take **Dewey**, for example (please, someone take him), but that didn't stop you from trying. Don't take me wrong—I really appreciate your efforts—just think of all the fun I will have constructing half-truths out of your letters, for the benefit of our worldwide readership. Here's what I've learned from your cards thus far: **Bill Koch** is still trying to squeeze out a buck on Wall St hocking junk bonds that he picked up cheap from a certain large brokerage house. While he's doing that, **Bernadette** pays the mortgage with the money she makes modeling. Ed Dewey's card even included a picture. Somehow, Ed managed to talk **Terry Heglin**, **Bob Griffith**, **Bill Irwin** and **Mike Kush** into being photographed with him—something which has to cast a considerable shadow over the judgement of those guys. The look on Kush's face, though, says it all,



1967: Heglin, Griffith, Irwin, Dewey and Kush, War College, 89

"Doesn't Dewey ever shut up? How did I get myself into this situation?" Ed didn't say, but I assume this picture was made at the War College sometime this past yr. He and Griffith are students there, still learning how to spit shine shoes and start off on the left foot. Some guys are just slow, I guess. Kush and Irwin are Fellows (and a couple of fine fellows they are, too) of some sort or other at prestigious univ's, while Heglin actually has a real working job as the DCSR at Carlisle.

Bob & Roni Lenz are still at Woo Poo—he asked me to personally thank **Jim Saine** for him for inviting all 9 of the class plebes to his house to eat. I didn't know you could get that much food in one house. Of course, since Beanheads are now allowed to eat to their heart's content in the mess hall, they probably weren't all THAT hungry. Bob mentioned that there are 3 '67 firsties in this class, but didn't tell me who they are, and I can't remember everything, you know. He also promised a long letter in Jan. Right. Yes sir, the Jeep's laid on, the check's in the mail, and I'll still love you in the morning. We'll see.

The Eufaula, AL news this yr came from **Paige Dyer** (Tom, as a big bus mogul, is too busy selling fish finders to do the Christmas cards). The Dyers' two daughters, Lisa and Katie, are both at St Marys—Notre Dame, with Lisa studying nursing and Katie majoring in bus. Young Tommy is in the 9th gr, and quarterbacked the football team to an undefeated season. Can he run the wishbone? The Humminbird bus must still be good for the **Balkcoms** and **Dyers**, as I noticed the card was postmarked in Honolulu. **Randy Pais**'s card included a typed letter, thank God, and a nice picture of the clan taken at WP this past homecoming.

The **Gilberts**' card reported that in Jul they moved from the Presidio of San Fran to their new digs in Indiana, PA, where **Tim** is the PMST at the local univ. That's nice, since their daughter **Jenni** goes to school there. And they say there are no more good deals in the Army! Of course, she was enrolled in ROTC until her old man showed up. It didn't take



1967: Jackie, Lori, Lisa and Randy Pais, WP 89 Homecoming

long before she learned something the rest of us have known since plebe yr, and bailed out of that outfit as soon as she could. **Carolyn**, who you may recall was working as a brain surgeon in a veterinary hosp in CA, has found new meaning in life as a house re-modeler and construction engr. And the last card is from **Karl Sakas**, who reported the big event in his & **Susan**'s life this past yr was the birth of #5, **Karl, Jr** on 13 Sep.



1967: The Karl Sakas family, Sep 89

25 Dec 89: Christmas Day. This one may have been the worst yet. At 6:00 a.m., **Suzi & I** sat half awake and in stunned silence, as the 3 urchins grabbed, ripped, gouged, and tore their way through the huge pile of booty under the tree. Within 15 mins, it was all over. Doom didn't even bother to open half of his presents beyond ripping off enough paper to see if it was worth the effort. **Brendan** didn't even go that far. Nine-yr old boys seem to have an uncanny ability to tell when a package has, heaven forbid, clothes in it. When they were through, the living room was a shambles, a few hundred dollars worth of busted toys and spare parts were strewn from one end of the house to the other, and they were all back in front of the TV fighting over the damn Nintendo game. Never had the words "thank you" crossed their young lips. **Suzi & I** opened our presents (none from any of YOU, I hasten to add) in silence, had a couple of Bloody Marys, and went back to bed. Next yr, maybe I'll spend my Christmas in Honolulu. Without the kids.

30 Dec 89: This issue's entry in the Long Lost Souls dept is **Wes Spincic**. What prompted Wes to check into the net after 22 and a butt yrs was the fact that he learned from **Fred Shremp** that his old roommate, **Dave Rivers**, was trying to find out if Wes was still alive. Not quite ready to be written off as a bad investment, Wes decided it was time to come in from the hinterlands for a little re-graying. Besides, **Randy Pais** had listed Wes in the Houston-area grads register as being in '68. I'm not sure who should be more upset by that—Wes, or the class of '68. Wes has been in the oil business since '75, and in '82 started his own co in Houston, called **Avanti Services, Inc.** It's a drilling and consulting firm which drills and provides engring personnel to various energy companies. He's also got an exploration firm, **Cheyenne Oil & Gas**, which explores for, oddly enough, oil and gas in the continental US. To fill up his spare time, he's also a major stockholder and on the board of dir's of an independent bank in Houston. In '75 Wes got remarried to a lovely young lady named **Gayle Pool**, who at the time was a college prof at **Odessa Jr Coll.** As part of that deal he got two kids, **Reg** and **Shari**. **Reg**, now 23, graduated from **A&M** on the **Dean's List** in computer engring in 88 and is now in his 2nd yr of law sch at **U of Houston**. **Sheri**, 19, is a jr at **SMU** majoring in mktg and bus. In '88 she competed for the **Miss TX** title and did quite well. When he's not making a buck, Wes apparently does OK hunting, as he promised to send a picture of his record deer and sheep. He also promised to keep in touch. I think I've heard that one before. The **Spincics** hole up these days at 4714 **Breezy Point**, **Kingwood, TX 77345**. **George Kolesar** and **Tony Cortese**, Wes wants to know where you are. So do I. So does the **IRS**.

6 Jan: **Randy Kinnard** is lonely. He & **Peggy** have extended an open invitation to any and all classmates (I would assume this even includes the likes of **Hood** and **Gonser**) to visit and stay with them in their home in **Nashville**. Call them collect, anytime, day or night, at (615) 292-1405 for reservations. Mention my name when you call and you'll get a free bottle of Irish whiskey in your room.

8 Jan 90: Short note from **Mike Winton** today, primarily to forward the picture of him, **Jan Askman**, and **Bob Stromberg**, along with some lovely lasses, taken last May (I love the sense of urgency here). He also indicated he had just been alerted he was being sent to **Panama** to join in the fun there—promised to look up **Arnie Cano** and send a picture. Right.

11 Jan: Found a letter from **Rich Kiper** in the mailbox today, wedged among the 63 bills for Christmas junk. He's back amongst real soldiers at **Ft Bragg**, where he does **Special Forces** things. What the



1967: Jan Askman, Mike Winton and Bob Stromberg, along with some good looking women

hell, I've always thought **Rich** was special. His letter described his recent exp as the **SF LNO** to **Glenn "Ranger" Hale's** brigade of the **82nd Airplane Div** during a big field exercise in **Nov**. **Glenn** is the **cmdr** of the **3d bde** of the **div**—I remember when a whole bunch of us were brand new **2nd LT's** in that outfit, several hundred yrs ago. **Rich** also sent along the picture of him and his son **Chip**, 16, taken after **Chip's** 1st parachute jump on **17 Dec**. I'll bet mom had a lot of fun that day, don't ya know.



1967: Chip, 16, and Rich Kiper after Chip's 1st jump, 17 Dec 89

12 Jan: **Bob Shadburn** sent along some potential entries for this issue's **High Roller Roll Call** feature. **Bob's** a student at the **Naval War Coll** in **Newport, RI**. He reported that **Mike Neuman** and **Harry Rothman**, who are on the faculty at squid school, got promoted to **FULL COL** on 3 Jan, and **Bill Stone**, a student along with **Bob**, got pinned on the 4th. Actually, I guess these don't quite qualify for **High Roller** status anymore, as more and more guys have made it to the rank of near-great-mil-leader. We'll save the **High Roller** tribute for the really important folks. But still, making 0-6 does beat getting the **Welsh Rarebit Award**. Of course, we may never be able to pry that out of **Dewey's** grasp. **Neuman**, by the way, will be leaving **Newport** this summer to take **cmd** of **Watervliet Arsenal**.

19 Jan: Late Christmas card dept. Actually, more like an afterthought. As **Chad Keck** said in his note, they had sent this card to someone else, and it was

returned as undeliverable, so rather than waste a perfectly good photo, let's send it to **Lowrey**. It's great to be loved. The



1967: Barbara, Chad, Martin and Matthew Keck

good news in their ltr was that they weathered the earthquake w/very little damage. **Chad** continues to do very well as an investment banker with **Prudential-Bache** in **CA**.

25 Jan: **Lynn Condon** dropped a nice note with the news that **Tom** has been working for **NASA** for the past 15 yrs as a civil engr at the **White Sands, NM Test Facility**. Their daughter **Laura** grad w/ honors from **NM State U** on 16 Dec, finishing in 3 1/2 yrs—something that made mom & dad real happy as it saved them a half-yr's tuition. **Laura** earned her



1967: Tom Condon and daughter, Laura

degree in broadcast journalism and is now a reporter/news anchor for **KREZ-TV** in **Durango, CO**.

29 Jan: Pleasant surprises dept—**Ed Jordan** hung his nob on my door today—seems he's here on some boondoggle **TDY** from his duties in the **G2** shop of the **5th Inf Div** at beautiful downtown **Ft Polk, LA**, deep in the heart of tick, chigger and cotton-mouth land. We had a nice chat, smearing the reputations of as many of you as we could.

12 Feb: I don't believe it. **Mike Winton** actually came through as promised. Today I received a picture of him and **Ken Stong** with **Arnie Cano**, taken at **Arnie's** home in **Panama** last mo. **Mike** reports that **Arnie** and his neighbors served their country well, arming themselves and barricading their st to keep the "**Dignity Bn**" thugs out. Well done.



1967: Ken Strong, Arnie Cano and Mike Winton, Panama, Jan

13 Feb: Trivial Pursuit, or the REAL High Roller Roll Call: read in a recent issue of *Army Times* that BG selectee **Ray Roe** will soon become the asst div cmdr of the 9th Inf Div at Ft Lewis, WA. I think that is entirely appropriate, as the 9th ID is one of the units selected to disappear in the new, lean and mean, fiscally constrained Army.

16 Feb: Well, the deadline was yesterday. Just got off the phone w/the ed of this literary practical joke, and he did not sound like a happy man. I do believe he is tired of my excuses. He can't be nearly as tired of hearing them as I am of making them up. By the way, the promised "long ltr in Jan" from **Bob Lenz** is still a figment of his vacuous imagination. The job search is on in real earnest now, kids, as I have decided to grow up and earn a real living on 31 Jul—or even earlier if someone can think of something I can do to keep the kids in Nintendo games and **Suzi** on her vacations. If you've got any ideas, let me know. In the meantime, take care, keep a tight line, and remember to laugh once in a while. God bless. BEAT NAVY.

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This is my kind of article schedule. I'm writing this based on cards, ltrs, and calls received after I wrote the last article—the one for the Mar *ASSEMBLY*—and your receipt of the Jan *ASSEMBLY*—but before you received the Mar issue. So, the info I have is based on your reaction to last Jan's article and your own impulses from around Christmas—but not Valentine's and President's Days—which I'll report on next issue—except for the Founders Day pictures. Confused? Welcome to my world—another hint as to why I grad where I did. For a clearer explanation, check the 1st para of the 69 scribe. This is tough rabble. I'm spending most of my time on the rd right now trying to be productive and continue to supplement vast funds supplied to me by the Govt for my unwavering prior service, the VA

for the battle damage, and the AOG. Of the above, ARINC Research provides far and away the most, and the AOG provides only moral support—but I have to tell **Barbara** that I'm being paid big bucks for this or she'd accuse me of being crazier than the drs ever imagined. . . .

One good thing about this article schedule is that I don't have to tell you not to write to **Rick Wright** c/o Ch of the Off of Mil Cooperation in N Yemen because he's not going there any more. After giving up his bn at Campbell, being promoted to COL, moving **Marsha** and **Greg** back to Lake Ridge, getting **Rick Jr** settled into his 1st yr of EE at Purdue, and getting immersed in 2 wks of a 20-wk intense Arabic lang crs, the word came through that his predecessor-to-be volunteered to extend his tour. Now, it looks like Rick will join the happy commuters who follow the whims of the Shirley Hwy for the next few yrs. I don't have a job title down for Rick yet, so look for him at the POAC.



1968: Pat & Dick Witherspoon at our 20th

To try and add some continuity between this and the last article, we finally received **Jim Locher's** official change of cmdr photo for publication. As you remember from the last issue, I reported that **Jim** had been confirmed as the asst SECDEF for SO/LIC which makes him a professional Wash DC insider. As you may also remember from the last article, if it was not edited out, I noted that I had problems interviewing classmate SO/LIC movers and shakers—like **Jesse Gatlin**—because they were constantly going on "trips out of country." Then came **Panama**—and everybody looked like **Tom Banks** as a plebe who just woofed down big bites on steak night just before being asked the days—or **Mike Murphy** as an upperclassman, who just got rid of the corn popper as the OC walked in to ask where the neat smell in the barracks was coming from. . . . Nobody shares the neat stuff with me anymore. But I did get to see the Pentagon-produced list of music which was played outside the Vatican embassy. Where's **Dick Steiner** now that we really need him?

Another change of cmdr picture re-



1968: Jim Locher—Under SECDEF for Spec Ops & Low Intensity Conflict

ceived came via **Jerry Crawford**, who forwarded a copy of the Dec 89 *AF Journal* which reflected **Ranata F** (we knew her as **Wilber**) **Price** as being named the Dep Dir of the Close Combat Armaments Ctr (CCAC) at Picatinny Arsenal. The picture was too small to have blown up for sharing here and now—but I'll see what I can do in the future. Prior to her SES (Gen off status) appt, she had been Ch of CCAC's Tank Ammo Br—a psn she came by through hard and intense work and experience as cmbt tank unit cdr in RVN. She is also the only recipient of the CIB that is also a female, that I know of. **Jerry**, on the other hand, is up in the wilds of the Catoctin Mts—about a mi from Camp David and 10 from Ski Liberty—at Ft Ritchie, MD—most of the time, in a mountain—at the home of the 7th Sig Cmd. Other classmates noted by **Jerry** are **Mike Ruiz**, 7th Sig's DCS-ENGR, and **Bob Brace**, who **Jerry** bumped into for the 1st time since grad during one of his forays to Pentagonia.

If you've ever thought about traveling to the Orient, this may be the summer to do it. Your first stop could be in HI, where you have an open invitation to stay with **Dave & Susan Ohle**. As reported earlier, **Dave** is cmdng the Lancer (1st) Bde of the 25th ID and may be a little busy. But **Susan** is taking the summer off from trying to teach English to the natives and is willing to show you all the good golf courses, snorkling grounds, and shopping malls. She's also available to help you tour the rest of the Orient. Overflow visitors can stop off with **Mark & Diane Hansen**. Your next stop could be Japan, where you and **Susan** can bunk with **John & Margie Hedley** (Royal Chateau Nijigaoka, Apt 601, 166 Meito-Honmachi, Meito-Ku Nogoya 465, tel 052-782-1683). **John** gave me the Japanese version of his address, but it looked like the sand markings after a rattlesnake-roadrunner encounter. He rep that his transition to working in the civ world in Japan was easier than either enduring plebe math or leaving the Army, and that **Margie** could use some help in adding to the US trade deficit. If you're bringing male teenagers on your tour, they should be in

good shape because John's 18-yr old son reports that girl-chasing is a strenuous sport in Japan. By the time you've worn out your welcome at the Hedleys', **Jeff & Carlie Rogers** will be settled in Seoul, where he will take cmd of the Far East Fin Bde and be ready to receive all comers. Jeff has called a couple of times from the DC area and Ft Harrison, where he is the cmdt of the Fin Sch, to let us know all is well with the family and to express his concern for our good friend and classmate, **Chuck Steele**.



1968: Dan, Miranda, and Bonnie Robinson in Wales last fall

On the other hand, if Europe may be your cup of tea, ale, wine, or beer, **Dan & Miranda Robinson** appear to be in the most stable position to help show you around London. Dan rep that his new position as a school master of photography is going very well, and had he known how happy teaching would have made him, he would have taken it up much earlier. **Mike Murphy's** tour w/the US Embassy and **Bruce Korda's** with the MAAG in London should be due up within the next yr—so hurry. East of the English Channel, **Joe & Barbara Fowler** are living history daily in the FRG. They were in Berlin a wk before the wall was opened and have been to the Louvre to ponder Mona Lisa's fame—all a puzzlement . . . **Joe** is still heading up the US Army Claims Svc in Europe, and as such will be among the last to leave, even w/all the alleged troop cuts. They need **Joe** to arbitrate forest littering, and **Barbara** to shoulder more than her share of the comm volunteer activities load.

I still receive calls and cards reminis-



1968: The Fowlers at Winsor Castle last fall

ing over the reunion. One of the neatest notes this reporting period came from **Anne Allen**, **Rand's** bride. Prior to driving up to the reunion, they met up with **Bill & Linda Gardepe**, **Barry & Debi Conway**, **Dicky & Sandra Bowers** and **Billy & Emily Campbell** in NYC, where they ate at Sardi's, saw "Phantom of the Opera" (who said you couldn't get tickets?), and the guys played tennis at Flushing Meadows—just a typical cdt wkend. . . . Less than 4 yrs till next frolic—where should we meet, how should we go to WP, and what else should we do? I got the feeling that the dwindling '68 crew stationed at WP has had about as much fun as they can stand planning for our good times. Future plans may rest a little heavier on those of us not physically within the gray gate, walls and cliffs.



1968: At our 20th reunion—Bill Gardepe, Barry Conway, Dicky Bowers, Rand Allen and Billy Campbell—reporting for another time to the sash in the red man. . . .

A classmate who is constantly in transition by shooting for even higher goals is **Dennis Manske**. By my records, he's the only classmate to run the last Boston Marathon. He finished as #145 out of 6,418 in 2 hrs, 38 min, 53 sec—a time many of us in urban areas can't even DRIVE to and from work in. Dennis said that hearing veteran's orgs on the sidelines cheer, "Go Army" and thinking of Ft Hood gave him the inspiration to make it through the race. Isn't it strange how Ft Hood inspires us all to do different things?

This yr's race to produce the shortest Christmas card note (AKA the **Monte Anderson Award**) was a tough one. **Bob & Maureen Shaw** checked in to say that they're slowly getting settled in New Orleans and enjoying the color of the town and the state's politics. **Ray Vinton** lamented that I don't receive more news from classmates—the only other news I could glean from the card was that he's in private law practice at the Galleria Tower (Suite 1910) in Dallas (75240). **Lee J (the DJ) O'Reilly's** card hinted that the family has moved from CT and is now living in Colleyville, TX.

Other, even shorter, pieces of info gleaned from perusing the latest *REG-*



1968: Henry Riser and Dave Clemm sampling some of John Wing's refreshments at our 20th reunion

ISTER indicate that the population of WP has taken a sudden dip with the ret of **Larry Rapisarda** and the movement of his family away from there to parts unknown. **Chris Iaconas** has also ret from the Army and its oprnl test business in El Paso to presumably manage his personal portfolio. **Dan Adams** is rumored to have ret to take over **GB Weeks'** law practice in Baton Rouge, so **GB** could pursue running a bar in St Croix, VI prior to Hugo. After ret from the Army and Jt Pgm Off for the Abn Slf Prot Jmr—a 20-yr old system that's taken on a life of its own—I've heard that **Fred Hoblit** has moved back to the vic of Edwards AFB, CA to resume test pilot stuff. **Gene Austin** has also ret, as well as **Tim Balliett**, **John Bussa**, **Jim Cima**, **John Copley**, **Mike Dauth**, **Rick Flannigan**, **Bill Grabowski**, **Bob Hayes**, **Neal Lark**, **Joe Mangino**, **Ed Mendoza**, **Johnnie Miller**, **Jack Reid**, **Pete Swan**, **Bob Veidt**, **Mike Vennum**, and **Bill Williams**. Less than a 3rd of the class is now on active duty.



1968: Ray & Liz Vinton, Ken & Linda Moran, Bob & Carol Fabrey, Ron & Barbara Kendall, and Mark & Diane Hansen posing at our 20th reunion with a much shortened Ray MacDonald

The number of obituary writer volunteers almost equals the number of obituaries that need to be written. **Dan Gooding** (2049 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207, 704-377-3039) has volunteered to write a second obituary—this time for **Dave Maddox**. After being told that **Jim Gaiser's** obituary had already been written and printed while he and I

were still in RVN, **Joe Javorski** (18 Crickwood Dr, Leicester, MA 01524, 508-892-9952) volunteered to be the writer for **Ernie Flowers'**. Joe left his mil PMI job at Worcester Polytechnic Inst to become the sch's asst registrar, and loves dealing with the young folks during academic reviews to chart academic progress. He'll esp need all of our help on this important task since Joe was in D4 and Ernie was in G4 (an expansion club). As soon as **Frank Cooch** (2733 Playfield St, Annandale, VA 22003, 703-878-2047) read of **Jim Stettler's** death in the "Last Roll Call," he enlisted the aid of Class and co mate **Dave Taylor** (4213 Sterling Shire Ct, Roswell, GA 30075) to research Jim's life and provide a fitting obituary for the Class. Frank is staying in place for now since he too has a daughter at UVA. He's a lawyer for Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in MD. You guys are great! For now, we're left w/only **Jim Kelley** who needs an obituary writer. I know that someone—probably out of HI or the wrestling team—wants to step forward. I've heard a number of classmates say, "I've only known him for a yr or so while we were roommates," or teammates, or whatever. Rabble, these are our classmates who were killed, mostly, in Vietnam. How much longer did they get to live? Who else knew them any better than those of us who went through the same stuff—boxing, choir, trips, A, B, or C Squad, intermurder, the OC, flirty, juice, dreams? Please check out the last couple of articles for who is writing what and help.

Since the ed has asked us to keep our articles managable, and I don't have much more news, we'll be signing off. That means we'll REALLY have a Class luncheon in DC soon. I can't wait for next issue—which I should have told you about last issue so you'd remember to send Founders Day pictures w/names on them. Last yr, **Jeff Rogers'** mom & dad stood in with '68 at the Detroit area Founders Day, and were identified to the AOG and me only as "Rogers '44." I let the word processor overload my brain and listed them as "Rogers '44 and date." I didn't know what I had REALLY done till **Jeff** told me last Dec. Significant others are people and have names too. Don't keep them—or your activities—a secret. Call, write, or stop by because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT.—Dave

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This column is being written on 15 Feb, covering news received since 14 Dec. My next deadline is 13 Apr, and news received by then will appear in the Jul-Aug issue.

For the first time in quite awhile, we

begin on a note of sadness. After a long illness, **Frank La Penta** died on 18 Dec 89 in CA. He was buried with full mil honors at Mt St Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. Frank's parents, to whom we send heartfelt condolences and sincere prayers, can be reached at 35 No Quaker, West Hartford, CT 06119.

Leo Carrigan attended Frank's funeral. He, **George Albrecht**, and the rest of the E-4 contingent are preparing an obituary, and are planning to contribute a significant sum to the Class Gift Fund in Frank's name.

By now, you should have received a letter from **Dennie Haydon** and the Gift Comm soliciting your views on the gift and the fund raising process. Well over 200 responses have been received, and please send yours if you have not already done so. It is important to maintain the momentum on this project, and we appreciate your support. Dennie can be reached c/o Olympic Lincoln-Mercury, PO Box 33764, 13001 Aurora Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133.

The next Class gathering will be the annual DC summer party, to be held on the afternoon and evening of Sat, 18 Aug, at the Sleepy Hollow Bath & Racquet Club in Falls Church, VA. Details will be sent by mail to DC area classmates and to anyone from out of town who contacts me. We hope many out-of-towners can join us.

Stew Bornhoft, **Dan Cox**, **Bob Ivany**, and **KC Scull** are all in the War Coll at Carlisle. Dan is hoping to go to Ft Hood and KC to Ft Bragg this summer.



1969: Marianne & Bob Ivany and family

Rusty Casey sent the first letter from the active duty side of the Class. He is at Harvard for a yr doing a study on mil planning in crises. We are hoping to get together before he leaves to discuss recent situations like Panama, El Salvador, and the Philippines.

Frank Finch takes cmd of the Baltimore Engr Dist this summer. The Dist has all mil projects in DC, including renovation of the Pentagon. Frank thinks he may get some friendly advice on that project. Saw **Mike Diffley** recently, too. He is headed to Panama as SOUTH-COM Engr.

Susan & Mitchell Zais leave DC this

summer for Ft Ord. Mitchell sent a photograph from **Gail & Jim O'Toole's** Army-Navy party, as well as recent *Washington Post* columns on **Mike Krzyzewski** at Duke and **Mike Snell** in Panama as CO of an inf task force during Operation Just Cause. The O'Tooles also hosted a great dinner recently with the **Ken Johnsons**, **Kimmitts**, and **McGoverns** in attendance.



1969: Cornelison, Kenny Wanless, Kimmitt, William Kimmitt, McGovern, Wanless, Zais, Robella and O'Toole at A-N wake in O'Toole's home



1969: Randy Ho at A-N buffet in Honolulu

Diane & Rick Frykman are in DC after several yrs at Ft Bragg, while **Pat & Hugh Donohue** are now at Bragg. **Lynne & Harry Dolton** are leaving Ft Sill this summer for one of the War Colleges. **George Demetriou** is at Ft Carson and had seen **Russ Roux**, who lives in Greeley, CO, and **Larry Feigenbaum**, who is in San Fran. Also at Ft Carson are **Geoff Prosch** and **Mike Landrum**. **Mike & Sherrye's** son **Nick** was one of 13 winners from thousands of entries in the American Dream contest, and will have appeared on TV with his co-winners this spring.

Peggy & Jim Love have sent the last ltr from the active duty contingent. They are in Hamburg, at certainly the most interesting time this half century to be in Ger.

Many classmates are now in transition from active duty through ret to new careers. **John Luchak** is in DC and is planning to use his language and Central European skills in the Foreign Service. **Phil Clark** is also staying in DC with the Analytic Sciences Corp. **Paul Raglin** is staying in Albuquerque and working for



1969: Peggy & Jim Love and family

a co supporting DOD underground nuclear testing.

Longer-time civ mail started with **Dennis Helsel**, who is asst dir of athletics at Syracuse. **Mark Dillon** is still in DC, but recently left COMSAT for Aeroflex Systems Corp. **Judy & Gary Fahl** are in Barrington, IL, but leaving this summer for Charlotte, NC. **Barbara & Bill Taylor** are in DC, but Bill sent a note saying he was consulting for a MI co.



1969: Barbara & Bill Taylor

Teresa & Joe Syjuco are in Seattle, where Joe is with Medallion Investment Corp, a real estate dev co. He was in attendance at **Rick Wilber's** wedding in Ft Lauderdale on 11 Nov 89. Rick is now CEO of Royce Labs, a generic drug firm. **Terri & Tom McCaslin** have completed their move from NY to CA. Tom sent a nice photograph from the Fri dinner at the 20th reunion.

Joe Gelineau sent the only ltr from Europe. He & **Monika** are in Brussels,



1969: Crosby, Burke, Laswell, McCaslin, Kimmitt, Holbrook, Wheeler and Rhyne at 20th reunion

and I wonder if we will see our Class numbers increase there as we move to a single European mkt in 92.

Arnie Haake sent the last letter from his home in Bahrain. He included a photograph showing how **Terence Arnold Kimball**, **Jeff Kimball's** cadet son, got his name.



1969: Terence Freeman, Arnold Haake, Jeff Kimball and Terence Arnold Kimball

Holly & I are in the midst of our annual tri-birthday wk. **Robert Jr** turned 8 on 14 Feb, **Rooney** is 3 on 16 Feb, and **Kathleen** turns 10 on 20 Feb. They, plus brothers **William** (6 1/2) and **Mac** (5 on 5 Apr) join **Holly** and me in wishing you and yours a beautiful spring. God Bless to all in '69.

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I have no new updates on the reunion, but watch your mailboxes—bulletins at any moment. Interest is high, so we can expect a big turnout. Make sure that you get to be part of the action!

I finally got a note from **Tom Boytim**. You know him—he was the guy who used to write this gossip column (and did a 3 point oh job) before I started on it. Anyhow, Tom summarized 4 1/2 yrs into about 350 words, and whether he likes it or not, it will be shared with all of you. Back in late 85, Tom was considering coming home from Turkey, getting out of the USAF dentist business, and getting into private practice in NJ. About that time, his wife was unhappy with the relationship, and doing well for herself in her job, so papers were filed. And, as it turns out, he was still turned on by the uniform, so he decided w/in a mo of his pending resignation, to stay in. But the USAF had a surprise—if ya want to stay IN the Zoomie Corps after telling them ya want OUT, then they make sure you mean it by sending you off on a tour to somewhere less than or equal to Timbucktoo and environs. So Tom ended up with another trip to Turkey. But he wasn't all that unhappy at Incirlik AB as the asst base dental surgeon. Toward the end of the asgmt, he was selected for

USAF sponsored specialty training in periodontics at the Gainesville U of FL dental sch. In Jun 89 he completed the



1970: The graduate: Tom Boytim and parents, Jun 89

residency and got assigned to Bolling AFB as 50% of the periodontic staff. He also has some teaching responsibilities in the gen practice residency prog conducted at the dental clinic. Tom has a small townhouse in Temple Hills, MD, and after venting his spleen (which is NOT a periodontic procedure) about DC traffic, he noted that he enjoys the opportunity to get out and dig in the small 15'x20' yard/garden by the pl. During the Christmas holidays, when everything was so cold that even the penguins were huddling together for body heat, his neighbor's water pipes burst, flooding Tom's 1st floor (on slab). He was out of town at the time, so when he returned 4 days later, most of the furniture and carpeting was trashed. Tom has tentative plans to attend the 20th reunion, so we can all greet him in person then.

I received a copy of the Christmas greetings from **Phil & Marge Doleac**, who are currently at Ft Wainwright, AK. Highlights of the ltr are hereby freely plagiarized: **Suzanne** (3) is studying ballet, and is a fearless swimmer. Recent efforts have her starting in skiing, which, I guess, if you want mobility in AK, is the way to go. **Kenny** (7) also skis, and is gymnastically inclined. **Michael** (12) is nearly 6' tall and was a starter for his 8th gr basketball team. He likes to snowmobile, and, naturally, ski. **Jason** (?) has discovered girls, and when not otherwise occupied with them, can be found snowmobiling and skiing also. He has demonstrated leadership potential (I think I saw this on an old LT Doleac OER . . .) to his sch teachers, so now he feels that he needs a car so he can take everyone where he wants to lead them. Perfectly logical. **Marge** is a den leader for Cub Scouts, and volunteers for teacher's asst in the classroom one day/wk. She is also becoming computer literate through classwork herself, team teaches (with Phil) **Kenny's** Communion class, and sponsors a Bible study gp in their home. She also dabbles in arts and crafts

projects. Both Marge & Phil are active in the Ft Wainwright Aurora Ski Patrol, Marge as a winter emergency care instructor and Phil as the patrol dir. Phil passed his orthodontic boards in Mar 89, and was promoted to COL just in time to make the Christmas newsltr. The big



1970: To soar with eagles: Phil Doleac, Dec 89

news from the Doleacs is that Phil will be hanging up the uniforms at 20 to take up a civ practice in orthodontics in Portland, OR.

Class of 2010 Dept: **Les & Patti Sumner** pass on the good news from **Gil & Ann Pritchard** that Dana Sumner Pritchard was born on 28 Dec 89, all concerned doing well. Les notes that little Dana takes after Gil and the rest of our classmates—she sleeps and eats.



1970: Keeping up with the Joneses: Pete & Betsy with Katrina, Elliot, Melissa and Andrew

Rapid fire, collected among the recyclable aluminum cans at the Golden Goat: **Dave Wagner** was observed scoping out the Tampa area for the anticipated 91 ret opportunities. While there, he stopped by to see **Bill & Barbara Wallis**, and Sumner's dad. **Dennis & Libby Fadden** have achieved DEROS and are now back in Atl after spending a yr in London. They highly recommend the UK, and are looking forward to joining us at USMA next Oct. One Super Bowl party included **Sumners, John & Mary Ann Connors**, and **Tom & Liz Secrest**. (How many Denver football players does it take to change a tire? One, unless it's a blowout—then it takes the whole team). **El & Sharon** and **Heather Schweninger** send Christmas greetings, but no news

from Ger. They were probably doing too much in the last yr to fit it all in their newsltr! **Nick Sebastian** was covering the A/N football game on photographic asgmt for a client. **Steve Cook** was observed in the crowd, having made the trip down from Ft Drum.

Short column, few photos—I need your help. That just about closes the case for this one. But if we could just hear from **Hedberg, Lovelace**, or **Pohl**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print next Jun or so, in an internationally distributed mag, then make a call, play an Apr Fool's prank, or SOMETHING (w/a picture), and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

'71

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It's official. We are old. Yeah, yeah, I know . . . mentally and emotionally, we can still fantasize with the 20-yr olds. And physically . . . there are a few of you out there who claim you can almost do 30 pushups. But the test of time was received in a note from **Tom & June Suermann**. The Suermanns' oldest baby, Michael, received appointments to USMA and USAFA and has decided to join the Long Blue Line in Zoomieland this summer. Far as I know, this is the first service academy acceptance. Ah, seems like yesterday that I was dropping my bags on the foot of the man in the red sash and he, in return, was launching spittle in my face as he incoherently wondered what business I had attending his fine institution. Follow these pages for news of the first set of grandparents.

My proud-meter is out of control. Some of ya'lls energizers just don't slow down. When last we left **Bob Kempfe**, he was vying for oldest living Army CPT honors. Unhappy w/that particular lot in life, Bob was selected for promotion to MAJ below the zone. Bravo, Robert . . . now you're eligible for the oldest MAJ award.

The leadership of the 90s continues to stream through the Leavenworth portals to learn what kind of force will be available to lead in the 90s. Latest grads of the charm sch are **Fred Estrella**, **Bill Hotze**, **Doug Metcalf**, and **Mike Van Buskirk**. Doug is the dep cmdr of the 5th Finance Gp In Frankfurt with responsibility for disbursing \$12 billion (with a b) annually. In May, he takes cmd of the 501st Finance Supt unit in Nurnberg. Fred Estrella, whose cmd was deactivated last yr while he waited at Ft Ritchie, MD, will try again w/a signal unit in Ogden, UT. Bill Hotze will stay in Ger to cmd an MI outfit in Munich. Slated to go to Ft Hood, Mike Van Buskirk lost his cmd



1971: Hotzes, Van Buskirks and Estrellas at Ft Leavenworth

due to a force drawdown. Mike & Rose must now wait until the next cmd list is published in May before they leave for Ger.

Heading back to sch this summer after completing successful cmds are the following Senior Service College selectees: **Arch Arnold** (AWC, Carlisle, PA), **Rick Capka**, (Natl War Coll, Wash DC), **Jim Grazioplene** (Natl Def U, Wash DC), and **Bill Lennox** (Harvard Fellowship). Do great things, guys.

I don't have all the details, but it appears that **Johnny Brooks**, **Jim Grazioplene**, **Scott Hutchison**, **Jeff Rock**, and **Chuck Swannack** had the opportunity to take their bns to Panama during the invasion. By all accts, and not surprisingly, all the troops performed magnificently. You do the Class and the country proud, boys.

The **Barbutos** will invade Canada this summer. The Barbuto clan will move to Toronto, where **Rich** will be a CGSC liaison to the Canadian Staff Coll. **Il-Soon Shin** continues to prevent invasions in the Republic of Korea. He has been cmding an inf regt for almost two yrs in the Chorwon Valley on the northern front. After Il-Soon turns over cmd this summer, he will move back to the Ministry of Natl Def where he will work on ROK-US mil affairs.

Russ & Jayne Vaughan adopted Kira, a beautiful 4-mo-old Korean girl in Nov. Russ works in the mid-east br of a directorate in the Def Intel Agency in Wash between the proverbial shredder and dumpster. And hey, professionally done, **Paul & Karen Andrew**—Caroline Duval Andrew is a bundle of joy!

I know it's Apr, but I have some Christmas card notes that I didn't get in before the last issue. **Buster Hagenbeck** (1/87 Inf, Ft Drum) and **Mike Kendall** (2/23 Inf, Ft Lewis) continue to do great things in bn cmd. In cmd 7 mos, Buster trained his bn at Ft Stewart, the Natl Tng Ctr and REFORGER. The Hagenbeck's daughter, Leeann, will probably take her Outstanding HS Student of America honors to Duke or FL St this summer. Mike Kendall took his charges to Ft Drum for a Natl Guard eval and to the Yakima Firing Ctr three times in 6 mos.



1971: Cafaros and Masciellos

Ain't it great? As a flight attendant out of Seattle, **Lori** continues to master the balance of family, career, and Army.

The **Walkers** have adjusted to their new environs in Lansing, MI. **Buck's** recruiting bn consists of 6 companies throughout MI. He compares recruiting to a horse race . . . everything depends on how you stand at the end of the month. One can go from hero to zero quickly. **Steve Rice** continues to do his thing down in Huntsville, AL. His thing, you may know, includes running marathons. In Dec, he and his dad won the Father-Son Rocket City Marathon, each w/personal best times. You are correct—Steve is the son!

Don't look for **Sam Pride** in downtown Ft Benning after this summer. The Prides are going home to IN. Sam will go to work for the Soldier Physical Fitness Sch at Ft Harrison.

Dan Howard continues to ply his legal



1971: The Howards

trade to his ceramics business in MI. His Army Res duties find him offering legal assistance to mil families on wknds. One of his most rewarding interests is his teaching classes for those folks who want to become Catholics.

Need some light reading? Try *Return on Investment, A Tale of American Business*, by **Pete Weddle**. As an outgrowth of the importance that Pete puts on human resource issues in his co, University Research Corp, his latest book addresses these issues in fictional form.

The '71 Gift Fund Raising Dr is out of the blocks and looking good. The ambitious, but realistic, goals the Gift Comm estab are enumerated in a Jan ltr that

each of you should have received. If you have not received this correspondence, please write or call **Terry McGuire** at 1981 California St, San Fran, CA 94109; (W) (415) 955-6331, (H) (415) 855-2346. Take some time to get involved w/this exciting, professionally done, effort.

May the spring be with you. Evermore.

'72

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Spring greetings to all and thanks to the many contributors of this issue. Rush! Rush! Rush! all the time. Hope this one makes it by the deadline. Can't dwell on other pressing items, so let's get right to the news.

I "saved" a letter from **John Northrup** from Dec past to spice up our spring issue. Seems that he, **Grant Smith** and **Jim Bowden** were plotting something at TRADOC at the time. John had just



1972: Northrop, Bowden and Smith: TRADOC

spent 17 grueling mos as aide to GEN Thurman. He said the best part of the whole deal was being able to see classmates in all corners of the globe. Some of these incl **Ray Crawford**, DA PAE, Pentagon, and an analyst for the Army's OMA acct. Ray is excelling at a very demanding job. **Bill Pavlick** is exec to the asst Chief of Engrs, even after only 5 yrs as an engr. Bill is on the cmd list as well. **Jim McLean** is at Ft Leavenworth with **John Boxberger** in the CGSC Combat Studies Inst. **Matt Kriwanek** is a recent arrival at TRADOC after a stint at Ft Hood. Also at TRADOC is **Gene Barton**, Dir Chief for Combat Dev Plans, Concepts and Technologies. **Steve Daly** heads for Augsburg soon from DCSOPS. **Grant Smith** is off for Korea in Jul to cmd 2nd Engr Bn, 2 ID. His family will remain in VA. Northrup "updated" himself, as well, with news of his orders to H1 and cmd of 3/7 ta FA, Schofield Barracks. This is to take pl in Jul. Not bad work if you can get it, John! The real credit, however, goes to wife **Mary** and their 3 sons, Ian (15), Jason (13), and Jan Adrian (11). John says their support makes the difference between

another cmd job and a great opportunity!

Found out that one of your scribe's old D-3 chums is alive and well in TX. **Bert Crocker & Kathy** sent an update some wks ago and it's good to report they are doing well. Daughter **Kindra** (5) finally got to start sch this yr, something she had so anxiously awaited. Mom says she just hopes her love for sch continues for 12 more yrs! Son **Sean** (3) tries to keep up with big sister, and does pretty well most of the time. Bert & Kathy combine to teach a gp of 5th and 6th graders in Sun sch. (Don't tell me you can bring law and order to 55 at that age!). Bert continues his job with TX Instruments at Lewisville w/constant challenges.

A recent note from **Mike Toler** incl a picture of his promotion to LTC. His CO,



1972: LTC Mike Toler at promotion

a Navy CPT, did the honors. Mike is at region Rdgt of the Def Contract Admin Services in Phila. This is after a stint with Training with Industry as prog mgr in charge of Gen Electric Aerospace Depot Overhaul and Repair Oper. Change in jobs, of course, required a change in location from Lexington, MA to Brandywine, DE. Mike expects to host a pile of classmates & wives for A-N next yr.

Dec's Oper Just Cause saw "Proud and True" doing its duty. **Bill Leszczynski** led his 3/9 Ranger Bn into the combat zone. **Will Webb** helped w/aviation coordination while **Mike Butt** was dep G3 of the 7 ID. Also, there was **Bob Phillips** as XO, 2 Bde, 2 ID. **Pete Topp**, who provided the foregoing, was already in Panama with the 536 Engr Bn. Topp reported also that **Ed Murdock** shared Thanksgiving dinner w/the Topps while in the area for a dress rehearsal. Ed moved on to DA DCSOPS before the real thing. **Scott Peppler** is XO, 36th Engr Gp at Ft Benning. **Phil Drumheiser** is also at Benning. Pete ran into **Ben Martin** at a conference there, too. **Jeff Staser** takes a training bn at Ft Jackson this summer upon return from Stuttgart with USEUCOM. Thanks for the update, Pete.

Whoa, here! What's this? A wrap-up of the past 18 yrs for good ole E-1! And from none other than **Bill Britain**. Seems it took a surprise visit from **Joe Ivey** in Jan

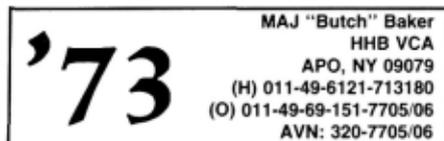
to inspire Bill to write and re-identify himself. Better late than never? Of course it is! Joe is with Stemco Intl as GM, European Div. Seems he and Britain decided to make a few late night phone calls. They found out—**Doug Merkl** is a Loan Off w/a MD mortgage co. He's also in the Natl Guard. **George McIlvaine** is in Boise, ID, with Hewlett Packard. The McIlvaines have 3 children. **Donnie Strother** flies SH-3 helicopters with the RAF in Scotland. He's been to some functions as "guest" of Prince Charles & Princess Diana. Donnie reported a meeting w/**Bill Hershnow** in Westminster, Co. **Russ Bolling** is still enjoying his commercial real estate job in Dallas. And thanks to you, too, **Mary**, for the Britain update. Oh yes, Bill's a partner in J-BREX Co in Amarillo. It's an oil & gas exploration co. The Britains have two children, son Lane (12) and daughter Luke (9). Bill casually mentioned that he still has his cadet figure, while Ivey has put on 30-40. Is that a fact? You may cross-examine, Joe.



1972: Joe Ivey and Bill Britain at Bill's home

A final note w/a serious sense comes from **Fernando Alfaro**. He wants to thank all the members of '72 who participated in Oper Just Cause. In his own words, "To the 'Proud and True' families who endured anxiety and loneliness for Christmas, their suffering may be relieved by the gratefulness of thousands of Panamanian families whose own suffering surpassed unimaginable thresholds." Fernando Alfaro was not in Panama at the time; he has since recognized the exemplary performances and standard of behavior of the US Army!

Thanks to you all, and God bless.



Apologies. My life has been confused the last few mos as you might have guessed by the missed article last issue. **Kathleen** wrote the one before that because of my procrastination and a trip back to the States; my public thanks and all my love to her.

My life? As abnormal as always, filled

w/the usual: new job (S3 V Corps Arty), read Atkinson's *Long Gray Line*, briefed the CINCEUR a couple of times, passed over for promotion, REFORGER, home in time to tuck the kids in bed, living Duty, Honor, Country to the point of self-destruction . . . you know, the usual.

Did I mention the "pass-over?" Did I mention that I would have had an article last time but that **Kath** wouldn't let me send the one I wrote on the "night of the long knives?" She wouldn't let me send my Christmas message either. Probably just as well; the pain, the anger, the embarrassment, and the drunkenness have passed. Not quite true. I'm sober, don't hurt much and have never been ashamed of the way I've done my duty. I am working on the anger. Duty is its own reward, which if true, is why I am putting less credence in the stoic advice given me by those who have never found themselves left with "duty" as their only reward for faithful service.

But . . . **Kathleen**, Nicole, Joshua, Gregory and Megan are well and w/me. No one could ask for more reward than that. Few of you ever share any troubles with me, and those who do invoke the privileged info clause of our contract. I do know though that, w/the recent turmoil in the Army, many of you share my puzzled, unbalanced emotions over recent events, or non-events. Thanks for another free therapy session, drs. And now I must proceed, albeit "wrinkle free" and "non-select," to do my duty to the Class as your humble scrivener. (For all you literary buffs from Benning, notice how smoothly I laced that last sentence with two archaic words—no, "humble" is not one of them). And away we go. . . .

Joe Fitzharris called around Christmas. He's in Nurnberg, having just left as the 7th ID surgeon before the Panama thing. More to follow on the Fitzharris' next issue.

Flash—received only yesterday—by contrast (can you say juxtaposition, Mr Rogers?) **Tom Lubozynski** sent me a copy of Special Order AB 863, 22 May 73, that commissioned 31 wrinkle freers into the AF. He was kind enough to point out that the AF has caught and passed the Army's promotion timeline. Of 13 guys for whom Tom has a firm current address, 12 are LTCs, and one, **Mike O'Hagan**, has a real job w/the rank of civ. Besides Tom, the other LTC airplane drivers, or in some cases, paper airplane pushers, incl **Mark Benoit** (Hickam AFB), **Rich Bjurstrom** (AFTAC), **Paul Currie** (AFELM Arlington), **Jack Kincart** (Offutt AFB), **Pete Kippie** (Dyess AFB), **Bob Marsh** (Langley AFB), **Walt McMurry** (FE Warren AFB), **Bill Moline** (MacDill), **Bill Pearson** (FE Warren), **Greg Shaka** (Offutt), and **Gary Topping** (AFELM DC). Mike O'Hagan is somewhere near Sacramento. LTC Tom is

still at the Engr & Services Lab. He says he's "addressing the environmental issues affecting AF operations." All I can say is that with all those new blue LTCs in the air, Tom's got quite a job ahead of him. Tom visited **Jim & Judi** (Tom's Sister) **Styron** in Frankfurt last fall. Thanks for the call Tom, couldn't spare the 30 pfennig?

As with my life lately, there is no order to my acts of the mail. As Vanna hands me the next ltr, I see it's a Christmas card from **Bill & Cindy Moline**. You two COME ON DOWN! At McDill, as Tom mentioned, Bill is contributing to the blue pollution in the air. Cindy is exec volunteer with the Red Cross. She began working just in time to earn her huge volunteer salary when hurricane Hugo blew in. As a result, Cindy spent 4 wks in Puerto Rico as part of the Disaster Relief Program. Don't worry Bill, she'll never catch up to the 13 yrs of TDY you've logged. Daughter Sheri is busy with the HS paper and hopes to go to an academy in the future: a move dad will not discourage. Son Jimmy, in the 7th grade, is working his way up the scouting ladder. Bill tells us that **JT Thomas** is also at McDill with USSOCOM. I think that's the Army's branch of the USO!?

Got a ltr from **Jim & Carol Stroble** from Japan. Jim is there for an accompanied short tour w/Goodyear (sorry Jim, it's the only language I know even if I don't speak it too well). Boys, Christopher and Daniel, have adapted well, as kids always do. The family should return to Kent, OH sometime this summer.



1973: Jim, Carol, Christopher and Daniel Stroble in Japan

Jerry Mossbarger (I-2) wrote for the first time in 16 yrs or so, and I know why. His brother, "bean-head" Dave '76, was in my company. Never could figure what kind of sadist would let his little brother wander innocently into beast barracks and beyond. **Jerry & Margaret** and son Christopher have been living at Thousand Oaks, CA for about 7 yrs, where Jerry works as a district sales mgr of the "LARGEST" NCR district in LA. Margaret is a mktng mgr for a subsidiary of Unysis (Noting that Jerry wrote the ltr, I couldn't help noting that he failed to mention the SIZE of Margaret's corpo-

rate influence). The report continues. **Chuck Rittenburg** and family also live in "1000" Oaks where he works for Northrup Corp, a small neighborhood bus. **Scott Barry** was in LA managing a travel bureau, but no word from him in a yr or so. **Dan Dutro**, who married **Barbara** in 86, works for Hewlett-Packard in Cupertino. Jerry saw **Mark Hanna** and "wife" at Chuck's wedding. Mark was PCSing to AK. **Marty O'Shaughnessy** married **Barbara** in 88. Before I get unwanted mail, let me remind you that Barbara is a very common name. Also at **Dan & Barbara I's** wedding were **Joe Cyr**, a lawyer in NYC, and **Joey Bratton**. Marty was married in Haddonfield, NJ but I don't know if he lives there; anyway, he works for a sub of Unysis called SDC. More importantly, he & Barbara are the proud parents of Martin O'Shaughnessy III! **Greg & Elsi Ellis** are in Bellingham, WA, where both are employed by Northwestern WA St U. I may have reported this in an earlier article, but **Kevin & Sherry Finn** are in Jacksonville, FL, where Kevin was promoted to GS-13. Jerry himself is a MAJ in the inactive Army Reserves. Thanks for the great update, Jerry.

Had a ltr from one of my great good beast buddies, **Donny Atkins**. He's another one who passed through Frankfurt last yr with no change in his pocket. Donny recounts his adventures at the last A/N game. The list of honored guests included **Bruce & Patti Simpson**/Ft Rucker; **Mark Clouse**/Gastonia, NC; **Bob & Daeniva** (sp?) **Meyer**/Yardley, PA; **Jim & Eileen Silva**/Springfield, VA; **Dave & Kitty Wildés '72**; **Harry & Clare Horn**/Fallston, MD; **Bill & Sherry Dougherty**/Baltimore, MD; **Jim Young**/Alexandria, VA; **Kent & April Butts**/Carlisle, PA; and **Ed Francis**/Orange, CT. **Donny & Cindy** made their trek from Arlington, TX.



1973: Standing: Bruce Simpson, Jim Young, Mark Clouse with his original cadet necktie, Bill Dougherty, Jim Silva and Bob Meyers. Kneeling: Donny Atkins and Harry Horn

Donny, who has always been a "workaholic," also tailgated at the AF/Army game with **Randy & Dixie Wartner**. Donny was amazed that Randy & Dixie spend about 25 hrs a day taking their 3 children to "activities." So what's so

unusual about that? In his free time, Randy works for an engr consulting firm in Denver.

My staunchest supporters, **Jolene & Bruce Zukauskas**, write that Erik (12) made a smooth transition to middle sch, Peter (9) loves baseball and playing war games with his dad. (Watch it Bruce, that's how they got us). Emily (6) has figured out the first grade and has decided to become a short story writer. Bruce is still quality mgr of Nuclear Metals and working on having that third eye removed; he took over when the metals weren't managed too well. As you can guess, I have no idea what a day in the off for Bruce is like. Jolene is teaching two days a wk at the Community Nursery Sch, teaching CCD, serving on Parish Council, and waiting patiently for beatification.



1973: The Zukauskas family

Next, we heard from another first-time writer, **Pat Kane** (can't tell all of you how good it makes me feel to enlarge the circle of correspondence!!). I've run into Pat a few times past couple of yrs. He spent his XO time in 2/82 FA in Friedburg and then as SGS of 3d AD. Pat proves that the system is not completely broken and, if things continue to go well, he and a few other '73ers may be able to make the Army better in the future. He's off this summer to take cmd of 4/1FA at Ft Polk. Pat reports that **Flynn Andrew** is S-1 for 1st Bde 3AD. Now comes the awkward part. Pat's "wife" wrote the Christmas ltr I received. She relates that their lives are filled with the joy of love provided by Megan (born Apr 89), Christopher (10), and Kevin (12). She praises all of Pat's good works, she signs the ltr "The Kanes," and lets Pat add a short note to me. God love ya, **Mrs Kane**, what's your name? If it's in any of my previous columns, I'm sorry I couldn't find it. Please write again soon.

Flash from **Chuck Sacrison** in WA—IT'S RAINING. Who from the Pacific NW would have guessed it?! Chuck is still working at the Puget Sound Naval Yard, but in his new position, he reviews contracts and other papers submitted by the Beltway Bandits. Not sure of Chuck's exact title, but I thought that kind of work was done by Federal Fraud Inves-

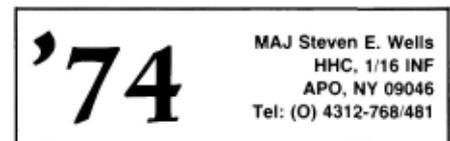
tigators. **Tommie** and kids, **Kate** (3) and **Doug** (5), are fine. Chuck reports more good news for the Class: **Ted Larew** is commanding the 2/9 Avn (I think someone reported that to me earlier, but I'm so disorganized, here it is again). **Hank Allen** is G3 Ops for 9th ID. **Pete Schoutis** is also running around Lewis doing something.

Bakers expect to move in Jun. Ltrs after 1 Jun, please send to MAJ Butch Baker, Box 392, Milford, NJ 08848.

That's all the news I've got for now, I think. To all of you—thanks for your ltrs and support. This column is still the only form of therapy I can afford. I hope some of my ramblings strike a chord outside my narrow study.

I am always your servant if sometimes late. Recalling that, They also serve who only stand and wait.

(The groan you just heard came from a grave at St Giles, Cripplegate). GOD BLESS.



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Just back from a Jan Reforger and the annual event took on quite a diff look this yr. While 3 or 4 star levels played computer simulations and made big decisions, bn cmdrs portrayed their Bradley and Abrams platoons with a single Hummer sporting a nerf ball on the antenna. This obviously reduced maneuver damage and helped appease the host nation. The 1st IDF engr umpire was **Ty Edwards** and he tried to control an out-of-control bde engr.

The Christmas mail came in droves and is much appreciated, but I'd love to spread the writing fling throughout the yr.

The Ft Campbell crowd must have



1974: Colin, Maria and Luc Dunn

had some garrison time—3 ltrs from the air assaulters. **Colin Dunn** has been redlegging it there awhile. Last Apr he took over the DIVARTY S3 job. This summer a move to Ft Sill is afoot and Colin is slated to be the *FA Journal* editor. So ya'll send in your arty master-

pieces. We must have a Class of writers, first it's **Cooney** at Knox, now Colin. Wife **Maria** has mostly been busy w/little Luc and looking forward to the move. Colin notes that **Jim Laughlin** arrived at Campbell last summer from CGSC and is now XO of 7/101 Avn (Chinooks); **Mick Raney** also came last summer from Panama to be the XO of 3/187 IN.

Also at Campbell is the **Kniskern** family, having arrived there in 88. **Rich** was the Bde FSO until Apr 89 when he became XO of 1/320 FA. **Diane** is pretty active on post but primarily providing for the young'uns: **Kenneth** (12), an active Boy Scout, **Karen** (8), a swimmer, and **Katie** (4), a swimmer, too. **Rich** notes that **Joe & Karen Frankie** are also there.

George, Anne, Rick and **Starr Oliver** continue on in Clarksville; **George** is the G-3 Ops for 101st. They trekked back to WP with **Frankies** for the 15th. **Anne** noted they've added to their pets in the past yr: a tree frog and gerbils.



1974: Rick and Starr Oliver with Santa

Frank, Grace, Brandon, and **Jessica Prindle** have been in DC since 87, now pending a Ger move this summer, where **Frank** will join 70 Trans in Mannheim. Said the 15th was great!

Denis Rochette is at the Pentagon, working on something that seals his lips and puts him on frequent trips. **Louise** is excited about her new job as guidance counselor at N Stafford HS. **Matt** and **Renee** are both soccer enthusiasts.

Mark Andreotta has another job chg with Mobil—now he's a senior planning assoc. They still live in Fairfax Station, VA where **Val** rides herd on their 6: **Kim** (12), **Mike** (9), **Billy** (7), **Greg** (5), **Ashley**(4), and **Joey** (4).

Bob McFetridge leaves his JAG cubicle in the Pentagon this summer bound for CGSG at Leavenworth. **Carolyn, Candace** (2 1/2) and **Kelly** (1) are fine.

Ben & Alison Withers are still at Ft Meade as **Ben** plugs away at his MPh at Johns Hopkins. I mention again that he is the Class POC for obituaries, working with AOG on this effort. He notes that 3 classmates still do not have one: **Dwight Helton, Ralph Bower,** and **Keith Holmes.** Anyone having info for the obituary and wanting to help can contact Ben



1974: The Bob McFetridge family

at 7424 Van Noy Loop, Ft Meade, MD 20755; tel (301) 674-4058. Thanks.

A couple of upstate NY notes: one from **Steve Bollen & Peg, Rachel, Jeremy** and **Bethany** in Romulus, NY. Whatsoever are you doing there, Bolo? Also, **Bob & Mary Anne Nealon** are in Ithaca where **Bob** started grad school at Cornell last Aug. They're slated for Columbia (the country) in Dec for two yrs. **Mary Anne** is also starting sch this Jan. She has never seen **Bob** act like an 18-yr old until they went to the 15th reunion. I'm sure we all will be more mature for the 20th. Right!

The **Grunseths** send Christmas joy from Elkhorn, WI. I would like to ask Class prayers for **Julie** as her battle with cancer continues.



1974: The Grunseths

Jim & Lucinda Spinelli write from Benning, where **Jim** has worked 2 yrs at Martin Army Hosp while they live in one of the famous "white elephants" on post. They will move back to Ft Gordon for the 3rd time where **Jim** will attend psychiatry residency at Ike Hosp. **Emily** (12) is into gymnastics and piano, **Mary** is contrary, **Nicholas** (6) is a kindergarten delight, and **Michael James** (4) likes matchbox cars. **Tim Tanner**, if you're at Benning, look **Jim** up.

Scott & Eady Myers send cheer from Birmingham. Little **Jordan** and **Julie** are keeping them busy and what—is it true **Scott** may be giving up his favorite sport of lacrosse? Coaching comes next, naturally.

Way back in 86 a classmate of ours used to cruise Ft Leavenworth in his firstie car. Today **John Matousek** is cruising Ft Knox in his 74 Chevy Impala. Now

that he's put a rebuilt engine in it, "it's good for another 15 yrs." Can anybody top this?! **John** is finishing bn time in the 194th Arm Bde and is slated to join the EUCOM Staff in Stuttgart this summer. He & **Terri** have young'uns **Rachael** (8), **Katrina** (6), and **Phillip** (4). On H-3 news from the reunion: **Steve Sihelnik** is a leading Army urologist at WRAMC and a LTC already; **Don Fritz** is a member of GEN **Vuono's** staff working as a comptroller; **Lou Vozzo** is still up and coming with Bell Tel, living just south of WP; **Jack McDonald** is S3 of an arty bn in the 10th Mtn Div at Drum. At Ft Knox is **Pat Cooney**, still editing *Armor Magazine*; **Bob Meyer** is a dentist; and **Bill Reinhart** has been Bde Commo Off of the 194th for 2 yrs.

Jim & Liz Sweetnam have had some experiences since leaving the industrial gas business in Calgary, Alberta in 85. First **Jim** started Harvard Bus Sch w/all those rigors and 3 wks later on 25 Sep 85, **Mariko Tanya** arrived. But **Jim** survived and in 87 joined Cummins Engine Co in Columbus, IN. Cummins is the largest diesel eng manufacturer in the free world—even got one under the hood of my **Bradley**. Now **Jim** is bumped up to be pres of Cummins Electronics, Ltd, a 600-employee company w/half its opn in Mexico. Meanwhile, **Liz** is working on her master's in journalism at IU. **Jim** stays in touch w/**Steve & Gail Stevenson** and **Marshall Best**. Would like to hear from **Ron Reid**—write 3630 Deerfield Pl, Cols, IN 47203.

John & Laraine McCoy have had some career switches too. After a long process and a lot of help from church members, **John** left Frito Lay in Bakersfield to a gen mgr's position in Detroit, living in Livonia. **Carol** (12) is in the 7th grade and does well at road racing—just like dad. **Carrie** (5) is in pre-sch.

The **Joe Hunter** family is still in Gallup, NM since 85. **Joe** is a dr at Ft Defiance, AZ and **Donna** works at Gallup Med Ctr as a midwife—149 deliveries last yr! **Justin** (9) and **Austin** (6) feel a little embarrassed riding in dad's 74 Buick—188K miles—**John Matousek** take note!

All Pride of the Corps'ers in Las Ve-



1974: Joe Hunter and kids with grandma

gas, all 4 of them, gathered for Army's humble bowing to the Squids, and managed a nice pic w/reps from each regt: **John Toth** (B-2), **John Blanco** (E-4), **Steve Geraci** (G-1) and **Jim Koenig** (I-3). They had a great time despite the loss. Jim finished a stint at Nellis AFB and is now with DCSOPS in the Pentagon.



1974: A-N party in Las Vegas—John Toth, John Blanco, Steve Geraci and Jim Koenig

Bob Gates is working at Los Alamos Natl Lab as a res assoc for the Army, continuing work on his experiment began at MIT a few yrs back; he also runs a lot of liaison missions back to DC. **Caryn**, **Rusty** (12), **Brad** (9) and **Stephanie** (3) stay active with Scouts and the youngest with dancing.



1974: The Bob Gates family

Steve, **Carolyn** and **Lauren Houseworth** have been enjoying San Fran where Steve is chief of Sports Medicine and asst chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at Letterman AMC. He was the US Ski Tm physician last fall in Chile. On others:



1974: Bill Johnson with Steve Houseworth in Portillo, Chile

Bill Hopkinson is chief of the Total Joint Service and chief of Sports Medicine at Walter Reed. He and colleagues of WP's Keller Ar Hosp won the top award from the Am Ortho Society for Sports Medicine for a study on the effectiveness of knee braces in intramural football at WP. **Ed Lisceki** is doing a fellowship at the U of CO this yr and will take over the Total Joint Svc at Fitzsimmons AMC this summer. Wife **Margaret** is also a dr and is working at Fitzsimmons. **Jeff Ginther** is there too, in his 3rd yr as an ortho resident.

It was good to hear from our motion picture ace, **Merlin Miller**. He & **Susie** (Ladycliff '75) have 3 cute girls—**Mandy** (6), **Heidi** (4) and **Michelle** (2). Living in



1974: Merlin & Susie Miller with Michelle, Mandy and Heidi in Palmdale, CA

Palmdale, CA, Merlin has had only contacts w/**Dave & Elena Flyer** and their girls, **Alexis** and **Raquel**; Dave practices law in Orange County. Also, **Tim & Jeanne Mahar** and their kids, **Tara** and **Timmy**; Tim works for Northrup and Jeanne teaches. In his business, Merlin has recently formed his own corp after co-producing low-budget features for other companies. His last film was "Devil Rider" and an upcoming one is "Pirate Bait," a B adventure with **Troy Donahue** and filmed in Thailand. Merlin says obtaining financing is always the hardest part and wants to put a bug in any financial broker ears (like **Ashby Foote** or **Phil Murray**) that want to help out. Merlin sent me a Summary of Investor package. His corp offers a cost conscious approach to the usually high-priced business. Wish you the best, Merlin.

John Martin checked in from Korea, where he finished a satisfying cmd of an avn unit. His unit reaped a no of awards over the yr. Now he's XO of 2nd Div's Avn Bde. Since John is in an accompanied status, **Marsha** has enjoyed the tour, also teaching English to Koreans. Son John is getting into scouting. On others: **John Edgecomb** is a bde S3 there; **Carl Case** is a bn S3; **Ed & Melissa Polom** are there, Ed the XO of the 44th Engr Bn. **Bill & Frankie Albrecht** moved from TX to N Orleans for a new oil industry job. **Fred Stellar** is still grinding through at GA Tech and looks forward to his asgmt

at WP this summer. **Jim Sharp** finished his tour as XO of a Spruance destroyer, now he's *Cmdr* Sharp. Says John: "I guess he doesn't really outrank us since he's a squid!"

Holiday greetings potpourri. **Jim, Bea, Jamie** and **Joni Fishback** in Eng, where Jim drives on in his joint asgmt. **Bob,**



1974: The Fishbacks in England. British humor?

Ruth, **Robby** and **Russell Mixon** in Heidelberg; Bob is GEN Saint's aide now. **Chuck & Godlove Kuklenski** in Kansas City, newlyweds. **Vic Roeske** from Monterey, CA, where he's teaching in the Opn Res Dept of NPGS. **Brad, Jean, Megan, Mac** and **Jack Harris** in Gatesville, TX. **Chet Billingsley** in Campbell, CA. One correction to the Oct 89 article ref Jim Allinder being assigned to Benning. He was, in fact, but Jim is not a classmate; however, he is **Bill Allinder's** brother. And Bill is practicing law in KC and only assoc w/the Army by running into guys at Leavenworth like **Rob Minor** in CGSC.

That about wraps it up. **Cathy** and I just moved (again) to a neat house near Herrenberg, south of Stuttgart and near Panzer Kaserne, where the 1/16 IN Iron Rangers hang out when not at Graf and Hohenfels. Visitors welcome. Better yet, write and let everybody know what's happening or where the summer moves are taking you. God Bless.

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Greetings to all members of *Courage and Drive '75*. Lots of news for this issue, so here goes. . . .

Received a great ltr from **Gordon Toney**, 2004 36th Pl, SE, Puyallup, WA 98374 (B-3ers, take note of address). Gordon has been working on publishing an accting of B-3 classmates. He was partially motivated into doing this project when he'd read **Eric Cunningham's** "A-3 Avenger Update." As an upper-end footnote to the details that follow, Gordon's letter was mailed in Jan, which will have some effect on the ages of the children (not on the ages of the parents,

of course) and in some cases, PCS moves, etc. Here's some of the "B-3 Bandit" news. . . . **Gary & Debra Bauleke:** Alana (1); 12802 Misty Ln, Woodbridge, VA 22192; (703) 590-7218; Soviet Intel Off, DIA, DC. **Rick & Susan Conniff:** 1007 Francis Ave, Baltimore, MD 21227; (301) 247-7127; Self-employed mgt consultant. **John & Ursula Dashiell;** Thomas (6) and Helen Jane (4); 3077-B Webb Pl, WP, NY 10996; D/English. **Dave & Sandy Frenier:** Heather (5); 5619 Stillwater Ct, Burke, VA 22015; DA. **Jim Given:** Tomah VA Hosp, Tomah, WI 54660. (Jim suffered an injury to the brain stem in a light plane crash. He has been hospitalized since Mar 86. He is in a semi-comatose state.) **Gerry & Bernadette Hayes:** Matthew (11), Nicholas (8), Patrick (5), Phillip (3); 4413 Chatfield, Corpus Christi, TX 78413; sales engr—Schlumberger Oil Well Svcs Co. **Mike & Debbie Heredia:** Stephanie (8), Jessica (4); 7220 Churchwood Cr, CO Sprgs, CO 80918; (719) 598-8956; D/ G-3 4ID (M), Ft Carson, CO; AV 691-5543. **Tom & Susan Howard:** Rebecca (9), Sean (6), Megan (3); 2043 Merrimac Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304; (919) 867-9156; family practice physician, MEDDAC, Ft Bragg; AV 236-7038. **Dick & Cary Jardine:** Adam (4), Matt (2); 4 Rawlinson, Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, England, DL93AP; (0748) 832-572, or APO PEP Officer c/o Menwith Hill, APO 09210; Exchange Officer, 8th Sig Regt. **George & Paula Kaigh:** Gerry (10), Anne (7), Katie (5), Theresa (4); 1 King Ave, Ft Leavenworth, KS 66027; (913) 651-4012; Avn, Sig, FS and CA Concept Dev, AV 552-3022. **Dan & Kathy Krueger:** Daniel (7), Mary (3); 3400 Stonehenge, Manhattan, KS 64502; (913) 537-4366; G-3 Plans, 1st ID (M), Ft Riley, AV 856-3993. **Pat & Karen Lisowski:** Kristina (6), Colleen (4), Eric (3); 405 Berwick Ct, Charlottesville, VA 22901; (804) 973-2219; instructor, JAG Coll, AV 274-7110. **Ted & Doe Osuniga:** Stephanie (6), TC (Theodore) (4), Allison (1); 646 Old Ballwin Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021; (314) 394-6214; IBM acct mktg rep; MAJ (USAR) S-3, 3/335 85th Div (TNG). **Harry Pontious:** 5915 E Pearl Rd, Morris, IL 60450; (815) 942-6909; station control rm engr, Commonwealth Edison Nuclear Power Plant. **Ed & Maura Shaffer:** John (7); HHD, 36th Sig Bn, APO SF 96218; Taegu, ROK: S-3, 36th Sig Bn, Camp Walker; AV 764-4912. **Al Rogers:** Rte 4 Box 264, Sante Fe, NM 87501; (505) 984-1172; family physician. **Ron & Lisa Smith:** Andrew (8), Patrick (6), Abby (4); 802 Allendale Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401; (812) 331-2430; manufacturing engr, Ford Motor Co. **Gordon & Carolyn Toney:** Justin (5), Jake (4); See address above; (206) 840-1891; S-3, 66th Avn Bde (I Corps), Ft Lewis, AV 355-7821. **Tom & Jet Wallace:** 6792 Seversky, Ed-

wards, CA 93523; (805) 258-5623; test pilot, Edwards AFB; AV 527-4992. **Jim & Judy Wisenbaker:** Jimmy (7), Johnny (2); 6021 Medford Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; (714) 896-6150; McDonnell-Douglas Electric Systems; MAJ (USAR) DCSRM, 63rd ARCOM. COL James & Lee Wood (B-3 Tac 72-75); 1047-1 Nysteen St, Ft Wainwright, AK 99703, (907) 356-2393; Cmdr, 2d Bde, 6th ID (L), AV 317-353-7861. Gordon, Thanks for a tremendous letter. B-3ers who are not mentioned above, Gordon requests that you contact him.

I received a ltr from **John Dashiell** (mentioned above). He sent along a photo of his Helen and my Janice from their playmate days at WP. John mentioned that he and **Dave Frenier** went to kindergarten together in Iowa in 58-59 while their dads were on ROTC duty together. Dave and John turned out to be B-3 mates together and simultaneous inhabitants of Stony Lonesome. Interesting how paths seem to cross over and over. John says that **Mike Scoba** got the '75's together to work on the reunion. The only 4 around are **Mike Genetti** D/Engring, **Pat Owen** and **Tom Noreen** D/Chem, and John.

Pat O'Connor wrote from Ft Campbell. Pat is the 3rd Bde S-1 and will have moved to XO, 1/187 Inf in Feb 90. **Bob Caslen** is currently the 3rd Bde S-4 and will become an XO this summer, probably in the 2/187. **Pete Kinney** is currently the S-3, 2/187 Inf and will have become the 3rd Bde S-3 in Feb 90. Pat, Bob, and Pete arrived in the summer of 89. **Keith Huber** has been the 3rd Bde S-3 for 22 mos and will move to chief, C-3 Opns in Mar 90. Other classmates on



1975: Pat O'Connor (F-1), Bob Caslen (E-1), Pete Kinney (G-3), and Keith Huber (G-4) at the 187th Inf Regt Dining-In, Oct 89

post that Pat is aware of include **Tom Austin**, 1st Bde S-1, **John Chappell** S-3, 1/327 Inf; **Bill Whitesel**, XO, 3/327th Inf; and **Jim Maye**, S-1, 2nd Bde. (One of these days when I'm hunting for column filler, I'll tell the story of how Jim Maye accompanied **Kathy** & me on our honeymoon). Thanks for the update, Pat.

Tim Muchmore sent a great ltr from El Salvador. Here is a summary of Tim's letter. . . . This is Tim's first ltr to AS-

SEMBLY. Rather a surprise since he was **Pete Lawson's** roommate! Tim was at Ft Riley for 3 yrs in the Div Cav Sqdn, followed by 3 1/2 yrs at Leavenworth in the CACDA, and then 3 more years at Riley as the S-3 and XO of the 4/37 AR and the Div SGS. Did you think you were ever going to escape KS?! Tim's Chaplain at 4/37 was **Scott Davis** (G-1). **Kenny George** was at Riley early in Tim's tour, as the Sig Off of the 937th Engr Group. **John Talbot** was in the 1st Engr Bn and performed incredibly in the G-3 Plans office. (John, you owe a letter to your godson's parents!) John is currently at Naval CGSC in Newport, RI. **Dan Kreuger** came straight from SAMS at Leavenworth into the G-3 Plans off and lived up to his outstanding reputation. John and Dan carried the G-3 Plans shop through the highly successful REFORGER 88. Tim says that working with Scott, John, and Dan was clearly the highlight of a rewarding 3-yr tour. Just before Tim left, they got another shipment of CGSC/SAMS grads into the div. **Pete Lawson** came into G-3 Plans and **Rich Machamer** went straight into being the XO, 4/37 AR. Tim last saw Pete in Nov during a short leave back to CONUS. Tim's betting that Pete will be running the div by the end of 90. Tim says that this was the first opportunity he's had to work with a large no of classmates, and he commented on how much you can accomplish when working w/guys you've known and respected for 20 yrs. Tim is the mil advisor to the Salvadoran Cav Regt and the Arty Bde. He spends most of his time with the Cav, and the majority of that time in their motor pool. Tim reported that the US press has not done a quality job of reporting the war in El Salvador. I would like to give you a verbatim acct of Tim's most interesting comments on the problems in El Salvador, but due to space limitations, I am unable to do so. I will be saving Tim's ltr. If any of you are interested in his observations, I would be happy to send you a copy. Tim anticipates leaving El Salvador in Jul for the Naval CGSC. He has written to John Talbot for John's impressions of the course and locale. Tim also reports that **John Dornstadter** is teaching Eng at the Salvadorian Mil Academy, **Kerry Cailteux** was the S-3, 1/4 Cav and then XO, 3/37 AR, and **Jack Crumplar** was the G-5. Tim, thanks for an excellent ltr and some great info.

Tried recently to contact **Al & Carol Fehlings**, but they weren't in when I was in town. They are now in Fairfax, VA.

A Christmas letter from **Barb & Russ Killebrew** tells us that Barb is now a MAJ in the USAR, attending law school, doing CGSC by correspondence, recruiting for WP, and rearing two children still in diapers. Rough schedule!! Russ is now working for Woodward-Clyde Con-

sultants, a nationwide environmental and geotechnical engring consulting firm. He left his former job at Rollins in Nov. We hope you all are well and that Barb will be able to get at least one good night's sleep in 90.

John & Edith McConnell are still at NAS Fallon, NV where John is enjoying shore duty. He has flown the UH-1N a little bit, but primarily is busy keeping carrier air groups coming in and out of NAS Fallon.

Joe & Debbie Jagers are in Norway. Debbie is an active volunteer in many "Petroleum Wives," school functions, tennis, and raising children. Joe has changed jobs w/in Amoco Norway and is enjoying his new responsibilities. He is also busy as a Webelo scout leader and playing the Norwegian golf courses.

Chuck & Debbie Baker wrote from Greer, SC. Chuck stays busy with his job at Michelin and his church duties. Debbie is active w/the kids, the house, and her Discovery Toys business. Chuck said he took some photos from the Duke game which didn't come out. They included **Mark Siemer**, **Bob Simons**, **Steve Hetz**, and **Jim Slavin**. Chuck blames the photos on the "Mark Siemer Jinx." Seems Siemer has never had his photo in the *ASSEMBLY*, but Chuck assures us that they all look as young as they did in 75. Now that's ironic. I got a family Christmas photo from the Hetzes with strict instructions on the back from Steve that this was a personal communication and not to be used for column filler because no one was interested in seeing an "old, gray-haired guy with a million kids."

Charly & Debi Peddy sent a Christmas epistle from HI. Sounds like the Peddys had a pretty easy readjustment to life in HI. (Wish DA would give me the chance to readjust in HI!) The Peddys have heard from **Joan & Bob Boyko**, who are at Ord. Bob is the S-3 in a bn. Joan is keeping busy with 3 boys. **Critz & Michelle Hardy** are in Erlangen, FRG; he is the bde adj. **Maureen & Forrest Crain** and **Jim & Marty Marks** are at Leavenworth in the SAMS course. **Barry & Lorrie Pepper** are in FRG where Barry is now a bde S-4 after a yr as a bn S-3. Thanks for the update, Debbie. See if you can get Charly's assignments guy to work on my orders!

John & Jill Redington are no longer at WP. John will be going to the Naval Test Pilot School. For the past several months John has been in preparatory trng for test pilot school and says he has been flying everything he can get his hands on. Jill has been promoted to GS-11 and got to meet her heart-throb, William Hurt. Daughter Leslie is now 9 years old.

Mike & Lori Genetti sent a family Christmas ltr. I'd like to have the soft-

ware he used. It's very nicely printed. The Genetti kids are all doing well. Mike has completed the Staff Coll in Norfolk. He is now teaching 4 sections of classes and spent part of the summer running through the woods at Buckner. Mike reports that the hills are now steeper than they were in 72! A big 89 highlight for the Genettis was a family trip to FRG to attend a family wedding and to show the kids the backdrop of mom and dad's courting days.



1975: The Genetti family at Bull Pond, Oct 89

Once again **Fred & Liz Dierksmeier** sent their Christmas ltr written in the smallest print I have ever seen! I realize I passed this year's flight physical, but these eyes are getting older!! The #1 resolution on their list is to "stop and smell the roses." I hope the #2 is to use a bigger printer next year! Fred, Liz and Ben are still in LA. Ben is busy with pre-school. Liz has a full-time job and also attends grad school. Fred has moved from ADSO to S-3.

Any of you who would like to buy a miniature Class ring, contact me. If you didn't buy one for your wife and she'd like one now, I can put you in touch with a person who'd like to sell one.

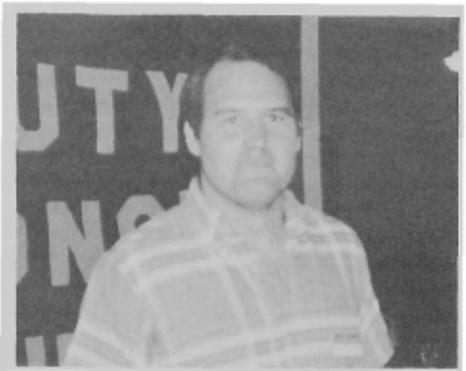
I hope all of the news above will make it into the column. If you thought your name should be in here and you don't see it, look in the next issue.

Take care and God bless.

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Well folks, I did it again. Missed a deadline and as a result, have a "passel" of news to pass along. Hope this message finds all of you hale and hearty.

Opening the mail in a completely arbitrary manner first finds a picture of **Kevin Christensen**, who's currently at Tripler in Orthopedics. At the time of the pic, he was at the A-N game party hosted by the WP Society of HI at the TAMC O-Club. The next envelope contains a picture of a bunch of folks. **Jim Weller** got all the '76'ers together at the Naval Staff Coll for a group photo. As you can tell, included in the photo (L to



1976: Kevin Christensen

R) are **Mike & Maggie White**, **Al & Margie Speight**, **Stover James**, **Eric & Margie Zimmerman**, **Pat & Rosemary Lusk**, **Jim & Sue Weller** and **Stanley & Heidi Drwal**. Since that time, they have all spread all over CONUS, HI, Korea, and Europe. Jim also says that he's seen **Tom Swaim** recently in Korea—doing well.

A nice Christmas card had snow on it—from **Robin & Bruce Zophy** at Ft Greely, AK. (Quite a change after 4 yrs at Ft Hood). Bruce is the DPCA but



1976: The Zophys at Christmas 89

manages to get away to go skiing (\$5 lift ticket!), travels the 105 mi to Fairbanks (90 mi to the closest McDonalds), and they go into Fairbanks for the closest civ movie theater. Robin's quite busy among reserve duty 2nd/mo, volunteering at the sch, and as a board member of the OWC. Mat's now in the 3rd grade, Anne's in 1st grade and Ellen's in pre-sch 3 days a wk. They're all enjoying the area. Bruce has heard from **Steve & Lynn Anderson**—he's lawyering in CT and has two children, all of whom are doing well. They've also heard from **Roger & Mary Clarizio**, who currently own at least two pizza/sub sandwich stores in Hickory, NC. **Randi & Miki Kolton** are at Ft Leavenworth, where he's done with CGSC but working on the extra schooling and awaiting the next assignment.

Another nice Christmas card from **Margie & John LaBella** finds them and Katie enjoying life in CT. Katie was born a yr ago in Feb and things have been hectic since. John is now VP for Opns at Bridgeport Hosp and loves the job. They



1976: Naval Staff College graduation, Jun 89



1976: John, Margie and Katie LaBella, Christmas 89



1976: The Thompson family: Denny, Jane, Julie and Karen

all are looking forward to skiing this winter since the snow has been so good in NE. They did manage to get to the A-N game but absolutely froze!

Dennie & Jane Thompson are now back at Ft Polk, having finished CGSC and have moved back into their old house! After settling in, they treated themselves to a 7-day Carib cruise! Denny's jumped back into work and has been to NTC and was scheduled to go to Panama for a 4 month-or-so period this winter. Julie is now 5 1/2 and in kindergarten. Karen just turned 2 in Nov and is beginning to assert herself. Another great Christmas card comes from **Ed & Mary Cardenas** w/the whole family in the picture. Ed had just come home TDY from Korea long enough to snap the picture and then head back. He did manage to get home for Christmas, too. No word yet on where they'll be heading next. Mary's managing OK as a single parent (with all 3 kids!) but they're all ready for Ed to get home for good.

We got another great card from **Rick &**



1976: The Cardenas family: Ed, Mary, Adam, Emily and Anne

Young Manson. For them, this has been a really fast yr in Okinawa. With Rick's bn upgrading all of the communication systems, he's been running nonstop. They moved into post housing last May, which gives them more room. The kids are busy with piano lessons and sports. Roger and Scott were on the same baseball and soccer teams this yr—their soccer team went undefeated. Young keeps busy teaching a special ed class at

the local elementary sch. Rick recently heard that **Cornell McKenzie** may be heading over to the area.

Another card finds **Gus, Kathy, Jimmy** and **Carlos Ortiz** doing well at Ft Huachuca. They've been on many camping trips w/their camper and a few with the Webelos and Boy Scouts. The list of places includes Apache Junction, Show Low, Pinetop, Verde River. . . . They've been tubing in the Salt River near Phoenix and in Mar to the natl parks in and around CO Springs. The kids are keeping busy with Carlos taking trombone lessons, Jimmy in the Boy Scouts. Gus has been busy at work but still has managed to make over 65 parachute jumps, incl 26 exhibition jumps. They even jumped in at the Copper Bowl game in Tucson. **Terry Fong** works w/ Gus at the Computer Engring Ctr. While on a trip to WP, Gus saw **Dave Mossbarger** at the DOIM, and on another trip, saw **Dan Dowling** in DC, where he's finishing up his penultimate semester of law school at U of VA.

A great card comes from **Glenn & Jane Lesniak**, who are in NY. Glenn had to go on a 6-day work schedule during the NY Tel strike. He's in a new reserve unit as the S-1 of an engr bn. He's honed his handyman skills this yr by putting on a deck, new hot water heater, and starting on the roof. Nevertheless, much of the time is spent commuting. Brett is into gymnastics, scouting, T-ball and sch (in that order). Jane's busy working at a museum village and chairing a number of city committees, incl one which is dedicated to developing a local philosophy of education.

Christmas found **Laura & Floyd Bowles** spending what may be their last tour in Ger and touring the various Weihnachtsmarkten (outdoor Christmas markets). They've all enjoyed the changes since the East Germans have come into the country—however, during the Christmas season, they tried to do their shopping early due to the increased crowds. Floyd branch-transferred from Inf to Ordnance two yrs ago, misses the Inf but truly enjoys his work. Since in the Marneland, he's run into **Steve Balint** (neighbor across the street), **Mike Swisher** (whose unit Floyd supports), **Keith Walker** (who's doing well at div HQ), **Christ Grates** (as the Bde FSO has moved on to higher positions), **Ron Houle** (just arrived from CGSC), and **Larry Shattuck** (who's not in the 3ID but in a Sig bde in Stuttgart and just arrived after CGSC).

I saw **Jerry Harrington** at the Teaching Chiefs mtg in Denver this past Oct. His Christmas card looks like it was taken in mid-summer (which may be yr-round in San Fran). Jerry says that they had Thanksgiving dinner w/**Rick Morales** & his beautiful family at his house in Marin County. Jerry, you may recall, is the



1976: Jerry, Sue, CJ, Brooke and Brittany Harrington

chief of the training program in Critical Care at LAMC. (Jerry asks for poop on Mike Dixon).

Bob & Teresa Dalton's Christmas address was their 9th in 7 yrs! They're glad to be able to stay at WP for more than a few months. Bob's teaching Ger and having a good time being on the other side of the desk in the classroom. Recalling the Oct 89 ASSEMBLY on the "last class to . . .," Bob says that he hasn't been able to confirm it, but he thinks that we were the last Class to be issued the grey blanket with USMA on it. (He also says that, as far as he's concerned, we were the last Class to be deprived of a "full and sufficient meal" as plebes. Apparently, w/optional supper now, there is no 4th Class system at all during the dinner. Oh well . . . the Corps has. . . .

Another letter from Tom & Mary Julich finds them now at CGSC and about ready to move on—hopefully to Ger. The kids are doing well. Laura is now 8 months old and dad's sweetheart. Scotty's 4 and is active, ornery, and affectionate as ever. Terry's now in the 1st grade and Christopher's in the 3rd. For all of you B-4 types, Tom saw COL McLeod (our old Tac). A bunch of the B-4 guys had lunch with him—he's doing well. A bunch of 76'ers are neighbors including Howard & Gwen Williams. A final card comes from Joe & Gail Drelling who are now in Frankfurt. After finishing up at CGSG, they're now back in Ger where Joe's the REFORGER '90 actional off. (I'm sure that the job keeps him busy). Chris and Mike are both doing well and the currently hot topic at school and at home is dinosaurs. They're both learning Ger.

For me, I've recently seen John McDaniel, who's litigating a case here in San Ant. Hope to see him on several occasions in the future. Life has been busy: have started a MHA at Trinity U in Hosp Admin, have been named to a natl panel on prostate cancer, and am a very novice soccer coach for Laura's (age 7) team. Hope to head to Paris in Jun to give some papers.

That's it for now. Thanks for the work. Keep it coming!

'77

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After a few articles with little news to rep, you have responded to my requests for ltrs and proceeded to swamp me . . . Yes!!! This is the life of a scribe with unpredictable volumes but happy nonetheless. These notes amounted to 19 typed (double space) pages. Unfortunately, I will have to take some of the material out and save it for the July article. I had decided to give 3 awards . . . the coveted Court Jester prize goes to Mark (Special Forces) Haselton; the More-Than-A-Mouthful award was earned by Bob Lenox w/the dubious honor of having mentioned 47 classmates (not incl himself)—record never to be broken; and finally honorable mention to Jeff Dittman who crammed 12+ yrs into a 2 1/2 page ltr. As is the case with cliff hangers, I will save some of the best (and longest) for last . . . so Mark Haselton's and Jerry Dittman's entries will have to wait until Jul. So let's start with Bob's ltr.

From Bob Lenox, WP, 7 Jan: "The short Class article in the last ASSEMBLY reminded me just how delinquent I've been. I have intended to write since last May, when we had a mini C-1 reunion here at our house. In attendance were 'old C-1ers' John Prall, Jimmy Connelly, Mike Campbell, Gus Gerasimas, Ron Loveland, and myself; 'new C-1er' Lance Betros and our old TAC, LTC Jim Thome (USMA '68) were also there. We had a great time drinking beer and recalling how tough we had it

way back when. Let me try to give you a short run down on each of the 8 families; you can refer to the below picture to find them . . . from left to right in the back row: #1 Gus & Cindy Gerasimas arrived summer of 88 to join the EE Dept (Now Electrical Engring and Computer Sci). The big news there is that EE301 is no longer a core course. Rumor has it that Gus has strung wire throughout Stony Lonesome Housing Div and has been caught talking to aliens on his unbelievably sophisticated short wave system. . . . #2 Mike & Cindy Campbell stay in touch and we see them frequently when they visit their relatives in Stony Point. Mike is a full-time, highly successful, gun runner (I'm not sure he would call it that) for BMY (the folks who make howitzers). Mike & Cindy have two great kids: Sarah (5th Gr) and Matthew (kindergarten). Over the holidays their kids really hit it off with our two oldest—I think they spent the evening talking Nintendo-ese. #3 LTC & Mrs Thome were assigned here last yr. He works in the Systems Eng Dpt and Pat works in Admissions. Their son just started his plebe yr with the class of '93. #4 John & Sarah Prall are spending their last yr here and, like us, will move to Leavenworth next summer. John, Sarah and the boys (Bo-11 and Josh-10) seem to have thrived here at WP. John's been kept busy teaching Aero in the Mechanics Dept (Now Civ and Mech Engr) and will be the 'player to be named later' in a trade to the newly created Systems Engr Dept in the spring. The Pralls hosted Scott & Barrett Anders over the Christmas holidays. Scott is the NY Life rep for Europe and lives outside of



1977: C-1 mini-reunion

Heidelberg, FRG. The Anders have 3 kids (Carolyn-10, Robert-8 and Mary-2). #5 **Ron & Vicky Loveland** who we've been fortunate to see fairly frequently during our 2 1/2 yrs here (I also received a ltr from Ron, so look for news on the Lovelands later in this article). #6 **Jim & Sue Connelly** arrived a yr after we did and so have one more yr here. Their two kids, Sara and Steven, are involved in many WP sports activities. #7 That's **Jenny & me**. #8 **Lance & Laurel Betros** made the party last May just before leaving the History Dept for Leavenworth. We recently heard some good news—Lance has been accepted in the SAMS course and will stay another yr. Our kids are excited that they'll get to see the Betros' girls, Holly and Heather. We also received some Christmas messages from **Steve Gravlin, Kelly Ferrell** and **Rich Bruce**. Steve & **Kitty Gravlin** reported from Ger (HHC, VII Corps) that, in addition to the season, they were celebrating the arrival of their 3rd son. Nicholas George (17 Dec 89) follows on the heels of older brothers Benjamin and Alexander. Kelly & **Janice Ferrell** announced a pending move to Ft Wayne, IN after Kelly finishes his radiology res in Jun. He'll work w/a radiology gp there. They too have 3 kids (Erin-4, twins Shane and Caitlin-2). **Richard (RB) & Barbara Bruce** report that all is well from Ft Lee, VA. They are eagerly awaiting their next asgmt, come Jun. **Cranie Butler** (BS&L) and **Don Ecklin** (Tac of I-4) stopped by the office today. They are both bound for CGSC next yr. We compared notes about how many classmates had left WP and what we know about them. Here goes (my apologies to anyone left out—I told Cranie and Don I'd blame it on them): **Joe Lunsford**—in Soc Studies with me. Joe's recovering remarkably well from the severe car accident he was involved in over a yr ago. Although his two mi run time is significantly slower, his spirits have never been better. Joseph is active in the church, w/cadets (runs the Model UN) and full-time teaching. He's an inspiration to us all. **Joe Lynem**—Tac for I-2, going to Leavenworth next yr. **Mark Liebenow**—Geog. **Rob Dow**—DMI. **Dave Buchanan**—Foreign Lang. **Tom Begines**—English, CGSC next yr. **Mike Dowe**—just departed Admissions for the British CGSC. **Andy Manuele**—Foreign Lang. **Jeff Whitman**—English. **Jeff Jancek**—DPE. **John Holbert**—Leadership Dev Off. **Stacey Hirata**—Civ and Mech Engr, CGSC next yr. **Steve Morrow**—Systems Engr, Leavenworth next yr. **Mark McGuire**—BS&L; Mark & Mary patiently run the cadet cooking class that a lot of us help with. We have a great time and get to eat the results of cadet labor! They also are bound for CGSC. **Mark Collins**—full-time volleyball pro,

part-time chem instructor. **Ed Patterson**—EE and Computer Sci. I understand Ed is heading to Korea to cmd an aviation co this coming summer. **Ted Russell**—Tac of A-1. **Kurt Andrews**—Arrived last Jan to teach Civ and Mech Engr. **Mike McGinnis**—started in Math now in Systems Engr working w/an ORSA cell. **Al Lewis**—Civ and Mech Engr, leaves this mo for the Armed Forces Staff Coll. **Al Price**—Math. **Steve Tupper**—EE and CS. **Jeff Tensfeldt**—Admissions. **Doug Scalard**—re-teaching me Mil Art, Dept of Hist. **Warren Chellman**—real coach of the JV Baseball team, but helped part-time co-coach our kids 7-8 baseball (he was the only one who knew what he was doing) . . . Dept of Math. **Mike Montelongo**—Soc Studies with Joe and me. Mike was doing consulting in Panama w/South-Com until the day before the US invasion. We thought he might be the first to wear a USMA crest on his right shoulder! Mike also ran into **JB Brannis** in Panama. JB is the Dep J-1 for South-Com. **George Mitroka**—Math. **Gary Krahn**—Math. **Nick Iorio**—C and ME. **Gary Hartig**—arrived last yr to Foreign Lang. **Dave Hruska**—C and ME, Leavenworth next yr. **Mike Bradbury**—left (the now defunct) Dept of Engr last yr for El Salvador. We had Mike very much in our thoughts during the recent surge of infighting there. **Vinnie Viola**—doing amazingly great on the NY Mercantile Exchange running at least one (maybe more) of his own trading and clearing house companies. Vinnie helps give cadets in the finance forum a tour when they trek down to NYC annually. During football season we spotted **Dr Paul Jensen**, who apparently is practicing in the Boston area; **Craig Pieringer**—who has been doing investment banking things in San Fran as well as **Tom, Peggy** and **Alan (2) Hill** who will be leaving Ft Monmouth for Kwajalein in the Pacific next summer. In closing, please reassure everyone that if I left someone out it was unintentional. (Can we say the same for Cranie and Don)? As advertised, this has been a great and rewarding tour. **Jenny & I** think the highlights have been the old friends we've been able to see, the people we have met and worked with, and cadets we've sponsored. Our 3 kids: **Amanda (7)** in 2nd gr, **Danny (4)** in preschool and **Mark (16 mos)** in trouble, keep us pretty busy. We hope you & your family have a fantastic yr, and that this helps somewhat w/your unenviable task." (It sure did . . . thanks for the extraordinary effort).

Now to change the pace and keep you on your toes, here is the rest of the news in no particular order:

As I mentioned earlier, **Ron, Vicky**, twins **Jason** and **Justin (9)**, **Ben (7?)** and **Sarah (4?) Loveland** sent me their

Christmas ltr. Ron works for Sikorsky Helicopter in CT and they live in nearby Oxford, CT. W/peace breaking out in Europe, everyone in Sikorsky is wondering where the next contract is going to come from, but hopefully the intl mkt will take up some of the slack. Ron's prog is going well at the moment and he is keeping busy with coaching basketball and soccer (I understand from **Bob Lennox** that Ron will receive coach of the yr honors in the local soccer league, despite having to pick up a book at the start of the season to learn the rules). Ron is still busy with church activities . . . youth, Sun sch and Diaconate, not to mention that he will be finishing up his MBA this yr. Besides nursing part-time, Vicky runs an interior decorating bus and this past yr won an "Abbey" (award) for being one of this yr's top decorators. As for the children: **Jason** is the budding adolescent, devoting a full half-hr to fixing his hair and apparently is quite the little artist; **Justin** had surgery this fall, which has significantly improved frequent sinus infections and headaches, he loves to read and maybe he will start piano lessons soon; **Ben** is doing great in sch and is starting to come out of his brothers' shadow as he gets involved w/soccer and Little League; and **Sarah** had her first ballet recital this past summer and was really a doll. In addition to enjoying the C-1 mini-reunion, Ron provided me some updates on classmates. He saw **Steve Morrow** and **Van Price** at a game. **Steve & Lily Hawkins** have a son, are at Ft Knox and appear to be headed for Leavenworth soon. It sounds like **Mike Campbell** just got a nice promotion and is living w/**Cindy** and two kids in Hanover, PA. **Mark Gunnels**, his wife and 3 kids just moved to Indianapolis. The last time Ron heard from **Mike & Maria Kwan**, they were still in El Paso, TX. **Gary Simmons'** dad says he is a radiologist in Aurora, CO. **Nick (The Ape) Altomare** was last heard of digging foxholes at Benning. **Dave Woods** has dropped from the face of the earth; no one seems to have heard from him since grad.

The **Nicholas'** yearly ltr arrived like clockwork. As best as I could tell, **Mike**



1977: The Loveland clan

is still with CHT Steel Intl in the DC area. Some eventful happenings for the Nicholases last yr were: **Maryann** riding on Space Mountain while at Disney World in Feb, **Michael Jr** made his First Holy Communion in May and **Matthew** started kindergarten in Sep. **Mike** gave up cmd of his Reserve unit and moved to another asgmt that has him traveling to Ft Knox for his summer tng. As you can see by the picture below the Nicholases got to see **Kevin & Dorothy Pilgrim** in Jun before they left for their new asgmt in Ger. I heard from **Dave**



1977: The Nicholases and Pilgrims



1977: Mike, Maryann, Michael Jr. and Matthew Nicholas

Chepauskas just after New Years'. He asked that I publish his address: 113 Cherrytree Farm Rd, Middletown, NJ. He is out of the Army and working for Summit Financial Resources Inc, which is an independent financial planning firm based in Livingston, NJ. He recently finished his MBA in finance and by the time this is published, **Dave** should have his series 7 license, which is a brokerage license for all investments—stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. The family—**Denise**, **David** (5), **Lauren** (3), **Jessica** (6 mos.) and **Dave**—recently moved into a nice home in Middletown and would welcome anyone visiting the Jersey shore. **Dave** recently saw **Vince & Maureen Black** when he was still stationed at USMA. **Vince** is now a civil engr currently living in RI. The Blacks have a 10-yr old son, **Danny**. **Dave** looks forward to hearing from any classmates in the NYC/NJ area; specifically, would appreciate a call from **Tony Manganiello**, **Vinnie Viola**, **Trent Frederickson**,

Dan Wood, **Bob Heun** and any others in the area.

A short note from **Rich Kellett** finds him in Falls Church, VA. He had just survived his first semester of law school at Amer Univ and claims that it is not like trying to do double or triple integrals (remember?), but rather a lot of reading. One of these days he is bound to figure out what he wants to be when he "grows up," but in the meantime, he wants **Randy Hall** to answer the perpetual question . . . Is there life after law school?

Greg Copperthite wrote from The Woodlands, TX where **Charlotte**, **Amanda** (6) and **Arthur** (3) are doing very well. **Greg** had a good 89—he just received a promotion to sr programmer/analyst w/ Betz Process Chemicals and was also promoted to MAJ in the Army Reserve. He is currently focused on completing the CGSOC by correspondence, which takes a lot of time and effort. **Charlotte's** job as an atty w/Shell Oil is keeping her very busy and requires travel every other wk. The kids are enjoying their school days. . . . **Amanda** loves Barbie dolls and all that goes with it, while **Arthur** is hooked on Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Thanks for keeping us posted, **Greg**.

From the **Hughes**, "We look forward to 90—can it be the 90's already??? Where does time go? These last 12 yrs have seemed to fly by w/so many friendships, memories, moves and adventures . . . We have learned to be flexible and try to bloom wherever God plants us. Perhaps it was best said by an Army wife: 'Home is where the Army sends us.'"

May these notes find you and your families enjoying and living life to our full potential as God would have us doing. Until next time, **Godspeed**.

'78

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For those of you who wonder if **Hugo** blew me off the face of the Earth, relax, I'm back. Life in Charleston is finally getting back to normal after mos of minor inconveniences and one night of pure terror. You really get perspective on life when the fury of nature is released. My deepest thanks to all who called in support.

Bob & Jan Meyers stopped in Atlanta New Years Eve to see me. We had a great visit; then **Bob** put the clan in the huge Winnebago he owns and headed off to Chicago. Looks like **X** will get sales region of the yr again at **Davis-Geck**.

Herm Bulls called from DC, where he is a civ now working for **LaSalle Real Estate Partners**. **Herm** says **Tom Bostic**



1978: Olds and Meyer clan at Dude ranch



1978: 89 Founders Day, Ft Rucker: CPT William Hamilton & Lisa

is a White House Fellow. **Skip Dietz** is handling the domestic mkting of fuses for **Bulova**.

Ron Pritchard called from Philly. **Ron** is working for **Signa Insurance** as a loss/risk analyst. He really enjoys being able to use his construction background in a bus environment. **Mark Savarese** wrote from AZ. **Mark** works for his family's truck business, handling most of the sales and admin responsibilities.



1978: Mark Savarese

Mike Collins is doing well with **GE**—he just got a big promotion. **Mike** said **Pete Linskey** was w/**GE** in NJ, working on the Space Station Project. **Tim Blumer** has moved to **Columbus**, where he is working for **Anchor Glass**.

Jack & Nancy Morrison dropped me a note from **Puerto Rico**. **Jack** caught a little of **Hugo's** fury but not too much. They have 3 more yrs on the isl. **Jack** traveled to **St Croix** after the hurricane. **Jack & Nancy** just celebrated their 5th anniv.



1978: Jack, Nancy and Callie Morrison

Chris Maitin is still teaching up at WP in the Systems Engring Dept. Chris & Marcia will be heading for Ger this summer. Charlie Hart dropped me a line from Sacramento. Charlie, Rory Salimbene and Bob Talianko all cmded disaster teams during the San Francisco earthquake recovery.

Danny Lim was in the news as the cmdr of a rebel co in the failed coup attempt last fall. Good to see the Class of '78 using their Camp Buckner skills. Danny never seemed like a rebel dude, but I hope he's OK.

Jose Olivero is a mil attache at the Embassy in Costa Rica. He & Donna are enjoying Central America; Jose is big into aerobics. John & Lynn DePiazza are in Sacramento, where John works for Cable Data Corp. Lynn is going to sch and raising 3 children, too!

Al Estes just finished his MBA at night sch. Ace is still terrorizing women in the local area. Karl Horst ran into Charlie in the Utah desert with the rangers. Rich Benito is an ROTC instructor at Cal-Fullerton. Thanks, Charlie, for all the info.

Jim Hoffman is still practicing law up in VA. He seems to be quite happy. Ski is now working w/Palette in her insurance bus. Jeff Manly is now a program mgr at Ft Belvoir.

Mike Kazmarek was in town for a couple of weeks of active duty. Kaz works for UTC in Tampa. Jack Alexander, Gerry Schultz and Sarge are all hanging out down there.

Dave Hough is still in DC. Carla said he should be finished next yr w/his residency at Walter Reed.



1978: Dave, Carla, and son Jeffrey Hough

'79

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Greetings,

I am writing this column while anticipating orders and moving this summer. Please watch for a change in my address. Now, on with the news.

Van Cockerham wrote to say how much he enjoyed the reunion. It seems that Van really enjoyed Paul Harwig in his role as the master of ceremonies. Van also wanted to express to the active duty members of the Class his admiration and respect for their sense of duty. It's mindboggling to think that the members of the Class have become combat leaders, doctors, lawyers, and even an astronaut. Thanks, Van, for the upbeat ltr.

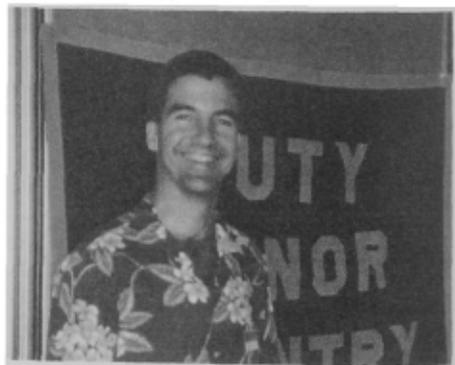
Jim Rodgers wrote to update everyone with his news. After 2 co cmds, Jim was off to Ft Wainwright to be the Public Affairs Off in Nov 86. He was barely settled when it was time for PAO schooling. W/that under his belt, it was time for a little R&R, so off to NYC to visit his fiancee, Virginia Fowler. They were married in Jim's old parish in NYC. Classmates in attendance were Jim Raycraft (best man), Michael & Lynn Tax, and Vinny & Kathy Marucci. The route back to AK, of course, goes through Texas since that is where Virginia's family is located. After getting settled in the PAO business, it wasn't long until Jim & Virginia were blessed by the birth of their daughter, Michelle Eileen, 26 Jan 88. Jim's 10-year reunion present was delivered 5 June 89 as James P. Rodgers III was born. In AK, Jim has seen Dave Patterson and Kent Bauer. Jim also wrote that the Pattersons now have three children and are at Ft Sill. Back at CAS3, Jim saw Tom Carney, Bill Tillo, Bo Vasta, and Jeff Wilkinson. Jim had dinner w/Mile DeMayo at his house in Leavenworth. W/the duties as a PAO winding down, Jim moved to Ft Richardson, where he is now the chief of Range, Training and Training Support Division, DPTM, 6th Inf Div. Jim & Virginia are looking forward to returning to CONUS in about a year. Thanks, Jim, for the update and photo. Mark Littel wrote that he lived at Leavenworth for only a year and decided it was time to leave. Mark & Debbie spent some time at WP visiting his brother Chris '78. They really enjoyed the visit to WP and the football game. It was like a mini-reunion. W/the visiting complete, Mark was off to Ger. He is now the S-3 of 3rd Squadron 11th ACR, and Greg Bozek is the S-3 of 2nd Squadron. Mark had to extend to get his present job while Debbie is ready to go home. W/the recent changes in liberal-



1979: The Rodgers clan in AK—Jim & Virginia; Jim's parents, James Sr & Eileen; children, Michelle Eileen and James III

izing Eastern Europe, not many of us may have a chance in the future to serve in Ger. Well, Mark's squadron was on the border when it opened up; they were deployed as a border precaution. Mark was fortunate to get a souvenir that day—a piece of the fence that was cut down near Bad Hersfeld. Mark said, 'It was exhilarating to be a part of a historic moment.' Mark would like to hear from Bo Underberg or anyone else. His address is HHT 3/11 ACR APO NY 09141. Thanks, Mark, for the update—we can all sleep better knowing the border is in the hands of classmates.

The final note is from Jesse Blackwell '56. For the recent A-N game there was a get-together in HI that was hosted by the WP Soc of HI at the Tripler Army Med Center Off Club. Even though they recieved 2 inches of rain that morning, their spirits were high and the food was delightful. In the final quarter their spirits matched the weather, as Army's run at the magic 4 years in a row will have to start again. But the reason I received this ltr was that our Class was represented at the prestigious affair. John Jacocks was our rep and I have recieved the photo to prove it. Thank



1979: John Jacocks

you, Jesse, for the ltr and watching out for our classmates.

I would like to report on any 'funny stories' that happened at the reunion. Anyone with a story, please send it along. Thanks to all the writers for this column and God bless.

'80

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Greetings, everyone. I am in the midst of changing jobs now, and life is topsy-turvy. This deadline seems to creep up and hit me at times like this. I do have time to say that the reunion is planned for the wknd of 19-21 Oct, and that a small event may be held on Thurs night, 18 Oct, for those who can come in early. Fri night is the major Class event, to be held at whatever hotel is selected. Sat morning is for the parade, a tailgater, and strolling around self-consciously taking salutes (this for those of us who have not been saluted in several yrs).

Sat afternoon we will beat the heck out of Lafayette ("beating the hell" out of Div II opponents is not very polite). Sat night is the formal dinner/dance in Wash Hall, and a chance to relive the inimitable taste of mass-produced gourmet cuisine. Sun has no events scheduled, so perhaps it is a good time to arrange co brunches.

You should be receiving mailers from the planning comm early in Mar—if you have not, then AOG does not have your current address. Call them (the number is 914-446-7166) to get your address updated, and catch up on planning for the reunion.

As for the Class news—I have a few specific items which will have to wait until next time. It has been reported by a reliable source that all members of the Class of '80 aged several mos since the last column; that many are now civs, and that many are still in uniform. Babies are being born all over the place, and everyone's children are the sweetest and most adorable on the face of the planet. (Mine are still one cut above yours, however).

Now that you have heard the important stuff, I'll have to beg off. If you want to give me a hard time about my slovenly column this issue, write a ltr, or better yet, make me buy you a drink at our reunion (this offer limited to the first 500 classmates who take it up). Be there, or face the prospect of utter obscurity until the 20th reunion in (gulp!) the yr 2000. See you in Oct. God bless and take care.

'81

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Thank you everyone for taking time to write. Keep up the good work! Chris (Boyle) Yuengert wrote a nice long letter. She & Lou are in GA. Lou is finishing up his OR prog at GA Tech and they'll be heading back to the Math Dept in Mar 90. Chris is the head of our reunion comm and wants me to have everyone

mark his calendar for 11-14 Oct 91. Chris is busy taking care of their two beautiful children, Michael (3) and Laura, born 4 Nov 89. Chris is a first-time writer so she



1981: Lou, Chris (Boyle), Laura and Michael Yuengert

briefed me on her life these last 9 yrs. After grad she went to OBC at Ft Bliss. Then went to FRG for 3 yrs and did normal HAWK LT things like platoon leader and XO. Lou & Chris were married in in Jan 83 and they returned to CONUS for the AD Advanced Course from which Lou, who is FA, grad no 1. They then went to Ft Bragg and a yr later Chris resigned, expecting their first child, Michael, born in Oct 86. Lou cmded a battery for 18 months, wearing the maroon beret after it transitioned to airborne status. In Aug 88, the Yuengerts arrived in Stone Mountain, GA for Lou's grad prog.

Chris filled me in on lots of classmates: **Melissa Miles** works for Schneider Trucking in Charlotte, NC. So does her sister, **Melinda Miles**. **Brenda (Zachary) Tinnington & Mike** ('80) are at RPI and will join the Math Dept this summer. Brenda is active in the Reserves and has 2 children, Michael (7 yrs) and Tracy (3 1/2 yrs). **Matt Gorevin** is attending grad school at NPS and will also join the Math Dept in 91. He & **Dorian** have one child with another on the way. **Rich Hooker** completed a PhD at UVA last summer and is at WP in Social Sciences. He & **Beverly** have a son Christopher, born Jul 89.

Bill Harmon is attending Carnegie Mellon Inst in Pittsburgh and will join the new OR Dept at WP this spring. **Linda (West)** left the Army in Dec 88 to care for their 2 little girls. **Jeff Todd** left the Army in 86 and went to work for Honeywell in Colorado Springs. He & **Monique** have 2 little girls. **Kim (Hall)** and **Ken Topping** are at and on the way to WP, respectively. Kim is a Tac and Ken will go to the Social Sciences Dept. (Chris wrote "I think" after reporting Ken's dept at WP, so please excuse us if we got it wrong, Ken.) **Bob Weafer** left the Army in 87 for a job with a defense contractor in CA. He & **Lisa** have one child. **Lori Utchel** lives in Gainesville, GA. She left the Army and took some

grad courses at GA Tech. Now she's working for Ethicon, Inc and is happy with where she is. **Jim McConville** is attending GA Tech for a master's in mech engring. He & **Maria** had their first child, Christopher, last Jun.

Mark Conforti wrote and filled me in on a bunch of C-2 folks. He is out of the Army as of last Oct, attending law school at the Univ of Baltimore and working as a law clerk. **Allen Goshi** graduated from Georgetown Law School in May 89 and spent the summer in HI taking the HI bar exam. He & **Michelle** have a little girl, Rachel Matsuko, 1 yr old, and they are now at Ft Bragg. **Tim Reese** is at U of MI grad school and will be teaching history at WP. **Jon LaPointe** is at DLI en route to Saudi Arabia (at last word). **Jim & Deb Alty** are at Stanford. Their biggest news is the birth of their 2nd child, Shawn Ryan, on 28 Dec 89. He weighed 9 lbs, 7 oz and was 21 3/4 inches long. Congratulations!

Bill Belknap wrote from Ft Stewart, GA. There used to be a bunch of D-1 Ducks in co cmds there in the Victory Div, including **Dave Knecht**, **Bob Newman**, and **Henry Brown**. Now the only one left is Bill who cmds the Div Hqs Co. In Oct, he was in Turkey with the D-Main. The high point was a 120 mi road march from Izmit to Corlu in the Thrace region through Istanbul at 0200. All the vehicles managed to dodge the overstacked hay and coal trucks and arrive safely at the new site. Bill's biggest news was his wedding to **Susan Geiger** at WP on 16 Jul 88. **Rick Howley** and **Mike Hanley** were in the wedding party. Their first child, Elizabeth, was born on 22 Oct 89, weighing in at 8 lb, 2 oz. All 3 of them are looking forward to the 10 yr reunion!

Debbie (Lopez) Fix wrote from Ft Leavenworth, KS where they are going on 4 yrs. Debbie is the post Deputy AG and **Bob** is the XO to the cmdr of the Battle Cmd Training Program (BCTP). The Fixes spent Thanksgiving with **Stan March** and his wife, **Holly** (who is Bob's sister), and their family. Stan is complet-



1981: Bob Fix and Stan March

ing his master's degree at Vanderbilt Univ and then will teach chemistry at WP.

Tim Stoy is at Georgetown for grad school. He's been designated FAO, Western Europe. In fact, he was in Berlin for the new yr and categorized it as "a zoo." Up until Aug 89 he was at Ft Knox where he cmded a mech company in 4/15 Infantry and served as asst bde S-3 in the 194th SAB. Others he mentioned were tank co cmdrs in the brigade: **Bob Shields**, **Brian Groft** and **John Paulson**. Tim wants to hear from his F-3 company-mates. Write to him at 10191 Valentino Dr, Oakton, VA 22124.

Greg Muilenburg wrote a note to say that he and **Steve Smith** were rejoined since their days as roommates 12 yrs ago. They were at the School of Cadet Cmdt at Ft Monroe, VA in Dec. Greg is the military history prof and S-3 at the Univ of RI. Steve is on his way to the New Mexico Military Inst to be the Academy liaison and Ranger Challenge OIC. They had fun during their two wks together again.

Barry Lowe's wife **Betsy** wrote a letter filled with names and news. Barry is in grad school at the AF Inst of Tech at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH, studying laser physics. **Dean Massman** is in Barry's laser physics section. He & **Nadine** had their second child, a boy, in Nov. **Don Sando**, **Joe DiSalvo** and **Pete Davidson** are in the ORSA program and will grad in Mar 90, as will **Al Susie**. **Bill Mann** just started the same prog in Sep. **Bill Raynes** and **Bill Anderson** are in the space operations prog and are due to grad in Dec 90. **Randy Mackey** and his wife, **Renee**, are in Monterey where Randy is studying computers at the Naval Postgraduate School. **Vern Davis** is at MIT studying nuclear physics, and his wife **Anne** (Cianciolo '82) is at Harvard working on an MBA. **Greg Heibert** is at Harvard too, and will grad this spring. **Skip Davis** is in Montpelier, France, teaching at the French Infantry School. He & **Rita** had their first child, **Stefania**, in Sep.

Terri Cotnoir Murtie wrote and filled me in on the latest in her life. She is a civilian now, working as a stockbroker for Andover Securities. Her husband **Roger** is part of this yr's CGSC class. He is a grad of St Michael's College in VT. They have 2 children, **Megan** (6) and **Brecon** (18 mos). Brecon was named after a town in Wales which is home of the regiment made famous in the movie "Zulu." At Ft Leavenworth Terri has seen many of our classmates, including **Janet Ruskiewicz**, **Jim Czizic**, **Bob Elias**, **Tony Gates** and **Harvey Pullen**.

George Marguardt wrote from UCLA. He is currently the only one of our classmates in that particular part of sunny CA. With him is **Ursuala**, whom he married in Jun 85. After EOBC, Germany (as a plt ldr, XO, bn S-1) EOAC, and Ft Bragg (jumpmaster, bn maint off, co cmdr, bde asst S-3), George deserves

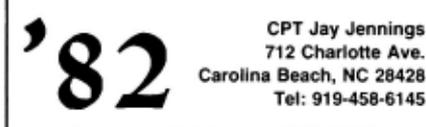


1981: Terri (Cotnoir), Megan, Brecon and Roger Murtie

some 80 degree weather and bike riding to and from class. He's working on a degree in geography and will finish in Jun 91, then go on to Geography at WP.

Andy Evans wrote from Saudi Arabia. He is flying for Sikorsky Aircraft after an initial 7 mos as an engr. Andy has demonstrated the Blackhawk helicopter in Turkey and has flown it in Greece, Italy, France and Ger. He has also negotiated cockpit layouts in Japan. Now he is in Saudi Arabia for at least one yr. His wife **Stephanie** and daughters **Amanda** (6) and **Allison** (4) are a great support to him. Andy wants to hear from **Robert Kurtz**, **Stan March**, **Eddie Apgar** and **Wayne Sauer**. Write to him at 241 N Whittlesey Ave, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Well, you have all been great! Thank you for writing and keep it up. NJS.



Hello '82. Got the column in on time this issue. Two in a row. Got a couple of ltrs to pass along. **Kevin Mangum** writes from Honduras. He and **Al Pehanick** were together on a 4 mo trip to Central Amer. Al was the S3 of the 101 Avn Regt element in country and Kevin cmds A Co, 4/101 Avn Bn. Kevin is a newlywed, as he & **Angel** tied the knot at Ft Campbell on 4 Feb 89. **Graham Galloway**, **Chip Rice**, and I were the select few in the wedding party. The Mangums took a honeymoon trip to Belize and chased each other around a remote beach. Photo shows the Honduras A-N celebration.

Dave Palamar sends in news quite regularly as he runs into everyone in the NY-NJ area. He met up with **Alex Gorsky** in Oct as Alex was in NJ for a seminar. Then at the A-N game, **Dave**, **Tom Lynch**, **Steve Kalish**, and **Dave & Caroline Knapp** suffered through the heart-breaking loss. **Phil Kruk** is nearby on Wall St and **Bo Ruck** is at Harvard. Dave has also seen **Ed Martin** and **Dave & Tracy Hanauer**. Ed is working w/Mobil and was recently transferred to FL. Dave H is in Chicago and is attending Chicago



1982: A-N in Honduras: Pehanick, Shelton USNA '86, Mangum and Trawinski '85

U part-time.

More updates: **Mike & Barbara Schwed** are in NH as Mike works for Polaroid; **Gerry & Adriane Nowotny** are in FL as Gerry attends law sch; and **Mike Centers** is working in Eufala, AL. Thanks for the update, Dave, and congrats on completing the NY marathon in Nov.



1982: Palamar and Gorsky

Mark Kimmey is also a regular contributor, as he catches quite a few classmates rotating through the NTC. **Dave Nadeau** is also permanent party at Ft Irwin and recently gave up cmd of C Co 1/52 Inf and took the reins of HHC 1/52. **Charley Swanson** & his wife and new baby are recent arrivals. **Guy Runkle** has also checked in at the Weed Army Comm Hosp. He's now a physician and ran into Mark at 0200 one morning. Guy recognized Mark's ring and introduced himself. Mark has seen more than a few '82ers rotate through, including **Ron Dykstra**, who is an inf co cmdr w/the NV NG; **Bill Cronk**, w/the 2 Ar Div; **Chuck Noll**, who cmds a troop in the 3 ACR; **Pat Warner**, trp cmdr w/2 Sqdn, 3 ACR; **Russ Conrad**, cmdr of C Co, 3/32 Ar, 1 Cav; and **Jon Schatzel**, a LRSD unit cmdr in 1 ID. Mark is currently the cmdr of HHC 1/63 Ar.

Jim Knowlton's dad dropped a line to tell about his son's latest news. Upon hearing that dear old dad had picked up the slack for him, Jim wrote a ltr twice as long. Here are the particulars from both ltrs: **Jim & Corey** have 3 boys, **Jim** (5), **Pat** (3) and **Chris** (1). Jim spent two yrs as cmdr of the 42 Engr Co, a separate co in



1982: Kimmey, Runkle, Schatzel and Nadeau at NTC

the Berlin Bde, and then took over the Gen's aide job from **Dan Buning**, who headed off to the Naval Post Grad Sch in Monterey, CA. It's been an exciting time to hold that position, as Jim has seen the barriers between East and West crumble w/the Wall. The Knowltons are scheduled to leave Berlin this spring for CAS3, then on to Cornell, where Jim will spend two yrs preparing to be a Mech Engring Prof at USMA.



1982: Jim Knowlton and grandmother Carrie

Ozzie Gorbitz says hello from the USAF. Oz & **Janet** live in Kokomo, IN, as he's a full-time USAF reserve CPT. He flies A-10's. Oz says he misses his Army buddies, but enjoys flying jets.

That's all for this issue. Have a good spring.

'83

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The AOG has informed me that the majority of our Class does not even subscribe to the *ASSEMBLY*. Well, I have to ask if it's my writing style? If so, I could impose on a few of you to be guest scribes from time to time. Is it the content? Am I forgetting someone? This one could easily be solved by dropping me a quick ltr. Is there an info gap? Did we miss you in the subscription mail-outs? Just call anyone on the *ASSEMBLY* staff at the AOG at WP and they can get that subscription started. So come join the fun and find out what's happening to all your friends and classmates.

So I'll start off w/the good news from **Bill Raymond** in Ger as he won his battle against the Med Review Bd, as he has gotten his diabetes under control with two shots a day. Not only did they find him fit for duty, they allowed him to stay in FA. He had finished his cmd last Sep, completed CAS3 and in now the asst S-3 until he leaves for grad sch in Jul and then onto the "Woops Soch" Dept. **Mike Bowman** and **George Kunzweiler** are still in cmd and doing great. The **Gary Langfords** had a new baby and Gary took cmd of the MLRS Btry. **Michele Jackson** is in Phoenix and married now. **John Hill** is also married and still at Bliss. At CAS3, it felt like a mini-reunion. I ran into my old beast and yearling roommate, **Bruce Smith**. He is currently in Panama flying Chinooks. **Jane O'Connor** was also there, learning to play volleyball and taking a break from her harsh duties as a small gp instructor at the Aviation AOC. I also ran into **Ed Loomis**, **Brian Butcher**, **John Uberti**, **Mark Johnstone**, **Mike Del Rosario**, **David Bearden**, **Steve Tulia**, **Chris Carlsen**, **Bill Willoughby**, **Tony Clark**, and **Jerry Schumacher**. All of them are doing well.

Dan & Cathy Gilewitch are enjoying his new cmd of A Trp 1/1 Cav in Ger. Dan spends most of his time at the Czech border and will soon transition BFV's, so his wife will hardly know who he is after he finishes cmd. Nicholas is now 3 and very independent, so he keeps them both running. They did get to travel to London last fall and, when Cathy's sister came over, the girls went to Paris and Switzerland while Dan was on the border.



1983: Cathy, Dan and Nicholas Gilewitch

Maria Corsini Britt is a MP cmdr at Ft McPherson. She had two little girls, Ava on 8 Feb 86 and Chelsea on 22 May 89. Her husband is a NG cmdr.

Steve & Deb Low are finally enjoying the civ life in ME, as he's working for GTE as a quality assurance engr for the MSE system. Shortly, they'll be heading to Ger for a few yrs and, of course, Greg and Danielle will get to enjoy the countryside. But first, they'll get to stay with **Gerry & Melissa Shaw** until they get their place. For the A-N game they invited **Bob Bennett**, **Joe & Jean Snodgrass**

and kids over to talk about the old times. **Dave Sacha's** been visiting a few times when he's TDY (from Ft Gordon) to a nearby AFB.

Jeanette Reagan & Michael McMahon are both enjoying the slower pace at Ft Rucker for AAOC. Michael said, "This yr, JR introduced me to the new sport of Triathlons. With a full 3 days of training, yes (3), I made my first attempt to drown myself, pedal for miles on end, and run with legs of spaghetti. . . . All in one day? What a crazy sport indeed." But he did get better and have more fun w/practice. They did quite a bit of traveling before arriving at Rucker. The ltr sounds kind of like the time Jeffy (from "Family Circle") went all over the neighborhood to mail ltrs at the mailbox. The trip to Woops is best told in their own words, "We continued on to WP to visit with **Art & Ginny Mulligan**. It was very nice to see them and the beautiful area we never really saw when we were there!! Although Jeanette does not agree (Mike is a male chauvinist) the Corps finally has. . . . We did eat at Optional dinner, after Optional intramurals, at Optional seating, on a Wed night no less, with an exchange student, Chikunga, from Malawi, Africa (the country we visited last yr) and **Katie Mulligan**, who is now in her plebe yr. They both gave us an interesting synopsis of the changing cadet life."

Benjamin & Vally Gilbert were married on 25 May 89 at the Ft Meade Chapel and then on the 27th, they both grad from Goergetown U Med Sch and were commissioned CPTs.



1983: Benjamin & Vally Gilbert on their wedding day

I have been working a lot with **Jim & Deb Clawson** on the WP Soc of Atlanta and ran into **Willie Gates** and found out he'd been married to **Ann** for about 4 yrs now. The other day, **Robert & Nicki Massie** called to let Jim know that Robert Lee Massie Jr was born on 14 Oct 89 in HI. Then Bob sent me an announcement card. Bob's now in 5/9 Cav. He's completed his master's in systems mgt.

Well, things have been a little busy around my household lately. But before I reveal that interesting story I need to go back in history to let you know that I now

have a wife named **Debbie**. Just barely into the new day of 6 Feb, she told me it was going to be a long night as the baby was tossing and turning inside her; then the pain hit. I thought this can't be the "Labor Pain"—the baby's not due for 6 more wks. Well, shortly we were on the road to meet her dr, and as I was getting off the interstate doing about 80 (approx 0130) there was a loud shriek followed by a tiny cry in the front seat of my Maxima. The next 3 blocks went quickly as I pulled up to the Emer Rm and went inside and said, "Excuse me. Could someone help me? We just had a baby in the car." Wow, did they ever jump out the door quick! But Thomas Stuart was a fine healthy boy and my wife was doing fine also, and they both came home the next day. So the month and a half I had to get the nursery set up turned into less than a day. So please get those ltrs to me so I don't crowd my column with all that "neat" baby stuff.

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Well, '84, another spring is bursting upon us! I hope that this season is bringing new opportunities and successes for you. I didn't receive a lot of mail for this column so I figured everyone must have gotten sick of reading my long, wordy, verbose columns. (See what they teach you in law school!!!) Or maybe you figured I needed a break after exams and everthing! Well, I really appreciate your concern, but it's really alright to send me ltrs!! Honest! I'll let you know if it gets to be too many! So send 'em on!! Well, on to the news we do have.

Todd & Renee Buchs sent a Christmas card that just missed my deadline for the last issue. Last year began as a banner one for the Buchs as they returned from Ger in Jun for the birth of their son, Toddy. God had other plans for Toddy,



1984: The Buchs family

though. He was lost this past Oct to a disease called Werdnig Hoffman disease. Todd & Renee, we all wish you our sincerest condolences and will pray for both you and Toddy! Despite this loss,

Todd managed to complete IOAC and finish as an honor grad. He then moved on to ranger sch and should be at Ft. Hood when this is published. We sincerely hope that you & Renee will find much happiness and good fortune there! Thanks for sharing this difficult news with us, Todd. Please accept my personal prayers and best wishes for you and your family.

I received other holiday greetings from **Doug Friedly's** parents, Don & Jan. They informed me that Doug is currently in ROK, where he will be until this coming Jun. He may extend, though, in order to get a cmd in his unit. He is currently the S2. Doug isn't the only mil member of the family as his dad, Don, just recently ret from his position as a chaplain in the Army reserves to become pastor of a church in VA. Congrats, sir!!! Thank you for the news and God bless in your new church!

Rob Nave also dropped a Christmas ltr in the mail that found its way through the post off maze to my door. You may remember some info on Rob a couple of issues ago. Well, I spelled his name wrong, adding a 'K' to the front. Rob took it in good spirits though, saying, "my parents weren't that cruel!" My apologies to both you and your parents, Rob, and thanks for understanding. Rob sent along news of fellow alumni of A-2. **Scott Hamilton** finished CAS3 and is currently in cmd of B/237 Engr. **Paul Nus** is out of the Army and pursuing his MBA at Northwestern. **Pete Au-yeung** is out and working as a civ engr in CA after recently receiving his general contracting license. Congrats, Pete! **Steve Franz** is working for GM as a mech engr in IN. Finally, congratulations go out to one of my old B1 Beanhead Buddies, **Mike Sheridan!** Mike & **Patty** were blessed with a son, Matthew, this past Nov! Mike and family are currently in Ger with the 11th ACR. Thanks for all the info, Rob!

Last but not least, I received a phone call from **Nick Coddington**, who was way out in WA visiting family on his way to the adv course in AZ. Nick branch transferred on the way out of Ger and is now an MI guy. His wife **Wendy** is currently at the tranpo adv course in VA. Best of luck, Nicky!

Well, that's it for now. AOG is going to pass out when they see how short my column is this time! They can't stand many shocks like this so send me a BUNCH of news for next time so we can get back to my normal lengthy columns!! As always, my thanks to all who wrote or called! Until next time, BEAT NAVY!!

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Aloha! **Ronda** & I have settled in here in HI after a long 6 wks. The isl is

beautiful, but if anyone ever suggested that HI does not consider itself one of the 50 states, believe him. It takes a whole lot of patience to become accustomed to the lifestyle here. Also here are **Keith Landry**, **Jeff Ryscavage**, **Todd Bluedorn**, **Phil Helbling**, **Jamie Holcombe**, and **Steve Houston**. I am sure there are others; I have just not run into them yet.

Todd has been accepted at Harvard to get his MBA, so he & his wife will be getting out this summer. **Steve** has a cmd so he will extend here until he finishes and then will head to the advanced course.

Wayne & Laura Lowe have headed off to FRG where Wayne is an S-3 Air for 2/67 AR. He will take cmd in 6-9 mos. He mentioned that **Terry & Deb Sellers** have come back from Berlin and are now headed for Ft Stewart. Ohh "Sell-dog!"

Peter Everett is still alive and kicking, having just taken leave and toured the country. He visited all over CO and traveled out to San Fran. Perhaps the highlight of his trip that I could tell was the pig farm in NE. Pete's hanging on to hear about the Olmsted scholarship and we wish him luck.

Scott Seeley is still doing good. Pictured are Scott with his two boys. If you cannot tell, Scott is the balding figure in the middle (Sorry Scott, but the opportunity was there; MAJ G says hello). His family is doing super, as you can tell.



1985: "Dad, am I going to look like you?"

Brent Bahl was married to a beautiful girl, Lane, in Albany, GA in Apr 89. They are now enjoying married life at Ft Hood.



1985: Bahls' wedding, Apr 89

Tracy Pohl, 900 jumps into her career, is loving life at Ft Bragg. She still jumps competitively as well as working hard for TEXCOM of Airborne and Special Ops. The picture was taken by her husband, **John Funderbach**.



1985: Tracy at 10,000 ft

Glenn & Tracy Seymour are headed for FRG, after being separated for their respective Advanced Courses. They plan to live in a houseboat on the Rhine River since they will be working on opposite sides, but I guess fairly close. **Tasha Robinson** has gone to MI, **Marty Kuhn** is at Bragg where he & **Leslie** had a baby girl. **Jaime Zucker** is headed for Ft Lewis, and **Angie (Messer) Neier** is still at Ft Lee, working for the Quartermaster Gen.

Mike Stollenweck, now at Ft Carson, took a trip to Europe and had a great time. They gambled with the "run with the bulls" ceremony in which, since they are still alive, they feel victorious. I understand **Thor Markwood** and **Bill Solms** met the bottom of a Sangria bottle one night that they will never forget!



1985: Scott, Thor, Mike and Bill in Spain

Dave Knowlton finished Ranger Sch in Dec and is headed for Ft Lewis. Over Christmas, Dave spent time in MA with his family.

Pictured is **Roberto Vasquez** during the cake ceremony of his wedding in Jan 89. He married the former Miss Laura Brantley. They have become the "CO connection" for ski trips; just give them a call. His brother **Dennis** has been out and so has **Calvin Johnson**.

Geoff Sutton got out in May 89 and is working for the Navy! Oh no! He is a



1985: Dave and friend in NH



1985: Laura & Roberto Vasquez

nuclear engr in Tacoma and really enjoys his job. I hope this doesn't mean you have to play it neutral every Dec before the big game. If the USS *Nimitz* doesn't work in the next yr, we know who to blame.

Jim & Becky Tully are doing great as they were recently blessed with a new baby boy. Jimbo is back from Panama, where he deployed on Operation Just Cause. He ran into **John Guidy** down there as I am sure there are some other classmates of ours now sporting the combat patch!



1985: Proud parents!

Speaking of Panama, **Dee Bryant** was handed a cmd in the "heat of battle." Although he will argue his unit met w/little resistance, I will tell you it is a terrific accomplishment to have your chain-of-cmd choose you to take over in that situation. He is loving cmd of A/5/21 Inf. **Helene** will be getting out this summer and working somewhere in Monterey or Carmel, since they will be extending at Ft Ord. And I might add that

my namesake "Tom baby" is doing just fine sporting the new fatigues I got him for Christmas. Michael, the Bryants other child, is doing great as well.

A few notes on the 5-yr reunion. It will be 15 Oct (Army vs Lafayette wknd, which should spell victory for the Army team). We will be putting together a ltr to everyone this summer. AOG will also mail out a bulletin to everyone this Aug. There are a few critical things you can do to ensure as many classmates as possible can come. First, ensure your address w/AOG is current. Many of you are still showing your parents' address from grad. Second, begin to order your tickets for the game and make hotel reservations early. For both, be sure to tell them that it is for the '85 Reunion because some hotels and definitely the Army Athletic Assn will put us all in the same area. We as a Class will purchase some additional Class seats to help out, but do not count on us if you have the chance to get the tickets ahead of time. We will also be planning a wknd of activities such as the dinner on Sat in the Mess Hall, a tailgate before the game, and probably something on Sun.

If anyone knows of any classmates at WP, please let me know because they can help us out greatly. Also, do not hesitate to call me at (808) 671-2634 because I have a packet w/local hotels that might be helpful.

That is all I have. As always, if you are ever in HI, **Ronda** & I have room and will more than gladly put you up to avoid the costs. Please call us. As I "pop smoke," I leave you with "Mele Kalekima, Haole Makahiki Hau!" It means Merry Christmas and a Happy New Yr in Hawaiian but it is the only thing I know. You have my best, '85!

'86

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There's a coming home in the air. Soviet styled communism erupted w/no explanation. Even the uprisings in the outer Soviet provinces are not mystical when the world is viewed as turning towards self-determination. Nelson Mandela freed after 27 yrs imprisonment. The US is engrossed in saving her homefront, this time not from an assault by communism, but from an Ande's snow. Now a lot of you are home for the Advanced Course. Almost 4 yrs since commissioning and this is what we've got.

Jody Petery writes and I quote, "Dow, you ignorant —! Nice misinformed slam, o ye of typical journalistic, unintelligent, barbslinging ways. First I must defend my well-intentioned, poorly circulated, computer written Christmas card form ltr. Sorry I neglected to mail

one to you; I do have your address and, although I firmly believe you made both last year's mailing list and the one before, both of which failed to generate a Dow Holley response, I shouldn't have given up on you." (In my defense, I never received a copy, but Jody, you are right in pointing out that I have failed to stay in contact with a number of meaningful people. A resolution to my neglect is a promise to personally thank everyone who writes. There are a lot of thrown away addresses that I wish I could salvage, along w/many needed apologies.) While at Hood, **Les 'Pester' Murray** jumped onto Jody's Bradley, demanding that if he could fly helicopters he could certainly drive a Bradley. As the night wore on, Pester's eyes grew heavy and a yawn filled his mouth, so he decided to bed down Jody's Sct Plt. Jody was bewildered, thinking he hasn't seen this guy in 3 1/2 yrs and he is out of control, trying to direct his plt. However, Jody was feeling a bit sleepy and decided to follow Pester's lead. Because it was dark, Pester, not realizing he had parked the Bradley on a ric-a-dee bridge, proceeded to unroll his sleeping bag when, all of a sudden, the bridge collapsed, slinging Pester in the back like a cat in a spin cycle. The rest of the crew, fortunately, jumped off the rumbling vehicle before any injuries occurred. Pester was not injured, but he did refuse to mount another Bradley during the rest of the maneuver. Jody re-assumed control of his plt and kept Pester in a Hum-V 6 miles down the rd. As for the married life, **Jody & Karen** have opted for racquet club memberships over kids and wknd trips to rose gardens. They did have a dog until he was hit on the bypass. Now, they're free from any commitment except fun. Karen finished her education at Baylor after leaving WP yearling yr. Jody, thanks for the response defending your character. I know you would come out looking spotless.

Ana Hendricks says hubby **Al** is doing great as the proud father of two, a 2-yr old girl named Erin Marie, and a boy born under the sign of Aries named Robert Lee. Al was working G-3 Air Cmd for the 82nd during the Panama crisis. (I know a lot of you have stories about that visit—send them in).

Kevin Arbanas married **Kalee Barnes** on 6 Jun 89 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church somewhere out there in Honolulu. Kalee works as a trauma nurse. Kevin is assigned to the 214 Av Regt, where he is a Chinook ft plt ldr.

Tom Cartledge finally married his Ger frau, **Sabina**, on 2 Jun 89. Tom & Sabina started dating shortly after Tom's arrival in Hanau. Attending the wedding were **Greg Ortiz** (who sent us the following info) and **Ulrich Brechbuhl**. Greg is with the 511th Mz Bn in Ludwigsburg on the



1986: Kalee & LT Kevin Arbanas



1986: Tom & Sabina Cartledge

same bn staff w/**Bob Penna**. Bob is not the rack monster of old gray days, but quite an uptight S-1 who still finds the soothing touch in **Brigette**. Greg, **Ruben Robles (C-3) & Silvana**, ran with the Bulls of Pamplona last summer. Turns out that Greg was moments away from being crushed between a wall and a bull, after spending the night in a precarious state debating his manhood. From on top of the wall, Ruben snatched Greg w/his left hand and hurled him into a group of waiting senioritas on the other side, saving his life. Finally, **JR Schwartz** says he's in love with a Southern belle and can't wait to get back home from Korea. Thanks, Greg, for the poop.

Johnny Brau's ltr was so full of tidbits, I decided to run the entire ltr:

"It's **Johnny Brau (B-3)**. I finally got tired of not seeing any of the classmates around me not in print so I decided to crank out a ltr. I guess we have all been waiting for the other guy to write you an update ltr.

"To start with, the unexpected happened to me like to so many others after grad. I met a Southern belle during grad lv, dated her during Airborne, Inf Basic, and Ranger Sch. I was in Ranger Cl III and had a break over Christmas. During this break, **Priscilla Ann Scott & I** married in our hometown of Tallahassee, FL on 27 Dec 86 with **Ron (Rock) Rice, Tom (Flip) Deliflippo** and Larry Biggins ('87) attending. Priscilla is a surgical technician and hopefully will get her registered nurse (RN) certification at our next duty assignment.

"I started out being assigned to 4th Bn 7th IN in Aschaffenburg, FRG as a PL



1986: Johnny & Priscilla Brau

and later as XO. I ended up as the XO of HHC 3rd Bde 3rd ID for the last 14 mos. I am due to rotate back in Mar and am scheduled to attend the Inf Adv Course starting on 25 Apr. My brother, Kevin '85, is stationed with 197 Inf Bde at Benning so it ought to be fun. I hope to draw a follow-on assignment at Benning to be near my brother and home.

"About the classmates around me. **Steve Cardin** is assigned to A Co 4/7 Inf as the XO. He has spent the better part of the last 3 yrs being the party animal and bachelor.

"**Greg Butts** has been a pace setter in 4/7. He started out as a PL in A/4/7, became the scout PL and ended up as the Support PL. Recently, he extended to take over the S-4 slot for a yr. He met and married a DODS sch teacher named **Patty**. The wedding was on 23 Dec 89 and several classmates attended. **Keith Hauk & Diane** came down from Swinefurt and **Albert Starostanko** came w/his wife. I was honored to serve as Greg's best man.

"Moving on, **Jay Dymek** was a tank PL in 4/66 Armor stationed here in Aschaffenburg. He was selected as the scout PL and ended up as a Co CO before rotating back last mo to Armor Adv Course. **Joel Hodge, Pat Gavin, and George Loche** rotated back for sch. **Kevin Lauterjung** spent his first tour in 9th Engineers in Aschaffenburg.

"**Donny (Smitty) Smith** and I spent some time together before he rotated back to the states. A while back we visited in Nurnburg and had a little reunion, w/**Bill & Laura (Carew) Turner and Priscilla & I** attending. Smitty showed how domesticated he now is by cooking up a big pot of spaghetti. Smitty and I also made it a point to find **Ron (Rock) Rice** during REFORGER 88 when Rock was over here w/197 Inf Bde from Benning. He was in Wildflecken cleaning and turning in equipment, and Smitty, Priscilla & I went up to abduct him for a wknd. We spent the better part of the day driving around on tank trails in Smitty's Mercedes Beeter looking for Rock. When we finally found him, he was unable to leave so we spent the time in a huge beer tent doing what we used to do at Ike—drink beer. Smitty has

recently rotated back to attend the Engr Adv Course.

Ron Rice also got hitched. He married **Diane Bartone**, the girl he was seeing from Long Isl. They bought a house and are stationed at Ft Benning. He stayed on after grad to be an asst coach for the football team during the 87 season.

"I did have one shocker. One day on my kaserne while walking up from my motor pool, I bumped into **Debbie Shoemaker**. She was up in A-burg on some business. She seems to be enjoying her MI job and Ger too. We were going to 'do lunch' the next time she was up but never found the time.

"Lastly, **Ken Carrick** married **Terrie Stewart** after grad. They are stationed in Swinefurt and already have a beautiful daughter named Samantha, w/another child on the way.

"Well, that's about everyone I know or have run into in the last 3 yrs. I am excited to be leaving on 1 Mar to get back to the New World. I have grown tired of the Old World. I did start on my MBA but due to field commitments have only been able to take one class. I hope to complete it during my next duty assignment." Thanks, **Johnny**, for the news.

Karen Kostich, wife of **Ted (B-3) #77**, sends news—"Here are some updates from Ft Carson, CO. Ted & I were blessed with the birth of our second daughter, **Ashley Ann**, on 26 Apr 89.



1986: The Kostich family—Ted, Karen, Courtney (2 1/2) and Ashley (2 mos), Jun 89

Also, Ted came out on the CPT's list, so we are preparing to leave here at the end of Mar. Ted goes to Ranger Sch in May, and he starts IOAC in Jul. We are really looking forward to getting back to Ft Benning. It is really hard to believe that it has been almost 4 yrs already since grad. Any news on whether there will be a 5-yr reunion yet?" Yea. . . .

Yea, what about the reunion, you other off. What are we going to do? Let **Chet** handle all the details and we just give a presentation to the Com?

Steve Sicinski's abode has once again turned into a lodging resort, this time for Hurricane Hugo victims. Brothers **Craig** and **Warren** showered Steve w/

two Technics turntables, 3 amps, 7 VCRs, and 1 case of Puerto Rico's fine rum, **Don Q**. The boys ravaged San Juan and fled stateside. So, **Jimmy Howard**, don't expect to freeload like a just-out-of-town Bostonian 'cause Steve is having a difficult time fathoming this ill imposed fate. Steve tried reaching some relatives in Warsaw, Poland for help, but they didn't have any clues. I met **Craig** when he and Steve popped in for a night on a quick blow-out from Columbus. (Likeable young man; can't wait to meet Warren). They were running late, leaving my house, heading for Atlanta to get Craig on a plane and in a transaction in Miami. I got a blow-up bed and a cooler out of the night's visit. Sometimes I can be a little more expensive, but most times I prefer cheap studded cowboy boots hanging over my blow-up bed in a trailer off Hwy 231 toward Wetumpka.

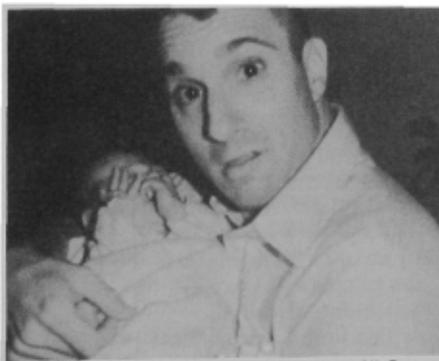
Thanks, everyone, for the input.

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I did fall off the face of the earth for a while. Baumholder and Reforger '90 can keep a person jumping. Don't worry though, occasionally I do climb back on.

Let's start from the new beginnings. **Patricia Leah Snair**, daughter of **Scott & Mary Jane Snair**, will be 10 mos old on 8 Mar. Happy 10-mo birthday! There is yet



1988: "Do you know what this means?" Scott Snair and his daughter Patricia Leah

another Goodlow running around—yes, **Ken & Karin Goodlow** are now the proud parents of a rather large baby boy named **Kalvin**.

Some marriage announcements need to be made. **Mike Gould (I-1) & Kristine Davis** are well on their way to a happy life together. **Andy Ulrich (I-1) & Robin Lee** are doing likewise. **Dave Toczek**



1988: Mike & Kristine Gould

(G-2) had one of those Italian weddings in Vicenza w/a lovely girl named **Carla**. Unfortunately, Dave, I never got to meet your wife so I don't know her maiden name. **John Dorney** married the lovely



1988: "A wedding in Vicenza": Dave & Carla Toczek

Lynn Snowden and will be celebrating their second anniversary on 2 Jul. **Doug**



1988: 2LT John Dorney & his Adjutant wife Lynn

Baden & Heather Scott tied the knot after an engagement that lasted an eternity, as far as **Doug** was concerned, anyway. **Mike & Kim Hill** are alive and well in Kirchgons, FGR. **Bob Eisiminger** too stepped down the aisle w/**Deborah Kirwin** in El Paso. **Heidi Kuebler (G-4)** is now **Heidi Krass**. She & **Bill** are doing great in their new house in K-Town. **John George** married **Shannon Wright** on 16 Dec 89.

Joe Chatfield dropped a note to me all the way from the Sinai. Joe says he is having a rough time trying to keep his suntan even. **Pat Matthews** wrote from



1988: "A Texas wedding": Doug & Heather Baden



1988: Heidi & Bill Krass



1989: "Weasell" & Terry Blackburn



1988: Mike & Kim Hill



1988: Bob & Deborah Eisiminger—the Ice Man Cometh

his last days at Ranger Sch. Pat, **John Schoeppach** and **Bill Boice** recently experienced the new and improved 68-day Ranger course. Congratulations on getting the "Black and Gold," guys. **Rob**

Kirkland sends his best from sunny HI. **Rob, John Hutt, Rob Bartholet, Dennis Wince** and **Gordon Kohl** recently received their Air Assault wings at the 25th ID AA School. **Laura Slattery** also attended the AA School and was awarded the honor grad slot.

Lastly, **Brian Mahoney** would like to say "thank you" for all the ltrs, cards and prayers he received while he was in the hosp during the holidays last yr. Brian will be recovering at his parents' home for awhile; if you would like to drop him a note, the address is 2LT Brian Mahoney, 3 Matoca Ct, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Keep writing.

'89
2LT Doug Boltuc
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Well, loyal readers, we're not privileged to hear the worldly commentary of our usual host, LT **Doug Boltuc**, this issue. Unfortunately, he is presently slugging through the swamps of FL w/ the 6th Bn of the Ranger Training Bde. Wish him luck.

As a result, a juice major armed w/only a basic grasp of the written Eng lang is filling in. So, if you sent in some news of your latest adventures, it will probably make it into the next edition of **ASSEMBLY**.

It seems the last few mos have been flooded w/our classmates tying the knot.



1989: Various '89 grads after IOBC mech wk

Taft Blackburn (F2) was betrothed last Nov to Miss **Terry Zoleski**. Fellow Zoosters in attendance were **James Spence, Jeff Destefano, and Eric Miller**. Other grads rounding out the ceremony were **Paul Grey** (A2), **James Frezell** (E3), **Randy Glass** (G2), and **Ron Smith** (E2). The wedding was held in Mount St. Mary's Cathedral.

2LT **Carolyn Nolan** (I4) has managed to send in news of her recent marriage to 2LT **Scott Morrison** (D2). The two classmates were married in FL by a Justice of the Peace on 29 Dec 89. A larger, more attended wedding is planned for some time next yr.

Congratulations to all the recent Ranger grads of our ranks. Good luck to those still enduring the sch of "Hua." Keep the ltrs coming, and I'm sure Doug will get the news out. Let's keep "The Line" strong out there. **Eric Miller**.



SPC **Rick Hunter**, sports editor of *Pointer View* newspaper, will be exhibiting a one-man photography show in the 1929 Gallery Room in Eisenhower Hall, 27 April-31 May. The approximately 50 pieces on display

Photography Show in Eisenhower Hall's 1929 Gallery Room (27 April-21 May)

and for sale (both black & white and color photography) will feature various West Point scenes shot during Hunter's last four years at West Point. Parades, cadet athletic events, everyday cadet life and West Point landscapes will be the main focus of the show.

The 30-year old native of Brownsville, Texas has often contributed to **ASSEMBLY**. Some examples of his work are the front covers of the October 89 and March 90 issues, and the back covers of the February 89 and January 90 issues, including various photos that have accompanied feature articles

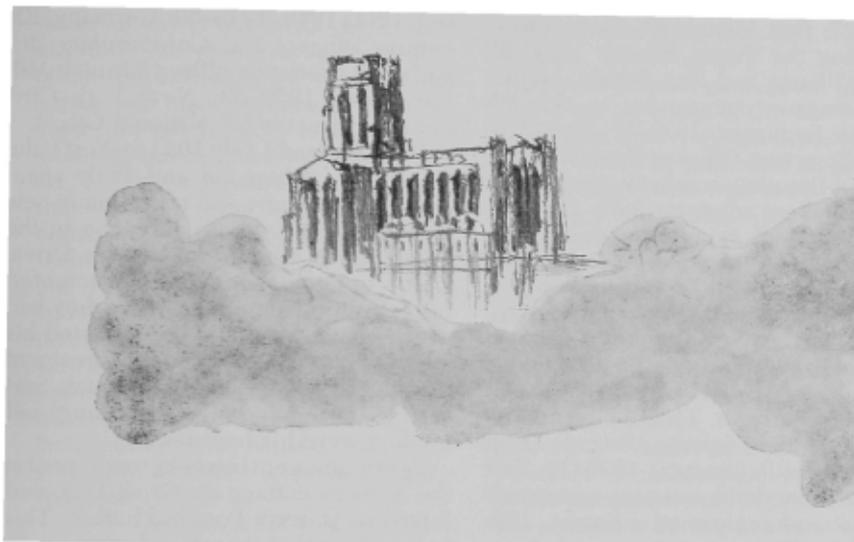
(e.g. the Army-BC Emerald Isle Classic, Army-Navy games, Ronald Reagan visit, R-Day, graduations and the recent Soviet cadet visit featured in this issue).

Hunter was recently selected as the Military Sports Photojournalist of the Year by the US Military Sports Association and honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, DC. His work has appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, *Army Times*, *Soldiers* magazine, and local newspapers.

The show is open to the public Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

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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Burrowes Goldthwaite Stevens

NO. 6196 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 17 September 1983 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 88 years.

Interment: Park Hill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia



Burrowes Goldthwaite Stevens

BORN 21 MAY 1895 in Portland, Maine, Steve was raised in the stern New England traditions of a distinguished family near the many Army posts defending Portland and Casco Bay. His father, Paul Revere Stevens, was descended from Mary Revere, sister of Paul Revere. An early grandfather, Isaac Sawyer Stevens, had been a sergeant in the Revolution. Another ancestor, Augustus Ervin Stevens, had been mayor of Portland in 1866. His mother was Lena Louise Goldthwaite of Boston. The Stevens family spent every summer at a cottage which still stands on Great Diamond Island. The Coast Artillery and Infantry posts, Fort McKinley, Fort Williams, and Fort Preble, home of the 5th "I'll Try Sir" Regiment, have long since been abandoned, but the active presence of troops in the early 1900's strongly influenced Steve to seek a military career. His other great loves were for ships and the sea.

Steve attended the New York Military Academy at Cornwall-on-Hudson for four years and was appointed to West Point as a graduate of this honor school in 1916. He made corporal and sergeant, was a hop manager and was in the Hundredth Night Show. World War I brought early graduation in November 1918, but too late for oversea action. His first assignments were in Camp Hancock and Camp Benning, Georgia, as a student and then instructor in machine guns. Here he met and married Martha Alexander of Columbus and Fort Mitchell, Alabama. Martha's (Polly's) family included Colonel Crowell, first Indian

agent for Russell County, Alabama, and General James Cantey of the Confederate Army.

The first seventeen years as a lieutenant saw a succession of two or three-year posts, learning, teaching, and commanding troops. 1919-23: Fort Benning, Georgia, Infantry School and with a company of the 29th Infantry. 1923-26: Puerto Rico (Henry Barracks and San Juan) with companies of the 65th Infantry. 1926-27: Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, attending the Signal School. 1927-30: Fort Williams and Fort Preble, Maine. HQ company commander in the 5th Infantry Regiment. 1930-31: Fort Benning, Company Officers Course. 1931-32: Fort Benning, company commander and battalion adjutant, 29th Infantry. 1932: Assisted in pilgrimage of War Mothers and Widows to France (Gold Star Detail). 1932-35: Vancouver Barracks, Washington (by Army transport *St. Mihiel*, NYC to San Francisco). Company commander and post signal officer, 7th Infantry; made captain. 1935-38: Schofield Barracks, TH. Command HQ Company, 22nd Infantry Brigade (27th and 35th Inf Regiments). 1938-39: Fort Howard, Maryland, company commander, post and regimental adjutant, 12th Infantry.

1940-42: Fort Benning, Georgia. GCO and S3 4th Anti-Tank Bn. Bn CO, 94th AT Bn, which became 894th Tank Destroyer Bn. Major 1940, lieutenant colonel 1942. 1942: Fort Bragg, North Carolina, CO, 894th TD Battalion. CO 1st TD Group as colonel, AUS. 1942: August. England. CO, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. 1943: January 10th. North Africa. CO 1st TD Group with II Corps, I Armored Corps and Fifth Army. 1943: October-November, Italy with Fifth Army. 1943: December. England. CO, 1st TD Group with VII Corps.

1944: 10 June. Landed in Normandy. 11 July. Managed to meet his son, First Lieutenant B.G. Stevens, Jr. in St. Lo, who was en route as a replacement assigned "B" Company Commander, 357th Regiment, 90th Division. Steve saw his son once more about July 26th on the Seves River at the start of the big breakthrough. Steve received a Bronze Star for his outstanding conduct of operations as Director of Traffic for VII Corps. Steve's Bronze Star (OLC) citation: "As Security Commander, VII Corps, COLONEL STEVENS in October 1944, formulated the Corp Security Plan, wrote the Standing Operating Procedure, and initiated the execution thereof on a practical, comprehensive, and tactically sound basis. Thereafter, he directed organization of the Corps Rear Area Security. . . he evolved a doctrine that became the model for the First United States Army. The efficient manner in which troops in the Corps Area conducted operations 16-17 December

1944 on occasion of enemy paratroop activities is directly attributed to his insistence on detailed security area planning."

1945: Continued as CO, 1st TD Group through victory in Germany. June. Camp Hood, Texas. Director, Tactical Department and Assistant Commandant TD School.

1946: January. Fort Knox, Kentucky; CO, Training Group TARS. Made colonel, USA, 1948. 1949-50: Germany. Executive officer, 2nd Constabulary Brigade and executive officer, Munich Military Post. 1950-53: New York City. Senior instructor NY National Guard.

1953: Retired 1 July 1953 to West Palm Beach, FL, where he and Polly spent many happy years and made many new friends. Steve became a deacon in the Presbyterian Church on Flagler Drive. They enjoyed the long anticipated peaceful life in the first home they had ever owned. Steve also contributed his knowledge and experience as director of Civil Defense for West Palm Beach. Surf casting, woodworking, gardening and reading were his hobbies.

Every summer six weeks were spent at the Stevens cottage on Great Diamond Island in Maine's Portland harbor. This is the place that they loved most—with the tang of the sea, the bright sunny days made even more pleasant by contrast with the occasional fog and rain.

An unfortunate accident brought all this to a sudden end. While at home in Florida, Steve slipped in the bathtub and was seriously scalded as he lay in the tub unable to escape the hot water flow. His injuries were aggravated by a stroke which rendered him an invalid for the rest of his life. To help in caring for Steve, Polly found it best to move to Columbus, Georgia, near their daughter, Betty, and her husband, Walter Haywood. Steve gradually failed more and more until he finally passed away quietly on 17 September 1983.

Steve's great strengths were his excellence in the performance of every job, his competence in all phases of military duty and his compassion and consideration for every person under his command.

The best expression of Steve's contribution to this life and to his country is not from a recitation of his commendations and citations, but from the words of two men who knew him. First, from Major Milton F. Davis (USMA 1890) of New York Military Academy, 30 April 1914:

" . . . Young Stevens has been a cadet here since last September. He is as square, upright, clean, and manly a type of the American boy as one would care to see. If the whole school faculty were to take a vote on whom they considered the finest boy in school—taking into consideration scholastic work and effort, con-

duct, cheery good nature, athletic ability, in fact, all those qualities which go to make a clean, manly young fellow of eighteen, I think Stevens would carry off the medal. . . .”

And, second from SFC Thomas J. McCullough in 1953, after duty with the New York National Guard:

Sir, it has been a privilege and a pleasure working for you. From your first day of duty with this organization, you made myself and all others feel as though we were part of a team and made us anxious to do a good job, not through fear of punishment, but because we wanted to do it. There haven't been many times in the Army that I felt like doing overtime work or extra duties without griping to myself about it, but if the occasion ever had arisen and the Colonel had so requested it, it would have been done with pleasure and never a gripe. It has been a privilege to find out that there are officers in the US Army that are, in fact, gentlemen by act and deed and your stay here is the proof of that statement.”

His son, USMA June 1943

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John Raikes Vance

NO. 6324 CLASS OF 1919

Died 11 October 1988 in Corte Madera, California, aged 90 years.

Interment: Presidio National Cemetery, San Francisco, California



John Raikes Vance

JOHN RAIKES VANCE, the son of Samuel Elisha and Mollie (Martin) Vance, was born in Boise, Idaho 21 December 1897, where he was raised attending local schools.

Entering West Point in June 1917—they were to be the Class of 1921—he graduated on 1 November 1918 due to World War I and commissioned in the Infantry. He was fond of saying that the war ended eleven days later because “the Kaiser heard they were coming.” His class returned and remained until June 1919 when they were again graduated. While his time there was short, the friendships he formed were long lasting. The Army, to him, was, and would always be, West Point.

After his second graduation, his class was taken on a tour of the war's battlefields. And then it was on to the Infantry School where he graduated in 1920 and his first assignment with the 6th Infantry at Camp Grant, Illinois. He went to the Historical Section of the Army War College where he served from 1923–26. From there it was to the Philippines for three years with the 15th Infantry. On return to the United States, he was posted with the 4th Infantry at Fort Missoula, Montana where he remained from January to September 1929 when he was ordered to Washington to work with General Pershing and the American Battle Monuments Commission. In 1931 he was ordered to Paris to continue with the work. The result was not only the series of cemeteries to our war dead, and monuments to commemorate our participation, but a volume published in 1937 *American Armies and Battlefields in Europe*. Completion of this tour of duty saw him return to troop duty with the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston for a brief period until the opportunity arose to attend the Finance School. Upon completion in December 1939, he departed for duty in the Philippines with his wife, Elizabeth (Simmons) of Hagerstown, Maryland, whom he had just married.

In March 1941 with war looming, his wife, with the other military dependants, was evacuated. They would not see each other for over four years. Having by then been promoted to full colonel, he was captured at the fall of Corregidor. He remained a prisoner until the end of war when his prison camp at Muckden, Manchuria was liberated by elements of the Russian Army and a team from the OSS. He would never forget his captivity, nor would he ever forget that no matter how bad it was and no matter how he suffered, he still was one of the lucky ones as he survived. Many of his classmates did not.

Return to the United States in September 1945 was facilitated by his classmate Lieutenant General Albert M. Wedemeyer. General Wedemeyer, the commander of American forces in China, had Colonel Vance accompany him on his return. Throwing custom aside which would have had General Wedemeyer first off the plane, he pushed Colonel Vance through the airplane's door into the arms of his wife Elizabeth and the

clutches of their classmates much to the consternation and confusion of the gathered dignitaries. Such was the bond of friendship which West Point had forged.

After assignments at Fort Sam Houston and with the Second Army at Fort Meade, Maryland, Colonel Vance was selected by his classmate Major General Edward Sebree to be his Chief of Staff for the Army contingent in Trieste, Italy. Upon the completion of this assignment, and after a short tour in Washington, Colonel Vance retired in August 1954.

Colonel Vance moved to Corte Madera, California where he became involved in many community activities, and served as the first full-time treasurer of the town. He was active in the Rialto Post of the American Legion in San Francisco, serving as its commander and, for many years, as its adjutant. His final years saw him enjoy good health. He especially enjoyed following the career of his son, an attorney, and the activities of his granddaughter and grandson who was born in July 1988.

In the words of the West Point “Alma Mater,” when his work was done, and his course on earth was run, he could say “Well done” for he was at peace.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, of Corte Madera, California; a son John R., Jr. of San Rafael, California; and, two grandchildren, Caroline Burrows, and Creighton Nelson.

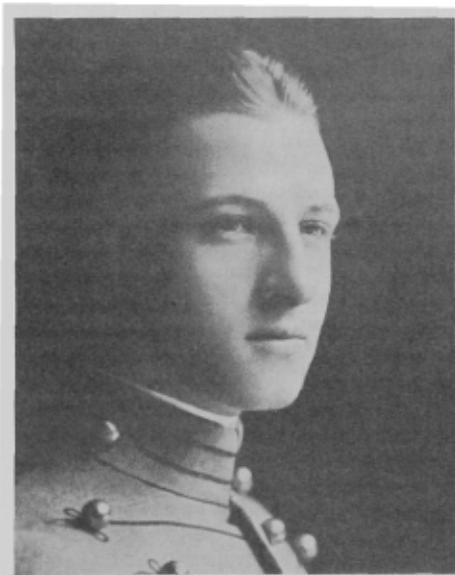
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Eugene Collum Johnston

NO. 6665 CLASS OF 1920

Died 1 December 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 87 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Eugene Collum Johnston

BORN ON 7 FEBRUARY 1901 in Corsicana, Texas, the son of Tom G. and Mayme Collum Johnston, Eugene Collum



Philip Robison Garges

Garges. Mr. Dan Garges, a native Washingtonian, was a member of the DC Bar, although he never practiced law as a livelihood. He was a lifelong employee of the District of Columbia Government starting as a clerk in the Engineer Department, and eventually was appointed Secretary to the Board of the District of Columbia Commissioners, an appointive body which governed Washington until the mayoralty in 1974.

One of the three DC commissioners appointed by the President was customarily an outstanding US Army engineer who was designated "The Engineer Commissioner." Many of them later became Chiefs of Engineers: Beach, Bidle, Fiebeger, Markham, and Raymond Wheeler. Phil's father's association with distinguished US Army Engineer officers who were West Pointers caused him to hope his son could follow their careers.

Phil was always a good student. At Central High School, he won the Moran Medal for scholarship and stood at the top of his 1920 class of approximately 400 graduates. He was offered scholarships by several universities in mathematics or science, but had always felt that his talents tended toward literary or legal fields. However, one of Mr. Garges' functions at the Board was the handling of appointments from the District to the service academies, and Phil became persuaded that a military career would be rewarding.

Competing as a second alternate from the District, Phil was selected as an appointee, arriving at West Point on 1 July 1920. He found himself one of the "Thundering Herd" of some 620 new cadets, almost one half of the total Corps enrollment of about 1380. The cadets to graduate in 1921 and 1922 were on furlough, and the class of 1923 was training at Camp Dix, New Jersey. The Beast Barracks detail consisted of some tac-

officers and a few turn-backs to herd the beasts around; most inadequate in the opinion of the upperclassmen.

Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, the new "Supe," supposedly influenced by lessons from World War I, embraced the theory that men should be "led rather than driven," but this did not deter the upperclassmen from "pouring it on" when they returned in the fall. A goodly number of the plebes were World War I veterans of 21 to 24 years of age, with combat experience; however a fair proportion were kids like Phil, of 17 or 18, who found it unnecessary to shave every day to keep from getting on delinquency report. Phil was even rejected by Mr. Mayer for chapel choir on the basis that there was no need for sopranos! Phil grew from 5'6" at 119 lbs to 5'9 1/2" at 143 lbs, during his four years at West Point.

Having been well prepared in high school with four years of math, English, and French, Phil finished plebe year wearing stars, standing ninth in the class. He was on his way to fulfilling his dad's desire that he become a West Point graduate and an Army engineer. On 12 June 1924, he graduated 13th in his class, now numbering 406.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, and was assigned as a company officer with the 13th Engineer General Service Regiment at Fort Humphreys, Virginia. After receiving an additional degree in civil engineering from Cornell University, Phil returned to Fort Humphreys as a platoon commander in the 29th Engineer Topographic Battalion. It was there that his life was mapped out, when he met Estelle ("Telle") Tyler, who had come from nearby Aldie, Virginia, to teach at the Fort Humphreys elementary school. They were married in her family parlor on 3 March 1927.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Garges honeymooned on a cruise through the Panama Canal on their way to Fairbanks, Alaska, Phil's new engineering assignment. Life in Alaska was both rugged and exciting, with earthquakes in Fairbanks, a lot of road and bridge building experience in Anchorage, and a newborn child, Mary Jerene, arriving on Christmas day 1929 in Juneau.

Upon return to the lower United States, Lieutenant Garges gained knowledge and experience in assignments as a company commander in a combat regiment at Fort Dupont, Delaware, a dam base preparation at the Winooski River Dam in Vermont, and finally, an assignment as a Military Science and Tactics professor at Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana. During these years, Phil had been promoted to captain and in May 1933, had welcomed the arrival of his first son, Dan, named after grandfather Daniel.

Near the end of a four-year tour as an instructor of military engineering at the Engineering School at Fort Belvoir, as Camp Humphreys was now called, Phil and Telle were blessed with their second daughter, Nona Elizabeth, born in February 1938. Soon after, Phil was assigned to the New Orleans Engineer District, first as area chief in Baton Rouge and later as executive officer to the district engineer. During this time, he engaged in floodway levee location and construction, and construction of reinforced concrete structures, as well as management of contracts for airports, hospitals, docks, supply depots and ammunition depots.

As World War II broke out, Phil's promotions moved swiftly through major to colonel, with assignments in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was in charge of procurement of wartime engineering supplies, and at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, where he assumed command of the 1302 Engineer General Services Regiment, which he took to England.

The 1302nd arrived in southern England in early 1943, and engaged in numerous operational activities in support of the D-day invasion of France. At this time, Colonel Garges had command of 14,000 officers and men and was given an additional assignment as commanding officer of the Special Rehabilitation Group in London. Working in cooperation with the British Ministry of Works, Colonel Garges was given the Bronze Star Medal for performance in the efficient rehabilitation of eight different large bombed areas of London.

After the regimental headquarters moved to Paris, France, in 1945, Phil directed the restoration of several of the bombed railway bridges over the Seine River and received the French *Medaille de la Reconnaissance* for his accomplishments. He was subsequently promoted to chief engineer, Seine Base Section, where he was responsible for supervising all engineer troops including general service regiments, combat battalions, depot companies, a topographic survey and map reproduction battalion and a camouflage battalion.

Postwar assignments included director, Troop Training Requirements, Army Service Forces at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and group commander in the Engineering Training Center, with a later assignment as director of Supply at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

From 1948-52, the Garges family moved to the Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan. As a permanent full colonel, Phil was assigned first as executive officer to the chief engineer, and later as deputy chief, with jurisdiction and responsibility for all engineer troop training, engineer supply, construction, and repair and maintenance of all housing. His scope of responsibility extended to

troops (and dependents) of the Army and Air Force in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines, the Marianas Islands and Guam. As a result of the work successfully completed in connection with the Korean War, Phil received the Legion of Merit.

From 1952-54, as district engineer at Buffalo, New York, Phil was engaged in very interesting and rewarding civil engineering work. It was a particularly active period leading up to the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway. River and harbor improvements were undertaken such as dredging, pier construction, breakwalls, flood control dams, bank revetment, operation of canals and locks, and watershed draining into Lakes Erie and Ontario. Colonel Garges received significant acclaim from the City of Buffalo for engineering studies completed under his direction on the redevelopment of the St. Lawrence River for power and navigation.

Upon retirement from active duty in July 1954, Phil accepted a position as chief engineer at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, under General Mark Clark, president of the South Carolina military college. In this position, Phil was responsible for a major reconstruction and expansion program of the buildings and grounds at The Citadel. It involved many new school buildings, apartments, monuments, a church bell tower and a large reclamation project of marshland along the Ashley River—truly a dream retirement job for an Army engineer.

After twelve wonderful years at The Citadel, it was time to retire again in 1966: first to a home in Charleston, and in 1979, a return to their native environment in the Washington, D.C. area, in nearby Annandale, Virginia. This location was particularly meaningful to Phil, because his paternal great-great-grandfather, William Garges, had been the first postmaster of Annandale, in 1837, and is buried in the little Methodist churchyard in the heart of the city.

Phil died on 14 November 1983. He is survived by his widow, Estelle Tyler Garges; two sons, Daniel T. Garges and Philip R. Garges, Jr.; two daughters, Jerene G. Jones and Nona E. Redd; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Daniel T. Garges

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David Evans Bradford

NO. 7864 CLASS OF 1925

Died 17 May 1986 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 83 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas

SENSITIVE, CARING, FRIENDLY, witty, considerate, humble, and an untiring devotion to duty for his country are just



David Evans Bradford

a few of the words that give a glimpse of Dave Bradford. His example would give a great lesson to our younger generations on how to conduct oneself and be a gentleman at all times. Country, family, and friends alike could always count on Dave; he was never too busy to listen, talk, and have fun.

David Evans Bradford was born on 14 February 1903 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of David Duke and Matalee Bradford.

He developed an early interest in the military, having had grandfathers who fought on opposite sides during the "War Between the States." (He still retained the Tower musket of Yankee corporal Samuel Bradford of the 175th Ohio Volunteers in his den.) William Pierce Evans, USMA Class of 1878, and James Edward Runcie, USMA Class of 1879, who were two close friends of Dave's mother in Havana, helped in this pursuit by kindling an early interest in West Point, whereupon he read all available books regarding the Academy.

Dave's leadership qualities in the military began to emerge at an early age when he signed on with a War Department Citizen's Military Training Camp at Schenly Oval during the summer of 1918—he was appointed Second Camp Squad Leader, received a scholarship, and was paid \$40 for his first six weeks.

He continued his military efforts by registering for the draft at age 15, having convinced his mother to go along with increasing his age on paper by 5 years. Notified as Class 1A, he was directed to report to Camp Lee. Subsequently, all quotas were cancelled due to an outbreak of flu, so he talked to a Colonel Brooks who recommended that he come to his Student Army Training Camp. When he reported to Colonel Brooks' unit in December 1918, all key NCO's were ordered to Camp Gordon, Georgia, for Officer Training School, so, at the

"ripe old age" of 15 years and 9 months, Dave was appointed acting First Sergeant of approximately 150 men aged from 17 to 35.

After his discharge, Dave went to Marion Institute to cram for the West Point entrance exam; for he had completed only less than two and one half years of high school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He successfully completed the course, received a senatorial appointment from Pennsylvania, and entered the Academy on 1 July 1920 with the Class of '24. Due to missing several weeks of instruction because of illness, he was turned out in math during plebe spring and turned back to the Class of '25. As a member of "K" Company, he survived such military mentors as Stuart C. "Millimeter Mac" McDonald, Carol A. Bagby, and Jens Doe. His sporting activities included Cullum Hall football (4), goat football (2), hockey (4), indoor meet (4,3,2), and wrestling (4,3,2,1). On a lighter side, he was renowned for his impromptu appearances with the famous cadet vaudeville team of Gil and Bradford.

Dave's postgraduate choices were the Cavalry followed by Field Artillery, and, as an afterthought, the Signal Corps. He was thus surprised at being ordered to "B" Company, 51st Signal Battalion at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

In the fall of 1928, he transferred to the Cavalry and reported to the 8th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, as a second lieutenant. There he met and courted his bride-to-be of nearly 53 years, Mary Francis "Peg" Hogan. She was the daughter of Colonel David D. and Dora Hogan of the Army Medical Corps and a "school marm" at Austin High School in El Paso.

In 1929, he was ordered to the Troop Officers Class at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, graduating as a first lieutenant. In June 1930, he was assigned to the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley and served in the rifle and machine gun troops. There he played polo and rode steeplechasers.

Dave went to El Paso and married Peg on 14 June 1933. They returned to Fort Riley where he left Peg in order to command a CCC company in Maryville, Missouri. Following relief from this assignment in December 1933, he returned to normal duties with the 13th Cavalry.

In the spring of 1934, Dave was off to Fort Sill with the steeplechaser squadron for four days of "fun and frolic" where his horse stumbled as they took a hurdle, rolled over him, and sent Dave to a three-month stint in the Fort Sill Hospital. Defying death, he returned to dismounted duty in October 1934 and served as Assistant Post and CCC District Adjutant at the Cavalry School under then Colonel Jonathan A. "Skinny"

Leavenworth. From there he went to the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood.

In August 1951 he went to Korea as Chief of Intelligence. In 1953 he was appointed G2 at US Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, where he was promoted to brigadier general. He then became Army attache in Mexico, and additionally was assigned to Exercise Sagebrush in 1955 to make an intelligence evaluation.

His next tour was Fort Polk, as assistant division commander of the 1st Armored Division. From his experience in Korea and the Sagebrush "Sky Cavalry" tests, he saw the possibilities of the helicopter, and became an Army aviator. In 1957 he was promoted to major general, and went to Frankfurt, Germany to command the 3rd Armored Division. Next he was transferred to Heidelberg as Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, USAREUR.

Returning to the US in 1961, he was Deputy Chief of Staff for Combat Developments at Fort Monroe. His last assignment was to start up the new Inter-American Defense College in Washington, and he retired as its first director in 1963.

During his long career, Tommy was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal, all with clusters. He received many Chinese decorations, and medals from Korea and Greece.

Upon retirement in Santa Barbara, he worked for the Tempo division of General Electric. He also launched into a community service career. He became a water supply expert, and served many years on local, regional and state water boards. He was appointed to the citizen's commission to make a detailed report of the local University of California student riots.

He is remembered in his community as a man who donated many years of service to improving local conditions.

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Robert John Fleming, Jr.

NO. 8248 CLASS OF 1928

Died 14 July 1984 in Palo Alto, California,
aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BOB WAS BORN ON 13 January 1907 at Fort Robinson, Nebraska; reared on a succession of Cavalry posts, and thus imbued, early on, with his Army heritage. His father, Colonel Robert J. Fleming (USMA Class of 1891) was a model of military professionalism and, until his death, Bob's principal and greatly-respected mentor. His devoted mother, Augusta, was of a proud Army family. Her father, George Simeon Grimes, enlisted during the Civil War and subse-



Robert John Fleming, Jr.

quently rose to the rank of brigadier general. Her two brothers were also career officers. Lineage, environment and the tutelage of remarkable parents combined to shape Bob's character, inculcating the high moral values that were to be his constant lodestar.

Due to his father's assignments, Bob attended three different high schools yet graduated with honors at age 15. His parents made the sage decision to enrich his secondary education by sending him to the prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy for two years. While there, he won a Presidential appointment to the United States Military Academy, which he entered in 1924.

His cadetship was harbinger of the career to follow. A born leader and highly proficient in all aspects of the military dimension of the curriculum, it was inevitable that he would command his cadet company. He was a skilled and aggressive polo player although his short stature consigned him to the "B" Squad. The arduous duties of business manager of the *Pointer* were handled with dispatch. But what endeared him to his classmates were the countless hours devoted, on either side of midnight, to helping those less intellectually gifted—peers and underclassmen alike—meet the academic challenges. Readiness to lend a hand was to be a Fleming trademark throughout life.

Prescient enough to foresee the demise of the horse cavalry, Bob was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. His first station was Fort Logan, Colorado, where he met, wooed and won the hand of Eleanor Marion Canby. Gracious, intelligent, principled and community conscious, Eleanor complemented and supported Bob splendidly; indeed, over the next four decades, the Flemings were to be widely recognized as the model service team. They were

blessed with two lovely daughters, Patricia Anne and Eleanor Augusta.

Bob earned his bachelor of science in mechanical engineering at M.I.T.; and as honor graduate of his class at the Engineer School, he received a coveted assignment to the Fort Peck Engineer District, whose mission was construction of the largest earth-filled dam ever undertaken. A year later, he was detailed to the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and confronted much greater challenges.

The WPA, which was conceived by President Roosevelt, centralized the many federal relief programs under Corps of Engineers management. The Los Angeles office, which Bob joined, was responsible for all programs in Southern California. Though he was the most junior of the officer complement, Bob's remarkable competence and enormous energy propelled him steadily upwards to become chief inspector and then, deputy administrator.

Bob was transferred to Headquarters, Hawaiian Department in mid-1939 and, for the next four years, again held positions and exerted influence all out of proportion to his rank. He did benefit from an unusual series of circumstances. His dual-hatted superior preferred command of the Engineer Regiment at Schofield Barracks and entrusted Bob with all the functions of Department Staff Engineer; military construction, long the responsibility of the Quartermaster Corps, was transferred to the Engineers; and the principal departmental projects (dispersal airfields, underground facilities, and a chain of island bases stretching to Australia) involved major construction. Ergo, the commanding general's close contact with the staff engineer led to quick recognition of Bob's talent; and he was soon the across-the-board special assistant to General Herron, a role that he was to continue with Generals Short and Emmons, successively. It was Bob, for example, who delivered General Marshall's mysteriously delayed warning message to General Short hours after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; and it was Bob who prepared Short's testimony before the controversial Roberts Commission. Later, he became the trusted channel of communication between Admiral Nimitz and General Emmons; and that function ballooned into the Fleming-led ad hoc Joint Staff which orchestrated and coordinated Army-Navy cooperative construction and logistic activities in the first year of the war. Named Deputy Chief of Staff, Army Forces, Central Pacific, he had a major hand in the development of the infrastructure basic to the marshaling, projection and sustainment of Army and Air Force units operating with and under the United States Pacific Fleet. For all this, Bob earned both Army and Navy

second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat from 14–30 November 1944; the third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat from 15 March–20 April 1945; the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for valorous conduct on 19 April 1945; and the fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for valorous conduct on 11 September 1944. The Purple Heart Medal was awarded to General McGarr seven times for wounds received in World War II and Korea.

General McGarr was also awarded the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge for World War II.

His foreign decorations include the Italian Military Valor Cross and the French Legion of Honor; French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star; Bronze Star, and Palm for World War II; French Croix de Guerre with Palm in Korea; Order of Taeguk from the Republic of Korea; Cross of Right and Freedom with Royal Decree from the Netherlands; the Ethiopian Honor Star Cordon with Medalion and the Colombian Order de Boyaca, grado de Gran Oficial; Chilean Medal Militar, Primera Clase; Peruvian Order Militar de Ayacucho; Bolivian Condor de los Andes; Paraguayan "Condecoracion de la Order Nacional del Merito de la Gran Cruz;" La Cruz de "Merito Militar de la Clase" from Guatemala; and Order de Vasco Nunez de Balboa, grade of Grand Officer from Panama.

General McGarr assumed command of the US Army, Caribbean, in the Canal Zone on 12 July 1954, and assumed command of the 23rd Infantry Division on 1 December 1954. He assumed command of the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on 5 July 1956.

PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant 26 August 1934; to captain 9 June 1938; to major (temporary) 31 January 1941; to lieutenant colonel (temporary) 1 February 1942; to colonel (temporary) 17 May 1944; to major (permanent) 9 June 1945; to lieutenant colonel (permanent) 1 July 1948; to colonel (permanent) 3 September 1951; to brigadier general (temporary) 5 July 1952, with date of rank from 27 June 1952; to major general (temporary) 30 July 1953, with date of rank from 1 August 1948; to brigadier general (permanent) 19 September 1954, to major general (permanent) 30 October 1954.

General McGarr retired in 1962. He and his wife, the former Miss Harryette Amsler of Hempstead, Texas, settled in Lafayette, California, where he enjoyed his rose garden, his three grandchildren, and a recent great-grandson. In addition to Harryette, two daughters, Mary Louise, 53, and Rosa Ann, 50, survive him.

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John Stein Walker, II

NO. 8515 CLASS OF 1929

Died 5 December 1965 in Mainz, Germany, aged 59 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



John Stein Walker, II

MY FATHER WAS BORN in Wakefield, Rhode Island, on 13 March 1906; his father was John S. Walker I, and his mother was Susan Caswell Walker. Dad was close to his two sisters and brother. He attended South Kingstown High School. It turned out that we had the same algebra teacher, Anne K. Webster, who later let me know I had some big shoes to fill. He went to Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, for 2 years before entering the Military Academy in 1925.

I know nothing of his years at West Point beyond that which was written in his year book. "Johnny was a hustler;" I knew that. He was the first sergeant of his company during his first class year. His hobby then was woodcarving, and he continued that, leaving some exquisite furniture. He was also a rifle and pistol marksman and loved to hunt. Commissioned in the Field Artillery in 1929, he was part of a military heritage; his cousin, Donald Walker Thackeray, graduated from USMA in 1938.

In 1930, he was in the Army Air Corps briefly at Brooks Field, Texas. I always wondered about that until much later, when I found a picture of my grinning father, standing in front of an upside down, nose into the ground biplane. I knew then what happened. From 1931–36, he was assigned to troop duty with the Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. There he met and married Harriet Huston on 21 May 1935. Mom was the daughter of a colonel of cavalry.

For the next two years, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology,

graduating with a master of science degree in ordnance engineering in 1937. He was then assigned to the Instrument Department at Frankford Arsenal, Pennsylvania. Prophetically, in 1938, he transferred to the Ordnance Corps, and in 1939, was promoted to captain.

In 1940, he was the commander of the Gadsden Ordnance Plant in Gadsden, Alabama. Born in September 1941, I (John III) was their only child. In October, he was promoted to major, and in November, he took command of the Volunteer Ordnance Works and East Tennessee Ordnance Works in Chattanooga. The family stayed on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, when he went to war.

He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1942, serving as the division Ordnance officer of the 13th Armored Division and then in the same capacity in the 7th Armored Division. In 1943, he became the Ordnance officer for VIII Corps. Promoted to colonel in 1944, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in the European Theater of Operations in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. France awarded him the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

After World War II, he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and then was assigned to the War Assets Administration in Washington, DC. For this service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit. During this brief time, we lived in Alexandria, Virginia. Like many in those postwar years, he accepted a reduction in grade to major. In 1947, we went back to Germany, where he served in the Ordnance Division at Headquarters, European Command, in Frankfurt and later, in Heidelberg. In 1948, he was promoted back to lieutenant colonel. He became the commandant of the EUCOM Ordnance School in Eschwege, Germany in 1949.

From 1950–53, he served in the New York Ordnance District in New York City. Promoted to colonel during this period, he became the district chief. In 1953, he was assigned as the assistant commandant of the Ordnance School, at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland. From that assignment, he was medically retired with a heart condition in 1955.

After retirement, he resided in his hometown in Wakefield, Rhode Island. He saw me enter the Military Academy, graduate in 1963 and get married. Harriet, his wife of 29 years, died in 1964. For the last year of his life, he lived with my wife Beth and me in Mainz, Germany. Dad enjoyed being with the military again, especially reminiscing with the Old Guard at happy hour, and I enjoyed getting to know him on an adult basis. He is survived by his sister Margaret, my wife and myself, his grandson John IV, and his granddaughter Ann; all richer people because of his memory.



Charles Glendon Williamson

NO. 8718 CLASS OF 1929

Died 22 November 1988 in San Mateo, California, aged 81 years.

Interment: Ashes scattered at sea near San Francisco, California



Charles Glendon Williamson

CHARLES GLENDON WILLIAMSON was born at Port Arthur, Texas, on 31 January 1907, the son of Charles E. and Maud Miller Williamson. After attending Halls War College in Missouri he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy from the Eighth Congressional District of Texas. He entered West Point on 1 July 1925, to begin his military career.

Although Glen was interested in his academic work, he demonstrated greater interest in extracurricular activities such as the varsity rifle and pistol teams and work on the *Howitzer*. He was on the Academy rifle team during the last three years and the *Howitzer* staff as the photographic editor and art director during the last two years. Since he was especially interested in and skilled in drawing, he was on the Christmas Card Committee and was in charge of publicity for the Cadet Players.

Upon graduation from the Academy, Glen was assigned to the Primary and Basic Training Schools of the Air Corps at Brooks Field, Texas. The following year he completed the primary and basic training and entered the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, graduating on 12 October 1930. Upon graduation he married Beatrice Beverley in San Antonio, Texas, thus acquiring his wings and a lovely wife on the same day. Their first assignment was in Hawaii where their first child, Beverley, was born. They were subsequently assigned to Hamilton Field, California, where their second child, Barbara, was born.

During the assignment in Hawaii between 1930 and 1933, Glen had an opportunity to observe and participate in military operations at Pearl Harbor and other military bases of the Army and Navy. He also became interested in the Japanese military operations and objectives in the Far East and reached the conclusion that at some time in the future the Japanese fleet would attack our fleet and air bases in Hawaii, especially at Pearl Harbor and vicinity. He felt so strongly about this possibility that he prepared a study of the potential threat and forwarded it to the War Department in November of 1933. He emphasized the fact that the attack would take place at dawn on DAY ONE of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This estimate was based on his knowledge of the aggressive military stance of the Japanese in the Far East and the military necessity to neutralize or destroy the United States Fleet and air units stationed at Pearl Harbor and other military air bases in Hawaii in order to increase the probability of success of Japanese military forces in the Western Pacific. The timing of the attack at dawn without warning enhanced the element of surprise, thus reducing or eliminating the possibility of defensive action by U.S. military forces.

The above paraphrased excerpts from the study are illustrations of Glen's understanding and keen perception of political and military events which transpired eight years later in the manner and sequence which he predicted.

The War Department acknowledged receipt of the study and informed Glen that the study was being forwarded to the Army Command and Staff College for study and inclusion in the College curriculum. He was also informed that the study had been classified and would not be made public.

Glen and his family were transferred from Hawaii to March Field, California in March 1933 and then to Hamilton Field, California in December 1934. At about this time the Army Air Corps acquired the Norden bombsight from the Navy with the stipulation that the Air Corps would not modify or alter the bombsight, but would depend on the Navy for any modifications or changes in the bombsight configuration. In spite of this stipulation, Glen designed a modification to make the bombsight compatible with the automatic pilot for training and bombing operations. The designed modification was accepted and approved by the Air Corps and the Navy for installation in training and operational bombers to be deployed to theaters of operation during WWII. This would prove to be a significant advantage for strategic and tactical bombing operations in Europe and the Pacific Theaters of Operation, since the overall effectiveness of the bomber force was increased by a

factor of four to eight times by the bombardier using the Norden bombsight with the automatic pilot.

During 1935-36 Glen was assigned the task of training both pilots and enlisted men at Hamilton Field in the operation of the Norden bombsight in the Martin B-10 bomber. This was the beginning of the bombardier training for the Army Air Force prior to and during World War II. Glen prepared the training program curriculum and was the senior instructor. It was during this period that he conceived the idea of connecting the bombsight to the automatic pilot. Glen is entitled to the gratitude of the Nation and the free world for his foresight and perception in the training of bombardiers and the modification of the bombsight for precision bombing in combat operations during World War II.

He was assigned to the Air Corps Engineering School at Wright Field in 1938 and graduated in 1939. He was then assigned to the Air Materiel Command at McClellan Field near Sacramento, California, where he directed the shipment of aircraft and supplies to Hawaii and the Far East at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1942 Glen was ordered to the Pentagon to serve on the Air Staff as bombing advisor to General H. H. (Hap) Arnold '07. In this position he was responsible for some of the critical decisions concerning US policy on strategic bombing during World War II. He was especially influential in supporting President Roosevelt, General Marshall and General Arnold in maintaining the policy of daylight precision bombing at a time when the British Royal Air Force, especially Winston Churchill, wanted the US Army Air Force to change to night area bombing of German cities instead of precision daylight bombing of German industrial complexes such as the aircraft industry, oil production and other strategic production facilities. The decision to continue the US policy had a decisive effect on the outcome of the Allied offensive in Europe and Japan during the period 1943-45.

Later in 1943 Glen was ordered to the 8th Bomber Command in England where he was assigned as assistant Chief of Staff for Operations under the command of Brigadier General Frederick L. Anderson '28. Fred and Glen had worked together on numerous assignments throughout their careers and made a fine team in a most difficult wartime situation. In December of 1943 Fred and Glen were ordered to the Headquarters Strategic Air Forces in Europe where they served as Deputy for Operations and assistant Deputy for Operations respectively under General Carl (Toohey) Spaatz '14. Glen served in this capacity until late 1944 when he

Three months after Kisca, the Force on 19 November 1943 joined the Fifth Army march up the Italian peninsula. It was in the ensuing combat operations that Cook's truest colors flew highest. Referred to as the real father of his regiment by the Force adjutant Kenneth G. Wickham, Cook took his men from the start through all their extremely varied training and led them over severe terrain in rotten weather to Rome. General Wickham's following description is a precious remembrance of Cook: He "always participated with enthusiasm and vigor, at the forefront of his men. He demanded of them and himself. He exercised discipline and command with a special understanding which, in my mind, caused his men to love and admire him and follow his leadership without question. Personally I had many contacts with him and observed his contacts with his superiors, peers, and juniors. He had a special quality of a gentleman but could be pleasantly tough when necessary. We had about six West Pointers in the unit and Cookie always, to me, illustrated Duty, Honor, Country. The FSSF was the first unit to enter Rome at its liberation and Cookie's unit, and he, were there. On the late afternoon of 4 June 1944 he and one of his men were going from one unit to another, walking on a street of Rome, when Cookie was cut down." He had been chosen to lead the attack of the Army following the armor into the city. Another officer in an attached unit says he learned from Cook's subordinates that the respect and confidence Cook had in them was equally returned. Meanwhile, he was a devoted family man and very proud of his little daughter whom he referred to as his "tricycle motor."

Cook was buried initially at Anzio and now rests at West Point. He was survived by his wife, Helen; his daughter Julia; and two brothers, Benjamin, later killed in action in World War II, and Norman, since deceased. Montana will remember Cook. The state named a drop zone for him in the parachute training area of the First Special Service Force at Fort William Henry Harrison, a fitting tribute for a take-charge man.

Walter Krueger, Jr., classmate

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Ethan Allen Chapman

NO. 9705 CLASS OF 1933

Died 11 March 1988 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 77 years.

Interment: Columbarium, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs, Colorado

ETHAN ALLEN CHAPMAN was born in Houston, Texas on 24 May 1910, to Royal Montcalm and Lucy Adele Chapman.



Ethan Allen Chapman

His military career began on his 18th birthday in 1928 when he and James Robert Chapman, one of his four brothers, enlisted as privates at Fort McPherson, Georgia. On the strength of competitive examinations, Allen and Bob became the first brothers to win simultaneous presidential appointments to West Point, a fact which was widely reported in a number of eastern newspapers. Neighbors were not so impressed. One said, "If those two boys can make it through West Point, anybody can."

For a time during cadet years, Allen was known as Caliban, but throughout most of his life, friends called him "Chappy."

One of his sons recalls his father telling about the times Bob prevented him from fleeing West Point. "Bob kept me there," he'd say. Ironically, because of an eye injury incurred on the rifle range, Bob was not commissioned upon graduation, while Chappy, the sometimes reluctant cadet, went on to spend 36 years on active duty.

Commissioned in the Coast Artillery, Chappy was first assigned to the Canal Zone, where he married Frances M. Friday of Sturgis, Mississippi, and where his first son, Richard Allen, was born. This marriage ended in 1954.

Subsequently, Chappy served at Fort Scott, San Francisco, and Fortress Monroe, Virginia, well-known coast artillery posts. During World War II he served in regimental and brigade levels at coast artillery posts in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and then became involved in AAA training at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and Mitchell Field, New York. In 1945, Chappy began a three-year series of MTOUSA training and G-3 assignments in Naples and Leghorn, Italy, which started long and successful varied service with international commands.

After the war, Chappy (as he put it) "joined that 'happy' throng in the Pentagon, where I lost most of my hair and almost got ulcers." While there, he came to the attention of General Alfred M. Gruenther, who selected him to take part in the formation of SHAPE in Paris. For most of his three years spent in SHAPE, Chappy was chief planner in P & O.

After a year commanding an AAA group in Catonsville, Maryland, Chappy was returned to the Pentagon. This time he served in the Chief of Staff's office, where he managed to survive a number of internal defense strategy controversies. During this tour a happy event took place in 1955, when he married Svava Louise Magnusson of Leslie, Saskatchewan.

Rolling stones gather no moss, they say, and neither did Chappy. A year later, he became chief of staff of Air Defense Command 2nd Region at Fort Meade, Maryland. After 16 months in that command, he was sent to Headquarters Eighth Army, Seoul, Korea, as deputy chief of staff. Eight months later, he was promoted to brigadier general and made commander of Division Artillery, 7th Infantry Division.

After little more than a year in Korea, Chappy moved to Colorado Springs, where he was to receive his second star. He served in several staff positions with ARADCOM, CONAD and NORAD. He also became a proud father again, to son Robert Michael.

Thirty-three years after enlisting in the Army, Chappy went back to Georgia, this time to Atlanta as commanding general of XII Corps. A local newspaper noted the event with a story about his new assignment and his career, and the caption under the photograph said, simply, "He Returns."

In 1964, Chappy went to Fuchu as chief of staff for US Forces Japan and remained there for some two and a half years. He was then moved to Hamilton Air Force Base, north of San Francisco, for what he called "the shortest tour on record." He and Svava were barely settled in quarters when his presence was again requested in Colorado Springs, this time as chief of staff with CONAD and, rounding out a long career of service with an international staff, NORAD. After 41 years of distinguished service to his country, Chappy retired in 1969.

Throughout his career, Chappy was highly regarded for his wit, charm and complete professionalism. One of his classmates at West Point recalls that, "During the four years we were in 'C' Company, he was always a great friend, never losing that wonderful sense of humor, always encouraging others, and above all, always enjoying life. Even as our plebe company clerk, he could issue

out the details and still make us like him."

Chappy's aide-de-camp in Japan remembers him "the patient teacher." "That experience with General Chapman was the single most important event in my professional development over some 31 years of service in the Army. He was the most tolerant of coaches and the most considerate of all those whom I served. Always the gentleman, he had a special way with people—military and civilian alike. He was an accomplished leader who epitomized the Army general, creating a pleasant atmosphere within which professionalism, principle and excellence prevailed."

Chappy's second career—in the arts—began in Colorado Springs immediately after donning mufti. He had always been an active and gifted artist, accomplished in pen-and-ink drawings, painting and detailed model-building. He enjoyed reading, writing, heroic poetry and music, including singing and playing the organ.

Above all, Chappy loved the theater. In Japan, as time allowed, he had been active in theater groups. After he retired, his second career began in earnest. He became an energetic fund raiser and organizer for theater groups and arts organizations. He achieved special prominence as an actor, particularly for leading roles in Arthur Miller's "All My Sons," Robert Anderson's "I Never Sang for My Father," and Mary Chase's "Harvey." As a memorial, one of the groups presented Svava a lifetime pass to all performances at their theater.

Chappy was a past president of the Broadmoor Rotary Club. After his death, his fellow Rotarians recognized him with the Paul Harris Fellow award and presented Svava with the same award.

Chappy was a member of the Association of the United States Army and the Retired Officers Association. He always enjoyed seeing classmates and was fortunate to have Tommy Moorman and Cal Smith nearby. For some twenty years it was an annual event for the Chapman family to dine at the Smiths on Christmas Day.

Chappy enjoyed a full and rewarding military life and retirement. For the Class of '33's 50th Anniversary Yearbook letter, he wrote from Colorado Springs, "I have a host of friends here and will probably stay until they carry me out." Raised a Presbyterian, Chappy was not an active church-goer—yet several times during his last few weeks, Svava could hear him murmuring the first line of the Lord's Prayer. To use his words, "they carried me out" just before midnight on 11 March 1988.

May he rest in well-deserved and everlasting peace.

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William Reeves Shuler

NO. 10466 CLASS OF 1936

Died 11 March 1984 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



William Reeves Shuler

ONE OF OUR FONDEST MEMORIES OF BILL is of the day in Walter Reed Hospital when, shortly after major surgery, he leaped from his bed, trailing intravenous connections and monitoring equipment behind him to charge the referee on television after a questionable call favoring the Navy team during an annual Army-Navy football game. Alarms sounded, doctors instantly materialized, but were unable to calm him. Through his sheer will power, we are certain, Bill urged, threatened and cajoled the Army team on to victory that year. His doctors were relieved to see him finally recuperate. It seems that this two time All American West Point football player met every challenge with the same intensity and commitment.

However, we know him as a kind, gentle, loving provider, always with a wonderful sense of humor reflected in his bigger-than-life stories; and a remarkable sensitivity revealed in his occasional self-effacing poetry about his own shortcomings and a perpetual desire to help those less fortunate than himself. We are writing this to celebrate his life and the wonderful opportunity we have had to know him and love him in such a special way. His family was always first, although we are sure that to many of his peers it seemed his devotion to his duty and to his country was all consuming.

He was the eldest son of a family of five boys and two girls born to Nelle Reeves and the Reverend Robert Pierce Shuler. As such, he was called upon to

set an example for his brothers and sisters, a role he continued to play for us and his friends for all his life. Born in Temple, Texas, on 16 January 1911, he and his family moved to El Monte, California when he was twelve years old. There he graduated from high school and entered California Institute of Technology where he excelled in football, baseball and track, graduating in 1932 with a degree in electrical engineering. Subsequently he was appointed to the US Military Academy, where he lettered in three major sports and was captain of the 1935 Army football team. He was named All American during the years of 1934 and 1935. He graduated seventh in his class and chose the Corps of Engineers as his branch of service. He nurtured a passion for the Academy and its principles throughout his life.

Later, in 1939, he received a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

During World War II, he saw action in the Aleutian Campaign and in the European Theater during the Normandy invasion and subsequent actions. During this time he commanded the 115th Engineer Combat Group. He was awarded the Silver Star for leading the opening routes through St. Lo and Vire, France, while both devastated cities were under heavy enemy fire. He was subsequently wounded in action and much to our joy and relief returned to us in the States.

Following the war, he occupied responsible positions in the field of military and civil works design and construction. He served as district engineer for the Los Angeles District from 1950-53 where he was responsible for military construction for the Army and Air Force, as well as for civil works construction in seven southwestern states.

As chief, Construction Division, in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army from 1954-58, he formulated the annual construction budget and acted as principal witness before the Department of Defense, Bureau of the Budget, and Congress. He carried out General Staff responsibility for the construction of all approved programs.

In 1958, he was assigned as division engineer, Mediterranean Division, with headquarters in Livorno, Italy. His responsibilities included the construction program for the US Forces and for the Military Assistance Programs in eleven countries on three continents.

From the Mediterranean he was assigned as Missouri River Division Engineer in Omaha, Nebraska where his duties included the construction of the first Titan missile silos.

He subsequently was assigned director of Installations, DCS/Logistics at the Pentagon where he ultimately retired from the Army in August 1966. He en-

West Point Cemetery near the Chapel where they were married. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and a son John and two grandchildren.

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John Arthur Kerig, Jr.

NO. 13157 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 18 February 1975 in West Roxbury, Massachusetts, aged 56 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



John Arthur Kerig, Jr.

JOHN HAILED FROM Lynn, Massachusetts, where he was born 10 May 1918. Always proud of his New England heritage, he finished high school in Lynn, then entered preparatory school at Fort Williams, Maine. He won a highly competitive appointment to West Point in 1939.

Good natured, intelligent, and energetic, Johnny adapted readily to the disciplined life at USMA. An avid reader, he broadened his views and understanding which prepared him for the intellectual pursuits he followed later. With a warm spirit and zest for life, Johnny was among the better liked and respected members of his class, graduating easily in the upper third.

With his country at war in 1942, Johnny quickly volunteered for flying training when it was offered in the spring of that year, earning his wings on 13 December 1942. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, on 19 January 1943, and accomplished his other primary goal—marrying his one and only, the lovely Elizabeth (Betty) Cuffe, also from New England.

Following graduation Johnny and Betty entered into a whirlwind of activity as he trained to become a fighter pilot. Following P-38 transition at Williams

Field, Arizona, he was made an instructor at Muroc Army Air Base, California, in June 1943. He was next assigned to the 383rd Squadron of the 364th Fighter Group at Oxnard Air Base, California. Just a year after graduation from West Point, he deployed overseas with the group to England from New York, where Johnny and Betty exchanged tearful goodbyes. He also left behind their first-born child, daughter Betty Ann, whom they had welcomed into the world on 19 October 1943.

At Honnington Royal Air Force Base, Johnny became quickly involved in the hazardous P-38 escort of Eighth Air Force bombers on strikes deep into Germany. In the spring of 1944, the missions became even more dangerous and exciting as they strafed German airfields, and, on D-Day, the Normandy beaches. After being awarded the Air Medal with two clusters, and attaining the rank of captain as flight commander, Johnny was next assigned as combat operations officer in the Eighth Air Force and SHAEF where he daily briefed high ranking officers. By the end of the war in May 1945 he was promoted to major.

Johnny and Betty were reunited as a family in the summer of 1945 in Washington, DC, where he served on the Intelligence staff of Army Air Force Headquarters. With a higher goal in mind, he also went to law school in the evenings. On 25 March 1946, Johnny and Betty were delighted by the next addition to the family, Jaye Ellen, at Bolling Air Force Base. He then pursued a full-time law course at Georgetown University until June 1948. A third daughter, Janet Mary, happily joined the growing family on 18 January 1948.

Their next assignment was back to West Point where the family enjoyed four delightful years and Johnny taught in the Department of Law. On 12 February 1951, they welcomed still another daughter, Barbara. One of his fellow instructors there fondly recalled John (or Jack as he had known him): "Jack's intelligence and marvelous sense of humor made him a favorite both with his cadets and his fellow instructors. We flew together often. It was my observation that he was a cool and very able pilot. In addition, he was a devoted family man. He and Betty with their lively and attractive daughters were models of a loving family."

Next, it was on to Washington, DC, where Johnny studied more law and the Arabic language, receiving a bachelor of laws degree at Georgetown in 1953.

The young and growing family valiantly took on the next assignment, to Damascus in Syria, where Johnny served as air attache. Although they enjoyed this unusual experience, they happily returned to New England in 1957 where he attained a master's in public

administration and a master's in history at Harvard.

Their unique experiences continued as they traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1958, where Johnny joined the newly forming United States Air Force Academy, pioneering in the Department of History. The head of that Department had this to write about John. "John Kerig taught Military History and was instrumental in improving the context of the courses. He was quiet and reserved with a good sense of humor and possessed of Irish wit. He was an associate professor and was noted for the way in which he presented the subject matter to make it understandable." While there, Johnny and Betty rejoiced in the birth of a son, John Arthur Jr., on 30 September 1958.

In 1963 it was overseas again, this time to Weisbaden, Germany, where Johnny served in USAFE headquarters. Their final assignment was at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, where he served in Tactical Air Command Headquarters, retiring in 1966, in the grade of lieutenant colonel.

In civilian clothes again, Johnny undertook a variety of pursuits. First, it was to the Washington, DC area where he served as an instructor in Adult Education at the University of Maryland. The family stayed there until 1969 when they decided to return to the New England they loved. There Johnny enjoyed the position as curator of the Military Museum of the Heritage Plantation at Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Having suffered from diabetes for a number of years, Johnny succumbed to the disease, passing away in the Veteran's Administration Hospital at West Roxbury, Massachusetts on 18 February 1975, leaving behind his beloved family of Betty, four daughters, a son, and three grandchildren. He's not only sorely missed by his family, but also by his friends and classmates. We sadly regret his departure from this life, but find joy in remembering a fellow soldier who exemplified the dedication to duty and love of country to which we all aspire. We will always remember you, Johnny, proud to have had the pleasure and honor of knowing and serving with you.

His classmates

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Walter Richard Taliaferro

NO. 13200 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 22 May 1986 in Ranchos Palos Verdes, California, aged 68 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WALTER RICHARD TALIAFERRO was born in San Antonio, Texas, 9 March 1918. He came to West Point with three years of Army and Air Corps experience.



Walter Richard Taliaferro

He had a "rough/tough" outward manner but was fun, loving, and a kind, thoughtful, considerate, and charitable person.

His many friends and associates affectionately knew him as "Big T" or Buck. He was an unforgettable character that could only be described by one word—"BIG." BIG in size. Though not tall, he was built like a barrel and was just as hard. BIG in heart. He always cared about his fellow man and particularly those who worked for him. BIG in spirit. His courage and determination showed in all that he did. BIG in outlook and attitude. He was the optimist who always saw a solution to any and all problems. And finally—his BIG smile, for which he was noted as a cadet and throughout his life. The bone crushing hug for those he hadn't seen for awhile was his mark of true affection for his many friends and admirers.

"Big T's" love of flying was second only to his ambition to attend West Point. He entered flight training as a cadet in 1942 and graduated from USMA with his wings in January 1943. By the fall of 1943 he had completed combat crew training and was flying B-24's over France and Germany as the squadron operations officer of the 705th Bomb Squadron, 446th Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force. His decorations for his World War II service included the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and two Air Medals.

Returning to the US in 1944, he married Helen Hale whom he had met during flight school in Lubbock, Texas. Many happy years together in the Air Force followed. They were blessed with a son, Richard, who was born in 1948 in Dayton, Ohio. "T" received a master's degree in aeronautical engineering in 1950 at Stanford University. He grew with the Air Force missile development and space programs with assignments in

Alamogordo, New Mexico, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Norton Air Force Base, and the Research and Development Center (ARDS) in Baltimore. In the latter years of his career, Buck held unique and responsible positions with the Space and Missile Organization (SAMSO) in Los Angeles. As director of the Titan Launch Vehicle Directorate (SLV-IV), he was responsible for the development of acquisition systems and satellite launch programs. The launch program during his tenure was 100% successful.

After retirement in 1970, Buck and Helen remained in southern California enjoying their beautiful home and their many warm friendships. Buck operated an automotive repair shop to keep himself occupied and his friends' cars running. Those that Buck invited on Jeep rallies in the California desert will never forget the experience!

"Big T" left us in 1986 after a tough fight against cancer. Helen resides in Palos Verdes, and son, Richard, is a high school football coach in Torrance, California.

We all have wonderful memories of "T," particularly his great mystique to bring out the "boy" in all of us. He was hilarious when speaking of the antics of cadet days and the service experiences thereafter. There was also a solemnity about him when he spoke of West Point and the full meaning of the motto. A true patriot who loved his country and West Point and all that they stand for. It is most fitting that West Point is where he rests. We love you "T" and we miss that spark you gave us all.

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Richard Joseph Hynes

NO. 13205 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 9 February 1982 in Melbourne, Florida, aged 63 years.

Interment: Fountainhead Memorial Park, Palm Bay, Florida.

RICHARD J. ("FATHER") HYNES, called by our *Howitzer* a *Hive* by nature, a *Goat* by inclination, was one of the more experienced members of our Class. He graduated from high school in 1935 and from the Columbian Prep School in Washington in 1937. No appointment being available, Father enlisted in the 8th Cavalry and went to one more prep school in Camp Bullis, Texas. All this experience made him a natural leader in his company; his classmates considered him a steadying influence.

His chief asset was a friendly disposition which gained him friends across the Corps. He seemed to strive to epitomize all Irishmen in himself—hearty, boisterous and verbose. There were four years of the clash of football and of wrestling; he won his "A" and helped coach, and



Richard Joseph Hynes

also sang in the Catholic Chapel Choir. Air training called, and he was awarded his wings at Ellington Field, Texas, the month before we graduated.

World War II brought combat service in Europe, where he piloted his Marauder aircraft, "My Colleen," in bombing missions over France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. For all this he won the Distinguished Flying Cross, 9 Air Medals and the Purple Heart. His widowed mother and his wife, Kathleen, both waited out the war in Chicago, which Dick had adopted after starting life in New England.

His Air Force career switched into rather special channels after the war. His leadership was recognized by postings as Commandant of Students at Barksdale for two years and then at Ellington, where he had won his wings, for three more. His skill with people led to two assignments with the Civil Air Patrol, first in Maine and then in the Rocky Mountain area. In 1956 he became a Test Group Director at Kirtland Air Force Base, followed after two years by assignment as Air Defense Command Representative there to the Special Weapons Center. In 1963 he and Kathleen retired to Florida.

Here Dick worked for Pan Am for a time, leaving them to join Bendix as an engineer at Cape Kennedy. He more than enjoyed being a part of the space program—he lived the space program. So it was a great disappointment when he suffered a heart attack and was forced to leave the Cape as he recovered. Once again his natural skill with the young reappeared and he taught math at the local high school. In typical fashion he became very involved with the students and their lives—senior class sponsor, dance chaperon and general confidant of the students and his children's friends. Let the words of one of his children tell the tale: "Daddy was a loving, caring

father, but his love and care reached beyond his family. I remember all my friends enjoying coming to our home. Their visits always included time sitting around the kitchen table visiting with my parents. If they had a problem, they knew they could talk to dad and he would offer advice. When they had good news, they knew he would share in their joy. When one of my friends earned his wings he first told his father and then ran over to our house to tell my dad. When other friends were getting married they asked daddy to do the readings at the wedding. He was like a second father to so many of my friends."

This same natural skill was part of his teaching success. He taught a lower-level math course because he was so good at explaining concepts in a way those less adept could grasp. One year he designed "geo-boards" which helped students grasp geometric concepts. That won the class honorable mention at a county science fair. But space still called, and Dick returned to the Cape when the Shuttle program began. He was a safety engineer and so proud of our accomplishments in space. His children recall that they could feel his sense of pride as they stood with him at lift-off.

But Kathleen died in September 1979, and part of Dick died too. They had had a wonderful marriage, sharing golf, bridge and dancing at the Officers Club nearby. Three years later Dick was diagnosed with cancer. Typically he continued to work at the Cape until three days before his death. A priest visited him, and said he had never met a man more prepared to meet the Lord. At the end he came out of his coma for last words with his children, telling them he loved them, and asking them to take care of each other. Then he closed his eyes and left us.

He was buried in Florida, where he had spent almost twenty years, alongside his beloved Kathleen. And so there departed a splendid Irish warrior, whose bravery over the battlefields of Europe was marked by decorations, whose wounds were marked by his Purple Heart and whose leadership of the young was marked by assignments with fledgling pilots, with flying civilians of the C.A.P. and with a whole group of students whose lives were changed for the better by association with him. Even his final assignments took advantage of his rather special way with people. May he rest in peace, with two decades of service to country following his uniformed duty.

He is survived by his three children—Richard Hynes, Jr., of Longwood, Florida; Patricia Hynes of Indian Harbour, Florida; and Eileen Hillmann of Melbourne, Florida—three grandchildren and his sister.

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William Lamar Hardy

NO. 13269 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943
Died 15 October 1954 in Kyushu, Japan, aged 34 years.
Interment: Canton Cemetery, Canton, Mississippi



William Lamar Hardy

OUR HOWITZER CALLED BILL HARDY a handsome, gentlemanly young man from the south, and he truly was. Born in Flora, Mississippi, he stayed there through graduation from high school in 1937. Then it was on to Louisiana State for two years, where he became interested in West Point. The Academy also became interested in him for his distance track ability, and he entered on a Congressional appointment from the 7th District of Mississippi.

Bill was a hard worker, and had to be academically, for his prior schooling had not prepared him well for plebe math. But he persevered, and steadily rose in academic rank, graduating in the middle. His track career started well on "C" Squad, but severe shin splints made him assistant manager the next year. By his third year he ran the quarter mile on "B" Squad. Then total dedication to his future flying career left no time that final fall for sports.

In tactical matters, Bill's prior ROTC at Louisiana State showed. Starting as company clerk, he rose to 2nd class corporal, and then Air Cadet status which kept him from further rank. In extracurricular matters he showed leadership and dedication. He was on the *Howitzer* staff for three years and then editor our last year. He served three years on the lecture committee, and became its chairman the last year. In things spiritual, he was a Sunday school teacher for three years. Those of us in the 100th Night Show remember his skill back-stage for three years.

Graduation brought wings and training as a B-17 pilot. Again, his skill resulted in his being held as an instructor pilot before he could break out and join the 501st Bomb Group in Nebraska before their move to Guam. By September of 1945 he was a major with an Air Medal and a Bronze Star. After another year in the Training Command, Bill's career took a completely different twist, and he reported to Yale University for a half year of Chinese training. Two years of duty as language attache in Peiping, China, led to great adventures as the communists took over and finally released him for return to the States.

Immediately he started a career in the Air Force Security Service as a linguist. In 1951, with the Korean War and the need for Chinese linguists peaking, he activated the 15th Radio Squadron Mobile and took it in to Ashiya, Kyushu, Japan. For his essential and important work in that war he was decorated with the Legion of Merit and promoted to lieutenant colonel. In the summer of 1954 he was preparing to return home. A classmate whose artillery battalion often staged from Ashiya Air Force Base for parachute jumps contributed this, written at the time: "Bill had one of the most—if not the most—outstanding squadrons on the base, and that came from his former wing commander. He injected into his command spirit and discipline. His officers and men loved and respected him. I saw him as he was preparing to go home. He was in good spirits and had just ordered a Cadillac Coupe de Ville to be delivered in the States. As a 'going away' present his officers and men had given him a matched shotgun and rifle of which he was justly proud. Then, on 14 October he became ill, entered the hospital, and died the next morning of a cerebral hemorrhage. The Air Force lost a helluva fine officer."

Shortly after graduation Bill married Patricia, a California girl he met while flying, but the marriage did not last long and divorce followed. However, from that union Sandra Jayne Hardy was born in December of 1943 in Beverly Hills, California. While we have lost track of his former wife, Sandra still lives in California, near Santa Barbara, with her two sons and a daughter. It is she who has custody of his personal papers and copies of the *Howitzer* to which he contributed so much. Bill was also survived by his parents (now dead), seven brothers and four sisters, mostly in the area of Mississippi.

So we mourn a lone figure who made a great contribution in two wars. Our yearbook said that Bill's rigid adherence to fair play, duty and the Academy's system made in him the best that West Point has to offer. The book was right!

A classmate



Henry Joseph Mazur

NO. 13313 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 26 March 1988 in Bedford, Massachusetts, aged 68 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Bourne, Massachusetts.



Henry Joseph Mazur

IN THESE DAYS OF two-platoon football and specialists of all kinds on the field of friendly strife, it is difficult to explain to someone who was not there the impact of Hank Mazur on Army football and legend. Hank was not a huge man—indeed he was in D Company for most of his cadet life—but he was huge in spirit. The records he set appeared unchallenged in Army football programs even into the 1970's. In describing the Army-Harvard game, Hank's debut for Army, a newspaper stated "... while his team didn't even win, Mazur stole the spotlight. . . (he) did everything but pass the ball back from center. He was in on every play . . . Three times he punted and then rushed down to tackle the receiver."

Henry J. Mazur was born on 9 November 1919, to a well-known Lowell, Massachusetts, family. His schooling was in Lowell, and it was at high school there that his athletic ability became known. On graduation from Lowell High he had won letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was star forward on the State champion basketball team, a stand-out left fielder for a team that three times went to the State finals, an All-State tailback for several years, and a successful track competitor in six or seven events. He was offered several college scholarships, but West Point became his focus.

Several of us first met him at Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall during 1937-38. But, as with many of us, no appointment was available. So Hank

went to Boston College for a year and starred on the freshman football team. That presaged his amazing career at USMA with four years of football, three letters, the captaincy in his first class year, as well as All American honors the same year. A week before Pearl Harbor, Hank shook Navy on the opening play when he ran to the 12-yard line. On the next play he went around Navy's left end and made a head-first dive for the end zone at the red flagged corner. In 1942, a scoreless tie with Notre Dame, time after time Hank kicked from the end zone so well that Notre Dame wound up with bad field position and was never able to cross the elusive goal line.

Hank elected to become a pilot, hard to do with a very tough football season taking so much time. But he became a P-47 pilot and went through five campaigns in Europe, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross twice, the Air Medal with 16 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation. After a year in the States he went back to Europe and rejoined classmates in Frankfurt at Theater Headquarters. The Army trained several Air Corps officers in counterintelligence, anticipating a separate Air headquarters in Wiesbaden. But one notable event was meeting Lucile Yates, a lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps in Frankfurt whom he was to marry three years later. Hank flew in the Berlin airlift as well as performing staff work during this time, and returned to the States again in 1949.

His Air Force specialties went from intelligence to operations to programming. It was as systems program manager that he spent much of his career. In 1965 he became deputy commander at Hanscom Air Force Base, near his boyhood home; he never left that area again. His duties built up to that of director of Space Defense and Command Systems Programs at Hanscom. It was there that he retired in 1969 with a final award of the Meritorious Service Medal.

From 1970-81 Hank served as a director of Admissions at the University of Lowell. It was an ideal spot for a man so well known in the area. But the illness which was to take his life forced his retirement in 1981. He and Lucile moved to New Hampshire, but just across the border from Lowell. Here they spent his final years until his entry into the Veterans Administration Hospital in Bedford, two years before his death. The nation has lost a man whose athletic career created legends, whose distinction in aerial combat was recognized by high awards and whose service to the nation continued even beyond retirement in work with college-aged American youth.

Hank is survived by his partner of so many years, Lucile; by their son Tom; by a grandson, Christopher, born on their

35th wedding anniversary; and by his two sisters and a brother. In the words of a newspaper article after his death: "Maybe not big in stature—but gargantuan in every other way. That was Hank Mazur." Yet despite all the headlines, Hank remained a modest man: quiet, circumspect, intelligent and even unaggressive off the athletic field or away from air combat. Those who thought him only serious in nature missed the twinkle deep in his eyes and the subtle sense of humor. Someone once asked a high school classmate why Hank had not been captain of any high school team, given his sports record. The response? "Hank was not a captain because he was not a politician. He shied away from glory. He just went out and did the job." There is no better definition of selfless service.

His classmates and family

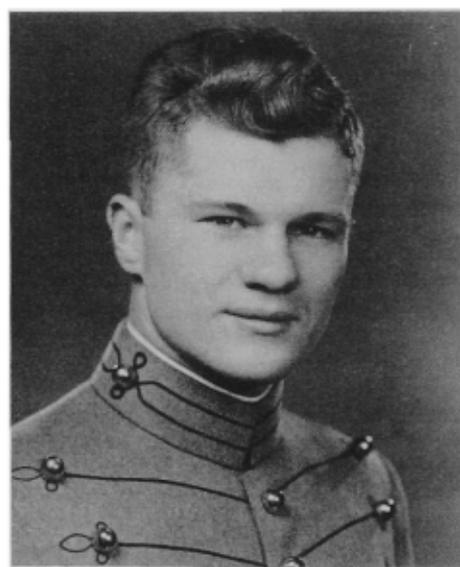


Richard Maddox Combs

NO. 13337 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 28 February 1944 in Bougainville, Papua, New Guinea, aged 22 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Richard Maddox Combs

IT HAS NOW BEEN over four decades since the Pacific Campaigns of World War II. Our former enemy is now our ally. But this peaceful condition was bought at great cost—a cost which is not evenly distributed in our country. Dick Combs' loss is an example of how some families bore more tragic burdens than others.

Dick's father, born in Oregon, spent his early years in Alaska before serving as a captain in the AEF. After the war he returned to San Francisco where he married Dick's mother. So, although Dick was born into a financial world, his father's service in World War I helped influence him toward West Point. He

attended the Portsmouth Priory School in Rhode Island, where he won two letters in football and was active in five other sports including boxing. Like so many of us, he took an extra year to prepare at "Beanie" Millard's in Washington. From that, he knew many of the class before he entered, but his warm manner and infectious smile would have won him his many friends without that.

Cadet life came naturally to Dick. He had that mixture of toughness and compassion which marks the successful military leader. He played polo, boxed, and won monograms in intermurder soccer and football. Active with the Catholic Chapel, Dick served as an acolyte and was on the Military Ball Committee. He made the progression of rank from acting corporal to corporal; to regimental sergeant-major, striding proudly beside the national colors at parade. Standing academically in the respectable middle of the class, he chose the Infantry, a difficult branch where his natural leadership talents would soon be sorely tested under fire, for he was in combat long before the remaining members of our class.

In 1941, Dick met Kitty Smith at a New England camp where both served as counselors. Dick taught riding to the campers. Romance blossomed and they were married at the Catholic Chapel at West Point, 20 January 1943. Dick served at several posts before leaving for Bougainville in the Pacific.

A son was born to Kitty and Dick the day before Dick sailed from California for combat in the Pacific: Richard Maddox Combs, Jr. On 8 December 1943 Dick joined the Americal Division in the Fiji Islands after the division came back from Guadalcanal, progressing from platoon leader to special troops to commander of "H" company, 164th Infantry Regiment on Bougainville. In less than a month after joining the regiment, on 28 February, Dick was killed in action. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

But it is not the cold words of these citations which tell us best and the quality of Dick's battlefield leadership. That comes from an amazing letter written to Richard Jr., by the men of Dick's command. Why this unusual letter? Let the letter speak:

"You never did have a chance to see your father. He told us he sailed just the day after you were born. We only knew him for a few short weeks. He had just joined our regiment. The point is that we had the opportunity of being with him for that brief period—a privilege that has been denied you.

"He was proud of you, Richard. He lived for the day when he might have returned home and clasped you and your mother to his heart. He lived for the

moment when the world might be free and he could go home. He died for that moment too. . . . He died as many true American heroes have—in the jungle, hunting down a most vicious enemy. He was killed leading his men on patrol.

"Your father really didn't have to go on that patrol. He was company commander of a heavy weapons company, and his job was the supervision of mortars and machine guns. But he wanted to go because he wanted to learn all there was to know about jungle warfare.

"It was his first patrol and he was determined it would be a success. Hunting down the Jap in the jungle is no easy task, Dick. It requires skill and courage. It's hot, rainy, frightening in the bush—sometimes a fellow wonders why any human being must fight under such conditions. But no one ever shirks his duty. Your father didn't."

And so, leading a five-man patrol under the barbed wire against an enemy stronghold, Dick Combs was killed at the head of his men—a gallant son of West Point who was never to know his own son.

In May of 1942 Dick's father left his civilian firm and re-entered the Army. Serving first with the new 8th Armored Division, he soon was sent to the Pacific Theatre, preceding his son. Colonel Combs was combat liaison officer with a Chinese regiment when he learned of Dick's death. Within 24 hours he wrote General Hayden Boatner requesting combat duty. From then until June he earned a reputation for being the most courageous and forceful leader in his command. On 14 June, less than four months after Dick's death and after being under fire for 21 consecutive days, Colonel Combs demonstrated his last act of heroism. General Boatner was assembling a force to relieve the position where Colonel Combs and his troops were, when the enemy opened fire. Colonel Combs advanced against the attackers almost single-handedly, and was hit twice. Supporting troops managed to recover him, but he later died from his wounds. He was awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses. His bravery was an inspiration to all who served in the area. Like father, like son.

In late March of 1949, at a service led by Father Murdock who had known both at West Point, father and son were re-buried together at Arlington National Cemetery. The loss to family and nation was noted even by President Roosevelt, who wrote a touching tribute to Dick's mother in July 1944. At his death, Dick was survived by his father and mother, by Kitty and son, Mac, by two brothers, Jack and Bill, at West Point, by one other brother in the Marine Corps, and by two sisters. The three brothers, Dick, Jack and Bill, were the first three brothers to attend West Point at the same time.

Kitty later married the Reverend Van Merle-Smith, who had been an aide to General Patton, and now lives in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Richard M. Combs, Jr., lives in Saranac Lake, New York, and is a county counselor in social services. Although Mac is not now married, Dick has six grandchildren. Mac wanted to enter the military, but childhood deafness prevented it.

We now have peace with Japan—but that peace was bought by bravery and sacrifice borne heavily by the Combs family.

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Gilbert Stewart Harper, Jr.

NO. 15342 CLASS OF 1946

Died 12 July 1982 in Enid, Oklahoma, aged 60 years.

Interment: Enid, Oklahoma



Gilbert Stewart Harper, Jr.

GILBERT STEWART HARPER, JR., affectionately known by family and friends as "Stew," was born on 7 February 1922 in Reform, Alabama. His hometown was small but his aspirations were great, spawned from a rich and proud family heritage and fueled by hard work in search of excellence in sports, academics and music. Twice a week his mother would drive him 60 miles to Birmingham for violin lessons. After graduating from high school in Reform, Alabama, Stew attended Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama, for one year. He then attended Birmingham-Southern College, and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. During this period he was a student at the Birmingham Conservatory of Music and was a member of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. His hard work earned him a full scholarship to the famed Juilliard School of Music, but instead he elected to enter West

Point in 1943. When asked why he chose a military career rather than music, Stew would joke that he finally found out how little money violinists made.

Stew is remembered by his classmates as one of the "spooniest" cadets in the Corps. He was the epitome of the true southern gentleman. An academic star man, he was also a cheerleader and director of the Cadet Glee Club. In addition to being involved in many other clubs and activities, he was able to continue with the violin in the Cadet Orchestra. One of his roommates recalls that his practice sessions with the violin were never much appreciated.

Stew received his wings during June Week and was commissioned into the Army Air Corps. His transition training into multi-engine aircraft was at Vance Field, Enid, Oklahoma. It was there that he met and married Beverly Joan Young.

After initial assignments in the United States, Stew commanded a B-29 squadron in the 307th Bomber Wing during the Korean War. After Korea, he served in the Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He played a key role in the automation of SAC command and control and in the development of SAC strategy in the nuclear era. His last active duty assignment was SAC liaison officer to Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratory at Hanscom Field, Massachusetts.

Stew left active duty after 14 years to join International Telephone and Telegraph in New Jersey. He remained in the Air Force Reserve serving with the Air Force Systems Command and finally as the mobilization designee to the Twenty-third Air Force, retiring as a brigadier general in 1981. He was a graduate of both the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Air War College. His military awards include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Soldier's Medal, the Air Medal and three Air Force Commendation Medals.

In 1964, Stew transferred from IT&T to Sperry Rand on Long Island, New York, where he worked on guidance systems for the Polaris program. In 1967 he joined Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), opening their New York City office. He later moved to Huntsville, Alabama, as CSC's director of southeast operations. He and Joan lived in Saigon, South Vietnam from 1971-74 where he worked for CSC as the director of operations for the development of management information systems for selected government of South Vietnam organizations.

Stew resigned from CSC in 1975 to become the manager of the water services and development division of Koering Company in Galveston, Texas. When faced with the dilemma of a promotion in Koering at the expense of his Air Force

Reserve affiliation, he chose to move to Enid, Oklahoma, to manage his personal investments and continued to serve with the Air Force until his retirement in 1981. He died of a heart attack on 12 July 1982. He is survived by his wife Joan, daughter Nancy, son Gilbert (USMA 1970) and six grandchildren.

At the time of my father's death, I offered to write this memorial. I found the challenge overwhelming for I could not adequately communicate the love and respect shared by his family and friends. Time has not healed the loss, but it made me realize that any effort will be insufficient and those close to him will understand. He was a perfectionist yet a loving and caring man with a great sense of humor. He instilled in his children a sincere love of God and a true understanding of duty, honor, and country. These values are lived daily by his wife, children and grandchildren, and will be passed on to generations to come.

*His son, Gilbert S. Harper,
LTC, US Army*

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Harry Griffith Cramer, Jr.

NO. 15816 CLASS OF 1946

Died 21 October 1957 near Nha-Trang, South Vietnam, aged 31 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Harry Griffith Cramer, Jr.

HARRY GRIFFITH CRAMER, JR. was born 24 May 1926 at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He came from a long line of "citizen soldiers" going all the way back to the French and Indian Wars. His grandfather was a first sergeant of Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil War. His father, Harry G. Cramer, Sr. (known as Coach), was a Johnstown math teacher and football coach who enlisted in WWI, earned an Officer Candidate School commission and served as an Infantry

company commander in France. Coach Cramer probably had the greatest influence on Harry's ultimate choice of the Army as his life's ambition. By the tender age of eight, young Harry already commanded armies of lead Civil War soldiers which completely filled the Cramer parlor.

Harry graduated from Johnstown High School in 1942, but he was too young to enter West Point. So he attended Carson Long Military Institute near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the interim and entered West Point on 1 July 1943, the youngest member of the Class of 1946. Having been a fine high school football player, Harry started out practicing with the Army squad. However, Harry quickly came to the conclusion that he could not stay on the Corps Squad and handle the academic load. He made the decision to drop from Corps Squad notwithstanding the associated advantages that would have made plebe year more bearable. It was a tough decision for Harry, not made easier by pressure from the coaches and upperclassmen, but it showed early on his determination to set his priorities correctly.

Harry was blessed with two things that helped make cadet life bearable. One was a real sense of humor that allowed him to take bureaucratic nonsense in stride—he never let things get him down. The other, which caused him more than a few demerits, was an overriding temptation to test the system right to its limit. This inevitably led to occasionally getting caught just across the line. On balance, Harry thought it was worth it, a Saturday or two lost notwithstanding.

After graduation, Harry completed the Infantry Basic and the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. During this period, he and a classmate Frank (Taffy) Tucker owned a surplus Taylorcraft airplane and spent their weekends flying to New Orleans, Savannah and other exotic spots. They sometimes ran into delays on their cross country flights, barely making it back to Fort Benning in time for class on Monday mornings. This happened so often that Harry earned the nickname "Hairbreadth Harry". It was during this time that one of his West Point roommates, who had gone into the Air Force, flew into Benning in a newly acquired jet to do an air show. He accepted a ride from Harry in his small plane and reported he flew with a real flair. The Air Force roommate was just a little concerned when Harry squinted at a rumpled Shell auto road map to learn exactly where they were.

Following his school stint at Fort Benning, Harry returned to West Point to marry Anne Supple at the Catholic Chapel on 25 June 1947. He then shipped out for a tour with the occupation forces in Japan, serving with the 1st

Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division. Harry returned to the United States just before the outbreak of the Korean War to serve with the 82nd Airborne Division. He immediately volunteered for combat duty and rejoined his old outfit, commanding the same company, B Company, that he had commanded in Japan. Within a month of taking his unit into combat, Harry was severely wounded by heavy machine gun fire in the fighting around the "Iron Triangle." After evacuation to a hospital in Japan, he spent three months recuperating, then rejoined the 24th Infantry. Assigned again as a company commander, he was hit on his second day on the line. The wound was less serious this time and he recovered in a field hospital and came back to the 24th to command Company D. For his bravery in combat with the 24th Regiment, Harry was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. The 24th Regiment was disbanded in late September 1951, the last of the segregated units in the Army. Harry was reassigned to the 14th Infantry where he again was a company commander. By this time, combat had slackened and Harry's letters to his family indicated that it was a time for holding the line and waiting for the truce talks to start. It was during this period, September 1951, that Harry lost his best friend, Taffy Tucker, with whom he had owned the airplane at Fort Benning, was killed in an assault on a Chinese position just a few hilltops away from Harry.

During this stalemate in the fall of 1951, Harry was able to get detailed to fly as an observer with artillery spotter pilots. The rationale being that as a former rifle and weapons company commander, he could coach his artillery counterparts as to likely "hide" positions for Chinese Infantry.

Harry rotated home in 1952 and was assigned to the G-2 staff, 82nd Airborne Division. After attending the Infantry Advanced Course at Fort Benning, he returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and volunteered for duty with Special Forces. He served as detachment commander with the 77th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg in 1955-56.

He was then selected to become the S-3 for a new group being activated in the Pacific. As part of the cadre, Harry was transferred to Fort Shafter, Hawaii, in April 1956. As the unit expanded it was formally activated as 1st Special Forces Group and posted to Fort Buckner, Okinawa. As S-3 of the new group, Harry was responsible to plan Mobile Training Team missions to southeast Asian countries to conduct a variety of schools: airborne, ranger and guerrilla/counter guerrilla operations. Due to the "A" detachments being understrength and having less experienced people, in

two instances Harry formed provisional detachments and actually performed the mission. During 1956-57, Harry planned missions to Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines. During the fall of 1956, he commanded a Mobile Training Team sent to Thailand and conducted airborne, jumpmaster and ranger training for the new Royal Thai Ranger Battalion.

In 1957, Harry was placed in command of a Mobile Training Team with the mission of organizing and training the cadre of the South Vietnamese Special Forces. The thrust of the training was guerrilla warfare, not counterinsurgency. The training ran from June—November 1957 with a graduation exercise in late October to consist of realistic ambushes and raids on an ARVN division in the field about ten miles south of Nha-Trang.

At dusk on 21 October 1957, Harry Griffith Cramer, Jr. was killed by an explosion while watching the initiation of the ambush drill. The official Report of Death states, "While engaged in exercise demonstrating principles of vehicle ambush, deceased was in vicinity of man throwing TNT block which exploded while in throwing position." The official Army position is that the TNT block involved was a deteriorated French explosive and caused the premature explosion. However, the uninjured Special Forces medic who attended to Harry and the other team medic, also injured, states unequivocally that several Viet Cong (VC) mortar rounds were fired at the Special Forces advisors coincident with the initiation of the ambush drill. The medic's account is lent credence by the fact that at dawn the next day, 22 October 1957, the VC detonated a bomb outside the bus stop at JUSMAAG billets in Saigon, wounding 14 United States personnel. We will never know for sure exactly how Harry became the first United States military casualty in Vietnam. We do know that his country lost a brave, gallant, dedicated soldier; one whose future held the promise of brilliance. Harry was survived by his wife Anne, son Harry III, and two daughters, Kainan and Anne.

When the Vietnam Memorial was dedicated in November 1982, Harry's family fully expected to see his name first among those inscribed since the names are listed in chronological order of the date of death in southeast Asia. To their bewilderment, not only was Harry not the first name listed, it was not even inscribed on the monument. Determined to correct this injustice to his father, young Harry III, now a captain in the Army, set out to tackle the bureaucracy. The first thing he learned was that "political considerations" influenced the decision to set the original cutoff date for Vietnam casualties as 1961. After seemingly endless correspondence and

haggling, and with the help of several of his father's '46 classmates, young Harry finally achieved the acknowledgement that his father was the first United States casualty (death) in Southeast Asia. Finally in November 1983, Harry Griffith Cramer, Jr.'s name was added to those on the monument.

Harry was a great proponent of Special Forces. In 1955 he was at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and had the chance to talk to a classmate about the state of the world. He felt that the Korean War had changed how the Army must conduct its business in future wars, and he felt that guerrilla operations should and would become the key to success. Not only was Harry a great proponent of Special Forces, Special Forces recognized Harry's brilliance in that area of expertise. When Harry was killed in South Vietnam, 1st Special Forces took the unusual step of having all personnel wear black arm bands for 30 days. In 1987 1st Special Forces moved into a new \$50 million compound at Fort Lewis, Washington, designed especially for the unit. Each street and building was named in honor of a distinguished Special Forces veteran. Road number 1 in the complex was designated CRAMER AVENUE in honor of Captain Harry Griffith Cramer, Jr.

Harry died doing what he loved—soldiering with Special Forces. He was one of those unique individuals who perform at their peak in combat situations. The combat part of our business can use every Harry Cramer it can get—unfortunately we have all too few of them. Harry joined the Long Gray Line in 1957, a tried and true warrior son of West Point. We who remain behind, his family, friends and classmates, cherish his memory and know that "Duty, Honor, Country" was the credo by which Harry Griffith Cramer, Jr. lived and died.

'46 Memorial Article Project and his
son, Harry G. Cramer, III, Major,
United States Army

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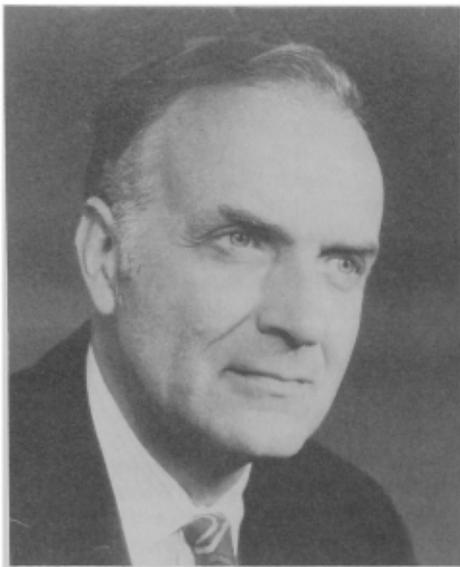
Benjamin Crabbs Evans, Jr.

NO. 15980 CLASS OF 1946

Died 23 September 1987 in Middleburg,
Virginia, aged 63 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

BENJAMIN C. EVANS, JR. was born 14 March 1924 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He graduated from Crawfordsville High School. While in high school, Ben attended the Culver Military Academy Summer Camp and was a member of the famed Black Horse Troop. His final summer, he was selected as troop commander. Following graduation from high school, Ben attended Wabash College for a year. His summers at Culver un-



Benjamin Crabbs Evans, Jr.

doubtedly influenced Ben's decision to go to West Point, and so he joined the Class of 1946 on the banks of the Hudson on 1 July 1943.

His roommates recall Ben as a model cadet, receiving few demerits. Academically, he was brilliant in the non-math areas, but something of a "goat" in math. He was a leading member of the riding team and an outstanding jumper. He had a beautiful tenor voice and was a most important member of both the Glee Club and the Cadet Chapel Choir. His classmates in the 1st Regiment well remember the serenades by Ben, Tom Campbell and Henry Bolz around the Clock Tower on those warm spring and summer evenings. As a cadet, Ben demonstrated the characteristics that were to distinguish him throughout his career. He was easy going and calm and unflappable under stress. He was such a nice guy that sometimes his roommates picked on him, as roommates will. On one occasion, Ben was out of the room just a few minutes before an expected room inspection. So, his two roommates braced themselves against the door to hold Ben in the hallway, expecting Ben to panic when he couldn't budge the door. Across the hall lived Hank Foldberg, All American end on the Army team. Ben enlisted his aid. His roommate can to this day hear Hank say, "Mr. Evans, please stand out of the way!" With a rush, Hank took out the top of the door; and Ben calmly entered the room leaving his roommate, who was room orderly, to explain to the Tac how the door got smashed.

Going into the Infantry after graduation, Ben went to Japan after the Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. After a year as company commander and battalion level staff, he was selected as aide de camp to Brigadier General Eugene L. Harrison (USMA '23), the chief of staff, I Corps. It was during this assignment that

he met Jan King, the general's step-daughter. He and Jan were married in 1952. Ben always said that he married into the Army. Jan had attended kindergarten and the first three grades at West Point. Her father was USMA '28 and she had a brother and two uncles who were graduates. From Japan, Ben went to Washington, DC, where he was aide-de-camp to the commanding general, Military District of Washington and White House military aide. He again traveled to Japan where he became chief, Plans and Policy, Psychological Warfare, for Eighth Army (Japan). This was followed by an assignment as chief, Political Intelligence, Eighth Army (Korea). At that time, there was an offer broadcast to North Korea of \$250,000 for any pilot who would fly a MIG into UN hands. This was Ben's brainchild. He was thoroughly intrigued by intelligence work and decided that it was the field he wanted to pursue. He was selected to attend Columbia University where he received his master's in public administration with a concentration in foreign affairs. In 1956, Ben came out on the "outstanding list" for early promotion to major. By this time however, he had made up his mind that he wanted to spend all his time in intelligence work, an option not available to him on active duty. So in 1957, Ben resigned his commission to join the Central Intelligence Agency. He hoped that through this avenue he could prevent wars so others would not have to fight them.

Ben's first five years with the Agency were spent in staff and line positions including two years in Cuba where he helped close the embassy. His specialties were political and paramilitary operations. This was followed by an assignment as deputy director and then director of an annual multi-million dollar program with resident managers and programs in several foreign countries.

In 1981, Ben retired from the Agency having completed twelve consecutive years as executive secretary to the director and deputy director, Central Intelligence Agency, as well as executive secretary, Central Intelligence Agency. The length of time Ben spent in this key position is remarkable. He provided expert continuity as Schlesinger replaced Helms as director, then as Colby replaced Schlesinger, Bush-Colby and Turner-Bush. He was there for the first three months of Casey's tenure. Richard Helms said of Ben, "He always had his eye on the ball." To say that Ben's position was critical is an understatement. In addition to acting as chief of staff for the director and deputy director, Ben carried the chief administrative responsibility for CIA's interaction with the White House, Cabinet and other departments and agencies. His position called for skill, experience, judgment,

diplomacy, firmness and discretion. These were all characteristics that Ben had in abundance. He garnered immense respect from his superiors, peers and subordinates. The chances for errors with grievous consequences were very real, but Ben never faltered. His calmness under pressure was never more of an asset than in his position at the Agency. That he served six successive directors and deputies under four administrations is ample testimony to his effectiveness. When Ben retired in May 1981, the director of Central Intelligence presented him with the CIA's highest award for service, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

Ben was the quintessential family man. The three most important women in his life were his beloved wife, Jan, and their two daughters, Karla and Louise. All their vacations were family vacations with the two girls. At the CIA, his secretary was always instructed that if either of his two daughters called he was to be interrupted. Ben was happiest to be on his farm in Middleburg, Virginia, with his wife and daughters. He was content to be alone with his "three gals." Ben's enjoyment of the country and nature at his farm represented the culmination of a lifelong dream. When he applied to Wabash College in 1942, before entering West Point, he wrote, "The fact that I was surely born with an ardent love for the out-of-doors and for animals has been a means for personal satisfaction. This increasing love of the out-of-doors is responsible for a great part of the happiness in my life. I regularly feel the need of it. I find it both stimulating and soothing." That he was able to be in the country with his loving family after his retirement was greatly satisfying to Ben.

Those who knew Ben appreciated his terrific sense of humor. In December 1986, one month before his illness, Ben was dressed in "black tie" en route to Washington to meet Jan to go to the Symphony Ball. Knowing he wouldn't get dinner until very late, he stopped at a McDonald's fast food outlet on the way. Another patron, an attractive woman, was overwhelmed by this handsome gentleman all dressed up at McDonald's and came over to tell him how elegant he looked. With a twinkle in his eye, Ben replied in a friendly but serious manner, "I always dress for dinner."

In October 1986, Ben discovered that his liver function tests were elevated during a routine checkup. The doctors didn't know why, but Ben restricted his diet and was relieved when there was an improvement in December. In January of 1987, Ben became jaundiced and follow-up examinations showed a malignant tumor. An operation in February disclosed additional cancer of the pancreas for which there was no operation

ing-with-industry program. He then served as officer-in-charge of the Air Force Procurement Office at Olin Mathieson Chemical, and afterwards at Sylvania Electronic Products in Buffalo. From there, he attended Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, from which he graduated in 1961. For the next two years, he was with the Air Force ROTC at the University of Illinois, where work on his Ph.D. was interrupted by a transfer back to Maxwell as the director of Procurement for Air University. Four years later, he retired from the Air Force to launch his civilian career.

Tex held various civilian positions to which he brought the same integrity, enthusiasm, idealism, openness, and concern for others that characterized his military service. The family moved to Florida, where he worked for Boeing on the crawler vehicle contract for the Apollo program. After the successful moon landing, the contract was completed, so the family moved to Orlando, where Tex entered the embryonic modular housing business. Recognizing that his products were ahead of the demand that eventually developed, a year later he became an account representative for Merrill Lynch, a position he held for four years. Then, after a year as a realtor, he returned to the work he knew best as contract administrator for the DOE underground oil storage project in Texas. Two years later, he accepted a procurement position with Martin-Marietta in Orlando.

On 2 September 1982, Lois died suddenly. Her loss was a crushing blow. About two years later, Tex retired for the second time. That December, he had his first heart attack. Surviving that one, he suffered a more massive attack on 31 May 1987, just three days before a scheduled bypass operation. Instead of bemoaning his situation, though, on 22 July he wrote friends, "It could have been worse . . . (although I now) have to stay out of dark alleys at night!" Three weeks later, Tex passed away. Interment was at West Point.

His son Ross summed it up best when he wrote, "My father had some rough times . . . but he never threw in the towel, nor lost his faith. I am sure that in no small part this is due to his having graduated from the Academy."

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George Wayne Chancellor

NO. 19595 CLASS OF 1954

Died 3 September 1988 in Fort Bliss, Texas, aged 57 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas

GEORGE WAYNE CHANCELLOR was born on 13 September 1930, in Mullin, Texas. In 1937 his family moved to Hot Springs,



George Wayne Chancellor

New Mexico. He graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1949. He entered the United States Military Academy in June 1950 and graduated in June 1954.

He married Georgeanne Rogers of Ranger, Texas, in June 1954.

George's first tour of duty was in Germany from 1955-58. He served in B Battery, 14th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany, as battery executive officer, battery commander and assistant S-3, and also spent one year as aide-de-camp to the division artillery commander, Seventh Army and the chief of staff, Seventh Army in Stuttgart, Germany.

From 1959-61, George attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, where he received a master of science in Chemistry. In 1961, he was assigned as an instructor to the Chemistry Department, USMA. Upon completing a three-year tour, he attended the Field Artillery Career Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Bliss, Texas, and the West Coast Defense Language Institute at Monterey, California.

From July 1965-July 1966, George served as advisor to the deputy province chief in Soctrang, Vietnam.

When he returned from Vietnam, George attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In August 1967 he returned to the Chemistry Department at USMA. During this three-year tour, George was selected as a permanent associate professor and executive officer of the Department of Chemistry.

George received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, in 1972 and returned to West Point, where he served in the Chemistry Department until his retirement 31 August 1978.

George and Georgeanne retired to El Paso, Texas, where George worked as a

math consultant for the Texas Education Agency's Region XIX Education Service Center from 1978-82.

In 1982 George joined Georgeanne in the field of real estate and became very active in the profession. He was on the board of directors of the El Paso Real Estate Credit Union, served as vice-chairman and chairman of the Board of Realtors Grievance Committee, and taught several courses at the Academy of Real Estate. He served as the local president and district director of the Exchange Club of East El Paso.

George died of lung cancer on 3 September 1988. Upon his death, the El Paso Board of Realtors instituted a Memorial Educational Fund in his memory with the University of Texas at El Paso. This was a most appropriate tribute, as, above all else, George was a teacher.

He is survived by his wife, Georgeanne; a daughter, Anne Bills; two sons, Wayne M. Chancellor and William J. Chancellor; and six lovely granddaughters.

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George Joseph McElroy

NO. 23131 CLASS OF 1960

Died 7 July 1988 in Duxbury, Massachusetts, aged 49 years.

Interment: Mayflower Cemetery, Duxbury, Massachusetts.



George Joseph McElroy

GEORGE JOSEPH MCELROY was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 3 October 1938, the son of George and Marion McElroy. When he was three years of age his family moved to Braintree, a suburb of Boston, where George lived until he entered the United States Military Academy. As a youth, he was an outstanding student, graduating ninth in his high school class, and a competitive athlete who excelled in ice hockey, basketball, and cross country running. He



Peter Michael Connor

This article was written for the first time in 1970 with the intention of a timely tribute, but the first draft has rested fitfully in a 1968 HOWITZER for almost two decades. The time has come, however, to suck it in and tackle a most difficult task.

On 4 November 1969, I was sitting in my most recently burrowed hole in the Republic of Vietnam, when a secure message instructed me to proceed to Cam Ranh Bay to escort the body of a lieutenant, 1/12 Cavalry, killed in action. They didn't have to tell me who. I remember running, crying, from that hole, but not much else until I was in Brigadier General Connor's Fort Belvoir quarters. That whole period, including the ceremonies at West Point, is a painful blur.

Pete frequently told Bruce and me about his life prior to West Point. We heard more from his sister, Lizz, who loved to tell Pete Connor stories; his mother, and sweetheart, Kathy, who wore his class miniature, but had agreed to wait for just one war, prior to marriage. Pete was, for his longtime roommates, the epitome of the Army brat. Although younger than we, he seemed much more mature and aware, and I remember

thinking that the much traveled Army life must be the perfect way to raise a kid, ready for the world. He was so very bright and quick witted that arguments on equal footing were out of the question, a natural for debate, organized and otherwise. I always regretted not having gone to one of his debate team performances, but imagine him to have been unconquerable. I remember his talking of going to high school in Cincinnati at St. Xavier High and later to Leavenworth High School in Kansas. There were periods in Turkey, Canada, Georgia, California, but Cincinnati was always "home."

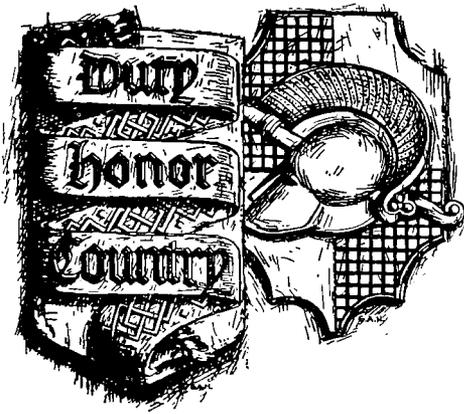
His was an Army family. Many years of unaccompanied tours with young children are not without consequence. I saw a remarkable family closeness. He was the oldest of three brothers and two sisters. Like most people, his mother, Em, exerted a strong influence on her eldest son, but theirs was an especially strong bond. Her relationship with Pete is described by Kathy as unusually intense, with a mutual respect, and with great arguments stemming from personalities so very much alike. Bruce and I were also a little proud when Pete shared his dad's letters from Vietnam. Brigadier General Connor, then assistant division commander, 4th Infantry Division, brought the war very close to us. Pete's pride was obvious. For us, "Combat Infantryman" were magic words. Brigadier General Connor was not just another Infantry officer and we all knew it. He had a great influence on Pete—and us. When the time came for branch selection, all options were open to Pete (he was a hive). There was no question—Infantry. When first assignments were selected, there was no question—Vietnam. Pete and I served together through Infantry Basic, as Ranger buddies, Airborne School, and a six-month stateside assignment at Fort Campbell. We PCS'd to Vietnam almost on the same day. Pete had become a brother, and it's not easy to lose a brother. I remember Pete saying that his father had lost a brother in World War II. Don't ever let anyone say mili-

tary families don't pay more than their fair share.

I'm lucky enough to go back to West Point once a year and have had many reflective periods at Pete's resting place. It's logical that the memories are most vivid there. I can see him so clearly. Kathy made the observation in her very helpful and thoughtful remarks about this painful article, that we all see Pete as a perpetual twenty-one year old. As we grow old, he doesn't. If I try to envision Pete stumbling through our life's failures, like the rest of us over the last twenty years, it doesn't fit. He was squared away. He was better prepared for USMA than anyone I know and better prepared for life when we graduated. Charlie Beckwith sent the Connors a letter after Pete's death. He said that he always imagined following Pete up the ladder and saw stars at the end for Pete. My paraphrase, but more than one of us could have voiced the same sentiment. Bruce knew him as well as I. Perhaps better, since he always had more insight. He wrote, for this article: "Pete had the stronger, more rigid personality. While Dick and I were laissez faire about life, Pete was set in his ways, with committed goals. It was harder for him to sacrifice for friendship, but in retrospect, did the most to keep it together. He was intelligent, dedicated, loyal, and incredibly funny. A friend for life that did not deserve such a short life." Jack Miller wrote, "I don't believe there was anyone who knew him that was not influenced by him. For the life he lived and the service he rendered, we all echo that familiar verse—Well done, be thou at peace." Kathy asked Brigadier General Connor to have the verse placed on Pete's stone at the cemetery; it is there.

The Class of 1968 has many memories of Pete Connor. Those of us who knew him well suffer the most from his loss, even after so many years. It has been a difficult task to put his final tribute into words, but at the same time, Pete's family should know what he meant to us and of his influence upon friends and classmates. Also, it's time that Pete knew.

Roommates



Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of March 1990 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Elbert L. Ford	Apr-1917	25 February	1990 Washington, DC
Kenneth W. Leslie	Nov-1918	21 December	1989 Bernard's Township, New Jersey
Harold S. Ruth	1919	20 June	1989 Oakland, California
Laurence W. Bartlett	1920	21 January	1990 El Paso, Texas
Louis Dolan	X-1922 (1)	27 January	1990 Fort Lauderdale, Florida
John H. Stodter	1922 (2)	15 January	1990 Richmond, Virginia
Edward F. Adams	1923	19 January	1990 Norfolk, Virginia
Walter A. Linn	1924	18 December	1989 West Chester, Pennsylvania
James J. Deery	1925	2 May	1987 San Antonio, Texas
Daniel H. Robertson, Jr.	1925	7 October	1987 Wyckoff, New Jersey
Thomas E. P. Barbour	1926	5 January	1990 Frederick, Maryland
John F. Farra, Jr.	1928	27 January	1990 Orange Park, Florida
James M. Gavin	1929	23 February	1990 Baltimore, Maryland
James K. Herbert	1930	22 January	1990 Stanford, California
Allen F. Clark, Jr.	1932	28 February	1990 Seattle, Washington
Millard L. Haskin	1933	26 February	1990 San Diego, California
Peter S. Peca	1934	27 February	1990 Akron, Ohio
Joseph J. Nazzaro	1936	5 February	1990 Tucson, Arizona
Robert H. Safford	1936	25 January	1990 Silver Spring, Maryland
Luis F. Mercado	1937	23 January	1990 San Antonio, Texas
Asher B. Robbins, Jr.	1937	11 January	1990 Alexandria, Virginia
William J. Worcester	1937	24 January	1990 San Francisco, California
Francis B. Harrison	1938	16 January	1990 Monterey, California
Richard J. Long	1938	19 February	1990 Pebble Beach, California
John H. Spangler	1938	9 January	1990 Long Beach, California
Roger E. Phelan	1939	10 January	1990 Montgomery, Alabama
Robert F. O'Donnell	1940	10 February	1990 New Rochelle, New York
Paul E. Pique	1941	7 March	1990 San Francisco, California
Paul B. Woodward	1942	23 February	1990 Marina Del Rey, California
William J. Cook	Jan-1943	20 August	1989 Shreveport, Louisiana
James D. Moore	Jan-1943	10 February	1990 Deland, Florida
Clyde T. Earnest	Jun-1943	16 February	1990 Newport News, Virginia
Joseph H. Huau, Jr.	Jun-1943	29 January	1990 Homestead, Florida
Alton M. Shipstead	Jun-1943	10 March	1990 Jacksonville, Florida
Paul C. Emley	1944	15 February	1990 Orlando, Florida
Thomas E. Dowd, Jr.	1945	13 December	1989 Miami Beach, Florida
Robert R. Finnegan	1948	2 February	1990 Carmichael, California
Ranald D. Council	1949	26 February	1990 Greenbrae, California
Richard E. Tobin	1949	14 February	1990 Kenmore, New York
Herbert H. Albritton	1951	7 February	1990 Tavares, Florida
Edward A. Dinges	1953	16 January	1990 Lawton, Oklahoma
Lee B. Gray	1953	24 February	1990 West Point, New York
Quay C. Snyder	1954	30 January	1990 Monument, Colorado
Richard G. Caldwell	1957	22 January	1990 Washington, DC
Thomas H. Huber	1960	3 March	1990 Farmington Hills, Michigan
Steven M. Harmois	1975	2 March	1990 San Antonio, Texas
Barry T. Strope	1983	10 February	1990 Helena, Montana
Christopher Moss	1987	10 January	1990 Fort Irwin, California

