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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

It is especially appropriate—indeed, almost poetic—that this year, set aside to honor Eisenhower on his centennial, coincides with the reordering of much of the world as we have known it since the end of World War II. For it was Ike, more than any other leader, who foresaw that Communism would fade if the United States remained strong economically and refused to let its guard down militarily. There is also some irony in the coincidence of the two events. Eisenhower (whose lifetime of service to the security of our country began with sentry duty in the cadet guard house pictured on this page) personally participated in three periods of post-war adjustment. He would have understood full well the dangers lurking in the euphoria brought about by the victory he helped design. If he could counsel us today, his voice would all but surely be one of caution. Caution for the country, for the Army, and for West Point. How so?

Many years ago these anonymous lines appeared on a guard-shack wall, penned probably by a disillusioned sentry:

God and the soldier
  We all adore—
In time of war,
  And not before.

When the war is over
  And all things righted,
God is forgotten
  And the soldier slighted.

Concerning the plight of the soldier, at least, those words ring true in the American experience. Our country has usually generously honored its warriors, from Washington to Westmoreland, even making many of them President. Ike is only the most recent. Still, our citizenry has never had an abiding love affair with its soldiers once the cannons ceased to boom. After every war, from the Revolution on, the soldier has rapidly been shoved toward irrelevance while the Army itself has been decimated. We have precious little national experience with demobilization of the Army, much with its disintegration. One can only hope we will be wiser in the wake of what seems to be the end of the Cold War—though history offers scant cause for optimism.

Guard shack used by cadets at Fort Clinton during summer encampments, 1874–1942.

Just as the aftermath of each war brings a lowering of esteem for the soldier, so does it often bring attacks on the worth of West Point.

After the War of 1812, Alden Partridge wrote: "There is not on the whole globe an establishment more monarchial, corrupt, and corrupting. . . ." Efforts were made in the 1830's to abolish the Academy, with the legislatures in both Ohio and Tennessee urging their members of Congress to vote against funding an academy "wholly inconsistent with the spirit and genius of our liberal institutions."

In the wake of the Civil War, criticism centered largely on the fact that so many Southern graduates had sided with their states. One John Logan, in a book published in the 1880's, attacked West Point for producing educated men rather than trained soldiers, saying the school was dangerous to democratic society.

Following the First World War, a cacophony of criticism emerged. Charles Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard, denigrated the caliber of Academy students and faculty, and blamed the West Point mentality for the invention of Army "red tape." Frederick Palmer, a reserve colonel in WW I, reflecting the views of many, thought it folly to spend four years developing an officer at West Point when a year would suffice. Assaults continued until the outbreak of WW II stilled them.

By 1946, vocal critics were at it again, saying West Point was "an anti-democratic outpost in America." The Doolittle Board reported that there was a "class superiority" among officers, which was "especially true of graduates of West Point." Many others chimed in prior to being hushed by the advent of the Cold War and the fighting in Korea.

Vietnam brought its spate of negative books and articles castigating USMA, epitomized perhaps in the title of one of them—*West Point: America's Power Fraternity*.

The first blast in the post Cold War era has already been heard. It came, even as the Berlin Wall was being knocked down, in the form of a series of articles in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Grossly flawed pieces holding that the service academies were too expensive and that their graduates were not serving well, the articles were reminiscent of demagoguery seen in print in the 1830's.

Given the realities of the times we are in and the consistency of the historical record, we can anticipate a spate of attacks on the Military Academy from a variety of directions. Some will say we cost too much. Some that we are elitist. Some that our graduates aren't all that good anyway. Some that peace now relegates us to obsolescence. They will be dead wrong, of course, just as their ideological forebears have been proven wrong in the past. But that will not deter them. They will lodge their claims. Simply the fact that such arguments seem to endure, as well as the probability that they will attract considerable attention,

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Let me begin with a word about one of our more illustrious alumni, Dwight David Eisenhower. This issue of ASSEMBLY is dedicated to him. Mere words will never capture the selfless service that this son of West Point gave to our nation. President Eisenhower epitomized the purpose statement of the United States Military Academy where it refers to "leaders of character who serve the common defense." Two graduates of West Point have had the distinction of being called President of the United States. Dwight David Eisenhower stands ever so tall in our history, having magnificently shown to all of us what being a "West Pointer" means. Included in this issue are the comments of a number of those who knew him personally, and they give testimony to his leadership and character.

I never knew Ike but I have a personal experience which tells much about the man. In 1953 as a young lieutenant, I was sent to Germany; Kathryn would follow in approximately six months when housing became available. During this time, both Kathryn and my mother wrote almost daily, and I wrote frequently to Kathryn who shared my letters with both her parents and mine. My mother apparently was dissatisfied with this arrangement and wrote to President Eisenhower complaining that the APO must not be delivering her letters to me since she had had no response from me. I learned of this one day at a construction site in Grafenwoehr when a jeep sped in, a lieutenant colonel popped out, handed me a telegram, barked that I'd better comply, hopped back into the jeep and sped off. The telegram read "Write to your mother today, Lt. Mullane. That is an order." It was signed by Frank Pace, Secretary of the Army.

Turning now to Association matters, we've been busy during the past few months. We concluded our deliberations at our Long Range Planning Conference, and the Board of Trustees has been presented with a host of recommendations. Your input was heard and well-aired. Class presidents, society presidents and others gave us magnificent ideas. My warmest thanks for your time and effort.

These are, indeed, interesting times for West Point—and West Pointers. Our Superintendent's letter alludes to some of what we are all facing. It's your support that will make the difference. Let me encourage you to make yourselves heard. I'm sure you know we have no lobbying group, per se, that can take up the banner of West Point when troubles prevail. But as individuals, we can make sure the facts are known. That's why I agreed to assist the Superintendent in helping to distribute the various fact sheets and pamphlets that he mentions in his letter. Informed people make informed decisions.

My best wishes to you all as we conclude the beautiful fall season and prepare for the upcoming holidays.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane
President
Association of Graduates
USMA

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means we must not take them lightly. The potential for damage is real. These are the times when the Academy—no, the country—needs the full and unstinting support of its graduates and friends.

What can each person do? How can you help? First, be informed on the issues.* Make sure your classmates know the facts, discuss the issues at society meetings, put information in newsletters, etc. Then be vigilant and active. Help get accurate data into the media and to decision makers.

It is one thing to be slighted. We can all accept not being adored. It is entirely another matter to permit misguided or uninformed individuals to undermine the common defense of the United States. A belief in our guide-post of DUTY-HONOR-COUNTRY should lead us to try to preclude it. Eisenhower's would be a leading voice from our past urging us, in our time, to mount careful watch over our country's future safety.

Best wishes from West Point.

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

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Front: A photograph of a painting of Dwight D. Eisenhower by Thomas E. Stephens which hangs in the Trophy Room of the Augusta National Golf Club, 1953. Eisenhower's first Christmas card from the White House to his special friends was a print of this painting. (Print for cover courtesy of Richard L. Gruenther.)

Back: Painting by Dwight D. Eisenhower, "Boyhood Home." Slide of painting furnished courtesy of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas.

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Letter to the Editor

Army-Navy Sports Competition

Colonel Morris Herbert's analysis of Army-Navy sports competition over the years in your September 1990 issue was most interesting. One of the surprising aspects was Army's weaker performance in the decades since expansion of the size of the Corps of Cadets; in earlier years fewer cadets (both in absolute numbers and comparatively) fared demonstrably better in competition with the more numerous midshipmen.

Of even greater interest is the implication of Colonel Herbert's conclusion that "the management of the Army Athletic Association and the professionalism, leadership, and skill of our coaches is at least equal to that of Navy." In other words, he absolves the athletic hierarchy of any responsibility for the poor performance of Army teams versus Navy.

That leaves only the cadets to blame. Colonel Herbert in fact states explicitly that "the inescapable conclusion is simply that Navy, in almost every men's sport for the past twenty years, has had better athletes than Army." He indicates that a future article will seek to explain why this has been the case. Being an eminently fair commentator, he will undoubtedly also consider the alternative possibility that Navy and Army might have athletes of comparable ability, the difference being in performance or utilization of that ability in competition between the two academies.

Few people know more about Army sports over the years than Colonel Herbert, who is a walking encyclopedia on the topic. Thus his conclusions will be of great interest. They will also, as he knows quite well, be potentially explosive. If, for example, he concludes that standards of admission have kept West Point from recruiting athletes of the number or caliber brought in by Annapolis, or that Army policy requiring athletes to meet the same standards of academic and military proficiency as other cadets has made it more difficult for athletes to perform at West Point, or that Army enforcement of post-graduation service obligations has deterred potential athletes from going to West Point, such conclusions would presumably constitute invidious comparisons of the Navy's approach to the same matters.

There is another area of potential interest which might profitably be explored. That is whether there is anything in the West Point experience per se that could account in whole or in part for the disappointing performance of Army teams competing against Navy. Among the aspects for analysis could be leadership in the Corps, cadet support for Academy intercollegiate teams, expectations and attitudes of corps squad athletes, and attitudes of the Corps of Cadets toward the significance of intercollegiate athletics at West Point and toward the cadets who play on Army teams. Of course in this context it could also be very useful to develop an explanation for the excellent performance of women's teams representing West Point in competition against Navy as compared to the poor performance of men's teams over the past decade.

There is also room for a sampling of expert opinion on the manner of performance of athletic coaches and administrators at West Point, such views to be compared with Colonel Herbert's finding that these officials are blameless when it comes to recent decades of lackluster performance against Navy.

At least three views would seem to be particularly useful: those of a senior member of the academic faculty with long experience in athletic policy, such as a full professor who has served on the athletic policy board; a sports psychologist, preferably one with recent service at West Point and experience with Army teams; and a Naval Academy graduate with interest in and knowledge of Army-Navy sports competition similar to Colonel Herbert's.

I hope we can look forward to such a range of analyses, as well as Colonel Herbert's own further conclusions, in a future issue of *Assembly*. It might turn out that the Army-Navy sports record is the inevitable and perfectly acceptable result of pursuing more important goals by and for cadets. Or, if that is not the case, we may learn some very important things about how to balance a number of competitive but equally important requirements.

Lewis Sorley
USMA '56

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Dwight David Eisenhower Centennial 1890–1990

This special section of ASSEMBLY honors one of West Point's most distinguished graduates, Dwight David Eisenhower, on the centennial of his birth, 14 October 1890, in Denison, Texas.

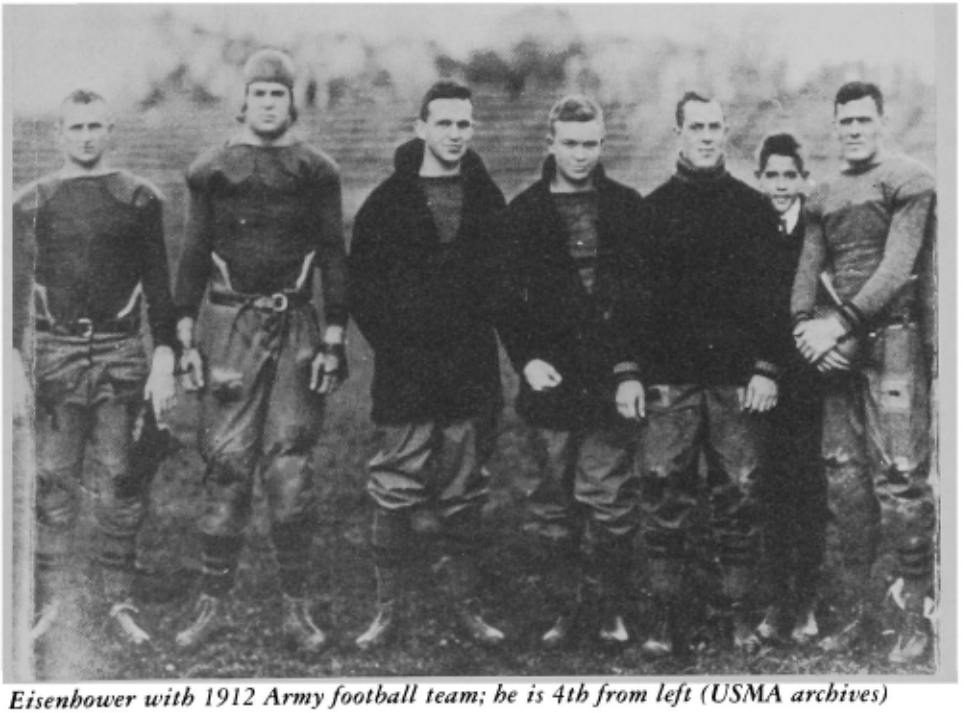
On behalf of the Association of Graduates, Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, the Superintendent, wrote a letter to each of a number of individuals who knew Eisenhower, inviting each to write a short essay for ASSEMBLY. They were asked to express their views on the role that USMA had in forming the values and leadership qualities of President Eisenhower. The responses to the Superintendent's letter make up the collection that follows.

ASSEMBLY would like to express its appreciation to the contributors, to the Superintendent, and to Colonel James N. Hawthorne, Director of Academy Relations, who assisted in the concept and administration of this compilation.

Editor

General Eisenhower visits with cadets after Corps review, 20 June 1945 (Photo courtesy USMA archives)

Eisenhower (4th row, left) with classmates, circa 1913. Bradley is center top row (USMA archives)



Eisenhower with 1912 Army football team; he is 4th from left (USMA archives)

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June 28, 1990

Lt. General Dave R. Palmer
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Dear Dave:

This letter will serve to answer your letter, relative to a short word on General Eisenhower.

In my life, particularly the time I have served in the Government Service, I had the good fortune to serve under many West Point graduates, in different degrees of rank, including that of General. I must say that I didn't always agree with their military decisions, but without exception all graduates were superb. However, I do hold General Eisenhower in that superior category, who not only performed well in the field, but upheld all the qualities that mark a West Point graduate. He had the bearing of leader, and a gentleman, and I knew him to be a generous, kind, and dedicated man. Young people will look to General Eisenhower in the coming years, and I know he will have a tremendous influence on their decision to become a part of the military establishment.

Much of this can be attributed to his background, his mother, father, and his church, but what solidified his final character, were his days in the Academy. I will be forever grateful to the Academy for having produced such a man as Eisenhower. It was a joy and a pleasure to serve under him, and with him.

Sincerely,

Barry

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July 13, 1990

David R. Palmer
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Dear Lt. Gen. Palmer:

Thank you for your letter of June 18. In answer to your request to submit an essay, I offer the following:

How can one describe Eisenhower. As a President of the United States? A General of the Armies? A President of Columbia University? A graduate of West Point? A farm boy?

None of the above separately, but all of the above together. He was that rare combination of citizen and soldier and statesman. When all is said, what more can we say.

In the words of Robert Frost, "he had things to do, places to go and promises to keep before he sleeps."

He was a man of all Seasons
And for all the right Reasons.

He sleeps well and because of him, we are a better people.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Mansfield

MM:jh

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CHAMBERS OF
CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER
RETIRED

July 24, 1990

Dear General Palmer:

The following is in response to your letter of June 18th.

My contacts with Dwight Eisenhower when he was President were limited to attendance at several conferences relating to litigation which was my responsibility, particularly several cases in the international field; however, for three years as Assistant Attorney General of the United States and following that as an interested observer I noted his method of leadership in management terms within the government itself. I assume that West Point training of officers for the military includes certain basic principles about delegating authority and the concept of accountability by those to whom authority is delegated.

This was illustrated in my discussions at the time of my appointment as Assistant Attorney General. President-elect Eisenhower had picked his Cabinet and, with respect to the Department of Justice, it was clear that he had expected Attorney General Brownell as the "field commander" for the administration of justice to conform generally to administrative policy. However, he granted authority to Brownell to pick his own senior staff. With some administrations Cabinet officers did not have that same kind of freedom of action. I think as President, Dwight Eisenhower, in delegating authority, in this way then held his Cabinet "field commanders" responsible for performance.

One concrete illustration of how this system worked arose when the Chief of State of another country complained to President Eisenhower about how certain litigation that was my responsibility was being carried out. Since this was the head of one government speaking to the head of another President Eisenhower felt that he had to answer directly and I was requested to brief him on the subject. I did so, and after less then five minutes outlining an otherwise rather complex case, he waved the whole thing aside and said, in so many words, "Just keep on doing what you are doing." A similar occasion arose with respect to another large case when the Ambassador of the involved country made a more or less formal complaint to the President about the Department of Justice position. Again, I was requested to brief him and on doing so received the same response; in other words, to "carry on."

Sincerely,

Warren E. Burger

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Dwight D. Eisenhower

During World War II, Dwight D. Eisenhower moved swiftly up through the command in posts of increasing responsibility. In early 1942 he was chief of Army operations in Washington. Later in the year he became U. S. commander of the European Theater of Operations. By 1943 he was supreme commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces.

This has been called a meteoric rise, and indeed it was. But to those able to observe General Eisenhower's leadership qualities, the rise seemed natural and inevitable.

At the time, America was shipping tanks and planes, men and materiel, to Britain. The Allies were amassing the greatest armada in history. General Eisenhower was in charge of planning and carrying out the invasion of Europe, a continent which had been turned into a bastion by Adolph Hitler.

It was in this period that I became acquainted with General Eisenhower when my own duties took me to Africa and England. From the beginning, I recognized in him an exceptional ability to bring together so many disparate ranks and kinds of people, and to evoke in them the dedication necessary to accomplish the largest task ever given to a military force.

His leadership was almost an inspired thing. Field Marshal Montgomery was a stellar man, not accustomed to being either led or commanded. Yet General Eisenhower had both the diplomacy and the strength to make Montgomery a part of the team that made Allied victory possible.

From my own point of view as director of the Women's Army Corps, General Eisenhower was a marvel of breadth and vision. While many lesser generals were reluctant to see women soldiers in their command, General Eisenhower saw at once that the WACs represented a remarkable new force that would enhance Allied military power. He saw that every soldier wearing the WAC uniform was a volunteer. She was there because she was eager to serve her country. And in a short time, he realized the WACs' ability to take over work traditionally done by men, and to excel in it. From the early days in Africa to D-Day, he was calling for more WACs to be sent oversees. He wanted more than the full complement established by Congress could provide.

Again, he was showing his ability to bring together disparate people and unite them into a powerful military force.

Honorable Oveta Culp Hobby taking oath of office as the first Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare

Because I came into his life decades after his West Point days, I have no way of knowing just what the U. S. Military Academy meant to my commanding officer. I know that he always spoke of it with affection and admiration.

I think he must have been born and bred with his strong sense of duty. I have no doubt that the years at West Point refined and strengthened that sense, which was the guiding force in his life. The Point probably gave form to his innate sense of discipline. We Americans shall always be indebted to West Point for its part in the development of this remarkable man.

He was a great general, a great President, but above all, a great human being.

Oveta Culp Hobby

Comments on the Role of the United States Military Academy in Forming the Values and Leadership Qualities of President Eisenhower

In this Eisenhower Centennial year, a consideration of the role that West Point played in forming the values and leadership qualities that were important in his later life can hardly fail to be of special interest to every Academy graduate. It is natural in this regard, I believe, to look to *duty, honor* and *country,* and to some of the things he said and did about them, for good indicators of just how significant, and in what ways, West Point's role proved to be.

Regarding his views on *duty,* the stress he typically placed on leadership and responsibility provides excellent insight. Especially revealing is the charge he gave to General Maxwell Taylor, when assigning him to be the Academy's Superintendent, to institute a course of study in leadership: "I realize," he often said, "that leadership is to some extent a gift, but no one can tell me that the gifts a person has—whatever they may be—cannot be improved by study of historical examples and effective leadership methods." I myself recall the emphasis he gave on many occasions to the concept of responsibility. "It's not so much whether a man serves in line or staff as how he handles responsibility," he would say. That he viewed West Point as the place to develop these capabilities tells something of what West Point had meant to him—and what he thought it should be.

The stress he placed on *honor* was likewise clearly shown when he told General Taylor that, in his new post, the protection of the Cadet Honor Code would be his highest duty. Throughout Eisenhower's life he was impressively able to face up to reality and truth, whatever they might be, and deal with them effectively. He made clear in many circumstances how central he thought those abilities were to the role of the leader. He well understood the importance—and the difficulty—of maintaining honesty and integrity in government. In his ways of dealing with problems in those areas he gave convincing evidence, to my mind, of what the Code had meant to him.

His devotion to *country* was put into practice by his frequent question, as President, "What's best for America?" There were some in the press and in the partisan political circles of that time

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who accused him in this of offering nothing more than banality. But to those who saw him in action, in Cabinet or National Security Council, the story was quite different. His insistence that purpose be clear and that it be aimed at the good of the whole rather than any special or self-interest, was fundamental to effective policy-making, and it echoed the respect for "country" contained in West Point's motto. He used the term "parochial" as one of his bitterest epithets in rejecting calls for crash programs or special-interest legislation that he thought contrary to the true interests of our country as a whole.

If he were alive today, much of what he would see—though by no means all of it—would be gratifying to him in the highest degree. The shift of the Soviet Union away from massively armed military confrontation, the reining in of strategic nuclear programs and the silencing of rhetorical bluster threatening that "rockets will fly," together with the emergence of freedom by peaceful means in Eastern Europe would all be seen by him, I believe, to respond to our country's deepest interests and highest goals. Where our country falls badly short today, both in its tremendous federal budget deficits domestically and its trade deficits abroad, stands in direct violation of the principles and policies on which he built his Administration, which to him were the simple, enduring values that had made our country great.

His Centennial year, by revisiting as it does his life and the things he believed in, can be of timely benefit to cadets of a new generation as they in their turn face the problems and challenges of the months and years that now lie ahead.

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General Eisenhower as SACEUR

In early 1951, with the enthusiastic concurrence of all thirteen of the NATO nations, General Eisenhower was appointed Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR). From his close association with Europe's problems over the preceding eight or nine years, he was fully aware that his responsibilities would extend well beyond those of the conventional military commander, charged simply with the organization, training and equipping of his forces. He knew well that the situation in Western Europe at that time was indeed precarious—politically, economically and, most especially, militarily. And he felt very strongly that, first and foremost, SACEUR's task must be to alert NATO's peoples to the seriousness of the threat from the East, while at the same time generating a sense of hope and confidence in the future, a conviction that now, at last, with the formal commitment by the United States to use its full military strength, if need be, to assist in repelling any invasion, the situation was no longer desperate.

Eisenhower and Andrew Goodpaster, early 1952

To this end, and with his usual forthright approach, while dispatching at once a team of carefully selected American officers to Paris to work with the French in selecting and developing a suitable site for his headquarters, he himself, accompanied by his Chief of Staff, General Al Gruenther, embarked on a round of visits to the capital cities of NATO. In each capital he met with national leaders, businessmen, top military figures and others of special importance, explaining his mission, stating frankly the critical problems facing us all, and calling upon each nation to do its utmost to assist in this combined effort to maintain our freedom and safeguard our territory against aggression. Everywhere, his appeal was highly successful. Not only did he receive promises of enthusiastic support for the military program which he outlined, he also developed friendly contacts with key political and military leaders which proved to be of great value over the months ahead in furthering his efforts to rebuild NATO's forces.

Returning to Paris, General Eisenhower proceeded at once to his temporary headquarters in a hotel just off the Champs Elysée. There he set about completing the organization of his staff. His principal deputy was Britain's Field Marshal Montgomery; his Naval Deputy, Admiral Lemonnier of France; and his Air Deputy, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders of Great Britain. Well-known senior officers of other nationalities were chosen for other posts, all in a manner designed to give due weight to national prestige, while still insuring that the staff would operate in the familiar and combat-tested patterns of World War II.

Several months later the new headquarters building was completed by the French engineers. It was simple but quite satisfactory, erected on a portion of the hunting preserve of the President of France, just outside the city. The staff's move to its new offices was accomplished expeditiously, and the real work of the headquarters (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe [SHAPE]) began. Early on, SACEUR established the policy of holding numerous staff meetings with his principal officers, keeping them fully aware of all developments, encouraging comments and making them feel essential members of the team. Morale improved rapidly and staff work soon reached a surprisingly high standard of excellence.

Quarters for staff officers' families were constructed in and adjacent to an old French chateau in the vicinity, and a SHAPE school for children, opened nearby, was accepted as an element in the French public school system. All these facilities were established under the direct supervision of General Eisenhower, often as a result of his personal intervention with local authorities. The result was the establishment of a small international community, the military members working and living together, all dedicated to the development and operation of an effective command system controlling the forces assigned to

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the defense of NATO Europe.

Similar but less extensive NATO complexes were established at Fontainebleau in France and in Norway, Italy and Turkey to house subordinate NATO headquarters commands for Central Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe and Southeast Europe, respectively.

General Eisenhower never tired of reminding his staff that if progress in creating an effective NATO shield was to continue at a satisfactory rate, it was essential to retain the active interest and enthusiasm of all NATO governments in our efforts. As one step toward this end he created at SHAPE an Office of National Military Representatives to be staffed by one or more senior military officers from each nation, charged with maintaining close liaison between SHAPE and national authorities. This arrangement worked well. It assured that each nation would remain informed as to SHAPE's plans and programs, and that SACEUR would have a direct channel between himself and heads of government.

Additionally, it soon became evident that more and more visitors from home nations were flocking to SHAPE to look around and see for themselves just what was going on. To deal with this situation, SACEUR directed the organization of special briefing teams, each consisting of three or four officers of differing nationalities, to tell visitors the story of NATO—how it was organized, how it operated and what it expected to accomplish. After an hour or more of this descriptive discussion, SACEUR—or in his absence, the Chief of Staff—would appear, giving an inspirational talk on what this all meant to the Free World, and concluding with a short question-and-answer period. We found this approach to be very popular with our visitors. Word of the briefings spread rapidly through NATO and the number of visitors, particularly Americans, increased markedly. It soon became a rare day indeed when at least one group did not come to us to be briefed.

I recall one such visit in particular. This group consisted of seven or eight Americans, all presidents of well-known universities on our Eastern Seaboard. The time was early 1952, and the group came to SHAPE to interview Ike and determine for themselves his suitability as a possible Presidential candidate. At the same time, of course, they wanted to learn what they could about SHAPE. Ike had been advised of their coming and he decided that for this special group, he himself would do the entire briefing. So he and General Gruenther invited them all to his office, where they remained closeted for some two hours. When they finally broke for lunch, one of the group, whom I had known slightly before, dropped into my office to renew our acquaintance. I could observe from his flushed face and sparkling eyes that he must have been impressed so I asked him how he enjoyed the session. He replied: "Good Lord, what a man! You need him badly over here to carry out this wonderful concept, but we need him just as badly back home to lead our nation in these troublesome times. I can't decide which way we should go!"

That decision must have been made shortly, for several weeks later, Ike received a formal invitation from the Republican Party to stand as their candidate for President in the fall elections. Quite naturally, he accepted and, of course, his sweeping victory at the polls was not surprising to any of us at SHAPE.

Ike's period of service as SACEUR lasted only a little more than one year, but his contributions to the Alliance were most important and, indeed, far-reaching. First and foremost, he created from scratch a multinational headquarters, modest in size yet highly successful in operation. It directed the training and equipping of a defensive force for all Western Europe—a deterrent which assured peace throughout NATO for well-nigh forty years.

More importantly, he sparked the drive to alert us all to the ever-increasing Communist threat to NATO's borders and to the urgent need for new and closer ties among free nations. Thus he took with him to the U. S. Presidency the warm friendship of NATO's peoples and governments, together with their confidence that, under his leadership, the destinies of the United States and of NATO Europe would remain closely linked for a long time to come.

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Some Excerpts from Letters: Eisenhower to Al Gruenther

The material is this essay is taken from General Eisenhower's letters to the late General Alfred M. Gruenther, which are now in the Eisenhower Library. Some of these letters to his long-time friend and confidant are candid communications which portray Eisenhower as an astute and activist President.

Dwight Eisenhower and Alfred Gruenther, Palm Desert, California, 1966

In a cutting letter (DDE to AMG, 26 April 1954) written just before the fall of Dien Bien Phu, Eisenhower analyzes the current politico-military situation in France. Eisenhower writes: "As you know, you and I started more than three years ago trying to convince the French that they could *not* win the Indo-China war and particularly could not get real American support in that region unless they would unequivocally pledge independence to the Associated States upon achievement of military victory." Ike goes on to state that he finds the French torn by confusion and tragic indecision, anxious to become a world power but unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices. Then, in an offhand reference to De Gaulle he writes: "The only hope is to produce a new and inspirational leader—and I do *not* mean one that is 6 feet 5 and to be, by some miraculous biological and transmigrative process, the offspring of Clemenceau and Jeanne d'Arc."

Another revealing letter (DDE to AMG, 1 February 1955) concerns the Chinese Communists—whether the offshore islands (Quemoy and the Matsus) should be included within the de-

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fense perimeter of Formosa. Eisenhower thought not. There is a long analysis of the situation and of Ike's thought process in arriving at his conclusion. Perhaps more important than the decision is Eisenhower's explanation of his reasoning process for arriving at his conclusion. One senses the influence of West Point training here. As Eisenhower explains: "When I get a problem solved on this rough basis, I merely stick to the *essential* answer and let associates have a field day on words and terminology. (I suppose that many of those around me would protest that even in this field I am sometimes something of an autocrat and insist upon the employment of my own phraseology when I consider the issue important.) However, I really do try to stay out of this particular job as much as my own characteristics, particularly my ego, will permit."

During his first Presidential campaign Eisenhower describes his aversion to politics (DDE to AMG, 19 June 1952): "The life I lead now is made more difficult because of my complete strangeness in politics. Everything is calculated; the natural and spontaneous are frowned upon severely. All of this would be easier if I had any personal ambition to be a political leader. The nearest I come to this is a burning desire to do my duty and be of service. This carries me through and keeps me plugging away and, I think, with some enthusiasm—but I certainly would not try to tell anyone who knows me as well as you that I like it . . . ." The precepts of Duty, Honor and Country come to mind here.

The Eisenhower-Gruenther bridge partnership is well known. Almost always playing as partners, they were an awesome pair. In Gibraltar on 7 November 1942, while awaiting news of the first landing of Operation Torch at Casablanca, Eisenhower eased the tension in a celebrated bridge game with Mark Clark, Al Gruenther and Harry Butcher. Captain Harry Butcher *(My Three Years with Eisenhower)* points out that the Eisenhower-Gruenther team won again but "they [were] holding all the cards."

One of his many letters on bridge (DDE to AMG, 28 July 1946) concerns a published criticism by a bridge expert on a game that Eisenhower and Gruenther had played. Eisenhower accuses the expert for having analyzed a bid that had never been made. "To my mind, it is like making a decision as to whether to launch a main attack against Brussels or Paris when we never landed on the continent at all."

Eisenhower believed that expertise in bridge makes for proficiency in other pursuits which require a keen, analytical sense. Perhaps that is one of the reasons he chose, as his long standing deputy, the world renowned bridge expert, Al Gruenther.

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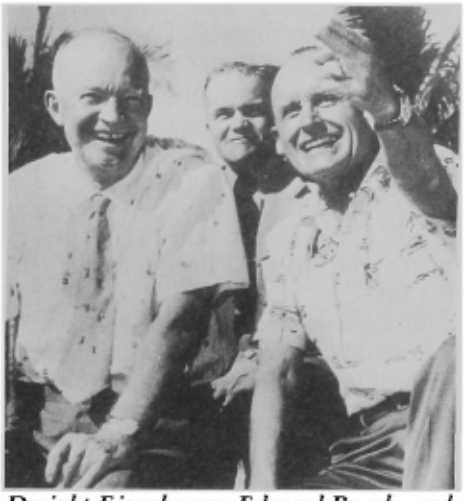
The General and the President

Everyone privileged to serve Eisenhower, in the Army or in the White House (in some cases both), has warm memories of him. I relish every moment of my assignment as his Naval Aide, and even fondly recall the two times he chewed me out (once undeservedly, for which he apologized). To me, two anecdotes have always typified the sort of man he was:

At one of the first staff meetings, I heard him expound on the theme that while the White House was never intended to be a military organization, and was not going to become one during his tenure, he was accustomed to certain efficiencies in the army staff concept. He had lived with this all his adult life and saw no reason to change now. The White House, therefore, was to be run like an army staff, except that all hint of the word "army," all inference of any similarity with a military setup, was verboten. He had obviously thought out his words carefully: he wanted to use the system he had grown up with, but it was only a system to get work done; no one, at risk of his displeasure, was to read anything else into it.

I understood exactly what he was saying, but I wondered how staffers with political backgrounds would handle it. To no surprise of mine, they liked it from the beginning. The reason surfaced quickly: everyone knew exactly where he stood, whom he reported to, and how to go about it. Competing channels of authority—a cause of dissension both before and after Eisenhower—simply didn't exist in "our" White House. Getting the job done, in the best way, was the watchword.

The second anecdote took place in 1956 in Panama City, when I was privileged to accompany him to a formal meeting of the heads of state of the Western Hemisphere. The principal convocation took place on a steaming hot Sunday, with all the chiefs of state proceeding in solemn procession in their cars to the place of meeting. An estimated three million people were on



Dwight Eisenhower, Edward Beach, and Al Gruenther relaxing at US Naval Base at Key West, Florida, January 1956

the streets cheering us and pressing forward, and our secret-service agents, who had to jog alongside Eisenhower's car in full "Wall Street" business suits, nearly went mad with worry. Their clothing—all of it—was soaked through with sweat.

The President stood in the back of his car, a huge specially-built convertible with the top down, waving nearly constantly to the tremendous crowd. I was three cars back, and soon we began to wonder why his car came to a complete stop every dozen blocks or so, and what he was doing bending over when it did. Finally we caught on. He was opening the rear door of the limousine; a hidden secret service man would slide out of the rear compartment and resume jogging, and another, panting heavily, would take his place on the floor for a quick respite at Ike's feet. Then we would get underway again, while the President of the United States, perspiring too but not as much as his exhausted guard, continued urbanely waving his appreciation to the crowd.

To me, these two stories typify Eisenhower, the former Army man who, when he succeeded to the nation's highest post, never forgot three cardinal principles drilled into him since his days at West Point: organize your work well, do your own duty properly, and take care of your people.

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Call the White House

In 1956, I was in Pensacola when a messenger said, "Call the White House."

"The White House?" To myself, *Preposterous! Harvey Fraser is up to his jokes.*

"You can use my phone," the man said.

I was in a blur. "The President wants to see you," the operator said.

Me! What had I done? On the flight north, I reviewed my sins, and failed to figure which set the President was taking up.

When I walked into the Oval Office, I resembled an old-time 24th Infantryman bucking for orderly. Even my shoes were new.

Ex-President and Mrs. Eisenhower, General and Mrs. Westmoreland, Nardi Reeder Campion, and Colonel Red Reeder

Ike was seated in front of the flag. His famous grin welcomed me. I felt reassured, as he motioned me to a close-by chair. "How are you? You're walking perfectly, without a limp. Excellent! Now give me a rundown. You work for the A.A.A., at West Point? You're no longer in the chain-of-command there. You're living on the Post and move around in civilian clothes. Right? I sent for you because I want you to tell me about the Honor System. The Honor System—how is it doing? I worry about it. It means so much to West Point, the Army, and our Country."

"Sir, to the best of my knowledge, the cadets observe it. But if you really want to know, you should ask a cadet."

He fixed his gaze on me. "I guess you're right. My roommate, Paul Hodgson, and I were close friends, but I can't ever recall discussing the Honor Code with him. It was sacred. But we really instructed those plebes, 'This is our Honor System. Accept it or get out!' We explained to them that it is the rock that West Point and the Army are built on—and for good reason. The history of war shows the value of facts to platoon leaders, company and battalion commanders and so on, all the way to the top. Soldiers' lives and victory depend on honesty. Our wonderful motto is hard to live up to, but it is the key to military success and success here."

He scowled, picked up a sheaf of papers about four inches thick. "This is the Off-Shore Oil Bill. I am going to veto it. It's shot full of graft."

He placed the papers aside, leaned back, lacing his hands behind his head, and relaxed. His smile returned. "You were a ball player. I was too . . . a semi-pro back in Abilene, and a good hitter. I loved playing ball. But when I tried out for the West Point team, Coach Sam Strang Nicklin didn't like my style. I was up on the handle of the bat, a place hitter. He was looking for players who swung from the end—cowtailing, they used to call it. He wouldn't pick me up on the baseball squad, and I saw the games from the bleachers. It was one of the biggest disappointments of my life." Perhaps disappointments of one's youth are the keenest.

President Eisenhower glanced at his watch. I stood up and answered his question: "What kind of football team are we going to have?"

"We expect to beat Navy, sir."

"Good. I am *very* interested."

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Eisenhower at West Point

What did Eisenhower learn in his four years at West Point?

First, his profession. West Point gave him a solid base on which to build a career as an officer. He knew Army customs, jargon, traditions, organization. He knew how to march, how to handle a rifle and small artillery pieces, how to ride, how to build a simple bridge or fortification. He knew a great deal about mathematics and geography, some physics and chemistry. He knew how to write an operational order. He knew a multitude of facts about military history.

He had a clear idea of what an Army officer should be. His course on the history of the military art emphasized the Great Captains and their personal attributes, carefully drawing for the cadets the image of the ideal military leader. The good officer, Eisenhower learned, is highly motivated, a man who had dedicated his life to his country, a leader who is able to examine a situation, come to a quick decision, and stick by it. He is a well-dressed, well-behaved gentleman who enthusiastically performs the duties required of him and regards lethargy or indifference as a sign of weakness. He is an unselfish team player whose sense of honor impels him to strive for truthfulness and sincerity while abhorring deceit, quibbling, or evasiveness. He is physically and morally courageous. He respects the privileges and responsibilities of rank and takes pride in his profession.

He learned to see himself as part of a well-functioning machine. Teamwork was the key to success. It was a corporate ideal, almost diametrically opposed to the popular American faith in rugged individualism. West Pointers saw themselves as different from, and superior to, civilians. The money-grubbing, the extreme individualism of the marketplace filled them with distaste, and they wanted no part of it. Nor did they want any part of the politics that went with it.

It was both circumspect and necessary for Army officers to think of themselves as apolitical. Their view was that the military existed to take orders, to carry out policy decided upon by the President, never to set policy itself. Several important corollaries flowed from that premise. The one that affected Eisenhower most directly was the firmly held belief that politics and officership did not mix. This was not merely theory—General Grant's unhappy experience in politics was taken to be a practical lesson in the wisdom of soldiers staying aloof from party politics. Sherman, not Grant, was the model.

Another corollary was the pre-emi-

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nence of the President. Army officers ignored the President's role as head of a political party and instead concentrated on his role as Commander in Chief, the head of the sacrosanct chain of command that stretched from him to the lowest enlisted man. By contrast, Congress was the arena of party politics. "If any convictions . . . were acquired by the cadet," one of Eisenhower's instructors declared, "they were generally of contempt for mere politicians and their dishonest principles of action." All his life, almost twenty years of which was spent in Washington working with congressmen on a daily basis, Eisenhower would heatedly and repeatedly express his scorn for "politicians." To him, as to most officers, noise and clamor came from Capitol Hill, while the White House gave clear orders.

These attitudes led to an exaltation of the office of the President, based on the disingenuous notion that the President was above politics. Of course they knew better, were aware that the President is the supreme politician, but they made the proposition believable, at least to themselves, by putting the emphasis on the office rather than the man himself.

As a cadet and a young officer, Dwight Eisenhower absorbed most of the military prejudices, assumptions, and traditions. Many of the general ideals fit in perfectly with what he had learned from his parents. They were also part of his sports orientation. Inherent in the whole of Eisenhower's education was the concept of dedication, and its corollary, duty. He got it from his parents, from his sports activities, most of all from West Point. Robert E. Lee once said that duty was the most beautiful word in the English language. Eisenhower felt the same way.

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A Son Comments on His Father

Dwight D. Eisenhower was a complex man, and it is difficult, especially for a son, to evaluate what elements in his background combined to equip him for supreme command in World War II. It is safe to say, however, that West Point was one of the predominating influences in Ike's life.

As with all of us, Ike's nature was formed long before he ever considered attending a service academy. And he was fortunate that his formative years were wholesome. For from his ancestors and his environment in Abilene, Kansas, he inherited a strong body and a buoyant optimism. Coming from an educated, religious, but poor family gave him a sense of values that West Point could only supplement.

But Ike in 1911 was truly a farm boy—intelligent, ambitious, but raw material greatly in need of shaping and refining. West Point at least began that process, which was later furthered by association with such outstanding officers as George Van Horn Moseley, Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall, and above all Fox Conner.

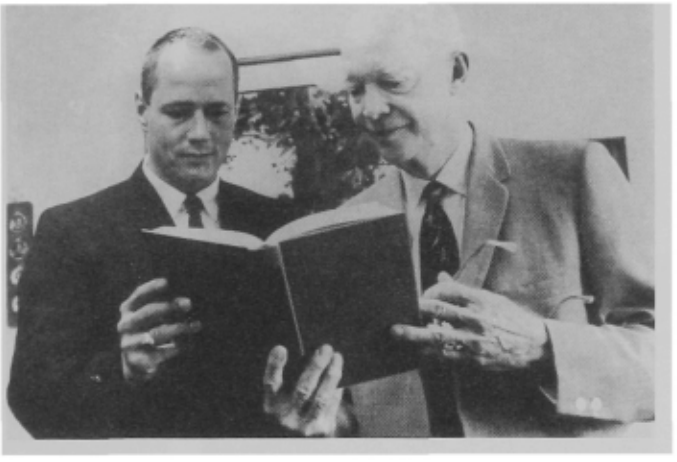
West Point's influence on Eisenhower was similar to that which it exerts on thousands of others who have worn cadet gray. To begin with, it drew him to a military career. It is no denigration of the teachings of West Point to say that one of the institution's chief values lies in its ability to attract people of talent who might have gone into other walks of life. Being a member of the Long Gray Line gave Eisenhower a sense of belonging. It provided direction to the dynamo of energy and will that comprised Ike's basic equipment.

Ike was no tin soldier, and nobody has ever attempted to portray him as such. He was basically unpretending, never a poseur; cadet slang was not part of his vocabulary; to my knowledge he never quoted the teachings of West Point when addressing any problem; he never favored West Pointers or even classmates in selecting officers for high responsibility. A stranger meeting Ike out of uniform would be hard put to guess whether he or his older brother Edgar was the former cadet.

And yet West Point influenced Eisenhower in deeper ways. His life was dominated by duty; his inherent honor earned him the trust of his soldiers in war and his fellow citizens in peace; and he never failed to put his country above himself.

There were other facets to Eisenhower's personality, of course, but those three tenets of West Point teachings remained the basics of his professional life.

John S. D. Eisenhower
Class of 1944



Stephen Ambrose with Dwight Eisenhower, 1965

June 1967—As a special guest of son John's class, General Eisenhower spoke briefly at the dedication of the D-day mural presented by the Class of 1944 to the Military Academy. With General Eisenhower and John is Gen. J. Lawton Collins April '17

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Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Painter

Among his wide range of interests and talents, Dwight D. Eisenhower in later life developed painting as a hobby. Not long after he was installed as president of Columbia University, he chanced to observe the artist Thomas E. Stephens painting a portrait of Mamie. Stephens suggested that he might enjoy painting and a few days later gave him an oil painting kit. This proved to be an incentive, and Ike began to paint in his spare moments, virtually every day; the moments then became hours as he became more and more absorbed in his new hobby. At first he copied photographs or other paintings, but then began to try some portraits of Mamie and others. Also, he simultaneously began to paint landscapes on site as he found his new hobby relaxing from the trials of his professional life. When he finished a painting he seldom looked at it afterwards. But, these products of his leisure hours would be given to friends as mementos of special occasions or as thoughtful holiday gifts.

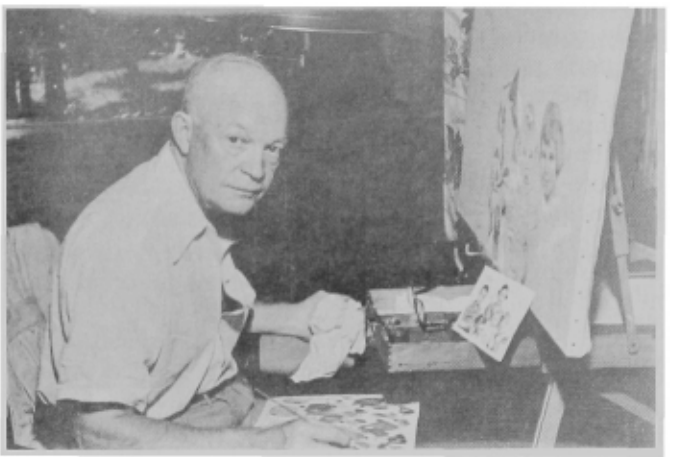
Nor was the delight of his pastime limited to the painting hours. He was to discover in himself a passion for and a sense of form and line which he had not known he possessed. Moving to Paris to become Supreme Commander of NATO, he took his painting equipment with him. During his time there Ike had a painting on his easel almost constantly.

However, after resigning his NATO post to enter the Presidential campaign, he had little time to paint. Once the campaign was successfully completed, he took his paint box, brushes and easel on to the White House—and for the first time his painting hobby became national news.

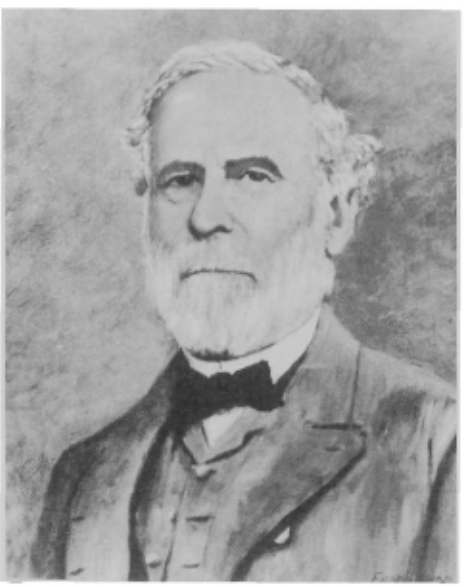
Although his painting absorbed him, it did not deeply involve him emotionally. Ike had no trouble parting with any of his work, and no picture was ever truly expressive in any profound way of his deep inner self. In contrast to many modern painters, he painted for beauty, not shock value. He looked for the good in life, not the defects. *The Saturday Evening Post* (9 April 1960) commented, "He paints simple, representational pictures . . . . He is impatient with art that is the product of introspection rather than observation." And to a *New York Times* reporter in 1967 he declared, "there's nothing philosophical about my interest in painting. Rather, it is the best way in the world to relax. You put the surface of your mind on the canvas while the rest of your mind is making decisions."

Eisenhower's work does reveal the gentleness of his spirit, the simplicity of lifestyle, the sincerity of purpose, the search for a pure, clean way of life, and his deep and genuine concern for people. Relaxation and pleasure were his main reasons for painting; consequently, his paintings are not profound, but they are not without appeal and charm. Perhaps a quotation from Mrs. Richard M. Nixon sums up Ike and his art quite well:

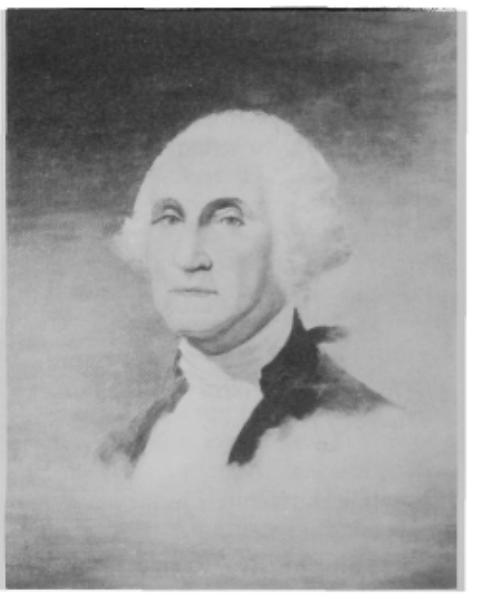
> "His love of painting and the works this talent created significantly reveal the diversity, depth and scope of his great personality. While his outstanding careers as a general and as president, and his dedicated devotion to his country and to his fellow man are now permanently registered in the annals of history and a proud part of our national heritage, the warm and human aspects are reflected in his paintings—his love of nature, his quiet but firmly rooted religious beliefs, and his response to the beauty and mystery of life. He has left a rich legacy of inspiration and example for all mankind through his active life of service, his written and spoken words of wisdom, and through his works of art."



A pensive Eisenhower before his easel.



General Robert E. Lee



George Washington

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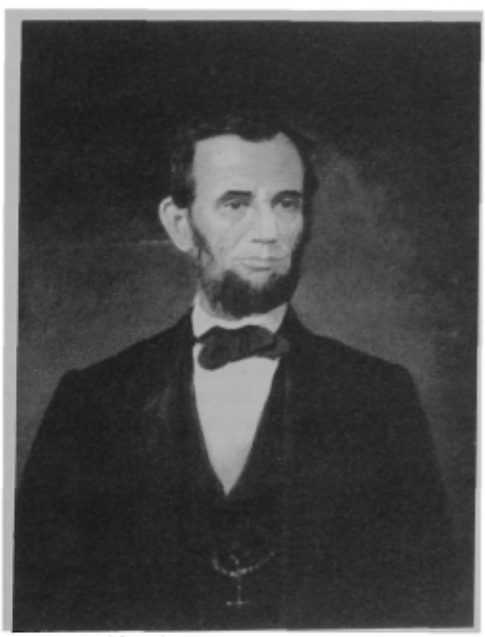
Camp David

Seine River (untitled landscape)

Culzean Castle (unfinished painting)

Winter Birches



Abraham Lincoln

Eisenhower with completed painting "Castle of Chillon," taken after his nomination for President while he was vacationing in the Colorado mountains in July 1952.

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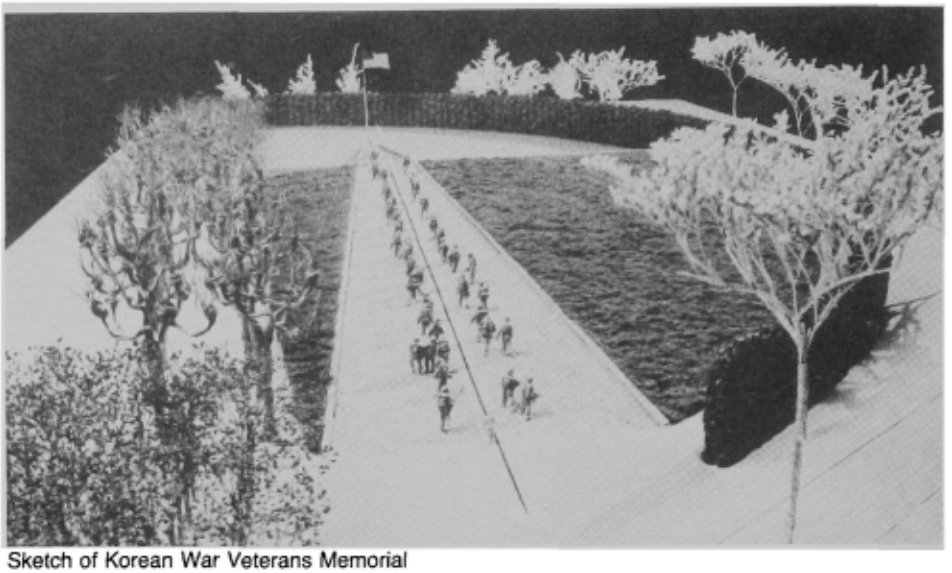
Eisenhower, the Korean War, and a National Tribute to Veterans

History records the decision to intervene as Truman's finest hour and consummation of the Armistice as a signal achievement of the Eisenhower Presidency.



Sketch of Korean War Veterans Memorial

Three years hence, a great memorial will take its deserved place on the historic Mall of our nation's capital. Its purpose, writ large in the empowering legislation, is to honor the members of the Armed Forces who served in the Korean War, those who survived no less than those who paid the supreme sacrifice. Of equal significance, it will express the nation's gratitude to those men and women for mission accomplished, the attainment of the political objectives set by successive commanders-in-chief. President Truman committed our forces to battle in the cause of freedom and defined the ends to be achieved. President Eisenhower affirmed his predecessor's policies and orchestrated the end to armed hostilities. By reason of their role as national command authority, it is their memorial, too.

The war, then in its third year, was a significant issue in the 1952 Presidential campaign. Indeed, General Eisenhower's public commitment to go to Korea to assess the situation was a major factor in his decisive victory. He carried out that commitment soon after his election and the 15th Infantry Regiment had the good fortune to help shape his assessment.

President Elect Eisenhower enjoying a field lunch with troops, Korea, December 1952 (Photo courtesy of Brassey's (US), Inc.)

General Eisenhower's crowded, three-day itinerary provided scope for only one visit to American front line units of General Van Fleet's multinational Eighth Army. The choice of unit was preordained. He had commanded 15th's 1st Battalion in 1940; and his son, Major John Eisenhower (USMA 1944), was executive officer of that same battalion until transferred—against his will—to the 3rd Division staff during the Presidential campaign. Ergo, I was instructed to meet the general in the I Corps area and escort him and his party to my B Company (Boatner [USMA 1951] commanding), then in battalion reserve, for a mid-day meal with the troops. A memorable day for the regimental commander, it was made the more so by an unforgettable incident.

Late morning of the very cold 4 December, the President Elect, Major Eisenhower and I were half way to B Company in the lead vehicle of a star-studded convoy. Without warning, our jeep sputtered and stopped. No matter that it was the division commander's vehicle; it refused to start. Only course of action was to commandeer the next vehicle in column, put Secretary of Defense-designate Wilson in the back seat and ask such worthies as the Attorney General designate Brownell, General of the Army Bradley (USMA 1915), the United Nations Commander General Clark (USMA 1917) and Admiral Radford (CINCPAC) to play musical chairs. General Van Fleet (USMA 1915) and I draped ourselves on the fenders of Eisenhower's replacement vehicle for the remaining ten miles. Fortunately, the President Elect found this humorous.

We had arranged for the general to take his meal with two outstanding soldiers, Sergeant Jack R. Hutcherson and Corporal James A. Murray, who had performed exceptionally well on a patrol two nights before. The trio was out of earshot but the two NCOs confided that they told it like it was, living and fighting in the Chorwon sector in the dead of a Korean winter. Eisenhower was later to record his assessment that our troops were alert, seasoned and, considering the circumstances, in remarkably good spirits. My soldiers surely contributed to that assessment. Sadly, Murray was killed in action a few days after the lunch he shared with the famous leader.

Eisenhower left Korea with the reinforced conviction that hostilities must be brought to an early end and that the ongoing negotiation for a still partitioned Korean peninsula was the best course. The original objective—restoration of the territorial integrity of South Korea—had been achieved. Over the first several months of his Presidency, other options were considered but discarded as involving costs and risks not

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commensurate with strategic return. Thus efforts—involving a range of both pressures and inducements—were focused on Beijing to expedite negotiations and on Syngman Rhee to accept the resultant agreement. At length, on 27 July 1953, the guns fell silent on that war torn-land. Intended to be temporary, the tortuously negotiated Military Armistice Agreement which went into effect that day still regulates the de facto boundary between the two Koreas.

It had been a brutal and destructive war, and a major one by any standard. It pitted the United Nations Command (with predominantly American and South Korean forces but including contingents of 20 other free nations) against North Korea and the Peoples Republic of China, supported by the remainder of the communist bloc. America alone cycled 1 1/2 million of its sons and daughters through the Korean theater. Overall, they performed in the best tradition of our Armed Forces. Uncomplainingly, they accepted all manner of privation, put life on line repeatedly, struggled through the harshest of terrain, endured terrible extremes of weather and suffered enormous casualties. By staying the course, they achieved a geo-political victory, the dimensions of which are only now being recognized by historians.

Together with the South Korean forces and other units arrayed under the UN banner, they had halted the advance of communism by force of arms and secured the freedom of the Republic of Korea and its people. Given that precious gift, the South Korean leadership and people have levered their nation to middle power status and to major influence in world affairs. Moreover, there were consequences of greater import. President Truman's decision to commit our forces was pivotal in shaping post WWII national security policy. The stark reality of Korean battlefields drove home the lesson that a day of war costs more than a year of prevention; and the United States set about building multi-service forces of requisite power and reach to deter further aggression. Mutual security treaties, forged with the free nations of Asia and buttressed by substantial US presence and aid, have ensured the stability and forward progress of the entire Pacific rim. Concurrently, the political and military components of NATO were strengthened to make it the key instrument for maintaining the security and confidence of Western Europe. The American men and women who crossed the Pacific to defend a people they had never met in a land they had never known, cannot take credit for all that has transpired these past forty years. But their heroism and fortitude from the Pusan perimeter onward was, as President Bush put it, "the foundation for the march of democracy seen today around the world."

The richly deserved Korean War Veterans Memorial is only the second to be established under Federal Government auspices. (Surprisingly the rarely-visited monument to General of the Armies John J. Pershing [USMA 1886] and his Allied Expeditionary Force is the other.) Roughly the size of a football field, it will be located directly across the Reflecting Pool from the Vietnam Memorial. Thus, it will complete a cruciform pattern, the long axis of which is delineated by the shrine of the Great Emancipator and the Washington Monument. The basic design concept, chosen in open nationwide competition, is the inspired handiwork of four architects (Lucas, Leon, Burns and Pennypacker-Oberholtzer) affiliated with Penn State University. It was unveiled in a Rose Garden ceremony on Flag Day, 1989; was quickly endorsed by the cognizant federal commissions; and has since proceeded to the architectural-engineering phase. The American Battle Monuments Commission (the agency with overall responsibility), the Presidentially-appointed Advisory Board (with primary equity in design), the Army Corps of Engineers and the Architect of Record (the firm of Cooper-Lecky which accomplished the Vietnam Memorial) are coordinating closely to ensure that the final design will fulfill the Board's imperative of conveying to visitors of all ages "a message that is at once inspirational in content and timeless in meaning." The goal is to make that message the distillate of a multi-stage experience at the completed memorial.

The first stage has to do with the reality of war at the cutting edge; 38 larger-than-life statues, cast of metal and emerging from granite, trudge through swirling waters up a gently sloping ramp surrounded by an extensive field of barberry and rock outcroppings. The American Flag aloft a circular platform symbolizes their objective. Representative of those who fought on foot, the statues are organized as a composite unit moving forward on an undefined mission. Predominantly Army, the formation includes an under-strength Marine squad, Air Force and Navy control teams and—note well, a heavily laden member of the Korean Service Corps. Moving along the 200-foot visitor ramp between the statues, one can examine the details of Korean War era weapons and gear; note that the faces reflect the ethnic diversity of America; observe in those same faces the range of expressions characteristic of combat; and perhaps develop a sense of kinship with the individual figures and of participation in the common mission which coalesced their efforts.

Explanation of the full dimensions of the war and its strategic results comprises the second stage. A ramp descends from the flag platform to a ceremonial plaza of walkways and lawn and brings into view a concavely curved wall abutting the field of barberry. An etched mural, extending over 100 feet, depicts the chronology and substance of three years of battle. The wall highlights the major campaigns, the interacting service roles and tasks; the panoply of ships, aircraft, medical support, and logistic function; and focuses on the men and women who made all operationally effective. Seen in its entirety from a distance or inspected in detail, the mural is essential counterpart to the column of troops, underscoring the vast sustaining effort that ensured geo-strategic victory.

The third stage defines the cost of victory in human treasure. Beyond the mural is a chapel-like area of still undetermined configuration. It is for remembrance, reverent salute and unspoken gratitude for heroes who gave life, limb or mind to their country. Inscriptions, carved in stone, offer moving tribute to the tens of thousands killed in action, the thousands still unaccounted for, the hundred-thousand wounded in action and the thousands who endured the horrors of captivity. The deeper meaning becomes clear: America still survives in freedom by reason of the sacrifices of such men and women in all our nation's crises.

The exit path, integral to the memorial, completes the visitor's experience. Framed by tortured plane trees suggestive of war's environment, it provides a startling flank view of the column of statues. But it serves the more important function of reminding all that the American forces, however key to the outcome, were part of a broad coalition of free world nations. Accordingly the full length of the path has been reserved for appropriate recognition of the role of the United Nations organization in marshalling the combined force under its aegis, the sustained, costly efforts of the South Korean Army and the contributions of the twenty other nations that responded to the call.

This powerful memorial is on a straight path to completion. As befits its concept—to Americans, by Americans, for Americans—it is being funded by private sector donations. Provided the requisite funds are in hand on schedule, ground breaking is programmed for Veterans Day 1991 and dedication is projected for the 40th Anniversary of the end of armed hostilities.

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Class of 1938

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General Eisenhower and The People-To-People Sports Program

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As is often the case with great men, Dwight D. Eisenhower was a man of many parts. One of his endeavors that has paid off handsomely, yet is not well known to many graduates nor to the public at large, concerns the People-To-People programs. One of these, particularly dear to the President's heart, was the People-To-People Sports Program. It began in the following manner.

On 5 June 1956, the President wrote to former Olympic gold medal boxing champion, Colonel Eddie Eagan. He began his letter with a simple sentence . . . "I am writing to ask for your help."

No matter what was to follow, who could answer negatively to an approach such as this from the man in the White House? Certainly not Eddie Eagan.

President Eisenhower went on to explain to Colonel Eagan that, in his view, there would never be enough diplomats and information officers to make the objectives and principles of the United States understood throughout the world. Therefore, he continued, "we need the active support of thousands of independent private groups and institutions and of millions of individual Americans acting through person-to-person communication in foreign lands." And so began the People-To-People Program.

To head the People-To-People Sports Committee, Colonel Eagan turned to his friend of many years, Dr. Leonard Milton, who serves as president of the People-To-People Sports Committee to this day.

In September 1958, in a message to the People-To-People Sports Committee, President Eisenhower expressed pleasure with the initiative and hard work of the committees and with the results that had been produced in only two years. And in this message, he reaffirmed that, "although the government stands ready to provide help and guidance, the People-To-People Program is necessarily a non-government enterprise."

As time went on and the achievements of those involved in the program became more significant, President Eisenhower expressed his gratitude by informing Dr. Milton and his committee that "the worth of the People-To-People contacts achieved thus far confirms my deep seated conviction that there is no work more vital to the peace and welfare of all nations than that which your associates can accomplish through this program."

Dr. Leonard Milton (right) being congratulated by President Eisenhower upon being elected president of People-To-People Sports. Man in middle is Mr. Tom Hulak.

Colonel Eagan and General Eisenhower welcoming a hockey team at the White House.

Not many committees associated with programs furthering national objectives receive plaudits of this nature from the head of state.

Every President since Dwight D. Eisenhower has served as honorary chairman of the People-To-People Sports Committee, and their annual messages to the committee have expressed their admiration for achievements that have brought individuals of different nationalities, creeds, beliefs and political bents closer together.

Worthy of particular note are the remarks President Nixon made to the People-To-People Council in the White House on 14 October 1969, with Mrs. Eisenhower present, as friends gathered to remember General Eisenhower's birth date.

President Nixon, referring to Mrs. Eisenhower, said, "I think back to those days in this house when she, as the First Lady, presided with such dignity and such great credit to America and to the world. I think, too, of General Eisenhower and particularly of those last days. Last days can be sad days, but I think Mrs. Eisenhower would agree that they were great days . . . great days because the general, to the very last, spoke of his family, spoke of his country, and spoke of those causes that were very, very close to his heart.

"I remember asking him shortly before he died, as he looked back over almost 60 years of public service, what he really rated the highest—and what a choice he had: commander of the Armies that brought victory in World War II against aggression that would otherwise have swept Europe and possibly the world; President of the United States when he brought peace to the Nation and kept the peace for eight years; and then a distinguished career after he left the Presidency in which he continued to give leadership, in the highest ideological plane, to the people of this Nation and to the people of the world.

"It was interesting to note that the

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Looking Toward 2002 and Beyond

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During the recent several years, the Military Academy has undergone a substantial review process, reaffirming its considerable strengths and making changes to improve its weaknesses. That review has been guided from the beginning by a set of concept papers which provide strategic guidance for planning USMA's future. The first edition of that guidance, called "2002—A Roadmap to Our Third Century," was written in the years 1986-88 and has been described before in the pages of *Assembly*. During the spring of 1990, a revised edition—called "2002 and Beyond" —was published. The goal of the revision was not to alter the strategic guidance under which USMA operates, but rather to express it more effectively, based upon improved understanding that comes with time and experience with the document.

In order to make available to you the content of "2002 and Beyond," we have excerpted from it the text of the superintendent's introductory letter and portions of the nine concept papers. That material follows:

Superintendent's Introductory Letter

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

We must strive to harness change—to establish a balance between the vision to get ahead of events and the foundation required to withstand capricious winds. The key to effecting that change is this strategic guidance. It is the roadmap to our third century.

This document has been drawn and revised painstakingly over several years. The process involved individuals outside the institution and within, individuals outside the military as well as within. The net was spread widely, and the results reflect the superb contributions of those who participated. All were engaged in assessing the traditional strengths of West Point and the ways in which those strengths should be brought to bear upon satisfying anticipated leadership needs of the U.S. Army of the 21st century.

"2002 and Beyond" provides general direction for all levels of planning at USMA. It guides the development of the Academy's goals, programs, and supporting activities. It is the touchstone by which every initiative or activity will be tested.

[signed Dave R. Palmer]

The nine concept papers which follow are related to one another in the manner suggested by figure 1.

The Purpose of the United States Military Academy is:

To provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense.

The purpose statement answers the question, "Why does America have the Military Academy?"

Founded during war, the U.S. Army was "to provide for the common defence [sic]." The nature of the American republic demanded officers with democratic values and unquestioned character. To meet that need, the young country established the Military Academy in 1802. As the nation has matured, this need has endured. Our military leaders must be exemplars of the values that frame the nation. The Military Academy must be a wellspring of those values, and its graduates must be leaders who adhere to the highest standards. Their character—their commitment to virtue and personal excellence—must place them above the common level of life and lead them always to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. As leaders of character, they depart West Point with a strong sense of DUTY and a deeply ingrained code of HONOR, inspired to serve their COUNTRY—in its common defense, in peace and war, in whatever capacity the nation needs.

The Mission of the United States Military Academy:

To educate and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the attributes essential to professional growth as an officer of the Regular Army, and to inspire each to a lifetime of service to the nation.

The mission statement answers the question, "What does the Army require the Military Academy to do in order to achieve its purpose?"

The United States Military Academy provides the Corps of Cadets with a broad undergraduate education culminating in a bachelor of science degree. At the same time, the Academy educates and trains cadets physically and militarily. Inextricably imbedded in both edu-

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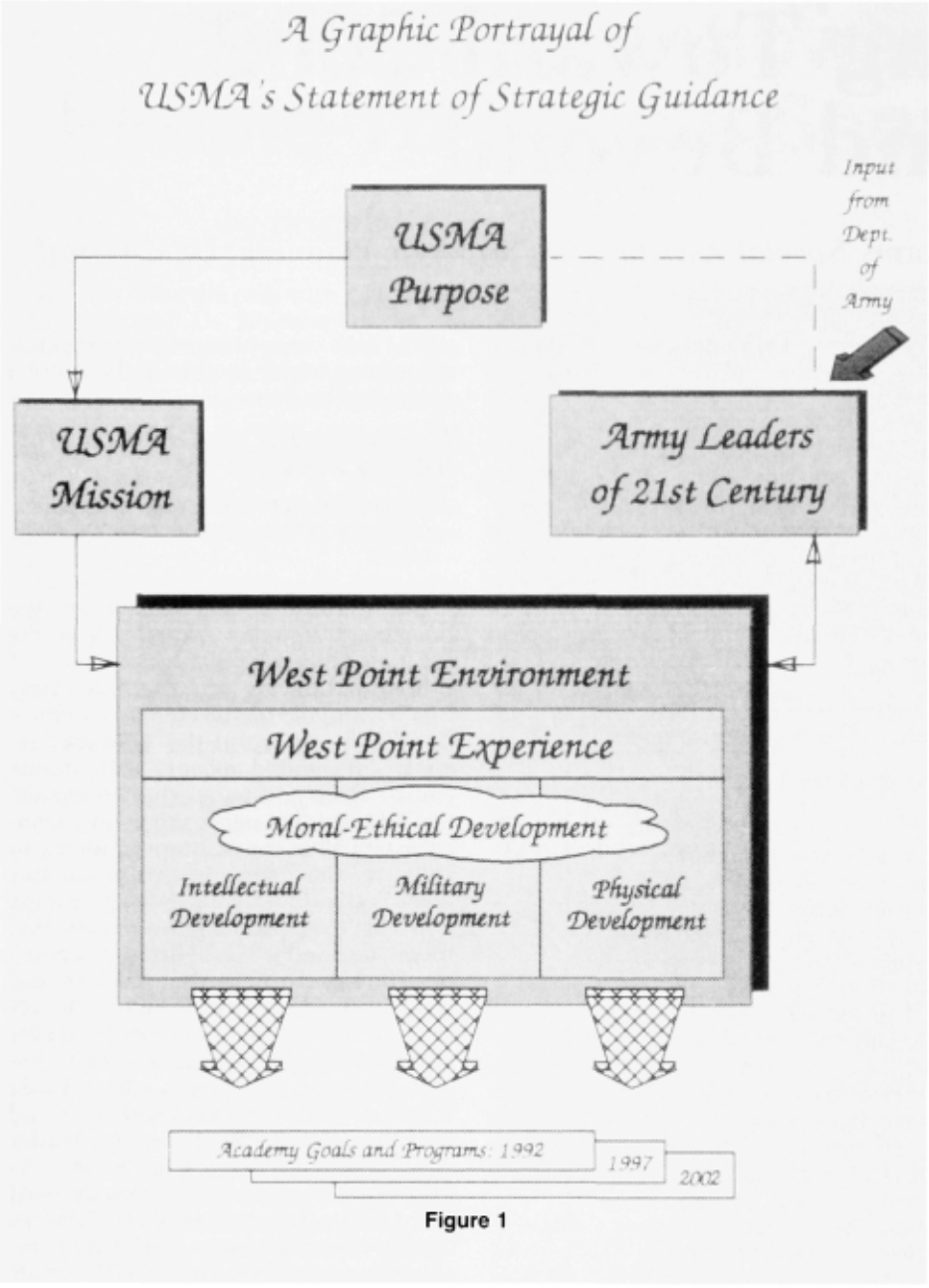

Figure 1

cation and training are ethical development and the molding of character. Immersion in the West Point Experience instills in graduates the foundational attributes of leadership.

West Point also motivates graduates toward serving the nation. Imbued with the soldierly virtues, graduates are prepared for progressive growth in the Army. Theirs is the profession of arms. Starting as lieutenants, they will advance as far as their talents and the needs of the service take them. Their dedication to selfless service, even beyond the time in uniform, is both a national need and an historical expectation. They are to be leaders for a lifetime.

Army Leaders of the 21st Century

Army leaders of the 21st century will operate in a combat environment characterized by doctrinal diversity, widely-varying circumstances, and rapidly shifting situations; by small, agile, broadly-dispersed units, with blurred boundaries between front and rear; by weapons of unprecedented lethality and pinpoint accuracy over long distances; by unparalleled technological complexity.

Army leaders will lead people and manage resources to win wars. They will accomplish the mission by influencing people in organizations. They will succeed by will, intellect, and initiative, by a boldness in seizing the moment. They must be men and women of character, must know both the physical world and human nature, and must think creatively and act decisively.

They must be leaders of character, loyal to the values of the nation and profession of arms, imbued with the judgment to know what ought to be done and the courage to do it. Their professional military growth, paced by continuing self-development, will be marked with expanding selflessness, bravery, frankness, competence, farsightedness, and dedication. Self-discipline will progressively strengthen their fitness to lead morally, intellectually, and physically. They must be inspiring leaders who, by earning the respect and trust of subordinates, stimulate willing obedience and enthusiasm. They will be teachers and trainers, with a warrior's focus. Above all, they will need a determined will to win.

The leaders' principal weapons will be their minds. In peace or war, they must be sophisticated users of technology. To develop and acquire weaponry, they must have a thorough knowledge of the physical world; to employ that weaponry, they must be creative, thinking leaders. They will require the mental agility to grasp a unique battlefield situation under conditions of uncertainty and chaos, the creative ability to devise a practical solution, and the strength of purpose to execute their plans. Despite rapid technological change, however, human nature will change hardly at all. Therefore, leaders will have to understand human nature; appreciate the human experience depicted by a historical perspective; possess multicultural understanding of a high order; communicate effectively. For all these reasons, leaders must be broadly educated in both the physical sciences and the liberal arts.

War is an extreme trial of moral and physical strength and stamina. Leaders must understand the effects of danger, fear, exhaustion, privation, and violence on their soldiers. They must constantly balance the imperative of misson accomplishment with the need to care for and motivate subordinates, and they must place both the mission and their soldiers before personal welfare. Leaders must manifest in their actions genuine respect for others. They must maintain an ethical climate in their organization. While accepting accountability for their own actions, they will need to encourage candor and freedom of thought and action in subordinates. They should embody a penchant for boldness and initiative, tempered by judgment based on their understanding of their senior's intent. Resolute and self-reliant in reaching decisions, they must also be energetic and insistent in execution.

In a world infused with great and accelerating change—change so dramatic as to be potentially paralyzing— Army leaders must, as the summation of all other attributes, be able at the very least to cope with such change; at the very best, to shape and direct it.

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The West Point Environment

West Point provides a special environment to foster the development of leaders. Located on terrain strategically central to the American Revolution, it is hallowed in history. Within this stony citadel flourished a vibrant union of people, ideas, activities, challenges. The Academy is a community of professionals and carefully selected aspirants, all striving toward a common cause of individual growth and personal development. Social interaction is spirited, for here are young men and women drawn from all corners of the nation, diverse in origin but alike in dedication to excellence and commitment to service. Living and working closely together, motivated to follow and to lead, toughened in the crucible of challenge, cadets experience an expanding social consciousness and a deepening sense of camaraderie in the profession of arms.

Integrity is the essential and binding theme in the [West Point] environment. The Honor Code and System are the most evident manifestation of this imperative.

The Military Academy reflects the military strengths of order, precision, and organization. Living a Spartan lifestyle, responding to strenuous physical demands, challenged daily to think and act under pressure, given increasing leadership opportunities, cadets develop poise and self-control, pride and self-confidence. Over time, the disciplined and sustaining environment leads them to subordinate personal considerations to a duty to a higher cause, thus inspiring selflessness.

Integrity is the essential and binding theme in the environment. The Honor Code and System are the most evident manifestation of this imperative. Encouraging both spiritual inspiration and human understanding, the Academy supports opportunities for religious growth and diverse cultural expressions.

Reflecting the nation's values, steeped in a tradition of selfless and disciplined service, promoting creativity out of challenge, the West Point environment nurtures leaders of character—young men and women of integrity, commitment, and courage.

The West Point Experience

The West Point experience is the process which transforms cadets into leaders for a lifetime. The very essence of the Military Academy's uniqueness, this process is one of continuous and progressive challenge. It starts on the cadet's first day with a solemn oath to support the Constitution. Four years later a second oath marks the end of the process—the graduate this time swears to support and defend the Constitution.

The transformation from promising new cadet to inspired new leader is a complex and arduous passage, marked by a Spartan lifestyle and steady pressure. The compass for the journey is the simple but great moral code—Duty, Honor, Country. The way is marked and measured along three distinct but intertwined developmental roads—intellectual, physical, and military, with moral-ethical development inextricably integrated in all three. Each road is required travel for each cadet.

Moral-Ethical Development

West Point's statement of purpose— to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense—contains only thirteen words. One is preeminent: Character. It is not merely leaders West Point is to provide, but leaders-of-character. Above all else, the quality that the American people most value in their leaders is character.

Character is more readily recognized than defined. Ancient wisdom suggests that "... a good character is what is remembered." The word character derives from early usage as the distinctive mark made by engraving or stamping. Applied to people, the word has changed from referring to external distinctives to internal ones and from physical distinctives to moral ones. "It is the mark of an individual with a brave outlook and noble heart." (Wm. Safire) A person with character has the judgment to know what is right and the courage to act on that knowledge. Character connotes not only moral and ethical excellence but also firmness, resolution, self-discipline, and judgment.

That ethics has a major role in leader development should come as no surprise. Wharton's president observed, "After all, many of the most sensitive issues a leader must deal with are at base ethical—questions of how we relate to other people, maintain integrity, and build trust." Character is the link that enables military leaders of high ethical convictionsw—hen faced with the chaos and danger of the battlefield—to act in accord with their beliefs. It has been said that a military leader must possess as much character as intellect.

"As global interdependence and military conflict become more and more complex, the idea of public service rooted in truth and integrity grows in importance. The invocation of West Point's motto—Duty, Honor, Country—is much more than a reminiscence of the grip of history through the 'Long Gray Line.' It is a useful affirmation of personal integrity and dedication to service as an expression of a cardinal ethical system. This cogent message applies to the future: the nation needs leaders of character and ability, those who will serve the public interest beyond their own." —Wesley W. Posvar, USMA '46.

Every concept paper within USMA's statement of strategic guidance embraces the element of moral-ethical development, illuminating the centrality of this aspect of the West Point Experience. It is integral to the intellectual program, imbedded in the military training, included in physical development, a part of extracurricular and religious activities. Penetrating all cadet activities is the spirit of the Honor Code—the positive values of truthfulness, fairness, and respect for others' persons and property.

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Academic Development

Education is a complex, time-consuming, and dynamic process whereby understanding merges with experience to produce wisdom. It provides the foundation for progressive intellectual and character development.

The West Point education aims to enable its graduates to anticipate and respond to the uncertainties of a changing technological, social, political, and economic world. A demanding, broad, basic education in both the arts and sciences is the means for achieving this aim. It stresses not only the acquisition of knowledge but also the development of higher intellectual skills which allow for analyzing, problem solving, and decision making on major issues confronting the profession of arms, society, and the nation.

USMA defines its academic program less by specific courses than by educational objectives which identify competencies essential for successful development as a professional officer. The military profession is a thinking profession.

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Cadets develop creativity and intellectual curiosity which ensure their continued intellectual growth. They learn quantitative and qualitative methods which allow them to allocate resources, manage the development and acquisition of technologically-based systems, and achieve innovative solutions to complex problems. They gain a multicultural perspective, become historically aware, and develop understanding of the human element in organizations—all imperatives to lead soldiers and exercise military power consistent with American values in a complex national and international environment. To achieve these objectives, the curriculum has a core program in the humanities and social sciences and the basic and applied sciences. An elective program providing both focused study and enrichment in selected disciplines complements the core curriculum. Both curricular content and methods of instruction embody perennial values, expanding cadets' uses of reason and imagination, deepening understanding of what it is to be human, and increasing knowledge of the nature of things.

They [USMA graduates] must be leaders of character, loyal to the values of the nation and profession of arms, imbued with the judgment to know what ought to be done and the courage to do it.

Undergraduate education at West Point provides fundamental knowledge, basic principles, analytical frameworks, and methods of sound reasoning, all fostered in an environment that stimulates and promotes intellectual curiosity and integrity.

Military Development

Military development is of signal importance in the West Point experience. More than any other element of that experience, it prepares cadets to enter one specific profession, that of the military officer. Indeed, military development at USMA is unique among all of the Army's pre-commissioning sources in that it engages every cadet in a four-year, total immersion in a military environment, one that calls upon each cadet to learn technical military skills and knowledge, to learn the exercise of self-discipline by living a Spartan lifestyle with exacting standards, to exercise leadership within progressively more demanding situations in military organizations, and to absorb the ethos of military life with its commitment to national service in face of self-sacrifice.

During the academic year, cadets study the Army's history, its customs and traditions, and its role in providing for the common defense. They learn the mission, organization, weapons, and tactics of the Army. The summer months afford opportunities to acquire military skills and to lead small military units. Cadets experience the adventure of a military career by participating in activities such as parachuting, tank gunnery, helicopter flight, and tactical maneuvers. Cadets encounter the challenges of command while serving as leaders of soldiers in units around the world as well as for other cadets at West Point.

Throughout their four years, cadets live a military lifestyle, one of high standards for personal appearance and room order, one of drills and ceremonies, one of routine formations and duties, one of unrelenting challenge. Within that military lifestyle, they engage a carefully-designed sequence of responsibilities for leading the units and activities of the Corps of Cadets. From these opportunities, cadets gain confidence and poise, improve their military skills, learn to accept accountability for oneself and responsibility for others, and enjoy the personal satisfaction that comes from seeing the impact of one's leadership on the motivation and performance of others.

An integrated theme throughout the military development program is the inculcation of the values and ethics of the military profession. As warfighting is the Army's basic responsibility, so acquiring a warrior spirit is an expected outcome of the West Point experience. Cadets develop commitment to sound personal values—honesty, integrity, respect for other people, loyalty to the Constitutional system.

West Point graduates enter the Army having internalized high moral and ethical standards. They also have acquired basic military knowledge and skills and have the motivation to continue their professional development through progressive training, formal schooling, and self-study. Imbued with a sense of duty to country, they accept the challenge of maintaining military readiness to deter war, and to fight and win if need be. They are prepared, if the nation calls, to pay the price of battle.

Physical Development

Physical development provides leaders with physical skills, self-confidence, the warrior spirit, respect for fair play, and a commitment to maintain their own physical fitness and that of their soldiers. Physical development encompasses both physical education and competitive athletic programs. Emphasis is on the physical and mental aspects of fitness, teamwork, perseverance, and the will to win. Fundamental is the recognition that fitness is a life-long pursuit.

Cadets are challenged to achieve high standards of physical strength, agility, speed, and endurance to meet the physical demands encountered in military service. They achieve these results through participation in a comprehensive program of formal education, involvement in competitive sports, and constant evaluation. Formal education includes instruction and practice of skills in individual and team sports, as well as in combative sports such as boxing and self-defense. Evaluations are frequent, standards are high, and testing is emotionally charged and physically demanding. Every cadet is an athlete, participating at the highest level of physical ability in intercollegiate, club, or intramural competition.

. . . leaders must be broadly educated in both the physical sciences and the liberal arts.

Participation in required and voluntary sports competition contributes to cadets' ethical growth, providing opportunities to practice adherence to sound values—due regard for both rules and one's opponent, fair play, selflessness, and sportsmanship—under trying conditions having powerful resemblance to combat.

The physical development process takes into account the psychological, motivational, and emotional aspects of total fitness. Cadets increase their self-esteem and self-confidence, determination, will to win, courage to take risks, and ability to think and act purposefully under physical and mental stress. They thrive on competitive, highly-demanding physical activities while acquiring the knowledge of personal health necessary to meeting the demands of their profession.

Conclusion

The material above has been excerpted from the pamphlet, "2002 and Beyond." If you would like to have a complete copy of the pamphlet, please write to the Superintendent's Special Assistant for Strategic Planning, Office of the Superintendent, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996-5000. He would welcome also your comments and suggestions for revision.

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USMA to Open Field Offices in Texas and California

By Joseph Dineen, Admissions Office

Triggered by population expansion in two of the country's most populous states, California and Texas, and a need to improve candidate yield in those areas, the U. S. Military Academy will open Admissions field offices in Los Alamitos, California and San Antonio, Texas in October.

California, the most populous state in the United States following the 1980 census, has experienced a continual population expansion during the past decade. Demographic projections indicate the state will gain an additional six Congressional seats once redistricting is completed following the 1990 U. S. census. More importantly, the high school graduate population will increase by 41 percent over the next decade.

Texas, ranked No. 3 in U. S. population, will add three or more Congressional districts in the state according to projections. The high school graduate population also will increase by 14 percent between now and the year 2000.

In addition to the increases in overall population trends, both California and Texas are ranked near the top in minority population statistics. California has 34.4 percent of the Hispanic population in the U. S. to rank No. 1, while Texas has 22.6 percent of the country's Hispanic population to rank No. 2. California is second in total Black American population statistics with 6.9 percent of the total population, while Texas is third with 6.4 percent.

"Demographic trends are the driving force behind our move to open field offices in these states," says Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions. "With the population increasing dramatically in those two states, we want to expand the West Point presence in those areas, increase our yield of Texans and Californians in the class, improve the number of qualified candidates, and work closely with more qualified minority students."

The decision to increase the West Point presence in two of the most populous states follows the recommendations of a blue ribbon panel which examined the entire Admissions Office operation in 1988. Chaired by Mr. Fred Hargadon, then senior advisor to the president of The College Board, the

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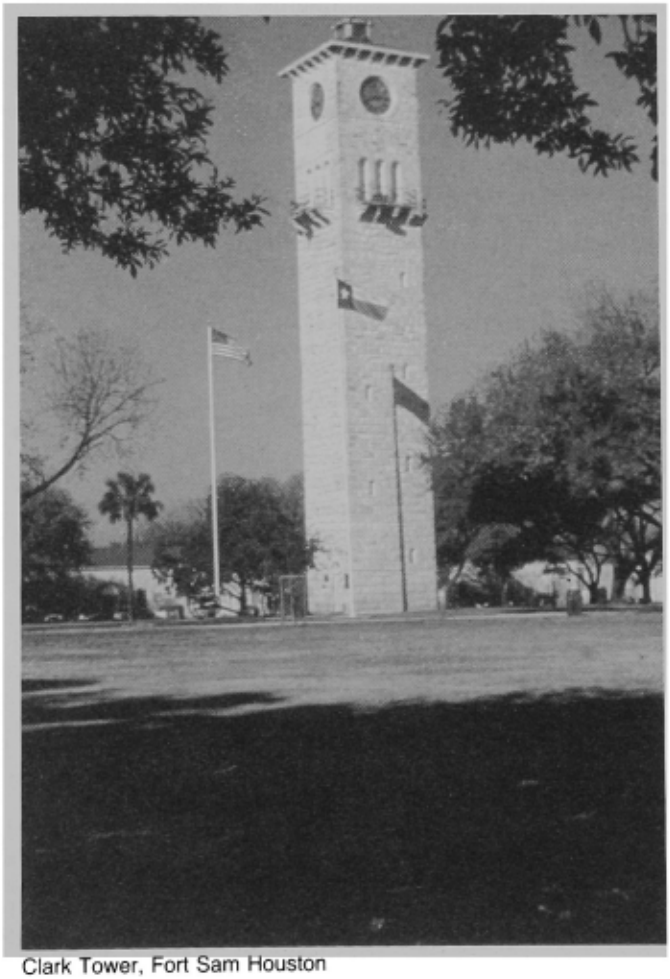
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panel recommended that the essence of the West Point experience should be clearly articulated and aggressively promoted throughout the country.

"It is not enough for an institution to be excellent," the panel's report stated. "It must also be perceived to be excellent by as broad an audience as possible. West Point must develop a competitive strategy to gain increased attention among high school students considering postsecondary educational opportunities."

A USMA Admissions Support Committee, chaired by COL James N. Hawthorne, Director of Academy Relations, offered similar recommendations, which resulted in an Admissions action plan to increase efforts to identify and enroll the best college-bound prospects. The action plan which was developed through the coordinated efforts of Admissions personnel and study group members included a recommendation by Colonel Rushton to open field offices. That recommendation was approved by Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent last spring.

Opening an admissions field office is not unique to the nation's service academies. The U. S. Naval Academy has had a field office in San Jose, California for the past 15 years. Additionally, the ROTC Cadet Command has expanded its recruiting efforts by using Goldminer Teams in 18 metropolitan cities throughout the country, resulting in very positive responses. Texas A&M University also has opened an admissions office in San Antonio.

The West Point Admissions Field Office in Texas will be located at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, while the California field office will be located at Los Alamitos U. S. Army Reserve Center, near Los Angeles. Each office will be manned by an Admissions field officer, an Outreach officer on temporary duty, and a clerk-typist.

The immediate objectives of the USMA field offices will be to expand and increase contact with Congressional members and office staffers in those areas; establish Congressional screening panels for candidate nominations; promote Congressional Academy days; assist new Congressmen on West Point admissions procedures; intensify visits to priority high schools to ensure students fully understand the opportunities available to them at West Point; increase West Point presence at key college fairs; and conduct educator workshops.

The USMA admissions effort comes at a time when the U. S. Army is facing cutbacks, but Colonel Rushton explains that this expansion is being offset by cuts in previously approved personnel expansion in the Admissions staffing at West Point. The field offices may also provide future economies in the admissions effort because of reduced travel time and costs.

"We have sacrificed some of our own staffing expansion to open these field offices," says Colonel Rushton. "This is a modest effort which we anticipate will yield strong results."

The West Point director of Admissions said the field office operations will be monitored closely for the next three years to determine their effectiveness. The goals for increasing awareness and candidate yield are precise, comprehensive, and reasonably easy to evaluate.

What will opening field offices in California and Texas do for USMA admissions? A closer look at admissions statistics of the Class of 1993 provides some clues.

California had 58 vacancies for the Class of 1993 but averaged just over six nominations for each of those vacancies, and just 2.95 of those nominees were fully qualified for admission. Additionally, only 1.67 of those qualified were enrolled. Twenty-four percent of the California Congressional nomination slates had four or fewer nominations for each vacancy. This compares with the states of Connecticut and Ohio which had more success in filling its vacancies with a greater number of qualified nominees. Connecticut averaged more than eight nominations for each of its nine vacancies. Of those, 5.22 were qualified and 3.33 were eventually enrolled. Ohio averaged 8.11 nominations for each of its 27 vacancies. Of those, 5.07 were fully qualified for admission and an average of 2.89 were enrolled for each vacancy.

Texas fared better with its 35 vacancies, providing 8.8 nominations for each vacancy. Just under half of those nominations, 4.37, were qualified for admission and 2.40 were enrolled. The enrollment figure was still well below the state of Connecticut's while six percent of the Texas nomination slates had four or fewer nominations for each vacancy.

"We feel we have to do better in these two populous states," says Rushton. "It isn't going to be easy because California and Texas have two of the finest state university systems in the country and keep most of their students at home. However, we feel we need to assist Congressional representatives in filling nomination slates, and increase our presence in high schools to ensure students are aware of West Point and its educational and military career opportunities."

The USMA field office initiative comes at a time when California is planning its own expansion to handle its population demands in the future. The University of California Board of Regents is now discussing plans for the location of a new $300 million campus and additional campuses to alleviate pressure on its nine-campus University of California system, already at near capacity levels.

A surge of enrollment in the system, driven in part by increased efforts to attract minority students, threatens to jeopardize its policy of offering admission to all California high school graduates who are academically qualified, according to Paul West, a spokesman for the president of the California university system. The nine campuses had a combined enrollment of 164,500 last fall. Unless the system adds more campuses, it will not be able to handle the 225,000 students expected to enroll by 2005. In addition to a central California campus, the Board of Regents hopes to build two more campuses, one in the southern part of the state and one in the north, by 2005.

The goals for the West Point field offices in California and Texas are ambitious according to Colonel Rushton, but can be achieved. In California the goal is to increase nominations from the current 6 per vacancy to 8.5-9.5; increase qualified candidates from 2.95 to 5-6 per vacancy; and show an enrollment increase from 1.67 to 2-2.5. Texas has the same goals for nominations, qualified students, and enrollment, but has a better starting point than California and a shorter road to achieve those goals.

Additionally, the Admissions Office is hoping to improve the quality of admissible candidates in California and Texas. Both these states trailed the means for the Class of 1993 in the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Admissions Office "Whole Candidate Score," a calculation measuring achievement in academics, extracurricular participation, leadership potential, and physical aptitude.

The West Point field offices will be opened on 1 October with formal ceremonies. Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent, will attend the opening at Fort Sam Houston, while Colonel Rushton will be at the Los Alamitos opening.

The West Point field office opening activities will include an educator breakfast, a visit to a local high school, a ribbon cutting ceremony and a luncheon for Congressional members and staffers, key educators, and members of the command group from the host military installations.

"We are looking forward to initiating this program," says Colonel Rushton. "We have an accurate means of measuring our success, and we intend to work very hard to achieve our goals. Primarily, we hope to enroll the best qualified students in the country, and we hope to increase our productivity in two of our most populous and influential states. I believe it is an important effort, not only for West Point, but for the Army and the nation."

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From R-Day . . .

An Update on the Fourth Class System

By Colonel Larry R. Donnithorne
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One year ago we reported to you (*Assembly*, Oct 89, p. 12) that "we are well into a year-long look at the Fourth Class System, with an ultimate goal of assuring that it helps us meet leader development goals—for upperclass cadets as well as plebes—and that it helps mold the attributes of leadership expected in today's Army." That year of review has now come to a close and this report will provide a brief update on the process and conclusions.

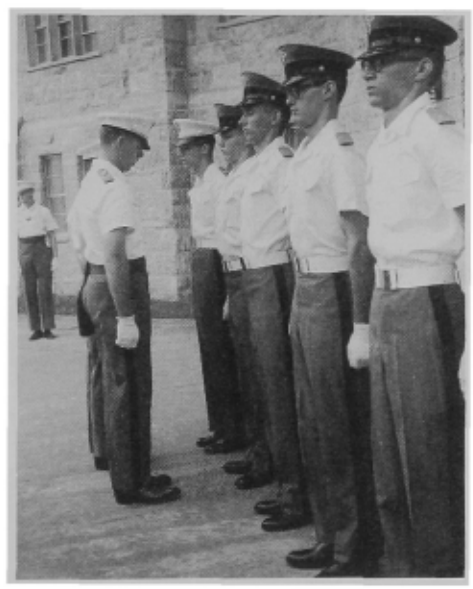
The year began with the appointment of three separate committees, one of cadets, one of staff and faculty, and one of alumni. The latter committee consisted of trustees of the Association of Graduates, USMA, and was chaired by General Sam Walker. Each of the committees was asked to address—from its unique perspective—why West Point has a Fourth Class System, what the System should consist of, and how it should be implemented. All three committees met throughout the year and delivered reports to the superintendent in the late spring of this year.

All three reports were extremely useful and evidenced long and serious reflection on a complex issue. The alumni report was probably the most conservative of the three, urging a recognition of the fundamental value of the plebe experience and suggesting moderate revisions. The staff and faculty committee, on the other hand, urged relatively substantial modifications to the system. The third report, that of the cadet committee, can be characterized as falling between the extremes of the other two. One proposal supported in all three reports was that of a Cadet Leader Development System which would address in parallel form the elements comprising the leader development experience for all four classes, not just for plebes.

After receiving the reports, the superintendent and members of the USMA Policy Board reviewed the reports and drew from them the recommendations that would be implemented during the summer of 1990 and during the approaching academic year. Final decisions were reached by the Policy Board on 31 July 1990. It is easiest to characterize the final decisions by saying that the Policy Board in the main preferrred the conservative position recommended by the alumni committee. Essentially every recommendation in its report has been followed.

It has been agreed that the purpose of the Fourth Class System at West Point is three-fold:

1) to promote leader development (including followership)
2) to faciliate transition from civilian life into military life and organizations
3) to promote development of military attributes



The Cadet Leader Development System will be adopted as the structural framework that guides all leader development experiences of all four classes, but it will incorporate a plebe experience which still reflects past traditions and which contrasts markedly with that of the upperclasses. A few specific changes are these: plebe knowledge will continue to emphasize traditional cadet knowledge (definition of leather, cheers, songs, etc.) during the summer but will be more restricted during the academic year (the Days and menu) to permit greater focus on academic requirements. During the academic year, plebes will continue to perform traditional duties in the mess hall but will eat at ease. The exaggerated form of walking (squaring corners around desks and fans) will be eliminated, but plebes will be required to move in an erect military manner at an unexaggerated march cadence and to do so without talking outside their rooms. Plebes will continue to deliver laundry, distribution, and newspapers as they have in the past. Recognition will occur on or about the day before Spring Leave.

The changes are an attempt to insure that the plebe system is part of a larger experience that puts "fire in the soul" of future Army leaders while teaching each of them effective and proper leadership.

. . . to Recognition

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Class of 1994 Begins West Point Experience

By Joe Dineen, Admissions Office
Photos by Specialist Mike Weber

The early morning hours were gray and overcast as anxious young men and women walked into Holleder Center with friends and family to begin Reception Day activities at the United States Military Academy in July.

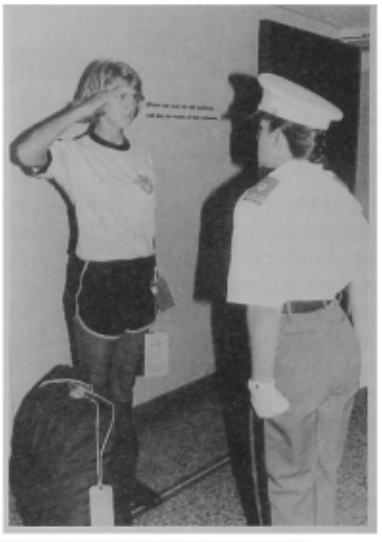
They came from every state in the nation, some of the best and the brightest of our future leaders. In the course of 10 hours they began the unique transition from civilian to military life, an experience they will never forget.

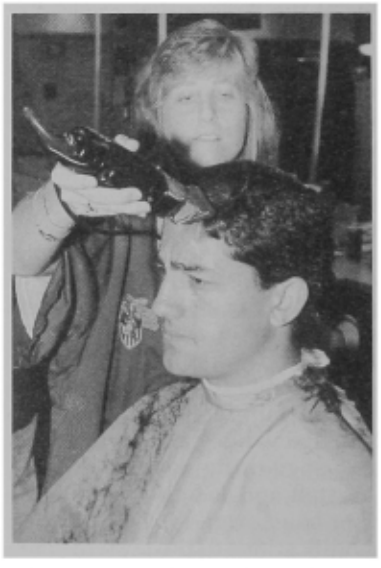
These exceptional students and leaders, chosen from among nearly 13,000 applicants, had proven themselves by simply gaining an offer of admission to West Point. Their high school records were impeccable. There were 111 class valedictorians and 91 salutatorians. Nine hundred were members of their high school honor society and over 1,200 participated in varsity athletics.

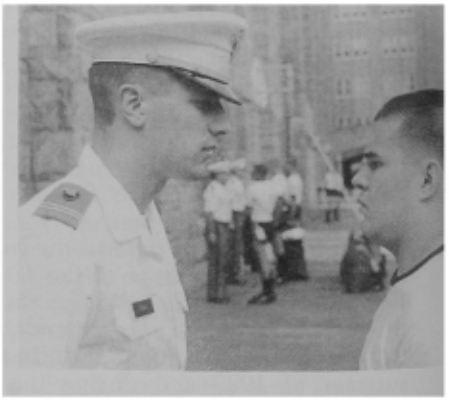
Now they began challenging themselves at West Point, the nation's oldest service academy. During R-Day these men and women were poked by medics, shorn by barbers, measured by tailors, drilled and commanded by cadet leaders, and finally paraded before their parents and friends to take the Oath of Allegiance on the Plain. Many times they found themselves doing the wrong thing at the wrong time. It was frustrating, challenging, and emotional. It was also just the beginning.

Some members of the Class of 1994 fell by the wayside after a few weeks because the transition to military life was not what they expected. This is not unusual. Leadership is a special talent which is developed. When the new cadets of the Class of 1994 entered in July they began the first step of this development. However, leaders of character are developed through a total immersion in the three phases of the "West Point experience"—academic, military, and physical training programs.

The new class completed six weeks of Cadet Basic Training, achieving the first step in the West Point development process, and began the academic phase of the USMA program recently. That, too, represents another transition they must make during their first year at the Academy. Yet, this class, like other classes before them, is well qualified to succeed.







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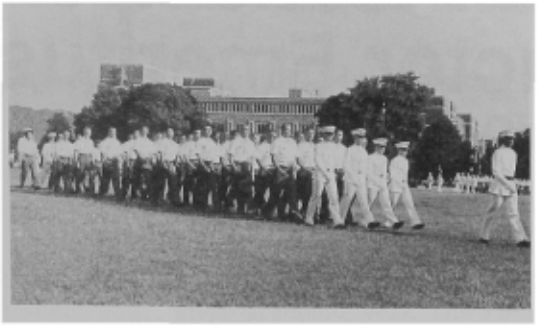

The Class of 1994 was selected during a period when the pool of high-school graduates continued to decline. Although West Point's applicant pool declined only slightly (1 percent), there was a significant drop in the number of students who received nominations. Nominations fell below the 5,000 mark for the first time since 1968, a decrease of 8 percent from the previous class.

"The Class of 1994 is a very strong class, comparing very favorably to our most recent incoming classes," says Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions. "There were declines in the number of nominated candidates and qualified candidates, but the overall quality of the class remains high.

"These declines were expected simply because of the dynamics of the high-school population demographics," adds Rushton. "It concerns us, and we are taking steps to increase the number of nominated candidates. However, the most difficult years in admissions are ahead of us, since the high-school graduate population does not increase significantly until 1994, according to demographic projections. It will make our job more difficult, but I am fully confident we will continue to fulfill our goals to enroll the most qualified students in the nation."

A closer look at the profile for the Class of 1994 demonstrates the overall quality of this group of students. The mean Scholastic Aptitude Test score for the class was 1213, broken down in this fashion—566 on the verbal portion of the test and 647 on the math portion.

Eighty-six percent ranked in the top fifth of their class. National Merit Scholarship recognition was earned by 25 percent of the class.

The Class of 1994 also has exceptional leadership credentials. Over 35 percent served as class or student-body president during their high-school careers; 24 percent were Boys or Girls State delegates; and almost 39 percent participated in scouting programs. Among those, 14 percent earned the Eagle Scout rank or Gold Award (girls).

Nine foreign cadets also entered the Class of 1994; two from Jamaica and one each from Jordan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand, and Turkey.

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William Schempf Conductor Emeritus

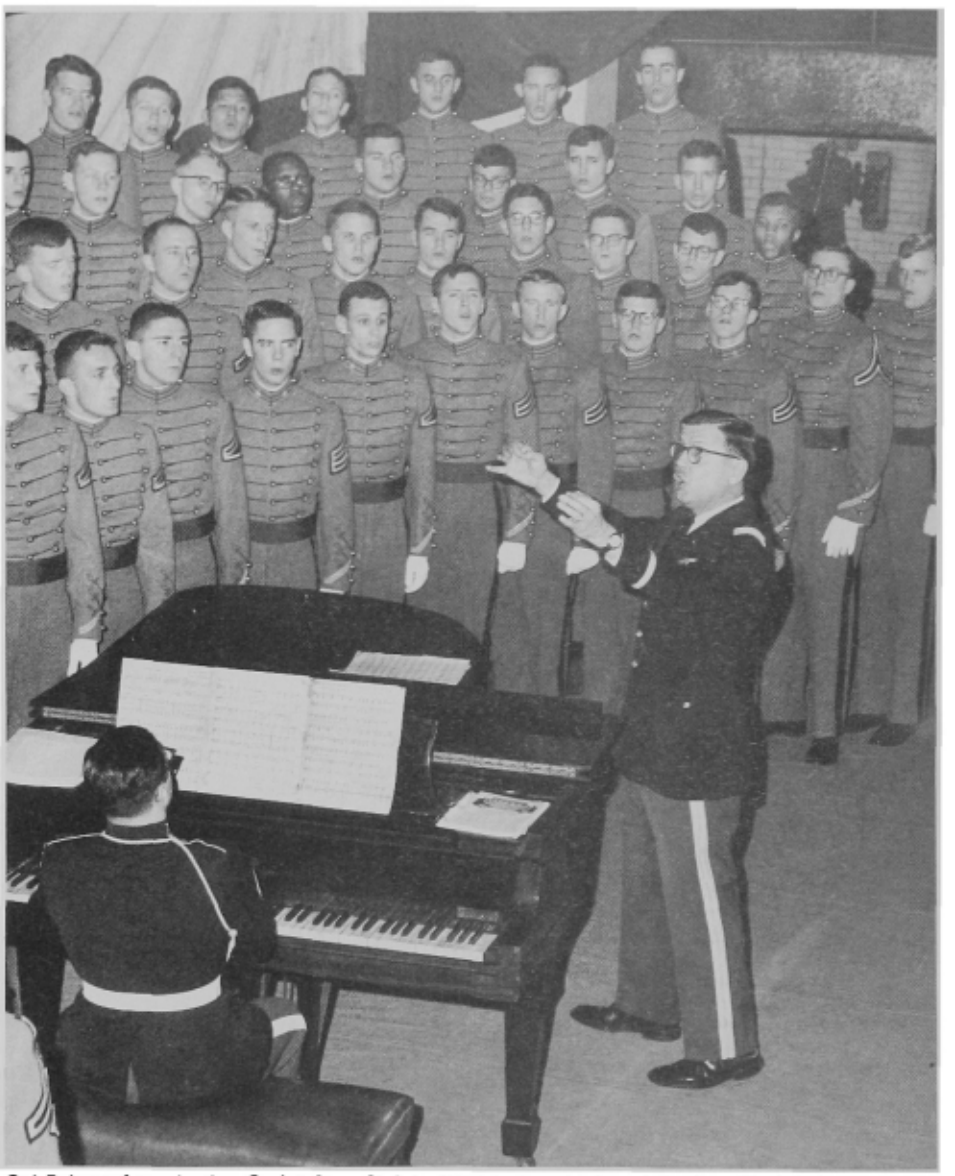
By Sgt. 1st Class Richard Storey
USMA Band

At the recent U.S. Military Academy Band Alumni Concert, the crowd and performers rose to their feet and applauded as Colonel William Schempf (Ret.) received the band's highest honor, *Conductor Emeritus*. This honor was presented by Academy Superintendent, Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer; Schempf became the first person to be awarded this distinction.

"As the last Teacher of Music at the Academy, from 1957 to 1974, Colonel Schempf had a great impact on a generation of cadets and West Point musicians," stated present band commander, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Dubuy. "He challenged those who performed with him to pursue musical excellence. He demanded faithfulness to a composer's intent. To the colonel, musicality was as important on the parade field as in the concert hall. Under Colonel Schempf's leadership, the USMA Band and Cadet Glee Club achieved national fame. Colonel Schempf began the popular Chamber Music and Trophy Point Concert Series.

"Colonel Schempf is a well-known name in the music world," Dubuy continued. "He is internationally respected. While a young Army band officer," Dubuy related, "I had heard of Colonel Schempf's stature as a conductor and music educator. It is a privilege to be a part of recognizing a distinguished colleague.

"Since his retirement as chairman of the Music Department at Central Michigan University, Colonel Schempf has lived in nearby Cornwall," Dubuy continued. "The men and women of the USMA Band look forward to Colonel Schempf's continued active participation as Conductor Emeritus."



Col Schempf conducting Cadet Glee Club in 1966 in the old Army Theater, West Point

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Schwabe, 1969 Academy graduate and commander of West Point's 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, recalls the profound influence Schempf had on the lives of Cadet Glee Club members. "Colonel Schempf was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word," Schwabe affirmed. "He imparted his values and enthusiasm when in front of cadets and stressed the discipline needed to perform music well. The lessons learned under Colonel Schempf would help us in all things we attempted later in life.

"As a Glee Club member," Schwabe continued, "I distinctly remember appearing on Ed Sullivan's TV show. Afterward, the colonel took us to a chic New York restaurant. The menu was entirely in French and few of us knew what to order! Naturally, Colonel Schempf rescued us from further dishonor and ordered for us."

"While cadets," Schwabe went on, "we were exposed to many officers as potential role models. Some were more worthy of emulation than others. At a time when many officers thought only of Vietnam, Colonel Schempf stood out in contrast. He was multidimensional—able to move in any circle, discuss any subject, intelligently, and in depth. This impressed me, and helped form my concept of what an officer must be," Schwabe concluded.

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Directorate of Cadet Activities

Offers More Than One Hundred Clubs and Programs to West Point Cadets

By Linda G. Berman, Assistant Editor, ASSEMBLY

The Equestrian Team, Mountaineering Club, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Portuguese Language Club, Wargames Committee, Debate Team, Electronics Experimenters Group, Glee Club, *Howitzer*, Scoutmasters' Council, Navigators . . . the list is practically endless. The Directorate of Cadet Activities (DCA) at West Point sets out to provide an active leisure-time activities plan for cadets, and succeeds in this mission, as evidenced by the high degree of cadet participation in DCA's long and varied list of activities.

According to the Director of Cadet Activities, Colonel Morgan Roseborough, Jr., "the cadet activities program provides a major component of the West Point environment. The DCA's programs support cadet development in three aspects—academic, military and physical. It also provides support of the moral-ethical and social-cultural development of cadets. The goal is to reach all cadets, expose them to many aspects of life's cultural experiences so that, hopefully, they will develop a long-term appreciation in something they were introduced to at West Point, and leave the Academy perhaps a little more well-rounded."

One hundred and fifteen clubs exist within the DCA's extracurricular program. Other aspects include social programming, such as major weekends (Homecoming, 100th Night, 500th Night, Yearling Winter Weekend, and Plebe-Parent Weekend) and cultural programs presented by the Fine Arts Forum.

The DCA also offers service-oriented support groups, explained by Extracurricular Activities Branch Chief Bill Cosby in a prepared statement: "Through participation in the 21 extracurricular support activities, cadets have the opportunity to assist in institutionally sponsored programs. The cadet performance organizations (Cadet Glee Club, Drill Team, Hop Bands, Pipes and Drums, Gospel Choir) assist both the Directorate of Academy Relations and Admissions in bringing a 'part of West Point' to communities throughout the United States. The spirit support activities (Rabble Rousers, Cadet Band, Rally Committee, and Mule Riders) boost morale within the Corps with their support of varsity and club athletics. The *Howitzer* (yearbook) provides a lasting archive for a given academic year. The *Pointer* provides a creative writing outlet for cadets through a monthly magazine. Other programs are involved in such fields as alcohol and drug awareness and special women's issues."

Athletic clubs are also offered, both in competitive team sports such as the Crew Team, and in individual competitive sports, such as Fencing and Karate. (For a complete listing, see accompanying chart.) Some of these clubs compete frequently for National Championship honors (Rugby, Team Handball, Orienteering, Powerlifting, to name only a few).

New clubs are constantly being added to this ever-growing list in response to cadet interest in a particular sport, academic interest, or art form. Two recently created offerings within the program are the Korean-American Seminar (sponsored by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership) and the Off-Road Bicycle Club. Cadets may join as many activities as they wish, and membership is voluntary in all clubs.

The clubs and activities offered through DCA enhance cadets' leadership skills because every club has its own organizational structure, with its own opportunity for developing and strengthening these skills. By participating in various clubs, cadets are encouraged to take on positions of leadership, besides those assigned in the Corps of Cadets. In addition, cadets usually take the initiative in finding a sponsor to oversee newly-organized clubs—either a department head, the Dean, or the Com.

A major component of the Directorate of Cadet Activities is the management and operation of the 4370-seat theater in Eisenhower Hall. Ever since Eisenhower Hall Theater opened its doors for the 1974-75 season with its first performer, Bob Hope, the theater has been an enormous success. Eisenhower Hall Theater strives to provide a well-balanced variety of performing arts. According to Cultural Arts Director Bill Yost, who has held this position since 1974, the cultural development of cadets is important because "I see the arts as a global language. For cadets, they'll be part of the global community after they graduate from the Military Academy and become officers."

Involvement in Eisenhower Hall Theater fosters many skills for cadets. "About 72 cadets participate in the running of the theater," says Mr. Yost. "Each class year brings greater responsibility; for instance, plebes may be ushers or ticket takers, then act as floor managers, then house managers and finally, in their first class year, cadets become president or chair of the Theater Arts Guild (the cadet club that runs the theater). They get the opportunity to further develop their leadership and teamwork skills in this environment. These out-of-classroom experiences offer valuable educational opportunities."

Cadets are also encouraged to become involved in the behind-the-scenes running of the theater, most notably the box office. Eisenhower Hall Theater is run as a booking house for touring productions, and has, by virtue of its proximity to New York City, opened several Broadway shows including *Cats, South Pacific, Evita, Annie,* and *Cabaret*. In the 1989-90 season, *Starlight Express* opened here.

The box office, staffed mostly by cadets, handles all walk-in traffic and mail orders. "The box office could not function without dedicated cadet volunteers to staff its operations and handle the high volume of ticket sales," says Gary Keegan, House and Box Office Manager. "Last year, 1400 cadets bought season subscriptions and 2400 other season subscriptions were sold to military and civilian members of the Hudson Valley community. In total, approximately 40,000 tickets are sold each year; to handle this demand, two years ago Eisenhower Hall Theater began using the service of Ticketmaster (a computerized ticketing system) to deal with all phone orders."

During the academic year, between 15–20 fine arts productions appear at Eisenhower Hall as part of its Fine Arts Forum. These productions have been planned one year or more in advance, and are reviewed by the Dean. Certain performances such as famous dance ensembles or out-of-country performers are planned 2–3 years ahead, whereas rock groups may be scheduled only 4–6 weeks in advance. The aim of this program is to offer cultural arts to cadets in conjunction with the Cadet Fine Arts

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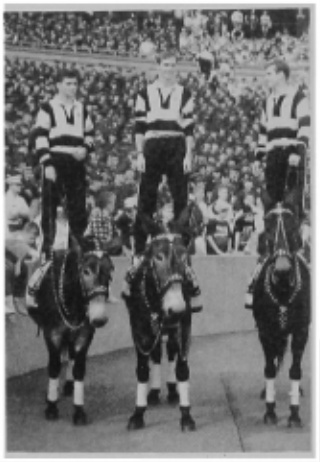

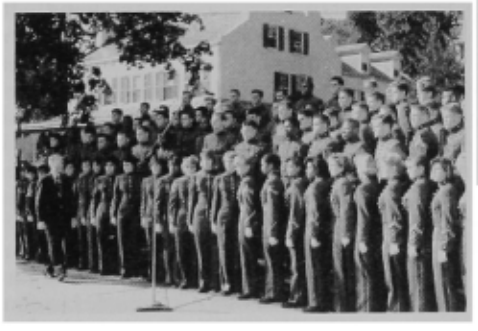

Forum (sponsored by the Department of English). The 1990–91 season opens with *The Phantom of the Opera* on Friday and Saturday, 21–22 September. A highlight of this year's performances will be the appearance of George Burns at the Eisenhower Hall Theater on Saturday, 27 October. For a complete schedule of events, contact Box Office Information at (914) 938-4159.

According to Colonel Roseborough, "The objective of the Fine Arts Forum is to expose cadets to, and pique their interest in, as many different performing arts as we can. Cadets are given the opportunity to be exposed to Broadway shows, ballet, symphony, opera, drama, pop/rock concerts, and various popular entertainers, such as Bill Cosby, who appeared here recently."

Seating is limited in Eisenhower Hall Theater, so first preference is given to cadets. Cadets are offered a special season pass; this book of coupons is redeemable for performances and if all coupons are used, admission is only $3.50–$4.00 per performance, as compared to normal ticket prices of $16 and up for comparable performances elsewhere. "By offering a special discounted rate to cadets, the cadet activities program hopes to encourage good attendance from its cadets," says Colonel Roseborough. Although this program is a revenue-producing enterprise, the first priority is exposing cadets to a range of cultural experiences."

The Fine Arts Forum also supports cadet productions such as the Theater Arts Guild, which puts on a fall and a spring production each year with up to 1000 people in attendance, and the

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100th Night Show, a two-hour musical produced by the senior class which takes a satirical look at the trials and tribulations of life at the United States Military Academy. In addition to professional and cadet productions, the Eisenhower Hall Theater is used for lectures and other Academy programs; in all, approximately 200 events are held annually in the oft-used theater.

Another cultural dimension offered to cadets is art exhibitions on view in the 1929 Gallery, located in the 4th floor hallway of Eisenhower Hall. A wide range of visual art—from paintings to photography to sculpture, from traditional to avant garde—are exhibited periodically in this space. A photography exhibition by Rick Hunter entitled "A Glimpse of West Point," highlighting wonderful views of the Academy and of cadet life, was shown here recently.

The Directorate of Cadet Activities also gets involved in teaching social graces and etiquette to the Corps, under the instruction of Cadet Hostess Carolyn Gaspard. Mrs. Gaspard has held this position since 1984, and is the seventh person to do so since 1927. She incorporates the learning of social development and protocol to prepare cadets for official functions such as RMC Weekend, a 60-year tradition that brings together cadets of the Royal Military College of Canada and United States Military Academy cadets. According to Mrs. Gaspard, "my duties range from giving classes in dining and telephone etiquette, to dance and cooking classes, to arranging hospitality for mixers, hand-addressing invitations to special functions—I even act as a wedding consultant to prospective

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Extracurricular Activities

Competitive Teams
Crew Team
Lacrosse Team (Women)
Rugby Team (Men)
Team Handball Team
Volleyball Team (Men)

Individual Competitive Sports
Bowling Team
Cycling Team
Equestrian Team
Fencing Team
Handball Team
Judo Team
Karate Team
Marathon Team
Powerlifting Team
Racquetball Team
Sailing Team
Skeet and Trap Team
Ski Team (Alpine)
Ski Team (Nordic)
Squash Team
Triathlon Team
Wrestling Team (Freestyle) (Men)

Hobby
Archery, Fishing and Hunting
Off-Road Bike Club
Flying Club
Model Railroad Club
Mountaineering Club
Scuba Diving Club
Sigma Delta Psi
Ski Club
White Water Canoe Club

Academic
***(BSL)**
Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Seminar
Contemporary Affairs Seminar
Korean-American Relations Seminar

(Department of Chemistry)
American Chemical Society

(Department of Civil & Mechanical Engineering)
American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics
Civil and Military Engineering Club
Mechanical Engineering Club
Society of Automotive Engineers
Society of Women Engineers

(Department of English)
American Culture Seminar
Art Seminar
Big Brothers and Big Sisters
Drama and Music Seminar
Film Seminar
Philosophy Seminar
Photography Seminar
Poetry/Writing Seminar
Staff and Ushers
Theatre Arts Guild

(Department of Foreign Languages)
Arabic Language Club
Chinese Language Club
French Language Club
German Language Club
Portuguese Language Club
Russian Language Club
Spanish Language Club

(Department of Geography & Environmental Engineering)
Astronomy Club
Orienteering Team

(Department of History)
Collectors Committee
Film Seminar
Medieval Studies Group
Modelers Group
Tactics Club (Armor)
Wargames Committee

(Department of Systems Engineering)
Institute of Management Sciences

(Department of Mathematics)
Chess Club
Mathematics Forum

(Department of Physics)
Society of Physics Students

(Department of Social Sciences)
Debate Team
Domestic Affairs Forum
Finance Forum
SCUSA (Student Conference on US Affairs)
Speech Team
West Point Forum

(Electrical Engineering and Computer Science)
Amateur Radio Seminar
Computer Users Group
Computer Science and Engineering Seminar
Electronics Experimenters Group
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

(Commandant)
Tactics Club (Infantry)
National Survival Games

Support
(Commandant)
Cadet Alcohol and Drug Intervention Council
Dialectic Society
Drill Team
Glee Club
Gospel Choir
Hop Bands
Howitzer
Margaret Corbin Seminar
Pipes and Drums
Pointer
Scuba Instructor Group
(Spirit Group)
Band
Mule Riders
Rabble Rousers
Rally Committee

(Major Staff Sections)
Media Club
Scoutmasters' Council
Ski Instructor Group
Ski Patrol Group
Sport Parachute Team
WKDT Radio Station

Religious
Baptist Student Union
Cadet Catholic Folk Group
Catholic Cadet Catechists
Catholic Chapel Choir
Church of Christ
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Jewish Chapel Choir
Latter-day Saints Student Association
Navigators
Officers' Christian Fellowship
Protestant Chapel Choir
Protestant Chapel Sunday School Teachers

*Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

brides and grooms of the Academy."

The Directorate of Cadet Activities has a staff of 28 appropriated fund employees, and approximately 70 non-appropriated fund employees. Only two positions are filled by military personnel—the Director of Cadet Activities, Colonel Morgan Roseborough, and the Director of Cadet Programs, Major Kurt Struder, who arrived in August.

The West Point Fund provides the majority of the financial support for the cadet activities program—about 65% of its operating costs. In fact, the program is the West Point Fund's primary recipient. The remaining 35% of funding comes from the revenue-producing (in decreasing order) Eisenhower Hall Theater, the Restaurant/Food Service Division, Consolidated Gift Shop, and the DCA's resale and publications arm, which produces *Howitzers*, souvenirs with the WP crest, etc. "As a matter of record, the production of the *Howitzer* yearbook is a break-even operation. Again, the DCA program does not try to make a profit when offering its services or selling its merchandise to cadets," explains Colonel Roseborough.

To continue to provide an ever-growing variety of athletic, military, academic, cultural, social, and support programs to cadets, the Directorate of Cadet Activities relies on the donations of USMA graduates. Its long-term plan is, according to Roseborough, "to build an endowment in the the West Point Fund so that it can offer its many programs to cadets free of charge, and keep ahead of inflation." At present, cadet team/club members frequently pay for transportation costs and other expenses because there is not sufficient funding available to cover all costs.

Colonel Roseborough sends this message to graduates of the Academy: "Thank you—without your contributions to the West Point Fund, the cadet activities program would be unable to provide as many activities as it does."

For more information about the Directorate of Cadet Activities at West Point, call (914) 938-2715, or stop by DCA's offices in Eisenhower Hall.

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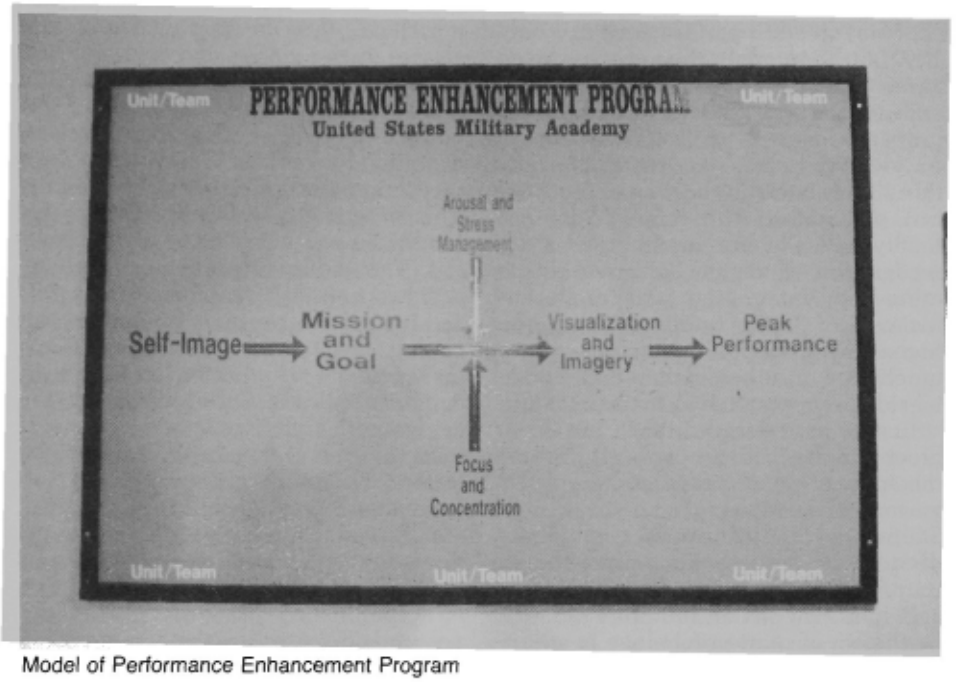
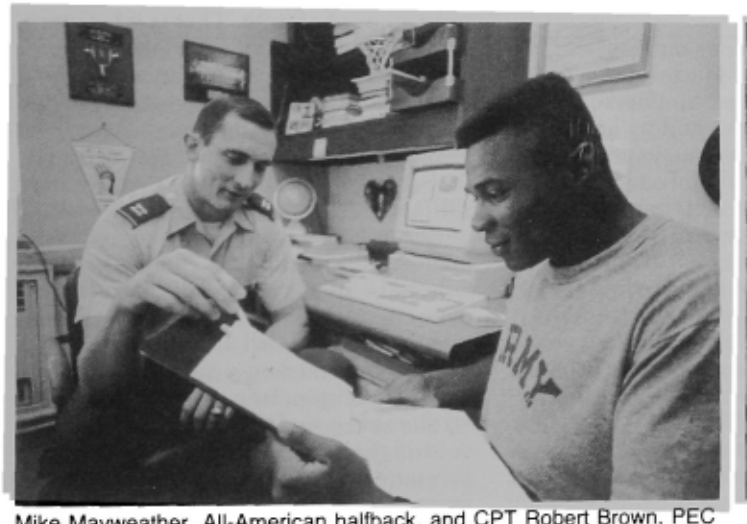
Performance Enhancement Training: The Future Now

Colonel Louis S. Csoka *Director, Performance Enhancement Center*

On 17 March 1989, the superintendent approved the development of a performance enhancement program for the United States Military Academy. The establishment of a formal education and training program in performance enhancement was based upon demonstrated success of such techniques in world class sports, our own experiences with selected cadet athletes, and the U.S. Army's experience with selected training. Colonel Louis Csoka, a professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the time, was tasked to review and evaluate existing programs in the United States and to recommend possible implementation of a formal program at USMA. Based upon the findings of this review, the program was formally established by the creation of the Performance Enhancement Center. The mission of the center is to educate and train cadets in performance enhancement techniques in order to foster their full development as leaders of character.



Model of Performance Enhancement Program



Mike Mayweather, All-American halfback, and CPT Robert Brown, PEC Staff, discuss individual goals as part of goalsetting training.

Relaxation training teaches cadets to monitor and regulate arousal to enhance peak performance.

The performance enhancement program was approved for implementation in three phases. Phase One, which started 1 July 1989, was to provide education and training to a limited number of teams and cadet athletes. That phase is completed and involved seven varsity athletic teams and over 150 cadet athletes. Based upon results from that first year experience with the program, Phase Two, which expands performance enhancement training to all varsity teams, was to be implemented with the 1990-91 Academic Year. However, due to current resource cuts in the Army and at USMA, full implementation was not possible. Current plans incorporate 15 varsity teams and about 400 cadet athletes. Eventually all teams and athletes will be a part of the program. Phase Three expands performance enhancement training to all cadets as part of their leader development. The nature and scope of this training and education program will be based on the results of the evaluation of performance enhancement training for athletes.

What exactly is performance enhancement? It is an education and training program derived from psychology and the sport sciences. It focuses on providing individuals with the mental and psychological skills necessary to perform at peak levels under pressure and stress.

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All of us have experienced moments when everything seemed to go just right; when everything seemed to require little or no effort and the performance was our absolute best. The key difference between these and other performance moments has always been the mental state. In no better arena has this been demonstrated than in sports. Yet in America, we typically spend 90% of our training and preparation on the physical skills involved in performance and only 10% on the mental. Most coaches even agree that 90% of successful performance is mental! Once an individual has prepared as well as possible from a physical and skill standpoint, the only thing that stands in the way of reaching full potential is the mind. What has finally come of age in America is the recognition of the necessity for a true mind-body integration for peak performance . . . that in order to reach the highest levels of performance, at least as much time must be devoted to the mental side of preparation as to the physical.

In the past decade, there has been great interest in and movement towards the application of specialized psychology to sport performance in the United States. If the 70's can be called the decade of strength and conditioning training and the 80's of biomechanics and sports medicine, then the 90's will be the era of sport psychology in athletics. We only have to look at the Eastern bloc countries to see the results of intensive and systematic mental and psychological skills training on the performance of their world-class athletes. Unfortunately for us, they have been at this for well over four decades.

This author had the opportunity to see firsthand the sport psychology programs of East Germany and the USSR in the summer of 1989. What surprised those of us on the American delegation most was that there were no secret, bizarre things being done to their athletes (as many Americans believe). Rather, much of the knowledge being applied to educate and train their athletes has been available in America, but not much of it has been used here until recently. The field is now expanding rapidly. One need only to pick up a newspaper or magazine to read about the use of performance enhancement training with Olympic and professional athletes. And very quickly, it is expanding into intercollegiate athletics.

What we have created at the United States Military Academy is a program whose time has come. We believe our approach to be a pioneer in the field. The institutional commitment of human resources, facilities and equipment has enabled USMA to develop an absolutely first-rate training program; one that has already received national recognition. Although many colleges and universities have individuals who work with selected teams and athletes, very few have the formal and systematic program created at USMA.

In the current phase, performance enhancement training involves both team and individual education and training. In addition, education and training for coaches will be offered in AY 1990-91. If a team chooses to use the services of the Performance Enhancement Center (and most have), then the training begins with classes on the mental and psychological skills essential for peak performance. All team members and coaches are involved. Upon the conclusion of the classes, individual cadets then volunteer for the performance enhancement training. The program is voluntary because it requires a commitment of time and effort. The cadet athlete receives education and training in the following areas: self-image and positive thinking, goalsetting, focus and concentration, stress management, visualization and imagery, and teambuilding. Cadets come into the center with different levels of competence in each of the above performance factors. The training is tailored to each individual's level of skill in each of the areas. Even the best performing athletes need and seek out performance enhancement training. Ideally, the training is accomplished primarily during the pre- and off-seasons so that the cadet can incorporate the mental training into his or her performance during in-season competition.

Initial sessions focus on assessing the cadet athlete's self-image—the way in which he or she sees him/herself as an individual in general and as an athlete specifically. The high quality of cadets at West Point causes a lot of cadets to have some doubts about their capabilities as they find themselves thrust into competitive situations. They look around and see everyone else as good as they are and begin to waver in their own confidence. This can very quickly affect a young cadet's ability to perform to full potential. Positive thinking training that involves positive self-talk and affirmation training helps the cadet to keep the mind focused on capabilities and past success, especially in critical situations under pressure and stress. People do tend to act on their thoughts, and a key part of that is the self-talk in which everyone engages. We all talk to ourselves all the time. Control of this "conversation" by insuring it is positive and reinforcing is one of the key aspects of peak performance. (When I think I am good and do the necessary work, I perform well. When I do the necessary work but do not think that I am good, I perform poorly!)

As important as positive thinking is to good performance, it is clearly not enough. That is why the program at USMA is a total training program incorporating all major performance enhancement techniques. Perhaps one of the most beneficial aspects of the mental training is goalsetting. There is a systematic way to approach this process and very few cadet athletes engage in it. The program teaches the cadet to clearly define individual goals based on team goals. It shows how to differentiate between outcome goals and performance goals and to identify clear performance requirements for each. The cadet learns basic principles of goalsetting and then applies them to his or her sport. The ability to approach each day and each practice with some specific goal in mind provides excellent motivation and increased effort. This may seem very obvious to most of us. But to many young, untrained athletes, this often is a major revelation.

With performance goals clearly established, the next step involves what is generally called attention training. One of the key elements of successful performance is the ability to focus and concentrate on what is important in a performance situation. To key in on the appropriate cues and to block out all distractions is a major factor in peak performance. Everyone knows this, but few realize that there is a systematic way to enhance the ability to do so—especially under stress. Pressure situations change our focus and concentration. Elite athletes learn how to maintain their attention at the right place for the right amount of time. That is what attention training can do for the athletes participating in a performance enhancement training program.

Perhaps one of the most beneficial aspects of the mental training program is the acquisition of stress management skills that allow the cadet athlete to perform under conditions of high demand and stress. Peak performers are generally in a calm and relaxed state even in pressure situations. High demand situations will always be stressful. Traditional training programs have emphasized eliminating stress. The emphasis should be on learning to regulate and control those methanisms that affect performance—learning to regulate and manage stress. For an athlete, undue emotional and bodily arousal can spell disaster. Cadet athletes learn to both understand the relationship between arousal, stress, and performance, and then to regulate themselves so that true performance potential can be realized. Various relaxation and control techniques are offered to cadet athletes so that mechanisms that work best for the individual cadet are the ones being learned.

The most widely publicized mental skill used in performance enhancement training is visualization or imagery. This is the ability to literally create mental

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pictures of desired performance and outcomes. Everyone has the ability to visualize. Unfortunately, most lose the skill as the imagination is used less and less in our traditional educational system. We think in pictures! Every day is filled with hundreds of images. Learning to make those images work for us in future performance is a key element of performance enhancement training. Cadet athletes are trained to use their imagery skills to mentally rehearse a desired performance, to learn new skills, to project themselves into a future performance situation and see themselves accomplishing a predetermined goal.

The question most often asked—does it work?—can be answered with a resounding "yes!" For those athletes who learn the skills and apply them with regularity to their sport, there is a significant improvement in performance. Unfortunately, some cadets see this as a quick fix, do not make the dedicated effort to really learn the mental skills, and therefore do not obtain the desired improvements in performance. The time it takes to become truly proficient at these skills varies according to the cadet athlete's prior experience, training, and motivation. Our goal is to start them as plebes and to have them utilizing the various performance enhancement techniques as an integral part of their preparation and performance by the time they are juniors. A number of Army football players who have been involved in such training even before it became an official program have reached high levels of competency with the techniques.

The final purpose of the Performance Enhancement Program, of course, is not for athletics but for enhancing the performance of all cadets as part of their leader development. The performance enhancement techniques being used so successfully in sports is readily transferable to any demanding performance situation. A positive self-image is essential for successful leadership. The ability to focus and concentrate on the important things in high-stress situations such as combat is critical to the success of a leader. Successful leaders learn through the years how to do that. Performance enhancement training can help the individual acquire the skills faster and better. High performing leaders learn to manage their stress, to maintain control even in what might appear to be chaotic situations. Control requires the ability first to recognize stress symptoms or cues and second to self-regulate those mechanisms that directly affect performance. Stress management, relaxation training, and self-regulation are all techniques that can help the individual stay at optimum performance levels.

Finally, all successful people, regardless of their area of endeavor, see themselves performing at desired levels—literally. The ability to visualize, to create powerful and vivid images of successful performance is one of the hallmarks of peak performers. All humans have this ability. Witness children at play and how vividly they use their imagination. Performance enhancement training teaches cadets to visualize future performance, mentally rehearse newly acquired skills, and recapture past successful performance to reinforce confidence levels. In the AirLand Battle of tomorrow, the Army describes a scenario where the leader is expected to "see" the battlefield. Among other things, this certainly can include a visualization process wherein the leader mentally rehearses possible battle scenarios and his actions in them. This would be no different than a quarterback visualizing possible actions in an upcoming football game. Visualization, when done correctly as a well-learned skill, has been shown to be a powerful mental tool for peak performance, especially in high demand situations. Expanding performance enhancement training, so successful in sport, to leader development for all cadets will be a very challenging undertaking. However, the time has come to incorporate the sophisticated training techniques of peak performing athletes into the overall preparation of our graduates to be peak performing leaders of character.

People-to-People *(Continued from page 18)*

President often told me that among his activities that had not received as much publicity as the Crusade in Europe, the Presidency, and the end of the war in Korea, was the People-To-People Program.

"Six times after I left the vice presidency and before I came to this house in January of this year, I took trips around the world. Mrs. Eisenhower remembers that before all six times I came to call on General Eisenhower, sometimes in California, and sometimes in Gettysburg, to get his advice about the affairs of the world and matters that I might discuss when I was abroad. He never failed to mention the fact that he had a tremendous interest in the People-To-People Program and in the Eisenhower Fellows, another program that I might see in operation abroad.

"I think that, if General Eisenhower were to look back on the great years of his service to the Nation, he would put very high on the list People-To-People and he would urge all of his friends to support it."

After retiring completely from government service, General Eisenhower agreed to serve as chairman of the Board, People-To-People Committees on the condition that the entire effort would remain strictly separate from government. "If P-T-P is to do the job," General Eisenhower said, "it must continue to be a citizen's program." In an article he wrote for *Reader's Digest* in November 1963, General Eisenhower referred to sports as a universal language.

For every participant in the Olympics, World Games, Goodwill Games and the like, there are thousands who compete at a lesser level of proficiency strictly for the love of a game. This is where People-To-People Sports seeks to meld nations closer together—in friendly competition, at a level where just competing provides all the satisfaction that is required.

People-To-People competitions cover a host of programs to include sailing, gymnastics, ice hockey, basketball, field hockey, softball, tennis, soccer, boxing—and General Eisenhower's favorite game, golf.

In a typical year, United States People-To-People golf teams, comprised mostly of senior golfers with handicaps varying generally from five to twenty-five, will compete in friendly matches in the Orient, Australia-New Zealand, Scandinavia, Iberia, South America, Italy, Central Europe and France; all expenses are borne by the participants.

At clubs in each of these regions, the U. S. representatives, after an informal match, will entertain the host club personnel at a reception and dinner—all paid for by the participants from the United States. At a suitable moment, at each location, two or three of the visitors will explain to the host club representatives the basis of the People-To-People Program, in particular General Eisenhower's role; will award suitable prizes and gifts to the club; and will extend invitations to play at the various U. S. team members' clubs.

Such actions on the part of People-To-People participants are in keeping with the guidance set forth by General Eisenhower when he wrote, "the bonds of understanding and friendship among free countries must be kept strong and true if our Western way of life is to survive. *Friendship is part of our defense posture, and we must never forget it.*"

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Academic Limits

By BG GERALD E. GALLOWAY, JR., *Dean of the Academic Board*

The Other Graduate

What a privilege I have been given! I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve as Dean of the Academic Board and to follow in the footsteps of a soldier-scholar like Brigadier General Roy Flint. He has set a clear azimuth for the future of academics at West Point and has left me with an outstanding program. Perhaps the greatest pleasure in moving in as Dean is the opportunity to work with a group as outstanding as those officers who make up the faculty.

Both the tenure faculty—those serving as Professors, USMA, professors of discipline and permanent associate professors—and the non-tenure faculty are a credit to the quality of today's Army and the thoroughness of the selection process that leads to their assignments. In a subsequent issue, I will discuss the substantial achievements of the tenure faculty. In this article, I would like to tell you something about those who serve at West Point for a three or four year tour and, each year, become our "other graduates." I would also solicit your support in identifying candidates for the faculty.

At present, the faculty strength of 531 officers is divided about 20% tenure and 80% rotating. This means that each year, shortly after the graduation of the first class, about 140 officers leave West Point to return to duty with the Army in the field or to schooling at Fort Leavenworth. These "other graduates" have successfully completed a five-year program that prepares them to make major contributions to the future of the Army.

The recruiting of faculty members begins, in many cases, before the individual has graduated from West Point or an ROTC program. (About 40% of the faculty come from ROTC and OCS.) Instructors and Professors of Military Science identify talented cadets and link them with the Academy. Names of candidates also come from PERSCOM and from former faculty members who act as scouts. Some officers, knowing of West Point's reputation, will make contact on their own. Between five and seven years after graduation, the departments, working closely with PERSCOM, identify those whom they wish to send to advanced civil schooling. All those chosen will have completed branch qualification, which normally includes highly successful company command. After spending between 18 and 24 months in graduate school, the new faculty members move to West Point and into the classroom, where they make indelible impressions on the cadets with whom they come in contact. Who among you cannot remember that special "P" who in some way shaped the course of your life or gave you the push needed to keep you going?

Three years later, these officers leave the Military Academy refreshed and eager to take on the challenges of duty with troops. They have enjoyed a demanding but rewarding sabbatical experience that has provided them the opportunity to grow professionally and personally. Most chose to return to West Point to teach in a discipline that was closely related to one of their specialties or functional areas, such as engineering, operations research, or international relations. A few have pursued studies in more general areas, such as journalism or management.

While at West Point, they extended the educational experience they began in graduate school. They were mentored by tenure faculty members who are expert in their fields, and they were given the opportunity to expand their horizons through independent research or programs developed in association with Army laboratories and agencies. Many served summer assignments away from West Point, while others were year-around consultants in their fields. Their professional enrichment was not limited to the fields in which they taught. A dynamic military professional development program ensured that their military credentials also were strengthened. Lecturers on subjects from combat leadership to materiel development are brought to West Point specifically to address the staff and faculty, and the faculty are encouraged to attend all lectures presented to cadets. In addition, the Department of Military Instruction runs, on the local command TV channel, a series of films on topics of general military interest. Where else would an officer have the opportunity each year to listen to the Chief of Staff, participate in a seminar with the SACEUR, be briefed on the latest weapons systems, sit in on a course in military geography, and philosophize with peers on the fundamental values required of the contemporary military officer?

When these officers load up their cars to leave, they are well prepared to provide leadership to the soldiers they will soon command. As faculty alumni, they follow in the footsteps of many great leaders of our Army. The roster of former faculty includes names like Bradley, Ridgway, Taylor, Scowcroft, and Borman; several Chiefs of Staff; numerous other four-star generals; and countless others who have commanded from battalion to corps in and out of combat.

Today, as the Army wrestles with the problems of the Middle East and a concurrent "ramp-down" in force structure, former faculty members command at SHAPE, corps, division, brigade, and battalion levels. The increased demands for technical skills have made the well-trained former faculty all the more valuable to the Army. Officers educated to serve in the Department of Chemistry have moved from West Point to service as division chemical officers and have filled key billets in laboratories and field activities. Mapping, charting, and geodesy positions in five major joint and Army headquarters are filled with graduates of the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering. Former foreign language instructors serve today in assignments ranging from chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board to assistant military attaches in several countries. R&D and combat development activities in battlefield automation carry a heavy flavor of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The linkages between operations research and West Point are strong and continuing. In civil engineering, positions from the Chief of Engineers to district commanders are filled by faculty alumni. Take a walk down the halls of the Pentagon, and you will find former faculty serving in almost all staff activities and employing the talents they honed during their assignment at West Point. And this, the West Point faculty experience, is being used over and over again by the Army.

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The COM Reports

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

In my last article, I began by recounting the special moment in May for the 895 cadets who received their diplomas. Allow me to tell you about another special moment, a moment in time for the Class of 1994. After successfully completing Beast Barracks, and the symbolic grueling trek back from Lake Frederick, the Class of 1994 settled into their academic companies, and took their rightful place in the "Long Gray Line." The 1220 new cadets, who adopted as their motto "With Courage We Soar," marched across the Plain and were accepted into the Corps on 18 August. The training proved to be tough, demanding, and unforgettable. Everyone, to include the upperclass cadre, has every right to be proud.

As in past years, we are providing some of this year's "Warrior Reports" from the new cadets during Beast Barracks. You will find these reports at the end of this article. As you read through them, I think you will recognize many of the challenges still found in Beast today. I must add that the Class of 1994 has been particularly impressive with their maturity and commitment to being at the Academy.

While it was rather easy to keep track of what the new cadets at Beast and the yearlings at Buckner were doing, that was not the case with the upper two classes. I've included in this article (Figure 1) a breakout of how they spent this summer to give you an idea of the diverse opportunities that are now available.

At Figure 2, you will find this year's chain of command for the Corps. The selection process proved to be difficult because of the number of outstanding young men and women who competed for these positions. Cadet Doug McCormick was selected as the Brigade First Captain. Doug served as the "King of Beasts" during first detail, and he is also the co-captain of the wrestling team. He will find himself busy this year, but has a strong staff to support him.

As we reorganized and began to focus on the upcoming academic year, I met with the First Captain to provide some guidance. I've also included in this article a copy of my charge

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT OF CADETS
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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADE COMMANDER, USCC, WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

SUBJECT: Commandant's Guidance for AY '90 - '91

1. One of my stated responsibilities as Commandant is to develop in cadets the qualities and attributes of leadership with emphasis on character as exemplified by integrity, morality, discipline, and a strong sense of duty and responsibility. Perhaps the best training vehicle for leader development is the sequence of experiences that each cadet has during the four years at West Point. As members of the First Class, you now assume the senior leadership positions of the Corps. Each of your classmates has been "positioned" so as to provide the best opportunity for each to realize his or her potential. Accordingly, I intend to carry out my responsibilities for leader development with you, your classmates, and the tactical officers. I envision a team effort, with you in the lead with the Corps.

2. I expect you in the performance of your duty as First Captain to continue to lead by example. You have done this throughout your cadet career and this characteristic has been instrumental in your success to date. You should be the standards that your classmates use to establish and measure their own performances. Of course, you will also have to direct and supervise others in their performance to insure that tasks are accomplished, but your personal example will add a moral force to your directives and policies.

3. To provide further direction to your effort and leadership of the Corps, I charge you and your classmates to maintain and enforce the standards which define the cadet experience at West Point. Our whole concept of military development hinges on the supposition that each cadet must "learn the exercise of self-discipline by living a Spartan lifestyle with exacting standards." If there is a regulation, then it should be followed. Many of our regulations define the Spartan lifestyle that is uniquely West Point; to be sure, many are debatable and arguable, but they are the rules. Ignorance may be an excuse the first time, but never the second time. We have standards in appearance, marching, uniforms, barracks life, limits, and in just about every facet of cadet life. We cannot have selective indifference to standards or regulations by either the Corps or its leaders. It is the duty and responsibility of every cadet to choose the right course, regardless of inconvenience or disagreement.

4. Holding yourselves to the standards and regulations of the Military Academy will provide a key framework for development. You and others in the chain of command will develop by maintaining the standards, while other leaders (and I'm using this term to denote those First Class and Second Class cadets who are not in the chain of command but are still leaders by virtue of their rank in the Corps

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of Cadets) will develop by accepting responsibility to support the institution's standards and policies. You cannot do it alone; that is why your class must act in a unified effort to adhere to the standards and insure that underclasses do likewise.

5. The focus and measure of development will be the Mission Essential Task List (METL). Besides the four Academy outcome goals, the Superintendent gave you three additional tasks for your class. You will recall that they are:

a. Spirit and support of Army teams.

b. The quality and precision of Drill and Ceremony.

c. Implementing all facets of the New Model, to include Baseline/Enrichment, the Honor System, and the Cadet Leader Development System.

I am adding to that list three more tasks that derive from my previous discussion on maintaining standards. They are:

a. Accountability of cadets.

b. Adherence to the lights policy.

c. Police of the uniform regulations.

You will note that my three tasks are comparatively mundane, but they will provide a basis for determining the effectiveness of your chain of command and the leadership provided by your class and the Second Class. I will be discussing the standards of measure for all 6 tasks in the coming days and weeks.

6. Though both general and specific in nature, this guidance should help you begin to prepare yourself. I am absolutely confident that you will meet the challenge. I look forward to working with you during the coming year. I wish you the best of luck. Duty Shall Be Done!

David A. Bramlett
DAVID A. BRAMLETT
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

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to him and his class to maintain and enforce the standards which define the cadet experience at West Point. Little did the Class of 1991 realize over three years ago as they chose their motto "Duty Shall Be Done," that it would take on such prophetic meaning, so soon. I have absolute confidence that they will meet the challenges they've been given. I eagerly look forward to working with them during the coming year.

In closing, I have only two simple, but succinct words, BEAT NAVY!

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Cadet Summer Training

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Figure 2
Chain of Command

Brigade Commander	Dougals P. McCormick (Lemoyne, PA)
Deputy Brigade Commander	Shaun J. Greene (Roseville, CA)
Brigade Executive Officer	Michael D. Runey (Mirror Lake, NH)
Brigade Adjutant	Samuel L. Yingst (Larwill, IN)
Brigade Operations Officer	Richard H. Gordon (Salt Lake City, UT)
Brigade Supply Officer	Bernhard Christianson (Sequim, WA)
Brigade Activities Officer	Scott A. Clemenson (Montrose, IA)
Brigade Athletic Officer	Desrae D. Broderick (Tacoma, WA)
Honor Chairperson	Anthony P. Etnyre (Alexandria, VA)
Vice-Chairperson (Education)	Jennifer E. Olinger (Asheville, NC)
Vice-Chairperson (Investigations)	Frederick A. Rodgers (Champaign, IL)
Honor Secretary	Dixon D. Dykman (Midvale, UT)

	1st REGT	2nd REGT	3rd REGT	4th REGT
REGT CMDR	Bruce A. Kososki (San Ramon, CA)	David J. Walker (Ft. Monmouth, NJ)	George M. Novak (Riverside, IL)	Richard O. Burney (Auburn, AL)
1st BN CMDR	James J. Nugent (Fort Washington, MD)	Holy A. Craig (Wichita, KS)	David P. Doane (Eugene, OR)	Matthew D. Morton (Bethel, OH)
2nd BN CMDR	Alan C. Streeter (Windham, ME)	Carl T. Every (Tipton, MI)	Edward W. Givena (El Paso, TX)	Janell E. Eickhoff (Ft. Myers Beach, FL)
3rd BN CMDR	Gregory S. Recker (Independence, OH)	Jeffrey C. Weber (Ramsey, NJ)	Kenneth W. Gonzalez (Fairfax Station, VA)	Jerry L. Farnsworth (Brownsville, OR)

ALPHA COMPANY

One of my last memories of civilian life was sitting in the gym with my family just before the "R" Day processing. I looked at my mother's face for the last time; she was proud and sad.

This first day went by in a blur. We were stuffed with knowledge and directions. We were expected to perform. That night my roommates and I remained silent. We all lay down, not to sleep deeply, but to sleep lightly. I woke up many times that night.

As the days went by, the nervousness subsided, but the discipline remained. Each minute was a mental battle. It was a constant struggle to remain stiff, quiet, and alert. I was asking myself questions like "What am I doing here? Who do I salute? How do I eat? What do I say? Why do I not simply quit?"

Fortunately, my roommates were asking the same questions. I answered mine. We assured each other that no one in our room, or squad for that matter, would quit.

Two and a half weeks have gone by since "R" Day. I feel like a new cadet on the verge of becoming a cadet. I have gained confidence in myself, more than I have ever experienced in my life.

BRAVO COMPANY

Cadet Basic Training, known as "Beast Barracks" by all who experience it, is the most physically demanding, mentally challenging, and emotionally stressing environment I have ever encountered. I also have never felt such a sense of pride and honor in myself.

I have realized in these first few weeks that I can accomplish tasks and perform in a way I never believed possible. Each day brings new challenges, responsibilities, and goals. At West Point, goals are never ending. When one goal is reached, another must be sought. There is only one way to make it here: never be satisfied, and always try to better yourself.

Things are very hard at the moment, but I truly believe that I will look back at Cadet Basic Training as one of the greatest experiences of my life.

CHARLIE COMPANY

Inside these gray stone walls lies another way of life, another world entirely. "Beast Barracks" is the introductory course to the Military Academy, or USMA 101. While an individual's leadership qualities are developed, so is his/her ability to work as a part of a unit. The individual learns the proper and improper times to work for oneself, but more often to work for the team, whether it is the squad, the platoon, the company or the regiment. One soon recognizes the many-faceted duties of a new cadet.

Introduction to the Honor Code through several blocks of instruction was aimed at making the new cadet wholly accept and take to heart the Code and its minimum standards, not gradually come to appreciate it. And once the mental aspect is secured, the individual cannot fail physically, for in Basic Training you realize that this way of life, this world, this Code, is for you. One classmate put it best saying, "It made CBT worthwhile when we beat the Cadre in the warrior obstacle course."

Overall, Beast Barracks has been a tough road to run. But as a letter from my girlfriend keeps reminding me, "Don't let them break you, only change for the better and above all, keep faith in your heart and a smile within your chest, that way you can't lose." And deep down I know she is right.

DELTA COMPANY

Cadet Basic Training places newly arrived cadets with totally different ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds into a environment where they must work as a team. Each new cadet must demand excellence from themselves and never stop striving to attain the high standards set by the cadre. Quickly, each new cadet realizes in order to survive we must cooperate and rely on our squad mates. No one survives Cadet Basic Training alone. Together squadmates discover the challenges of the academy, the realities of cadet life, and what it means to uphold the Cadet Honor Code. Only at West Point is such a demanding

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way of life expected, and then seen only as the minimum standard. Early on, a new cadet realizes that to do your job is not enough. Standards are high at West Point and maximum effort, concentration and motivation are required at all times, whether you are at the mountaineering site, drilling on the Plain, or attending honor classes. Each new cadet's squad leader makes West Point's toleration for nothing but the best clear every time we step into the hall or arrive at formations. For most new cadets, this challenge has been the hardest yet faced in their lives, and also their greatest sense of pride. What cadet hasn't felt a great sense of achievement in successfully completing the 75 foot rappel, leaving the NBC tent, or shining his/her shoes to a squad leader's approval? Cadet Basic Training is the first step, an essential progression to becoming a cadet, and eventually a proficient, duty bound and honorable officer in the United States Army.

ECHO COMPANY

Beast Barracks has proved to be the biggest challenge that we have had to face in our lifetimes. An unprecedented experience that has made us continually reevaluate both our immediate and long-term goals in life. We have had to completely discard our previous identities and have attempted to adapt quickly and effectively to a radically different lifestyle. It is truly a challenging environment, but at the same time a journey we have all decided to undertake.

One of the most critical aspects is that of teamwork. Most of us can function extremely effectively as individuals but combining our energy into one coherent force was a necessary task. Our squad discovered that by pulling together as a team we can do fully twice the work as the same group of unorganized individuals. One of the first obstacles that tested our ability to perform as a team was table duties. By looking out for each other and distributing the work, we could ensure that all the necessary duties could be completed. We have learned to work more quickly, and discard our personal self-interests to concentrate more completely on working, as a coherent unit. When the cadre started enforcing daily knowledge requirements, we stumbled and began to come apart at the seams. However, by organizing and channeling our efforts we divided up the responsibilities and thus ensured that all individuals know the same information and that no one was being left out in the dark. We have all begun to realize how essential this aspect is both now and in our future Army careers.

In a rather roundabout way even we are learning about leadership. We can begin to evaluate for ourselves which methods are more effective. As a matter of principle most of us have to continually recite Schofield's Definition of Discipline or The Corps, but we can almost appreciate how useful this may be when the academic year starts and West Point becomes overwhelmed with upperclass cadets who are out for blood. In two years we may be attempting to sculpt the incoming new cadets, and the impressions made during Beast Barracks will surely carry over and influence us in one manner or the other. West Point trains leaders of character and has been effective in doing so for nearly 200 years.

The ideals held most highly by cadets are those of duty and honor. Duty, a word that we're all familiar with, has taken on a new meaning. We must always do the right thing, not because we want to, but because it is our duty. The element of honor is relatively simple and is lucidly expressed in just eight words: "A cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal." The expectations of us as cadets are higher than elsewhere because without honor our world would mean nothing.

FOXTROT COMPANY

Prior to R-Day, I read quite a lot about what to expect of "Beast Barracks." But I quickly found out that words cannot begin to describe the stress, trials, and tribulations associated with experiencing it firsthand.

On R-Day, every individual here quickly realized that he/she was no longer a civilian, and would either adapt and overcome, or would not survive the "Beast of Summer."

Over and over the schedule of activities pushes you to the fullest extent that the human body can take. The turn of events seems to be more than any human could possibly endure. The amazing thing is that you can do it. Over and over you think you can't make it, but the spirit assemblies and the song "Proud to be an American" bring out a hidden strength in everyone—that burning desire to be the best of the best.

You are subject to the various leadership styles of the cadre, some good and some not so good. It is your duty to evaluate the good and bad in each of them, and decide what works and what doesn't. It is also your duty to evaluate yourself. You have to grow up quickly. In a matter of weeks you realize that you are a part of West Point. You have begun to walk down the long path of joining the "Long Gray Line." You take pride in yourself and your country.

GOLF COMPANY

"Get up!" shrieked the squad leader, standing in all his glory in the doorway. My eyes flew open and then just as quickly closed as the bright and painful light speared my vulnerable retinas. "This is far too early for anything human to be getting up," I thought to myself as I lumbered down from my perch on the top bunk. I lurched to the desk where I had left the day's schedule. Through sleep-encrusted eyes, I gazed at the sheet of paper with the black scribbles all over it. Physical training, classes, marching, squad leader time, and every other kind of torture that the Army could think of.

This has become the typical morning ritual for the majority of the new cadets experiencing the phenomenon of Beast Barracks. New cadets may whine and whimper about how tough basic training is, but the truth is that Beast Barracks is teaching them more about themselves, those around them, and teamwork than they could ever learn in a lifetime.

The new cadets arrived mostly ignorant of their mental and physical capabilities. They entered into a hostile environment where "around here, a smile will get you nowhere." One new cadet discovered through the course of basic training that she was not a quitter, even in the face of an insurmountable challenge. She discovered that she could do things that she never thought possible. New cadets learned their exhaustion levels, their stress levels, and their healing abilities.

West Point stresses teamwork. If it teaches nothing else, Cadet Basic Training impresses upon the new cadet the importance of teamwork. Everything the new cadet does has at least some teamwork involved. He/she must make self sacrifices in the name of teamwork. Without cooperation, a new cadet cannot make it far. New cadets have scaled walls that were unscalable alone, marched miles that were unmarchable without group support, and received dress-off's that were impossible without help. If the new cadets learn nothing else, it will be the importance of teamwork and cooperation.

HOTEL COMPANY

Words from R-Day ring loud and clear in the ears of each new cadet, and though the days that have passed since that first harrowing experience have turned to weeks, the effects do live on also. Fear, the primary emotion of the first day, raged into our bodies—not the fear of the cadre but the fear of our own lack of self-discipline. Hard work seemed to lurk around each gray corner in the form of an all-seeing upperclass cadet. There was no time to see the renowned statues of men of yore who stood against a sea of troubles and became islands of refuge to a refuge-seeking world.

But the days and nights have not been without the appropriate rewards. For each duty that is carried out properly is praised, and then challenged to a higher standard.

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The DIA Reports

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

The past several months have been busy ones. Our fall teams are back in season and competing once again on the "fields of friendly strife," while our winter athletic teams have unpacked their gear and are preparing for their respective season openers.

This past summer, Jack Lengyel, the Director of Athletics at Navy, and I signed a contract with the city of Philadelphia to keep the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia through the year 2002, USMA's bicentennial. This contract, which assures us an excellent financial return, will permit us to move the game to another venue three times in that 13-year period, but not before 1993 and never two years in succession. We will not move the game to another location unless the host city provides a quality package—especially housing and transportation for the Corps and a substantial revenue guarantee.

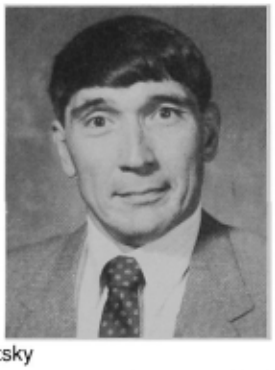
As we continue to celebrate our 100th Anniversary of Army Football, hopes run high that we will soon return the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to its rightful position here at West Point and gain the berth in the 27 December Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee that would accompany it.

All of us in the athletic department are equally excited about competing in the Patriot League for the first time this year. Carl Ullrich, our former athletic director, has done a magnificent job as the league's executive director in putting all the pieces together for this first full-year of competition, which began with contests in a number of fall sports in September.

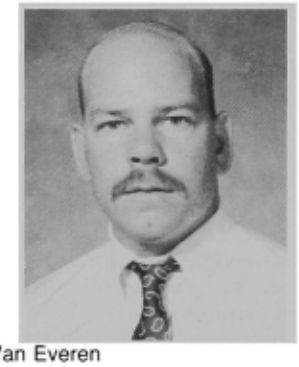
One of the first things Carl was able to accomplish was arranging for ESPN to televise the men's basketball championship game. The three-day tournament, scheduled at Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, ends on Saturday, 2 March.

ESPN will also televise the NCAA "play-in" game on Wednesday, 6 March, pairing the Patriot League champion against the Northeast Conference champion. That winner will gain an automatic berth in the 64-team NCAA tournament.

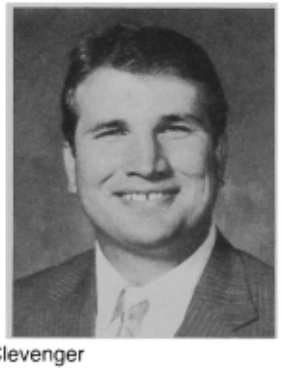
Seven schools presently are members of the Patriot League. Joining us are Bucknell, Colgate, Fordham, Holy Cross, Lafayette and Lehigh. Next year, Navy will begin competition in the league, bringing our total to eight. Initially, we will compete in 12 of the 22 sports sponsored by the league.



Bill Schutsky



Doug Van Everen



Jimmy Clevenger

Four of our teams will compete for league championships this fall. Men's soccer, women's volleyball and women's tennis will be required to win titles through tournament play, while the women's soccer champion will be determined on the basis of in-season competition.

Other sports in which our teams will vie for league honors this school year include men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming, softball, lacrosse, golf and men's tennis. The Patriot League also sponsors cross country, track, baseball and football, but our men's and women's cross country and track teams will continue to compete for Heptagonal championships, while baseball remains a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League, facing the eight Ivy League schools and Navy. Our football team will continue to compete as a national Division I-A independent, occasionally playing Patriot League opponents (Division I-AA), as we have in the past.

Because of our membership in the Patriot League, which is composed of Division I schools, a decision has been made for our women's teams to move from the NCAA Division II level to Division I. When women were first admitted to West Point in 1976, the NCAA granted us an exception, allowing our women's programs to compete on the Division II level due to our limited enrollment. Most of our women's teams have competed against some Division I opponents in the past, but now almost all of our opponents will be Division I. This is a significant change for our women's program. We can expect competition to be tougher on a week-by-week basis, yet we're confident our coaches and our cadets will rise to the occasion and meet those demanding challenges head-on.

Since my last report, we've hired two new head coaches and have welcomed LTC Bill Schutsky (Ret) to our staff as an assistant athletic director to coordinate NCAA rules compliance. Bill, who will also assist women's basketball coach Lynn Chiavaro, is a 1968 grad and lettered three years in basketball for coach Bob Knight. The past three years, he was assigned to the Dean's Office here.

Doug Van Everen succeeds Larry Butler as our men's gymnastics coach, while Jim Clevenger will direct our golf program. Doug comes to us from San Jose State where he held a similar position the last three years. We didn't have to go nearly as far to find a replacement for golf coach John Means—only as far as the West Point Golf Course where Jim, an All-American golfer at Central Missouri State, has served as club pro since 1987.

Thanks for your support, and root hard for our teams. BEAT NAVY!

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Book Reviews

IKE 1890–1990: A PICTORIAL HISTORY

By DR. DOUGLAS KINNARD. *Brassey's (US), Inc., New York, 1990. 180 pages.*

It's hard these days to avoid the "special observances" proclaimed by legislatures, governors or presidents to observe all manner of things. Such events, sometimes stretching out over an entire year or perhaps only a week or month, are significant in focusing our attention on some important cause, person or class of persons, even though their sheer number at times seems to have just the opposite effect.

Without question, one of the most important to come along in some time is the national observance of the centennial of Dwight D. Eisenhower's birth.

Officially begun at the end of March with a Joint Meeting of Congress and a White House luncheon—at both the USMA Glee Club performed—the Eisenhower Centennial will consist of a widely varied series of activities to take place literally around the world. Many will be public events and some of those are sure to be spectacular. Except by those personally involved and perhaps not even to them, these public events—no matter how grand, are, to paraphrase another great American president, unlikely to be long-remembered.

On the other hand, the many books and articles surely to be published during the celebratory period will continue to influence Americans and others for many, many years. One of the first of those, titled *Ike 1890–1990: A Pictorial History*, and published under the imprimatur of both the Association of the U.S. Army's Institute of Land Warfare and the Air Force Association's Aerospace Education Foundation, sets the tone for others to follow.

Its author is retired Brigadier General Douglas Kinnard, a former Army Chief of Military History. *Ike 1890–1990: A Pictorial History*, as described in the press release announcing its publication, is a "large-format book. . . ." All but the least sophisticated of readers will understand that phrase to describe something other than a substantial and significant contribution to the literature on this or any other subject. This book should, therefore, neither surprise nor disappoint them.

That is not a criticism, however. Its pages are stuffed with photographs (some of which are, as promised by Brassey's, "published for the first time") chosen well and organized very logically into the several major phases of the life of a man who was not only a darling of the American people (at a time when public opinion polls were much more a valid reflection of esteem rather than a justification for expediency in public decision-making) throughout much of his lifetime of public service but also, as is becoming increasingly clear with the passage of time, a remarkably strong, effective and far-sighted national leader.

Those looking for a deeper understanding, for example, of the role of West Point in the formation of the values and leadership style of Eisenhower will not find it here; what they will find is a necessarily superficial treatment of West Point as one of the many stops along a journey from humility of origin to greatness of achievement. (For those really interested, Kinnard describes West Point as having "failed to stimulate the small-town boy from Kansas." The credit for "awakening . . . his naturally bright mind" goes elsewhere.)

If this book had not already been published, someone else would have to do it. Only a volume like this, even with the inherent limitations of its ilk, can adequately convey to all manner of readers the incredibly diverse range of experiences in the life span of Eisenhower. From that point of view it is not only a worthwhile book to own, it is worth its cost. In every respect, *Ike 1890–1990: A Pictorial History* is a bargain.

Reviewed by Colonel James N. Hawthorne, Director of Academy Relations, USMA

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER: MAN OF MANY HATS

By KENNETH M. DEITCH and JOANNE B. WEISMAN. Illustrations by Jay Connolly. *Discovery Enterprises, Ltd., Lowell, Massachusetts, 1990, 48 pages.*

Finally! A book written especially for young people ages seven and up about the life of Dwight David Eisenhower.

Illustration in *Dwight D. Eisenhower: Man of Many Hats.*

Dwight D. Eisenhower: Man of Many Hats chronicles Ike's life from his early days growing up on a farm in Abilene, to his cadet days at West Point (Class of 1915), his marriage to Mary "Mamie" Genva Doud in 1916, his military service leading up to his becoming General of the Army during World War II, and later, his becoming the 34th President of the United States (1953-61). Highlights of the book include his relationship with

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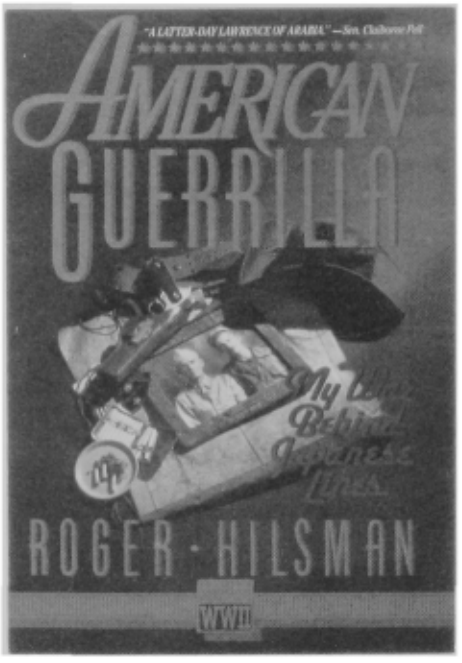
General Douglas MacArthur and General Marshall, and his launching of Overlord on D-Day, which led to the downfall of Hitler and his Third Reich, and ultimately, to the Allied victory of the war.

Beautifully illustrated by watercolors and black-and-white photographs, this book depicts the various roles Eisenhower played thoughout his life—his "many hats"—including student, scholar, soldier, politician, and loving husband and father. With an introduction by Dwight D. Eisenhower's son, John S. D. Eisenhower, the text is well-written, easy to understand, and entertaining enough to keep youngsters interested. On the centennial of his birth, *Dwight D. Eisenhower: Man of Many Hats* is a timely biography of a timeless leader.

Reviewed by Linda G. Berman,
Assistant Editor, *ASSEMBLY*



AMERICAN GUERRILLA: MY WAR BEHIND JAPANESE LINES.

By ROGER HILSMAN. *Brassey's (US), Inc., New York, 1990, 312 pages with maps, epilogues, appendix, photographs and index.*

The 50th anniverary of World War II has prompted an outpouring of books on the war that is sure to grow to imposing proportions in the next few years. And while the weight of books written about the war might never exceed the weight of explosives used in the war, the reader is already faced with a massive literature on the subject which strains innumerable library shelves. Any author adding to this collection faces a challenge; it cannot be easy to add a new insight or to say something fresh about something so thoroughly documented. In his autobiography, Roger Hilsman has succeeded in doing so, however. In part, this is because he served in small units (Merrill's Marauders and OSS Detachment 101) in the relatively obscure China-Burma-India Theatre. Yet Hilsman has produced a unique autobiography due not to his military assignment or service theater, but primarily because of his ability to convey the feelings and the texure of a life lived in the middle of war. In his preface, Hilsman says that his work is ". . . an attempt to understand the war in the light of a particular individual's experiences . . . ." As a result of reading Hilsman's book, the reader may or may not better understand Hilsman's corner of the war, but will better understand the individual experiences of the people who fought the war, the nature of the lives they lived in the midst of the war, and the way their experiences in the war influenced their later lives.

A young and admittedly naive Hilsman was commissioned in 1943, and in early 1944 responded to a call for volunteers with jungle experience. Hilsman's "experience" was three years in the Philippines when he was a child. No one questioned his experience, however, and Hilsman was shipped to India, destined to become part of the then-forming second regiment of Merrill's Marauders. Hilsman very quickly found himself aboard a C-47 flying into the Burmese town of Myitkyina, facing "an incoherent jumble of mountains and valleys . . . jungle (and) razor sharp elephant grass;" the threat of amoebic dysentery, cholera, plague, typhus, shistosomiasis; and the deeply entrenched Japanese 18th Division defending Myitkynia. These challenges were faced while leading a platoon organized "in alphabetical order, with no training as a group, and with officers that barely knew the names of the noncoms, much less the men." Hilsman briefly summarizes the 55-day battle, and his part in it, illustrating his experiences through a vivid and detailed account of "an incident on patrol" during which he was severely wounded.

Hilsman's account of the battle is interesting; his straightforward writing style effectively conveys both the broad outline of the battle and the fear, panic and confusion he personally felt during the battle. Many have written of battle, however, and as gripping as Hilsman's experiences are, his account is not unique. He is distinctive, however, in his longer and more detailed account of his recovery. After being carried out from the unit perimeter by a patrol plagued by snipers, he spent several months in the 79th Evacuation Hospital and the 20th General Hospital. In detailing his time in recovery, Hilsman provides us with insights into the little documented area between "the zone of the interior" (that is, home) and the front. His accounts of his fellow patients, of his rest and recuperation leave in India, and his time at base camp awaiting assignment lack the drama of his descriptions of combat, but they are much more autobiographically revealing.

In one incident, Hilsman describes his attitudes toward his reassignment after his recovery. His wound was significant enough that doctors were reluctant to reassign him to his previous duties. They suggested that he be assigned to a rear-area MP unit. Hilsman's dilemma was intense.

> "The Marauder convalescent camp was . . . depressing . . . . Each night I relived Myitkyina in nightmares. The terror I tried to avoid facing was going back into combat. The MP job offered safety and physical comfort. But . . . guilt descended on me like a shroud . . . . I dreaded the prospect of seeing my father after the war and telling him that while he was in a (Japanese) POW camp, I was patrolling the rear areas . . . . At night, the hours free of combat nightmares were filled with dreams of my childhood, especially of confrontations with my domineering father . . . . I must have been headed for a breakdown."

Hilsman's relationship with his father is a recurring theme throughout his story. His accounts of the relationship, and his reflections on the way in which the relationship shaped his life and actions during the war are among the most intriguing and revealing features of the book. His temporary solution to this dilemma was assignment as OSS liason officer to the British Fourteenth Army—"technically, it was combat; once in a great while a liaison officer might get shot at. Once I admitted this to myself, I began to wonder if I was less brave than the others. My consolation was in knowing that I had a new and interesting job." He did not need to wonder about his bravery or fear his father's reaction, for his next position was commanding a guerrilla battalion operating behind Japanese lines.

Hilsman found himself commanding a guerrilla operation with little knowledge of how to conduct such operations "beyond (being aware) of the need to skulk behind trees." Despite his lack of experience, however, he was extremely successful in leading his multi-lingual battalion (soldiers spoke Chinese, Karen, Shan, Kachin, Burmese, and English). Hilsman's stories of guerrilla combat, and of life hehind Japanese lines among the Burmese are fascinating. His portrait of an isolated Burmese village almost untouched by the war is suggestive of Shangri-La, until he describes how one of his Chinese subordinates pulled a .45 caliber pistol on Hilsman's second in

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command, precipitating an incident which challenged the precarious balance of authority on which the battalion's effectiveness rested.

> "In the best of circumstances, the authority of four Westerners over this polyglot group of guerrillas was tenuous. The cultural chasm between us and the troops was deep and convoluted .... Nor were our guerrillas subject to the network of laws that soldiers in an American ... army would have been .... We maintained authority only to the extent that we continued to command the respect of the majority of each ethnic group. If we violated the mores of any particular group, that group would turn on us. On the other hand, if we failed to exert the authority we claimed to have, they would only obey the orders they wanted to obey, and then only after debate and negotiation .... The members of the Chinese company quietly began to gather below us ... looking up expectantly with their tommy guns in hand."

Hilsman successfully handled this challenge, as well as many others in the course of his 6-month command. His story is full of vivid, instructive vignettes of both successful guerrilla tactics and leadership techniques.

Hilsman is also honest enough to describe his own errors and imperfections as well as his successes. A supply airdrop had been called for—"our radio description described (the valley where the battalion was located) only as narrow and deep. When the C-47 arrived ... it dove down to 500 feet .... We watched in horror as the pilot realized that the valley had no exit. He managed to climb over the cliff at the end, but only by banking between two huge trees. The rest of his passes he made from above the valley rim." Such matter of fact honesty is one of the book's major strong points.

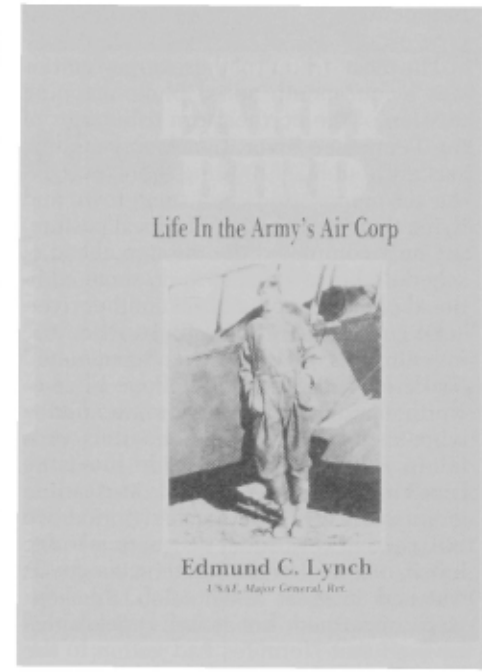
The book concludes with two brief epilogues which deserve a more integrated, in-depth treatment. The first, "Burma Lessons for Vietnam," is in fact a brief history of the early stages of U.S. involvement in Vietnam and an account of Hilsman's role in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. Hilsman, who held a series of jobs and finally served as assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern Affairs (1963-64), attempted to apply his understanding of guerrilla warfare to shape U.S. policy in Vietnam. Hilsman labels himself a "dove;" he, along with Robert Kennedy, W. Averell Harriman and George W. Ball, opposed escalation and the initiation of a bombing campaign against North Vietnam. The second epilogue, "Thoughts on Guerrilla Warfare," is a brief analysis of the conditions necessary to wage a successful guerrilla campaign. His analysis, and the first epilogue's account of the administration politics and military misunderstanding of guerrilla warfare that lead to our involvement in Vietnam, provide a cautionary tale which deserves to be closely read, particularly now as we pay increasing attention to "low intensity conflict."

Although the book jacket descriptions of Hilsman's *American Guerrilla* suggest that it is a sourcebook for guerrilla warfare, or a comparative historical analysis of guerrilla operations in the China-Burma-India theater and Vietnam, it is neither. It is an autobiography. However, Hilsman has written a book that does more than merely recount the experiences of his (admittedly remarkable) life. His autobiography is an intensely human story of coming of age and facing responsibility and challenge. It is an instructive, engaging story well worth reading; I hope Hilsman is at work on the second volume of his autobiography covering his later years in government service.

Reviewed by Captain Dana P. Eyre, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, USMA.

VIEWS OF AN EARLY BIRD; LIFE IN THE ARMY'S AIR CORPS

By EDMUND C. LYNCH. *Eakin Press, Austin, TX, 1990, 286 pages.*



Views of an Early Bird is an autobiographical account of the military career and the post-retirement civilian career of Edmund C. Lynch, USMA, Class of 1922. Lynch rose to the rank of major general, United States Air Force, and then as a military retiree earned an advanced degree at the University of Texas, joined its faculty, and subsequently became one of its academic department heads. The account begins with his entry into West Point in 1918 three months after the death of his father, killed in action in France, and ends with his retirement from teaching in Austin, Texas in 1971.

The book is not a conventionally structured autobiography. Rather, it is made up of 81 separately titled sections that together move the story forward but permit the author to digress more easily when he wants to give additional attention to those persons encountered along the way who held a special interest for him, or when he wants to focus more intently on some aspect of a military assignment already touched upon in the narrative of his story.

From the time of his graduation from high school to his retirement from the university 53 years later, the author shows himself to be an alert and keen observer, with a broad range of interests, a strong intellectual curiosity, and a remarkably even disposition. He comes across as the *doer*, the "let's-get-on-with-it" optimist, the prototypical pragmatic American.

In a section of the book devoted to his longtime friend and (at the time) fellow staff officer Dache M. (Dash Madly) Reeves, the author describes Reeves as "an excellent researcher in devising a plan, but [one who] sought perfection rather than utility and kept improving his study" until it had to be taken away from him when the time for action arrived. It is difficult to imagine Lynch himself becoming so completely reliant on the written word. Later in his career, as commander of the Eleventh Air Force in Alaska, he would, as a matter of practice, sit down face-to-face with the local Army and Navy commanders to work out mutual problems. As he put it, "There were no memoranda or letters written during my tour. We got together, decided on a course of action, and that was the basis of any communication."

The author attended West Point at perhaps its most chaotic time since the Civil War. His was the first class in five years not to have undergone an accelerated program. Adventurous, he chose to be commissioned in the fledgling Army Air Service and over the next fourteen years moved through a series of assignments in Texas, North Carolina, Illinois, and Panama (where there were two seasons—"the dry season when it rained most of the time, and the rainy season when it rained all of the time"). Thirteen of those fourteen years were spent as a lieutenant—promotions were indeed slow—but he was able to gain a considerable breadth of practical experience and take advantage of opportunities unheard of today to exercise almost total

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independence in carrying out mission-type orders.

The most striking of these opportunities was a four-month aerial photo-mapping mission of the northeastern tributaries of the Tennessee River. Lynch and a fellow second lieutenant, finding their own living accommodations in a small town and flying their airplane out of a local pasture, not only completed the mission ahead of schedule but were able to do some additional photo-mapping of yet another river.

Of course, there were times when the inventiveness of a young lieutenant might backfire. While assigned to Pope Field in North Carolina, the author attended a wine-tasting party at the quarters of a fellow officer who had made the wine himself from the plentiful Muscadine grape in the area and then had buried two full wooden kegs under his quarters to age for six months. As the lieutenant's guests watched in great anticipation, the kegs were unearthed, but it was quickly discovered that "termites had gotton to the kegs first and the wine had leaked out through the honeycomb of holes."

This penchant for earth-stored spirits is re-echoed in the author's later, post-war encounter with a British officer who felt compelled to teach Americans to drink warm beer, since the Americans had taught him to drink his Scotch with ice in it (he insisted on *reciprocity*, as he put it). During a field exercise in Alabama on a particularly hot day, Lynch was made privy to the Brit's secret of success—he had buried his bottled beer to the neck in the warm Alabama soil.

As you might expect, in the recounting of a career like that of General Lynch, there are nuggets of information of a weightier nature. He mentions the visit of a flight of Russian bombardment aircraft to Bolling Field in 1941—presumably before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. They had transported "senior military officials to a hush-hush conference in Washington."

The author's story includes the not unusual encounter of young officer with idiosyncratic general intent on imparting some homey lesson or perhaps only checking out the younger's man's reaction under pressure. As Lynch walked to work one morning at France Field in Panama, he could see the airplane of the new Departmental Commander (a major general) parked in front of his (Lynch's) office. The general had been expected to visit France Field at any time. Entering the building, the young lieutenant found the general sitting behind his desk, at which time Lynch appropriately greeted the Departmental Commander and identified himself. The retort was, "How long has it been since you cleaned out your desk?" The author probably strikes a responsive chord in many of his readers with this little tale.

Throughout General Lynch's account of his years in the military, we see example after example of his interest in what is going on around him and in what makes things work—whether they be military organizations or machines. In Panama, as a young lieutenant, he steps in for the absent communications officer and overcomes technical problems that have been delaying the conversion of Army Motion Picture Service equipment from silent pictures to sound. At Fort Leavenworth, he helps a Medical Corps officer erect and adjust a new antenna for a HAM radio (one of his hobbies). At Langley Field, he detours his walk home for lunch through the maintenance shop to observe training and learn something about sheet metal work. On a staff visit to McDill Field in Tampa, he squeezes in a tour of a cigar factory. In Arlington, Virginia, he installs his own bathroom in the house he owns. Even after retirement, he builds his own fiberglass fishing rods from kits. This same kind of interest and involvement can be seen in the performance of military duties and his relationships with other people.

That part of the book devoted to General Lynch's eighteen years at the University of Texas comprises less than fifteen per cent of the narrative and in its way even becomes something of a tribute to his active-duty military years, in that a great deal of space is devoted to recounting his extended car-and-trailer trips to visit old friends from those earlier years. At this point, the cast of characters becomes almost overwhelming, the lesson perhaps being that not everything in the personal journals that one has kept over the long years is grist for a published autobiography. The remainder of these final pages, entitled "Career Two," is heavy on discussion of personnel management and other aspects of the academic discipline (to include its historically influential theorists and other pioneers) to which General Lynch devoted his university years. It barely, however, touches on day-to-day instructor-student encounters and relationships. The reader might be curious, for example, about the author's reaction to on-campus attitudes and activities during the Vietnam War. Surely, as a retired military officer, he must have experienced some tension at a time when the atmosphere on the campuses of our nation was so highly charged.

General Lynch's book is well worth reading. Parts of it are even fascinating. One regret is that it could have been an even better book, for it isn't so much what it purports to be, an autobiography written in a unique form, as it is an autobiography in need of additional editing. The sequence of sections is sometimes confusing and invites repetition. Further, at times the only key the reader has in determining the year during which an event is taking place is a list of the author's military assignments at the front of the book. In sum, the book's editor has done its author something of a disservice. There is gold to be panned here, and worth the effort, but the reader's task has been made a little more difficult than it should be.

Reviewed by Colonel Roland R. Sullivan, Ret. Staff, Association of Graduates

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Academic Limits *(Continued from page 36)*

History has clearly shown that West Point faculty assignments have been good for not only the careers of the individuals involved but also very good for the Army. The investment in time is returned many times over in the quality service of West Point's "other graduates."

(If you know a good candidate for service on the faculty and do not have contacts within a specific department, please send the information to me. I'll ensure that it gets to the correct person.)

Com Reports *(Continued from page 39)*

Teamwork ranks as the primary factor of success here in Beast Barracks.

INDIA COMPANY

Life here at West Point as a new cadet during Beast Barracks cannot be compared to anything that I have ever done in the past. To some it may be an exciting and challenging experience, while to others it may be a horrifying and demeaning six weeks. For me this whole experience has been a little of both. I have learned to set my priorities straight, yet I have gained a fear of leaving my room. There are a lot of good things to be learned here but a lot of things I feel that are hypocritical and should be changed in the future. I have been rather disturbed by the manner and tone of voice in which we as new cadets have been treated. It is totally contradictory of Schofield's definition of discipline. How are we supposed to respect cadre members who are to "become" leaders when they do not practice what they preach?

There are yet so many more good and bad points to state about West Point Beast Barracks, but no one will truly understand the six-week experience until they experience it themselves.

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News from the Societies

ATLANTA

The West Point Society of Atlanta general membership met at the Ft. McPherson Officers Club on 14 Jun. Lunch was served at 1200 hours and the meeting was called to order by **Gabel** at 1230 hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

Veterans Upward Bound: **Smith** and **Freeman** gave a status report. There has been good support from the WPSA membership. Their goal is for an increase in industry support jobs in the job pledge program. **Duquemin** commented he has hired two veterans at Lenbrook Square and they are doing fine. Four-hundred thirty-eight veterans have participated in the education/job training and 85% have been placed.

Atlanta Business Chronicle: **Webster** presented WPSA with a check for $12.98. This represents 10 percent of the proceeds as earlier pledged. Interest in this publication is growing and provides business people an opportunity to publicize their services.

WPSA Job Placement Assistance: **Clawson** reported that program assisted one person in getting placed.

Schoenberg commended Congressman Ben Jones for using West Point system for nominations. Eight Naval, three Air Force and three Army candidates were accepted. The committee worked extremely well in screening applicants and making recommendations.

Gabel reported there is a very good West Point Candidates book available in limited quantities.

Frank Egan reported that June week went well. Eight hundred ninety-five officers were graduated. GEN **Colin Powell** was the speaker and was terrific. Frank introduced four soon-to-be cadets. Fourteen candidates have accepted and will be admitted to USMA. Two others have received offers. Egan thanked WPSA for continued support—morale and money.

Clawson presented USN with Word Book II to help prevent "naval" from becoming "navel."

Russell has pledged 10 percent travel agency profits to WPSA from sales to WP graduates. He challenged other business to find ways to support WPSA's funds.

Bryant presented **Gabel** on behalf of the Board a plaque thanking him for his hard work during the last two years as president. **Szabolcsi** also acknowledged health of WPSA and Gabel's contribution toward that. Gabel thanked WPSA for their support.

The Jun Assembly was adjourned at 1310 hours. The new Board met briefly to elect officers. They are as follows: **Szabolcsi**—Pres; **Freeman**—VP; **Clawson**—Secy/Tres.

Clear your calendar for the evening of 27 Oct. The soc is planning a semi-formal "Night on the Town." For further details give **Bob Faulkender** '57 a call (409) 843-1540.

—James Clawson '83

CENTRAL NEW YORK

On 15 May the West Point Soc of Central NY held its annual meeting. Election of officers for FY 91–92 was held and the following board will govern and steer the soc: **Hodge Hodgskin** '52—Pres; **Paul Curtin,** Jun '43—VP; **Ross Irvin** '68—Secy; **Chris Stanat** '62—Treas; **Charles Breeding** '78—Dir (past pres); **Bill Cross** '62—Dir.

Our guest speaker was **COL Tom Burnette** '68 the 2nd Bde Cmdr for the 10th Mtn Div. COL Burnette spoke to us about the "Changing Role of the Army" as we proceed into the 90's. Tom was articulate and forceful in his message. Thanks to COL Burnette for driving home an informative and important message.

—Charles A. Breeding '78

CHICAGO

The Cantigney Golf Course in Wheaton, IL was the setting for the Annual WSPC Golf Outing. All in attendance got to experience first-hand why *Golf Digest* has named this course "The Best New Public Course in America." **Mike Pyrz** '80, was again the chairman for this new first class event, which included over 60 participants. Special thanks went to MG (Ret) **Neal Creighton** '53, CEO of the McCormick Trust, which owns and operates Cantigney, for his help in making the outing possible. Among those honored at the post round feast was **Dan Bird** '69, who finished as the Low Gross with an 80, followed closely by **Bill Weber** '75, with an 83. **Bill Hubbard** '73 successfully defended his "Goat Award" (score was CLASSIFIED). So confident was he in defense of this coveted title that he left the trophy home. Due to the miracles of modern math (as opposed to Plebe Math), Bill also finished with the Low Net, followed closely by **Chuck Teising Jr.** '76 at one stroke back with a 63. In the new Seniors Division, **Art Gerometta** '49 finished eight strokes ahead of **John Vaci** '46 both of whom finished well ahead of many more "junior" participants. The Women's Tour was led by **Jan (Calhoon) Meyer** '80 who edged **Peggy Laneri** '83. **Fred Brooks** '73, our distinguished Pres, won the closest to the pin contest, and **Steve Best** '76 had the closest drive to Dick Tracey's nose. **Jack Faddis** '64 again served as MC for the festivities. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

Upcoming WPSC events include a combined family picnic/Goat—Engineer football game in the Sep-Oct timeframe, and our annual joint Army-Navy football game classic celebration at Ditka's Restaurant in downtown Chicago in Dec. BEAT NAVY . . .

—Steve Best '76

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Wash, DC, 13 Aug . . . Our Spring Luncheon on 23 May at the Ft. Myer Officers Club featured GEN **Carl E. Vuono** '57, Army Chief of Staff, as guest speaker. More than 200 members and guests turned out to hear GEN Vuono speak about the Army's role in national defense as it meets the challenges posed by changing conditions in Europe as well as those from a shrinking budget.

He reminded the audience that "the struggle isn't over yet; we can't forget the hauting words of Chamberlin on the eve of WWII: 'Peace in our time.' " GEN **Vuono** noted that this lesson in history should not be forgotten. "Some," he said, "want to dispense with military power, and budget pressures add to this problem."

The Chief of Staff told the graduates and guests "we know we'll take major cuts, but we want to ensure that the Army will emerge ready to defend this great nation. We must command our own future—if the Army is going to meet this challenge, it must be prepared to fulfill its obligation anytime, anyplace."

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Regardless of the size of the Army, GEN **Vuono** pointed out that certain imperatives are important. He cited six imperatives: "1) The Army must know how to fight (doctrine); 2) It must have the right mix of forces (mechanized, light and special operations forces); 3) The Army must continue to modernize its forces; 4) We must have tough, realistic training; 5) We must ensure that the Army continues to develop competent leaders—NCOs and officers; and 6) We must maintain a quality force."

GEN **Vuono** said WP will continue to produce top quality leaders who meet the high standards of the military profession. "Today," he emphasized, "we have the finest men and women in the history of the Army. I'm enormously proud of our army and hope you are, too."

He explained that "over the next five years we will shape a smaller Army, with fewer divisions." Pointing out that this is not a choice we want, he said "we must make it to ensure a strong Army."

The Chief of Staff noted that in building on the six imperatives, "we can have a versatile Army, a deployable Army that can respond to any challenges." In closing, GEN **Vuono** assured us that today's soldiers "know that freedom isn't free, and that we must maintain the kind of powerful Army this nation needs. We shall not and we must not fail."

The annual business meeting was conducted during the luncheon by LTG **Willard W. Scott,** Jr. '48, Soc Pres. New members were elected to the Board of Governors. The board now consists of the following officers and members: Pres—LTG **Willard W. Scott,** Jr. '48; VP—LTG **Carl H. Cathey** '55; Exec Dir—BG **Michael J. L. Greene** '41; Treas—COL **Howard M. Steele** Jr. '51; Secy—LTC **James O. Young** III, '68; Pub Info Off—LTC **Philip A. Farris** '46; Admissions Cmte Chairman—Judge **Eugene R. Sullivan** '64; Athletic Cmte Chairman—COL **George P. Hubert** '67; COL **Robert F. Foley** '63; COL **Barrie E. Zais** '65; MAJ **Robert M. Metheny** '74; and **Mark A. Zamberlan** '81.

On 31 May, Judge **Eugene R. Sullivan** '64, representing the West Point Soc of DC, presented the Maxwell D. Taylor Leadership Award at the USMA Preparatory School, Ft. Monmouth, NJ, to the cadet candidate who had the highest overall ranking in academics, athletics and leadership. The award, a silver plate, is annually sponsored by the DC Soc. It is the highest award given a cadet candidate at the Preparatory School.

This year's winner was Robert E. Young, an Airborne Ranger, who entered West Point as a member of the Class of 1994.

Our soc is pleased to sponsor this award in honor of the its former member, GEN **Maxwell D. Taylor** '22, who distinguished himself brilliantly in service to our nation as a soldier-statesman for more than 50 years.

—Phil Farris '46

SOCIETY HONORS CENTENARIAN: LTG **Willard W. Scott,** Jr. '48 presents a USMA plaque to COL **Edmund DeTreville Ellis** '15 on the occasion of his 100th birthday. The presentation was made on behalf of the West Point Society of DC on 12 March 1990. COL Ellis has been a longtime member of the DC Society.

EL PASO AREA

The West Point Society of the El Paso Area kicked off a very busy month with our annual Potluck Picnic on 3 Jun hosted by our West Point Parents Club (WPPC) of El Paso and Southern NM. The picnic was a gathering for this year's appointees and their families. The event was hosted and organized by Mrs. Celia Pruitt, club coordinator, and Mrs. Fina Lerms, plebe coordinator. The new appointees and their families were briefed on what plebe year is like by four members of USMA '93.

The Mayor of El Paso proclaimed 12 Jun 90 as West Point Day with 19 El Paso area West Point appointees and their families attending the city council meeting to hear the proclamation read while the new appointees were honored.

Following the city council meeting, the WPS hosted a luncheon at the Ft. Bliss Officers Club for the appointees and their families. There were 97 in attendance, including LTC (Ret) and Mrs. Don Pruitt, coordinators of WPPC with sons in '90 and '91, and Mrs. Charlene Ruddock, yearling coordinator; three admissions representatives: Sugar Hayden, wife of region coordinator, **Buster Hayden** '45, MAJ (USAR) **Preston Mitcham,** '75 and CPT (USAR) **Mike White,** '83. Also, cadets with families or guests in attendance were **Don Doll** '93, **Soo Lee Davis** '93, **Abel Jaramillo** '93, **Adrian Pratt** '93, and **Monique Washington** '91. There were 33 members of the soc attending also. Remarks were made by MG (Ret) **John Oblinger** '53, Soc Pres, and MG **Donald Lionetti** '61, Air Def Arty Center Cmdr. Our keynote speaker was LTG (Ret) **Ray Shoemaker** '40, who gave an outstanding address filled with wisdom, humor and observations of lasting value to all of us.

In all, our local admissions team worked successfully with 24 appointees: 17 appointees to USMA '94, 6 to USMAPS '90/'91 and one to AOG sponsored Civilian Prep. Well done!

Planned coming events for the soc for 90–91 include an Aug Soc Board of Governor's Meeting, an Annual Picnic on 6 Oct at **Don Lionetti's** qtrs, a pre-Navy Game Rally, an Army Beat Navy TV Party and Founders Day, 23 Mar 91 at Ft. Bliss Officers Club.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Society began its 1990 calendar of events with election of officers at the winter luncheon on 23 Jan. The new slate of officers includes **Dave Kelley** '67 as Pres, **Marshall Schwartz** '65 as VP, **Jeff Van Keuren** '75 as Sec/Treas, and **Hank Wilson** '85 as Admissions Off. Those turning over the reins—**Erv Kamm** '62, **Willie Price** '71, and **Warde Wheaton** '50 graciously accepted another year of service as the Soc Advisory Cmte.

The winter luncheon featured Roy Smalley as the keynote speaker. Most of you will remember Roy for his exceptional baseball skills during his thirteen year career with the TX Rangers, NY Yankees and MN Twins (most notably the 1987 World Series Champion MN Twins)! However, Roy ret from professional baseball last year and is now the Exec Dir of the '91 International Summer Special Olympics to be hosted in MN 19–27 Jul 91. Roy's talk outlined the event and the tremendous need for volunteer help to plan and execute such an endeavor. As a result of his presentation, many of the society's ranks have volunteered to help make this a meaningful sporting event for 6,000 athletes with mental retardation coming from all 50 states and nearly 90 foreign countries.

Spring arrived a bit early in Minnesnow-ta this year. By the time BG Flint arrived to be our keynote speaker at the society's celebration of FD on 21 Mar, the temperature was well into the forties (short sleeve shirt weather up here). This year's event gathered 67 graduates and their guests. The largest class in attendance was a tie between '67 (**Kelley, Richardson** and **Timm**) and '70 (**Bowden, Newcomb** and **Price**). Truly the highlight of the evening was the three speakers. **Walker Jamar** Jun '43 was quick to take exception to our title of "oldest grad"—he suggested that "most senior grad present" might be more appropriate, especially if we invite him to speak again! Walker's comments regarding the trust afforded to the graduates of our alma mater and the responsibilities that come with that trust, moved everyone to a standing ovation. **Hank Wilson** '85, our youngest grad speaker, almost

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brought everyone to their feet—but it was due to the shock of hearing that firsties no longer live with their companies—they now reside in barracks exclusively set aside for first classmen! (That got more than one discussion started in continuation of Benny Havens hour after dinner). Finally, the coup de grace of the evening was the stirring presentation by BG Flint who told the story of the real Benny Havens, based on his research while at the Academy, and what Benny's life and memory should mean to all graduates.

Dr. Ken Blanchard (center) discusses his book, *The One Minute Manager*, with Society President Dave Kelley '67 (left) and Advisory Board Member Erv Kamm '62 (right) prior to his presentation at the Minnesota Society's Spring Luncheon on 16 May 1990, in Minneapolis.

The MN Soc completed the first half of this year's program with the Spring Luncheon on 16 May. We were fortunate to have as our keynote speaker Dr. Ken Blanchard, co-author of the *The One Minute Manager* and numerous other books on management and organizational behavior. Ken presented a fascinating overview on the means of "empowering people" to be winners at what they do.

The WPS of MN Membership Roster was published and handed out/mailed to all members in May. Any member that did not receive their copy should contact the Soc Secy at (612) 553-9035 (evenings) to request one.

—Jeff Van Keuren '75

MONTICELLO

The WPS of Monticello held its second annual Founders Day celebration and dinner on 24 Mar with over 50 members, spouses, and guests in attendance. Members came from as far away as Richmond and Lexington, VA. After an extremely convivial Benny Havens Hour followed by dinner, the oldest grad present, COL (Ret) **Charles "Mac" Peeke** '35, gave an excellent talk on his long view of the direction the Corps is presently taking. He was followed by CPT **John Patrick** '85, who provided his perspective from a view some fifty years later.

The highlight of the evening was the guest speaker and member of the soc, GEN (Ret) **Paul F. Gorman, Jr.** '50. GEN Gorman gave a penetrating and thought-provoking talk on West Point, present and future. The evening festivities concluded with the singing of the *Alma Mater*.

NEW ENGLAND

The West Point Soc of New England and its Parents Club enjoyed their annual summer picnic at Green Meadows Farm in South Hamilton, MA, thanks to MG and Mrs. **George S. Patton** '46. Those present represented classes from '40 through Cadet **Chris Santos** '92. Soc Pres **Korky Henninger** '58 presented Patton's wife with a tree (complete with entrenching tool) in appreciation for their hospitality.

Future activities for the WPSNE will include a fall luncheon at Hanscom AFB and a "Beat Boston College" tailgate before and after the game 13 Oct. For further information on these activities or any information concerning the society, contact secy **Ellen Groschelle** '82 at (508) 957-4139.

—Ellen Groschelle '82

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The West Point Soc of Northern CA celebrated its third anniv in Jun with a review of its many accomplishments. Thus far the soc has been very active socially in hosting several quarterly meetings, two highly successful Founders Day ceremonies and Army-Navy game get-togethers. In addition, soc members have been active in the local community promoting the many virtues of West Point. Helping grads relocate and find employment in the burgeoning areas of Northern CA and NV have also been high on the society's list of accomplishments. As our area grows so will the soc. There are now 70 active members with another 90 or so potential members having been identified as residents of the northern areas of CA and NV. If you are living in our area and are interested in renewing your ties with your alma mater contact **Charles C. Gorlinski** '56, 1537 Barnett Cir., Carmichael, CA 95608.

—George Grayeb '52

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia West Point Society held its 63rd Annual Founders Day dinner-dance at the Union League of Phila on 17 Mar. It was an appropriate day to have a grand Irishman as guest speaker, **Denis F. Mullane** '52, Pres, AOG, and CEO, CT Mutual Life Insurance, who discussed the relevancy of the AOG and West Point societies around the world to the future of West Point. Following his remarks he was presented with a "West Point Shillelagh" by **Rod Vitty** '55, Pres of the Phila Soc. Vitty served as MC for the evening, which opened with a unique touch—an authentic Scottish piper, Frank Barnaby with appropriate military ritual. The event attended by more than 120 members, spouses and friends was a mix of tradition, dancing and fun.

(L to R) Phila. WP Society President presents Denis Mullane with a "West Point Shillelagh".

Also in attendance was a contingent of the WPPC of the Delaware Valley, headed by their pres, John Mullens.

New members of the Board of Governors inducted that evening include **James P. Schultz** '73, **Eric M. Lowy** '85; **Gary R. Miller** '74, **Harold Floyd** '75, **William Wechsler** '76, and **Charles W. Trainor** '67.

The organizational meeting for the Board of Governors was held in Jun at Eagle Lodge in suburban Phila and featured a surprise appearance by Jim Young, Army Football Coach. He talked about the coming 90 season and the opportunities and challenges. As always Army faces a tough schedule; much tougher than the Navy schedule. While the backfield is strong and experienced, the line and the defense lacks some experience. He has high hopes for 90 and believes the team will be up to challenge. In response to a question, Jim said that he does definitely enjoy coaching at Army. He is able to concentrate on coaching and on the team, and there are very few distractions. For example, he does not have to worry about whether players get to class and to practice. The Army players are extremely disciplined and dedicated.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM FOR 1990–91:

—New cadet picnic at Ft Dix on 24 Jun.

—A fall luncheon—date to be announced.

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Coach **Jim Young** (2nd row center) pays a surprise visit to the 1990 organizational meeting of the Phila West Point society. It's a "Thumbs up" for the 1990 Army season.

—6 Oct—Duke Army game—OctoberFest with the Parents Club.

—7 Dec—Army/Navy Dinner Dance at the Phila Union League.

—Founders Day in Mar 91.

Rod Vitty stressed that among the objectives of the soc are to have fun; to promote the welfare of the graduates; to assist in the USMA Admissions Program and to promote good public relations for the Academy. For the past two years, Rod has been successful at restructuring the Board of Governors and bringing new members in to it and to generate new ideas.

New Cadet Picnic: On 24 Jun the WPS of Phila, along with the Parents Club of Delaware Valley, held a picnic at Ft Dix for new cadets; 25 new cadets and cadets participated along with 100 members of both societies. The involvement is intended to welcome the new cadets to the "Long Gray Line."

Rod Vitty briefed the BOG on the "bicentennial plan" presently being developed and worked on at West Point. And in particular, some of the distressing changes that are envisioned in the area of the "Plain." The BOG reaffirmed its support to oppose the plan and in particular, efforts to move Doubleday field.

"Save Doubleday"

—Joseph R. Barkley '65

PUGET SOUND

FOUNDERS DAY was celebrated by our soc at a dinner on 8 Mar at a local hotel. The Commandant of Cadets, BG **David A. Bramlett** '64, was the principal speaker. Our "Oldest Grad" speaker was COL **Harry G. Spillinger** '25 and the "Youngest Grad" speaker was 2LT **Alex Lee** '89 from Ft. Lewis. **Bob Sellers** '44 arranged the dinner and was the MC. Guests at the celebration were Mr. Ray Brown, Pres of the local WPPC, and Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Petgrave. Mr. Petgrave is the USMA Regional Admissions Coordinator for WA State.

An election of officers took place prior to the dinner. MG **Ed Trobaugh** '55 was elected to be our new Pres and LTC **Dick Gates** '60 was elected to be our new VP. The new board members that were elected are COL **John D. Grinstead** '56, **Bob A. Mohn** '71 and COL **Lewis A. Williams** '52. The soc wishes to thank those former board members who have served for the past two years: COL **Jack Bender** '49, LTC **Dick Gates** '60 and **Phil Hogue** '67.

A board meeting was held on 25 Apr. Besides the usual reports given by the Secy, COL **Charles Howze** '31, our new Pres, MG **Ed Trobaugh** '55, outlined the objectives he has for his term of office. The following activities for the coming year were proposed and accepted: a family picnic at American Lake, Ft. Lewis in Aug; the Joint Academy Dinner in Nov; in Dec a lunch during the Army-Navy Game and a Christmas Party; and the Founders Day Dinner in Mar '91. In addition the Quarterly Civilian Career Advisory Board luncheons will be continued.

Our ANNUAL ACCEPTED CANDIDATES LUNCHEON was held on 9 Jun at the Ft. Lewis Officers Club. The affair began with a social hour enabling the 16 candidates from Puget Sound who had been accepted for admission to USMA this year to become acquainted with the third classmen who were present and with each other. After lunch each candidate was introduced by an active duty graduate-host stationed at Ft. Lewis. The USMA regional Coordinator of Admissions for WA State, COL (USAR) Randolph Petgrave, gave an inspiring talk on the Honor Code, which he likened to a virus originating at West Point and spreading not only throughout the officer corps, but also now into the business community. He was followed by MG **Charles H. Armstrong** '61, CG of the 9th Inf Div (Motorized), who gave a word picture of the candidates' future at West Point and their careers in the Army. The Pres of the WPPC of WA, Mr. Raymond Brown, then invited all of the candidates' parents to become members of his club.

Our thanks go to LTC **"Chip" Leonard** '70 who acted as MC and to all of the LT's from Ft. Lewis who acted as individual hosts for the candidates.

BEAT NAVY!!!

—Win Curley '41

ST. LOUIS

The West Point Soc of St. Louis elected its officers for the 90–91 term this past Mar. The officers are Pres:—**Frank B. Janoski** '74, 1st VP—**Bruce T. Lammers** '61; 2nd VP—**Joseph L. Bergantz** '71; Sec—**Anthony L. Guerrerio** '69; Treas—**Douglas H. Madigan** '69.

A variety of social events have been planned for this year. 22 Sep will find many members and their spouses gathering at the St. Charles Vintage Restaurant and Wine Garden to honor the memory of Benny Haven. On 10 Nov, our soc will gather with Air Force graduates to cheer Army on to victory. The next weekend will find us traveling to Nashville, TN for a date with Vanderbilt. 8 Dec will bring our soc together with the Middies and hopefully, our team will begin another winning streak. In late Dec we will host our Admissions program for young men and women who desire more information on our alma mater. Late Dec also will be the time for the All-Academy Dinner-Dance where cadets and graduates from all the academies socialize. Jan will find our soc enjoying a hockey game with the St. Louis Blues. Finally, our social year will come to an end with Founders Day on 9 Mar 91.

New arrivals to the area should contact any of the officers for more specific information concerning these and other society events.

—Frank Janoski '74

SAN DIEGO

On 16 Jun at the Admiral Kidd Club, Naval Training Center, San Diego, in conjunction with our annual luncheon honoring new cadets and their families, new chapter officers were elected. The officers, who will serve for two years, are Pres—**Joseph J. (Jay) Wheeler** '62, VP—**William (Bill) A. Cole** '53, and Secy/Treas—**Salvatore (Sal) J. Colatarci** '75.

Neil Nydegger '62, outgoing Pres, was commended for his six years of loyal service as an officer of the chapter. Neil will continue to play an active role in the society's activities.

Attending the luncheon with their families were eight new cadets, who will enter West Point this summer. Other events during the past year included a fall cookout at the North Island Naval Air Station Officers Club, an Army-Navy Game party at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant, and Founders Day at the historic Horton Grand Hotel. **Bob Dingeman** '45 hosted the dinner and did his usual fine job of coordinating the event. Bob served as the MC at more Founders Day dinners than many people have attended. **Whit Miller** '29, the oldest graduate present for the second year in a row, entertained the attendees with his "whitty" remarks. The youngest grad, **Madison Schepps** '80, who was a last minute featured speaker, distinguished himself and the Corps with his concise, video supported presentation. The Bob, Whit, and Madison show was a difficult act to follow. However, the well-traveled **Al Vanderbush** '61 who arrived in San Diego from London to be our guest speaker, did not disappoint the audience. His inspiring comments on all aspects of the West Point scene reaffirmed our belief that the future of the Academy is in good hands.

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Bulletin Board

Cadet Doug McCormick Named First Captain for 1990–91 Academic Year

First Captain Doug McCormick has been selected to assume the role of brigade commander for the 1990–91 academic year. Besides leading the Corps and his class, he will act as a liaison between the cadets and the administration. Cadet McCormick's first task will be the smooth implementation of the Cadet Leader Development System. Other goals include generating more class spirit and urging fellow cadets to do more community service.

Early in his cadet career, McCormick learned how to organize support as regimental commander during Plebe Parent Weekend. He also served as brigade command sergeant major the first semester of the 1989–90 academic year, and this summer served as first detail regimental commander during Cadet Basic Training.

First Captain Doug McCormick

Cadet McCormick is an economics major with a 4.1 grade-point average. He was recruited by the wrestling coach, and this year will be co-captain of the wrestling team.

Furthermore, as a result of his performances on Army Physical Fitness Tests and leadership ratings from his tactical officer and peers, Cadet McCormick has emerged as one of the top cadets in the Corps.

The Corps of Cadets and the administration are looking at First Captain McCormick as he revises and asserts his own leadership style, and moves towards becoming the leader of character described in the Academy's roadmap to the 21st Century: a leader who understands people and situations, who acts decisively, and who inspires and encourages his subordinates.

(Compiled from Annebet McEliece's article in the 24 August *Pointer View*.)

Cadet McGinn, USMA '90, Receives First Friends Award for Excellence

During 1990 Graduation Week, the Friends of the Library made their first Award for Excellence in Research and Writing to Cadet John G. McGinn. "Jerry" McGinn was a history major whose thesis paper, "The Tragedy of Mers-el-Kebir," analyzed the British decision to attack the French fleet in a North African anchorage early in World War II. In presenting the award, Friends Chairman Colonel Roger Nye said, "Your selection for this award has been recommended to us by the Head of the USMA Department of History, based on advice of a faculty committee that considered many candidates. Your paper reflects the strength of your background in primary research, analysis, and writing style."

Colonel Roger Nye, US Army, Ret., Chairman of the Friends, presents Cadet Jerry McGinn '90 the first Award for Excellence in Research and Writing.

McGinn proceeded to the USMA bookstore and selected the substance of the prize, $250 worth of books that he thought would "best suit his future reading and writing pusuits." He chose mostly heavyweights—Hamilton's *The Federalist Papers*, Phillips' *Roots of Strategy*, Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, Keegan's *The Second World War*, Liddell Hart's *Strategy*, Tuchman's *The Guns of August*, Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln*, and eighteen others.

Jerry McGinn had a lot to do at West Point other than win the Friends' prize. He played rugby, won his airborne jump wings, participated in the intercollegiate Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) and the Model United Nations, and was executive officer of his battalion. On leave, he commuted to Washington where his father serves in the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Jerry will be an infantryman with the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany when he finishes post-graduation schools.

Superintendent Dave R. Palmer could not attend the award ceremony in the Department of History, but he wrote to the Friends, "A most worthwhile project! Enhancing research and writing skills is a noble goal." The future of the program has been assured by the Friends' endowment of $2500, deposited with the appropriate Academy authorities.

Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee of the Association of Graduates is scheduled to meet as follows:

27 September 1990 (at West Point)
7 February 1991
9 May 1991
19 September 1991
13 February 1992
7 May 1992

Revised Travel Program for 1991

Two changes have been made in the AOG's Travel Program. The tour of the British Isles scheduled for late June 1991 has been cancelled. In its place the AOG will sponsor a tour of Scandinavia that includes three days in Copenhagen, four days in Norway, two days in Stockholm, and a cruise to Helsinki as part of a 14-day trip. Also, the dates for the

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Date	Description	Duration
January 1991	Cruise of the Caribbean	14 Days
June–July 1991	Scandinavia	14 Days
July 1991	Alaska (Cruise, Train, Bus)	12 Days
July–August 1991	Elbe River (Hamburg to Dresden, Prague & Berlin)	14 Days
September 1991	Turkey–Greek Isles Cruise	14 Days

Turkey-Greek Isles cruise were incorrect as shown in the September 1990 issue of *Assembly*.

Revised travel program with correct dates is shown above.

West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program Begins Eleventh Year

Twelve recruited athletes and thirty-nine scholar/leader candidates have accepted scholarships and are participating in the 1990–91 West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP) under the auspices of the Association of Graduates. Each candidate is approved by the USMA Director of Admissions and must agree to accept an offer of admission to the Military Academy for the Class of 1995 if an offer is tendered next spring. Traditionally, over 80% of the candidates who begin the preparatory year are offered admission to West Point.

Eleven of the scholar/leader candidates are attending a four-year college for their preparatory year. The schools are: Allegheny College, Carleton College, University of Houston, Indiana U. (PA), James Madison University, University of Kansas, Miami University of Ohio, Purdue, Stevens Institute, Trenton State College, and William & Mary.

Twenty-eight of the scholar/leader candidates are attending military junior colleges or a military college. Twelve candidates are attending Marion Military Institute in Alabama; eleven are at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico; and five candidates are at Valley Forge Military Academy & Junior College in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Two candidates are attending Norwich University in Vermont.

Twelve recruited athletes, recommended by the Director of Athletics for scholarships and approved by the USMA Director of Admissions, are participating in the 1990–91 program. One is attending a military junior college, four are attending four-year colleges, and seven are taking a post-graduate year at a private preparatory school.

Below are their names, hometowns, sports and schools they are attending.

One of West Point's top athletes in the Class of 1990 participated in the 1985–86 WPPSP. Neil Minihane graduated with a B average in academics and lettered three times as a defensive-midfielder in lacrosse and four times in hockey. As a plebe, he was named the most outstanding freshman on both the lacrosse and hockey teams. Neil was commissioned in the Field Artillery, and his initial assignment will be at Fort Ord.

Name & Hometown	Sport	School
Terry D. Brannan Houston, TX	Football	Marine Military Academy
Troy Eigner Apple Valley, MN	Hockey	Vermont Academy
Molly L. Frye Spring, TX	Women's Soccer	Baylor University
Timothy H. Hocking S. St. Paul, MN	Hockey	Salisbury School
Joseph P. Hogan Woodridge, IL	Wrestling	Wyoming Seminary
Justin L. Lambert Eagan, MN	Hockey	Vermont Academy
John D. McDonald Brookline, MA	Hockey	New Hampton School
Rossel Purcell League City, TX	Swimming	Mercersburg Academy
Craig D. Rennard New Palestine, IN	Tennis	New Mexico Military Institute
Mark E. Stachelski Arlington, MA	Hockey	Springfield Technical Community College
Whitney C. Vogt Grand Rapids, MI	Women's Swimming	University of Michigan
David C. Watson La Vernia, TX	Football	University of Texas at San Antonio

Thayer Award Nominations

Each year, the Association of Graduates presents the Thayer Award Medal to that person whose outstanding character, accomplishments and stature in the civilian community draw wholesome comparison to the qualities that West Point strives for, in keeping with its motto—"Duty, Honor, Country." Candidates are drawn from the civilian sector. Graduates of the national service academies, professional military personnel, active or retired, or persons who occupy or are candidates for public office are *not* eligible. The individual selected for the award must agree to accept the award at West Point.

The West Point classes and the societies are asked to submit nominations for the 1991 Thayer Award. The AOG would be pleased to accept nominations and supporting comments from any graduate or friend of West Point. Those interested should forward their recommendations to Colonel John C. Snodgrass, USA (Retired), Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996, prior to 12 November.

One Class—Three Chiefs of Staff

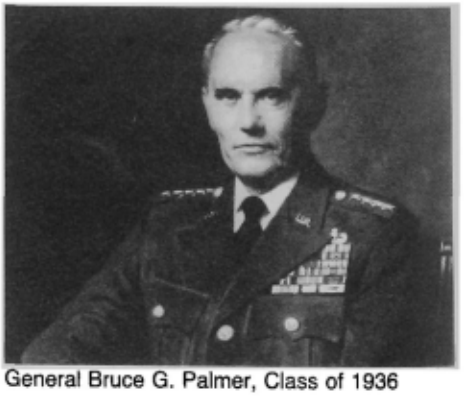
Very few USMA grads know the answer to this question: "Which class has provided three Chiefs of Staff for the Army?"

There are many who could tell you that the Class of 1915 had two: Eisenhower and Bradley; and many could tell you that 1936 had two: Westmoreland and Abrams. But few could identify the class with three: 1936.

Bruce Palmer, Jr., General, U.S. Army, Retired, was the third man of the class to become Chief of Staff of the Army.

And his portrait is included in the collection of post-World War II paintings of the Chiefs just inside the Mall entrance of the Pentagon.

Secretary of the Army John Marsh recognized the great contributions



General Bruce G. Palmer, Class of 1936

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Bruce had made to the operations and achievements of the Army when he was Vice Chief of Staff for Westmoreland from 1968–72, when "Westy" retired. Abrams had been designated Army Chief but did not return to the Pentagon until October 1972. In the meantime Bruce held down both jobs—Chief and Vice Chief. Secretary Marsh conferred the well-deserved recognition by nominating General Palmer Acting Chief of Staff, which was confirmed, and ordered his portrait to be included in the exhibit.

Palmer was the commander of the force that went to the Dominican Republic. Later he was Deputy Commander in Vietnam before becoming Vice Chief. After serving as Acting Chief of Staff, he then served as Vice Chief to Abrams until Bruce took command of the Readiness force at MacDill Field in Florida. He retired from that post in 1973.

His recognition was well deserved, and a matter of no little pride for the Class of 1936.

Submitted by MG Ted Clifton, US Army, Ret., Class of 1936.

GI Bill Educational Benefits Restored: '77 & '78 Grads Eligible for Refunds

By Leo Cullinan (USMA 77) & Joe Schmitz (USNA 78)

On 15 August 1990, President Bush signed into law H.R. 1199, Section 207, which restores Vietnam Era GI Bill eligibility to '77 and '78 service academy graduates and '78 ROTC graduates, all of whom had made their active duty service commitments prior to the 1976 repeal of the Vietnam Era GI Bill. Those now eligible by virtue of this new law will be able to apply for refunds of GI Bill educational benefits they would have been entitled to through 31 December 1989, when the Vietnam Era GI Bill expired for everyone.

This new law reflects the culmination of a twelve-year administrative and legislative battle to correct a legislative oversight in the 1976 GI Bill repeal. When Congress replaced the Vietnam Era GI Bill with the Post-Vietnam Era contributory program known as "VEAP" in October 1976, it legislatively grandfathered those who had entered active duty or committed themselves to active duty prior to 1 January 1977. The Veterans Administration, however, in interpreting the 1976 repealing law, applied the grandfather provision to '77 ROTC graduates but not to '77 academy graduates. The problem with '77 academy grads, said the VA, was that while they had contracted with the armed service prior to 1 January 1977, and had commenced active duty within 12 months of that date (two statutory requirements), they had not affiliated with a reserve unit within the required time frame (another technical requirement of the statutory grandfather provision).

The battle to restore GI Bill eligibility to '77 and '78 grads began as early as 1978. By September 1979, then LT(jg) Mark Watson (USNA '77) appealed his case for eligibility to the Board of Veterans Appeals, an administrative tribunal within the Veterans Administration. After Watson came Tom Slattery (USAFA '77), Leo Cullinan (USMA '77), Peter Grieve (USNA '77), and Joe Schmitz (USNA '78). Each made a valiant effort. Each met an equally unbending bureaucratic response.

Having exhausted all possible administrative remedies at the Veterans Administration, we faced two alternatives: a difficult and complex legal battle in federal court or an equally complex legislative solution. We directed our energies to a legislative rectification vice a court battle.

Following are some of the milestones of the long and arduous path towards simple restoration of the educational benefits Congress never intended to deny retroactively to anyone.

The Initial Wave. In September 1979, largely through the part-time efforts of Lt Peter Grieve (USNA '77), stationed temporarily in Washington, DC, Representative Robert Traxler introduced legislation that would have made '77 service academy graduates eligible for GI bill educational benefits. This legislation, as well as other early attempts at corrective legislation, did not even make its way out of Subcommittee on Education and Training of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. When Lt Grieve deployed in 1981, the legislative effort went fallow for lack of an able quarterback.

Regrouping. In the meantime, Joe Schmitz (USNA '78) enrolled in Stanford Law School. Through three years of law school, Joe studied the legal aspects of retroactive exclusions, met with numerous Veterans Administration officials and Congressional staffers involved in Veterans Affairs, and authored a law review note entitled "Constitutional Restrictions Against Retroactive Cutbacks of Service-Inducing Benefits." After law school, Joe moved to Washington, D.C. and picked up where Peter Grieve left off.

Resurgence. In 1987, the law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker granted its newest associate (Joe Schmitz) a pro-bono budget to represent the service academy alumni associations in their support of a legislative solution to the problem. Through Joe's efforts, we mobilized the active support of The Retired Officer's Association (TROA), the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), and former Veterans Administrator Harry Walters (USMA '59). Following a full-scale letter-writing campaign in the summer of 1987, Congressman Bob Dornan rekindled the legislative flame with the introduction of H.R. 3485. Although the Dornan Bill never left committee, Senator Cranston, chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, introduced substantially identical legislation in 1988. Senator Murkoski, ranking Republican on the Senate Committee, endorsed the Cranston Bill, and the full Senate passed the legislation late in the 100th Congress. Unfortunately, not enough time was left to work out a House compromise prior to fall adjournment.

The Final Push. When the 101st Congress convened in 1989, House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Sonny Montgomery and Educational Subcommittee Chairman Tim Penny joined Bob Dornan and a handful of other stalwart supporters, including Earl Hutto and Tom Lewis of Florida, in co-sponsoring House legislation substantially identical to the Cranston Bill passed by the Senate the year before. The only difference between the two versions was the Senate's insistence that eligibility be conditioned on an individual's having enrolled in and contributed to the Post-Vietnam Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). The full House passed the legislation, but because of the aforementioned difference between Senate and House versions the legislation was "left on the table" when the First Session of the 101st Congress concluded in the fall of 1989.

Ultimate Victory. Finally, in the Second Session of the 101st Congress, largely through the efforts of Senator Bob Graham of Florida, working with Senator Cranston's and Senator Murkoski's committee staff members, the Senate acquiesced to the House position. On 9 August 1990, Congress sent to the President H.R. 1199, section 207 of which provides for refunds. There is no requirement that an individual must have signed up for VEAP.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is expected to implement the new law by 1 January 1991. Some of the common questions that we can answer at this time are as follows:

Q. Who is eligible?

A. Any 1977 or 1978 service academy graduate or 1978 ROTC graduate who incurred educational expenses before the 31 December 1989 termination date and who would have otherwise been eligible for Chapter 34 educational benefits is eligible to be reimbursed up to the limits of the benefits.

Q. How does one apply for reimbursement?

A. We expect the Department of Veterans Affairs to issue rules for the appli-

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cation procedure before 1 January 1991.

Q. Is there a time limit for application?
A. Veterans must make application to the Department of Veterans Affairs by 1 January 1992.

Q. What if a veteran used Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) benefits for graduate educational expenses?
A. The veteran is still eligible to be reimbursed for expenses incurred. The reimbursement will be the difference between the net benefit received under VEAP (not including the individual's own contribution) and what the veteran would have received under the Vietnam Era GI Bill (Chapter 34).

Q. Can a veteran attend graduate school now or receive a refund based upon educational expenses incurred after the termination date of Chapter 34 benefits (31 December 1989) and take full advantage of the new law?
A. No, unfortunately the intent of this new law is to reimburse veterans for educational expenses incurred only during the period that Chapter 34 benefits were in effect. As the whole thrust of the legislative effort has been simply to restore our eligibility to the status quo ante, putting us back on a par with other similarly situated veterans, our asking for a special extension was not a practical legislative option.

Q. Where can I write for more information?
A. Eventually, the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Offices will have information about procedures for reimbursement. In the meantime, Joe Schmitz is planning a "hot wash-up" reception at his law firm offices in Washington, DC sometime in September. Preliminary information about application procedures should be available then. Joe's telephone number is (202) 457-9470.

The Slum & Gravy 25 Project Takes Off

Commemorative tee-shirts distributed and mini-reunions begin.

The *Slum & Gravy 25* Project got off to a warm and wet start in June at Fort Bragg with the small, but spirited "Crocker School of Physical Fitness," and the distribution of 150 commemorative tee-shirts designed by 1966 Class artist, Jeff Rogers. In July two more mini-reunions, the "Regatta" at Annapolis and the "Goodwill Funrun" in Seattle were held. Through Founders Day 1991 at least 17 such get-togethers are planned.

The short-term focus of the mini-reunions is to obtain material for the upcoming issue of *Slum & Gravy 25*, and a massive historical class slide collection.

AOG travel program contingent to Russia, Moscow, Suzdal, Yalta, Leningrad, 2–16 July 1990.

In order to graduate from the "Crocker School of Physical Fitness," George Crocker required his "candidates" to hold a rifle at the ready, and with blindfolds in place step off a ten foot diving board. Passing the test were (clockwise from the ranger at top left) Bill Kirtley, John Zierdt, Bob Seigle, Fred McFarren, Fire Team Leader Crocker, and Dave Pearce.

At the "Goodwill Funrun" a civilized game of soccer was organized by Paul Roggenkamp (far left) on 28 July. One week earlier, Roggenkamp competed in the Goodwill Games marathon run. When he completed the event, temperatures were soaring at 90 degrees. From left to right are Roggenkamp, George Cox, Bill Dock, T. K. Kinane, Roger Sherrard, Jerry Fox, Gordy Hall and Bill Thomas.

(See May 1990 *Assembly*.) Both will be produced in conjunction with the 25th reunion of the class in September 1991.

The longer-term purpose is to provide small class forums for gathering information concerning a class gift to the Academy. It is expected that the gift will be some sort of academic endowment, and that both the monetary size of the gift and its purpose will be defined in time for the 25th class reunion.

At least 30 members of the Class of 1966 will be preparing copy for the special edition of *Slum & Gravy 25*. The journal will include an exhaustive review of OPE, intramural, club sports and corps squad athletics, and will focus on how things have changed in the 25 years since the class graduated. Sam Champi and Pete Braun will prepare an in-depth review of Army football; Mike Silliman and Army basketball will form another feature; Morgan Roseborough is looking at coed intramurals; and Ron Carpenter will write a feature concerned with those who are still in peak form—such as Paul Roggenkamp (marathoner) and Lanse Leach (top skier and marathoner). But much of the feature material will not be concerned with sports. Tom Carhart will revisit the "100th Night Show;" Stretch Dunn will prepare a feature on the Vietnam memorials around the nation, and there will even be a *Slum & Gravy* "Hot Skinny" interview with our man in El Salvador, George Utter. George Cox, who is coordinating assignments for the publication, said, "We will hold some space open till the last minute for breaking stories that might happen in the Middle East or elsewhere."

NWC Alumni Association Sponsors National Security Conference in Omaha

The National War College Alumni Association will sponsor an all-day confer-

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ence on contemporary national security issues at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska on Wed, 14 Nov 1990.

In addition to morning and afternoon lecture sessions, there will be a luncheon with a guest speaker.

Knowledgeable commentators will address topics of current interest. Examples of subjects covered in past conferences are Middle East problems, arms control negotiations, Eastern European and Soviet developments, Western European evolution, the changing American defense posture, Pacific Rim issues, and Central American problems.

This conference is being arranged for alumni of the senior service colleges (the National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Army War College, Naval War College, Air War College, Senior and Executive Seminars of the Foreign Service Institute, and comparable foreign colleges), but other interested active and retired officers and government officials are also invited. The conference is unclassified.

For further information and registration forms, contact the Executive Director, NWC Alumni Association, The National War College, Ft. L. J. McNair, Washington, DC 20319. Commercial phone: (202) 863-2306 or (202) 475-1844. Autovon: 335-1844.

1980 USNA Graduate Requests Sports Memorabilia

I am a 1980 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and have, since graduation, been assembling a collection of Army/Navy sports memorabilia. Having received several interesting and unique items after having written the Naval Academy Alumni Association, I am now writing this letter in hopes of having it published in your alumni magazine. It is my goal to assemble as complete a collection of Army/Navy sports memorabilia (ticket stubs, programs, press passes, parking permits, press guides) as possible and at a future date donating it to the US Naval Academy Museum along with the collection's pedigree (from whom I received what). I am truly interested in *anything* pertaining to Army/Navy sports competitions and currently have in my collection items ranging from programs and stubs to a 1961 team autographed USNA football to a 1930's Naval Academy baseball uniform. Any USMA alumnus/alumna willing to further the dream of a fellow service academy graduate could be assured that his/her material would receive a good home and would be greatly appreciated.

LCDR Win Knowles, USN
PO Box 561
Groton, CT 06340-0561

Thank You

Response to the Hop Card article in the July issue of *Assembly* has been overwhelming. Letters and phone calls to the editor and the author have expressed approval of articles of this nature. Even more important, the Special Collections Division of the USMA Library has received many donations of hop cards and several scrapbooks. We—the editor, the author, and the Special Collections Division—express our collective thanks for this enthusiastic response.

And an Urgent SOS

The author of the Hop Card article, George Pappas, asks your help in his research for a multi-volume history of the Academy. The first volume, which covers the period 1802–52, has benefited from the extensive holdings of the Library, especially cadet and faculty letters, diaries, and scrapbooks. The Special Collections Division has many of these important papers from 1852 to the early 1900s. Unfortunately, holdings diminish rapidly the closer one comes to the present day. Pappas asks your help by donating cadet letters, diaries, and scrapbooks to the Special Collections Division (ATTN: Al Aimone, Director), West Point, NY 10096. If you do not want to turn such papers over to the Library permanently, they will be copied and returned. Photographs, drawings, and memorabilia are also much needed, but unfortunately cannot be copied. Pappas asks also for any material concerning enlisted activities. The Library has very little material concerning enlisted life at West Point.

The Rhine-Danube Rendezvous

Twenty-three AOG travel program participants (see photo) enjoyed this tour which ran from 5–18 August. We were part of a group of 103 individuals representing six different universities. The tour included three capital cities—Vienna, Budapest, and Amsterdam—and cruises on both the Rhine and Danube Rivers. A lot of Europe was experienced in a relatively short period of time.

The cities, as you might expect, were bustling with activity. The greater freedom to travel by the East Europeans was quite evident, especially in Vienna and Budapest. A city tour was included for each of the three cities as well as optional tours and some time to explore individually. We all came away from the tour with a greater understanding of the House of Hapsburg, the role of Maria Teresa, political divisions in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and the events leading to World War I. A guest lecturer, Professor Jim Sweeney, from Penn State University, provided most informative lectures/discussions on European history.

The pace was somewhat more leisurely as we sailed the Danube and the Rhine for three days each. We stopped at a number of interesting spots along the way—Durnstein and Melk in Austria and Rudesheim, Boppard, Cochem, Konigswinter and Cologne in Germany. Storybook castles, gingerbread houses, medieval strongholds, and idyllic hamlets were the order of the day.

There were numerous other trip highlights. There was an all-day trip to the Puszta Plains, Hungary's breadbasket south of Budapest, where we were welcomed by the mayor of Kecskemet, the regional capital, in his city hall conference hall. That was followed by a horse show and a magnificent lunch at a "country inn." We will all remem-

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ber our train ride from Passau to Mainz as we transitioned from the Danube to the Rhine. Our own train—three cars, two for passengers and one for dining—took us on this five-hour trip. A typical German lunch was enjoyed. The 900-year-old Benedictine Monastery at Melk, Austria was another memorable sight.

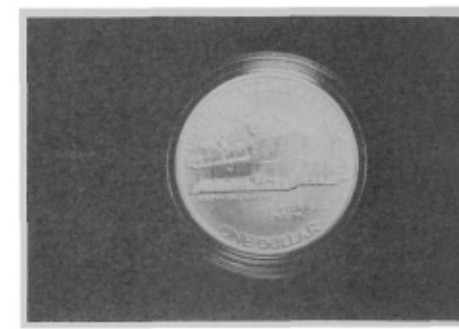
Traveling with this AOG group were Ballard '51, Hunt '32, Hurlbut '33, Krisman '39, Scofield '42, Steele '51, Stoll Jan '43, Strati '55 (AOG host), Grant W'42, Johnson W'33, Moore W'24, Ryan W'33, Krisman son and daughter-in-law, and Farrell, wife of '60, traveling with her mother, Ryan.

'85 Grad Wins Gold Medal

Christopher Erik Rodney '85 enjoys team handball; he began playing as a cadet, and in 1985 played on the U.S. national team in the World University Games in Germany. For the past five years, Erik has participated in the annual Olympic Festival. The first four times, his team won bronze third place medals. But *this* year, it was different! He scored 16 goals in three games for the undefeated North team, including 3 in a thrilling 18–17 win over West in the championship gold medal game! Erik, who plays left back, is undecided on whether or not to try out for the U.S. Olympic team in 1992.

1990 Eisenhower Centennial Coin

In cooperation with the United States Mint, the Association of Graduates is offering to its members the uncirculated Silver Dollar which bears the West Point mark "W." These coins were minted at the West Point Mint in celebration of the Eisenhower Centennial Celebration. Coins may be ordered using the 1990 Gift Catalog. The price of the coin is $28.00, which includes a $2.00 handling fee.



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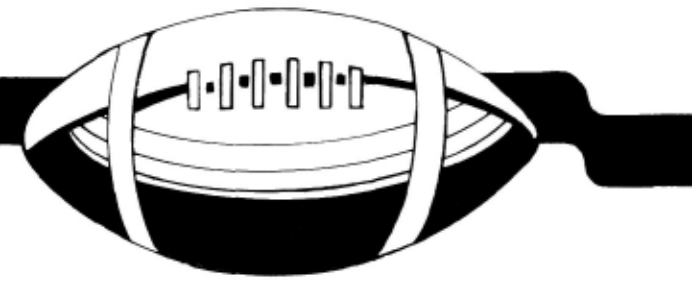

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Service Obligation for Graduates of USMA

UPDATE: The Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO) and Its Impact on Candidates, Cadets, and Graduates

As many readers know, in 1964 Congress changed the law affecting the active duty service obligation for graduates of the three federal service academies. As a result, the ADSO was extended from 4 to 5 years. This change first applied to the Class of 1968. Now, based on action which Congress took last year, the obligation will increase to 6 years beginning with the class that enters in the summer of 1992 (that is, the Class of 1996). While this may seem like an event that is still well into the future, in terms of the admissions cycle, it is only around the corner.

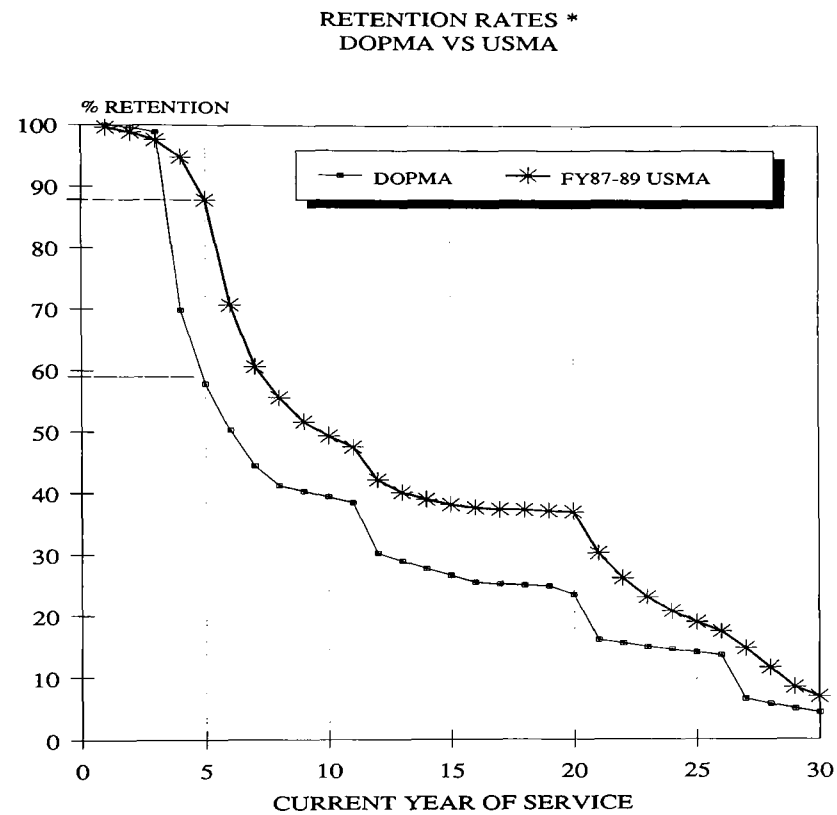
This article is intended to keep you abreast of recent developments and to share with you our thinking on the matter. While we cannot claim to provide the official position on every aspect of this debate, we know that the Academy, the Board of Visitors, and the Department of the Army all agree that Congress should carefully reconsider its decision to extend the service obligation.

To begin discussion of the ADSO issue we must bear in mind the fundamental principle: the United States Military Academy exists "to provide the Nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." That is its sole purpose. It is the expectation of the American people that West Point graduates will fulfill this purpose with distinction; they always have. In his farewell address, General Douglas MacArthur reminded the Corps that ". . . the long gray line has never failed us." He admonished us never to do so.

If we were to look for present-day indicators of our contribution to the common defense where would we go and what would we find? We should probably begin by looking at duration and quality of active duty service. Over the past two years, we have been gathering data and assessing the situation. We know that the statistics we have generated do not tell the whole story, but they are important.

The numbers say that our graduates have been serving longer than officers from other sources of commission (in fact much longer than expectation under the provisions of the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act—DOPMA).

More importantly, their service has been distinguished. Over the years West Point graduates have been selected for promotion, advanced military and civilian education, program and project management, and command at rates well above the Army averages. In addition, our graduates are serving the Army in technical areas such as Operations Research (FA 49), Research and Development (FA 51), and Nuclear Weapons (FA 52) in numbers much higher than their representation within the officer corps at large.



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Thus, by these measurable indicators, we have every reason to be proud of the retention and performance of USMA graduates. Nonetheless, in July 1989, Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio), placed language in the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) "mark-up" of the 1990 Defense Authorization Act that would have required graduates from the three Federal Service Academies to serve on active duty for a minimum of 8 years instead of the 5 years mandated under current law.

This action came as a surprise not only to the academies, their boards of visitors, and the services themselves, but also to Senator Glenn's colleagues in both houses of Congress. Several senators were adamantly opposed to the increase. As a result, there was lively debate on the Senate floor. A compromise reduced the extension from 8 to 6 years of active service.

The House version of the "mark-up" had not addressed the subject of the ADSO at all. Thus, in joint conference the issue was debated even more. The final compromise left the extension at 6 years, but delayed implementation until the Class of 1996 entered the Academy (i.e., the summer of 1992). This allowed time to reconsider the propriety of the extension before it took effect. Over the past several months there has been intense interest in this issue. It is a matter

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Historical Summary of the USMA Service Obligation

- An 1838 Statute required four years of commissioned service. This remained law for 112 years.
- In 1950, Congress passed legislation requiring service "For not less than three consecutive years immediately following graduation." This statute required USMA graduates to accept *Reserve* appointments for six years if not originally appointed Regular Army. If permitted to resign the RA commission prior to six years, then the balance up to six years would be served in the Reserves.
- Effective with the Class of 1962 a *regulatory* requirement of "not less than four years" service was imposed. This DA regulation was a result of a DOD requirement that the services have a consistent policy. The Navy had gone to four years with the Class of 1958, so that became the chosen standard.
- The Law, Title 10 USC 4348 (a) (2) was changed in 1964 and first affected the Class of 1968. It required active service for at least five years immediately after graduation.
- Then in 1984, the 86th Congress stipulated that the commissioned service obligation should be eight years (that is a minimum of 5 years active with the balance up to eight years in the reserves, at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense). This change is reflected in Title 10 USC 4348 (d).

Recent Events

• JUL 89	SASC Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel introduced language in Def Auth Act 1990 to extend ADSO from 5 to 8 years
• AUG	Debate on Senate Floor: 8 to 6 years
• OCT	Joint Conference, Compromise: 6 years effective in 1992 (time to reconsider)
• NOV–DEC	Briefings for: House/Senate Staff Personnel, GAO, DCSPER, ASA, Sec Army
• JAN–MAR 90	Analysis continues—prep for Senate Hearings
• APR	SASC—Subcommittee Hearings
• MAY	Rep McMillen proposes 6 to 5 years BOV Members endorse 4×4 concept Army and USMA favor 4×4
• JUL	BOV Resolution in favor of 4×4 Rep Laughlin introduces HR 5333—4×4

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21 July 1990

A Resolution
Regarding
The Active Duty Service Obligation
for Commissioned Graduates
of the United States Service Academies

Whereas recent improvements in relations between the Soviet Union and the United States have significantly reduced the threat of conventional war of the European Continent,

And, whereas the opportunity for major reductions in the size of our Armed Forces must be achieved without diminishing the quality or deterrent capability of these forces, thus preserving the security of the American people,

And, whereas the Service Secretaries may exercise their authority under law to reduce the number of officers and other service members on active duty,

And, whereas such reductions will place even greater reliance on the quality and readiness of the reserve elements,

And, whereas every action to reduce the size of the force must preserve demographic representation and opportunity within the Armed Forces which are all volunteer and fully representative of society,

And, whereas the extension of the Active Duty Service Obligation, beginning in Fiscal Year 1992, will complicate the enormous challenge of shaping the current force to one that is smaller, fully combat ready, with balanced demographic representation, and the highest quality leadership,

And, whereas the high quality leaders graduated from the Service Academies should serve the society in the military for sufficient time to satisfy the demands of the force structure both active and reserve,

Be it resolved that the law affecting Active Duty Service Obligations be amended to require a total commitment of eight years of service, with a minimum of four years on active duty and the balance to be served at the call of the Service Secretary in the reserve components.

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of substance for several reasons.

First, the Berlin Wall is down and with it will come significant reductions in the size of our Armed Forces. To increase ADSO at a time when officers are being encouraged to voluntarily leave the Army is highly inconsistent, to say the least.

Second, the number of high school graduates nation-wide is entering a cyclical low-point and will not return to the levels of the early eighties until the turn of the century. Thus, quality college applicants, especially minorities, scholar-athletes, and women will have many more options. This is the worst time to make West Point a less attractive alternative.

Third, our data—as far back as the early fifties (when the ADSO was 3 years)—clearly indicates that the length of time graduates serve on active duty is not determined by the ADSO.

The external factors (e.g., war and peace, the perceived threat, economic conditions, and the political climate) influence officer retention rates.

We can surmise that the motivation for increasing the ADSO was well-intended. Perhaps it was aimed at addressing aviator retention issues in the Navy and Air Force. However, the Army does not have a retention problem with its officers. Today's problem is to reduce the size of our Army without compromising its quality and readiness.

We can conclude that the increase in ADSO will "solve" a non-problem; it runs counter to the Congressional mandate to reduce the size of the Army; it undermines the attractiveness of USMA for quality high school graduates; and, it contributes nothing to our mission to inspire graduates to a lifetime of service to the Nation.

Recently, Representative Thomas McMillen (D-Maryland), a member of the BOV to the United States Naval Academy, introduced a bill which would return the ADSO to 5 years. This is a step in the right direction. However, the best solution would be to move the ADSO to four years. There are good reasons.

The language governing the service obligation is in Section 4348, Title X, USC. As we have indicated, it stipulates 5 years of active duty. Beginning with the cadets who enter with the Class of 1996, the obligation will be 6 years—what is not generally understood is the further stipulation that the Secretary of Defense may require additional service, up to the 8th anniversary of the date of commission. In effect, the actual service obligation is 8 years, some portion of which is active with the balance servable in the reserves.

ADSO DOES NOT DETERMINE RETENTION BEHAVIOR

GRAD YEARS	ADSO	VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION RATE 6 YRS	RETENTION RATE 6 YRS	RETENTION RATE 11 YRS
1953-1961	3	21.64%	74.85 %	65.62 %
1962-1967	4	25.95	71.45	56.28
1968-19--	5	27.82	69.45	49.54

- RETENTION IS INFLUENCED BY FACTORS IN THE ENVIRONMENT
  - -- EXPANDING OR CONTRACTING ARMY
  - -- EXTERNAL ISSUES (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL)
- USMA OFFICERS FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND CONTINUE TO SERVE AT RATE ABOVE DOPMA EXPECTATIONS

In this light, and at this time in our Nation's history a service obligation of 8 years, split between a minimum of 4 years active duty with the remaining years in the reserves is most appropriate (let's call this concept "four by four"). This approach enhances the attractiveness of the West Point option for promising young high school juniors (teenagers). We must remember, they have never been cadets, soldiers, or officers. It is unrealistic to expect them to fully commit to an arduous life they have never known. Their real commitment will come from the professional satisfaction they obtain from leading soldiers in a quality Army with an important mission.

The opportunity for graduates who leave active duty prior to the 8th year to serve with the reserves is supportive of the Total Army. It helps provide quality reserve leadership at a time when the Nation will be relying more heavily on the reserves for deterrent credibility and combat capability.

Finally, from a practical perspective, the "four by four" concept helps the Army manage its officer corps in consideration of grade and years of service criteria. For example, the promotion point to captain is at the 4th year of service (under the provisions of DOPMA and based on the Army's Objective Force). The "four by four" solution allows the Army to select the best lieutenants for promotion, while enabling those not selected to separate—having successfully satisfied their active duty obligation. Thus, from every perspective (i.e., the candidate, cadet, and officer; and the Army) this is the way we ought to go.

At its meeting on 20–21 July the BOV adopted a resolution calling for the "four by four" obligation. Shortly thereafter, Representative Greg Laughlin (R-Texas), a member of the BOV, introduced a bill which would amend Title X, USC to prescribe a four-year active obligation, with the opportunity for the Secretary of Defense to require additional reserve service up to the 8th anniversary of a graduate's commission.

In closing, the Academy cannot and should not turn out "careerists." It should graduate the highest quality young leaders of character who are motivated to serve their country with selfless devotion to duty. The Academy must *inspire* service. A statutory obligation only *requires* service. Therefore, in today's volunteer Army, which is experiencing enormous change, the ADSO extension is unnecessary and counterproductive. As West Point graduates tackle the tough and challenging problems associated with leading soldiers through the turbulent years ahead, we are sure they will remain in uniform in large and sufficient numbers. They always have.

Colonel Patrick A. Toffler
Director, Office of Institutional Research, USMA

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West Point Fund Committee Annual Report
1 April 1989—31 March 1990

The Fiscal Year 1990 fund-raising effort on behalf of the Military Academy produced total income of $6.63 million. The West Point Fund Committee reports a summary of all AOG Development activities in ASSEMBLY. In addition to the information provided here, the President's newsletters of June and September each contained an article about class giving. Also published in the September issue were articles about individual contributors and corporate and foundation grants.

The West Point Fund was established in 1961 to finance, with private contributions, projects and activities of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets. The AOG will only solicit funds to subsidize projects for which appropriated funds are not available or are unlikely to become available. As funding for a variety of programs has tightened, the importance of the West Point Fund in enhancing the quality of life for the Corps has increased. West Point Fund Committee members volunteer their time, business acumen, and fund-raising expertise to generate and manage contributions on behalf of the Military Academy. Members of the committee for 1 July 1990—30 June 1991 are listed herein. Significant details of the Annual Report are featured in the charts shown and the narrative that follows. A copy of the complete report will be provided upon request.

Chart I
Comparative Summary of Giving

	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
# of Gifts	11,302	11,577	11,134
# of Donors	9,655	8,922	8,876
Direct Contributions	$2,204,261	$3,326,229	$3,710,684
$ Unrestricted Gifts	$ 587,863	$ 748,390	$ 581,053
Unrestricted Gifts*	26%	22.5%	15.7%
Planned Gifts	$ 937,403	$2,013,689	$2,928,463
Class Gifts	$ 484,962	$ 562,459	$ 344,559
Graduate Participation	24.5%	21.6%	20.9%

*Unrestricted gifts as a % of direct contributions

Chart IV
Frequency of Contributions

	FY 89		FY 90	
	# Donors	$$	# Donors	$$
Under $50	2,923	$ 69,842	2,472	$ 55,932
50–999	5,458	$ 682,302	6,102	$ 816,964
1,000–24,000	530	$1,067,780	292	$ 794,603
25K+	11	$1,506,305	10	$2,043,185
Total	8,922	$3,326,229	8,876	$3,710,684

FY 90 was a record year for income to the West Point Fund. Total gifts from all sources and for all purposes were $6.63M compared to $5.34M in FY 89, an increase of 24%. There were significant increases in Planned Contributions. Direct Contributions for FY 90 were $3.71M compared to $3.33M in FY 89, an increase of 11%.

(1) A good portion of the Direct Contributions' difference can be attributed to the category of gifts $25,000 and over. These amount to $2.043M for FY 90; $1.506M for FY 89; and $.667M for FY 88. The largest of these gifts for FY 90 were from AT&T Foundation ($865,612); USAA ($500,000); John M. Olin Foundation, Inc. ($170,000); DUSA ($129,100); Dr. James C. Castle ($101,000); Class of 1960 ($79,710); MG (Ret) Robert A. Schow ($74,662); Mr. Robert M. Blaik ($65,000); Constitution Island Association ($33,100); and the 17th Airborne Division ($25,000).

(2) Direct Contributions of less than

Chart II
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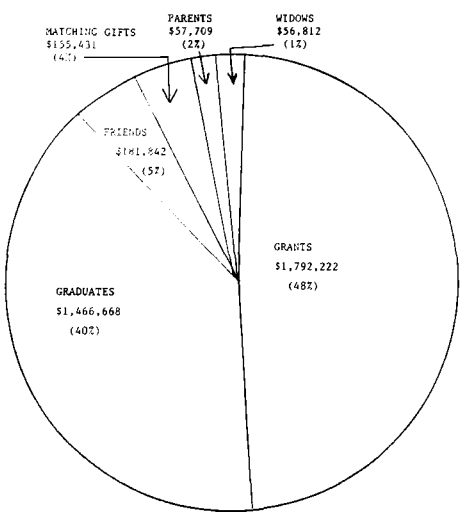

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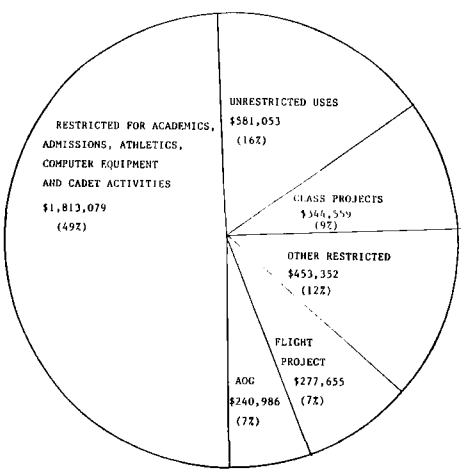

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$25,000 totalled $1.667M for FY 90, down 8.4% from FY 89, and the number of gifts totalled 11,109 for FY 90, down 3.9% from FY 89. Graduate participation was 20.9% in FY 90 compared to 21.6% in FY 89 and the average gift size (excluding gifts of $25,000 or more) was $150 in FY 90 compared to $158 in FY 89.

A number of factors contributed to these Direct Contributions' results for FY 90.

(1) Grant income was also at record level exceeding FY 89 results by $380,141. Procedures for the acceptance of grants are better known within the USMA staff, and the method of gaining Department of Army approval for acceptance of the grants is better defined.

(2) Donations to class gift accounts declined 39% to $345K from $562K in FY 89. This is the lowest amount donated to class gift accounts since FY 85. To some extent class giving may have been impacted by the Flight Project which raised $277,655 in FY 90.

(3) Donations for "unrestricted" use declined 22% to $581K from $748K in FY 89. The FY 89 results were high due to the Major Donor Plaque recognition accorded to gifts of $1,000 given during that period.

The donor recognition items were again limited to unrestricted gifts in FY 90. This was done to stress the need for unrestricted gifts. The dollar amounts required for the donor recognition items remained at the FY 89 levels: $50 for the calendar, $200 for a Cross stainless steel pen & pencil set, and $500 for a Cross gold-filled lapel pin. The value of these recognition items was provided to the donors along with a statement of IRS policy concerning charitable contributions. The actual value of the contribution that can be claimed is the net of the amount given minus the value of the item received.

Planned Giving income was at record level exceeding FY 89 results by $.915M. The AMICUS, estate planning newsletter, has been distributed for over 10 years and now goes to over 5,000 alumni quarterly. The impact of this pamphlet is reflected in the Planned Giving results. FY 90 brought in $2,928,463 from 25 gifts. Realized bequests amounted to $1,471,225. The total value of gifts to irrevocable trusts received during FY 90 was $1,457,238 from 13 separate life income plans. The Charitable Gift Annuity continues to be the most popular instrument. A gift annuity is a combination of a gift and an investment. In exchange for a transfer of cash or marketable securities, the AOG guarantees paying a specified annuity to the donor and another beneficiary. Since its introduction in 1983, Gift Annuities have been established with a total value of $874,234.

Table 1 summarizes FY 90 Class Giving. These figures show the relative role of each class in promoting the margin of excellence desired at West Point. There were 6,498 donors (20.9% of all graduates) who contributed $1,466,668. Of this amount, $344,559 went to Class Gift Accounts. Graduate participation in the annual campaign is at its lowest level since FY 85. The graph below illustrates the trend of graduate giving. Despite declining participation, West Point excels over other specialized public institutions whose average alumni participation is 19.8%.

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

Table 1
FY 1990 Class Giving

Class	# of Donors	Total Amount of Donations	% of Participation	Account Balance
1912–1923	67	$ 88,216.30	54%	$ 25,631.50
1924	28	23,530.00	52%	7,966.21
1925	13	2,087.50	39%	*
1926	12	700.00	38%	238.98
1927	26	8,199.50	48%	64,450.85
1928	28	10,367.00	39%	1,618.58
1929	29	15,880.00	43%	3,236.34
1930	37	6,941.00	51%	40,813.37
1931	47	7,337.00	43%	75,701.47
1932	46	7,255.00	50%	27,135.03
1933	58	12,906.00	42%	9,259.10
1934	47	5,340.00	44%	21,071.69
1935	47	5,635.00	35%	*
1936	63	13,725.00	40%	15,697.74
1937	78	18,120.43	53%	64,387.88
1938	82	17,625.00	51%	68,592.84
1939	136	18,140.00	46%	25,385.82
1940	159	28,121.00	58%	53,043.09
1941	82	8,681.00	33%	62,186.31
1942	132	38,927.00	56%	120,092.74
Jan 1943	161	53,268.00	63%	58,348.88
Jun 1943	96	38,286.00	30%	22,969.92
1944	118	31,504.00	37%	26,723.34
1945	165	34,070.00	25%	9,011.11
1946	207	50,236.56	31%	18,498.03
1947	69	21,346.68	28%	29,392.08
1948	69	19,903.41	28%	65,720.57
1949	197	56,436.00	44%	47,984.62
1950	139	22,751.00	26%	32,007.51
1951	85	30,300.00	22%	647,842.88
1952	109	96,262.00	26%	32,453.99
1953	83	15,954.00	20%	158,995.33
1954	104	18,488.00	20%	21,325.73
1955	124	37,090.00	31%	152,645.87
1956	89	25,366.37	22%	30,474.48
1957	97	12,229.00	22%	21,860.99
1958	94	113,777.00	19%	108,042.18
1959	76	12,125.00	18%	20,534.76
1960	107	92,763.01	23%	31,573.72
1961	62	4,046.00	15%	3,486.52
1962	85	12,570.00	17%	6,924.30
1963	59	8,261.95	14%	3,178.05
1964	170	43,206.75	35%	269,709.63
1965	91	13,670.00	18%	6,688.72
1966	96	32,405.00	20%	104,922.17
1967	107	32,764.31	22%	25,260.08
1968	104	11,410.00	18%	2,569.53
1969	136	25,896.38	20%	24,085.12
1970	238	23,825.00	36%	83,455.69
1971	119	18,058.75	18%	31,712.45
1972	141	11,868.06	19%	22,805.29
1973	113	5,879.13	14%	4,903.33
1974	104	9,632.99	15%	23,607.38
1975	106	6,535.00	16%	6,494.81
1976	121	10,969.00	17%	7,580.19
1977	104	8,472.00	17%	7,301.16
1978	99	5,270.00	12%	4,191.20
1979	91	4,389.78	11%	6,944.87
1980	120	6,593.95	16%	1,347.68
1981	127	8,066.81	16%	18,303.73
1982	117	5,918.00	15%	1,047.53
1983	110	5,238.00	15%	14.42
1984	118	10,121.00	15%	907.33
1985	112	6,625.00	13%	1,727.35
1986	85	4,090.00	10%	2,403.53
1987	80	3,195.00	9%	2,389.51
1988	43	2,025.00	5%	5,825.08
1989	34	5,775.00	3%	
Total	6498	$1,466,668.00	20.9%	$2,902,702.18

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Association of Graduates
West Point, New York 10996

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Giving—With Class

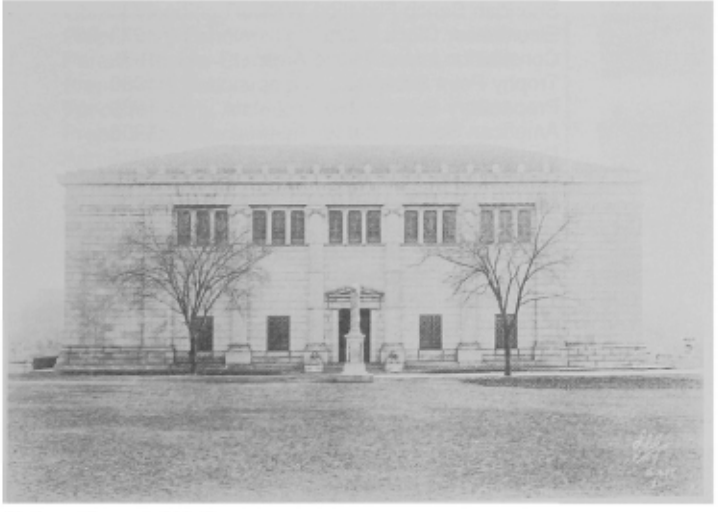
by Joan S. Grey

Take a moment to read this, if you . . .

- proudly wear your West Point class ring.
- read your class notes first in the ASSEMBLY.
- believe the Military Academy is a national resource.
- want to ensure today's cadets enjoy the opportunities you experienced as a cadet.
- welcome a chance to "give back" to your alma mater.
- agree that West Pointers make a difference in the leadership of the nation.

If you recognize yourself in any of the statements above, continue reading.

The motto of the United States Military Academy—DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY—sums up what West Point's heritage is all about. Graduates, who embrace this motto, embody that heritage. West Point looks first to its alumni for support to carry out its educational mission and ensure the continuation of the Military Academy.



Cullum Memorial Hall

Generals Davison, Olmsted, and Scott at the presentation of Olmsted Hall

Background

Major General George Cullum (USMA 1833) bequeathed $300,000 to the Military Academy in 1892—a most remarkable example of alumni support in West Point's first century. His generosity sprang from a deep affection for and pride in the institution. Cullum Hall was his gift to the officers and cadets of the Military Academy.

Major General George Olmsted (USMA 1922) matched General Cullum's magnanimity in West Point's second century. His gift of almost $2 million in the late '70's helped to cover specialized museum construction costs. Olmsted Hall at South Post, home of the new West Point Museum, was General Olmsted's gift to West Point.

While these are exceptional examples of generosity, alumni and friends have given West Point millions of dollars over the years. However, there are still many citizens, including some graduates, who believe that West Point is fully supported by federal money. Congress does, in fact, provide a substantial sum to meet the capital and operating expenses of the Academy. With appropriated dollars, cadets receive a baseline education and military training, but the Military Academy owes its reputation as a quality institution of higher education to the private support of alumni, friends, parents, corporations, and foundations. The government provides the essentials; others bridge the gap from adequacy to excellence.

Foreground

The United States Military Academy is preparing for its third century of service to the Army and to the nation. In 12 years, West Point will celebrate its bicentennial. The superintendent and his staff recently completed a planning study which examined and outlined the leadership needs of the Army of the 21st century. He articulated his strategic plan in "2002—and Beyond: A Road Map To Our Third Century." A different study, "West Point 2002" plans for the long-term physical development of the academy. An ambitious agenda of projects and programs resulted from this examination. Many of the projects identified in this master plan are most appropriately funded through private sources.

The current world political situation has placed the Pentagon under pressure to reduce defense spending. West Point must compete for shrinking assets just as other Army entities. While the future is uncertain, officials at the Military Academy anticipate a shortfall of appropriated funds. The Association of Graduates is positioning itself to generate increased private funds, as needed.

The Association of Graduates (AOG) is a private, non-profit organization chartered to further the ideals and promote the welfare of the Military Academy. The AOG enjoys federal tax-exempt status as a charitable organization in accordance with Internal Revenue code 501(c)(3). Serving as a conduit for private contributions to West Point, the AOG helps to provide the margin of excellence for Military Academy programs.

Concept

The AOG has developed a plan to institute various fund-raising programs over the next five years. The first phase calls for formalizing a class reunion giving program. This alternative was selected to capitalize on the dual affinity of graduates for West Point and for their classes. Class committees can provide the governance for negotiating the details of a gift and implementing a fund-raising plan.

A strong precedent exists for making

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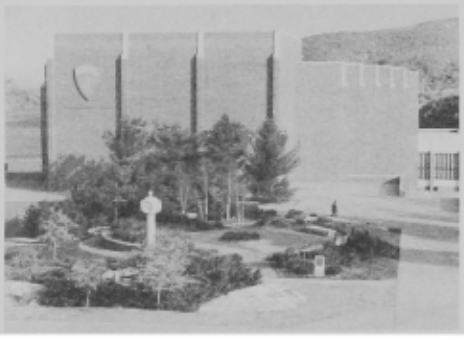
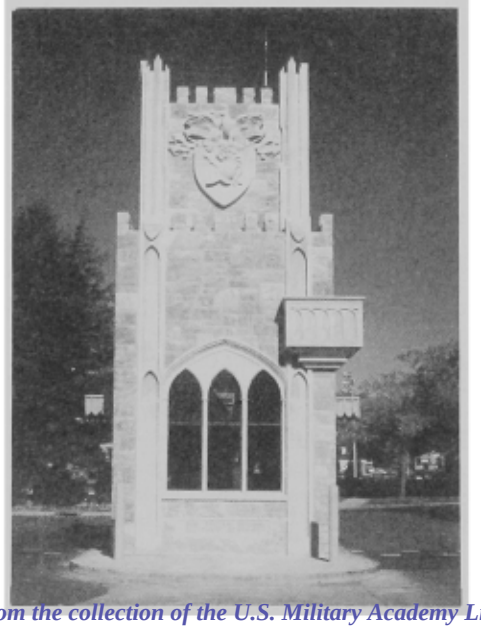


Class Gifts to West Point

Class	Gifts	Year Donated
1912	Library Seminar Room	1964
1915	Library Water Fountain	1965
1916	Paintings	1969
	Renault Tank	1976
1919	Chapel Obelisk	1970
1920	Military Art Paintings	1965–70
1921/22	Terrain Map	1971
1923	Library Book Restoration	1973
1924	Chapel Room	1974
1925	Geo Physical Globes	1965–75
1926	Pershing Room Furnishings	1976
1927	Memory Books	1977
	CHAPEL BOOK Publication	1987
	Stained Glass Window Repair	1988
1928	Donation to West Point Fund	1983
1929	Eisenhower Hall Art Gallery	1976
	Donations to Cadets Fine Arts Forum	1981
1930	Pre World War I Cadet Room	1980
1931	Thayer Award Room	1981
1932	Skeet Range	1962
	Armstrong Cannon	1982
	Museum Guide	1987
1933	Sheridan Bench-Flirtation Walk	1933
	Eisenhower Clock Plaza	1973–83
1934	Constitution Island Picnic Area	1972
	Trophy Point Benches	1980
	Preparatory Scholarship	1989
1935/36	American Soldier Statue	1980
1935	Donation to West Point Fund	1985
1936	Chapel Water Fountain	1966
	Preparatory Scholarship	1986
1937	Regimental Room	1977/82
	Captain Colin Kelly Bust	1987
1938	Trophy Point Overlook	1978/88
1939	Tower Suite Cadet Room	1979
	Medal of Honor Plaques	1989
1940	Clinton Parapet Restoration	1980
	Illustrated West Point History	—



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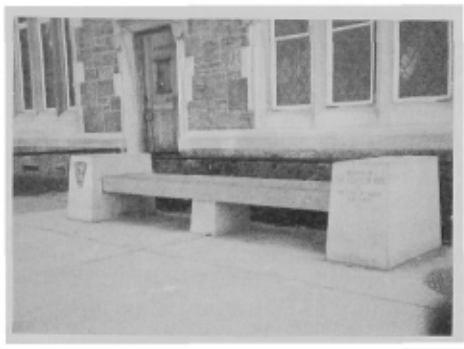
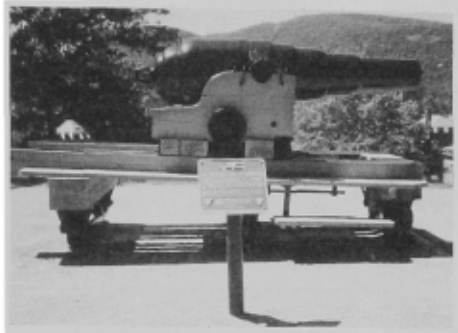
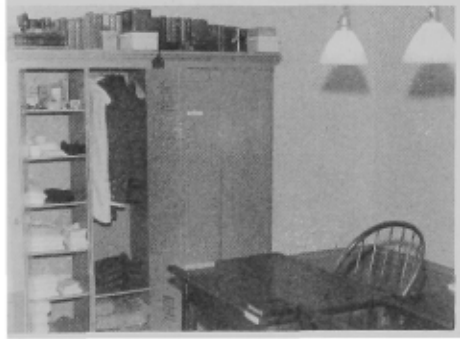
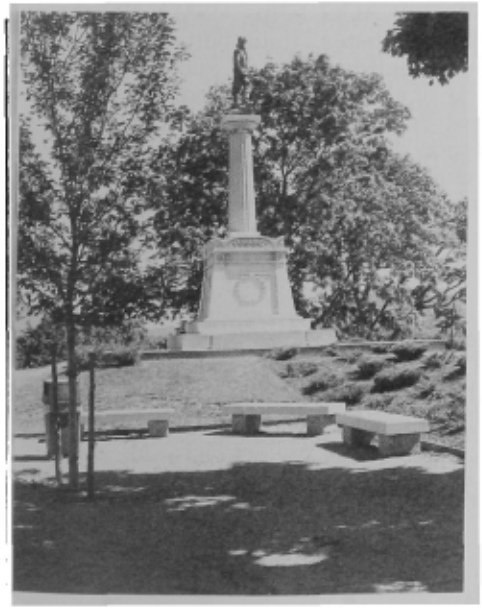


Class	Gifts	Year Donated
1941	Nininger Hall Terrace	1981
	Kelleher/Jobes Arch	1989
1942	Eisenhower Hall Terrace	1979/85
Jan'43	Trophy Point Fountain	1973
	Constitution Park	—
Jun '43	Howze Field Foundation	1973
	Thayer Gate	1988
1944	Stained Class Windows-Cadet Mess	1974
	Donation to West Point Fund	1984
	Preparatory Scholarship	—
1945	Adornment of Eisenhower Hall	1980
1946	Cadet Chapel Foundation	1971
	River Picnic Area	1983
1947	Refurbishment of Railroad Station	1974
1948	Victor Constant Ski Lodge	1973/88
1949	49er Lodge	1975/89
1950	Restoration of Thayer Collection	1975/81
1951	Endowment of Lecture Series	1980
	'51 Vintage Cadet Room	1985
	Preparatory Scholarship	1986
1952	Cannons for Ft. Putnam	1977
	Astronaut Portrait	1987
1953	Library Reading Room	1983
	Preparatory Scholarship	1989
1954	Parade Review Stand	1986
	Preparatory Scholarship	—
1955	Funds for Army Athletics	1985
	Preparatory Scholarship	—
1956	Admissions Lounge	1985
1957	Cemetery Fountain	1967
	Central Gym Hallway	1988
1959	Preparatory Scholarship	1989
1960–69	Southeast Asia Memorial	1980
1960	1965 Cadet Room	1985
1962	Arvin Gymnasium Exercise Center	—
1965	Flirtation Walk Archway	—
1978	Grant Hall Bench	1981
1980	Flirtation Walk Bench	1981
1981	Restoration of Cadet Mess Portraits	1981







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class gifts. Most classes from 1912 through 1969 have presented gifts to West Point. Several classes in the '70's and '80's have also given gifts. Other USMA classes are also planning significant fund-raising campaigns and are already accepting contributions for projects.

Graduates are in the best position to recognize the value of the Military Academy's training and education. Class gifts testify to this belief. The shared experiences of West Point inspire a commitment to ensure that successive classes can enjoy the same superb education. The class gift provides a vehicle for supporting the Academy.

In designing the class giving program, the AOG considered the superintendent's desire to channel class gifts into a direction most beneficial to the Academy. Whereas past class gifts were initiated by the class, the president of the Association of Graduates has charged the Development office with contacting classes about future gifts. By approaching classes, the AOG hopes to work with them on gifts which satisfy a requirement in the master plan and fulfill their desires to keep the Academy great.

Graduates who have the desire but not the resources to make gifts as significant as Olmsted's and Cullum's can participate in their class' gift. By combining individual contributions towards a class gift, donations can be used to sponsor needed programs and projects for the academy. With its gift, a class can have a lasting impact on West Point. West Point benefits and the class is honored in perpetuity through its gift. Monuments and facilities presented by classes dot the Academy landscape. Book collections and lecture series enhance the curriculum. To a large extent, class legacy is shaped by the class gift to West Point.

Parameters

With the Reunion Giving Program, the AOG will help match a class' ambitions and desires with one of the Military Academy's unfunded needs. The director of AOG Reunion Giving will contact class presidents several years before targeted reunion dates to determine whether a class is interested in making a gift or if the class has already begun planning for a gift.

Since a class gift is voluntary, the class committee controls the extent of its participation in this program. With a lengthy planning cycle, the class can set a challenging fund-raising goal and has time to learn about and organize for fund raising. Early donations painlessly accrue a substantial amount of interest over the years.

As part of the program, the Reunion Giving officer will ask that each class consider making four gifts. Historical experience with past class gifts suggests that these giving levels are reasonable. The proposed reunions are those when classes traditionally have considered making gifts to West Point. The 50th reunion is viewed as a watershed event after which classes can make a planned gift through trusts, if desired.

Process

The description that follows and accompanying chart detail how responsibilities for the class gift process are distributed among the Military Academy, the AOG, and the class. The superintendent and his staff ascertain which requirements will not be federally funded, obtain approval to raise private funds for specific projects, and Department of the Army assurance of acceptance when fund raising is complete. The superintendent's advancement officer provides details on these projects to the Association of Graduates. The AOG then approves the requirement for fund raising and determines the appropriate audience for each objective.

Next, the Reunion Giving director tailors a proposal for presentation to class officers when they express interest in the program. The proposal will contain a number of projects for the class to consider. When presenting the gift alternatives to a class, consideration is given to factors such as past gifts of the class, previous gifts given by like-reunion year classes, age of the class, scope of the projects, and the amount of time allowed to raise money.

The superintendent must approve a design concept for the class' gift selection. Upon receiving permission to proceed, the Reunion Giving director will help the class fund raiser develop a marketing plan for raising the money. At the completion of a class project, the superintendent accepts the gift on behalf of West Point or recommends its acceptance to the Secretary of the Army.

Conclusion

Private support provides an increment of quality which helps the Military Academy maintain its unique standing. The margin of excellence which results from gifts to the AOG helps USMA attract better candidates, train better cadets, produce better officers, and provide leaders of character for the nation.

West Point is at a juncture where its existence depends increasingly on the assistance and funds of its supporters. Alumni can make a difference with their class gifts.

If you attribute your success in life to hard work and your West Point education and you want to ensure the continued excellence of the Military Academy, the Class Gift Program offers a way for you to help.

Class presidents who want to jump start their class project can call the AOG's director of Reunion Giving at 1-800-232-GRAD.

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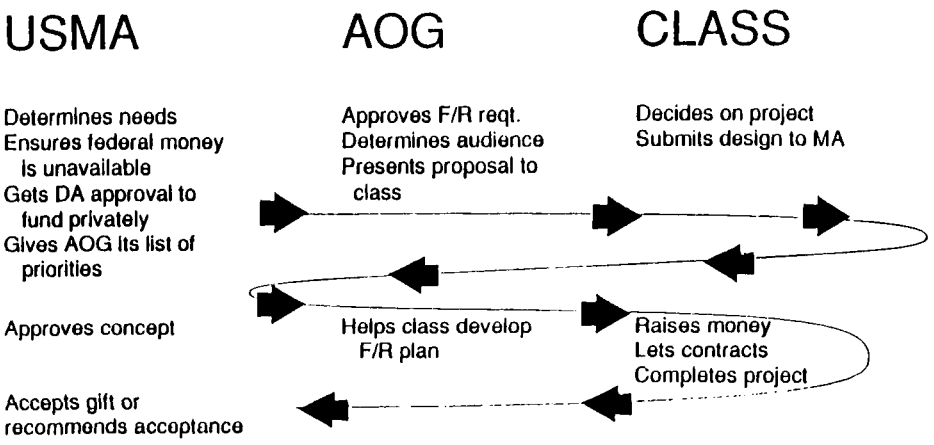

Reunion Giving
Gift Suggestions

Reunion	Gift Amount ($ thousands)
10th	$25-35
25th	$200-250
40th	$500-600
50th	$750-1,000

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Report from the Classes

'15

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Helen Atkins still enjoys her apt in the former Army Distaff Hall, now known as Knollwood. A grandson of our **Douglas Lafayette Weart**, CPT Jeffrey M Weart '80, was one of the first 4 officers to receive a graduate degree from WP. They received their degrees at graduation ceremonies for the Class of '90 on 31 May. The graduate program is known as "The **Dwight David Eisenhower** Program of Graduate Studies in Leader Development." Jeff also appeared on the "Today Show" on 4 Jul in a section on the arrival of the new Class of '94.

Alice Mason has been in the hosp or conv home since 1 Apr. As of 17 Jul, she expected to return to her home in a few days. **Lucy Fox** is well and still in the conv hosp in Menlo Pk, CA. **Marguerite Gilkeson** took a trip to CT and PA recently. She sent best wishes to '15.

Jean & Richard S Morrison '39 sent greetings to '15 on 13 Jun from Vienna. They had just spent a wk along the Rhine, had been to Innsbruck and in the Alps, where the snow was very deep, and were about to go to Budapest and then to *The Passion Play*. Jean is a daughter of our **John S MacTaggart**. Your scribe visited many of those places, including *The Passion Play* in 22, when he was on duty in both occupations of Germany in 21–23 and in 46–48.

"**Kitty**" **Bradley** is still enjoying a very busy life. She awards many scholarships. She recently visited northern CA. **Mary Welby Cochran** sent her best wishes to '15. She is still at the Healthcare Ctr in Buena Vista, VA, from which she can see the Blue Ridge Mts about a mile away. Her "only real complaint is old age."

Bruce Eloise Lorch attended a very enjoyable family reunion in Carrollton, KY on 28–29 Jun. Elizabeth & August Yearing wrote from Cape Cod, MA on 22 Jul. They had been with the Morrissons before and after the latters' trip to Europe. They had also been with Sue & Bill Davis '50, who had honored your scribe by attending his 100th birthday party on 12 Mar. Elizabeth Yearing is a daughter of our **Edward E Hyde**. Bill Davis is a son of our **John F Davis**.

Satchie Naiden plays bridge 3 times a wk and takes her 12 children—daughter, grandchildren, and great grandson out for lunch on Tuesdays. The husbands go to the Rotary Club. She sent best wishes to '15.

'16

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Aug '17

Jun '18

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Had a ltr from the chap who was in room 1241 of the very old, Old South Barracks while I was in 1242. That was in 1915. He reports getting along with his 92 years and 8 great-grandchildren. He had an Abn div with which he secured the bridgehead at Wesel on the Rhine. His name: Bud Miley.

Betty & Mike Grenata had a fine summer. Spent 4 days at Nantucket. They recently returned from a great boat trip from San Frisco to AK. Stopped at Vancouver, Sitka (the old Russian capital) and at Victoria on their return to Frisco. They saw many glaciers in Glacier Bay, now a natl park. The gardens at Vancouver were great.

Ev Blanchard went over to England to be with her daughter, Pumkin, but is now in a private nursing home.

Nov '18

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With only two mos between deadlines for your scribe to send news to WP for *ASSEMBLY*, it is obvious that, with our rapidly declining numbers, there will be less and less to report. But we will continue to stay the course as long as the Lord gives me the strength to do so.

With great sadness I must report the death of another classmate, **Charlie Morrison**, on 20 Jun. Not many mos ago I talked to Charlie on the phone and all seemed to be quite well, and he & **Viola** were enjoying life. Some of you might remember that they attended the 65th Reunion and had just been married. As soon as I learned about Charlie, I called Viola and expressed condolences from the Class. He was cremated and will be returned to WP for burial at a later date. This reduces the number of our living classmates to 14.

Some of you might recall that **Don & Claudia Horsey** also attended our 65th. Both **Wannie** and **Bryan** recently received ltrs from Claudia, which they have forwarded to me. Shortly after our Class entered the Point in 16, Don had physical difficulties which caused him to resign. He had a distinguished career in civ life and died on 24 May 89. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Dover, PA.

Now for some cheerful items. In a telcon with **Art Pulsifer** on 17 Jun, he was upbeat about being invited to the Point where all living holders of the "A" in sports will be honored. I do not have the date but Art is hoping to be able to attend, and all of us are proud of him. And from that other faithful and tough classmate, **Chief Brimmer**, a ltr a few days ago assuring us that he is just as ornery as ever and his ailments seem better. Chief types better than I do. Maybe we should make him the Class scribe.

From here in San Ant, **Lella Dunkelberg** is recovering well from her cataract oper. **Carolyn Christiansen**'s daughter, Lindsay, who lives in FL, visited her mother for several days recently. AF Vil No 1 is about 25 mi from my home in Windcrest. Carolyn and I talk frequently on the phone but I had not seen her for

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many mos, so it was a great pleasure to be her guest at a luncheon while Lindsay was here. Also attending the luncheon was Carolyn's stepson Jim & Martha, who now live in New Braunfels, TX, which is near here.

My next due date for notes to the Point is 15 Oct. How about it, guys and dolls? It would be great just to receive a line or two. What would be better would be a telephone call.

'19

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With these notes I begin my second yr as your scribe. I have endeavored to keep in touch with classmates and to answer some of your "whatever happened to" questions. I continue the latter effort by dedicating this issue's notes to '19 widows from whom we have heard little in the recent past.

I spoke with **Clarkie (Winifred G) Skelton** in Columbus, GA. She is in fairly good health and still lives in the house she shared with **Skelly** before his death in 76. She has one daughter, Joan Skelton, who lives in Asheville, NC. **Loraine (Rollin F) Risen** also continues to live in the home she shared with **Rollin** during their 5 and ½ yrs together in Louisville, KY. She was enjoying a wkend visit from her son, William Miller from Chicago, when we spoke in Aug.

Kathryn (Lester F) Rhodes has lived in a condominium in Rohnert Pk, CA since 75 and loves the area. She enjoys driving through the nearby wine country, though she walks for exercise and maintains good health.

Rosalee (Frederick B) Porter is still going strong. She lives in CO Springs near her son Frederick B Porter Jr '44. She creates, shows (and sells) pastel drawings. She also plays mah-jongg twice a wk as she has done since 22!

Erma (Edwin R) Samsey keeps "perking along." Although arthritis confines her to a wheelchair, it can't dampen her enthusiasm or greatly curtail her activities. She enjoys a close relationship with her 9 grandchildren and 7 greats and was recently honored to take part in a grandson's wedding by taking the gift to the altar. Her desire to keep up with the world is more difficult now that failing eyesight precludes reading. She listens to radio, TV, tapes and "talking books," and manages to keep herself well informed. She would love to hear from old friends who read these notes.

Mary (Arthur L) Moore leads a quiet life in Walla Walla, WA near her daughter Anne Golden. She enjoys two grandchildren who also live there. **Edna (William R) McMaster** moved from San Fran to be near her son William H McMaster '46 at Livermore, CA, after suffering a knee injury which is now completely healed. Her overall health is fine and she moves around easily. She will celebrate her 94th birthday in Nov.

Doris (Edwin J) McAllister is residing in a convalescent home at this writing, because of a fractured hip which is steadily improving. She expects to return home eventually to her dog and rose garden. **Pearl (Martin) Loeb** is very active and enjoys life. She lives in a bldg for sr citizens and participates in all their activities, creating some of them herself. Continuing her interest in the theater, she writes script and music and directs playlets. These are produced for and with other residents. She also enjoys trips to Lake George and the Saratoga Performing Arts Ctr. She welcomes news about WP and the Class of '19.

Effe May (William L) Isaacs lives in Tucson in her own home with a nurse-companion. Even though physically well, she is subject to memory lapses—aren't we all? We do remember to send our best wishes. **Inez (Leslie E) Jacoby** enjoys life, esp visiting friends and family both locally in Atl and farther abroad in NY and Wash. During her last visit to Alexandria in early summer, she, her son John and daughter-in-law Ann enjoyed the company of her long-time friend Ada Collins, widow of BG Samuel P Collins '26, and his classmate Gen Leon Johnson at luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club. She expects to visit John & Ann again in Oct.

Gladys (Louis B) Ely continues an active interest in bird watching and nature photography. Last summer she pursued both hobbies at two sr hostels in WY, one in her hometown of Sheridan. She shares her interests and talent by showing her slides at ret ctrs and mtgs of the local chapter of the Audubon Soc of which she is an active mbr.

Landon Daniel remained the Class bachelor until 1976 when he married **Anne**, whom he had known for 13 yrs. They enjoyed 10 happy yrs together until he died in 86. Anne stayed on in the same neighborhood in Nashville. She now lives quietly but enjoys mil news.

Verlie (Archie W) Cooey could brag about perfect health until this summer when some problems cropped up. She says she is "87 and counting." Moving from San Ant to IA to be near her son, she bought a small house with a small garden which she loves. Her flowers and vegetables are showpieces. **Connie (William W) Barton** was an avid mbr of the American Morgan Horse Assoc, attending shows and entering her horses both in IL and MA until a few yrs ago, when ill health curtailed her activities. She still lives with assistance on the farm she loves, enjoying her horses and the abundant wildlife there.

Helene (Joseph T) Morris lives in her own home assisted by a live-in companion. Her son COL Harry B Morris, USAF (Ret) lives on adjacent property in Fairborn, OH. Her grandson Joseph (Harry's son), who was named for his grandfather, carried on the family tradition of an AF career and he recently ret. Class of '19's grandchildren retiring? Makes one pause to consider the passage of time, doesn't it?

Until two yrs ago **Anne (Thomas M) Crawford** was very active in Girl Scouting for over 50 yrs. In fact, she received the rare Juliette Low Medal for 50 yrs as a Girl Scout leader. Beginning as a young mil wife she founded troops wherever she & **Tom** were stationed. Even at the Embassy in Holland she organized a truly intl Girl Scout troop. After settling in Phoenix she had Brownie troops for over 20 yrs. Now that she is unable to continue as an active participant, she can be justifiably proud of her enriching contributions to the lives of a multitude of young girls.

'20

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With great sadness I report that **Nena (Augusta Maria del Carmen Tompkins) Singer** died of a stroke in her & **Dick**'s home in San Ant. She was buried in the Natl Cemetery, Ft Sam Houston, TX. Her lovely mother died when Nena was very young. Her father, COL Tommy Tompkins, a legend in his time, rose from the ranks to cmd the illustrious 7th ("Garry Owen") Cavalry of the Old West's Indian Wars and Pancho-Villa-chasing times. I'll never forget the first time I saw him. It was on the Camp Bullis, TX arty firing range. I had just positioned my btry of French 75's ready to fire when this superb horseman burst out from the scrub mesquite across the front of my guns in a measured gallop on a spirited black stallion, mane and tail flying along with the rider's parted beard—a sight for Frederic Remington to capture for posterity on canvas and in bronze. He was merely making his daily round of the 40-mi perimeter of his bailiwick. Nena & Dick always attended our reunions and we missed them at our 70th. We remember Nena as gracious and spirited like her father. Besides Dick, surviving are son Dick (Tommy), one grandson, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

The **Garvins** moved into a ret home in Atl. Both checked into the hosp on return from our 70th—**Ollie** to recover from her fractured hip and **Crump** with severe stomach pain. Ollie is now home and is about to change from a walker to a cane. Crump is in the nursing care section of the ret home with gastro-intestinal cancer; the surgeon will not operate because of his age and weakened condi-

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tion. He gets up to walk the halls and is in fair spirits.

Anne Holle suffered 3rd degree burns on her right hand and 2nd degree on left arm and chest in an accident 27 Jun while making fudge for a family gathering. She had lost consciousness with her hand in the hot fudge and regained it when the timer buzzed. She underwent painful plastic surgery at Walter Reed but the fingers of the right hand could not be saved—the little finger was amputated entirely and the other 3 up to the 2nd joint. The bandages were removed 8 Aug for painful 3-hr therapy and rebandaged. This will be repeated daily for wks. A real Trojan, Anne is encouraged by many calls, cards and visits.

Isabel Romain had a bad fall mid-Jun at her home in DC's Knollwood and broke several ribs. Surgery at Walter Reed secured one with a pin. With constant therapy she expects to return home mid-Aug. She is in good spirits.

Sid Hinds was hospitalized 21 May with dizzy spells, perhaps from a slight stroke yrs ago and from approaching Parkinson's disease. He is now in the Health Care Ctr of the Army Ret Home in San Ant. **Gina** says he feels well, has a good appetite and sense of humor.

Annie Moore (WS) still comes to her office daily for a few hrs, though she's 91 and getting around in a wheelchair with nurses.

1920: Bill Coe

Bill Coe says the first 90 yrs are the hardest.

Kay Burns showed off her apt at the Fairfax (new Army Ret Home near Ft Belvoir) 21 Jun to **Anne Farrell** Moore (also at the Fairfax), **Selby Stratton** and **Anne Holle**. Kay wkended 4 Jul at the Pocono Lake Preserve, PA with son Navy CPT Bill Withers USNA '58 (Ret), wife Sally and 3 of their 4 children.

Rosamond Kiefer continues winning at sharp bridge competition at Hilton Head Isl, SC. Another great bridge player is **Janet Claterbos** at Knollwood. She plays 7 nights/wk, though she's 93 and pushing a wheelchair to steady her gait.

See nearby pic of some of **Rachel Herrick**'s family with daughter Joan & Dr Glenn Severin and family seated behind her. Grandson MAJ Scott Sever-

1920: Anne Farrell Moore, Selby Stratton, Anne Holle and Kay Burns

1920: Rosamond Kiefer

1920: Some of Rachel Herrick's family

n (USAF Veterinarian), wife and daughter are standing at left (they are on duty in Denmark for 3 yrs now). **Park** died in 78 and their son USAF MAJ Park Jr '47 was killed in an air accident in 54. Remaining besides Rachel are daughter Joan & spouse, 8 grandchildren and spouses and 6 great-grandchildren.

Evelyn Trimble (RS) continues living at her home with part-time help. **Russ Eastman**'s daughter, Cynthia Bothwell, says Russ has lost considerable weight in the last few yrs.

Carl Engelhart says **Margo** is still suffering back pain from her fractured pelvis since last Feb. They sorely missed our 70th—"I can't express how good the autographed card from WP made us feel," said Carl. Soon after, "an alien bug hit us both. We were beginning to consider survival when my daughter & husband came south for my 90th birthday. They nearly finished us off. . . saw my cardiologist two days later. He informed me I had officially become an *Old Man*. I have been suspecting that for some time."

George & Marguerite Rehm and son COL Tom '52 (Ret) with wife Mary spent their usual annual wkend in Jun playing golf at Myrtle Beach, SC. Marguerite enjoyed watching crowds at dinners.

1920: 70th Reunion: Samouce at left

Rosalie Doolittle wrote 3 Aug: "Last Christmas I had the terrible flu and almost didn't make it—in hosp 8 wks. . . . I cannot drive but my church is near and I still work on the Biblical garden I planted there yrs ago. . . . Last mo I went to Santa Fe for a district rose convention and received from the pres a citation for over 40 yrs' service." She deserves much much more for her perseverance over the yrs, with her weekly radio talks and advice to all who ask on "how to make the desert bloom." Her garden book is gospel in Albuquerque, the States of NM, AZ and others which have greatly benefited.

'21-'22

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Another member of the Class joined the 90 Club. On 1 Aug **Carroll Sullivan** celebrated his 90th birthday. Congratulations Sully, and here's wishing you many more.

I received a ltr from Mrs Geoffrey, daughter of **Alexa Miller**, stating that Alexa died in Mar 89. We are sorry to receive this sad news, and on behalf of the Class I extend to the Miller family our sincere sympathy.

More sad news. **Connie Marcus** died after a long battle with diabetes and congestive heart failure. This is sad news and on behalf of the Class I extend to Sully and his family our sincere sympathy.

Last 25 Jul, 25 members of the **Milo Cary** family gathered to celebrate Milo's grandson's birthday surprise party. Milo had a brief bout with pneumonia last Jun that sent him to the hosp for a wk. So they not only celebrated a birthday but also being with Milo, who was looking and feeling much better.

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Sully Sullivan wrote me that he read **PD Lynch**'s book, *Early Bird*, and he found it interesting, informative and easy to read. He wrote: "When I reached the last pg I felt as though Ed & I had just spent a couple of hrs on my porch reminiscing. He had quite an effective career crowded with achievements. Obviously Ed would have been a success in any profession or business he chose to follow." I agree with Sully, and I think that PD must have maintained a diary in order to compile that info both as a cadet and officer. It's a great book and I enjoyed reading it.

Harold Conway presented a copy of Lynch's book, *Early Bird*, to the Army-Navy Town Club in DC in PD's honor. The club mgr, a former AF off, said he would read the book before turning it over to the library. (Harold also gave **George Olmsted**'s book of his life to the club some time previously.)

Harold wrote me that in 89 he was elected Knight of the Golden Circle (oldtimers who have completed 50 yrs membership). At that time both **Leedy** and **Rumaggi** were members. Names are displayed on brass plates as part of a wall plaque on the club wall. Harold will join the 90 Club on 7 Nov. Harold's wife **Margarita** does most of the driving these days. She was his second cmding off's daughter—COL Frank E Harris, Class 1892, Ft Amador, Canal Zone, 1924.

The card I sent to **Freddie Hein** was returned with a note on it that the forwarding time had expired. Evidently, Freddie moved. If anyone has any info about him, please write me.

Another move. **Wes Yale** is going to leave Pebble Bch and move to Tucson, AZ. He has lived at Pebble Bch since 59. He wants a change of climate.

PD Lynch wrote me about his visit with **Bob & Janet Taylor**. Bob is not easy on his feet and uses two canes to get around. His hearing and vision are not very good, but no other health problems. Janet is holding her own as to health. Their normal pattern is that Bob goes to Janet's apt about 4 pm and they visit until dinner time. Bob eats in his extended care dining room. They are quite comfortable.

PD Lynch's book, *Early Bird*, was delivered to the bindery on 2 Jul, and he had autographed 350 pre-publication orders. He has received numerous comments and phone calls about the book, and all were favorable. The pre-publication orders were solicited from grads who had learned to fly and who had made a career in the Air Corps. Henceforth, he will rely on the various reviews underway. Review copies have been sent to all service publications including *ASSEMBLY*. (See review this issue.)

PD's wife **Peggy** was the prog chm for the summer conf of the Poetry Soc of TX, held at the Baylor campus 19–21 Jul. There were more than 100 in attendance.

The **Lynches** went to Athens, GA to attend a granddaughter's wedding, and spent a wk there. The wedding was on 11 Aug.

1921–22: Ham Meyer

Ham Meyer did not want to remain in CA after the loss of his wife **Katherine**. He wanted to return to the playground of his youth, to return to the mtns and get away from the frantic existence of keeping up with—something. For several yrs his family lived in Delta, CO, a small agricultural town on the western slope, a part of the Four Corners area. It meets his present desires more than any other area in the 48 states. Ham has a house, full-time housekeeper, a part-time gardener (flowers and vegetables), a part-time chauffeur who is also a handyman and fishing expert, 3 apricot and 3 apple trees, a 360-degree view of the mtns, and a dachshund named Lily (Ham has the dog on his lap in the pic above). Ham is fairly active in some comm affairs. At 91, Ham is doing exceptionally well. Keep up the good work, Ham, and we hope to see you at our 70th Reunion.

I had a batting average of 400 in replies to my postcards. This is a good baseball average, but it isn't any good for a scribe.

'23

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In a note from **Bill Craigie**: **Lyle Rosenberg** is recovering nicely from his colon oper. He & **Louise** are both happy that now he is permitted to drive the car. Bill also mentioned that he talked with **Moe Cavender**, who told him the disturbing news that **Robby Robinson** had a positive cancer test of his prostate. Here's hoping, Robby, that you have it under control. Bill is too busy clearing out his Burbank home to play any golf; **Victoria** visited her daughter for 10 days in CO.

The **Wendell Johnsons** hosted a cocktail party in early Jul at which **Karla Harrison** was a guest. Karla recently moved into the ret complex but plans to keep her Clearwater Bch, FL home for part-time use. A brunch date with **Lee & Esther Shafer** had to be cancelled when the Shafers' daughter entered the hosp. Lee's mobility, like Wendell's, is confined to a wheelchair.

Joe Smith has kindly informed us of **Woggy Towle**'s death of a heart attack in Wash, DC 5 Jul. Services were held at Ft Myer Chapel 13 Jul, followed by interment in Arlington. Woggy had been in extremely poor health for some time. After his 46 ret, Woggy joined Northrup and headed the DC office until 1966. He then served as a consultant until the mid-70's. For '23 members in the Pentagon during the late 40's and 50's, Woggy was a familiar figure at monthly Class luncheons. Survivors include son Charles, 4 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. **Ken Sweany** made the usual donation to the WP Fund, and Bill expressed to his son condolences from the Class.

The **Sweanys** are enjoying frequent visits from their children and grandchildren. Their son Philip was with them for a wk, followed by a grandson and family for another wk. They are doubly fortunate to have daughter Jean living nearby. In early Jun, **Marge Rich** visited her recently widowed daughter in VA and attended memorial services for her son-in-law. She had lunch with the **Smiths**.

Red Skinner's son John rep the sad news that Red is in a nursing home, in good physical health, but with diminished mental capacity. He has fine care, but is unable to enjoy ltrs or visits. **John Stodter**'s daughter Susan Shan Douberly sent his obituary, which detailed John's illustrious mil career. He is survived by his wife **Barbara**, two sons, 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A ltr from **Stu Cowles** gives the sad news of **Ethelyn**'s death from heart failure on 11 Jun, 3 yrs after her stroke. She was buried in the family plot in Edenton, NC. Stu rep that **George & Louise Stewart** are both having health problems and round-the-clock nursing care. He adds, "I feel I am very fortunate to be able to do the things I am doing—driving the car, shopping, even attending some social functions." His son insists that he have some help a couple of days a wk.

Dave Dunne's daughter, Joan Dunne Weart, writes that Dave had a marvelous family party for his big 90 in Jan. Since then he & **Kay** have welcomed an 8th great-grandchild, Mallory Gail Surplus. At this yr's WP grad, their grandson, CPT Jeffrey M Weart '80, was one of 4 officers to receive a grad degree from WP, the first to receive this degree from the Eisenhower Program of Grad Studies in Leader Devel. Jeff was interviewed on the "Today" show in Jul.

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Eleanor & I made a quick trip to the East. After visiting son Fletcher '54 & Betty and their sons in Cherry Hill, NJ, we spent Memorial Day at WP and saw several innings of the alumni baseball game. All participants and spectators displayed "Save Doubleday" stickers. While slow of foot, the alumni gave evidences of former competence. I suspect there were many sore arms the next day. En route home to earthquake heaven, we visited daughter Barbara & Levi Brown '46 and daughter Maureen in McLean, VA.

The **Roy Pierces** celebrated their 60th wedding anniv with a family party hosted by their two sons at the Sequois. Fifteen were present, including their 6-mo-old great-grandchild. Roy is still in the Health Ctr due to a broken bone in his foot resulting from a fall in May.

Pinkey Palmer, our Class patriarch, in a telephone conversation, rep to be in reasonably good health and that he now has 4 great-granddaughters and one great-grandson scattered from KS west.

With sorrow the death of **Al Johnson** has been reported. It occurred 22 Jul in Ft Lauderdale. He was buried in Lauderdale Memorial Pk which followed services in the Church by the Sea. He is survived by his wife of 65 yrs, **Evelyn**, 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. In a phone conversation, Edwardo Marko, his son-in-law, remarked that Al was mentally alert and reasonable active until he entered the hosp for an ailment and died 3 days later. **Ken Sweany** has made the usual donation to the WP fund and **Bill** has expressed the condolences of the Class to his widow.

'24

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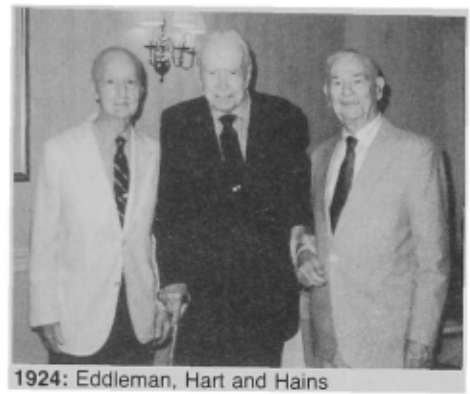
Charlie Palmer advises us that son Charles & Gari were blessed with a son on 11 Jul, thereby making Charlie & **Jean** proud grandparents for the first time. The family addition weighed in at 7 lbs, 15 oz upon arrival, length 21 1/2 in, name Daniel Nathan Palmer. Daniel is for his maternal great-great-grandfather, Daniel C Kingman, USMA 1875, formerly Chief of Engrs. Nathan is for his maternal great-grandfather, Nathaniel Greenbaum.

Ed Hart's twin daughters, Sally Adams and Susie Foreman, hosted a party for their father last 17 Jun in celebration of his 90th birthday. Several classmates and friends were present for the occasion, which was held in the Harts' apt at the Fairfax Army Ret Comm in VA. Ed had had a nasty fall several days prior to the party. He was severely bruised in various parts of his body but fortunately no bones were broken.

1924: Ed Hart and birthday cake



1924: Eddleman, Hart and Hains

Tommy Holmes rep that **Lucie** is suffering from arthritis of the spine and right knee. He has moved to their daughter's home in a suburb of Houston, and Lucie is in a rest and nursing home named Colony House, just 5 mins away.

We regret to announce the following: **Clarence William Bennett** died on Sun, 16 Jun at Ft Lauderdale, FL. He had been failing in health for a long time. Funeral services and interment were held at WP on 13 Jul. Those in attendance included **Anne**; daughter Jeanne & husband with son from Toronto; Marianna & husband with two daughters and one son from Ft Lauderdale, FL; son Bill from Williamstown, MA; several friends from Toronto and MA; and cousins from NY. Anne accompanied Jeanne and family back to Toronto for a visit before returning to Ft Lauderdale. She is doing very well, considering she had a bad fall just before Benny died.

'25

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During our Class Reunion in May, **Benny Bennett** was hospitalized most of the time while we were at WP with an ear infection. He rep that he was released from the hosp on 29 May and is now doing fine.

Sylvia Gillmore, wife of **Bill Gillmore**, passed away on 5 Mar due to cancer. She was buried at Ft Rosencrans Cemetery in San Diego, CA. Bill is doing all right, but remarks that it is hard living alone. He is grateful that his daughter Frances lives only about 20 min away.

A ltr from Mrs Charlotte F Sterling, wife of BG John E Sterling '46, rep that her mother, **Mrs Charlotte Freund**, widow of our deceased classmate **Archer F Freund**, died in Alexandria, VA of respiratory failure on 6 Jun. She leaves behind two daughters, 8 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. One grandson, MAJ John Sterling '76, is a student at CGSC, Ft Leavenworth, KS.

Had a recent telephone chat with **Ernie Holmes** in Maui, HI. He has had 3 surgical operations—a cancer, a tumor, and cataracts removed from both eyes. He thinks they got out all the cancer bugs and says **Lani** is doing all the work now—he didn't explain how he managed the latter. However, with his luck and Lani's good care, I think he will make our 70th reunion.

Had a nice ltr from **Russ Finn** in La Jolla, CA, portraying a few days in the life of an old soldier. He states, "Recently **Peg** had her arm put in a cast. The doc said she will wear it for at least 2 mos. My primary MOS now is chauffeur—no tips, many directions. . . .

"My niece was here recently with her 4 children for 10 days. I have not fully recovered. I thought I had covered all the bases as far as sightseeing goes until the next-to-last day, when the 13-yr-old expressed a desire to go para-sailing. After an explaination, we went to Mission Bay and she para-sailed. I will remain a spectator in that field."

The ashes of our deceased classmate, **Armand Hopkins**, were laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery on 25 Jun. Regrettably, no classmate was there to represent the Class, but Armand's widow, **Sophia**, his 3 daughters and grandchildren, as well as many widows and other friends of the family were in attendance. On the way to the cemetery, one of the young grandchildren looked out of the window at all the cars following and said, "Wow! There are so many people coming. You never told me grandad was so famous." Hoppie was Class secy for many yrs. He spent most of the WW II yrs in a Japanese POW camp. He was a loyal classmate and a dedicated son of WP, where his 3 daughters were born.

Received a short ltr from **Agnes Toms**. Although she was traveling alone to our 65th reunion, she got back to London safely and is already looking forward to our 70th in 95. **Harry Spillinger** was trying to pull a tree limb out of his driveway, stumbled and struck his head against his car. He was taken to the hosp, but was released the next day. He says he still has all his marbles. **Haydon Grubbs** said Santa Claus planted a vegetable garden so he could hoe, hoe, hoe all summer. So Haydon planted a vegetable garden so he could exercise all summer. **Red Long** rep that he is doing

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very well, but still having trouble with his eyes. He expects to see his opthalmologist again soon, with the possibility of an oper. **Pierre Denson** recently moved from San Fran to the Santa Rosa area to be nearer his daughter and the remainder of his family. He states that he is well and has no major complaints.

I sent a rep of our Class Reunion to **John Dansby**. A ltr from his daughter, Mrs Lee Lightner, stated that she read it to him and he enjoyed it. He is almost blind, has Parkinson's Disease, and is confined to a wheelchair.

A ltr from **Frank Steer** in HI rep: "On 31 May our local TV news rep that about 990 Midshipmen had graduated and showed them receiving their diplomas on which the word Naval was spelled Navel. Now, we all know that the navel results from cutting off the umbilical cord at birth and is commonly called the belly button." Could one of the electives at the Naval Academy be belly dancing??

'26

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Boca Raton's prominent citizen, **Dick Mayo**, is pleased by the continued good health which he & **Northa** enjoy; her well-being is especially important right now because Dick is blind in one eye and won't drive, so Northa has to take over as the family chauffeuse. Dick still takes a stiff walk daily (except Sun, lest he fall asleep in church) and credits much of his fitness to that exercise. He & Northa intend to go back to WP for the 65th Reunion. Because she is such a competent driver, they may rent a car in Poughkeepsie so that they'll have wheels at the Academy.

A long, interesting ltr from **Sally Creasy** shows that she's still well and lively. Last yr she took a Fall Foliage tour which included a stop at WP, her first visit in over 20 yrs. "The architecture of the Visitors Ctr jolted me on that campus. But then I have trouble with art since the Abstract period." Sally fled the worst of the winter mos by spending some time in AZ and CA. Only recently she took a fun trip to St Louis on a train drawn by an old steam engine restored by a local RR buff. "It was a big day for all the towns between here and there—crowds lining the tracks in broiling sun, even two bands tootling away." A few mos ago she found a copy of **Red Reeder**'s *Bold Leaders of WWI* inscribed "to my dear classmate and friend **Bill Creasy** with warm regard, Red Reeder, Christmas 74." She was fascinated by the book—". . . Reeder is a splendid writer"—a sentiment we all agree on.

Ruth Condon claims she is doing the same old things: Red Cross two days a wk and extra duty getting ready for the hurricane season. But really, her activities aren't all that banal. She and her daughter flew to London for a wk of museum-ogling and then took the Concorde for the return flight to NY—3 hrs 12 mins. They found it a wonderful trip in every way. Please note that Ruth is one of the singles who hopes to make the 65th Reunion.

Parker & Gwen Reeve are living it up near Brisbane in Australia and send their regards to all the Class. As he tells it, life for a US escapee in Australia has its joys and privileges but also its problems, and one of these is the Aussie income tax with which Parker is now trying to cope.

"**Ro** & I are still going downhill but I hope at a reasonably slow pace. . . " reflects **Don Booth**. Good to know these two W Coasters plan to make the reunion.

A cheerful, long and happy ltr from **Lucy Burns**, who can't see what she writes, tells us that she is most pleased with her ret spot, ". . . the Waldorf of Mt Pleasant—it is like living in a hotel," she claims. Lucy says Hurricane Hugo did enormous damage nearby, leaving heartbreaking devastation all around. "My old ante-bellum home where **Pinky** & I lived for 23 yrs after ret still stands like a queen, though suffering much roof damage with the elevator and furnace knocked out." Her beach house on Sullivans Isl still stands though badly damaged. But still Lucy has a solid sense of gratitude for her many blessings even though she continues to suffer through a long list of bodily troubles. "I still have my marbles, enjoy my talking books (see paragraph on Bill Mills), good company and cocktails before dinner and, above all, my sense of humor." Lucy rep that she has 4 great-grands now, with more in prospect. She closes her ltr with a cheer: "Hurrah for those who'll make the 65th. I'll be there in spirit if not in body." And now, gracious reader, please see and act on the last paragraph of these notes.

Bill Mills writes that he & **Rosy** will head for Springfield, IL during the Labor Day wkend to make the annual gathering of his WWII Engr Regt and from thence to the home of their younger daughter in MD. Bill & Rosy are pleased over the birth of their 7th great-grand with another about to enter this world in a few wks. Owing to his eye troubles, Bill has joined a talking book club and is most pleased with its free services.

Because they are still both healthy with a pressing desire to stay that way, as well as to let someone else take care of them, **Al & Nettie Heidner** have moved into a ret home near Lancaster, PA. See penultimate paragraph in these notes.

Through a ltr scribed by her daughter Rita Correll, **Margarita Calhoun** informs us that she now has 6 grands with a brand new great-grand. She says she still has an active memory and would love to have ltrs from other Class mbrs including our widows, of course. Once more, kind reader, please note and act on the suggestion you'll find in the last paragraph of these Notes.

A pragmatic view of his condition, together with his med exp, tells **Hank Ross** that, although he feels pretty well now, his health will not improve appreciably, just get steadily worse; so he doesn't plan to make the Reunion. Nevertheless, he's making out and pleased that he can shift for himself. So stay in there, Hank. You know the Class is proud of you and of the fight you are putting up.

By now we will all have received **Vald Heiberg**'s Reunion Bulletin and will have noted the solid response to the proposed celebration. The Class is much beholden to him to the energy and thought Vald has put into this project (and many others, too, involving '26). Thanks, old friend, from the Class for all you have done for us over the yrs.

Eleanor Hamilton, widow of classmate **Paul Hamilton** died in Carmel early in Aug. She was cremated and her ashes scattered at sea. The Class offers sympathy and condolences to her surviving family.

Changes of Address: **Al & Nettie Heidner** to Cornwall Manor, PO Box 125, Cornwall, PA 17016; **Earl & Gen Murphy** to 200 Glenwood Circle Apt 602/04, Monterey, CA 93940 (change in apts only); **Ben Thurston** to 5231 40th Ave NE, #2, Seattle, WA 98105.

Sigrid Unset's magnificent tetralogy, *The Master of Hestviken* contains, among other gems, this observation which particularly applies to our age gp, ". . . of all vainglory the sweetest is that which springs from pride in one's bodily strength and perfect health." Now to take a step further down that same path, our Class has a no of crippled mbrs, some of whom cannot write, some may have no immediate family about them, and all have bleak prospects in this world. They all deserve our support and the minimum would be an occasional note, perhaps recalling old, happy days or old friends, or the course of a life now gone by.

Here are a few of these people and abject apologies if others have been missed: **Margarita Calhoun**, Care Mts, HR Correll, 500 Brookside Circle, Maitland, FL 32751; **Bill & Hazel Bayer**, Riverview Extended Care, 55 W Front St, Red Bank, NJ 07701; **Ralph Osborne**, 1012 Canterbury Hill, San Ant, TX 78209; **Mrs Marvin Peck**, 3747 Peachtree Rd, NE Lenbrook Sq #803, Atl, GA 30319; **Mrs TE De Shazo**, 1111 S Lakemont, #420, Winter Pk, FL 32792; and **Lucy Burns**, Cooper Hall Ret Home, Apt 351, Bowman Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464. So will you help lighten their dark, sad moments by writing them?

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'27

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The big news is that our First Captain **George Martin** has taken a bride! I am doubly sure that his choice was excellent. Her name was **Mary Elizabeth** Collins. I had both a mother and sister who bore the name of Mary Elizabeth. All three were sch teachers before marriage. George's Mary had been a widow for nearly 11 yrs. The older of her two sons is Dean of Northwestern Univ and the younger is a bank pres in Miami! Need I say more!

My pal for our wkly trips to the Commissary, **Art Roth,** rep that he had a delightful dinner recently with **Cy Pierce**'s son George '74 and a member of the law firm of Steptoe and Johnson of Wash, DC. Young George & his wife were in San Fran on co business.

A very nice note from **Barbara Curtis, Ray**'s widow and a faithful reader of *ASSEMBLY*. It reads: " Many yrs ago the Class of '27 Naval Academy invited **Ray Curits and "Dutch" Holland** & their wives to attend their monthly luncheons as honored guests.

"That led to much fun and the A-N game parties became quite special. After **Ray** passed away in 81, I was invited to continue attending. They are a wonderful group and I thoroughly enjoy the association. This has resulted in something special! Next month R Adm Clifford S Cooper & I will be married. I'll be changing from '27 USMA to '27 USNA. My greetings to all I've met and enjoyed at WP reunions." Thank you, **Barbara Curtis**.

It is time for me to express my thanks to the Army Med Corps. They have put a pacemaker in me to keep the heart beating, and they follow up to see that it is doing its job.

'28

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A correction: **Hal Halff**'s first wife, **Winnie**, died within the last year, and he remarried. His second wife, **Ione**, accompanied him to HI for the winter months, not Winnie, as reported in the Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY*.

A ltr from **Bill Breckinridge** in FL says he has been slowed down with a broken femur, which he acquired on a cruise in Apr. He was hospitalized in Madeira and finally returned home on 9 May. His daughter, Barbara, has been a big help while he had to use a walker getting around.

Christine Nelson, who recently moved from Arlington to Knollwood in DC, gave us some up-to-date news. Her grandson '84, who was a guest at our 55th reunion, is doing very well. He has been given cmd of Service Btry, 3rd Bn, 1st FA, 1st Armd Div in Ger. Also, she supplied some current addresses of a few classmates.

Mercer & Mabel Walter moved from their home in Alexandria, where they had lived for 35 yrs, to the beautiful Fairfax Ctr at Ft Belvoir. They took a wonderful trip to CA in Jun to attend the wedding of a granddaughter and to meet the adopted son of their other daughter.

Karla (King) Harrison has moved into the apt right next door to the **Walters**, but she plans to spend her winters in FL. **Jean Barnes** made the long trek from HI, where she & **Verdi** made their home for many yrs. After she settled in, she went to Salzburg for the Music Festival.

Jo Wyman's son is now on duty in DC, which is great for her. **Ann Gavan** and her sister Tina Bruant just returned from the Scandinavian countries, where they visited the capitals. They also included a tour of Leningrad. **Jean Lane** had sad news to report. Her youngest son had died after a long bout with cancer of the thymus. While he was in Walter Reed hosp, Jean had a bad fall, broke her foot, and before that healed, she fell down again and broke her hip. We all hope those bones are healed now and she has a good recovery. She is staying at her daughter's. Her address is 6159 Hardy Dr, McLean, VA 22101. Other addresses: **Noble J Wiley Jr**, 1150–8th Ave SW, Pinecrest Pl, Apt #2215, Largo, FL 34640; **Mercer Walters**, #9100 Belvoir Woods, Adams #312, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060; Mrs **RT Nelson**, Knollwood #316, 6200 Oregon Ave NW, Wash, DC.

'29

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This confirms a message you should have received in Aug that all but 8 of our 63 living classmates returned their ballots and contributions to our Class fund. With 2 abstentions you decided to keep Paul and me through 1 Jan 96, God willing. Many changes have occurred since our roster was sent out in Apr 89; Paul is updating his computer data so we hope you will receive a new one before you read this.

To start, as noted in the last issue, **Marion McDonald** Sheppard had a marvelous trip through New Zealand and Honolulu, and particularly enjoyed showing Harvey many familiar spots, having visited NZ 6 yrs ago and grown up in Honolulu. **Betty O'Hara** did much the same with **Pat** on their trip through Wales. They liked it so much they are doing a repeat of it next yr. She has promised a more detailed report. Marion took Shep and Hammie, hers and her mother's close nurse friend who now lives in NZ, on the two tours she had been on 6 yrs ago, which included attending Anglican Services in the Selwyn Village Chapel all 3 Sun's. Scenery beautiful, old and new friends charming, but prices high. In Honolulu they witnessed a Japanese couple's wedding (the 3rd or 4th that morn). The bride was complete with a white satin gown and veil, without a train, and bouquet; the groom was in gray tails, and both wore leis. They were married in the old Kawaiahas Church by a woman priest. Trumpet wedding march going in, Mendelssohns' traditional one as they came out, both crying. They returned for the rest of the video (part of the package deal), including a stretch Cadillac awaiting them at the front door. They came from Japan because such a ceremony is so much more costly in Japan. (When we were in Taiwan we found them coming down for a wkend of golf for the same reason.) The Sheppards were there so Marion could show Harvey the church, and the male docent let her sit in the same pew (for a picture) where she had sat as a 5-yr-old to witness "A Dead Queen Crowned," the title of her mother's moving description of it. Her lawyer uncle (whose law firm was custodian of the crown and jewels) processed down the aisle and presented them to lady-in-waiting and the dead Queen Liliwokalani was crowned in her casket. They also visited Iolani Palace (as guests of the curator, a son of Marion's classmate at Punahow), Bishop Museum and "Visual Collections." She was unable to locate her mother's picture collection and guest book which contained autographs of, and sometimes sketches by, artists and musical notes by performers that included John Burroughs, Myron Herrick, Galla Curci, John Barrimore, Edna Ferber, Anne Case and Don Blanding, plus hundreds of others.

Many of you take cruises, visit interesting places and do unusual things. Please send in a more detailed acct so I can pass it on to be shared by all of us, not just the ones you talk to. In that connection **Larry Bork**, who says he doesn't read *ASSEMBLY*, says they go on USAA Cruises twice a yr. The 17-day Med Cruise in 89 on *Crown Odyssey* was splendid, and they are scheduled on a 5 Oct Cunard Cruise from Athens, Black Sea to Venice. They took two granddaughters on the 8-day "Carnival to Caribbean" followed by 2-wk tour of FL and a 4-day Bahama cruise and Disney World. (What about EPCOT?) Also scheduled are a Scandinavian one in 91—2 wks in Virgin Isls and Puerto Rico. How he fits in a drive to Detroit ea quarter for bd mtgs and stops on the way home for golf at either Pinehurst or

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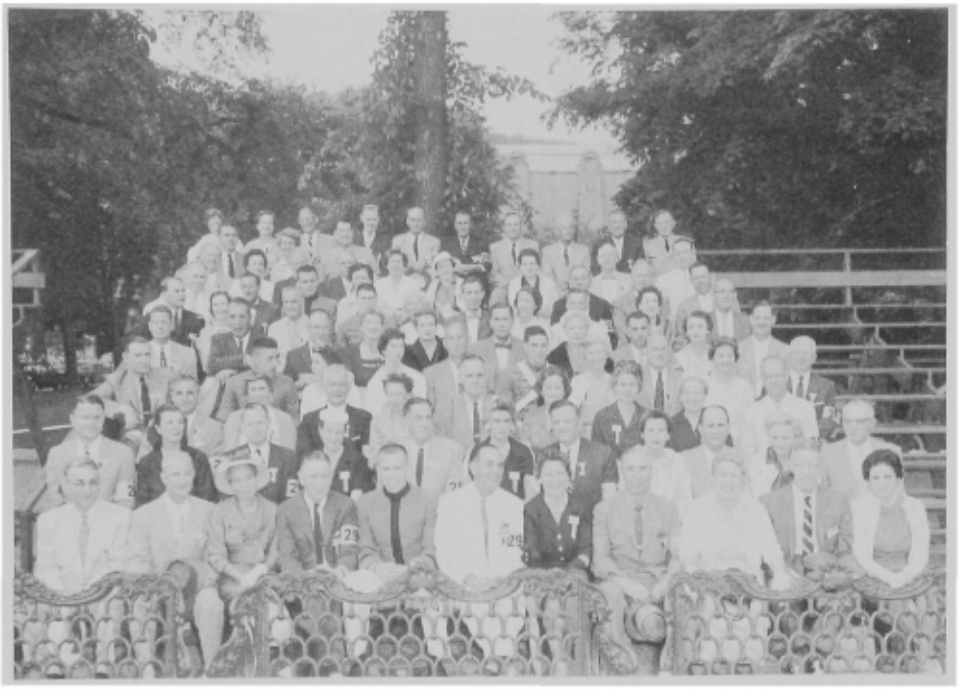

1929: The Class of '29 at their 30-year Reunion

Greenbrier I don't know, let alone how he works 8 hrs/day, 7 days/wk in the yd and garden when he is at home. Somewhere he does some gratis legal work for friends and the Immigration Service, which resulted in an invitation to join the Immigration Control Board; but he's no longer on bds unless they pay well and then only when he can benefit the org financially.

Johnny Theimer rep that "**Lois Carey** rep via her daughter Lois Ann Allen that she has recovered from a reaction to her medication, and after a session in ICU at Merritt Hosp is doing well. She also has a pacemaker and feels better than she has in yrs, and is looking forward to our annual '29 lunch in Jan 91. If the Presidio is gone by then we will find another site. **Ducky Hail** is doing well on a list of medicines including 'paste-ons' (shades of the burlesque-WLM). The view from their house is inspiring and **Martha** keeps busy in the real estate business."

George Bush is proud to announce that he & **Helen** became great-grandparents on 9 Apr when their granddaughter Lucy Norwell Barclay (who attended our reunions) gave them a great-grandson, George Albert Norwell Barclay—his only namesake. The fact that they were transferred from New England to Cincy was a plus. Three mos later George & Helen had a small reception for their 60th anniv.

There should be more now that the **Grears, Bushes** and **McCullas** have been covered, but I find that we were a yr behind **Marshall & Harriett Stubbs**. Haven't been able to get any info or a pic on their 60th or 61st. For those who will be celebrating, please plan to send me a current pic and a report on the festivities.

1929: Helen & George Bush at their 60th anniv

Dee Dee Armstrong has moved from Cincy to an apt in the Fairfax, just below **Slim Vittrup**'s, with help of son Peter on the packing and transporting end, Alan & his wife arranging the furniture in the apt according to templates on a scale plan. Hope it went as smoothly as ours did with the help of our kids. Can't tell you, for it won't be completed by the deadline for notes. **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss** should be returning to the Fairfax about the same time. That will make 4 '29ers there. **Calloway** is feeling appreciably better he says, but still has dizzy spells and earaches—cause undetermined.

Bill Thompson wrote that he & **Nell** attended the services for **Vickery**. After several mos in and out of the hosp, **Mary Cook** died on the 4th of Jul, in Winter Pk, FL. **Marion Sheppard** arranged for a floral piece from the Class, as Mary was so fond of flowers. Fortunately, **Rose DuBose** who was in the hosp at the same time, came through carotid surgery and the replacement of a mitral valve in her heart and is at home now. She planned a birthday party for her son Winston on 31 Jul. **Howard Moore** expressed his appreciation for the '29 contribution for cancer research in memory of **Inez**. He also sent in a "Cullum File" on her. The file was discussed in last issue's notes which crossed in the mail. Never having served with or near them, I wasn't aware that Inez had been an Army nurse on duty in the PU and served in field hosp's on Bataan and Corregidor. She was a prisoner of the Japanese from 6 May 42 until Feb 45. Inez qualified as a flight nurse in the AF and was promoted to MAJ before they were married in 50. I think that several know that **Mary Cook** was the AK-SAR-BEN queen. Anyone who has lived or been stationed near Omaha knows about this org and this honor.

Josette Thompson took this pic of the sign at the walkway in front of Lincoln Hall, which **Freddie** and several of us helped dedicate during our 60th Reunion. Of all the named academic buildings at WP, this is the only one named for a 20th-century prof. The sign is much more visible than the plaque mounted to the left of the entrance. The dedication of the Academic Bldg at the Engr Sch in the Ctr Plaza, Ft Leonard Wood, MO, was in Apr in honor of BG **George A Lincoln**, former Dir of the Off of Emergency Preparedness.

1929: Sign in front of Lincoln Hall

Jean Horridge has been in the hosp but is recuperating now. **Bill Francis** writes that his fingers are now a little less stiff, and with his new electric typewriter he could drop a note and chide me for compounding an error his father-in-law made. He recorded his daughter's name with an added "h" and in the roster I added an extra "n" to "Johan." **Pat & Betty O'Hara** returned from N.E. and Wash just in time for our anniv party. He didn't have much to say about the trip except that he got a check on his hearing at Walter Reed. This is what he wrote: "How wonderful it was for Betty & me to be able to join **Dot & Bill McCulla** and numerous friends (135 signed the guest book) at the reception on the afternoon of 24 Jun at Pinecrest Place, the residential comm in Largo, FL where they reside, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniv. We returned from Wash earlier that day.

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. . . It was a very elegant occasion made possible by their children. These are son William Jr '55, ret in 78 and now Asst City Engr, Alexandria, VA, where he lives with his wife Joan, and their daughter Jean & husband David K Riggs '62, ret in 84 and now working for Computer Sciences Corp and living in Belleville, IL. Particularly of note were the beautiful pics of Dot & Bill's wedding on Corregidor, which were displayed on ea side of a magnificent wedding cake which was a replica of the original cake on Corregidor, and the cake at their 50th anniv at Ft McNair. It was a great pleasure for all the co to raise their glasses and wish them many more. Numerous pics were taken, including the one shown here of **Bill, Paul Steinbeck, Midge Ward, Betty** & me." PS: Thanks,

1929: Steinbeck, Ward, the McCullas and O'Haras

Pat—my saber was in use again to cut the cake as it had, not only at Corregidor and McNair but at WP for Bill & **Joan**'s and **Jean & David**'s receptions and for 3 or 4 of their classmates. The enlarged pictures of 10 of our classmates in the wedding party generated many questions. (The one of the saber arch appeared in the Sep *ASSEMBLY*.)

A newsy report from **Jim Stephenson** from the USAA Towers after he had been in touch with the SA contingent: "**Billy Greear** is making more furniture [it's hard to tell whether that, hunting and fishing, or golf are #1, after **Helen**!]; **Bill Vestal** is having to spend more time than he likes in bed; **Anita Bassett** has returned from a visit with a daughter in HI and attending her 60th Class Reunion at Punahow Sch; **McKenzie** was having a hard time navigating when Jim talked to him a mo ago; fortunately, **Lois** is recovering well and has graduated from a walker to a cane and should be all set for the anniv party they are hosting for about 125 residents to celebrate 2 yrs at the Towers."

Dottie Talbot and her daughter Trish are moving from Leesburg, VA to Mesa, AZ where, they lived for a while.

Ken Zitzman '32 had many contacts with **Jim Gavin** as a cadet, on active duty and in France after ret. He has several interesting comments on Jim and the WP cemetery, which is the only one to have soldiers from every war, beginning with the Revolutionary War, buried there. I recommend that you turn to it now.

'30

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Memorial Day 90 was a sad day. **Alice Bradley** gave up her long fight against emphysema and died in a local hosp near her home. **Mark** wrote on 2 Jun that he "felt very lucky to have been able to have her at home to the very last where she wanted to be." He added, "I'm holding up as well as I can. Have no present plans. I was sorry not to be able to get to the 60th. Had my ticket and everything. All the best to the Class of '30." To which we say, better days to you, Mark. Alice was buried at WP 4 Jun.

Also, on 23 May **Neva Wing** died of sepsis at a ret home in Bellevue, WA. Interment was at Arlington 29 May, followed by a very well-attended reception at the Admin Bldg. **Pete & Betty King**, as well as other classmates & wives, were there. A large number of friends came from the Leesburg area, where the Wings had lived for many yrs after ret. In addition to her husband "**Fuddy**," Neva is survived by two sons, Robery H of Redmond, WA, Franklin F Wing III of Melbourne, AR, and 4 grandchildren. We hope Fuddy will come back and see us East Coast folks soon.

I have heard that **Eleanor Parker** may have passed away; we certainly hope not. If any of you out there know the facts, please write to me; we are very anxious to keep our roster of Class widows current and accurate.

Jim Lunn had to cancel his Reunion reservations at the last moment, due to **Natalie**'s heart condition. He wrote 11 Jun to say her condition had stabilized by that time. Their son is now living with them, which is a great help. Jim also thanked all involved profusely for the multiple-signature card he received from those who did get to the Reunion.

On 9 Jul, **Ralph Swofford** wrote from AF Vil, San Ant to say how very much he & **Martha** appreciate their card from classmates at the Reunion, and asked, "Will you please pass our thanks—I'll never get around to all those who signed the card to us." Ralph sent in a contribution to the small working Class Fund, which we appreciate. We want you two fine people to keep on keeping on; we hope to see you later this yr.

Frank Waldrop also received a "We Miss You" card from the revellers at the Reunion. He sent in a nice hand-written card reply 8 Jun to thank us as follows: "I would be most grateful if you would explain my failure to show for the 60th, and thank all who signed the card. I will treasure it, and have it in hand when I arrive at St Peter's Gate. Maybe it will help." I called him two wks later, and was able to reach his wife **Ellie** at Hilltop Vil, Monteagle, TN 37356, tel 615-924-2322. She said Frank had just come home from the hosp, where he had surgery for a leaking aorta. She has high hopes for a speedy recovery and so do we.

Marguerite Stoughton wrote a sweet card from Georgia in Jun to thank us for the Jun *ASSEMBLY*, and tell us again how much she & **Tom** enjoyed the Reunion, particularly the boat ride on the Hudson.

1930: John & Gerri Dudley with Tom & Marguerite Stoughton on Reunion boat ride

Shortly after our return from the Reunion, we received a superb wedding announcement of the marriage of Mrs **Ray Autry** to MG **Millard Lewis** on 16 May at St David's Episcopal Church in DC. They will be at home at 5304 Portsmouth Rd, Bethesda, MD 20816. **Anne Lewis**' maiden name was Anne Noyes, an Army girl. How nice it is to rep such a happy event. Again, our "congrats."

1930: Margaret & Don Neil (foreground) and Anne & Millard Lewis on Reunion boat ride

Fritz Urhane wrote on 20 Jun that he would have his 84th B-day on 26 Jun, but that it was not too comfortable. He was recovering from yet another oper. This one, which took place during the Reunion, was for an internal hernia. Fritz & **Pud** lost their daughter, Susie, to cancer in 89. She was quite an athlete; swam varsity squad for the U of AZ. Their son continues to do well at the prestigious Bell Labs in Morristown, NJ.

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Both the **Urhanes** can still enjoy life, and anticipate their 60th wedding anniv in Feb 91. We hope y'all make it, and many, many more!! Our sincere thanks for your ltr.

On 30 Jul, Mrs **James E Curtis**, our own **Libby**, sent us a lovely ltr from her place in Blacksburg, VA, which she calls appropriately "Lime Rock." As mentioned previously, she did get to her granddaughter's grad from Westover Sch in Middlebury, CT on 8 Jun. This young granddaughter, Catherine Davisson Gross, was pres of her '90 class. Libby had grad there in 46. See pic of this lovely couple on Westover Campus. Libby plans to return to Alexandria, VA on 9 Aug, then off to CO, the Canadian Rockies, and AK. Have a safe journey, Libby. We look forward to your return, and the story of your trip.

1930: Catherine Davisson Gross with her grandmother Libby Curtis at Westover School graduation

John Gutherie wrote us a most welcome ltr 5 Jul to advise that he has finished **Herb Herbert**'s obit, and that we may look forward to reading it.

Johnnie also sent us two addresses of Class widows as follows: Mrs **JK Herbert** (**Glad**)—1710 Avenida del Mundo #809, Coronado, CA 92118, and Mrs **Fred G Crabb** (**Becky**)—1 Flowers Pk Lane #1101, San Ant, TX 78209.

We are most grateful for these addresses, **Johnnie**. Your suggestion that we identify Class widows who have remarried is a good one. However, we shall have to try to figure out how to get the "poop." For instance, who were Mrs **Overby** and Mrs **Strell** before they remarried? The ltr ended with the **Gutheries**' sincere thanks to the comm for a great Reunion.

Bill Whipple wrote in Jul that he had finally ret from his position with the State of NJ's Water Supply Engring Gp, after 25 yrs service, on 30 Jun. The next day he went to work as a principal in a consulting firm. There his first task involved the preparation of a water supply policy plan for the State of PA. Bill is also active on comms of the Amer Soc of Civil Engrs. In Aug, he will be back at WP presenting a paper on water resources for the Univ Council, which meets there this yr. Hang in there, Bill!!

Mary & I had a lovely note from **Tom & Mabel Mifflin** in Jul, telling us how very much they enjoyed their two days at the Reunion. They said their daughter's help made it possible for them to be there. Tom included a snapshot taken at the Thayer, with his grandnephew, Yearling Tom Nelson. He is **Turk Nelson**'s grandson. Our sincere thanks to you dear folks.

1930: Tom Mifflin with his grandnephew, Yearling Tom Nelson, "Jun" Wk

In late Jul, I received a very welcome note from Mrs **Mary B Muth**. This lady has been supportive of WP in the yrs since her husband **Roy** died in 75. She now feels ready to re-establish a closer sharing of love for WP with his classmates & their wives. This is exactly what we like to hear, particularly from Class widows. I answered her ltr without delay, and hope she will hear from other mbrs of '30 soon. Her address is 827 Milledge Rd D-3, Augusta, GA 30904.

1930: Pat & "Fergie" Ferguson with Site & Herb Mitchell on Reunion boat ride

1930: Isabelle Norstad, Don Neil, Dave Baker and "Red" Timothy on Reunion boat ride

In mid-Jul **Dave Baker** sent us a delightful ltr to say how much he & **Shirley** enjoyed our very successful Reunion, and to extend their thanks to all the comm. They saw **Cayce & Mollie Odom** at their home on Signal Mtn about 1 Jul. Dave was happy to say Cayce is holding his own. The Bakers were planning to be off to Ger and Switzerland in Aug, and hope to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, and tour the Alps for about a mo.

Dave also visited **Ned Moore** at his home in Falls Church, VA. There he ran into **Charlotte Brisach**, who suggested that Dave send me some Reunion snapshots, which I am happy to say I now have. Two of them are shown here. Many thanks, Dave.

I still have a few snapshots of the Reunion for future use. However, if any of you have clear pics of anyone, or gp of mbrs of the '30 family, please send them in with a note to your scribe, who loves to hear from YOU. Enjoy the rest of 90; it is going fast!!

'31

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Bear Mtn Inn has failed in its commitment to reserve all of the lodge for our 60th Reunion. In the interest of keeping the Class together, we are going to stay at the Thayer, WP, NY 10996, tel (914) 446-4731. Down payment is $75/person, due by 1 Jan 91. Urge you to act promptly.

Congrats go to **Chuck Westphaling** who is one of 20 blind or visually inpaired professionals who are featured in a book entitled *Career Perspectives*, recently published by the American Foundation of the Blind. And **Dick Steinbach** adds to his laurels. He has been made the Honorary COL of the 9th Inf Manchu Regt, the unit he cmded in the Korean War and whose prestige was shown again in the recent Panama campaign. Dick escaped a scheduled back oper early this yr when drs decided at the last minute on a back brace and a wooden rocking chair, which did the job intended.

1931: Steinbach and two of his 9th Inf officers

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1931: 45th Reunioneers Howze, Chandler, McCrimmon, Coolidge, Easterbrook, Ragland, Mansfield and Diestel

Doc Strother got the jump on us with a reunion rehearsal, attending his 65th this fall at his Winfield, KS high sch. He & **Elsie** also enjoyed a delightful cruise from Ft Lauderdale to Bermuda and thence to the Azores, Madeira, and Lisbon. Somehow, Elsie has found time to publish her 16th book, *Drums at Sunset*, a historical novel wrapped around the early 19th-century black rebellion in Haiti against the French.

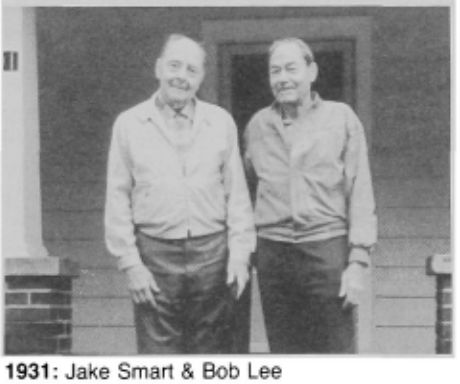
Roy Kauffman writes that **Deac & Jayne Roller**, accompanied by Jayne's granddaughter, visited him for about a wk in Jun. Deac is recovering from his plunge from a ladder (I told you about this some time ago) and moves with a "cute limp." Roy plans to take his daughter, Laurie Roberts, to the reunion and on to travel about in ME. **John & Eloise Hansborough**, among our most active, took in the Danube trip last Aug. He keeps up his genealogical work, though, and has published a book tracing his roots back to an undisclosed yr on or about 1100 AD in merry old England. So far he has pinpointed Eloise's family to circa 1740 in VA and is peering deeper into her past. **Don & Virginia Little** roamed somewhat south to NC last Jun and lunched a couple of times with a couple of our couples—first, in Hendersonville with **Ozzie & Allison Tyler**. They had recently arrived from Jacksonville to open their summer cottage and were about to take off for a trip to Russia with the "People to People" gp with whom they are familiar. Next, the Littles lunched with **Dick & Priscilla Jewett** in Asheville, stopping by later in Lynchburg for a brief visit with **Dick & Pat Harrison** as they were about to take off for their summer retreat on Squirrel Isl, ME. **Dorothy Del Campo** was seen recently at the Fairfax ret facility near Ft Belvoir. She intends to move there from Boca Raton in the spring. **Curly & Marion Wilson** celebrated the 4th of Jul with the marriage of granddaughter, CPT USA Suzy (daughter of Wilson, DH '60) to CPT USA John Fenzel. The house was full to overflowing with the first gathering of the clan in yrs. **Dutch & Dee Spangler** included a trip to Hong Kong and Singapore in their summer schedule. He welcomed the exercise provided by pushing her wheelchair through the shopping ctrs of those two great cities. In San Fran, meanwhile, they had dinner with **Chet & Denny Diestel** and **Helen Irvine**.

1931: Deac & Jayne Roller

1931: Glenn & Mary Farris with two youngest children

Our M Co alumni will remember **Ockie** as a consistent volunteer to walk Summer Camp Guard Post No 1. His reasons were twofold. First, this post was simply made for the observation of all femmes within sight or hearing. Secondly, Ockie relished the opportunity this post provided, whenever the Supe emerged from his quarters, to display his thunderous sound-off in turning out the guard, knowing full well that his earth-shaking blast would bring about an inevitable returned salute from a startled Supe, permitting a lower-keyed but fulfilling cmd, "Never mind the guard."

Bill Train continues remarkably to hold his own at golf. Proof: in a 4th of Jul tournament, the sum of par for the course plus his closely-held handicap ran out as his ball dropped into the 18th cup. Incidentally, his & **Charlotte**'s daughter, Leslie, with 3 degrees (history, French, as well as an MBA) is doing just fine in the bus end of a Redwood City, CA high tech firm. The pic of **Bob Lee** and **Jake Smart** was taken at Jake's home in Ridgeland, SC, the house in which he was born. Of the CO Springs contingent, Bob says he & **Mary** see **Doc & Elsie Strother** frequently and that the 4 of them are fit. He also sees **Pat Carter** and **Charlie Duff** now and then, and they too pass muster well. Further, he found **Ruth Stayton** to be fine the last time he talked to her.



1931: Jake Smart & Bob Lee

Nancy Easterbrook keeps busy helping to raise money to bring Chinese students to the Monterey Inst of Intl Studies. One fund-raising source is the series of tour gps she takes to China, her next one being in the spring of 91. A round 13 convened for our luncheon session at the ANCC, Fri, 13 Jul: **Adams, Armstrong** (for the first time), **Boyd, Davis, Dick, Eaton, Hoover, Little, McBride, Ockie, Passarella, Wilson,** and me. **George Hartman** says that **AJ McVea**, his

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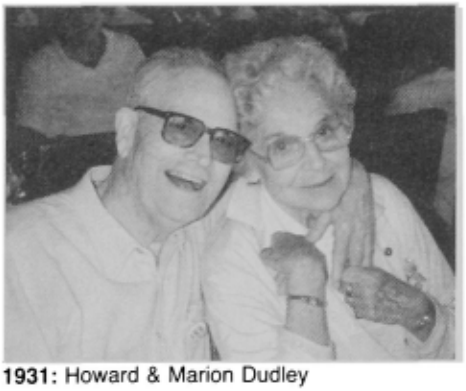
1931: Speidel, Little, Boyd and Hoover

1931: Betty Howard, Virginia Hightower, Bill Dick, Margot Hoover and Fran Dick

fishing companion (mostly in Mexico), "is not too well, apparently from a stroke from which he is making a slow recovery." **Carl Kohls** had an uncalled-for experience when he checked in recently with a podiatrist. Reaching down to remove shoes and socks, he felt a sharp pain in his lower ribcage. He had stretched the encagement beyond tolerable limits; so, not much joy for some time while things are amending. **Howard Dudley** has been given a clean bill of health after removal of a malignancy. One of his plebe-yr best friends, he says, was housed in the riding hall—an old plug named Salyr, who, gentle and kind, was not at all responsible for policing Howard over the jumps.



1931: Howard & Marion Dudley

The tally, as of 1 Aug by **Clyde McBride**, which asked for your response to 60th Reunion Bulletin No 1, indicates that 56 people plan to attend, 8 may attend, 46 classmates and widows will not attend; 10 bulletins were undeliverable, and 100 classmates and widows failed to respond. If you are one of these 100, please give us a response soonest. We need your address and phone number in order to produce a satisfactory update of our roster which will be reproduced and distributed to you shortly before the 60th reunion. And here's something that merits your attention, with everything that it may suggest. One of our number sent a check to **Warren Hoover** to cover Class dues, itemizing same as follows: 7 yrs @ $10 = $70; for 1990, $25; interest $5; total, $100.

Wilbur Skidmore wrote me recently that **Eleanor** died on 9 Mar and was interred in Arlington. **Wilson** and **Passarella** attended the services. Wilbur is planning to marry a widow whose first name is **Caro**, who will accompany him to the reunion, after which they will see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, and go on to visit Munich, Salzburg, and Vienna. After 15 Oct they will be at home at the Inlets, 215 Carige House Lane, Nokomis, FL 34275. **Chet Landaker**'s **Mary** passed away on 1 Aug 87. **Cook Marshall**'s widow, **Helen** (Mrs Julian B Salley), died after an extended illness on 11 Jul 89 in Aiken, SC. She was buried at St Andrews Church Cemetery near Charleston, where Cook and their daughter, Julia Marshall Simons, are buried.

1931: VA trippers from M Co: Humber, Webber, Parham, Zimmerman, Krueger, OC, Pumpelly and Ward

Jim Pumpelly suffered a second stroke while in a Dallas nursing home, and succumbed on 25 Jun, after being on life support systems for several days. He had the earlier stroke in Madrid in Dec 89 after which his son, Howard, brought him to Dallas. He was buried next to his first wife of 39 yrs at WP on 29 Jun. A wake was held in the Thayer's bar, an occasion of which a daughter-in-law says he would have been proud. Pump will long be remembered for his infectious high spirits and happy outlook, for the rapturous melodies he produced with his saxophone as a member of the cadet tea-dance orchestra, for his acting in the Hundredth Night shows, for his gifted playing of the chapel chimes (esp "It'll Be A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight"), and for his polished acrobatics of the times as the head and inspiring cheerleader at our football games.

Dick Lawson, after a long fight against cancer, lost the battle on 31 Jul and his ashes were interred in the historic Bruton Parish churchyard in Williamsburg, VA on 4 Aug. **George & Tommie Speidel** joined the host of Dick & **Ruth**'s friends who filled the church to capacity. Dick's talent as an artist is well known by all of us. His work on the *Pointer* and on our *Howitzer* left a lasting memory. Most recently, everyone was delighted with his outstanding perspective of our Class ring on the cocktail tray that was made on the occasion of our 50th reunion.

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'32

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WHY I WRITE THIS COLUMN. In the Jul issue I included an old pic of a '32 luncheon in 48 showing 33 classmates of whom 16 are no longer with us. I wrote that I had a good 8"x10" pic and if anyone wanted a copy, give me the word.

Before I had my own copy of that *ASSEMBLY*, **Merle Williams** Jr '62, son of our late classmate, phoned from Lake St Louis, MO, where he is the Sr Staff Specialist, Contracts, for McDonnell Douglas Missiles Co, which makes the Harpoon and Tomahawk cruise missiles. Merle said he wanted 3 pix; for his mother, sister and himself. He would mail a check right away, how much?

I told him that his credit was good and that after I had the pix in the mail he

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could reimburse me for the actual cost.

It reminded me of the time I wrote 5 yrs ago that I had Paget's disease, an exotic thing that attacks the bone marrow, of all places. I mentioned it simply as another triumph of the US Army Med Corps which knocked Paget dead by prescribing self-administered injections of calcitonin. In about 2 yrs, Paget was out for the count.

To my surprise I got several ltrs from grads of our own and other classes, saying they or their wives had Paget's and asking for the details. I told ea what was on my package so they could pass it to their medicos.

Recently, Paget gave me a return visit and my dr was ready. This time Paget was gone in less than one mo and no wonder. The injections are now of calcitonin-human instead of calcitonin-salmon.

I don't know how they get human calcitonin but I do know that the medical profession needs human bodies to train new medicos and expand the knowledge of the profession. That's why **Pat** & I have willed our bodies to the Southwest TX Medical Ctr for education/research. When the bodies have served their purpose, they will be cremated and shipped to WP for interment or placement in a crypt. If you stroll through the cemetery after that time, be sure they have the inscriptions right. "He (she) did the best he (she) could with what he (she) had."

Incidentally, the *Associated Press* circulated a story that appeared in our local paper, that when Jimmy Gavin '29 died recently, he was interred at WP rather than Arlington Natl in Wash. The item stated that the USMA cemetery is probably the only burial ground that holds the graves of soldiers who fought in every war from the Revolution to Vietnam. There are soldiers who were killed by arrows, musket balls, Viet Cong ambush and space capsule fires. Fifteen are Medal of Honor winners. American soldiers were being buried at WP 82 yrs before the first soldier was interred at Arlington.

Jimmy Gavin was the cadet First Sgt of C-D Co when we entered WP in 28. He was the first cadet that 1/6th of our number spoke to as he sat at a desk on the stoop of barracks taking down basic info, matching us with temporary roommates and assigning us to our rooms. By the luck of the draw it was my good fortune to serve near Jimmy several times over the yrs, even after we were both ret from the Army. When he was ambassador to France, I was in Paris as head of an American co. It didn't surprise me at all that he chose WP as his final station.

THE FARNSWORTH REVIEW. A bundle from **Eddie Farnsworth** spans the yrs. A newsclip from 67 has a pic of **Rush Lincoln** chatting with the then C/S of the Army Materiel Cmd and another of

1932: The Armstrong cannon enters the ball game

Archie Lyon making chitchat with a charter mbr of the Transportation Sch at a salute to her 25 yrs of service.

In a baseball mood (he's never really out of it), **Eddie** sent me a copy of the ltr Army's baseball coach sent out this yr. It was signed, "Dan S Roberts, Head Baseball Coach," and Eddie's hand-written notation said, "son of Robin Roberts." Robin Roberts! Memory dims but I recall he pitched for the major league Phillies for yrs and had everything in the book.

And to gild the lily, **Eddie** included the new slick pamphlet, "ARMY Baseball, 100th Anniv 1890–1990." The cover is a color photo of the team captain and 3 other players in baseball uniform posed casually on one of the cannons on Trophy Point. That's right—it's the Armstrong cannon that we took out of storage, refurbished and replaced on Trophy Point as a gift to USMA for our 50th Reunion.

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. **Mary Rowan** has moved up from the SS to the SSS (Super Silver Streaks), a nucleus of 25 people who were all very close to **Ed** and "dearly loved him." In a note to me Mary said, "I took your write-up (*ASSEMBLY* obit on Ed) to this party and they were all amazed at your expertise." Honest, fellers, gals, I don't think I'm so much but what is my opinion against evidence like that?

1932: Claire Jamison, Mary Ellen Gillette and Helen Hunt

Dick & Helen Hunt made a quick short visit to San Ant to attend the christening of 2 great-grandchildren; grandson and granddaughter of their daughter Helen & Ed Valence '56. As they say in Latin, *tempus* sure does *fugit*. Ed was born in '32.

The family-in-residence had **Dick & Helen** busy from arrival to departure over the brief wkend that they were here and as bad luck would have it, we were not at home when Dick phoned us. **Pat** & I always like to make contact with out-of-town visitors, so if you can give us a little advance notice we shall try to adapt.

Archie Lyon gave the next news of the **Hunts** saying that they had maintained their lead in the AOG Cruise Derby by taking the Rhine/Danube tour.

Landon Head passed a copy of a long ltr from **Red Rude** along to me. **Louise** remains the same, with Red taking care of her at home. He is in a good routine; the two days a wk that he plays tennis and the one day of shopping, he has a competent lady in to attend Louise. Also, Louise's daughter Dorothy & her husband are ready, willing and able when Red feels he can no longer cope.

Liz Head is the same—happy and contented in the Army Res Comm here in San Ant in assisted living, while **Landon** is in their cottage and spends most of the day with her.

BETWEEN THE EXTREMES. Bert Sparrow '33 phoned to say that **Jim Woolnough** was in tough shape, first in a civ hosp then Walter Reed with a bacterial infection, pneumonia, etc. Going right to the source I phoned **Eleanor**, who told me that she had brought Jim home 1/2 hr ago. It had been a near miss, with pneumonia hanging on for a couple of mos, but everything was fine now and would I like to talk to Jim?

I would and did, with **Jim** sounding on the bounce, just as he always has.

A few days later I got a call from **Archie Lyon** saying that **Linda Woolnough** wanted to make a home videotape honoring **Jim**'s upcoming 80th birthday in Oct, and please send her all the still pix I have of Jim. I did and until Linda returns them or **Ruth McCawley** sends me some new ones of Jim among the Wash mob, I'm cleaned out of Woolnoughs.

1932: Fran Pugh and Eloise Hansen at a '32 Class luncheon

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FINAL FAREWELLS. **Archie Lyon** phoned one evening and told me that **Eloise Hansen** had just died that day—he & **Helen** had seen Eloise only 3 days before.

Oley Hansen met **Eloise** as a blind date during our first class summer and they were married 8 mos after we graduated. Eloise was an Army wife, from that caisson ride with a classmate on ea of the 3 teams until Oley passed on 4 yrs ago.

For one stretch of their service they lived on the same block in Bethesda as **Pat** & I did. We didn't see too much of them then because **Oley**'s job kept him traveling about the country so much. Also, if memory serves, Oley paid no income tax one yr—deductions for **Eloise**'s med care equaled his taxable income. But they had many more happy yrs together; Eloise was back in action and they enjoyed our Class social occasions together until Oley died.

Eloise was still troubled with her cancer, alternating periods in the hosp with stretches at home during which she saw friends and attended our Class luncheons. She asked me to write **Oley**'s obit for *ASSEMBLY* but please, could I shorten the period between writing and publication because she wanted to see it before she died. I explained the situation to Editor Paul Child; he could and did. Eloise wrote me that she was delighted with **Oley**'s article.

Merle Williams' widow, **Zaida Williams O'Sullivan**, died in her home in Lake Providence, LA last Jul. Her daughter, Zoraida, who lives here in San Ant, passed the news to me and said that the '32 miniature that I had given Zaida arrived the day she died and shortly after Zaida put it on, she passed away. It was the miniature I had given my mother in '32, who upon her death, passed it to my daughter.

Kay wore it for yrs, but after her marriage kept it mostly on top of the dresser because, with 2 new rings, there wasn't room on her fingers. When I broadcast an appeal for Class rings and miniatures to replace those that had been lost/stolen, Kay gave me my mother's. Zoraida told me that *she* is now wearing it and will do so for the rest of her life.

A mo after I received the packet from **Eddie Farnsworth** (mentioned above), I got a phone call from him. On a Sun afternoon, **Ruth** & he were at home watching a ball game on TV, when Ruth went; just like that. It is always tough to take, but if you gotta' go, and we all gotta', it seems to me that that is the best way.

Eddie met **Ruth** in 49 when he was on TDY in the Pentagon, where Ruthie was a secy in the G-1 Div. After a short courtship they were married, with **Jack Welborn** as best man, **Bob Landry** there with a bottle of White House champagne

1932: Ruth & Eddie Farnsworth in Japanese Armed Forces reviewing stand, 1960

(Bob was aide to Pres Truman) and **Jim Churchill** present. They settled in at Eddie's station at Ft Monroe, but when the Korean War broke the next spring, Eddie was among the first to go to Taegu.

When Gen MacArthur established the first UN Cmd, **Eddie** went from Eighth Army to Tokyo to head the UN Liaison Section, which administered the logistical support of eventually 21 nations. The respective embassies became involved and the soc/bus activities convinced Eddie that he needed **Ruth**. Wives as dependents were not authorized, but wives as participants were, and **Alex Graham** helped with getting Ruth to Tokyo as a DAC.

Sixty officers of the 21 nations who participated in the many soc/mil duties with **Ruth** were very active. On Ethiopia's Independence Day she was hostess with their officer for 300 guests; she helped the French Ambassador entertain newly-arrived French officers; and was a catalyst in promoting friendly relations between the Turks and the Greeks.

She was also frequently involved with departures of casualties, arrivals of new troops, visiting dignitaries and changes of cmd.

On their 2nd tour in Tokyo when **Eddie** was C/S MAAG-Japan, **Ruthie** was great at cementing relations; she entertained and taught English to sr officers and families. Personally friendly with the Minister of Def, when his daughter became engaged, Ruthie organized a shower for her which included all of the MAAG ladies.

The highlight of their 7 yrs in Japan was on New Yr's Day, when **Eddie & Ruth** stood alone at the Imperial Ct and exchanged bows with Emperor & Empress Hirohito.

Upon ret they moved to Hampton, VA where **Ruth** soon upgraded the local comm spirit with a garden club and Riverdale beautification projects. She crocheted afghans for elderly friends and Christmas tree ornaments for everyone they knew.

Eddie said that **Tom Darcy** made the arrangements for the burial at WP and was a big help. After the services Eddie went over to check out the bb diamond and saw lots of cadets in fatigues and helmets.

Just what the visiting ball players needed whenever **Eddie** came to bat in 1928–32.

WAY TO GO, TINY! **Dottie Hartshorn**'s sister Helen Ely, wife of Bill '33, wrote that **Harvey Fischer** was back in Tucson and took Dottie (Tiny) to a friend's house for dinner, complete with a Bloody Mary and a nice light wine. Progress is slow but it's progress. Helen said that in a long phone call Tiny laughed, initiated conversations, answered questions, etc. "She isn't so sharp physically but mentally just marvelous." Dottie travels by wheelchair but appreciates and *loves* the ltrs, cards and pix that friends have sent her. We're all glad you're on the way back, Tiny, and glad you're there helping her, Harvey.

1932: Cary, Hutchison, Thompson and Metzler en route to the firing range, Ft Eustis, VA, Jun 1931

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. A letter, mit pix, from **Gale Hall** could carry this column by itself. A newsclip with a pic showed **Red Seaward**'s handsome young grandson, George H Seaward, in uniform after graduating from the AF Academy to join his dad, Richard S Seaward USMA '60, in the mil. An older son of Richard & Gladys Seaward, James, who is stationed at Altus AF Base in OK, has just made 1st LT. Only yesterday!

1932: Culp, Hutchison, Metzler and McLane at Langley Field, Jun 31

Gale also included pix of our intrepid classmates taken on our first class trip in

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31 and the nearby one of **Gary** and her at a wingding in 56. Each has had that big 80th birthday, and last Jul they celebrated their 55th wedding anniv.

Son Frank '63 has just ret and has gone to a new job in Alexandria. He & Donna, a part-time nurse at the Alexandria hosp, have 4 children and their 2 oldest, a girl and boy of 16 and 14, have their hearts set on becoming cadets at WP. I can't imagine two more promising candidates for the LGL.

The best thing about **Gale**'s ltr is that it sounds just like the pretty lady in the nearby pic.

1932: Gale & Gary Hall, New Year's Eve 56

Next deadline to me is when you get some news.

'33

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IRONY OF IRONIES, saith this one,. . . ALL IS IRONY, to paraphrase *Ecclesiastes*. Six days ago, US politicians and pundits were busily dismantling the armed forces of our country, and grasping for a "peace dividend" to be spent on more deserving (read rewarding) projects. And the Army, "least needed" of all, was as always most vulnerable to the budget ax. . . . Yet as this is written, our Pres is rushing American troops into the Middle East.

We of '33, who have witnessed precipitous downgrading of our forces after ea of 4 wars *so far* in this century, are now but spectators. Who among us believes that our political leadership and our media will apply the lessons learned at such cost? We can only do as we've done before: give our loyal support to our elected Pres, let others (as MacArthur said) debate the issues, and hope. . . .

On our more immediate front, we must rep another battle lost: on 21 Jul **Al Welling**'s lovely **Nancy** died of lung cancer in Arlington, VA. Funeral services at Arlington Cemetery were attended by many classmates, wives and widows in the DC area. Besides Al, Nancy is survived by their 3 children, Mary W Schaller of Burke, VA; Peter A Welling of Cambridge, MA; and Brent C Welling of San Fran; a brother, BG Roscoe C Crawford, Jr USAF '39 (Ret); and 4 grandchildren. The Class extends its deep sympathy to Al and to his family. We shall miss her, too!

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Covering our modest Class once more with glory, on 9 Jul **Johnny Shinkle** was inducted into THE WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE HALL OF FAME in an impressive ceremony presided over by MG Thomas JP Jones, CG of the Range. The citation recognized Johnny

1933: Johnny Shinkle is inducted into the White Sands Missile Range Hall of Fame

for his leadership during two tours of duty at White Sands, for the transfer of USAF personnel and resources to the newly created Integrated Range, for laying the groundwork for expanding off-range launch capabilities leading to test firings from NW NM and UT, and for establishment of the range's Nuclear Effects Lab.

On leaving the range in Jun 62, **Johnny** received awards for public service from the state of NM and the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. [The foregoing was obtained entirely from the PIO at White Sands, none from our Blushing Violet **Shinkle.**]

We proudly continue to receive written tributes to **Lyle Bernard**. *The Watch on the Rhine*, pub by the Soc of the 3rd Infantry Div, devoted 3 pp of its Jun issue to his memory. "Truly the Soc has lost one of its most stalwart supporters," writes one. "He was my Co Cmdr, my Bn Cmdr, and my friend. Rest in peace, old soldier."

"As I mentioned earlier," writes **Charlie Carver**, "I plan to write all Class golfers who took part in our annual intl tournaments a few yrs ago, to find out how many are still playing. Charlie enclosed a pic and said, "**Chet & Bob Blanchard** also play with the men's gp on Wed, and Chet plays with **Tommy** on Sun. I visited **Mac McClelland** yesterday; he's now back in USAA Pk Lane West, our nursing ctr. He looked quite well." Note: See McClelland below.

From **Svava Chapman**, "just back from Africa," a note to **Abe**: "New '33 Roster just received. Surprised to see no Memory Book entry for **Chappy**, since I know that checks were sent to AOG." Lincoln: "I've considered omitting that column, since we no longer have firm info, except as the contributor rep his (AOG) donation." Svava also sent a press clipping. (see **Moorman**).

"**Dottie** & I are just back from a 23-day trip to Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Russia," says **Sam Donnelly**. "We were esp interested in Finland, in view of their struggle vs USSR in the 30's. Also they paid in full their WWI debt to us. In Norway we visited the North Cape and saw the midnight sun. The Nordic people are attractive, esp the young children. We spent 7 days in USSR (tour gp of 12). Visited Leningrad, Moscow and Suzdal—quite a contrast vs Scandinavia! Our Intourist guide Nataska was a pretty, petite blonde and spoke good English. In Russia we had to have our guide with us constantly—we couldn't go to a meal without her and had to sit as a gp. We were disappointed in Leningrad—seedy, run down, unattractive except for the Hermitage, which was great. Moscow was better. In both cities there were long lines outside food and other stores. We stayed in an Intourist Hotel; rooms not very good, lobby crowded; food sparse and unappetizing.

"But it was worth it to stand in Red Square and visualize it filled with troops and armament, with the leaders standing high above in the reviewing stand. . . . I had never thought of being able to be there. Our impression was that it'll take 30–40 yrs for USSR to catch up to the West, if ever. Considering the wretched conditions of the people, I'd not be surprised to see some kind of an uprising. PS: The most welcome things to take to Russia are cigarettes, ladies' pantyhose [what other kinds are there?] and bubble gum. Russia was full of tourists from countries all over." Thanks, **Sam**, for your great ltr (here curtailed).

1933: Bimbi Downing (seated, rt) and Fellow Fuds of Ginger Cove Croquet Tm, 1990

In Jun **Bimbi Downing** showed the **Sparrows** around her attractive apt in Ginger Cove (ret residence), Annapolis. The residents have taken up croquet seriously and challenged teams from nearby schs, including St John's and Crabtown Col (USNA). Bimbi described a game vs St John's: "Both teams were

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huddled at the end just before stroking out, and the St J man had just hit my ball for an extra shot. Fortunately, he hit his foot instead, which delighted me. . . . They won 2/3 games but we 'old fuds' gave them a run for their money anyway."

Helen Ely writes that her sister, Dottie Hartshorn (who'd had a stroke) is much improved and gaining steadily. "**Bill** promises to send **Bert** the news of '33 out here. Last night we were all at **Harriet Harrell**'s for dinner—**Van Ways, Senters** and **Leslies,** all OK."

"I'm much better this yr than last," writes **Rod Gott** in a short note to **Abe**. "But it's a helluva fight to stay above ground!"

Ltr to **Abe** from **Bob & Millicent Hain**'s daughter Gwendolyn S Hain says her mother is now in a nursing home: HALE HO ALOHA, 2670 Pacific Heights Rd, Honolulu, HI 96813—where she (Millicent) would very much enjoy hearing from old friends who may write her there.

1933: "Old Soldier" Fritz Hartel poses with trophies of the Infamous Berlin Wall

Old Soldier **Fritz Hartel** was the subject (2 May) of an article, "Recalling the Wall," in a Williamsburg paper. He is shown with two valued trophies: the smaller (with statue) presented to him by the 3d Bn, 6th Inf; the larger (a chunk of the wall) by his former cmd, The Berlin Brigade. Fritz arrived in Berlin in Jun 61, two mos before the Wall went up.

Note: Two yrs later, **Jimmy Polk** (then CG, Berlin Cmd) and Fritz hosted '33's memorable European 30th Reunion for a dozen of us, and we all toured that infamous Wall. A memorable reunion!

In early Jul **Mac McClelland** faced a hard choice: to accept or not amputation of a gangrenous lower leg. His courageous decision was in character for him: the surgery was successful, and as of this writing (10 Aug) he is home, having gone to the office this morn. "Pure grit," sez **Carver**, "You can't keep a good man down!"

A 24 May clipping forwarded by **Svava Chapman** tells of a party given by **Tommy Moorman** at the Cheyenne Mtn Country Club in honor of son (LTG) Tom Moorman, recently named Cmdr of

1933: Webster, Fuqua and Lincoln at presentation of '33's gifts to grandsons Starbird and Lincoln

the USAF Space Cmd, daughter-in-law Barbara and grandsons Tommy and John. Not often two LTGs in one family! Congrats, Tommy and Tom.

1933: Pop Risden and his 1980 bride, Lorene. *Now* he tells us! Bring her to 93, Pop!

Welcome word and address change from **Pop Risden**: "I have a lovely wife, **Lorene**. We've been married since 80 so I guess it's time I reported it to you. [High time. Congrats, Pop; welcome to '33 and best wishes to you, Lorene!]

"I enclose a pic of the two of us at an 85 ceremony of the Lake County ROA (uniforms were requested; please note mine still fits). We appreciate the interesting Class news you put together so well. **Abe Lincoln** is a super pres—we're lucky to have him. We send sincere best wishes to you and the Class."

1933: Senter, Moorman and Hetherington in front of one of Tex's houses

"**Tommy Moorman** and I attended a reunion in San Ant in mid-May, just missing the SA '33 luncheon," sez **Oscar Senter**. "However, **Tex Hetherington** took us to lunch and showed us some of his accomplishments. Tex is not ret but working hard. He builds homes in the SA area, not just a few but whole developments—not cheap ones, either. He's a Tycoon with a capital T—Tommy and I were impressed. . . . **Carolyn** & I are here in Carmel for a 6th summer. We'll celebrate my 80th on 15 Jun. **Ely** will arrive soon; **Van Way & Leslie** live nearby."

In Jul **Bert & June Sparrow** enplaned for Vienna to board a Soviet riverboat for a cruise down the Danube to the Black Sea, where they transferred to a larger Sov ship for passage through the Bosphorus to Istanbul, flying home via Frankfort. "A fascinating trip," sez Bert. "Thanks in part to the timing, in part to an outstanding lecturer and high quality tour guides at every stop, we (60 on tour) received an impressive short course in the turbulent history of the 7 countries through which we passed." "The (USAA/INTRAV) tour was strenuous but well-organized," adds June. "The ships were immaculate, food better than we expected. Only disagreeable aspect: crowded airports."

In May **Betty Walters** missed a critical (top) step at home, took a tumble to the bottom, in the course of which, **Paul** says, she only bounced once, winding up on the floor below with broken wrist and leg, some head/neck injury—but unshaken equanimity. Since then we're happy to rep that she's astonished all hands by her vigor in therapy. "The one good result of my infamous fall," says Betty, "is the disappearance of arthritis in my right arm. I don't recommend this procedure, however. . . . "

We're happy to have from **Frank Zeller** a generous check for the Class Fund and a note for these *ASSEMBLY* Notes: "My health is good and I am active—walk at least 5 mi/day and eat well. Hope to make the 93 Reunion—that's a goal I've set!" Very good to hear from you, Frank. It's been a long time. . . . And while we're sounding our Zs—**Fred Zierath**, how about a word from you?

CLASS MATTERS: CLOCK-SUNDIAL GIFTS TO WEST POINT. **Abe** is still struggling to achieve a satisfactory and enduring solution to proper maintenance of '33's Clock-Sundial area in front of Eisenhower Hall. One would think that in so prominent a position the area would receive full attention on the part of authorities at USMA, but the history to date has been disappointing. Here is an extract of a recent **Lincoln** ltr to the Dir of Alumni Affairs, USMA: "The enclosed picture shows that the shrubs in the clock-sundial area are already overgrown around the clock. . . . All shrubbery should be neatly

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trimmed and not allowed to seriously overhang the benches, walks, walls or paved areas. . . . We would like the green growth to frame and accent our gifts, rather than to conceal them. '33 has invested a lot of money, with more to come for this maintenance."

UPDATES/CORRECTIONS TO '33's MAY 90 CLASS ROSTER. Cover pg: **Sparrow** address is *6251* Old Dominion Dr; pg 1: **Cepeda**: delete (d 12 Dec 88); pg 3: **Ely**: tel: *407*-742-9420, **Given**: tel: 205–943-*3185*; pg 4: **Hurlbut**: delete Honolulu address and phone; pg 6: **Parker**: tel: 603–279–6958, **Ratcliff**: tel: 913–537–7862; pg 7: **Risden**: *33309* Lakeshore Dr, Tavares, FL 32778–5031 tel: 904-343-4784, **Welling**: Goodwin House West, Apt 1030, 3440 So Jefferson St, Falls Church, VA 22041 tel: 703-578-7618; pg 13: **Hain**: HALE HO ALOHA, 2670 Pacific Heights Rd, Honolulu, HI 96813; pg 21: Cepeda: d 12 Dec 88; pg 22: Bigg: Change to **Gibb**, Biggs: Change to **Gibbs**.

SCRIBENOTE: Deadlines. Now that *ASSEMBLY* is on a 6/yr basis, *please try to get your material to me NLT the 6th day of ea even-numbered mo* (ie Dec, Feb, Apr, etc). And thanks—as you can see from our recent Notes, you're doing great!

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Tom Foote, philosopher and observer of the human condition, and **Bill Kern**, who commanded the first US Inf unit to fight the Germans in WWII, and 3 wks after losing an eye to a ricocheting shell, returned to combat wearing a glass eye he bought at a shop in Oran, cruised in Jun aboard the *USS Nashville*, LSD. They shared their wealth of mil knowledge and experience with all levels of cmd: at the captain's table, the ward room and the chiefs' mess. Their cruise included docking at the Yorktown Weapons Station for ammo and to sea to see it work. Tom and Bill gave the Navy a "Well Done." Anyone wishing to sign up for one of Foote's Tours should apply early. Kern had been ordered med-evac, when he went AWOL to rejoin his bn in combat.

Tom also reported that he was a guest at the UVA grad and commissioning of Army, Navy and AF ROTC.

About that same time, **Cille & Stan (PS) Brown** were in Hampton attending a Methodist convention. They briefed **Muff Blair** and scribe on the Brown careers after Harvard MBA, a Wesleyan U deg in divinity, and post WWII service in Paris with the Foreign Liquidation Commission. At Ft Monroe they toured the Casemate Museum, temp post-war residence of Jefferson Davis '28, who

1934: Aboard the *USS Nashville*: CPT Muldoon, USN, flanked by experts in joint oper: Fleet Admirals Kern and Foote

served with distinction in wartime mil and as Pres of the Confederacy. The Browns found the sites where, on our VA trip, we fired the then-new 8" howitzers. At our grad many of our Class selected "Coast Artillery With," for it was there we were assured of being assigned quarters. It was in the Chapel of the Centurion at Monroe where **Francie & Johnny Stevens** fired the big one. The chapel with the Tiffany windows almost 50 yrs later was the scene of the surprise wedding of **Miriam Gaskins & Bob Warren**, less than a yr before Bob's awaited death ended his service to Duty, Honor, Country.

1934: Stan (PS) & Cille Brown and Muff & Jerry Blair at Grey Goose Restaurant in Hampton

Johnny Stevens always starts his ltrs with, "I hope you can read this note." Well, he writes so concisely, penmanship is his least problem. He rep a Jun affair at The Fairfax, the ultra posh ret highrise at Belvoir, where he & **Francie** entertained **Janet & Ted Diefendorf, LaNeill & Bert Spivy, Ginger & Burt Bruce, Ted & Cissie Bunker Bullach, Beth Lyon, Loretta Lewis** and **Connie Luehman** at a champagne brunch. The Fairfax is now home to reps of the Classes of '35-'37, '40, '41, '43, '45, a '33 widow and the earlier Classes of Aug '17, '18, '20, '22, '24-'29, '31 and '32. Now, how about that? Y'all come! With such representation, an oral historian could capture on video and tape WP's contrib to history from Pershing's, "Lafayette, Nous sommes ici!," to Bataan, Oran, Normandy, the Bulge, New Guines, Chosin, Hue and a hundred other battlefields and campfires. The Stevens add, "our great-grandson will be 4 on 5 Jul, and we expect a brother and a sister for him this month."

1934: Stevens, Corrigan, Northam, Kern and Spivy at revival of Class luncheons in DC

Pat & Cy Betts, First Lady and Class Pres, are always looking out for us. They keep the org in forward motion and rep on the San Ant pup tent, which entertained **Ruth & Ralph Bucknam**, in town for the convention of the Am Harp Society, and who in turn had a party for those who were available: **Virgie Jablonsky, Isabel & Charlie White, Tessie & Larry Savage**, et al, whose names I missed over the phone. **Pinky Alness**' beautiful wife **Jo** is undergoing treatment at Wilford Hall, the USAF super med facility near AF Vil. Isn't it remarkable that as we get older, love for our spouses reaches hitherto unattainable heights? Jo & Pinky are such an example of cumulative affection.

This from **James Dudley Wilmeth** at Wilford Hall Med Ctr. (Lately I have caught Dud signing his name "Jim.") "Because I had an aortic valve transplant here 3 yrs ago from a pig, I return here annually for a pig sticking. They say 'I aorta do it for my aorta.' [sic! A few puns got past me.] I called via Ma Bell's network **Ken Cunin** who has been a shuttle-cock between his apt and the Care Unit at the Army Residence Ctr. Ken's launch and return to the CU has a periodic freq of 3 wks. The doctors and nurses are of huge help but **Jane Dahlberg** is his main pillar of strength. **Jack White** is quite ill with emphysema and bronchitis, and **Patsy**, his BW, from back pain. Adding to the pain is moving out of their luxurious home to seek the solace of the Army Residence Ctr. Although he was suspicious, Patsy sprang a walloping surprise 80th birthday party for him. Patsy doesn't count birthdays. She says, 'Birthdays are a pain in the neck.' **Willie Maye & Bunky Reeves** are coming to San Ant for a Daedalian mtg. **John Hutchison** was on the golf course when I talked to **Saralu**, who had just completed jury duty. **Larry Savage** was on an errand when I called. I talked to **Tess**,

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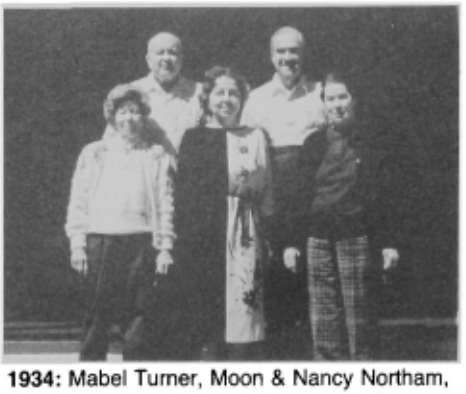
who told me of his now being on nitroglycerine medication. **Virgie Jablonsky** was out of town. Smart! San Ant has had 21 days of jalapena weather. **George Dany** was also golfing. **Kay** said his swing was as good as when they first danced together. **Betty & Tom Wood** never talk on the phone—they let their answering service take care of junk calls. Don't we wish we could do that with junk mail? **Cy Betts** arises at 6 and jogs around quiet city streets for his morning constitutional. Pat says he first walks around the house a few turns. That is his preamble to the constitution. [oops!] Do you remember that story Cy told at our 55th? 'I left my harp in Sam Frank's disco.' **Isbel & Charlie White** also let the answering service take the junk calls. **Fred Cook** was dealing with a storm he had cooked up. He had a new roof and a burglar alarm system installed. Somehow the wires got crossed, because now whenever a pigeon lands on the roof, the alarm goes off and the security patrol shows to collect a $30 fee for a false alarm. **Pinky Alness** took me to lunch while **Jo** was having her hair done. I could not reach **Irma & Ted Hoffman**, so I do not have any tales of Hoffman to tell [oops!]"

Dud rep on classmates at 4 Jul mini-mini at Tortuguero Natl Park, Costa Rica. "Negative except for **Francie** & me. Of the 20,000 American citizens living in San Jose, 19,980 were at the American Embassy on 4 Jul. The other 20 were temporarily in the States. We came here on an ElderHostel, our first out of the country. We recommend them as the least expensive and most rewarding way to visit anywhere. You can get the EH catalogue from any univ or your local library.

"Costa Rica has had no army since 48. Costa Ricans are very proud of being the exemplary country of total disarmament and unchallenged peace. What they ignore is, that is possible because the US looks favorably on them and their policy, and has armed forces to enforce peace if it is threatened, viz. Panama.

"The country is composed of smoking volcanoes and rain forest. The ecologists are trying to preserve this wealth of flora and fauna, but it will not put a smoking ban on volcanoes. A volcano blew its top our 3rd day here. The unit of currency here is the colón, of which the govt owes us a billion, which I would call, 'Owe de colón.' That is to say, the country is bankrupt." Thus spake **Wilmeth**.

From their summer itinerary **Nancy & Moon Northam** send pix: with **Lydia McCrary** at her mansion in Gainesville, with **Johnny Stevens, Gene Corrigan, Bill Kern**, and **Bert Spivy** while visiting their daughter in Silver Spring, MD, and with **Ruth & Jack Renfroe** at their new condo near Asheville. Pix were mailed from The Anchorage, the ops ctr of the **Northams** in ME as they were taking off



1934: Mabel Turner, Moon & Nancy Northam, Paul Turner and Lydia McCrary at McCrary mansion in Gainesville, FL

for Russia [*Zdrazvuti!*] where they plan to wait until the ME weather improves. Their notecard showed a perspective of The Anchorage drawn by **Nancy** which would have netted a 3.0 [4.0 new count] in drawing from Pesek.

1934: Jack & Ruth Renfroe and Moon Northam at new Renfroe condo above Asheville, NC

Address change: **Marion & Frank Willoughby Moorman** have moved from CT to 3101 Oak Harbor Ct, Richmond VA 23233, tel (804) 360-3906. They have grandchildren in not-too-far-away Annapolis. Marion Bryden is the sister of Ellen Bryden, married to A Day Surles, Jr '37. Bill, who is now a mbr of Tm VA, volunteered for duty with the Williamsburg mini-reunion. Bill as a cadet was familiarly known as, "Willie," distinguished from roommate "**Bill**" **Bunker**. Their 3rd roommate was **Pop Womack**, declared the most distinguished at our 50th. They made a motley crew. Have you dispatched a get-well card to Pop? Do it now and at the same time boost the morale of his beautiful daughter Susan, who attends him.

Tete Brown has her seaside estate in Reedville, VA on the mkt. When it is sold, she may gravitate toward son Cary's family in VA Bch. And from there she can keep an eye on Charlie's Class ring which she allows me to wear, proudly. From near Tete, **Lil & Bob Tyson** rep: his activities are civic (raising dollars for charities) and familial. They visit Lucy, who works in the Treas Dept Economic Council; Bill a Veep in Nat Sec; and Bob a Prexy in insurance. The Sen from AL also refinishes furniture, and refurbishes his umpteen-foot-long ketch, when parts are available for its aging diesel. And that ain't easy because you found the engine's counterpart in the London taxis until after WWII. We could publish a book of stories about those big, square, upright taxicabs which had a turning radius of less than 10 ft. Ubiquitous, the cabbies provided capital cartoon humor for the "Stars and Stripes," as well as sanctuary to GIs lost in Londontown.

1934: Jenny McCrary Peil and Lydia's granddaughter with the Northams

We mourn with **Dottie Franklin** the passing of our beloved classmate **John Franklin**, who died in San Mateo, CA on 29 Jul. **Johnny Stevens** wrote: "Johnny Franklin was buried today at Arlington near his father's grave. We had 6 honorary pallbearers: **PS Brown, Corrigan, Kern, Spivy,** Stevens and **Tyson**. Ladies present were **Hope Corrigan, Anne Kern, La Neill Spivy, Francie Stevens** and **Beth Lyon**. Eulogy was given by Swede Larsen '39. Tyson spent the night before at the Fairfax and visited the Stevens."

Francie & Johnny had that expected *great*-granddaughter 1 Jul—Jessica Elizabeth Sozio, and on 31 Jul celebrated their 55th wedding anniv.

Burt Bruce had a cataract job 1 Aug, and seems to be coming along OK. **Janet & John Diefendorf** on another trip, this time to VT.

The Supe, Dave Palmer, reviewed for us at our 55th his State of the Corps message, which later appeared in *ASSEMBLY*. Responding to our compliments, he added: "I was also pleased to know that the Class of '34 considered the endowment of an academic chair. That is a noble gift, and I would also hope to be able to encourage my own Class to do that. Your mention of the book written by my classmate, Heath Twichell, about Henry Allen brought back memories of the book. Heath won an award for it, which he richly deserved." Allen was an acct of one brilliant grad's part in American expansion. In WWI, our first attache to Russia, Gen Allen made the attache asgmt a distinguished position. He later established the Army of Occupation and

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its policies which persisted after WWII.

Muff & I attended the dedication of the Jean MacArthur Research Inst at the Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk. Mrs Bush, wife of the Pres, attended, and her remarks were gentile and gracious. She introduced Mrs MacArthur to the crowd, which overflowed the MacArthur Plaza. Speaking impromptu, Jean MacArthur recalled, for the intent and affectionate audience, accompanying her Gen on his wkly rounds of the hosps, and how he called upon her to represent the mother, sister and daughter to wounded and dying veterans. I commend the grandeur of Gen MacArthur's tomb and the splendor of the memorial and its collections of unequaled memorabilia for a pilgrimage by every WP'er and every citizen who values the Amer genius for winning unprovoked wars and establishing unforeseen peace.

Cy Betts rep the response to his 4 Jul memo: slate of officers unanimously elected; Class capital still San Ant; and Williamsburg leading in the 4 options for the 91 mini-reunion. The ballots were picked up by **Ken Cunin** on his first day to make it from the recovery room to his mailbox after his siege of surgery and slow recovery. Thank you, Ken, and may God bless your attendant, **Jane Dahlberg**.

1934: John & Janet Diefendorf, Evelyn & Pete Ward, and Muff & Jerry Blair at Williamsburg Lodge. Tm VA initial planning Mini-Reunion in VA

Tm VA (sans **Moormans**, who had not yet reported) visited Williamsburg and took an option on 20 elegant rooms and a couple of spacious suites at the Lodge for 5–7 Nov 91. Just outside our doors will be all of Colonial Williamsburg, the most popular site in America. The rooms will have been re-decorated and will cost just $108 per couple, and include free tour tickets to all of the restored area, and free transportation. So open your history books and brush up on The Cradle of Democracy. Williamsburg is the Numero Uno tourist attraction in America, and our early fall reunion will avoid the summer traffic. Tidewater VA beckons with historic sites, beaches, shipbuilding, mil bases with all of the usual amenities, Busch Gardens, Water Country and much, much more, incl every variety of superb seafood. Get a *Mid-Atl Tour Book* from your American Auto Assoc, and start planning now to have the best time of your life—well, since your first VA Trip!

Janet & John Diefendorf are our local contact. Send them your ideas for the reunion prog. The Reunion Comm consists of **Dief, Tyson, Ward, Moorman** and **Blair** and the entire staff of Colonial Williamsburg.

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The Reunioneers are still basking in the euphoria of the 55th—AND anxiously anticipating an early Mini Reunion, hopefully to be attended by those who were not able to be with us. Appreciation is in order to the many Class shutterbugs who supplied us with an abundance of pics. AOG sets 10 as limit so with permission we'll hold a reserve for future use.

On the vacation beat, **Charlie & Marge Leonard** and **Frank & Jane Fiore** occupied the summer home of Tony Kleitz (son, Frank, WP '33) in Paris, ME, across the st from **Bud & Jill Schlanser**, for a two-wk period of golf, cavorting and "reunion-rehashing." Thereafter, the Leonards traveled to Seattle to witness the Pentathelon portion of the Good Will Games and to visit with daughter Peg Starbird at Ft Lewis; thence back to ME and home to the Fairfax by Labor Day. **Bob & Helen McDonald**, following Reunion, leisurely returned to El Paso in their motor home, visiting family and friends en route. **Art & Sally Fickel** are now happily ensconced in the Fairfax. He supplied a most interesting item. Art's son-in-law, Keith Kroeger, is chief architect in charge of renovating Dick's Folly at Garrison, NY; ultimate objective for resale as unique res, multiple dwelling, conf ctr, inn or whatever. The Moorish motif prevails, and to illustrate the degree of thoroughness and financial outlay involved, skilled workmen/artisans have been brought in fr Eastern Europe to complete the undertaking. Art suggests a real estate ad along lines "F/Sale 109 Rms W/Riv Vu, WP." Brings to mind the "I" Co unauthorized expedition during "Gloom Season," 1934 to the what we thought "inaccessible" Dick's Folly, only to discover upon arrival there all walls thoroughly inscribed! A hasty retreat ensued to the W shore to beat an ice-breaker churning up the river which would have "marooned and doomed" the gp to the displeasure of the TD Dept. Correction: to the "*pleasure*" of the TD, since this is Class of '35! (Names/pics participants furnished on request.)

1935: Margery Beukema Leonard presenting the Herman Beukema Memorial Award for Excellence in Social Sciences to 1990 graduate, Cadet Edward P. Hoyt, a cousin of Joseph C. Anderson

Nanie Anderson gave us a warmhearted item. "As part of Wash Cathedral's 'Festival of Creation,' Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburg and Intl Pres, World Wide Fund for Nature, planted an English oak near the Peace Cross. The tree was donated by Nanie in memory of **Joe**, who was a lover of trees, wild life and the Cathedral, so this seemed a singularly appropriate memorial." She adds that a wide spectrum of religious leaders of all faiths participated.

We received a cheerful ltr fr **Gert Davis** bringing us up-to-date. **Lee** has now recovered fr an 89 stroke with some slight loss of short-term memory but otherwise is fine. Their children, Jennifer (teaching disadvantaged children, Phila), Tony (LI, Jr research engr, Ford Mtr Co), and Eva (sch principal, Las Vegas) assembled in Albuquerque for Lee's 80th birthday. Gert lists 7 grandchildren and 4 3/4th great-grandchildren. **Rollo Rutte** gives us a full acct of his pursuits in Spokane—active in MOWW in patriotic and educational areas, contests and lectures on "History of the American Flag;" for relaxation he & **Margaret** are avid gardeners and supply astute advice on horticultural subjects.

1935: The Lee Davis family on Lee's Birthday No. 80. Lee & Gert (front row); Jenifer, Tony (Lee, Jr) and Eva (standing)

We cite, "all's well that ends well," referring to a ltr from **Gene Walter**, my staunch friend and summer roommate. He had a close call with prostatitis and

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related kidney cancer; tests called for prompt surgery and the malignancy was removed in its incipiancy; no radiation/chemotherapy necessary. With "TLC" by **Marge**, he's anticipating "full duty" status as you read this. **Bernie Waterman** has been under treatment at WRGH for a sub-dural hematoma that surfaced during a tennis match in early Jun. He's under close observation and taking it easy at home with prognosis excellent. **John Alfrey** relays greetings from **Kit & Jean Schweidel** in El Paso. (Direct line available, Kit!) He's savoring membership in the "Octogenarian Club" ("advance guard" of a huge main body—we trust). Kit also rep no ill effects from a 4-yr heart by-pass, but currently undergoing tests for bone cancer. Good luck and keep us informed. From **Harry & Edith Lewis**, a plug and a plea; former for her recently-published book, *Haiku Poetry For Children*; latter for a "mini" in the form of a Carib cruise (this in capable hands of the Class comm). At risk relief from these delectable (?) duties for violating pun prohibition, we'd like to insert a "Foot(e) note"—**Seneca Foote**, that is; you might recall a few issues back we touted Seneca's and daughter's role in award-winning film, *Driving Miss Daisy*. Recent word from him—"they left my brief footage on the cutting room floor!" Nonetheless, this flick is tops entertainment; it should engender fond memories in all former Ft Benning assignees.

1935: The Caugheys on recon San Ant ret facilities: Bud Russ, Marie Ferris, Hart, Fran Russ, Ed Ferris and Betty

In early Jun, **Arlene Cole** completed an Elderhostel Study Prog at the Alton Col Retreat Ctr (highly recommended) near Portland, OR; thence visited with **Bill & Eulalie Proctor**, whom she rep, "look wonderful." The LRC has been answered by two of our widows. **Dee Bechtold**'s daughter, Sandy, informed us that Dee had died in her sleep "after 12 disfigured, debilitated yrs following maxilo-facial surgery to cure advanced tonsillar cancer." Direct cause demise—cancer of the esophagus. Interment in Arlington beside **Ed**. We spent a super afternoon with her in Anaheim long ago and always enjoyed her scintillating/witty Christmas ltrs. A grand lady—RIP. Sandy's address: PO Box 678, Solana Beach, CA 92075. **Riki Phelan** died in a nursing home in Boulder, CO of Alzheimer's disease on 12 Jul. Catholic Mass at Ft Myer was followed by burial in Arlington next to **Don; Bill Patterson, Warren Everett, Walt Simpson** and **Al & Jean Robbins** attended. We enjoyed a neighborly period with Don & Riki in mid-60's—children same parochial sch, etc. We must conclude she never recovered from Don's tragic loss which, as far as we know, has never been solved.

All for the summer edition. We'll expect the junketeers to send in after-action reports as soon as return to base. Again—a reminder—the 6 issues/yr became effective with the Sept issue, so discard deadlines; don't wait; submit as occurs. Many thanks.

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With the very greatest of pleasure we begin these notes on NO negative news—like old age, infirmities, and "dearly departed." Hurrah for the young in heart; congratulations for the 13 Jul newlyweds **Florence (Sunny) Schneider & Walt Faiks**. Their new address: 2341 SW 26 Ave, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312, tel 305-584-8419. The new couple were somewhat secretive about honeymoon plans and plans for building a family!

1936: Newlyweds Walt & Sunny Faiks

The best editorial in *US News*' 9 Jul issue was presented by **Dave Brown**. He was responding to the flag-burning episodes and was opposed to altering our Constitution. You all should have read his remarks. **Ethel Crockett** Aldridge & husband, "Dr Jack," wrote they are making a So African tour in late Aug. **Larry Ellert** wins! He has the youngest son of the Class to have gone to WP. We understand that he did not stay in the Academy. **Bob Fergusson** made one of his frequent calls and said the **Ace Millers** went east to help celebrate the 50th anniv of Airborne with **Westy**. The latest on **Bill Hay** is that he stays at home by himself. He's able to cook and keep house without help, but someone drives him to church and mkt. We ran across a pic which showed the **Haywoods** on an Egyptian tour in Mar. It was good to hear from the **Hesses** (3 times), and it was good to hear that their physical problems are almost nonexistent. Her arthritis pains are subdued and, after major knee surgery, he has pulled a "**Randy Dickens**" and grown over an inch in height. His gardening and golf suggest more the rigors of a 60-yr-old than an 80'ish. To the Hesses, "golden yrs" have some measure of importance. In mid-Jul, the **Hiesters** rep traveling eastward thru CO and MO. **Clark Hosmer** continues to travel and continues to "fight drugs" with his articles. Forward! **Larry Laurion** wrote, and is continuing to function with his erratic ticker. The **McElhenys** wrote from USAFA and rep the water shortage out west is critical. Dan says there is no more water at the '36 memorial! He also said a young lady guide explained the 17 chapel arches this way: 12 are for the 12 apostles and 5 are for members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Jane Mikkelsen writes that she is moving from her home to a 7-story, 350-apt, 6-dining room life care complex. Her address is 13373 Plaza del Rio Blvd #2261, Peoria, AZ 85381. Her phone remains the same. The **Persons** still exude compliments about their desert ret digs near March AFB, CA. We think we now understand why. **Pete** is volunteering to be a salesperson (Persons) for the compound. We think we also heard that **Virginia** & Pete joined with the '36 contingent in LA for a social. Received a long ltr from **Bruce Palmer**. He spoke of **Bill Sibert** in Walter Reed and of asgmts that his successful father enjoyed in the old cavalry.

Bill Sibert left Walter Reed the end of Jul and is in a nursing home: 115 Hart St, Niceville, FL 32578, tel 904-678-6667. **Clark Hosmer** has visited him and says he still doesn't look too strong. **Eunice Tyler** rep that she's been an usher at her Episcopal church for 4 yrs; she's the only woman. Her daughter also works for IBM in Austin. And so does a **Gage** boy.

Martin Ganderson, scribe of '61, was

1936: Dayton, OH Hall of Fame banquet: Westy, Ben Davis, Bill Yarborough and Bill Ryder

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very thoughtful and sent us a pic of **Westy** he took at the 50th Airborne festivities. These also included **Ben Davis, Yarborough,** and **Bill Ryder**.

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I recently received a warm note of appreciation from **Edna Cheal** thanking the Class for the floral tribute to **Ray** and the support given to her and her family after Ray's sudden death from a massive heart attack 5 Jun. She said that **Johnny & Mollie Johnson** and our son Don Jr attended the moving graveside ceremony with her at WP. "He loved all his classmates and was proud of being a member of the Long Gray Line."

Hope Amos died 9 Aug after a brief struggle with brain cancer. Her ashes were interred at St Patrick's Church, Santa Rose, CA, after a memorial service 12 Aug. Memorials may be sent to Home Hospice of Somona County, 558 B St, Santa Rose, CA 95401. Thankfully we had the opportunity to see **Bill**'s lovely lady at the Wmsburg mini.

A 1 Jul note from **Bill Amos** had advised that, after displaying Alzheimer's disease symptoms for a mo, **Hope** was found to have a brain tumor which was removed 13 Jun. At that time he was optimistic that "she is slowly recovering."

From our sole rep in AF Vil West, **Dick Fellows**: "One of March AFB's tankers of the 15th AF just cast its shadow over our home. It's just great to hear those engines in the air rather than the auto traffic we have been hearing for those many yrs." They miss the San Pedro ocean breezes but have all the amenities—golf course, hosp and (in extremis) the Riverside Natl Cemetery. He says that **Bill (Hoot) Horrigan** has big problems but is recuperating at home after recent hospitalization. Dick sends his best to the WA riff raff (Is this an upgrade from bureaucracy or otherwise?).

1937: Mollie Johnson, Pat & Trixie Callahan and Betty Spengler

On 23 Jun the **Fraziers** had a Class picnic at their place. Just about everyone

1937: Olga Hyzer, Hiestand Underood, John F and Margaret Green

from our WA gp was there. It was our first opportunity to meet Pat Callahan and to toast him and his new bride, **Trixie Zehner**. **Bob Seedlock** captured the mer-

1937: Mary Lemmon, Kathy Maliszewski, Tense Seedlock and Sally Taylor

1937: Jim Duncan and Jitka & Hank Byroade

ry outing on film and the shots shown herein are his handiwork. Unfortunately, we had to leave early to attend to last min chores before our departure on the morrow.

I had always wanted to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau, which is held every 10 yrs. It was now or probably never, so we sprang for an INTRAV Romantic Rivers and Castles tour through USAA. It was included as a side trip and the problem of getting tickets was taken care of. After the trauma of JFK Airport and an extra-long flight (5 hrs sequestered in the DeGaulle Airport terminal), we arrived at the Munich Hilton just in time for the welcoming cocktail party, sans one night's sleep, sans baggage which caught up with us 4 days later, just before departing Munich. **Fran** was philosophic about it—no decisions on what to wear! We did the usual sightseeing in and around Munich, where I pointed out the B&B off the Marienplatz where **John Frazier** and I stayed 3 yrs ago. During our stay in Munich, we took a side trip to beautiful little Oberammergau and saw the play, which was a memorable exp. At the crucifixion the skies darkly clouded up and there was a terrific thunderstorm with much lightning. The real thing completely masked the canned sound effects. We bussed from Munich to

1937: Fran on pedestrian mall, Munich

Rothenberg, where we had lunch. This is the quaint and historic walled city where John and I succeeded in getting lost on our adventure. We arrived in Wurzburg and boarded the luxury river boat *Olympia* for a 7-day ride down the Main and Rhine and up the Mosel. We stopped at the more famous castles, wineries, picture-postcard-pretty towns and vils, sampled the best wines they had to offer, dined in luxury aboard the *Olympia* while its staff tried to spoil us with attention to which we had never been accustomed. I had a ball ogling the quaint architecture while **Fran** commandered the camera in order to "frame the pics properly." Unfortunately, she framed her forefinger in some of them. We left the *Olympia* at Trier, which to my mind was the most fascinating town of the tour, historically, architecturally and shoppingwise. We then bussed and toured Luxembourg, arriving at Brussels where we stayed at another 5-star hotel for two days while touring Brussels, Ghent and Bruges (the lace place), where Fran further impoverished us. We will now live on bread and water, savouring our memories and saving up for our next adventure. By going through USAA we thought we would run into some old acquaintances, but nary a one. However, one of the unexpected pleasures of the trip was meeting so many congenial people.

In Aug I talked to **John Frazier** in Mill Valley, CA. He & **Pat** are babysitting their baby grandson while son Doug & Kris and their two older sons are white-water rafting in ID.

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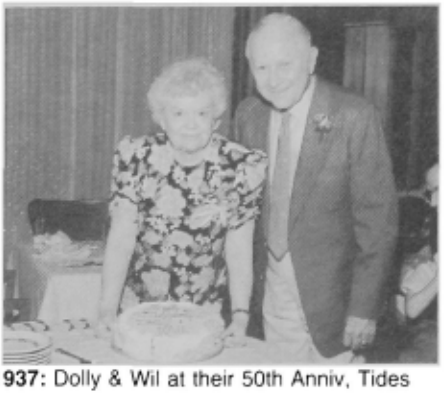
Bill Hipps called recently to quiz me on some of the finer points of doing NZ. **John F** had already sent him a bunch of stuff so I had little to offer. He & **Jeanne** are going on an extended vacation to NZ and Aus and will not be making the Bermuda cruise. Besides, they have already been there twice before and one time occupied the suite that had been graced by the presence of the Prince of Wales & his bride. Something like sleeping where GW had. I expect a full report this fall. Which reminds me that **Cecil Himes** spent quite a long time Down Under and never came forth with his after-action report. How about it, Cecil?

Karol Ames has recently acquired and moved into a condo—1709 Clower Creek Dr. #206, Sarasota, FL 34231. Her mom **Kay** has received approval from Arl Cemetery to move **Roly**'s remains to the WP Cemetery. I'll keep you informed.

1937: CT & Carmen Clagett en costume at the Ger-Amer Club Fasching

See the pic of the **Clagetts**, taken at the German-Amer Club Fasching in the dress her mom made her for the bicentennial. They departed 23 Jul for Frankfurt to visit the Black Forest, Munich, Oberammergau, Austria, Budapest, the Blue Danube, Switzerland, and back to Ger (where she originally met **CT**—he was gorgeous!). Bermuda is out for them but perhaps they will make the NW Fun in 91. 16 Jul was Carmen's Day, which everyone so-named celebrates. CT had the whole mariachi band serenade her.

See the splendid pic of a gorgeous couple celebrating their Golden, 31 May with all 19 of their family at Tides Inn, VA. After returning home, **Wil** had his oper and I am happy to be able to rep that at the Jul luncheon, he looked at least as healthy as he did in this pic. He was lucky. The blockages were discovered before any damage was done to his heart muscles.



1937: Dolly & Wil at their 50th Anniv, Tides Inn

The **Prentisses** took a two-wk cruise from SF to AK aboard the brand new *Crystal Harmony*. As Gus describes it, they had all the amenities and comforts of home—a private outside veranda, TV, VCR, refrigerator, his and her blow dryers—such decadence! The veterans of the Yukon are probably whirling in their graves.

The Jun and Jul luncheons were well attended and as much fun as usual, but nothing earthshaking to rep. The Aug one will be sort of thin with **Geo Maliszewski** in MA for a relative's wedding and me likewise in York, PA. **Gus & Corinne Prentiss** will be at a 10th Inf reunion. I'll get someone to take notes. It will be interesting to see how they get along without us.

We have recently acquired two more grandchildren: Judy's Brian Gabriel and Jack's Melissa Shive. Our oldest daughter Frannie in Nashville is expecting in Sep. Don Jr & Rachel were re-assigned—from USMA to Ft Leavenworth. She is a student while he is with a study gp on the staff.

A note from **Steggy Stegmaier** requested info on **Dan Russell** and **Schermerhorn**. He has volunteered to do their obituaries. Please send any pertinent info to Steggy. Also, I lack info on **Frank Harrison**'s WWII service and his duty with MAAGs in Greece? Turkey? His youngest daughter Joannie has sent me a loving obituary but I need the above to complete it. So search your brains and/or files.

1937: Lopez-Duprey, Green and Prentiss at the Fairfax

Here are a couple more good pics of the co-ed luncheon taken at the Fairfax, with a note from my correspondent down there. **Jean Palmer** brings a lot of happiness to many of the Fairfax people when she plays the piano at a twice-wkly sing-along. She also plays on an irregular basis in the health care wing. On 26 May, **Bob &** Jean celebrated their 53rd anniv with champagne for all at the 5–6 pm sing-along. The gp, which included **Bud & Charleyrene Hines**, demonstrated their affection and appreciation with heavy applause and a toast to the Palmers' continued happiness.

1937: Marge Bailey, Trixie Zehner, Bayly Unger and Fred Clarke at the Fairfax

Our co-ed luncheon will be held at the Fairfax Ret Comm Fri, 19 Oct. Out-of-towners en route to Bermuda cruise contact locals for transportation if needed.

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Death of our classmate, **Dick Long**, was reported in Jul *ASSEMBLY* col. His grandson was born that same day to Felicity Long Hager & her husband in NJ. Dick's widow, **Alice**, visited them and her new grandson after the funeral services in MA. Then she returned home to Pebble Bch, where she plays golf and is active in vol work.

From **Dick Sims**, Pascagoula, MS, "Here are two snapshots taken of **Fran** & me shortly after celebrating our 52nd wedding anniv on 15 Jun. We were in Little Rock where both of us were born and raised. While there I visited my old home. It was quite a thrill for me since I had not been inside that house for about 35 yrs. My family sold that house to a dr in the 50's and it had been converted to a dental clinic. Nevertheless, two of the rooms had been left untouched and were just as I remembered them." Dick has some extra *Howitzers* in good condition for USMA Classes of '35, '36, '37 and '38, which he will donate to anyone who wants them and will reimburse UPS shipping charges. Pls contact him directly if interested. 18 Jun—Happy birthday No 76 to my good friend and cadet roommate, **Jim Mrazek**!

On 28 Jun, Meribeth (Mickie), daughter of the **Spanglers**, wrote to **Dick Stilwell, Bill Smith**, and **Carter Duncan** about **Herb**'s death on 9 Jan (reported in May *ASSEMBLY* col). She & her husband had moved to this new address: Dr

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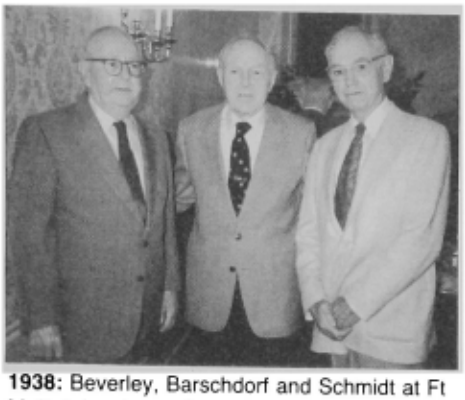
1938: Dick & Fran Sims' 52nd Wedding Anniv, Little Rock



1938: Beverley, Barschdorf and Schmidt at Ft McNair luncheon, Apr

& Mrs H Jack Brown, 1511 North Randall Ave, Elk City, OK 73644. Her sister, Virginia (Ginnie) Spangler Waters lives at 6062 Castleton Dr, San Diego, CA 92117. Mickie was a sr buyer for Litton Ind, enjoying her hobby of raising and showing English bulldogs when she met her future husband, Jack, who also exhibited bulldogs. Her referenced ltr enclosed another from Ginnie. Both ltrs displayed deep love for Herb and pride in his mil career. Bill Smith is working with them on the obituary for the *ASSEMBLY*, which may contain extracts from these ltrs.

From **Dick Bromiley**, 5 Jul (at my request): "Following Lindbergh's nonstop flight to Paris in 27, I developed a great desire to fly airplanes. Never did I think that this could start a dynasty along with **Edee**, whom I married shortly after WP grad. My base branch was Inf, but I was assigned to, and completed, Air Corps tng in 39. Our children and some of our grandchildren have decided to follow the Air Corps, now the AF pattern. Our son ret from the AF after 20 yrs. Our eldest daughter married an AF LT, now a MG on active duty; our youngest daughter previously worked in a civ capacity on AF staff and currently works on the Joint Staff. We have a grandson who is an AF CPT and helicopter pilot; a granddaughter married to an AF LT, who is a missle controller; another granddaughter who has joined the AF with the goal to be an air traffic controller. Edee & I are proud of our 'brood' and their selections."

In Oct 89 *ASSEMBLY* col there was a pic of President Bush with Generals **Stilwell**, Goodpaster, and Davis viewing the design of the Korean War Memorial. On 3 Jul **Kent Schmidt** sent me a clipping from his Ger newspaper, showing this same pic with German captions. **Nick Chavasse** returned recently from the USAA tour of Eastern Europe. They traveled down the Danube from Vienna to the Black Sea and on to Istanbul. They were in Rumania on Election Day and saw the palace of former ruler Caucesceau. During Jul **Art Smith** wrote that he has been having difficulty getting mail forwarded from Richmond to his summer MI address. He has contacted the postmaster and is frustrated with assuring that his mail is properly delivered. Otherwise, he & **Jane** are "having a nice summer—lots of family. . . . " During Jul, **Frank & Peggy Miller** went to Houston for grad of one grandchild and on to Galveston for grad of another grandchild. Accompanied by their oldest daughter & her husband, they visited Acupulco before returning home.

On 1 Jul, **JB Coleman** wrote that he had completed an obituary for **Vince Miles** and gave me a copy—outstanding and well-written! JB & **Pat** cruised the So Pacific over Christmas 89 and were in Bangkok New Yr's Eve. They were in Australia and NZ Feb/Mar. They put their house on the market on 5 Jul and sold it to the "second looker (dr) on 6 Jul for their asking price." They don't have to move until 15 Jan 91 and have reservations to move to Fleet Landing Ret Comm. JB wrote that **Muriel Amick, Mary Jacunski** and **Kay Broberg** have also made reservations there. By the end of this yr we may have several USMA '38 residents there. In his 13 Jul ltr, JB recalled, "**Bill Fite** is down in Ocala only 45 min away. I haven't seen him but **Riordan** has in Gainesville. Bill and I swam together on the WP swim team. We were in line one day at WP hosp for shots. Crash! Big Bill hit the floor! He had passed out thinking about the shot. That knocked him out of Air Corps tng."

1938: Ed Lahti and 511 Prcht Inf Regt Memorial, ANC 6 Jul

Almost each yr the **Lahtis** have driven west through WY, MT, OR, and CA, sightseeing and visiting relatives and friends. They have also traveled south to GA and FL to attend various paratrooper functions, at which **Ed** was an honored guest—former CO 511th Prcht Inf Regt. This yr, Ed & **Cindy** were in Atl for the 50th Anniv celebration of the founding of US Airborne. They were also in the DC area 4–8 Jul for the 50th Anniv celebration of the founding of US paratrooper orgs. Two yrs ago Ed & Cindy took all necessary actions to place a memorial in Arlington Natl Cemetery to be dedicated this yr. They selected the Japanese cherry tree and wrote the inscription for the bronze plaque. Their son Scott Lathi and family moved recently from CA to Stamford, CT, so they look forward to spending more time with them.

1938: Shirley & Junie Lotz, Tracey Harrington and Joe Conell, May

During 5–9 Jul, the **Lotzes** were in N VA for one of their frequent visits to see **Shirley**'s mother, other relatives and friends. **Bill Smith** and I tried to schedule **Junie** for golf, but they were too busy. We did discuss Class news and current business by tel.

Bill & Pat Works celebrated their 50th wedding anniv 5–7 Jul at the Hyatt at Lake Tahoe. Some extracts from **Gus Chalgren**'s rather lengthy report follow, "Guests began arriving Thur pm at the posh Hyatt. The rally point was Bob and Pat's large suite for a continuous, happy cocktail party—until supper at a table for 30. All day Fri more guests streamed in—again rallying at Bob & Pat's suite. Fri evening there was a supper for at least 100 in a glass-walled private dining room at the edge of the lake.

"A main highlight of the Fri program was the enthusiastic singing by a chorus of the 5 **Works** children, their spouses, plus several grandchildren—of pointed ditties (to popular tunes)—words composed by them or taken from some of **Bob**'s famous poetic spoofs—much of it about the hilarious ups and downs of Army life. Between these renditions—speeches—8 of them not over 3 min each with a bit of tribute to P & B plus plenty of ribbing. Then the orchestra returned with dance music for all vintages. What a charming celebration! Sat—sailing and

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swimming, followed by a gourmet picnic at a lovely peninsula and pavilion reserved for this celebration and catered by the Hyatt. After this finale, some were unwilling to give up until after Sun brunch. Those from '38 present were **Jeff & Babbie Irvin** and their daughter Julie, **Gus & Ann Chalgren**, and Jack **Boyt** (**Johnny**'s son) and **Ann**. The whole affair was a marvelous tribute to Pat & Bob from the Works children and their spouses!"

From **Hugh Wallace**, San Ant, TX, 30 Jul, "**Jeff Irvin** rep that the **Works**' 50th Anniv was a fabulous affair. **Bill Kieffer** has been all around the USA to Masters bridge tournaments, being fortunate to get to see his sons at the same time—Anchorage son John; Atl, a quick swing by Hilton Head to see son Bill; then this fall to CA for a visit with his graduating granddaughter, who finished with high honors and scholarship offers. **Omar & Maria Knox** went to Grand Forks, ND for birth of a grandson. A note from **Sam Hogan** indicates that he and his family will move to Costa Rica as soon as he can sell his farm in Ecuador. A telecon with Jackie Desobry informed us that her sister (**Bob Demitz**' widow) **Virginia** Demitz had died recently. We are getting the word out to local classmates. **Jan** & I have been quiet since our return from Cancun in mid-Jun. Ray Cheal '37 had planned to go to Cancun but was unable to go due to some pending med tests. While there, we al. got word of his death from heart failure."

From **Bill Strand**, San Ant, TX 30 Jul, "**Mac & Barbara Macomber** spent a delightful Jun at their condo in Gunnison, CO. They missed San Ant's record hot weather here. Their granddaughter Kristin graduated with honors from Boerne HS, plus received a scholarship to TX A&M. **Howard & Noli Kenzie** enjoyed 8 wks of travel mid May-Jul. Their 8000 mi included visits to two classmates. They saw **Carter Duncan** in Bloomington, IL, where he is living nearby a nursing home to be with his 101-yr-old mother. They also had a good visit with **Bill & Toddy Frederick**, who live in Eau Gallie, FL. They traveled north to Duluth, then along the north shore of Lake Superior to Sault St Marie, Ottawa, and Montreal. Next they toured New England and down the East Coast to FL. The weather cooperated and they had a delightful time. **Bill & Dotsy Strand** flew to Eau Claire, WI in Aug to spend a wk with his 97-yr-old mother. **Virginia 'Ginger' Demitz** died 28 Jul in St Louis. She was the daughter of LTG Geoffrey Keyes '13, a well-known horse cavalryman and armored force cmdr with Gen Patton in WWII."

From 2–7 Aug, **Miriam** & I were at Ocean City Bch with our children, their spouses and two of our grandchildren for Miriam's birthday celebration. To some extent this col is based on mail accumulated in our absence. Many thanks to our fellow scribes **Hugh Wallace**, **Bill Strand**, and **Jim Mrazek** for their input, and to others who have kept us informed. If some of our readers are mentioned infrequently, they should send pics or quotable material for future cols.

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Academy grandchildren—Pics of Jean **Kobes** '90 and Jeff **Samuel** USAFA '90 arrived! Interesting not only that granddads were USMA grads, but also dads were Academy grads—Frank J Kobes IV, USMA '66 and David Samuel, USAFA '64. Among those attending Kobes ceremony was Seth **Hudgins**, Jr USMA '64, son of our **Seth**. Jean, in the Signal Corps, goes to Frankfurt, Ger; Jeff first reports for flight trng, Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, TX. Our Class is rightfully proud to present Class gifts to these 3rd generation grads for their carrying on the '39 tradition of service to our country.

1939: Grandparents Lydia & Frank Kobes, Class granddaughter Jean Kobes '90, and Don & Dotty Hull following silver tray presentation at Thayer

1939: Class grandson Jeff Samuel USAFA '90, grandfather "Sam" Samuel and father David Samuel USAFA '64 at silver tankard presentation

Andy Goodpaster, Chm of the Atl Council, sent a paper prepared at the request of the *LA Times* which carries fwd previous council work (incl mutual reductions in mil forces, US and USSR) and mtgs with Soviet counterparts. Paper entitled "Further Security Initiatives: Tasks for the Next Cycle" concentrates on force reductions, new roles for mil forces, and transitional steps to effect these changes, all of which will test US statesmanship, mil leadership, and responsible citizenship.

Ed Kurth from San Ant rep that **Walt & Nancy Brinker**, after completing 2-wk Jun cruise with stops in Scandinavia and USSR, visited the Kurths in London, incl some shopping (what else) by **Pat** and Nancy and dinner on the town. Also on the cruise were **Ray** (cadet roommate) & **Virginia Allen** and, by happenstance, **Joan Nolan** (**Danny**'s widow).

1939: Ray Allen, Walt Brinker, Virginia Allen, Nancy Brinker, Joan Nolan and friend Connie Nielen aboard *Crown Odyssey* Scandinavian cruise

Ed also wrote that **Audrey Mildren** had suffered a heart attack but, after a hosp stay, was transferred to the nursing facility at the Army Ret Com, where **Frank** & she live and where she is recuperating.

Chuck Medinnis sent news of **Bob S.uder**: editor, local TROA newsltr w/his article reprinted from San Fernando Valley paper regarding census delinquencies; with PhD from USC, maintains continuing interest in socio-political affairs; diligent about attending TROA natl and state m'gs; still shoots golf in low 's. Chuck's **Bernice**, asked by DO Dependent Schools, assisted in Oki a instruction of MPs and APs for the g Abuse Assistance Program in FECOM in early May. (Chuck went along to carry her books!) Then followed a most pleasant 2-wk tour of Japan. In Jul they took the AOG "Russian Experience" tour. Impressions: more competition beyond tourist attractions and sports needs to be permitted and encouraged to promote personal satisfaction; since no one owns anything to be personally proud of, why try to improve things or services when extra effort gains nothing in pay, recognition, or promotion? Finally and back home, Chuck wonders if anyone saw his recipe for oatmeal muffins in the May *Gourmet*!! Regarding the picture herein of Chuck in Leningrad, the "former" church under restoration

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may compete eventually with St Basil's in Red Square.

1939: Chuck Medinnis in Leningrad

Thanks to **Bill McCaffrey**, we have word on **Linc Simon, Walt Higgins**, and **Gene Trahan**. Linc had a stroke with loss of some mobility on his left side, but is taking therapy; **Roz** is optimistic that Linc can make continued progress with methods prescribed. Higgy had a coronary incident and was taken to Charleston Med Ctr for a thorough going over. MDs will treat the problem medicinally with no surgery proposed. Higgy returned home and is doing exactly what drs tell him to do. Gene Trahan wears his pacemaker with grace, and to avoid pushing his 5-yr-old car, now sports a beautiful new Cadillac, complete with everything except a washer/dryer.

Coast-to-coast **Kobes, Frankie Joe & Lydia**, from Tucson to WP, next appeared in Monterey for the 3-day celebration of **Harvey & Jean Fraser**'s 50th anniv, culminating in a banquet, all engineered by 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Attending were many long-time friends incl mil and even a few Dakota cowboys. Other 39'ers: **Brad & Betty Smith, Stan Dzuban** and daughter, and **Olly & Sue Wood**.

1939: Harvey & Jean Fraser and some family members, 50th wedding anniv

Ed Hamilton rep on his successful surgery in Apr whereby a layer of rear skull was grafted on the forehead to cover the depression left by removal of the plate. In May Ed & **Grace**, returning from Panama City Beach, FL, lunched in Columbus, GA with **Ed & Teddy Shroeder, Wiley Wisdom**, and Jan Lathrop (**Fuzzy Harrison** was first husband). Later, Ed made trip to Portland, OR to visit his sister and 97-yr-old mother, but missed **Bob Coleman**, who was helping sail a boat from Portland to WA State. Pic herewith was taken in late 89 before Ed's mother entered a nursing home.

1939: Brad Smith, Harvey Fraser, Stan Dziuban and Frank Kobes at Monterey Bay for Frasers' 50th

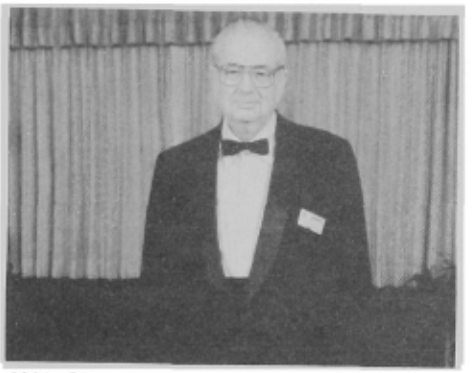
1939: Ed Hamilton's aunt, Ed, mother, and Claire & Bob Coleman

For RR buffs, weekly excursions of 18 mi around Atl and 16 mi to Stone Mtn, some incl dinner, offer a sampling of nostalgia. **Clyde & Ginny Sutton** were cited in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as having accumulated the most passenger mi as patrons—over 250 Saturdays in the past 5 yrs! (That's taking trips without leaving home!) Clyde also sent a copy of a Forces Cmd *Sentinel* containing the Suttons' pic and story of their picking up trash in downtown Atl before work as a vol probation officer in the City Traffic Court. Clyde says he doesn't have to wait his turn as in golf and can "be active in my neighborhood and improve my community."

We sadly rep the sudden death of a good friend, **Richard S Morrison**, on 8 Aug in his Brewster, MA home. His remains were cremated and interred at WP; memorial services in Sep at Alexandria, VA. We extend sympathy to **Jean** and their three children and families.

Finally and as promised in the "better late than never" dept, 3 good photos taken on Founders Day 90 are included in this column.

Late Flash—**Bill & Mary McCaffrey** have both a son and grandson in Saudi Arabia! Grandson Sean went in first with 2nd Bn, 325th Abn Inf to hold an airfield. Son Barry, USMA '64, went in soon thereafter as MG and CG, 24th Inf Div (Mech). Class of '39 proudly wishes them and all others every success and safe return.



1939: Bill Fling at Founders Day 90, El Paso

1939: Jim Schwenk at Founders Day 90, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre

1939: Sam & Mary Margaret Kail at Founders Day 90, Dallas

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You won't, I'm sure, be surprised to hear that comments and photos on the 50th continue to pour in. I've yet to hear from anyone attending who didn't find it a rewarding exp. Many classmates wrote to tell how they were touched by **Woodie Vaughan**'s remarks at the memorial service. Many others felt they had found a unique perspective for harking back 50 yrs.

For ex, **Dick Cassidy** and **Lanny Witt**

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1940: 50th Reunion: Thad Nosek, Reunion Chm, at our farewell banquet

wrote that they went to the reunion without wives and billeted at the Thayer. They thus spent more time than most of us wandering the post and poking into old haunts. They went up to Ft Put and down to Flirtation; they toured chapels, academic bldgs, and barracks. They visited their former cadet rooms (in addition to nostalgia, they found today's cadet rooms appallingly messy). Dick opines that the greatest change since our day is an overall lessening of discipline. And, even though most of us didn't make the same detailed search of the post, few classmates seem to contest this conclusion.

When we saw **Morry & Flora Shoss** at the reunion, Morry proudly told how he was still swimming a daily mi and showed entries in his log totalling way over 3,000 mi. This interest began, of course, when the POW ship *Shinyo Maru* was torpedoed 3 mi off Mindanao in 44. That time, Morry swam seaward, waiting until nightfall before swimming back to land to join the guerrillas. Now he's added to his swimming saga. After the reunion, the Shosses got back to San Ant just in time for Morry to compete in the 400 meter freestyle in the Sr Olympics. He took the gold for the 75–79 yr gp; Morry says he hasn't taken the medal off yet.

After reading in the Jul *ASSEMBLY* about **Jim Maedler**'s tale of the "caballero cruise" to Latin America, **Larry Legere** wrote that he had a similar exp about the same time. His French P had told of getting permission from the Navy to hitch a ride as a yearling to Europe with the USNA summer cruise; he had traveled on his own and rejoined the cruise at the last port of call. Larry was delighted with the idea and early in 38 wrote the Navy Dept directly, asking if he could go, too. Four wks later, he was surprised to find himself named in an asterisked report on the skin sheet for failing to write through proper channels. His B-ache led only to the Batt Bd, where, in response to MAJ Omar Bradley's question, Larry said he'd prefer not to name the instructor who'd given him the idea. The resulting 6 and 20 slug wasn't made any more palatable by the final response (through the Supe, USMA, of course) from CPT Chester W Nimitz of BUPERS saying the hitchhike wouldn't be possible that yr.

1940: 50th Reunion: Woodie Vaughan, retiring pres, introduced by Kermit Dyke

Jim Milner has finally ret this summer—well, almost; he's still consulting a few days ea wk—from his long-standing job with ACDA in State, where he worked with the Standing Consultative Commission. The Pres wrote of Jim's half-century of service and his selfless devotion to duty, honor, and country. Secy State Baker noted that few Americans were able to win the SS for gallantry in action and then go on to equally rich achievements in a career in arms control.

Jim Maedler sent me a copy he got at the reunion of a Jun 43 article in *Yank*, the WWII ETO soldier magazine, telling of the Engr Avn Bn that completed, under then-MAJ **Breeder Cook**, the first airfield for the Eighth AF in England, 4 mos ahead of schedule. The first B-17s landed just one yr after Pearl Harbor; the bn went off to build more airfields.

If you still don't have your 1 May Class roster, tell me! We passed out copies to ea classmate, widow, and ex-'40 at the reunion. I've since mailed copies to those who, sadly, couldn't attend. As I told those to whom I mailed rosters, printing and postage costs are being paid from the Class admin fund, so we didn't charge anyone for these copies. However, if you'd like to help replenish the fund, contributions are tax-deductible and may be made out to "Class of '40 Admin Acct, AOG," and mailed to AOG, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

A few corrections have come in for the roster. **Red Gideon** says his area code should be 303. And **Fred & June Yeager** say **Jerry Toth**'s widow, **Ruth**, should be added: Mrs William J Whalen, 2805 Bellamah Dr, Santa Fe, NM 87501. In the next ed, which may be quite some time away, I'll pick up these and any other changes you send me.

Chet Freudendorf sent a newsltr of the Cruiser *Olympia* Assn with a note, "I'm an assn mbr, since my father served aboard *Olympia* at the battle of Manila Bay—he was in charge of a 4-pounder, port side, under the bridge. I was surprised to read in this issue that **Jack Wright**, gov gen of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, had recently visited *Olympia* at dockside in Phila. No telling where '40 will show up!" Jack had presented a medallion in tribute to Adm George Dewey, who, in addition to being Commodore of the fleet at Manila Bay, later served as Gov Gen of the order and thus was Jack's predecessor.

1940: 50th Reunion: Midge & Howard Penney and Marv & Mary Jacobs

1940: 50th Reunion: Joe Couch, Olive & Mel Rosen and Mary Couch

1940: 50th Reunion: gathering for the memorial service, Old Cadet Chapel

There have been other celebrations—apart from the reunion—involving '40. For example, on 20 Jun, Nicholas Robert Pfeil was born at San Diego, the grandson of **Bella** and our late **Bob Pfeil** and the son of LeAnn & Robert, Jr.

Also, **Ann Silvasy** wrote that she hoped to be at Ft Monroe on 2 Jul, when **Steve**'s and her son, Steve Jr '63, would get his second star as DCS CD, TRADOC. I sent young Steve a note telling of '40's pride in another of his achieve-

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ments. He answered, "The Class of '40 and my dad were both well represented—I wore dad's Class ring on my right ring finger during the ceremony. Somehow, I know he was watching. Everything I am and that I hope to be I owe to him!"

1940: 50th Reunion: Eben Swift, Celeste Sullivan and Jean Nosek

From Fern Pk, FL, **Bill & Edith Gildart** wrote that his bronchitis deterred their going to the reunion, but didn't interfere with their 50th wedding anniv, at which the guests saw videotaped films of D Co doing right by squads, '40 graduating, and the Gildarts getting married in DC 18 Jun 40.

1940: Retiring Class Historian Bryce Denno

I'm sorry I must rep several items of bad news. First, **Bidwell Moore** sent me a clipping from a Columbia, SC newspaper telling that **Julian Aaron Cook** had died there on 19 Jun after his long, gallant battle with Parkinson's disease. The clipping told of the combat action in which Aaron earned the DSC for his part in saving the strategically important Waal River bridge at Nijmegen. We send our deep sympathy to **Ruth**, who can be reached at 7813 Bay Springs Rd, Columbia, SC 29223.

Also, **John Aber** sent word that **Ed Murphy** died in his sleep at a nursing home in Manhattan Bch, CA on 17 Jul after fighting Alzheimer's disease for 3 yrs. We offer our condolences to **Effie**, who nursed Ed during his ordeal and who may be reached at 907 Highview Ave, Manhattan Bch, CA 90266.

And **Hobie Pillsbury** passed the sad news that Edward H Kyle, Jr, the son of

1940: 50th Reunion: JB & Bobbie Bonham

1940: 50th Reunion: Mel Rosen and Tom Monroe

Mary and our late **Ed Kyle**, died recently of cancer in Orlando, FL at age 48. Our sincere sympathy goes to Mary, who can be reached at 3700 Birdwood Rd, Richmond, VA 23234.

1940: Frank Sullivan, Thad Nosek and Stub Oseth

The yr is running out. **Marge & I** send our very best wishes to ea of you for a gala holiday season and for a happy and successful New Year.

'41

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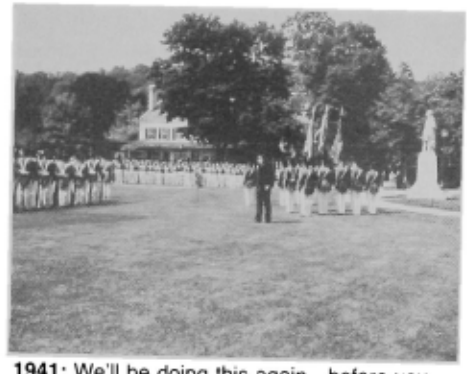
OK '41ers, again we hear the tocsins of war. If Pres Bush wants to clean up the Mid East mess, he should consider sending in a few '41ers. I've checked out my old flying suit, boots and hard hat, just in case. Last night's TV news included clips showing **Peter Tanous** and **John Easton** discussing support by Arab Americans and the knee-jerk Congressional investigation into rising oil prices. A closer look revealed that it was not your old Pete but his good looking nephew. However, it was John Easton's son who, as Asst Secy, Dept of Energy, was making a very convincing case before the comm of Ninga Turtle congressmen.



1941: We'll be doing this again—before you know it. Yeah Reunion!

Now that summits are in, **Mike Greene** has called one on the book, *Gold '41*, next wk to review the prod plan, meet our publisher, John Fotenos, look over the marketing plan and OK the distrib process. The book will be in your hands by Christmas.

In doing the research on **Biss Moore**'s achievements in the '48 Olympics, I found some data through the Olympic Historian's off, here in the Springs. You will be surprised and proud to know that the records of the US Olympic Comm attest that the Silver Medal in Modern Pentathlon, won by Biss in London, represents a feat that has not since been equaled nor surpassed by an American. Furthermore, he was competing against CPT Wille Grut of Sweden who had previously won two Pentathlon World Championships and who had to break the event's Olympic record to beat Biss!

Mike has asked that the following announcements appear in these notes: "Now that the Class yrbook project is about finished, the time has come to consider the closing and storing of the files **Burt** and **Walt** have accumulated over the past 3 yrs. I contacted Dr Alan Aimone, Chief, Special Collections Section, USMA Library, who agreed to accept these documents. We plan a simple ceremony at the reunion, probably on Mon, 27 May. You'll be hearing more about this in the flyers concerning the reunion. (If you have any poop sheets you would like to contribute, contact Dr Aimone.)"

COL Tom Russell, USMA Asst Dir of Dev, wrote **Mike**, "Thank you and the Class of '41 for having transferred $2,000 to the Flight Proj. The shift of funds from your Class gift acct was accomplished today. Individually, we have received $3,250 from 27 aviators, 10 non-aviators, 3 widows and an ex-cadet. All grads 'who

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died in a mil flight' will be listed in a 'Flight Log' that will be on display in an appropriate place when the project is completed. The names in the Log will be **Peirce, Nankivell, Peabody, Lokker, Jones CE, Franklin, Carney, Locke FE, Connally, Larson, Frawley, Thompson DV, Walker, O'Brien, Cramer, Price, Adams HF, McNagny, Hampton, Mullins, Dienelt, Sands, Foster HG, Taggart, Home, Tate, Jarvis, Sullivan, Thomas CE,** and **White LS**."

Herb Stern sent a much appreciated report on a special event. "Yesterday, our distinguished classmate, Statesman, Scholar, Soldier, Ambassador, **Ed Rowny**, was ret from govt service. The ret ceremony was held in the Old Exec Off Bldg, hosted by the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. The guest list looked like a Wash area "who's who"—statesmen, judges, generals, journalists and on and on. **Marian & Joe Gurfein, Rose & Herb Stern** and **Maxine & Pete Tanous** were privileged to attend.

"**Ed**'s career was recounted by Mr Lehman, Chief of the Arms Control Agency, and highlighted by presentation of the Distinguished Service Medal to Ed. VP Quale was to have made the presentation but was called away due to an emergency.

1941: Ed Rowny—mission accomplished! Yeah '41!

"**Ed** delivered an outstanding farewell oration which he terminated by a harmonica rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne.' The assemblage joined by singing this farewell to Ed. Typical **Rowny**."

Brad Smith rep, "At the end of our fearless leader, I hasted to submit the following social note: the Wash area contingent held a Summer Frolic in Jul at **Herb & Rose Stern**'s lovely house in Potomac. Moments before the party started the skies let loose a torrential downpour. Spirits undampened, about 33 classmates & wives showed up for the affair. **Henry & Dorothy Bodson, Joe & Ev Canella, John & Ginger Deane, Bob & Emily Elsberry** (she very sprightly with her new knee), **Charlie & Johnnie Fletcher, Woody Garrett, JOG & Mary Green, Mike & Eileen Greene, Jane Gribble, Joe & Marion Gurfein** (with their daughter Marjorie Laury from NY), **Judy Hay** (up from FL), **Rene & Bob Lanigan** (Rene kept threatening to dive into the pool but she never made it), **Jock & Annette Mateer, Jean Moody** (still pushing the Army Ret Res, Potomac), **Spec & Cleo Powell, Joe & Maureen Reed** (jokes as prolific as ever), **Bob Reilly** (**Helen** has been ill), **Brad & Ruth Smith**, and **Walt & Betty Woolwine** were rewarded with a cool rainless evening on the Stern's huge lawn. After a delightful do-it-yourself cocktail hr featuring superb dips provided by some of the ladies, Rose served up a magnificent meal of shrimp, chicken, beans and various salads, followed by assorted great desserts made by some of our talented brides."

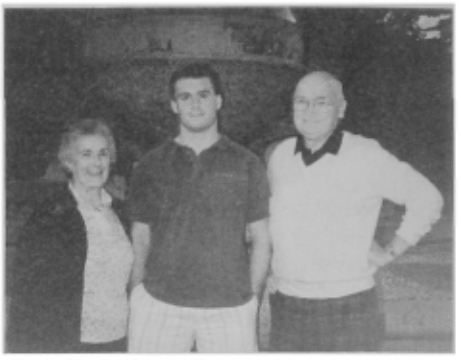
Ben Spiller filed this report: "This item came in just before press time from the *Rocky Mountain News Service* . . . CO Springs ('41 NS)—The 5th DGAMGT (**Dave Gauvreau** Annual Memorial Golf Tournament) concluded on 4 Aug amid cries of 'Foul,' 'Foul' (somebody always cries Foul at this event) as a "K" Co man won again. **Jim Carroll** displaying rare form at this altitude, took net honors, marking the 3rd time in 5 yrs that "K" Co personnel have prevailed in capturing the coveted trophy which reads, 'I don't get mad, I get even.' Social

1941: Lou Carroll and Bob Kramer. Yeah DGAMGT!

events surrounding the tourney were a superb cocktail party by **Mary Gauvreau** the night before with dinner at the AFA club, and the traditional awards dinner next night at the Margarita Rest. Out-of-towners attending this treasured event were **George & Betty McIntyre** and **Bob** (referee) **& Jo Kramer** from the East; **Pat & Justine Tansey**, Mid-west; **Chuck & Lou Roton**, El Paso; and **Jack Christensen**, West Coast; then closer to home **Bill & Jerry Brier**, Cheyenne; **Al & Louise Hayduk**, Grand Junction; and **John & Dottie Henschke**, Denver. Locals included the **Carrolls, Spillers, Andrus, Troups**, and **Corbins**. Tom, who had planned to play after a two yr lay-off, was unfortunately called to NC because of the death of his sister, Sue. The comm is considering taking a yr off in 91 because of Reunion, and resuming the DGAMGT in 92."

Received further elaboration on Cadet Jennifer **Osgood**, Class of '92 USMA. She called her grandfather **Dick** during Beast Barracks to say that she "loved it!" She is on the Dean's list and a Pol Sci major. She is on the Equestrian Tm, a WP rep to the intercollegiate Model United Nations activity, and took an academic enrichment tour of England this summer.

Potter & Betty Campbell sent a pic of grandson, Mark C Allen, who just finished Beast Barracks. He is out for football and has, a proud grandpa Potter says, ". . . survived 4 cuts and they're looking at him as, among other things, a punter. We've got our fingers crossed."



1941: Cadet Mark C Allen '94 and proud grandparents—yeah ARMY!

Potter also rep the recent visit and lecture by **Dr Steve Plume** Jr, MD and PhD. "He is Chief of the Dept of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery at Mary Hitchcock Clinic, Dartmouth. His talk was impressive and well-received. '41 is well represented in many ways by its jr generations, I think."

Dick Kline sent in an update on our sr grandchild at Service Academies: "Leigh Suzzanne Kline is now a firstie with a GPA of 2.9 and capt of the Women's Gym Tm. Tom Disy (pronounced Dicey), Class of '90 USNA, has claimed Suzi for marriage after he finishes pilot training at Pensacola. He is a triathelon man."

Happily, **Ben Spiller** has decided to reactivate the idea of the Humor Section in *Gold '41*. The inputs on grinds from you guys has been substantial; ex: guests at **George & Betty McIntyre**'s were admiring her trophy collection—silver from Golf Tourneys, ribbons from Horse Show Jumping, plus souvenirs from her days as an Olympic Diving Team contender. The lady guest, bursting with feminist enthusiasm, turned to George and said, "Is there any sport you can beat her in?" Without hesitation and with a straight face, George answered, "Yes, boxing!"

Fan ltrs are hard to come by in the book production bus, so let it be known to the nation-wide deployment of the *Gold '41* book staff that **Ace Bailey** wrote **Walt Woolwine** with the following com-

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ment: "I sincerely appreciate the hard work and sustained effort of so many of our gifted classmates who have so freely contributed so much of their ample supply of perspicacity, creative imagination and uniquely diverse talents to the herculean task of producing the 50 Yr-Book. Although I have previously ordered 3 books, my check for $200 is for the purpose of presenting one to ea of my 4 grandsons."

1941: Combat Cmdr John Callaway briefing GEN MacArthur—yeah Gary Owen!

B-aches are a drag, but I will have to admit to being slow to rep the receipt of a beautiful, bound book entitled *The Legacy of Custer's 7th US Cavalry in Korea* by Edward L Daily, who started as a squad leader and, after winning the DSC and a battlefield commission, finished the war with the famous Gary Owen regiment. "The book is dedicated to COL **John W Callaway**, Bn Cmdr, 2nd Bn, 7th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div, and to the offs and troopers within his cmd during this particular time span who have endured the hardships of battle with unfailing devotion to Duty, Honor and Country."

POTPOURRI: Wedding bells: **Jennie Shadday** married COL WJ Macpherson on 21 Jul. He and **Martin** were LTs together at Camp Wheeler, GA in 42. New address: 127 Alder Circle, St Simons Isl, GA 31522. **Jim Forsyth & Stella Hughes** were married, with the blessings of daughter Pamela and son Jim Jr, on 16 Dec 89. The happy couple now resides at 588 E East Ctr St, Manchester, CT 06040, tel 203-643-6759. The attached classic pic, taken at USNA, landed in my "IN" basket. Sadly, I must rep another casualty. **Charlotte White** passed away on 3 Jul after a long illness. **Wray** can be reached at 707 Myrtle Ave, Terrace Pk, OH 45174.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING '41ERS ON YOUR PRAYER LIST: **Marion Camp, Wally Lauterbach, Woody Garret** and **George McIntyre**.

The Nation's leading talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, just rep that 81% of Americans approve of the Middle East deployment and that Enlistment Offs are crowded with applicants. We, old soldiers, should be sleeping better at night;

1941: Yeah Reunion!

the lunacy of the '60s seems to be slipping behind us, and the America we fought for is alive and well. YEAH REUNION!

'42

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Seems like we continue to have more than our fair share of bad news. The latest is the loss of **Bill Crosson** in Paris in early Jul. Services were held at Arlington with a goodly contingent of the Class on hand. **Ann** stayed only long enough to get various claims under way before heading home. **Chuck Bortell** gave what help he could in the time available, but apparently all was not as orderly as it should have been. Our sympathy to Ann and the family—and a reminder to all to make sure that the loose ends are tidied up.

Next a call from **Ginger Cage** that **Lee** was unable to tolerate a needed bypass operation and left us in late Jul. A memorial service in Norfolk was followed by a Chapel service at Ft Myer and interment with full mil honors at Arlington. In attendance with '42'ers were many others that he had touched with his kindness. A dear soul is gone, but he has left a marvelous legacy to a very special family. Happily, they'd had a family reunion in ME in early Jul.

Naoma Coates advised **George Allin** that **Vinnie** had died in late Apr after a long struggle. He'd written me of his troubles; a mention thereof in this col set George into action, and they'd subsequently enjoyed a pleasant exchange of correspondence. George also mentioned his attendance at a Natl Genealogical Conf where he found **Norma Cockrell** seeking additional sources to research her family background—with fingers crossed, I trust!

Bill & Bette Lou Plott phoned in early Aug to say that **Jean Voegeli** was hospitalized and not doing too well. Let's hope for better news soon. Bill has some problems of his own but is primarily concerned with the effect on his golf game. Sez that even I could whip him—a serious situation indeed!

A rep from the indomitable **Phil Wyman** on '42 Golf Classic No 10. With but 17 hopefuls signed up, a Stableford one-day tourney was decreed. Eighteen finally played, and each won a prize, with **Charlie Mizell** taking top money, **Sam Koster** second, and—who else—Phil getting recompensed for his labors in 3rd!

1942: Would the smug smiles indicate that Charlie, Sam and Phil were winners?

1942: Larry, Bob, Chuck and Pete—super srs indeed!

1942: John, George and Jerry—sandbaggers in search of a pigeon!

Word from **Shirley Hozier** that she did indeed approve of our choice of Naples, that she'd thoroughly enjoyed joining up with the golf group in Phoenix and that she'd had a fun visit in San Ant with **Louise Stapleton** and the **Boltons**. After much househunting, she's decided to stay put in her present digs in Sun City, but her name is still on the list at the ARC in San Ant.

Tom Rienzi penned a note in his best Spencerian to say that **Clare** was about to have her hip replacements. Let's count on total success and much relief. A lunch

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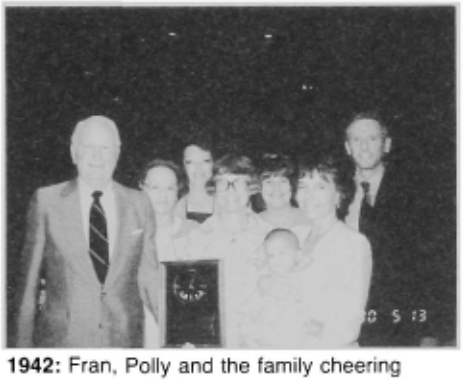
with **Rita Blair** revealed that she would be visiting the **Bakers** and the **Fiskens** during the summer. Tom also noted that they'd lunched with the Bakers and the **Farringtons**, and that he and **Poncho Palfrey** regularly do likewise with some younger USMA's to keep current.

1942: Jim's dreams come true—but how many yrs too late?



1942: Fran, Polly and the family cheering section

Fran Roberts rep the golf gaggle in Phoenix a huge success, thanks to the excellent job done by **Mary Vivian**. Why should I say anything good about **Jim** when you can see how well he was rewarded for his efforts?! Fran & **Polly** were joined by their Laurie and Murray plus Miller offspring at his induction into the Boys Clubs Hall of Fame. Incidentally, an article in *Sports Illustrated* on the Royal and Ancient in Scotland mentioned Fran among the diverse group of Americans in its limited membership. A fun thing if you didn't have to play the course!

Pete FlorCruz wrote regarding the needs of the USMA Catholic Chapel for funds to repair heavy damages suffered last winter. A check to the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity—perhaps in honor of **Jim Studer**—with a notation of '42 would be warmly received.

Poncho Palfrey may be somewhat deliberate, but he is definitely persistent! On 25 Feb 44 he led a group of B-17's on a mission to Regensberg. Ger flak left him a tad short of the target. He finally made it there this yr when some 50 former inmates of Stalag One spent a night there during a tour or Europe! He found the natives much more hospitable and not even a firecracker tossed in his direction! Among recent visitors to their fair shores were my partner in crime, Burt Andrus ('41) & Kay.

Charlie Mizell provided a detailed wrap-up of this yr's **Baker** Bash in Castine. He & **Lee** drove up, dallying along the way to drop a few bucks at the LL Bean Emporium, and on the way back to visit relatives in Newburgh. Joining them in the fun were **Larry & Jane Adams, Andy & Lib Anderson, Rita Blair, Larry & May Caruthers, Ken & Liz Charbonneau, Jim & Norma Cockrell, Jack & Carolyn Deane, Lee Hamerly, Tom & Elma Hanley, Hank & Pat Harmeling, Al & Nancy Hunter, Andy & Helen Low, Peyton & Mary Tabb, Carl & Pat Ulsaker**, plus the Browns of '41 and the Brandts of Jun '43, adopted for the occasion. The schedule included drinks and dinner at the Faculty Club at MMA on Mon night, 2 Jul. **John** Baker sprang some of his stories after dinner, to the delight of his audience. He then called on each classmate for remarks, followed by critiques from their present roomies. Tuesday began with noonish cocktails at the **Deanes'** new chateau. **Carolyn** designed it with all the latest gadgets, spacious rooms and much glass to provide great views of the water. It's intended to be a 4–5 mo retreat, but they're thinking of trying a winter to see how it goes. During the festivities, John Baker passed out a sheet with *Howitzer* pics of all the participants, as well as song sheets with the Alma Mater. One chorus was sung to christen the Deanes' pad, with great enthusiasm, if questionable harmony! Afterwards there was a lobster picnic at a spot nearby. The Mizells had prepared for the dissipation with a spot of tennis with Hank, Jane and Earl Brown—good thinking! Wed am offered a 4th of Jul parade, which Charlie and Carl passed up for a golf game! The lobsterfest scheduled with USNA '40 was forced indoors by the weather, but the rain let up in time for an excellent fireworks display. Sailing trips were the order of the day on Thur, with dinner at a local hotel. A super affair, for which John & **Jean Baker** deserve all manner of kudos and whatever good stuff goes along!

Ink Gates brought me up-to-date on their gaddings. To IL for **Esther**'s 50th HS Reunion, to Portland for the Rotary Convention and on a bus tour of the Canandian Rockies. A cruise up the coast of AK was scheduled for Aug and one of the South Pacific was slated to originate in Sydney in Oct. Wow!

Al Hunter sent along the details of the expanded Eastern Shore clambake. **Crit & Kitty Crittenberger** started things off with a cocktail party, chez them, on 16 Jul. On hand were **Larry & Jane Adams, Larry & May Caruthers, Woody & Harriet Claggett, Bill & Gloria Hamilton,**

1942: Ink & Esther celebrate their anniv, Yankee Doodle style, at the Banff Springs Hotel on 4 Jul

Andy & Helen Low, Dopey & Jackie Stephens and **John & Dodie Westenhoff**. All adjourned to a local Oxford restaurant for dinner. The next day's formation was chez Hunter, with **Nancy** and May hostessing what I would guess was the largest crowd ever. Joining the above were **George Allin, Chuck Bortell, Dave & Edith Clagett, Dottie Davis, Fly & Dimi Ely, Pete & Juanita FlorCruz, Bill & Mary Anne Harrell, George & Ann Hesselbacher**, Al & Nancy Hunter's daughter Marsha and grandson Sam, **Bill & Helen Kraft, Charlie & Lee Mizell, John Reid, Floyd Robinson, Bob & Nomie Terry, Carl & Pat Ulsaker** and **Phil & Marg Wyman**. What a wonderful mob scene it must have been! Just hope they weren't on water rationing! Al and Robby took the honors from Bill Kraft and Charlie in the horseshoe competition. D'ya 'spose May and Nancy go through all that work each yr just to give Al a chance to show his prowess with the shoes???

A later note from **Charlie Mizell** with a copy of the ltr **Pete FlorCruz** sent to **Dottie Davis** for the Class. It was a heartfelt expression of thanks for Jeff's devoted efforts on our behalf—Class Historian, Reunion Comm labors, pressing efforts to get classmates' obituaries published, enhancement of the Class Gift to USMA, the '42 video, etc. A very warm, well-earned tribute.

Word from **Sam Gustaves** that he & **Jackie** were now happily at home at 815 32nd Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32960, tel (407) 770-3395. They've already been discovered by **Ed & Mary Farrington**, as well as **Bill & Peggy Ford**—plus their 10- and 12-yr-old granddaughters!

We were sorry to hear that **Hancel Evans** had stepped in a hole and broken her leg. **Lu & Betty Clay** planned an immediate visit so that they'd for once be able to keep pace with her! A recent phone call finds her doing well. She & **Bob** have plans to do CO Springs and Aspen in Sep.

Barbara & I had a quick visit to DC, timing our arrival for me to hit the Jun Class luncheon. Attendance was good, providing a big treat for me. Had a chat

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with **Dottie Davis** and found her up to her ears but perking along. She had written a lovely ltr of thanks to the Class for the wonderful support given her and **Jeff**. It was read at the Jun luncheon. I got together with **Charlie Mizell** and **George Allin**, who was soon to move into new digs. One night out with **Bob & Marcie Bringham**, which is all it takes to make us realize that although our hearts may be young and gay, our parts aren't!! The real joy of the trip was seeing grandson Christopher's team win the championship in their age div of the Alexandria Little League! Guess I must admit that he has some **Willis** genes as he got two hits and fielded flawlessly in the grand finale!

And now to pack for what we hope will be a cool wk in the Carolina mtns. We expect to get a look at **Frank & Lydie Clay**'s hideaway while there. In the meantime, my thanks to you and you and you for keeping my mailbox full. Take good care and keep on sharing your doings with me.

Jan '43

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What better way to begin these notes than by offering our hearty congratulations to • **"Hoppo" & Betty May**, who were married by his and **Darrie Richards**' Academy roommate, **John McGowan**, on 16 Jun. John also performed the marriage of Hoppo's daughter Robin to Tim Olson in 80, and, back in 43, Hoppo was "best man" at John's wedding to **Anise**. Hoppo & Betty will

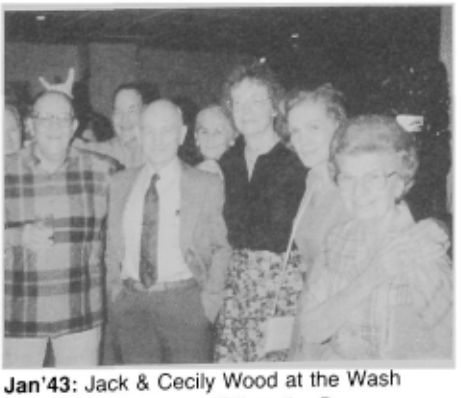
Jan'43: "Our Reverend" John McGowan with Betty Short and "Hoppo" May on the day before they were married by John in Scottsdale, AZ on 16 Jun

reside at 2913 Illinois Ave in Joplin, MO 64804 until their new home is completed. Incidentally, Hoppo recently returned from an "8-course golfing tour" of Scotland with his son, Jim (an endocrinologist in charge of a research prog at Vanderbilt Univ), and some of his old golfing buddies. • **Pat Wardell** (our "genealogy-bent" Class Secy), who has already published some 11 volumes on the genealogy of people, property,

Jan'43: "Tusconite" Lou Wilson (center) with "Bev" Bevan and Ben Edwards at our summertime ANCC Class luncheon

Jan'43: Ted & Muriel Ardery at the ANCC

wills, pensions and what-have-you in VA and WV from 1607. He is now working on volumes 12–16, plus the completion of his own family genealogy. According to Pat, he started work on the Wardell family genealogy as a hobby a number of yrs ago, and has simply expanded his research, writing and publication into a full-time occupation. In order to obtain all of the detailed info that he needs, Pat spends many long hrs in the Natl Archives, local courthouses and libraries, extracting data from old documents which he then enters into his computer. Time-consuming and painstaking as his work may be, Pat says that the rewards in the form of royalties on his books are substantial and will continue to be received by his descendants long after he's gone. • **Fly Flanagan**, who is currently trying to write 3



Jan'43: Jack & Cecily Wood at the Wash "PPC" party with Ace Elliott, the Dee Armstrongs (background), Boots Minckler and Lorrie Elliott

Jan'43: "Bev" Bevan and Harry & Jan Pritchett at the Jack Woods' farewell party

new books at once. One is called *Between the Wars* and tries to answer the question of how Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, Arnold et al went from MAJ's and LTC's to 4- and 5-star GEN's in about 4 yrs. The second is a history of the Rakkasans—the 187th Abn RCT with which he served as the arty bn cmdr during the latter stages of the Korean War. The 3rd (which he's working on the hardest) is about Operation Just Cause against Panama's Noriega and the PDF. In this context, Fly's son-in-law "just happens to be the G-3 of the 82nd Abn and jumped into Panama during Just Cause." Meanwhile, Fly continues to produce his excellent "Before the Battle" articles for *Army Magazine*—the latest (Jul issue) of which addresses the importance of the study of mil history by today's mil leaders, and cites USMA's 3-volume set of *The Second World War*, edited by **Tom Griess**. Incidentally, Tom is working hard on the biography of Jacob Devers '09, but "still stays in shape by playing tennis with **George Maertens**, plus a bit of golf." • **Joe Conmy, Bob Beightler** (all the way from Oakland, CA) and **Harry Pritchett**, who participated in the memorial services and grand parade that commemorated the 50th anniv of US abn forces here in Wash, DC on 7–8 July. • **Lena Wheelock** (**Gray**'s widow), who, with her son John GW IV '72 and daughter Susan Murrah, participated in the dedication of Wheelock Hall (Hq of the 5th Sqdn,

Jan'43: Lena Wheelock (Gray's widow) at the dedication of Wheelock Hall (Hq of the 5th Sqdn of the 15th Cav) in Gray's honor at Ft Knox, KY

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15th Cav at Ft Knox, KY) in Gray's honor on 4 May. Previously, in May 89, Lena spoke at the dedication of the John G Wheelock III Physical Fitness Ctr at Ft Polk, LA—also in Gray's honor. • **Frank Kajencki**, whose grandson (Anthony Kajencki III) entered WP as a plebe on 2 Jul. According to Frank, young Anthony is both an athlete and a scholar and possesses the motivation to make "his mark" at the Academy. • **Bob Cook**, who

Jan'43: Frank & Arlene Camm at their home in VA with Bob & Barbara Fiss

was officially elected chm of the Residents Council at the Fairfax (the Army Ret Residence on the Potomac) in Jun and, according to **Frank Camm** (Pres of the ARRF-P), "he's doing a great job!" • **Buck Stahle**, who was chm of the "Hometowners Picnic Comm" for the celebration of Dwight Eisenhower's centennial birthday at Ike's farm near Gettysburg, PA on 23 Jun. Ike's grandson, David, was the guest speaker for some 1000 attendees. • **Ray Ruyffelaere**, who completed two welding courses at his local (Boulder, CO) VO-TECH sch and is now qualified and ready to "turn swords into plowshares." • **John & Irene Norris**, who welcomed the arrival of their 4th grandchild (Sarah) by their daughter, Nancy Sharpe, in Littleton, CO on 14 Jun.

Jan'43: Members of our W Coast contingent celebrate our 47th anniv in San Deigo: Charity Barber, Jerry Goss, Jim Aleveras, Bill Meyers, Dave Barger and Hal Barber

Meanwhile, **Quent & Jerry Goss** wrote from San Diego, CA to say that **Bob & Glenys Lacy** and **Earl & Barbara Hehn** joined them at the Rancho Bernardo Inn to "welcome aboard" **Jack & Lucy Gorman**, who moved from HI to 17598 Bocage Pointe in San Diego, CA 92128—just a short distance from Quent & Jerry's home. Unfortunately, **Jim & Marge Aleveras** were off on another cruise, so they missed this pleasant event.

Jan'43: Adrian ("The Saint") St John, escorted by LTG Funtekov of the Soviet GS, *places a wreath on the memorial to Soviet* Unknown Soldiers in Moscow

The word from **Adrian** ("the Saint") **St John** in Vienna, Austria is that CFE negotiations are really "humming," which keeps "the Saint" hopping from capital to capital of all of the CFE countries involved—including Moscow.

Tut Frakes has sent ltrs to all classmates urging them to actively support the Flight Memorialization Project at USMA "in honor of its grads who served in the Air Services and participated in the devel and conquest of flight and space." If you haven't received a ltr/flyer on the project from Tut, just drop him a line and he'll send them along with a donation/pledge card for the WP Fund.

In closing, we offer our deepest sympathies to • **Janice Cook**, whose husband and our classmate, **Bill Cook**, died in Shreveport, LA on 20 Aug 89 and was recently (24 Aug) interred in the cemetery at USMA. After ret from the USAF in 72, Bill was an OIC of the USAF Jr ROTC prog in Shreveport for 10 yrs before ret a second time. His daughter, Candice, is a LTC in the USAF. • **Augusta** ("**Gus**") **Blanchett**, wife of our classmate, **Leo**, who died in El Paso, TX on 16 Jul and was buried in the Ft Bliss Natl Cemetery with full mil honors. Sadly, Leo had been afflicted with severe med disabilities during the last two yrs of his life. • **John & Liz Johnson**, whose gifted son, Tom '65, died of cancer at the WRAMC here in DC. He was only 46 but, as reflected in his obituaries in the *NY Times* and *Washington Post* of 4 Jul, he had a brilliant career at USMA (where he was actually stationed at the time of his death), with the Depts of Def and Energy and with the White House Sci Council. Such a tragedy!

PS—News flash from **Jim & Jean Cobb** on vacation at Lake Lure in the mtns of

Jan'43: John & Liz Johnson with their late son *Tom (rt, USMA '65) and their other son Nick in* 88

NC: our mini-reunion in Atl, GA is now scheduled for 11–14 Apr 91—flyers follow by mid-Sep, courtesy of the **Bullards, Hardings** and "**Cobbos**."

Jun '43

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From my well-ordered files (no laughing) I pluck a note under "S" reminding me that our own Dr **William F (Bill) Scott** addressed the Northern VA Chapter of the Mil Order of the World Wars on 13 Jun at Ft Myer, on the subject of "Contemporary Russia and the Future." My note reminds me further that I was, unfortunately, unable to attend. However, Good Man **Wickert** was on hand and rep that Bill skillfully pointed out to a receptive audience a number of trend factors likely to shape developments in the Soviet Union during these current uncertain times. Further, Bill fielded well all questions from the floor—even ones from classmates.

Dave Schwartz writes that **Chuck & Marilyn Dickinson** had the **Easleys, Farleys, Galases, Pehrsons, Schwartzes**, and Bargers (Jan '43) over for dinner recently, as evidenced by the photo. Dave adds that in the L.A. area it has become customary for Army grads to play a golf match with local Navy grads twice a yr, usually with 5 foursomes. Jun '43 is represented by **Dan Shea, Dave Schwartz, Jay Wethe**, and **Dick Wheeler**. At midsummer, the series was all even at 5 matches apiece. Dave, I count on you to keep us advised of future events in this classic confrontation. And, Beat Navy!

Dick McAdam, with a small gp sponsored by the YMCA, proceeded to the USSR on 22 Jun and spent about 10 days on a liaison mission to Soviet youth orgs in Leningrad and a vil beyond the Urals. During this time he lived with Russian families, and came back with many fascinating observations for the Jun '43 Chowder and Marching Soc, a Ft Myer Fri lunch gp founded by himself and **Bill Roos** ca 87.

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Jun'43: Dave Galas, Clare Farley and Norm Pehrson at Dickinsons'

Jun'43: Bill Roos in Tiananmen Square, Beijing; "Great Hall of the People" in background

As **McAdam** was winging it east, **Bill & Miriam Roos**—just to be different—were westward bound, to the People's Republic of China. After subscribing for this trip package, they were pleasantly surprised to find that in the same tour gp were none other than **Lemon & Kathy Blank**. After many adventures, but without being shanghaied or falling off the wall, all returned safely by 10 Jul.

Jun'43: Lemon Blank and Bill Roos at the Gate of Heavenly Purity, the "Forbidden City," Beijing

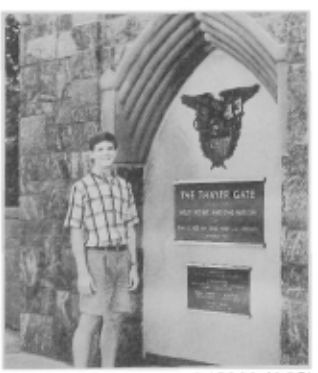
Having absorbed sufficient "heavenly purity," our intrepid little band pressed on undaunted for an encounter with the Great Wall. Of the many sage sayings rep back by **Roos** to the Fri lunch gp, this is, certainly, one of the most memorable: "Actually, I give it as my fixed opinion that Chinese chow mein here in the USA is much better than in China." So there.

En Garde! Remember Mr Diamond of

Jun'43: Bill Roos, Kathy & Lemon Blank, and Miriam Roos at the Great Wall

the thrust-and-cut dept—the steely eye, the gravel voice? His shade is still with us, it seems. In a recent note, **Joe O'Hare** wrote about his participation in fencing at the 90 VA State Games conducted 7–8 Jul at Hollins Col. Matches included men's and women's foil, épée, and saber events, both team and individual. Joe speaks: "As a qualified contestant in foil, I was attached to a team consisting of 3 very fine fencers from the VPI Fencing Club. These gentlemen paid me the compliment of electing me to be team captain. Together, we placed second out of 4 teams, and ea of us received a silver medal. On 8 Jul I competed in the individual foil events, but did *not* prevail!" Congratulations, Joe. It is good to know that there are still some of us who can move with lightning-like rapidity.

George & Anne Thompson have sent us a pic of their grandson, Edward S Sledge IV, of Mobile, AL. Edward is an "A" student, 17 yrs old, stands 6'2", weighs 185 lbs so far, has played some fine high sch football, and hopes to enter WP in Jul 91. Edward, your grandparents and all their classmates wish you great success as you work toward your goals.



Jun'43: Edward Sledge IV (USMA '95?) at an historic wall

By the end of 90, **Mark Boatner** expects to have finished his latest book. Like his justly-famed *Civil War Dictionary* and his *Encyclopedia of the American Revolution*, the new work will be a ref tool, this time in form of a biographical encyclopedia of WWII cmdrs and leaders of all services, and covering both friends and foes. Mark tells me that **Harriet Scott** has sent him from her unmatched Soviet personality files much valuable data on Soviet mil figures. Mark, I recommend that your publisher have a new book party here in Wash, as **Roger Hilsman** did. Invite all the local classmates, and I guarantee you will have a good turnout. (I like those little crackers they give out with the bubbly.)

On 4 Aug, a bit sadly but nonetheless happily, withal, an era came to an end here in the Wash Metro Area. In Aug 73, after our 30th Reunion, **Art & Barbara Surkamp** hosted, at their extensive country estate out near Middleburg in the horse country of the Blue Ridge foothills, the first of 18 splash party/picnics for the Jun '43 bunch in the Metro area and any others who happened to be passing through. Always held in early Aug, this event became a traditional Jun '43 occasion for gathering, splashing, laughing, grilling, and sipping a brew or two. Toward the end of the decade, the **Surkamps** moved to an interim rental property nearby, and then, in the early 80's, to another estate still in the scenic Middleburg region west of Fairfax, and with stables and room for Art's horses. There, several of these parties, notably in 82, 83, and 87, served most conveniently as mini-reunions at which **Lee Hogan, Jack Morris, Bill Glasgow**, and **Bud O'Connor** could rep on progress and solicit opinions and support as the Gift Comm moved toward that glorious day of 23 Sep 88 when we presented the new Thayer Gate to WP.

Now, on 4 Aug, we found ourselves at the **Surkamps** for the last time, for **Art & Barbara** are moving this fall to join the growing Jun '43 colony in the area of Melbourne and Satellite Beach, FL. In fact, after 1 Jan, **Surkamps'** address will be 626 Rossmoor Circle, Melbourne, FL 32940. For this last time, about 50 of us gathered on a beautiful sunny day, and I list names below with apologies for any inadvertent omissions. And I thank **Arch Hamblen** for the photos. There are more which, because of space limitations, I will present to you in later issues of this renowned magazine.

Beforehand, some Metro area locals were seized by the splendid idea that it would be fitting to present **Art & Barbara** with some sort of a souvenir remembrance as a token of gratitude for their annual organizing and hosting of this Class outing for almost two decades. To this end, the Class artist, **Wick Wickert**, was duly approached, cajoled, and drawn into the action. Working swiftly, he produced the latest in his series of masterworks. It is an oil painting showing centrally the **Surkamps'** house and scene of their famous parties. In ea corner, an insert shows a particular vignette of these occasions. On the back was taped a sign-up sheet with the signatures and thanks of all present. Wick himself

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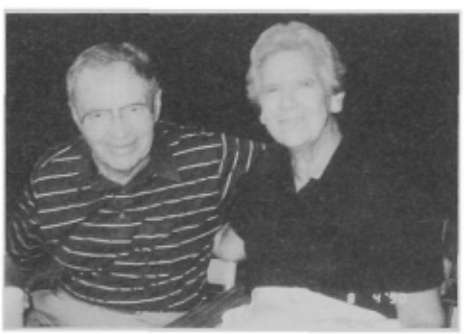
was unable to be there; however, the painting was presented to the Surkamps by yours truly. In a heartfelt reply, **Art** thanked the classmates for this remembrance, and projected that the tradition would be renewed at the new home in Melbourne, to which all are invited.

Jun'43: Art & Barbara Surkamp, with souvenir painting by H Wickert

Those present were **Bruce & Barbara Arnold, Quint & Liz Atkinson, Jock & Terry Barickman, Charlie & Betty Benson, Lemon & Kathy Blank, Ned & Nikki Burr, Deke & Betty Anne Childs, Bill & Cecile Cover, Mary Davenport** (with two grandsons, Dave *hors de combat* at home), **Tim Doyle** and Alison Adams, **Arch & Diana Hamblen** (with friend, Jill Price), **Gabby & Breck Ivan, Alan & Lynn Jones, Dick & Connie McAdam, Jack & Lois McGregor, Mo & Anna Mozingo, Bill Naylor** (**Laurie** ill at home), **Jack**, the **Duke of Novak**, and **Vivian, Bud O'Connor, Joe & Joan O'Hare, Bob & Florence Plett, Bill & Miriam Roos, Bud & Nancy Rundell, Annabelle Silvester, Art & Barbara Surkamp, Bill & Teddy Wilson**.



Jun'43: Gabby & Breck Ivan

It was really good to see **Jack Novak** looking so well after his serious bypass operations earlier this yr. And we welcomed **Bill & Teddy Wilson** to their first Class function since moving into the Fairfax Ret Comm. Probably the furthest distance was represented by Hamblens' friend, Jill Price, from Merrie Olde. In a toss-up for next longest distance were the **Barickmans**, from VT, and our stonecarver/sculptor team of **Tim Doyle** and Alison Adams from IN,

Jun'43: Nikki & Ned Burr

Jun'43: Lynn Jones with Jack & Vivian Novak

who were here in force with van, dog and cat! Great to see all of you, no matter where from.

Jun'43: Jock & Terry Barickman

In a ltr in Aug, **Wally Magathan** rep that despite a schedule of pills and a benign resection, he "can still play 18 holes of golf in the SC summer, thanks be to God." Wally goes on, "**Peg** is still on top of her art, and working on several commissions." With regard to the devastation of Hurrican Hugo in Sep 89, Wally continued, "We escaped any serious harm from the storm. We had decided in early 88 that our luck on the Isle of Palms oceanfront had about run out, and closed the sale of our house there in Dec 88. Concurrently, we purchased in the heart of the historical district of Charleston—right in the ctr of the original, walled city. Our house, built in 1900, is the 'new house' on the block." And Wally added the following interesting bit, "I have been serving as pres of the local USMA soc since last yr. It has involved a couple of visits to our alma mater and presiding over the Founders Day dinner in Mar, at which the Supe, LTG Palmer, spoke. In conversation, both Palmers couldn't speak highly enough about the new Thayer Gate. Mrs Palmer said she would like to see 'another one up by the new Commissary.' Well, who wouldn't?" A great project for some Class looking for a keen gift idea!

In the same 14 Aug mail with **Wally Magathan**'s ltr came another, from **Felix Kalinski**. Eagerly, I opened this ltr, for it had been yrs since I had news from Felix. Sadly, now I must let him tell the story, "Will—just a brief note to pass on to you the sad news of **Barbara**'s passing at the end of Jun. She suffered for 5 yrs with cancer of the bone marrow. She accepted her fate in an inspirational, Christian manner. Cheerful and optimistic to the end, she passed away quietly in her sleep. She always cherished memories of classmates and their families. We were childhood sweethearts, and were married in 44 when I was home on R&R from the UK. What a beautiful marriage it was! I thank God everyday for the extraordinary blessing He gave me to have her as my bride for almost 46 yrs." Continuing on a less-somber note, Felix added that they had returned to their NH roots about 10 yrs ago, and were always glad for having done so. Felix is continuing to operate his exec search consultant co, in which he has been joined by Felix Jr.

On 6 Aug a call from the AOG informed me that our classmate **Tony Cole** (COL Heston C Cole, USAF Ret) had died at Panama City, FL on 28 Jul. Subsequent queries revealed that the cause of death was a combination of kidney and heart trouble, from which Tony had long suffered. He was buried with mil honors at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 8 Aug. His wife, **Norma**, continues at their home at Bay Point, Box 28–166, Panama City, FL 32411, tel (904) 234-1156.

To the families of **Barbara Kalinski** and **Tony Cole**, the Class extends most sincere sympathy.

Now, at this juncture, let me make a plea, please. If you have a loved one of our Class family who is being buried here, at Arlington or elsewhere locally, or even up at WP, please let someone here know of the facts and arrangements. Many classmates & wives will attend services and be willing to help you if they can. If you or your family members don't know anyone here, please call me or **Bill Malone**. My phone no is at the top of this column; Bill's is (703) 534-1948.

Finally, let me pass on a note that **Lee Hogan** and **Bud O'Connor** have asked be brought to your attention. The Rev Msgr John J Cunniffe, Chaplain at the Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity at WP 10996, has advised Hogan that the Catholic Chapel suffered serious steam

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damage from a heating system malfunction last Dec. This circumstance, plus the general renovation called for by aging (as this chapel, as well as the Cadet Chapel, approaches its 100th birthday) has induced the Chaplain to seek financial help. Those wishing to contribute to the tasks of emergency renovation at the Catholic Chapel are asked to send their gifts to Chaplain Cunniffe.

So, the frost is on the pumpkin, the leaves are down, and there's a nip in the air (where I am) as we prepare for our feast of Thanksgiving. I am particularly thankful for surviving a "transient ischemic attack" (TIA) in mid-Aug, and for all those well-wishers who called to check on me and now keep me under observation. So long for now!

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By the time that you read this, our 45th Reunion will be history. As of early Aug, 204 Class members and 5 widows planned to attend. Together with wives or guests that's close to 400 people. The next issue will have a special article about the reunion classes in addition to the regular Class column.

Vital Statistics. **Arch Arnold** married **Prudence** Schmidt of Milford, NJ on 14 Jul—Bastille Day. Prudence has 4 married children and 6 grandchildren. With Arch's that makes for lots of visiting. They spent part of their honeymoon in Columbus, GA where they had lunch with **Ralph Hinman**, who is in good spirits despite shortness of breath and inability to get out. Ralph sends his best wishes to the '45 family! Arch's son, AVA III, turned over his 1/18 Inf Bn and headed for the Army War Col. They had breakfast in his Hq Co dining room (no more mess halls, you know) and felt as if they were in the coffee shop at the Ritz. The selection was enormous. **Nelle Preston** was at Arch's daughter's wedding in Jun (the last of 5 to be married) and did the photo coverage. Nelle has geared her life to the San Ant sr citizen devel and looks swell.

Carl & Phoebe Nerdahl's daughter, Carlyle Rogers, wrote that the Nerdahls have two grandsons at WP: Carter Rogers '91 and Bryant Rogers '94.

We had a late report that **Dick Kothrade** died near his home in the Denver area on 24 Mar. His next of kin is his son, Michael Kothrade. Just a few days ago, on 6 Aug, **Tom Jones** called me to say

1945: Prudence Schmidt and Arch Arnold, Apr in Bermuda

1945: Nelle Preston, Salt Lake, UT, Jun

that **Bob Hippert** had died at Ft Jackson. Bob's funeral is scheduled to be on 17 Aug at the Old Chapel at WP. We all hold these friends and classmates in loving memory.

RFD Kansas. **George Hoge** says this has been a busy summer. He's been building a new deck, renovating one barn and replacing another. 9 Aug was the day he was expecting both sons and their families to arrive for a reunion. George sent two pix. One was from the visit by **Betty & Bill Zook** in Oct 89. (You can see Bill has a way with horses.) The other was taken when **TD & Patty Drake** visited as they were winding up a 3-mo cross country tour, seeing classmates along the way. **Keith & Joan Stewart** were also visiting, having come to KS to see son Chuck & Susie. Chuck is an AF MAJ who is a student at C&GSC this coming yr.

Rocky Mt Area. **Phil Dolan** has introduced **Mary** (they've been married about

1945: Betty & Bill Zook and George Hoge at Ft Leavenworth Hunt, Oct 89

1945: Back porch of Hoges' home near Leavenworth, KS, late Jun: Rita & Bud Weaver, Raaen and Susie Stewart, Patty Drake, Scott Stewart, George Hoge, TD Drake, Keith & Joan Stewart; (seated) Skip Hoge with her Jack Russell terrier, Buttons

2 yrs now) to just about everyone he has known. They came to CO in Jun for a very pleasant 4-day visit with **Audrey & Jess Gatlin**. Mary & Phil live in Palo Alto.

1945: Gatlins' home near USAF Academy, 14 Jun: Jess & Audrey Gatlin, and Mary & Phil Dolan

West Coast. From Seaside, OR (on the coast about 75 mi NW of Portland), **Tom Devlin** wrote about his successful battle with cancer. After noticing blood in his stool in early Jan, Tom sought med help and was operated on for corectal cancer on 29 Jan. A growth about the size of a baseball was removed. The med team planned the usual program of chemo and radiation therapy. But through the efforts of Tom's family the drs learned of a new experimental program and agreed to try it. This program is a chemotherapy combination that includes a drug used to deworm farm animals and was endorsed by FDA and Natl Inst of Cancer in Jul. The results of the test among 1300 patients nationwide found that 5-FU chemo drug and the pill "hevamisole" reduced death and cancer recurrence by up to one-third. The commercial name for the new drug is Ergamisol. Since starting the program in Feb, Tom is now at about 98% normal and plans to attend the reunion in Oct. He wanted to tell his story since this form of cancer is so frequent among men of our age group.

Tom said that **Dick McConnell**, who lives in Medford, OR, has suffered a

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stroke. Dick is 100% housebound; however, Tim has spoken to him and his morale seems to be excellent. Tom's son, Mike, who is a TV pro, is planning to attend the reunion and will videotape messages for Dick.

From Encinitas, CA (on the coast north of San Diego), **Bill Gilbert** wrote about a wonderful trip that **Ginny** & he took to Bavaria in May-Jun. They spent 3 wks in and around the Bavarian Alps, attended the Passion Play in Oberammergau and stayed a couple of days in Hindelang-Bad Oberdorf, where the 55th Fighter Gp/442nd Air Svc Gp had an R&R hotel in 46 for the troops. Those troops included **Bill Blessley, Frank Davies** and **Russ Talliaferro**. If they're envious from reading this, contact Bill and he'll give you the details. Bill won't make our reunion because he's having his left hip replaced. Had his right one replaced on 85.

East of the Appalachians. From Bedford, NY **John Murphy** sent me the pic of 89 football season ticket holders. **Ruth & Joe Van Cleve** visited them in Bedford for a wk in Jun. John said that he and Joe played golf as much as "allowed" and that Ruth and Peggy shopped.

1945: Season ticket holders at Army-Bucknell game at WP, 89: Ann & Bob Erickson, Peggy & John Murphy and Larry Klima

Wag Wagonhurst wrote that the "Golden Class" of USAWC '65 held its 25th reunion on 30 Mar-1 Apr at Carlisle Bks. The '45ers attending were **Dick & Gina Crane, Tom & Martha Jones, Jack & Helen Rhett**, and Wag **& Peggy** Wagonhurst. This is the only USAWC Class in history known to have held a reunion every yr since grad. Wag & Peggy attended their son Jeff's promotion (frocking) to COL on 3 Jul in Wash. Jeff, an Engr off, is presently in OPM and will be assigned to cmd the 7th Engr Bde in Stuttgart in summer 91.

On 21 Jul **Bob & Janis Krebs** and **Phyllis & Cliff White** joined **Nancy Briscoe** Comber & Pat, who were en route back to their home in Osprey, FL for a special brunch. They were all glad to see Nancy again as well as her fine husband.

The DC area. **Hap Argo** thinks that **Jane** & he may have set a sort of Class record. In May of this yr, he swore in their youngest child, Ellen, as a Navy Ensign nurse. They now have 5 of their 7 children in the armed forces. Reamer III '76 is an artillery MAJ who is a bn S-3 in Berlin. Harry '79 is an artillery CPT with the JCS. Michael (UNC '81) is a Navy lt cmdr and opns off of Seal Team 2 in Little Creek, VA. Christopher (ODU '84) is a signal Corps CPT in the 82nd Abn Div at Ft Bragg. Ensign Ellen (Niagara '86) is assigned to the Naval Hosp, Portsmouth, VA and shares accomodations with Michael. I'd say Hap's family is doing their part!

1945: Hap Argo swearing in daughter, Ellen, as Navy Ensign, DC area, May

Bob Ives said that the annual spring Class party in the DC area was held at the Ives' home again this yr on 19 May. It was a buffet attended by the most beautiful women in the world—the '45 distaff dressed up like high fashion plates with spring brightness. Bob said the men were the usual hum-drum handsome-jacks. Class business consisted of the usual ritual of electing Class officers. Somehow it always results in good men assuming their posts for the Class. The whole affair was attended by over 60 people.

1945: Class spring party, Ives' home: John Linden, Dick West, Jim Hunt and Jane Argo

John Tyler said that he's still going on honeymoons with **Bobbie**. On 5 Jul they were putting furniture and supplies into their condo at St Augustine Beach when they decided to take a trip to Gainesville and visit **Bob & Peggy Lutz**, who have just finished building a new home there. **John** said they are both happy, pooped from moving-in problems, but otherwise doing fine. John also sent the pics from the Class pig roast at **George Daoust**'s home.

1945: Class spring party, Ives' home: Ann Holcomb and Rosanne Broughton

1945: John Tyler and Bob Lutz at the Lutzes' new home in Gainesville, FL, 6 Jul

1945: Bobbie Tyler, Bill Ochs and Mac McDaniel at Class pig roast at Daousts' home, DC area

1945: Bunny Hall, Bobbie Tyler, Gene Ives and Jack Rhett at Class pig roast at Daousts' home

Thanks for all your news. Deadline to me is the first wk of the even mos. Beat Navy!

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'46

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To give you a feeling for when these notes are being typed just bear in mind that elements of the 82nd Abn have just landed in Saudi Arabia. When you read the following Class notes I am sure you will have learned much more about what happened in that area of the world.

A new grandson has joined our family on the birth of Sam France Underwood on 3 Aug in Montclair, NJ. His mother, Sandy, is our daughter and his father is Ken. Young Sam has a sister Coleen, age 5. To celebrate this grandson and my earlier grandson born this past 5 Apr, I went up to the new Visitors Ctr at New So Post (Ladycliff to most of you) to buy some WP T-shirts for both of them. The old AAA gift shop that used to be at Michie is now at the Ctr and indeed is very spacious. So if you are looking for an AAA gift this fall, go to the ctr—you'll enjoy it.

A belated Founders Day notice. The grads of the twin state area (VT and NH) held their annual dinner on 28 Apr at the Quechee (VT) Country Club. The date chosen was set to coincide with more hospitable weather in the region, according to **Bob Kren**, who mailed me this data along with a photo of **Betty** & himself taken that evening.

1946: The Krens on Founders Day

Just received a phone call from **Ruth Ann (Rutti) & Bob Cramer** to tell me that they are the ones I could not identify in a recent photo. That most likely was the Oct 89 issue. They wanted the dates for REUNION, and for everyone, they are 26–29 Sep 91—the wkend we play Harvard.

The **Krens** did a lot of traveling last yr to the canyons and parks of the West as well as HI. They saw **Joe & Vicky Wallace** in Rapid City, SD and visited their girls in LA. Had New Year's dinner with **Phil & Ginny Haisley** in Yacaipa. **Ben & Carol Brown** from Newport Beach also joined them. Their trip to HI, with a small tour gp, allowed them to visit with **Hal & Phyllisanne Horne**, but not without travel related problems. Plane delays left them stranded overnight in Honolulu but there were no hotel rooms in town. Fortunately, Hal's mother's home was available and 15 tourists spent the night in two bedrooms, a den and one bath. Additionally, bad weather (in HI!) caused them to miss dinner with the Hornes and **Joe & Polly Jordan** at Hickam AFB. However, the next evening they did have drinks with the Hornes.

Max Feibelman mailed a card to indicate that he has a new address (MC Cubed, 5259 Sepulveda Blvd #22, Van Nuys, CA 91411) and that he will have published a book, *The Confessions of a Professional Smart Ass* this fall. The book will be a collection of humorous data and odd mil experiences at a cost of $8 to classmates. It will be a limited first printing so write Max if you're interested. That may be a business address, so *REGISTER* should still be ok for his home.

1946: The Lambs, Bakers, Boyds and Divers on the AOG trip to Russia, Jul

Tom Gee wrote to advise of what is probably a very small milestone in the history of grads of USMA. On 30 Apr Judge Rhesa Barksdale '66 and Tom sat together on a panel of the US Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. Tom believes this to be the first occasion on which two USMA grads sat together on a panel of a federal court.

Frank & Anna Lee Schoen have two reasons to make the Reunion next yr. Their youngest son, CPT John '82, reported for duty at WP this past Jun to join the PE Dept. John had just completed getting a master's degree from U of GA. In May he & Nan presented the Schoens with a new grandson. The Schoens also have a new granddaughter from son Mike & Janice. The Schoens now have 6 grandchildren. So besides meeting with classmates, the Schoens also will meet a new grandson when they travel from El Paso for the Reunion—just a yr away now!

Jerry Epstein rep that the Gov of NM appointed him, and the NM Senate confirmed his appt, as a Regent of the NM Mil Inst in Roswell. Jerry is still the Civ Aide to the Secy of the Army for NM. He is certainly kept busy with these duties.

An historical ltr written in 1826 by ex-Cadet James Miller was donated to the USMA Library on 13 Jun by **Art Hansen**. BG Flint, Dean, was the recipient of the ltr orginally purchased by Art for $2 at a NYC flea mkt. Miller wrote the ltr to a friend describing his observations about the Academy and some of the men of his day, one of whom was Sylvanus Thayer. Miller apparently was involved in the renowned Cadet Christmas incident of 1825 known as the Egg Nog Riot.

Joe Jordan's new address is 19 Hanapepe Pl, Honolulu, HI 96825. Joe rep that their 6 children are all happily married and among them have 20 grandchildren with two more on the way. See my last notes for other details about Joe.

Jack McWhorter is pumping along on his memorial project. He and his helper **Bill Bamber** have access to a library in Phila that has phone books for the entire country. With their help they have located **Jack Kimball**'s widow in Yoakum, TX and **Harry McPhee**'s sister. Harry's wife **Helen** died about 10 yrs ago. Jack would appreciate any help in locating people that can help with articles for **Ned Carr**, E-1; **John Schuman**, H-2; **Bob Eyman**, E-2; and **Ben Kernan**, A-2.

NECROLOGY: **Mavis Key**, Bob's widow, died 26 Jan. Their daughter will help **Jack** on Bob's memorial article, under the circumstances. **Ted Zeh** passed away 10 Jun and his widow **Patricia** will aid Jack with that article. Ted had hoped to help Jack with **Steve Hill**'s obituary. To all of their family members may I extend the heartfelt sympathies of the Class.

'47

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I am writing these notes on 1 Aug. You will read them o/a 25 Oct so most of the news you are receiving within 90 days of occurrence. AOG is getting much better.

Both **Ina** (Friedman [pen name]) & **Sam Starobin** continue to stay busy writing. Sam is a published writer doing a monthly col for *The New England Business*. Ina has a new book out, *The Other Victims: First-Person Stories of Non-Jews Persecuted by the Nazis* (Houghton-Mifflin). In Jun at the Brookline Arts Ctr, Brookline, MA, she autographed and told stories from her book. She says that Sam assisted her in the completion of the book as a translator and a "baggage carrier." Pic shows them admiring the new book. . . "Gov William A O'Neill (CT) elevated veteran Superior Court Judge **Albert W Cretella, Jr**, a North Haven Republican and former state rep who describes himself as a judicial conservative, to the vacancy on the State

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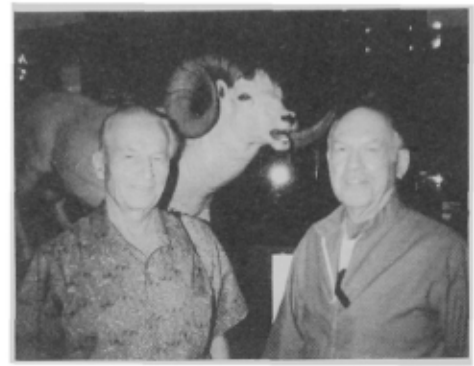
1947: Ina & Sam Starobin displaying Ina's new book

1947: Mary Lou Edington with the Coghills and AK friend

1947: June Burner with Marion & Dick McAdoo in Westport, CT

Appellate Court." Al sent me a note announcing that in Aug, he would be marrying Antoinette (Billie) Dupont, who is Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of CT. So it appears that Al is marrying the boss rather than the boss' daughter. In any event, we accept, commend and welcome Billie to our ranks. **Mockie & Mike Maloney** have returned to West Chester, PA, their homebase in Jun, from Naples, FL. Mike is doing fine after acquiring a new knee at the Rothman Clinic. However, Mockie remains plagued with leg and back pains.

Bill Coghill can't slow down and I don't think he will move their residence to one in the lower 48 states soon. Their weather is getting to be almost better than ours now. **Gerry** & he are busy welcoming and entertaining classmates in Anchorage and AK. Recent arrivals were **Marylou & Jim Edington**, who took the plush cruise tour of the Inland Waterways; **Mary & Bill Mahlum**, who celebrated the 4th of Jul with the Coghills in Anchorage; and **Jane & John Mastin** in their Airstream with a RV caravan traveling up from Dawson Creek, BC. . . . Bill doesn't sit home waiting for classmates to visit. Gerry & he travel the state helping out on his brother's "Lt Governor" campaign, catching King salmon, sightseeing timber wolf and grizzly bears from their bus, and Bill chairing the AK Assn for Historic Preservation, dedicated to the preservation of AK's architectural, archaeological, historical, and cultural resources. In Mar, they enjoyed Santa Barbara, CA again for a month and while there, visited **Forest Crowe** in Arroyo Grande. Forest and Bill roomed together while at Lafayette College USMAP. Note in pics that Bill seems to pick up extra friends wherever he goes or might be.. . . In Jun, **Dottie & Willie Knipe** visited **June & Jean Burner** after traveling to northern MI for a wedding. Willis is now fully ret from teaching sch. June also rep that **Muriel & Bill Webb** had a short visit with **Pat & Doc Haskin** down in El Paso when they flew down for the change of cmd ceremony for son, George. . . . **Jack Faith** sent me a long ltr (the only one) that described the picnic affair of the Wash, DC contingent



1947: Jim Edington with Bill Coghill and another AK friend

1947: Bill Coghill with Forest Crowe and CA friend

1947: Jean Burner with Dottie & Willie Knipe in Okemos, MI

hosted by **Elise & Bob Haldane** (and daughter Lisa) on 30 Jun. Hopefully the list that follows indicates all that attended the get-together: **Hayeses, Maloneys (Mike), Johnsons, Baers, Webbs, Haucks, Lauterbachs, Buck Fernandez** (apparently **Naoma** had to baby-sit the grandkids), **Bartleys, Kains, Gerritys, Jacobys, Curtises, Balls, Reckmeyers**, and of course, **Jill** & Jack Faith. I'm glad to see that Jill's foot is fully recovered. I urge Jack, ILO of taking up golf, that he concentrate on tennis in anticipation of the 9-star rematch at the 45th! . . . I've been in contact with **Marilyn Halligan**, who is now in San Diego (summer res). We are proud of her daughter, Peg, who in L.A. is up for an Emmy for casting. ***Jody Johnston** is going to help out in the* writing of **Bob**'s obituary in *ASSEMBLY*. . . . A flash report from **Jane Mastin** (before departing for AK in Airstream caravan) states that **Hal Richardson** married **Frances** Sterner Bassler on 2 Jun at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Tucson. We welcome Frances to the "fold." Apparently, their new address is 8168 E Galinda Dr, Tucson, AZ 85715. Hal, you should note that **John Guice** and **Willie Munroe** are in Tucson also. And I need additional details and pics.

1947: Hal Richardson with Grand Canyon "mule" friend

Willie Munroe (04970 Rangeley, ME), flying (Cessna 172) and fishing, may never go back to Tucson (at least until Nov). He and **Bob Keller** talk on telephone occasionally re Bob's land outside of Yosemite. . . . **Bobbi** & I traveled to Ft Leavenworth in Jun to see daughter, Martha & son-in-law Greg and grandchildren Keith and Carol, who have now all been reassigned to Seoul, Korea. Greg was graduated from C&GSC with high honors. See pic where I'm making sure that he can fight with a saber also. C&GSC now has many more in atten-

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dance, esp intl offs from many countries. The old row house on 112 3rd Inf Rd appeared considerably smaller when we saw it than 29 yrs ago.

1947: Al Geraci presenting sabre to son-in-law Greg at Ft Leavenworth, KS

It is with great regret and sorrow that I inform you that our Class Pres, **Frank C Boerger**, died on 19 Jul in San Anselmo, CA of a stroke. A memorial service was held at the Presidio Post Chapel, San Fran, on Mon, 23 Jul. A memorial donation on behalf of the Class of '47 was made by **Wayne Hauck** (Class Treas) to the Frank C Boerger Memorial Fund, Golden Gate Natl Recreational Area, Box 408, Bank of America, San Anselmo, CA 94960. **Barb** says that Frank was continually working hard to "preserve our recreational areas and have the 'Presidio' incorporated into the Park Service area." An overflow crowd of over 300 was at the Presidio Chapel service conducted by Ben Kinney '46, Presbyterian minister and part-time chaplain at the Presidio. Ben had known Frank since 44. **Meg & Howie Sargent, Muriel & Bill Webb, Mary & John Delistraty, John Culin** and **Bing Perry** attended the service, as did Phil Day '48, and Spike Flertzheim '53. Ben Kinney gave a truly inspiring memorial tribute; several in the congregation spoke in addition: Barb, Patricia (daughter), Willie Webb, Howie Sargent, and Bryan O'Neal, head of the Natl Park Service. We have lost our Class Pres, a great soldier, a wonderful family man, an inspiring community leader, a true friend and classmate. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Barb

1947: Bill Webb with Frank Boerger during Boerger's recent trip to Wash, DC/VA area

and her family and, of course, to **Pete Boerger**, his brother. Pete and Bill Webb sadly passed on to me additional info which I will have to include next time.

Take care. Stay Active.

'48

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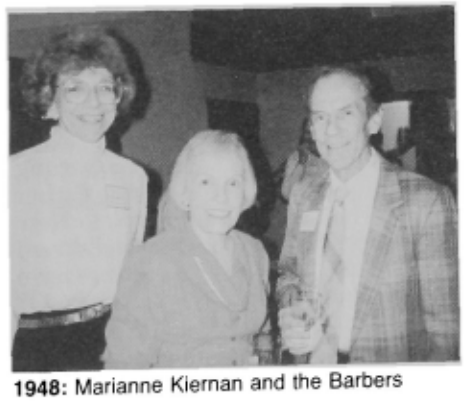
Randy Beirne wrote that the State of MD dedicated its Korean War Memorial in Baltimore last May. The enterprise was totally financed by the state and appropriately has a view directly across to Ft McHenry. Randy was the historian for the project; shortly after it was completed, a local geography prof took to task the state and Randy editorially in the local papers for not clearly delineating the Demilitarized Zone on the memorial. The Memorialization Comm replied that if they had done that they wouldn't have had any room to locate some important battle sites on the memorial. I won't give you any more details of this fabulous sniping between a cartographer who wasn't in the act and veterans who were, except to say we should side with Randy because he passed MT&G and the geography prof didn't have that exp. Randy also tells me that he has 31 rolls of 8 mm color film of his time in Korea which he plans to donate to the WP library. We lost 17 classmates in Korea—12 Army and 5 AF. There is a natl effort underway to erect a Korean War Memorial in DC; in view of '48's assoc with that war, the Class is making a donation in memory of our deceased classmates.

Here are some more of those great pics from the Callaway Gardens regional gathering. I wasn't able to get everyone's



1948: Marianne Kiernan and the Barbers

pic and the gp shots were taken from too great a distance; so, if you have unpublished photos of the event, send them to me. **Hugh Perry** called the other day to say that he & **Barbara** have moved back no for the summer to CT from their winter home in FL—gee, where did I go wrong in missing out on those winter-summer home arrangements? Thanks to **Lowell Genebach**, whose pic appears

1948: Cathy Meinzen and the Pabsts

1948: The Moungers and Pomeroy

elsewhere on these pages, for sending a wonderful pic of **Sarah Mallett** from the Asheville, NC paper. Sarah was being

1948: Wagoner, Lowell Genebach and "two-fisted" Eloise, RO Barton

featured as the pres of a local gp, raising funds in support of local comm charitable activities—truly one of those "thousand points of light" we hear so much about. The newspaper pic wasn't reproducible, but we are fortunate to have another of Sarah taken at the Callaway regional gathering. More about the Malletts: The *Asheville Citizen Times* carried a Jul editorial about Big South Fork Natl Pk and Recreation Area in TN and KY, and **Dave Mallett** and his love of horseback riding therein. The story goes on to rep that Dave has his own horses and he & Sarah have explored the Great Smokies, Pisgah and Nanthala Forests on horseback. The Jul *ASSEMBLY* carried a pic of happy USMA couples enjoying a trip to Egypt earlier in the spring—prominently featured were **Ed & Peggy Kritzer** admiring the tombs,

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1948: Bob & Joan Davis and Sarah Mallett

bazaars and culture. When I saw this, I asked Peggy & Ed to send a pic of their trip—enclosed are "them" on the backs of the ubiquitous camels (they look like the same ones **Barbara & Tom Clark** used a yr ago).

1948: Peggy & Ed Kritzer in Egypt

What a pleasure to hear from **George Edwards** the other day; George called and said he is appreciating his WP experiences and classmates more and more as time goes by, and promises to keep in better touch with everyone. George & **Maurene** have lived in Seattle, WA these past 20 yrs. Speaking of Edwardses, **Ashby Foote**, '48's regional rep in TX, writes that **John Edwards** has moved to Myrtle Beach, SC from Houston. We haven't heard from John in a long time—write and tell us what's up and what you're doing. Back to Ashby Foote—he rep that he has joined the rest of us now in ret interspersed with a little "consulting" and teaching. **Novella Whitehead** returned from a business trip to San Diego and rep that she called the **Byers—Bill** was at home but **Patt** was at Pebble Beach with the grandchildren (why were you not also with those sweet little grandchildren, Bill?) Everything is well with the Byers except Bill says his knee hurts all the time except when he's playing tennis or dancing to country music; sounds like you have your priorities right, Bill. When we last left the **Wilhides**, they had departed Tucson and were wandering back East to settle they-know-not-where. Word comes from the **Harry Buckleys** that the Wilhides are ensconced in a condo in Stowe, VT and after a sojourn this summer to their favorite spot, the English Midlands, will continue their quest for a ret location. Harry, who is a LTC in the VT Militia (how do you retrogress in rank?) & Sally Buckley plan a local '48 reunion for them with the **Walks, Sheffields** and **Conovers**.

Curly Mounger writes that he & **Jan** will miss the CA Class reunion because they will be attending the US Tennis Open in NYC. While I was still getting over the shock that "ole Curly" was a tennis aficionado, he sent along a mag clip announcing that he was co-chm of the fund-raising comm sponsoring the Intl Ballet Competition in Jackson, MS. Our beloved Curly described himself in the article as a ". . . former all-state football player, built like a fire hydrant, becoming a ballet fan." A host of questions arise when you reflect on this statement. I urge you all to contact "our ballet dancer" directly for answers. I love it when all you world travelers send me postcards from exotic spots telling how wonderful it is—the latest comes from **Chris & Jim McCray** in Scotland, en route to Wales, who rep that there are no bargains, but they're spending anyway while Jim is trying to become the world's authority on Scotch Whiskey. **Tammy** (Richardson) & new hubby **Jim Henderson** write they are busy having fun, and traveling to get to know each other's families; Tammy is recycling and recharging batteries after an 8-day visit of grandchildren ages 2 and 3 1/2—we all know how that is, Tammy—Exhausting with a capital E! Oh, **Grim & Sharon Locke**, you shy ones! You wouldn't tell us that your daughter Sharon & Ross Reed presented you twin grandsons; I had to learn it from other sources. One of these days drop me a note and tell us all about what's taken place since your 40th yr-book entry. **Irv Schoenberg** wrote and passed on some news gathered from a ltr received from **Lou & Becky Haskell**. The Haskells are seeing the US with their travel trailer, spending 6 wks in NC where they saw the **Wagoners** and **Malletts** and rep that **Jack Kean** is recovering well from his 53-day hosp stay earlier this yr. They are continuing on to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward and Quebec. Lou, why do I always have to get news of you two secondhand? When you are finished with your trip, check in and send me some pics to share with all your classmates out there who might want to travel along your paths. Irv sent along a newspaper clip from the *Atlanta Constitution* entitled, "The Small Retail War—A 'hometown' store battles for survival." The sub line goes on to say, "Mansour's: the family retailer remains competitive by emphasizing service". . . featured prominently surrounded by his sons in a pic is our **Nase Mansour**, chm of this LaGrange, GA landmark store. The article is a very complimentary one in pointing out how Nase is successfully fending off Wal-Mart, Belks, JC Penney and Sears.

As I wind up this issue, congratulations to the 14 of you (I'll never tell who you are) who will reach the age of 65 in the mo of Nov when this will reach you. If you haven't applied for your SSI before now—you're late—you all are assured of getting a return on your Social Security money. Another happy thought for you: by the end of this Nov, 45% of the Class will be 65 or older—moral of this story, be kind, considerate and solicitous of sr citizens, they may be your classmates. Hope to have some pics of that CA reunion in the next issue.

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Bruce Peters died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest during the night of 8–9 Aug in Alexandria, VA. A memorial service is scheduled to be held on 14 Aug and he will be interred at Arlington Nat Cemetery at a date not fixed at the time of submitting these notes. Bruce is survived by **Barbara**, daughter Claudia Peters, and son Bruce Andrew. Bruce was one of the regular runners in the annual Marine Corps Marathon in DC, a swimmer, and a skier. He was an entrepreneur and operated his own consulting business. He was also a blithe spirit, always ready for an outing on his or someone else's boat, a party, a dance, or any fun event. He is and will be missed.

1949: Poolside party begins on 9 Jun. . .

1949: . . . with lots of happy faces.

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Gene Mechling and **Dick Morton** organized a party-in-two-parts in honor of **Dick Stauffer** this summer. Both were held at the Morton home in Carlisle, PA. Attendees at the first outing, 9 Jun, are shown in these two photos, courtesy of **George Sylvester**, and are listed L-R. Photo one, front row: **Ann Bumpus, Hill Dickinson,** Sandy Shim; second row: George Sylvester, **Elaine Sylvester,** Dick Stauffer, "Rigor" Morton; last row: Gene Mechling, **Craig Betts, Charlie Lehner, Barbara DeMuro, Hal Lombard, Maryanne Morton**, and **Ted DeMuro**. Photo two, front row: **Sachiko Summers, Hill Dickinson, Helen Kemble**; second row: your scribe, **Nancy Dickinson,** and Dick Stauffer; last row: **Bill Bumpus, Fran Betts,** Ann Bumpus, **Margo Stauffer, Ted Boland, Jean & George Hoffmaster**. The DeMuros came from Red Bank, NJ; Helen Kemble came from NM and had dropped **Bob** off in DC on business. The others were from the greater DC area. There was plenty of share-a-dish food and drink and a good time was had. No one fell in the pool and the party officially ended in late afternoon simultaneous with a tornado alert. A few party diehards stayed to see if the tornado showed; it didn't.

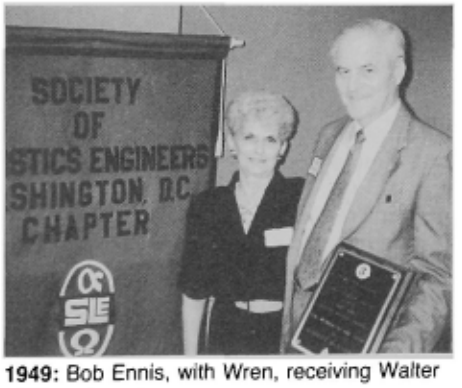
1949: Party continues on 23 Jun. . .

1949: . . . with everyone still smiling.

The second part of the party was held 23 Jun. Newcomers to the party were **Dave & Marylee Bolte, Harry & Ann Griffith, Ed Howard, Paul Monahan, Rocky & Margaret Marder, Wayne & Elaine Norby,** and **Ted & Cay Swett**. Party double dippers were the **Stauffers, Mortons,** and **Mechlings**. The next two photos show some of the folks at this gathering. In photo 3 are Rocky Marder, Ed Howard, Marylee Bolte, Paul Monahan, and Dick & Margo Stauffer. Photo 4 includes Dave Bolte, Cay & Ted Swett, Ann Mechling, and Wayne Norby.

1949: Sylvesters and Sheets on Delos

Another incident for the Class Book of Unexpected Meetings: **George & Elaine Sylvester** met **Ben & Jane Sheets** while cruising around the Greek Isls. The accompanying photo shows the Sylvesters and the Sheets on the isl of Delos. **Jerry Schulz** writes from Plano, TX, that at the Jun TX State Republican Party convention in Ft Worth, he had seen **Don Woods**, a precinct chm and delegate from Dallas. Also seen were **Jack & Alma Hodes**, delegates from Killeen. Jack is running for a county commissioner's seat in Bell County. Jerry's wife, **Jonnie**, was also a delegate and Jerry an alternate. He adds, "It was a lively affair."



1949: Bob Ennis, with Wren, receiving Walter Milliken Award

Orton Spencer called on 27 Jun to say he had just returned from a luncheon meeting of the DC Chapter of the Soc of Logistic Engrs. The chapter has an annual member-of-the-yr award named in honor of **Walt Milliken**, its first pres. The award for yr 89–90 was presented to **Bob Ennis**, membership chairperson. Subsequently Orton sent a photo of Bob & **Wren** at the presentation with Bob holding the Walter Milliken Award plaque. **John VanderVoort** rep that the family home in Fairfax, VA was heavily damaged by smoke from a basement fire in Jan. He & **Nancy** have now moved back in and are involved in trying to get rid of the smell which is "in everything."

Charlie Smith continues to lead an interesting, but mobile, life. **Geny** got her "green card" (which Charlie rep is now blue) but was so concerned for her mother, who had become seriously ill, that she & Charlie decided to return to Rio "for a yr." On the way to Brazil, Charlie took Geny to see WP and sent a photo of the occasion. It's a splendid photo of an AT gun but unreproducible of them. Try again, Charlie. A postcard announced they had gotten to Panama; another confirmed they are back in Brazil. Charlie rep he is 85% fluent in Portuguese and happy in Rio. A phone call to **Web Ivy** in Jun revealed he was temporarily out of action, recovering from a hernia oper. Web says his dr told him he had to have the oper to stay on flying status—which he has held for 35 yrs. A note on my tel machine from **Bob Ennis**, back in May, rep that he & **Wren** were g-parents of a second grandson, 4th grandchild.

Via **Gene Mechling** from **Pat Donahoe** comes word from **Jim Prescott** that he is going to move to a "total health care" facility in San Ant because of some physical condition. I have no details on this at press time. Also from Pat is news that his wife, **Betty**, visited Bethesda Naval Hosp for a thyroid oper. A bit of belated travel news: 4 classmates & spouses were on the AOG-sponsored trip to Egypt in Mar. These were **Jack & Beverly Finley, Bob & Helen Kemble, Malcolm & Mildred Lewis,** and **Bill & Dianne Liddicoet. Frank & Mary Sarsfield** had a two-wk trip to So America. Frank mentioned a 1st Cav reunion at Ft Benning in early Aug.

From **Chuck & Teri Reed** in St Petersburg comes news that their son Rod & Sharon (daughter of Grim & Sharon Locke '48) became parents of twin sons in Apr. The boys, Andrew and "Will" checked in at 5 lbs and under but were thriving at 14+ lbs by early Jul. Chuck also rep the marriage, on 7 Jul, of **Gene Hustad & Elizabeth Gereau** in Watertown, SD, Gene's hometown and current home. Chuck noted that Gene (also ex-USAF) was pres of the '67 War Col Class "prior to our 68–69 SEA combat tours." Chuck continues that the whole family is very fond of Gene and very much wanted to attend his wedding but could not do so. He concludes that he misses not having recently seen **Priscilla Milliken** or **Bill & Jean Lambert** who live some 80 miles no.

Bernie & Rebecca Greenbaum sent a photo taken near Phila in Apr with **Bob & Scotty Nelson**. Bernie writes that, after about 20 yrs, their "paths miraculously crossed—the Nelsons en route from Charleston, SC to summer in WI, and the Greenbaums during a 6-wk visit in the US from Belgium." Bernie responded to my postcard requesting additional info by writing between the

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1949: The Greenbaums and Nelsons enjoy the wine

lines and returning the card. It was the most efficient use of one postcard I have seen. **Joan Weart** writes from San Ant that she & **Doug** are pleased that son Jeff, a USMA Tac (and a '49 aide at the 40th reunion), was one of the first 4 officers to receive a WP grad degree in May. The degree was in the new "Dwight David Eisenhower Prog of Grad Studies in Leader Dev." Jeff was seen on the Today Show on 4 Jul in connection with the entrance of the Class of '94.

Pete Palmer sent a brief note from Spartanburg, SC, along with a copy of an article featuring noted math textbook author **John Saxon** which appeared in the 25 Jun *Daily Oklahoman*. I wish there were room to reproduce the entire article. In part it says, "Is John Saxon a natl folk hero or an irascible gadfly to the educational establishment? John is a driven man whose uncompromising and combative nature has pushed him into the spotlight. This yr he has been featured on '60 Minutes' and the 'Dick Cavett Show', and in mag and newspaper articles throughout the US. He's been praised by Ronald Reagan and does several radio talk shows ea mo, plus opinion pieces for the *Wall St Journal* and *Washington Post*. Since 87 he has sold $20 million worth of textbooks to 3000+ schools from his publishing off in Norman, OK. John says his texts substantially raise math scores and to prove his claim is offering $15 million in free textbooks to sch systems with multiple high schools." [Any readers on a school board or with enough clout to want to investigate John's offer?] The article concludes with the observation that although he has had a quad-heart bypass oper, John works like a man possessed. "I'm putting a full-court press on the math establishment," he says. Pete adds that he has used one of John's books while tutoring—and that "it's good."

By now you should have received, via the AOG, a ltr from **Ted Swett** re obit material. Responses have started to arrive. If you did not get such a ltr, let Ted (or your scribe) know. The next scheduled Pentagon lunch after you receive this issue is 13 Nov. For reservations and to verify the date call our host, **Art Kingdom** at 703-569-9360.

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With the new schedule for the *ASSEMBLY*, the deadlines roll around fast. When you read this column, the lovely fall colors will already have faded, but right now it is close to 90 deg outside my window.

Following up on the business mtg at the Reunion, which directed that at least 4 Regional Liaison Reps be added to the Board of Governors (BOG), we now have those 4 reps in place: **Bob Luckese** from the NE US, **GG Thomas**, from the SE, **Blackie Bolduc** from TX/OK, and **Dick Leavitt**, from CA. For those of you who were not at the mtg, **Jack Murphy** suggested that the BOG could better communicate with the Class by having BOG reps in the areas where there are major concentrations of classmates. These reps will not normally attend the BOG mtgs, which are held on an as needed basis and usually on short notice, but they will receive copies of the minutes. In addition they would pass information to the BOG, be queried on matters of interest, help identify concerns, and generally act as the eyes, ears, and voice of the BOG in various regions. Our thanks to the new reps for taking on this responsibility as a service to our Class.

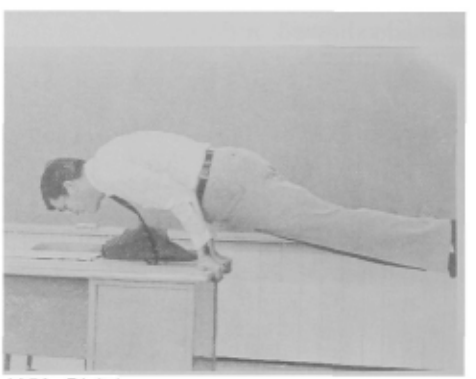
By the way, the BOG mtgs are always open to anyone who wishes to attend. The problem is the irregular schedule of mtgs and the short notice, usually only one or two wks in advance.

Jack Wagner tells me that the 40–50 book has had a 92% response, so we will have a great opportunity to see our friends and their families, and to read of what has happened these last 10 yrs. The staff really has done a great job in chasing down people, getting pics and write-ups, checking details, and generally making this a fine part of our 40th Reunion. The book should be in the mail not long after this column gets published. For those of you who might not have ordered a copy or need another one, there were some spares ordered. Write Jack at 3229 First Pl North, Arlington, VA 22201.

The Class got a nice note of remembrance from **Eddie Ramos**, written on the first day of our reunion. Eddie regretted that he & **Ming** could not be there in person, but they were there in spirit. "May the brotherhood, camaraderie and mutual concern developed over the yrs continue to be renewed and reinforced." We were all sorry they were not able to be there, but the ltr directed by the Class at its business mtg has been sent to Eddie. Eddie, by the way, directed the rescue efforts following the recent devastating earthquake in the Philippines, continuing his long service to his country.

Out in San Diego **Chuck Friedlander** is, among other things, on the bd of dir for the Intl Aerospace Hall of Fame. Chuck sent along a note to say that **Frank Borman** would be installed into the Hall of Fame on 22 Sep in a ceremony out there. Congratulations, Frank! Chuck & **Diane** had the fun of flying up to the reunion with Frank & **Sue**, which should have been a fun trip.

Speaking of fun trips, **Anne & Gray Tate** took advantage of the 40th to go on to Burlington, VT to visit with **Nini & Tut Parmley**. Tut has recently left GE, joining with those who are more or less ret. On their way back, the Tates stopped off for lunch with **BJ Prouty** in South Hadley, MA. Add to that a brief stay with **Eileen & John Jones** here in VA and you see they got in a lot of visiting. By the way, Grayson sang the Lord's Prayer at our memorial service; it was really beautiful.



1950: Dick Lunger

Ken Moll rep that the planning for the mini-reunions is coming along well. The next one will be hosted by **Shirley & Lou Prentiss** at the Lake of the Ozarks about Sep 91. Ken also sent along a pic of **Dick Lunger** impressing some of his students out in Norman, OK. Yes, that is Dick at 62 showing off his gymnast form with a horizontal press.

Ken also sent along some additional information on Agripost, the FL firm that **Ed West** heads. The firm won a contract to process some 250,000 tons per yr of the Dade County, FL, solid waste. Under Ed, Agripost constructed a $25M, 320,000 sq ft (7 football fields under one roof) plant. The assorted garbage, paper, glass and solid articles are processed into garden compost, which is then sold. This apparently is the only large-scale operating solid waste technique that is not dependent on burning or landfills.

I also received a note from **Ed**, noting that **Dick Lunger** was his roommate at WP. Ed claims that he taught Dick all

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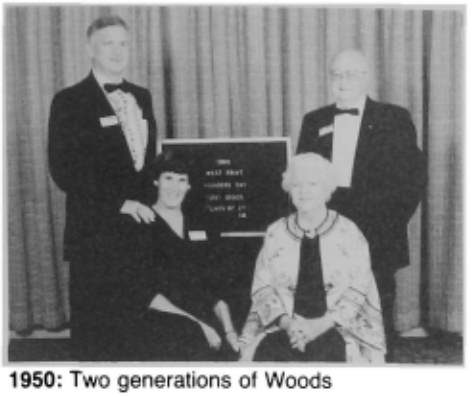
those fancy tricks, but so subtly that Dick didn't know it.



1950: Two generations of Woods

Stu Wood sent in a nice shot of **Pat** & him on the left and his parents, Mary & Stu, Sr '27, on the rt. That was Founders Day at Ft Bragg where Stu, Sr was the oldest living grad. Stu also rep on their clan: older daughter Meredith was off in China teaching Eng to Chinese Eng teachers, while older son Stuart is building more casinos in Las Vegas. Son John is an Engr CPT at Ft Stewart, GA. Peggy is married and living in Denver. Pat is deep into tennis these days. Stu is teaching engring at a comm col in Charlotte, NC where he sees **Patti & Jim Kelly** from time to time. The Woodses also took advantage of the reunion to take a tour of New England with **Dee & John Pennekamp**.

Jeanie & Sid Steele recently celebrated Jeanie's doctorate in mental health/marriage and family therapy from VPI, Blacksburg. Jeanie is in privatepractice in Vienna, VA and teaches in a Catholic seminary in Silver Spring, MD. With Jeanie & Sid in their celebration were their 4 young adult children: Peg from Miami, FL; Bob, Springfield, VA; John, U of Notre Dame; and Jenn, James Madison U. Classmates who joined at the grad bash included **Rose & Lou Genuario, Eileen & John Jones, Nancy & Sib Sibbles, Nancy & Rufe Smith, Phyll & Hank Singleton**, up from VA Beach, **Tillie & Sam Smithers, Ann & Jake Jacobson, Laurie Eek, June & Jim Irons, Joan Scandling, Robin** & me. In addition, Jeanie's mother flew in from Denver to add to the celebration. The pic shows the happy Drs Steele.

From **Joe Love** in FL came the pic of a foursome taken on the Cullum courts during our reunion. In photo are (L-R) **Jim Thompson, Lyman Hammond**, Joe, and **Rufe Smith**. Joe & **Mary Pharr** had a busy mo. In addition to our reunion, there was a reunion of Joe's WWII AF unit in Las Vegas, and then on 16 Jun daughter Laura Lee married Dr Robert Woodard in Jacksonville. That's cramming a lot into 30 days.

From the other end of the country **Clark Duncan** sent news on the 4th of Jul barbecue that **Trudy & Karl Kuckhahn** hosted at their new home overlooking Puget Sound. Several classmates were there for the occasion: **Roxanne & Dick Ewan**—Dick recently ret from working for the state and has also built a home on Puget Sound; **Sue & Tom Fife**—up from CA and planning to move back to the Seattle area in a couple of yrs; **Ruth & Danny Roush** with their children Paul and Marie—Danny is head of English at St Martins College; and, of course, Marge & Dunc together with their granddaughter Kyla.

1950: The Drs Steele

1950: Reunion tennis

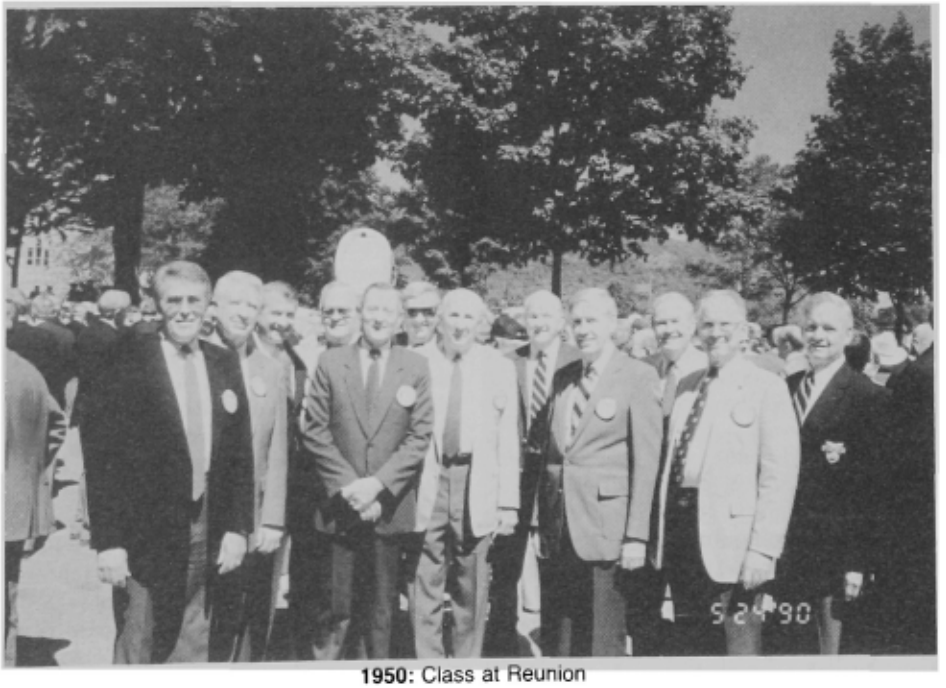
The saga of **Mel Johnsrud** and his brother Sherm continues. Got cards from northern MN, where they enjoyed the lovely early summer, then Europe, where they spent a mo, including a visit to northern Sweden to visit cousins, a swing through the rest of Scandinavia for two wks, then on to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. After that it was back to London and home, so that they could send us the latest card from Nags Head, NC, where they had their annual visit with **June & Jim Irons**.

If that itinerary sounds familiar, it is because **Jean & Laurie Eek** did much the same trip to Europe and the Passion Play, except that their family roots took them to Norway, where they found the town that Laurie's grandfather came from. Along on the trip was son Lauris III, who not only saw the hosp where he was born in Frankfurt, but also met the woman who had helped care for him in Ger.

Charlene & Waxey Manion wrote that they were sorry to see the reunion end (so were we) but that they look forward to the mini next fall. Waxey also sent in a pic of the Class. From L-R are **John McCormick**, Waxey, **Joe Love, John Shaffer, Bennie Davis, Bob Reed, DB King, Ken Ebner, George Morrisey, Marv Tees, Alan Fuller**, and **Stu Wood**.

That brings me to the end of another column. Again thanks to all of you who take the time to drop a note or send a pic. That is what makes this all go.

Since this will arrive in late Oct, HOLIDAY GREETINGS to each of you and best wishes for 91.



1950: Class at Reunion

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Very Sad News—On 28 Jun, **Ted Charney** died of a massive heart attack in Camp Hill, PA while preparing for the Sr Mil Penthalon. Many '51ers joined **D'Arcy**, their son, daughter and families, and the Carlisle contingent at viewings and services in Mechanicsburg and burial in Indiantown Gap Nat Cem; many others, US-wide, expressed their sympathy by notes, messages and flowers. Attendees at final services and interment included many other friends and mil associates who overflowed the church during memorial and interment services.

1951: The Charneys, Apr

CLASS ACTIVITIES: DC area luncheons—11:30 am, ea 3rd Thur monthly, at the A/N Club, Arlington, VA—**Bob Hyatt**, coordinator, now loc at 7812 Old Chester Rd, Bethesda, MD 20817, tel (301) 320-5545. Good attendance continues. DC area parties: summer parties were hosted by **Joe & Jean Rogers** on 16 Jun and **Godfrey & Pat Crowe** on 4 Jul.

1951: The Crowe family—ea member a star: Fennie, Susan, Godfrey & Pat

Approx 50 classmates & wives attended (to include **Tom & Jane Williams**—VA Beach and **Sandy & Carol Weyand**—Bryce) the **Rogers'** final Woodstock bash before their ret to Bryce MT where they're building a new home. Once again the Crowes' 4 Jul party was thoroughly enjoyed by all, including **Pat & Lois Lynch**, relaxed, contented, and looking great from Palm Springs, CA. Next scheduled '51 DC area party is 27 Oct in Oldtown Alexandria at Prince Royal Gallery, hosted by **John & Peg Byers**.

1951: Part of the wild 4 Jul horde: (top) Jean Leffler, Crocker, the Steeles, Pat Crowe, Peg Byers, the Robinsons, Sites, Doerflingers and Van Matres; (bottom) Mena, Rita McDonald, Pat Crocker, Lois Lynch, the Beczkiewiczes and Lynch

40th REUNION: 26–29 May 91. It appears the nearer the event, the greater the enthusiasm in planning for attendance. Also seems the efforts of **Sanderson, Hendricks, Ewing** and **Byers** are rekindling the esprit generated during our most recent 5-yr gatherings!!! Planned 40th highlights include C1 dinner and dance, Chapel memorial services, informal get-togethers, a '51 bkfst mtg, 40th gift, a picnic at the new Ski Lodge and the alumni parade. The schedule includes touring the post and gift shop visits. Has the makings of a great reunion!!! Again, call the new Sheraton at Mahwah, NJ now (201-529-1660); ask for reservations, ref '51 reunion gp, and guarantee your reservation with a credit card. So easy. . . . Due to the wide diversity of responses to '51's Gift survey by **Chuck Ewing**, a comm headed by **Elmer Pendleton**, including **Jim Boatner, Tom McMullen** and **Sandy Weyand**, will assist Chuck in identifying an appropriate gift to be presented at either the 45th or 50th Reunion and based on the '51 C1 Will. A tremendous undertaking—but there couldn't be a better gp to identify a rep Class gift.

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT: the Northeast/New England: **Pete Foss**—Reg Rep, **Tony Delano**—Dep; NY: **Al Lichtenberg**—Reg Rep, **Chuck Satuloff**—Dep; NJ: **Tom Odderstol**—Reg Rep; PA: **Ron Roberge**—Reg Rep, **Sandy Cortner**—Dep. Pete Foss rep that **Ted & Betty**

1951: Graduation and some very proud parents: the Lackmans and son Paul

Griesinger soon will make FL their home on a permanent basis—intend to spend their time golfing and yachting. Ted has retained several companies, to include his Glenora Finger Lakes winery and will spend the summer in New England. Also plan to visit **Bruno & Susan Giordano** on the Jersey shore in Sep. **John & Peggy Cunningham**, now fully ret, visited IA and his boyhood home during the summer and will attend the Ecumenical Evangelism Congress in Indianapolis this yr. Their youngest is now a BU grad and left their Chelmford, MA home, but they still have 3 grandchildren nearby. The **Elmbads** are still located in Wellesley Hills but **Pat** rep that **Bruce** continues to travel often on business. In ME (Lichfield), **Marv Krupinsky** is on the faculty of Westbook Col, near Portland; **Jackie** continues writing children's books, her latest entitled *Soap*. Recently visited San Fran and daughter and family for 14 days. During that time **Marv** managed 12 days of golf,

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ea day on a different course—now after all these yrs, **Marv** has a most favorable opinion of the West Coast. The **Bichers** live in an apt on Beacon St in Boston where **Geo** is an exec with an engring firm while **Nadine** is a member of the BU faculty. **Herb Roth** and **Tony Delano** are

1951: They enjoyed the Kings Grant: the Fosses and Delanos

members of the WP Fund Comm—Tony rep at a May Fund mtg enjoying a respite with AOG trustees **Shy Meyer, Roscoe Robinson, Arlie Sherman** and **Ab Webber**. The Herb Roths (Sherborn MA) have enjoyed a great summer of fishing—taking full advantage of the fishing camp in Canada Herb presented to Delores as a surprise shortly before the 35th. **Pete & Marie Foss** traveled often during the past yr, most recently in May Pete was reviewing off for Lasalle MA's Annual Drill Day (Pete rep he had to buy a new uniform that fit); to PA in Jun to Carlisle and the **Cortners** who hosted a delightful meal with the **Charneys** (two wks before **Ted**'s death), the **Charlie Crowes**, and the **Dukes**. Marie presently has an admin position with the Lincoln Inst in Cambridge while Pete teaches at North Shore CC—also does vol work w/elementary sch and continues to write for racing publications.

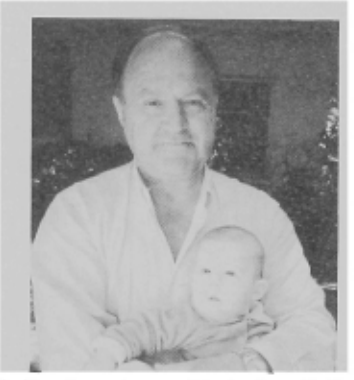
Alan Lichtenberg rep our favorite NY St Supreme Ct Justice, **Cappy Bernstein & Florence** are still in Brooklyn and doing great. Youngest daughter Ruth grad from law sch in Jun; older son is also a lawyer in NY—Cappy can now ret and staff his own firm. Says he & Florence still love to get away to the Berkshires as often as possible. **Charlie & Blanche Gildart** with son Charlie III moved to the Dallas area in Jul—new address 7113 Royal Crest La, Plano, TX 75026; **Sel**, obviously you have a new recruit. **Chuck Satuloff** rep the birth of their 4th grandchild as a boy born of daughter Nancy in Israel on 4 Jul—Chuck says, "Eden is a Yankee through and through." After visiting in Israel, he & **Elaine** took further R&R in Italy and then returned to the US and "life's realities." All is well with the Satuloff clan. **Charlie Witmer** rep the big news is his ret from Eastman Kodak after 34 yrs on 1 Mar. Charlie, dir of their Coating and Technologies Div, ret in style. On 1 Mar, he **& Julia** were taken to a surprise gourmet lunch in the longest registered limo in NY (32 1/2 ft) by 5 Dirs' secretaries. Since ret the Witmers

1951: Charlie ret with class: Charlie's angels, Julia & Charlie

had two "fantastic" wks in the Bahamas and an early am balloon ride in PA. They're now looking forward to another—USAF Cl of 52E pilots reunion in Sep in Wash DC with **Watsey, McDonald**, and **Dickens**. As usual the Lichtenbergs are doing fine in Kings Point on Long Isl; Al & **Elaine** are looking forward to the 40th.

The **Odderstols** rep all is well within scenic NJ. Since **Derrick Samuelson**'s legal work for ITT extended through the summer, he invited **Diana** to "participate in his peregrinations" while taking time, too, to relax along the Cote D'Azur. **Joan Anderson**'s teaching HS math and loving it; and she is well en route to her master's in ed at Fairleigh-Dickenson U. Also managed to take time off during the summer for much deserved vacation in the Berkshires with some of the family. While **George Filchak** continues in floor contracting, during the summer he & **Joan** visited son Andrew in KY (which they are considering as a state for their future ret home). George, once again, confesses to laying modest wagers in local KY horse olympics. **Peggy McIntosh** says the most fascinating route from NJ to FL is via Las Vegas; from time to time she uses that stop when commuting between homes. With two properties in NJ and one in FL all up for sale, Peggy says she'll take the last one off the market to live in. 1990 has been a very big yr for **Tom & Barbara Odderstol**, with two weddings: Berit in May and Eric (LT, USN) in Dec; and Chris '77 added #4 in Jul. They'll have much to discuss at **Ab Webber**'s A/N party at the Airport Hilton, 10th and Packer Sts, Phila. Ab, w/lovely Marge, plans another pre-game support and post-game party on 8 Dec. For reservations, call Airport Hilton, tel (215) 755-9500. Ask for Susan Majcher, '51 pt of contact. Many others will join in the discussions to include **Howie & Molly Peckham** and **Gerry & Carol Reeve**, who also will attend.

Ron Roberge rep that **Bruno & Susan**



1951: You have to see it to believe it: Bruno with grandson

Giordano continue to live "the good life"—sunshine, laughter, and golf. To make it even better, nobody deserves it more!!! Still active in his financial services business, with much success—to include trading futures on the mkt (has the 3rd best record in US among all commodity trading advisors with 1 1/2–3 yr record). With homes in PA, Atlantic City, and Palm Springs, CA, it is difficult to pin them down. **Gerry Reeves** says, "there is no Bruno Giordano." However, they have occasional games of golf with the **Fischls** and **Griesingers**, and see **Pat & Lois Lynch** from time to time in Palm Springs. **Frank Hodgkins**, Reading, PA has been fully ret for 3 yrs (from work with an engrg firm). He & **Mary Kate** continue to be active in comm and church work—also recently sponsored a Soviet family upon arrival in the US. An extremely close group, the Carlisle contingent continues to struggle with the shock of **Ted Charney**'s passing. Ea has expressed admiration for **D'Arcy**'s actions during the early moments of the tragedy and since that time. **Sandy Cortner** is still with PEMA but finds time to travel with **Nancy** to such places as Norway and closer places for golf outings with friends (he with Ron Roberge and two others have had a golf foursome for 8 yrs). Incidentally, Ron's really moving out with his new hip—skiing in CO, tennis at Allenberry, golf at the War Col. . . . **Scotty** could have some

1951: The ladies added both beauty and class: the Psihases and Roberges

real problems if Ron was 100%. But he still finds time away from the world's joys for Ketron Inc, providing readiness tng

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and contingency planning. Meantime, Scotty has improved her golf game (85 on a Sun in Aug), and enjoys tennis, skiing and sail boating. **Charlie & Joan Crowe** enjoyed their annual two wks in ME during late Jun to after the 4th of Jul. Happily ensconced in Carlisle, it is particularly difficult to lure them from their home, especially to within the Beltway. Nearby

1951: An E-2 get-together at Carlisle: the Dukes, Detars and Casbons

in Enola, PA, **Lee & Jean Duke** fully enjoy their relaxed lifestyle in Burning Tree Lodge, but do venture out for mtgs with other members of the contingent.

HAPPY NOTES: **Joe Rogers**' ret from USAA on 29 Jun was very special for the entire Rogers family and his staff, as well as for him. It began with a "This is Your Life" motif on the screen, live from Norfolk (with Joe's roommate, **Tom Williams**), followed by time with ea organizational component, the raising of a personal flag in Joe's honor and an a/c fly by. Joe's sendoff reflected an appreciation and affection for Joe and his own credo, which reflects maximum recognition of the contributions of others. In Reston, VA on 16 Jul **Kermit Johnson**, at a "surprise" birthday party, paid special tribute to **Lynn** among friends, relatives, and neighbors—a special day. **Dan & Marian**

1951: A wonderful pair: the Kermit Johnsons

Foldberg are having the time of their lives traveling, often on short journeys around TX and OK; but most recently to Seattle and No to Victoria and an introduction to Canada. With luck we may even be able to coax them to the East Coast—the 40th is the perfect time, Dan & Marian!!!

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS: **Bill & Shay Quinn** will leave HI and return to the mainland by 1 Sep, settling in Montgomery, AL near both of their AF children. We keep losing great Reg Reps fr HI; happily, Bill has asked **Jim Hackleman** to take over as his replacement. Welcome, Hack!

NEXT REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT: SOUTHEAST. NC, SC: **Ed Matney**—Reg Rep, **John Samotis**—Dep; AL, AR, GA, LA, TN: **George Meighen**—Reg Rep, **Tom De Ramus**—Dep; FL, Cent & S Am: **Russ Walthour**—Reg Rep, **Fred Irving**—Dep.

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Keith & Jane Comstock have given an extensive rep on their family and pursuits. They now live in Morris, PA at the family home known as "the Jugs" for the earthenware collection of Keith's mother. It is a unique place, to say the least, having started as a 8'x16' railroad lineman's shelter and since grown to a pleasant, spacious home. The transformation is the result of several reincarnations and considerable hands-on labor by family members, with Keith taking over the last 5 yrs. And there is more to do.

Their 5 children have left the nest, 3 by way of the Army (Keith Jr, Kevin, and Todd). Son Dale is in business in Pittsburgh and daughter Claudia has a business in Baltimore. And there are several outstanding grandchildren.

After ret Keith served as Dir of Communications, Ft Lauderdale, FL, and later as exec dir for a MD trade assoc. For now his home is his hobby, with communications consulting occasionally interfering.

1952: Keith & Jane Comstock at their home, "the Jugs"

Paul Malone and **Paul Brown** rep they have emerged from the "ultralite" phase of their lives with greater wisdom. This phase began 3 yrs ago when they sensed a need for high adventure. The result was the purchase of a two seated, high performance, ultralite aircraft powered by a 47 horsepower snowmobile engine. Naturally they called it "the Red Baron." After barely learning to operate it, they proceeded to fly it to Brown's farm just a few miles southwest of Wash. The exhilaration of this maiden voyage was marred only by its conclusion—in the top of a tree! These two avowed professionals finally concluded that the engine needed gas. Now dubbed the "Wrong Brothers" by their wives, they undertook to rebuild the Red Baron and try again. The second and final flight ended much the same way, although the tree was taller. Brown remains active in real estate locally and relaxes at his beach home on Hatteras Isl; Malone is writing a sequel to his first book, *Love 'Em and Lead 'Em*, entitled *Abuse 'Em and Lose 'Em*.

1952: Malone and Brown with Red Baron before flight

Tom & Jan Ayers visited New England in Jul and in their travels called on **Ed & Anne Thompson** in Kennebunk, ME. By arrangement, **Steve & Caroline Nichols** drove from their home in nearby West Buxton to join the reunion. Following the customary morning libations and a tour of the Thompsons' home, they went to lunch and then returned for more talk.

The Thompsons have settled at Kennebunk Beach where, since 78, they have built a roomy, comfortable house, unique in its appointments, but conforming to the usual beachfront style, with views from its several decks of the ocean and an abutting tidal creek. Anne is quite busy with her painting and with politics at the local, state, and natl levels. Ed is active in the Assn of Former Intelligence Off (AFIO), both regionally and in Wash.

The **Nicholses** have settled in a small town and taken up various comm projects on a vol basis: town history, preservation, and town admin. Steve is an AFIO member, also.

The **Ayerses** spent the better part of a wk with us in NH. We got into antiquing, golf, historic house tours, and seafood very heavily and with happy results. And we nailed down the final details of our planned tour of China this Oct.

Here is more on the mayor of Duncan-

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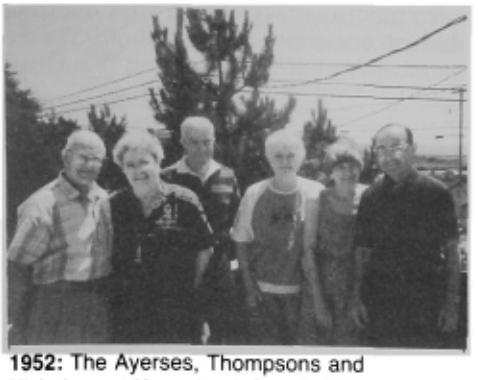
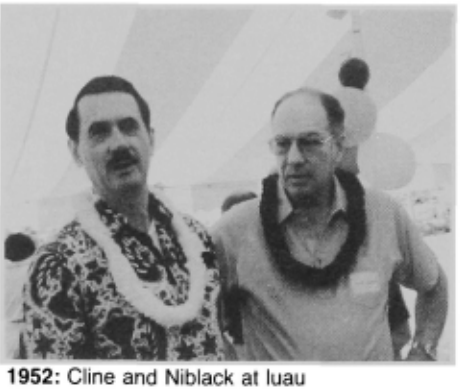


1952: The Ayerses, Thompsons and Nicholses at Kennebunk Beach, ME

1952: Mal Craig [newspaper reprint]



1952: Cline and Niblack at luau

ville, TX, a city of 38,000 on the southern edge of Dallas. The photo (by **Jim Gerhardt**) shows **Jim & Barbara Tow** just min into the celebration. Jim credits much of his successful campaign to support from the **Brewers, Gerhardts** and **Hills**, and is now looking for a *How to be Mayor* book. All are invited to visit the city or, better yet, stay and contribute to the tax base.

1952: Barbara & Mayor Tow celebrating Jim's election

Mal Craig, pres, Garrett Engine Div, was featured in the business section of the 15 Jul edition of *The Arizona Republic*. In a piece headlined "Flying High," Mal was interviewed at length concerning Garrett's accomplishments and competitive position. Garrett is a subsidiary of Allied-Signal Aerospace Co and manufactures and services turbo-prop and jet engines for commercial and mil use. It employs some 4,500 in the Phoenix area and another 2,000 elsewhere. Mal says Garrett focuses on the small- and medium-sized aircraft that have been its bread and butter since 65, but now is going after parts of the helicopter and light fighter-jet mkts. Currently, more than 100 airlines worldwide use Garrett engines.

The Class luau on 23 Jun was a huge success, with 91 attending, including 6 from USNA '52. The Wash contingent was heavily represented, but 12 from elsewhere made the occasion: **Claire Ellis, Art & Betty Ann Elmore, Dottie Holt, Tom & Patti Leggett, Ron & Ellen Obach, Ed & Anne Thompson** (from ME), and **Deryle & Jane Whipple**.

1952: Kay & Joe Paluh at luau

1952: Gray & Betty Parks at luau

1952: The Slingerlands, Obachs and McGowan at luau

Bert & Gerry Stubblebine hosted the luau, using their spacious home and grounds with pool in Oakton, VA. Many thanks to them for their generosity, and to **Joe Paluh** for carrying the project.

In the next issue, I will provide details of plans for the winter ski reunion in Mar and announce some of the plans for our 40th Reunion.

1952: Denis & Kathryn Mullane, Marty Celec, and James Hogan at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

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As advertised, a luncheon for the Class, with wives, was held 26 Jun at Potowmack Landing, Alexandria, VA. Attendance was great, too many for me to name in this column. Afterward, the annual mtg and election of officers was held. The Nominating Comm's slate was elected: Pres—**Norm Delbridge**, VP—**Ed Andrews**, Secy—**Whitey Miller**, Treas—**Bob Blastos**, and Scribe—**Bill Sutton**. In his acceptance speech, Norm claimed to have a notebook of Class affairs. Do you suppose that's true?

1953: Class luncheon: Jim Miley, Cliff Landry, Jim Linka, Al Lindholm, Bill Harris and Jim Bleeker

What a pleasant change! I have two weddings to report, and no funerals.

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1953: Class luncheon: Dave Wells, Pam Lindholm, Mary Wells, Al Lindholm, Ruth Brain, Vivian Clements, Tom Brain and Pete Clements

1953: Class luncheon: Barbara Groshans, Joe Volpe, Russ Groshans, Cliff Neilson, Richard Benz and Sheldon Lustig

1953: Priscilla & Max Noah with daughter and grandson

I'm told that **Bob Porter** was married some time—"about a wk before the picnic." That would make it 12 May. My reporter did not know the bride's name, but did tell me that the honeymoon was in Egypt. Maybe when Bob finds a few min to spare, he will drop me a line with the details.

Burden Brentnall married **Kay** on 23 Jun, I'm informed. There are no further details or rumors. Congrats and best wishes to the Porters and the Brentnalls.

Roger Peterson sent a ltr with a photo of some of our engrs. Roger & **Liz** attended the annual mtg of the American Soc of Mil Engrs in Dayton, OH in May. There, they got together with **Vald & Kitty Heiberg, Norm Delbridge,** and **Max & Priscilla Noah**. Vald and Norm are with JA Jones Const Co; Vald in Charlotte, NC, and Norm in DC. Max is with Burdeshaw Assoc's in DC; and Roger is with Booker Assoc's in St Louis.

1953: Vald Heiberg, Norm Delbridge, Roger Peterson and Max Noah in Dayton

A couple of wks after getting the ltr from Roger, I received a notification from Booker Assoc's, Inc, that **Roger Peterson** had been named pres and chief operating off. Booker provides a wide variety of engring and architectural services. Roger joined Booker upon ret in 79, became sr VP in 81 and exec VP in 85.

Bob Beveridge writes from the Philippines, dated 12 Jun, that things are bad there. Because of a no of murders of Americans stationed at Clark and Subic, car decals are gone, there are curfews, and the gate guards do not salute, to avoid identifying potential assassination targets. There are USMA grads on both sides, apparently, and Bob says that anti-American feeling is apparent in the govt. Bob relates that he & **Joan** moved to Yokohama when he ret in 81 so that she could complete her qualification for ret with DOD. They transferred to Kadena for med reasons after he was laid low by a stroke. He says they spent 6 good yrs there, then transferred last yr, again for medical reasons, to the Philippines. They tried for Clark since he is AF, but were assigned to the base at Subic Bay. Joan ret next yr, and they plan to return to CONUS and settle in NV or AZ. I certainly wish them luck and will keep my fingers crossed for them.

This from our news correspondent in FL: "**Bob & Jeanne Glasgow** saw **Tom & Tardy McGregor** in Phoenix, AZ in late May. Jeanne, Tardy, Tom, **Rob Roy McGregor**, and **Walt Henderson** were in HS together in Yokohama, Japan, right after WWII. The occasion in Phoenix was a Yo-Hi reunion.

"**Bert & Molly Fuller** visited the **Glasgows** in Cape Coral, FL this Jun for an afternoon of updating ea other on activities. The Fullers look fine and are obviously enjoying all their grandchildren."

Apologies to **Monty & Joan Speir** for misspelling their names in the Jul *ASSEMBLY*. I suspect that "Jackquie" is also incorrect. My Class roster does not list anyone shown in that photo. We are going to have to do something about that!

1953: Cary & Pat Hutchinson and Jean & Bob Daly

Here is a nice photo recently received via AOG.

Cliff Neilson told me that he & **Mary Lou** took **Si Nerone** up on his offer to greet and steer classmates through Rome. Anyone headed that way can check the Jul *ASSEMBLY* for Si's address.

1953: Cliff Neilson, Ann and Charmain Nerone, Mary Lou Neilson and Si Nerone

Here's **Cliff** again, with two other classmates from E-1, at the picnic in May.

1953: Cliff Neilson, Richard Benz and Bill Jones

This is the last issue for 90. Although it's a mo early, let me wish all of you all the best for the holidays. We can look forward, with optimism and trepidation, to 91. It will surely have to go some to equal 90 as a yr to be remembered.

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Elliott & Joyce Gritton left Reno in May to enjoy a vacation trip to Santa Fe, NM to visit **Al & Judy Jennings** in their lovely adobe-style home. Al is comptroller and Judy is mgr, Info Div, at Los Alamos Lab. Grittons also got together with **Jake & Mary Anne Diebold** from Northfield, VT, who were visiting AF friends in Albuquerque. Jake teaches at VT Tech Col.

In Jun, **Dick & Cay Kavanaugh** in Aberdeen, MD embarked (remember CAMID?) on their 42-footer (or was it 24 meters?) for Venezuela and points betwixt and beyond, if any. Don't sail over the edge, Red.

Jim & Dolores Obendorfer alerted us to a *Washington Post* article on Conner Peripherals, Inc, San Jose, whose pres is Jim's L-1 roommate, **Bill Almon**. His is the fastest growing US firm ever, reaching $1 bil sales in just 4 yrs. Bill and Jim earlier worked together at IBM.

Cliff Berry, pres of KCB Assoc's in DC, represented our **Ken Bell** of Monument, CO with publishers of *100 Missions North*. The book describes Ken's combat experiences over NVN. Cliff has been in the editing/publishing field since ret, beginning at **Ben Schemmer**'s *AFJ Intl*.

In Jul, Co K-2 staged a micro-mini reunion in CO Springs. **John Sheehan** flew out fr Hazlett, NJ for the golfing at Woodmoor Ctry Club with denizens **Ken Bell, Leo Hobbs** and **John Koskella** and John's son, Terry, a CPT at Ft Knox. Scores are classified, not nice to know. Hq was Sheehan's townhouse on Copper Mt. Sheehan demonstrated his longstanding disregard for mechanical details by locking the ignition keys in his rental car trunk. After a $30 locksmith bill and much consternation, all learned that the lever near the seat adjustment handle is a remote trunk opener. They should write the handbooks in broken English so we can all understand them. Ken invites us all to John's condo, beautifully appointed and decorated by **Karen Hobbs**. Keeping with tradition, John specified plumbing fixtures by Meyer-Sniffen, but had reluctantly to settle for more modern American Standard; that is, for *inside* the house. If Ken can keep this monologue up, he should write another book. On golf, there's the duffer who said the closest he ever came to a hole in one was 8. Or, I used to play golf, but one day I lost the ball.

Monica & I spent a wk's vacation at So Bethany, DE, in Jul. All 3 married family members appeared, so we had a loud time. The beach was lovely, except for all the sand, and it was too near the water.

Sharp-eyed **John Shelter** in Upper Montclair, NJ discovered another article in *The NY Times* on **Andy Maloney**, our Class gift to law and order in gratitude for all the great times we had in NYC. Andy is US Atty for the So Dist of NY in Brooklyn and his office served a 60-count indictment against Eastern AL, alleging faulty aircraft maintenance. Andy was also named in the 6 Aug *Time* story. When last tracked, John was housesitting in Newburyport, MA, very close to God's country.

The *Post* of 9 Aug contained the death notice of MG Joseph H **Harper, Bill**'s Dad, in Atl. Many of us remember Gen Harper as the CG/Commandant of Ft Benning, and Bill as a student lived in Qtrs No 1. Bill died in 85. Rest in peace, father and son.

On 11 Aug, in Potomac, MD, **Walt & Renate Evans** hosted a going-away party for **Ed Pawlowski**, whose agency figured it's safe to visit Eur again. Other guests: Dick & Donna Larkin '52, Bruton & Dot Schardt '44, **Bob & Lucille Adams, Aggie Aguilar, Dick & Diane Hobbs**, and guest Theresa Williams, **Glenn & Suzanne Matsumoto, Jack & Barbara Miller**, Ed Jr & Lauren Pawlowski, **Chet & Monica Piolunek**, and **Doug & Emmy Stuart**.

We can only guess what fun you all are up to. Write and confirm our suspicions. Prosit!

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I have two key points to underscore in this edition's offering: first, you should all have received your 35th reunion packages in mid-summer with all the details, schedules, locations and activities planned for the 8–11 Nov gathering at WP. There were key milestones for reservations, tickets and the like, and they have pretty much come and gone, but if you've not yet made the decision to attend all or any part of the 35th, and you're now of a mind to do so, DON'T PANIC! Between the sure, smooth suave capabilities of **Denny Dienst**, who has been the workhorse on bringing this affair about, and **Bob Strati**, who has been the true grace under pressure at the Academy, you can still give them an 11th-hour call and seek their assistance in making late arrangements. You may not be able to take part in each and every event—remember, things like the football game are order-ahead activities—but for whatever segment you can join the fun, something can certainly be worked out. For whatever help that can be offered you, please opt in favor of coming if you can. Everyone connected with the affair is really very upbeat and excited about it. It promises to be a super reunion. Bob Strati's phone at USMA is (914) 446-5773.

1955: Rod & Pat Vitty and Pat & Bill Lucas at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

The second point to be made from the news gathered since the last article is that the Class of '55 is fully ret from active duty. The summer months brought with them several very special ret ceremonies that have closed the active duty chapter of '55's active service in the mil. On 21 Jun, under two magnificent oak trees just outside the original hq bldg at Bolling AFB here in DC, LTG **George Monahan** was ret by Secy of Def, Mr Dick Cheney, in a ceremony attended by the Ch of Staff of the AF, GEN Larry Welch, and virtually every other sr off in the AF Hq. George was awarded the Defense DSM for his superb work at the Dir of the Strategic Def Initiative from Feb 89 to his ret. George & **Mary** hosted a very lovely reception at the Bolling OOM following the ceremony at which a number of '55'ers who had witnessed the ceremony had the chance to wish them well in ret: **Carl & Marcia**

1955: LTG George Monahan, USAF Ret

Cathey, Al & Edie Edwards, Don & Chickie Hilbert, Dick & Greta Masson, and **Winn Stern**, George's former D-2 roommate, who came down from a very busy law practice in NY to help see George off. For the immediate future, the Monahans will remain in the DC area, but are keeping all their options open for ultimate location. The high point of the ceremony was that the Monahan youngsters, to include Cathy, George, Joe, Brian and Andy, all attended. George and Andy are both AF pilots.

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This was a superbly fitting ceremonial sendoff for a great off, a true professional and a good friend.

A little more than 24 hrs later, on the parade ground on the quad at historic Ft McNair, and virtually in his own front yard, **Don Hilbert** was ret from the Army and his post as cmdr of the Mil District of Wash. Army Ch of Staff, GEN Carl Vuono, hosted the ceremony, which included all elements of the unit with which Don & **Chickie** had served 3 tours of duty in their 35 yrs, the 3rd Inf, Old Guard Regt. If rich and meaningful ceremony was to be found, it was on the parade ground that day. There was a full soundoff, trooping the line, presentation of colors, retreat ceremony and award of the DSM to Don for his great work as MDW CG. Carl Vuono's praise of Don and his record was a very moving statement from a man who has been a close friend and professional colleague of Don for yrs. The performance of the Old Guard and the music to which they paraded were truly a fitting ceremony with which to watch the virtual last vestiges of a proud and talented USMA Class pass from the active force. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Rotunda of the Natl War Col, and attending that event was an entire phalanx of classmates—virtually all those living in the DC area who could attend. I am on the trail of some of the multitude of photos that were taken at that event. Will use them in the future. As I rep last issue, Don & Chickie are now settling into their quarters at the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home here in DC, where Don has taken up his duties as the new gov of that institution. What a great progression from a long and distinguished mil career.

I have to pass many thanks to **Carl McNair**, who wrote me a very fine resume of the next ret, which occurred on 25 Jun near the Forces Cmd Hq at Ft McPherson in Atl, where **Bob Wiegand** & his lovely lady **Jill** were, with due and appropriate ceremony, ret from his post as ch of staff of Forces Cmd. Carl had attended **Don Hilbert**'s ceremony on Fri and had flown to Atl to join Bob & Jill at theirs. Bob's long and superb career included extensive service with our Special Forces elements and commands, and his vision and profound contributions to strengthening that very critical aspect of our natl security force posture will shape those forces for decades to come. Carl notes that Bob received a very warm congratulatory ltr from Pres Bush on his ret, which is a richly deserved testimony to his great contributions. Joining Carl at the ceremony and reception was **Roy Dunaway**, who makes his home in Stone Mtn, GA. Thus it was that within days of ea other, three very great men left our mil.

Carl McNair also rep that he has recently left his position as VP at Burdeshaw Assoc and become the pres of the Support Services Div of Dynacorp, a Reston-VA based Fortune 500 Co. with almost worldwide contracts. Knowing Carl's penchant for hard work, he's surely giving this new challenge a full 150%. We wish him & **Jo Ann** fullest success.

1955: Carl McNair, Bob Wiegand and Roy Dunaway at Bob's ret

1955: Carl McNair and Jill & Bob Wiegand following Bob's ret

And so, on 1 Jul, as the old play used to announce, now there was one. **Tom Wilkinson**, in his tenured position as registrar of the AF Academy in CO Springs, could have remained in his blue suit until Mar 97, but the winds of change seemed to have reached the CO ramparts as well; on 18 Jul, Tom advised in a ltr that he had been "lured away by a challenge no '55'er could duck." He accepted a position as the Asst Exec Dir of the US Olympic Comm in CO Springs, and so, on Fri, 27 Jul, in a ceremony held in the Off Club at USAFA, Tom & **Helen** were ret by the USAFA Supe after 14 yrs at USAFA, where Tom had watched quite a few young men and women pass through their academy experiences. They will continue to make their home in scenic nearby Monument as they undertake another challenge that watches the youth of America rise to new levels of excellence. So that closes the book on '55 as a serving Class in the US mil active force estab. We can all look back on individual contributions and achievements with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, no matter how long we may have served; and surely the same zeal and drive that marked us as a Class of high achievers at USMA have been reapplied and have resurfaced in countless professional and individual forms over the yrs. Now as we all cluster around the 60 yrs-plus plateau, it is clearly time to hue to the cry of the old poet who implores:

> "Come along grow old with me, the best of life is yet to be;
> The second half of life, for which the first is lived!"

Not a bad idea, is it? Take care.

1955: The Hilberts at their ret, with a phalanx of '55'ers

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'56

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Since our grad from that very special place on the Hudson, I have been honored to be your Class Scribe and focal pt for your thoughtful messages concerning yourselves, your families and your many adventures. I have always drawn great strength from your continual encouragement as well as substantial inspiration by the sharing of your meaningful lives and experiences for the ultimate enjoyment of all.

Notwithstanding all of the above, as well as my personal feelings about this trust you have bestowed on me and the countless pleasures I have gained by doing this for 34 yrs, it is now time, I feel, to pass the baton to another classmate who will bring another perspective to this assignment and, I hope, will further inspire you to write and perhaps share even more of your experiences than before. **George Stapleton** has volunteered to take charge as your new Scribe commencing with the next issue, and I am completely confident that he will do so with a flourish and exceptional skill. To assure George has plenty of grist for the mill, I will do my part by forwarding any of your future ltrs or phone messages to him; however, I strongly recommend that you note and file for future reference George & **Lynell**'s current address and phone no so that your news can be promptly transmitted to him: 12 Bay Tree Court West, St Simons Isl, GA 31522. Their home phone is (912) 634-0757. Please keep their mailbox stuffed and their phone ringing so George will always have plenty to write about.

Ray & Carolyn Cannon tell me that our 34th Reunion is shaping up as a huge success. As of this writing, there are already 180 advance reservations for this 6–9 Sep gala event. **Betty & I** will be there, and we are looking forward to seeing at least 200 familiar faces, thanks to **Charlie Hamm** and the hard-working reunion comm members who have made all of this possible.

I am certain that **Norm Schwarzkopf**, who is now commanding our forces in the Middle East, will continue to make us all proud of his accomplishments. He will give a good acct of himself. He and his men deserve our collective best wishes and prayers for their safe keeping.

Bob Sorley sent me a welcome note announcing his recently completed bio of GEN Abrams after 6 yrs of research and writing. Simon & Schuster will publish it this coming spring. During the Armor Adv Course at Ft Knox in 1961–62, Bob sat next to a fine Vietnamese officer, CPT Ha Mai Viet. Eventually

1956: Ha Mai Viet and Bob Sorley in Potomac, MD, Jul

this off was promoted to COL and served brilliantly until the last days of the war. Recently, Bob reestablished contact with him & Hao, and this Vietnamese couple visited with Bob & **Ginny** at their home in Potomac, MD. Bob forwarded a photo of this reunion. It was also good to hear once again from **Bill Seaton**, who is still teaching and counseling at the Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, VA. Bill is very proud of those students he has helped to go on to WP. He is also very proud to announce that his daughter, Meredith, will be married in Oct. Sorry I do not have any other details at this time. I hope Bill will send to **George Stapleton** a photo of the couple and proud parents for a future issue of this col.

1956: '56'ers swapping tall tales at Art Evans' mini-reunion in L.A., 12 Aug

The annual mini-reunion of '56'ers at **Art & Alicia Evans**' lovely residence in the L.A. area overlooking the Pacific was once again an outstanding success. Several of those attending took full advantage of Art & Alicia's beach accomodations and gave the salt water a good rippling. Many a wild tale as well as war story was shared with all, and the barbecue prepared by Chef Art was excellent. Those enjoying this yr's gathering, in addition to Art & Alicia and the **Wilkers** were **Bob & Dee Barrett, Bill Beck, Jack Evans, Ted & Judy Grant, Ren & Barbara Hart, Joe & Linda Sanders, Dex Shaler, Jerry & Sammy Kay Skatvold, Bob Stein, Ed & Jo Ellen Valentiny**, and **Bruce & Sharon Jane Wallace**. Interestingly, the Valentinys and the Wallaces are practically neighbors in Rancho Bernardo (near San Diego) and didn't realize this until they compared home addresses at the party.

Here is some other news I collected at the above get-together. **Bob Barrett** has expanded his general surgery practice in the Sacramento, CA area. Earlier this yr, he moved to a larger suite and hired a full-time off mgr and nurse so **Dee** has more time to keep their Cessna Skylane flying. Their daughter, Wendy, is presently pres of the San Fran chapter of the "Mother of Twins" club. **Art Evans** had his 5th book published last Apr. The title is *Nikon Data*, so you shutter bugs should rush to the bookstore to get your copy. Art is also a restorer of Indy race cars. His latest project is Sir Jack Brabham's 1968–69 BT-25 car, driven by Peter Revson to a 4th place finish in 69. **Ted & Judy Grant** own Century 21 Realty offices in Crestline, CA. Their children all work for them. They have one grandchild so far. Ted is on the threshold of 60 and wondering how **Marty Zimmerman** lived through it.

Ren & Barbara Hart's daughter, Laura, was married in Carmel, CA last Apr and now lives in Sacramento. Their son, Lee, presented them a granddaughter a yr ago. The Harts plan to fly out with **Bob & Dee Barrett** to the 34th Reunion and meet beforehand with the **DeFrances** and the **Walls** in Vail, CO. Ren also mentioned that **Pete & Ginger Lash** are in the San Fran area where Pete is ch of staff with an off in the Presidio. Pete & Ginger also plan to join the reunion fun in CO.

Joe Sanders has been promoted by his co, Hughes, to the level of co VP. Joe & **Linda**'s oldest son, Sandy, is a prof of fine arts at U GA. Their youngest son, James, is a student at U CA at Santa Cruz, majoring in photography and English. **Jerry & Sammy Kay Skatvold** spend a good deal of their time traveling around the world so Jerry can track his intl businesses. They will attend the Farnsborough Air Show this yr and go on to several other countries. Jerry's WASSCO Group merged into Tierney Metals. He created a new subsidiary called Tierney Aeorspace Metals that markets aerospace materials around the world.

The **Valentinys**' daughter, Gamine, is a deputy dir in the Variable Housing Allowance off of U MD. She has already earned an MA and is working on her PhD at the univ. Their other daughter, Deanne, is a property mgr in San Diego. **Ed** has been associated with the Merrill Lynch off in San Diego for the past 9 yrs. **Bruce Wallace** is still practicing law in San Diego. **Sharon Jane Wallace** has a real estate license and recently sold her first house. Their son Rob and son-in-law Ken are US Marines.

While some invited to the **Evans**' party were unable to attend this yr, they nevertheless shared some of their family

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news with **Art & Alicia** when they responded. **John & Bobby Liwski** sold their home in Albuquerque and plan to be full-time RV'ers for a while. They can still be reached, however, at their mailing address: 311 E Wynoka, Pierre, SD 57501. **Ace Bowman** is farming and growing almonds like crazy on his spread near Atwater, CA. **Jack & Helen Schannep** still call Tucson, AZ home. They also plan to attend the 34th Reunion and expect to see **Jack Kamm** and **Mike Alexander**, among others, while in CO Springs. **Tom Miller** also resides in Tucson.

As for the **Wilkers**, we remain busy furnishing our second home in Boulder City, NV. We are both looking forward to changing our current lifestyle soon. I will ret from TRW with 25 yrs' service in Nov; **Betty** will ret from teaching with 28 yrs' service this coming Feb. We plan to divide our time at home between the L.A. area and Boulder City, and tour the country regularly in pursuit of our antique collecting interests. Our Rancho Palos Verdes address and phone will remain the same. We can be reached in Boulder City at 588 Lake Superior Lane, Boulder City, NV 89005. Our NV phone no is (702) 293-6722.

It's been a fantastic experience receiving your correspondence and well wishes over the yrs. I will continue to keep you up to speed on our whereabouts and activities through the *ASSEMBLY*, and our fondest hope is that we'll still see most of you at our reunions and on many other occasions in the future.

Sincerely, **Stan Wilker**.

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I can't think of any clever greetings to use in Aug, so I'll just say hello. The most exciting thing that's happened in the last two mos is the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, and it appears to be having an effect on the Congressional budget deliberations. We may yet keep the Army for a few more yrs! Speaking of the Army makes me think of **Carl Vuono**, and I noticed in the *Army Times* that he just had his hip replaced (in Jul) at Walter Reed. Since there have been no further articles I assume that the procedure went well and he is now up and around. I knew something was wrong when my daughter told me that Carl was the only one out of step at the change of cmd ceremony for Gen Stiner at MacDill AFB. Carl was also limping pretty badly when he presided at the ret ceremony for **JD Smith** at Ft Myer at the end of Jun. Carl, we wish you a swift and complete recovery from the oper. The ret ceremony and the reception that followed were both delightful, and quite a few classmates attended. Now JD will have more time for his trains, although I'm sure he'll be out looking for a job pretty soon—if he doesn't already have one. Some people just have to work to be happy. For ex, **Esther** is still the ed and pres of the wkly newspaper *Washington Technology*, which has become a very respected publication in the R&D comm. JD could always become an expert commentator for *Wash Technology* on the mgt of crises, having been doing that in the Pentagon for the last two yrs. That way Esther & JD can work together.

Got two ltrs from **Tom Adcock**, and both of them had articles about **Carlyn Elder**. The first rep that Carlyn was selected as Fairfax County's outstanding teacher-historian of the yr because of her efforts to increase student interest in history, and because of her research, writing and contributions to the soc studies prog at Falls Church HS. The second article rep that she was selected as one of two outstanding teacher-historians by the US Capitol Historical Soc. Carlyn, who is also the soc studies dept chm, was chosen from candidates representing 19 sch districts in DC, DE, MD and VA. The article pointed out that she has published articles on creative and technological teaching techniques in natl and intl publications. Congratulations. As Tom pointed out, we all know what great things the men do, but we never hear much about what the wives do. Let's hear more about the wives. Tom recently saw **Gerry & Diane Galloway** at WP, and reminisced about teaching cadets. Gerry said that when he was interviewed for the Dean's job he informed the selection comm that if they did not want or could not abide with a "teaching" Dean, they should not select him. Hence, the lucky cadets will still see him in the classroom, assuming of course that they don't close down WP to save money. I did read that they are considering cutting back the Class sizes about 100 per yr for the next 4 yrs, which would eventually leave them with a Corps strength of about 3600 after you take attrition into acct. Got a ltr from **Lou Circeo** with a newspaper clip about a new use for the Strategic Def System. The title is, "Killer asteroids sure could mess up property values." It seems that the AIAA, an engring soc, has warned us that the world needs to arm itself against asteroids that might collide with Earth. Now they suggested we might need nuclear warheads, but maybe we could do it with spaced-based non-nuclear weapons. This is no laughing matter. You may remember that the extinction of the dinosaurs is often attributed to the impact of an asteroid with the Earth. I think I'll suggest it to the man in charge of identifying missions for the SDS. Thanks, Lou. Got a birth announcement from **Karl & Samantha Day**. Matthew Conner Isaac was born on 29 Jun at Fairfax Hosp, Falls Church, VA. Can you imagine having a son in the Cl of 2007? Congratulations, and may he grow to be a happy, healthy person.

Sam Focer wrote to say that the 4th of Jul reunion in Atl was a blast. In fact, it was so successful that they're already planning one for next yr, as well as some other parties in between. So, any classmates who want to party in Atl should write to Sam and get on his mailing list. His address is 3312 David Rd, Atl, GA 30341. Sam didn't have any pics yet, but he did send a list of attendees. They were **Ed & Barbara Bodenhamer** from Waycross, GA; **Les & Ann Bennett** from Dayton, TN; **Albert & Judy Kline** from Seneca, SC; **Gordon Rogers** and **Jerry & Jody Scott** from Columbus, GA; and **Mike & Judy Keating** from Montgomery, AL. Those from Atl and vicinity were **Bob & Luanne Faulkender, Fox & Barbara McCarthy, Bob & Emily Rodriquez, Parks & Sue Houser, Dave & Bettie Nottingham, Fred & Darlene Wells, Martin Carson**, Jane Vaughn, **Bob & Kay Veal**, Harry & Rose Fletcher (former '57), Lou Circeo (who was the chef), and Sam & Peggy Heinisch, who generously hostessed the event. Must have been some great stories about how we won the war for independence. I can't remember the last time I had this many classmates' names in a column. Thanks for the ltr, Sam, but next time get everyone to write a note. That way I can have enough to cover several cols. **Shelley & Hank Hatch** sent a note, and a pic taken at the All Year's Heidelberg HS reunion. The

1957: Hank & Shelley Hatch and Bud & Sue Miller

affair drew several hundred people, including **Bud & Sue Miller**. Bud & Shelley were the alumni. There were several days of activities, capped off with a dance at the Heidelberg Castle, where they used to have their proms. Sounds romantic. The pic was taken on a boatride up the Neckar River. Thank you, Shelley, for sharing your good time. Got an envelope without a return address and with a copy of an article about Hank Hatch clipped from the *Chicago Tribune*. I haven't a clue as to who sent it. The article was written shortly after Hank made a tour of the Great Lakes

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Corps offices and expounds on the new, environmentally considerate approach the Corps is taking with respect to water projects. The article credits Hank with setting the right emphasis and a good example for his staff. I can believe that. So, what else is new? **Jerri & Bruce**

1957: Hoa Generazio, ex-soccer coach Joe Palone, Bruce Turnbull, and Turnbull grandsons Christopher and Andrew

Turnbull sent a ltr with interviews of **Gerry & Diane Galloway** from the *Pointer View*, and a pic of some of the Turnbull clan. Both interviews are very interesting, and I can't resist taking a quote from ea one. From the one with Diane: "Gerry used to sneak in the back door to visit me when my dad was commandant. I think he wore disguises. I thought it was fun, but I don't think Gerry much liked dating the commandant's daughter." A true romantic. The question posed by Jerri was, "Do you suppose when Diane was the daughter of the Commandant, it ever occurred to her she would one day be the wife of the Dean?" From the interview of Gerry: "My greatest achievement (as an educator) is when I get a ltr from a LT in Ger and he says, 'here, sir, are pics of what we discussed in class,' proving he learned and remembered what I taught." A true teacher. Bruce & Jerri's daughter Susan & husband Hoa Generazio (Cl of '77, and assigned to the Math Dept) are living in New Brick a block from where they lived when Susan was in 2nd-4th grade. Susan had child no 4—Victoria—on Palm Sun. Aside from the pleasure of having all those grandchildren nearby (see the enclosed pic taken at the Cadet-Alumni soccer game), Bruce thinks it's really great to be able to stop in for a snack on his way out to the golf course after work. He's trying to improve his game before they build their ret home on the golf course in SC, and doesn't even have to feel guilty about not going straight home since Jerri works two nights a wk. You may recall that Jerri works in the Bridal Shop, which is always interesting. She said the day before she wrote was a typical one—two pregnant brides and two cancelled weddings. Fortunately, the cancellations were not for the pregnant brides.

The **Turnbulls** recently visited with **Pat & Nick Robinson** on the eastern shore of MD, where the Robinsons have a "summer" home. They normally live in Austin, TX, where Pat is a revenue agent and Nick teaches and is an asst principal. Bruce and Nick, who were "best man" for ea other, had total recall of everything that ever happened to them while they were cadets and spent the night reliving those events. Jerri also mentioned that they got a ltr from **Jim & Joan Armstrong**, who are anxiously awaiting the asgmt to WP of their daughter & son-in-law. That's because daughter Sara Kathryn and granddaughter Kathryn will then be only two hrs away. Thanks for the ltr, articles and pic. Basically, that's it for now since I have no more mail. **Bernice** & I are off to see our grandson for a few days, and I'll have pics of my own for the next column. Be sure to write.

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60th column. 1 Aug and this isn't due till the 15th, but I will be in MI on vacation then, so now is the time to get started. Should have it in the mail before we depart next Sat.

First, sad news that **Patrick J Green**, C-2 ex-classmate died on 6 Feb. The AOG notified **Jack Bradshaw** who got in touch with **George Lawton**. **Maryanne Green** was contacted by Lawton. The Greens have lived in Lexington, KY the past 16 yrs. Pat was buried in the Calvary Cemetery there. Some will recall that Pat was a victim of the Math Dept in Jun 55 at the end of plebe yr. He was one of our few former classmates who joined the AOG (we have 19 listed in the *Register*).

More of us need to follow **Roger Waddell**'s example and try to locate former classmates (Roger looked unsuccessfully for his plebe roommate, **Harry Kirschner**) before it is too late. Remember, in the mini-reunion sweepstakes more points for an ex-classmate or even a Tac (both categories are more difficult to locate and entice to join the Class at a mini).

Old news which was misplaced. **Hal Lyon** called in mid-Mar seeking some addresses. He was the project mgr and producer of an interactive videodisc entitled, *An Informed Patient Decision-Making Procedure: Choosing Prostatectomy or Watchful Waiting*. The video won the Gold Medal for best education and training entry at the 32nd Annual Intl Film & TV Festival in NY. The video also was awarded a "CINDY" from the Assn of Audio-Visual Communicators and is now part of the Smithsonian archives at the Natl Demonstration Lab in the Arts and Industry Bldg. Congratulations and apologies for the delayed coverage here.

Hal holds faculty appts at the Dept of Comm & Family Medicine and the Dept of Pathology at the Dartmouth Med Sch. Hal & **Edith** hope to make the mini in Bar Harbor.

Mea culpa. My listing of classmates still owing for the Reunion Book in the Jul *ASSEMBLY* led off with an error. First listed was **John Isaacson**, who sent a copy of his cancelled check, the beauty of checks vs cash. My mistake was worth it because John also provided news and photo of his family.

1958: The Isaacsons

"The photo was taken a couple of mos ago during a family get-together. Those in the photo are son Tim, who graduated in Jun from UC Berkeley with his master's in public health— he is headed to MD as Dir of Public Health Ed for Charles County (just east of DC); son Eric, who is a fireman/paramedic in a Houston suburb and the father of my granddaughter Ashleigh (who is being held by her aunt Kris); Kris, who is the Reg Dir of Communications for the Greater Miami chap of the Amer Heart Assn; Tim's wife Linda, who was the admin asst to the Chair of the Spanish-Portuguese Dept at UC Berkeley (till they moved east); my wife **Anne**, who is involved in real estate here in TX; daughter Marilyn, who is a student in the Sch of Hotel Mgt at U of Houston; and me, newly elected VP of Pecten Middle East Services Co. Not pictured were Eric's wife, the photographer for this event, and son Darsie, working in AK and momentarily due to graduate from Western WA St with a degree in environmental sci."

The bad news from **Isaacson** follows: "**Anne** & I had planned to be at the Sep mini, but with recent oil discoveries in the Middle East, I am due for several mtgs during that time period." I should make a practice of printing errors to generate newsy corrections. Cannot claim that this one was intentional, just poor record-keeping.

Another response to my expose: "Here, right on schedule, is my regular 'first annual' ltr to the Class Scribe,"

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writes **Denny Rupprecht**. He continues, "It will be somewhat painful in that I am sending a check for money owed you. $5 of the amount is for postage for the Reunion Book, which was mailed after we had to cancel the rescheduled reunion. $15 is for a sweatshirt that had not been cancelled, but found its way to me through an H-1 classmate, **Branch Worsham**. Branch picked it up at **Al Salisbury**'s A-N game party this past Dec. What a circuitous route. My thanks to Branch and Al for getting it to me."

More from **Denny**'s ltr, "In his ltr with the sweatshirt, **Branch** indicated he is still living on Long Isl with an alternate home in VT and an anticipated ret home on the Chesapeake eastern shore. He sees classmate **Paul Rice**, who has his own realty firm in Atl, GA; and has talked to **Tom Davies**, a jr col prof in UT.

"The reschedule 30th took place at the same time I changed jobs and relocated back to MI from Pittsburgh. I am still in the steel industry, but now a VP-Marketing for a medium-sized company heavily involved in the automotive mkt. I truly enjoy the change and look forward to the closer 'front-line' exposure that one gets with automotive here in Detroit." The ltr satisfies all interest due on the five bucks. Thanks, **Denny**.

Charley Glover sent along $5 CASH (trusting soul). He did point out another error on my part: the spelling of Charley (ey, not ie). He also asked if his check for $195.80 for the Class memorial fund ever got recorded. YES. (Hope all noticed the numbers in the check: 1958.)

1958: Jim & Dottie Castle, Will & Andria Collette, and Bruce Hamilton at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

Info from **Glenn Hall** that **Sam Myers**, who moved from AZ to CA, is now moving to TX. **Leslie** will locate in Austin, while Sam will commute to work in San Ant. **Chuck Davis** has been teaching math at SWTSTC in San Marcos, but is en route to Montgomery, AL as the new Dean of the Faculty at the Air War Col. Congratulations, Chuck!

Ltr from **Jack Bradshaw** provides the latest from the AOG on our Class memorial fund acct: $108,042.18 as of 31 Mar. Our interest income ($8,441.32) exceeded our contributions ($7464.15) for the past yr.

The MINIREC 90 is another source of news. **TK Smith** sent his response to **Mark Sirgurski** via return mail, hoping to be the first person to sign up ("Check with **George Sibert**," TK wrote). By mail he was first; unfortunately, your scribe delivered his response to Mark 2 days earlier. However, Mark decided the laurels go to TK because credit couldn't go to someone too cheap to use a 25-cent stamp.

"I've just received your circular of USMA 58 MINIREC 90. So I have a strong urge to pick up a pen and write a note to you for the first time in some 30 yrs," begins **Pete Kullavanijaya**. "The idea of MINIREC is great, but you ought to shift outside CONUS so that a fellow still working for the govt like me will have an opportunity to join one of these events. Those of us who are still on active service cannot ask or take leave of our post for a long period. You probably can confirm this with GEN **Butch Saint** and **Dick Graves**.

"I went to Canada accompanying the Royal Highness Princess Chulapoin on her official visit last Mar. And had a chance to make a short stop at Seattle to see my daughter, Anchana, who is studying for a master's degree in astro-physics at the U of WA. All 3 of my children are in the States. The eldest, Pinchet, is in the Chicago area; the second son, Picharn, is in NYC working for Merrill-Lynch. He is being promoted to VP this yr. He received two master's from Northwestern Univ, mech engrg and MBA—a lot smarter then a goat like me.

"I was informed last night by a JUSMAG off, Class of '63, that a group of 6 cadets and one social sci instructor are coming to Thailand. So I asked **Sam Sookmak**, who is one of my deputy chiefs of staff of our Supreme Cmd, to make arrangements for a helicopter trip to take them to visit our Mil Acad to talk to our cadets and visit the place. Our new Academy site is like a miniature of WP and Bagio (the Philippines Mil Acad)."

Pete's ltr continues, "While both of us, **Sam** & I, are still on active service here for two more yrs (3 for Sammy), why don't you folks plan to visit Thailand or have a MINIREC here before the 35th Reunion? We can arrange for accommodations, transp, sightseeing places, recreation, etc. How about that? [Scribe thinks it is a great idea!]

"I had a wk visit to Ger and had a chance to see **Butch Saint** for a few days last Oct. Next mo I'll be going to Europe again on a reforestation orientation tour to Italy, Hungary, Austria and Ger. I'm appointed by the govt to be the pres of the Comm for Reforestation on Khao Kohr, a project financed by the UNDP jointly with Thai Govt funds.

"I hope you and some of our classmates will have a chance to come to Thailand to visit us in the near future. **Tony Smith** was here on a business trip 5 or 6 mos ago. Sincerely, **Pete**." Great ltr. Great idea—a mini reunion in Thailand, say in 92 while Pete and **Sammy** are still on active duty. Something for the Class Exec Comm to consider.

Bill Serchak wrote his "Second Annual President's Day ltr (a bit late this time)" which was received on 3 Jul. Either he was quite late or the mail from Rockville, MD to Arlington, VA was really slow. For his foreign attache friends Bill had an overview of intl events, followed by a summary of DC events, including the "antics of our incomparable Mayor Marion Barry." Then on to news of the Serchaks, who are "thriving and enjoying life in MD, San Fran (Mary Ellen), and northern MI (young Bill). **Edna Mae** continues to be at the ctr of our activities, keeping us fed, clothed and in good spirits while teaching part-time at Longview Sch. In addition, she has assumed guardianship and responsibility for her two aged cousins, Ruth and Ethel Patterson in PA. We make twice-monthly trips there (3 hrs each way). It's hectic, but absolutely necessary and a labor of love.

"And 'old' **Bill** continues to plug along at MITRE Corp. Negotiations for a new site for our off, labs and secure areas for 2300 people continue. What we all really miss is life in Bern, Switzerland! Fortunately there are a no of Bern alumni in the DC area and we have at least one Bern party each yr." At the time of writing, Bill was packing for a trip to the USSR. He even considered taking a rocket to Red Square to celebrate the 4th of July, but prudently did not.

Someone sent me the following ltr to the ed of the *Armed Forces Journal Intl*: "One, re the comments in the Jan (Consolidated Mess) about 'Gen St Crosbie': the same thing occurred in a classroom at WP in Aug 54. As the Beasts were presenting instruction on classroom procedure in the West Academic Bldg—the vehicle was a pseudomath class—I was standing next to new Cadet **Saint, Crosbie E.**, who was addressed by the Firstie as 'Mr Saint Crosbie.'

"Two, re your marvelous understatement on pg 92 (Feb *AFJI*) about MG Pat Brady's Medal of Honor: There was no mention of his 6 DFCs, his Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, or 53 Air Medals." This ltr was signed "**EJ Scales**, San Ant, TX."

A note via someone from **Bob Lindquist**, informing us that **Ben Crosby** has had successful open-heart surgery (5 by-passes) and is doing well. This note dates from the 50th Abn Anniv held here in DC recently.

Recent calls from **Dan Johnson** seeking info on the Bar Harbor Mini. He plans to come from Albuquerque. Dan

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has one of 6 kinder through col, 3 in col for the yr coming up, plus one each in 8th and 3rd grades. He deserves the break in Bar Harbor.

And, **Ken Phillips** called today asking if there had been any mailings since the first wherein **Mark Sigurski** promised to inundate us with mail. Assured him that **Jerry Mitchell** had sent the info, forms for reservations, etc. Referred Ken to Jerry to get a FAX copy.

Another clip (sorry I cannot give proper credit to the classmate having sent it—misplaced the envelope) from 20 Jun *Stars and Stripes* about **Mike Dugan**'s "farewell reception and torchlight mil ceremony performed by W Ger troops" in his honor at Ramstein AFB. Mike was decorated with the Knight Cmdr's Cross by LTG Horst Jungkurth, Ch of Staff of the W Ger AF. Congratulations, Mike. Thanks, anonymous, for sending the clips re Mike and **EJ Scales**.

Another item missed last time. At the 11 May DC area Beer Call (drag at 5:30 at Ft Myer rather than stag luncheon at 11:30 at ANCC), M-2 won the attendance sweepstakes with 4 there, including **Jack Crandall** who commuted from UT or Boston or somewhere far away. Jack came drag; he brought **Bob Tredway**, who is from local DC area, but has too often been AWOL. Bob's news is that he will be the first classmate whose wife is going to the Army War Col! Congratulations to **Anne** who will be a road runner as Bob stays in DC. Talk about role reversal.

Good opportunity to point out that DC classmates remain flexible. Our monthly luncheons are not necessarily so. They are often, usually, normally on the second Fri monthly, but we do have occasional drag Beer Calls, the Memorial Day ceremony at the VN Memorial with USNA 58 inaugurated this yr, the annual Jun swimming party (**Nuns**), the annual Beat Navy Potluck (**Salisburys**), the annual A-N luncheon with USNA '58 (they host this yr sometime in Nov), etc. So, if you come to town from elsewhere or have misplaced your calendar, call your CCQ, someone on the Exec Comm or **Jae Stanton** to get the word.

Invitation received to **Link Jones**' change of cmd on 3 Aug. Linc is leaving SETAF, but don't know where he is going. Does this end his time with troops back to 72 as XO of 2d Bde and then bn cmdr of 1/12th Inf (with time out only for the War Col)? Watch this space.

Time to quit. Next col will be after the 32nd Mini at Bar Harbor. Hope to see you there.

'59

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Qtrs 10 at Ft McNair, a gracious residence in the genteel Old Army setting, was the site of a mid-yr party for the DC contingent on 24 Jun. **Jerry & Geri Hilmes** were the hosts, and about 30 classmates, most with wives, turned out for a lovely mild afternoon on the banks of the Potomac. There was general agreement that we all looked fit, and the women were prettier than ever. We were happy to talk with Andy, the Hilmes' youngest, who was 8 days away from reporting to WP to begin Beast Barracks with the Class of '94. We were full of great advice. Folks tended to move around the grounds from bar to tent to buffet line, but I was able to get at least a fair count of attendees, who included **Lou & Alison Beard, Randy & Mary Ann Bell, Frank & Elaine Besson, Ray Beurket & Jan Hebert, Frank & Pat Campbell, Joe & Polly Coreth, Bob Croteau & Karen Wold, Dave Fried, John & Mirna Forrester, Phil Gibbs, John & Elaine Guthrie, Powell & Joanne Hutton, Darel & Mary Jane Johnson, George & Beth Kleb, Jack & Zee Knebel, Nick Krawciw, Dick & Jeanne LeClere, Fred & Marlene Malek, Fred & Sue Manzo, Fred McConnville, John & Margie McNerney, Chuck & Carol Millick, Marvin Moss, Ed & Pat Robinson, Gerry & Marsha Stadler, Jim & Phyl Walsh, Dick & Margaret Welch, Bruce Williams, John & Sharyn Wilson**, and **Stan & Barbara Zagalak**. Anyone else?

1959: DC party: Williams, Guthries, Wilsons and McNerneys

After all were fed, **John McNerney**, our outgoing chm (whom we praise and thank for a job well done over the past several yrs), gathered the men together for a short business mtg, the meat of which was to adopt a modified standing comm org and to elect a slate of officers to fill it. Nominated by a comm chaired by **Jerry Hilmes** and elected by the assemblage were **Ed Robinson**, Standing Comm Chm; **Tom Boyle**, Vice-Chm; **Phil Gibbs**, Secy and Plans Comm Chm; **Gil Roesler**, Prog Comm Chm; and **Mike Gillette**, Finance Comm Chm.

Phil Gibbs had another proposal, and the group hastily adopted it, seeing no harm in doing so. It had to do with forming a sub-hq for the Class in Montgomery, AL, and Phil has promised to send me a paragraph on the particulars.

1959: DC party: the LeCleres and Zagalaks

And here it is, inserted by word processor magic: "Establishment of regional councils was approved at the 24 Jun mtg. Reg councils would: (1) organize classmates and ex-classmates in their geographical areas; (2) represent the Class on special occasions such as funerals; and (3) assist in the org of mini-reunions. The first four reg councils are: (1) National Capital Area, **Boyle**, chm; (2)South Central (Montgomery AL), **Greene, Luther**, co-chm; (3) Ohio River Valley (OH, IN, W PA, KY, WV), **Shea, Mikelonis, Breen**, co-chm; (4) Pacific Ocean, **Katsarsky**, chm. Other potential areas are New England, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, South, Central Plains, Great Lakes, Rocky Mts, Southwest, CA, Northwest. Charter applications should be sent to **Ed Robinson** or **Phil Gibbs**."

1959: DC party: the Bells and LeClere

Jerry Fogel writes from KS City with the news that his son David & Melanie have produced the first Fogel grandchild, Madeline Belle, born 15 Mar. Belle was also the name of Jerry's mother, a grand and generous lady whom I remember so well from plebe yr at WP and then, yrs later, as my hostess in her home in Rochester. David, Melanie and MB live in Detroit, where David is one of the most popular disc jockeys. Jerry himself has a new radio gig 6–9 am on KNHN 1340 Headline News of KS City. He does local news, commentary, reviews, etc, all with a conservative spin, if I know my man. Jerry's wife, **Barbara**, has a position with the local CBS affiliate.

Jerry is still in association mgt as well, and at his Amer Assoc of Managing

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1959: DC party: McNerney conducting business meeting

General Agents annual mtg last May, **Roger Ware** received a plaque for having the best Associate Member advertising campaign. It was good to see Roger & **Rinny**, says Jerry, and they seem to be doing a good bit of traveling, both for business and pleasure. Jerry also rep seeing an *Army Times* announcement that **Don Eckelbarger** will become Dep CG, Fifth Army, at Ft Sam Houston this Aug.

1959: DC party: The Campbells flanking Polly Coreth

Lew Ranch, who lives in San Carlos, CA, is an insurance agent specializing in employee benefits with a company in San Mateo called California Fringe Benefit. He was happy to see **Pete Wentworth** and **Bill Schwartz** at Founders Day at the Presidio, and he notes that their group of 3 was down from the usual 7 or 8 in recent yrs. Lew's oldest son, Jeffrey, is one yr into a two-yr trip around the world. His own money, not dad's, according to Lew. The middle son, Christopher, is married and works as a software engr in San Jose; and the youngest son, David, starts col at Chico State this fall.

1959: DC party: Fried, the Knebels and Walshes

From all reports **Fred Malek** did an outstanding bit of work as dir of the Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations in Houston in early Jul. This was his second big job for Pres Bush, the first having been the organizing of the Republican Natl Convention in New Orleans two yrs ago. We've got an eye on you, Fred.

Jack Ravan is now in Wilmington, DE and continues his career in the environmental field as pres of Rollins Environmental Services, Inc. His job gives him an opportunity to help clean up and protect the natural environment and, he notes, this is done by the private sector on a business basis with an equitable return for the shareholders. Jack Jr, 25, lives with him and is pursuing a degree in chem at U DE. In addition, he works at CHEMPAK taking hazardous waste from labs, hosps, etc, and delivering them to the Rollins kilns.

Jack's oldest, Valerie, 29, & her husband, Thomas Andrews, will finish their med residencies at Brigham Women's Hosp in Boston in 91, Valerie in surgery and Tom in cardiology. Melanie, Jack's 27-yr-old second daughter, continues law studies at GA State in Atl and also graduates in 91. Jack rep that he & Roberta divorced in 89. Roberta resides at 7680 Ryefield Dr, Dunwoody, GA 30350. Jack and his son are at 2300 E Riddle Ave, Unit 405, Wilmington, DE 19806.

1959: DC party: Malek and Krawciw

Ron & Judy Recher live in Prince George, VA, and are in the research stage of building their dream house. Ron is now ret from both the civ service and USAR and works with a govt contractor near Ft Lee developing, maintaining, and training troops in the use of CSS STAMIS software. Judy is still an RN at the local hosp. Their 3 children are all grown and married. The oldest daughter is in Richmond (3 grandsons); the middle daughter is in Centerville, VA; and the youngest son is in the USAF at Bangor, ME (one granddaughter). The Rechers have plenty of room, says Ron, and they are in the phone book for classmates traveling I-95 and needing a rest stop.

1959: DC party: the Beards and Croteaus

We have a friend in the tel co. **Bob Ranalli** is pres of AT&T Consumer Services and has responsibility for AT&T Long Distance, AT&T Calling Card, and the new AT&T Universal Card. He & **Mary Ann** live in Bernardsville, NJ and have a summer home on Martha's Vineyard, where Bob has become a sailor. They have 3 children. Colette, 29, is married in VT and has two children, Alison and Derrick. Douglas, 28, is a grad of Harvard Bus Sch and is starting a

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new business; and Mark, 24, is a Stanford grad now working in NYC.

1959: DC party: Knebel, McNerney and Stadler

Tom Russell rep that **Bruce Johnson**'s body was removed from the cemetery at Ft Sam Houston and reburied at WP on 20 Jul, in accordance with some wishes that came to light some time after Bruce's death. The new grave is next to that of Sylvanus Thayer.

Among the classmates that **Tom** has seen over the summer were **Don & Mary Reinhard** and **Jerry & Geri Hilmes**. Don, says Tom, is probably in Moscow about now negotiating the position of his company, Combustion Engineering, which proposes to assist the Russians in destruction of their chemical weapons. Seems the Russians, having agreed to the destruction, are having to look to US companies for the required technology. The Hilmeses were there to drop off Andy, whom you will recall we had prepared for this event at Ft McNair 8 days before. There will be a quiz on this column.

1959: Colorado Springs: Howard, Russell, Smart and Fernandez

Don Ingram also dropped in on **Tom** and then headed back to Frankfurt, where he is still a sr mil instructor at an Amer dependant HS. Tom visited with **Randy & Mary Anne Bell** in Wayne, PA and saw **Dick Maglin**, who is the Com at Valley Forge Mil Academy. When Tom was in CO Springs in Jun, he saw **Vic Fernandez, Don Smart**, and **Freeman Howard**, as the accompanying photo will attest. Vic is a planning engr doing studies on surviving mil bases during the rash of upcoming closures. Don is a consultant for a defense contractor, and Freeman was the hosp cmdr at Ft Carson. The last news from Tom, received a bit later, was that Freeman would be leaving that job in Aug. Thanks, Tom.

'60

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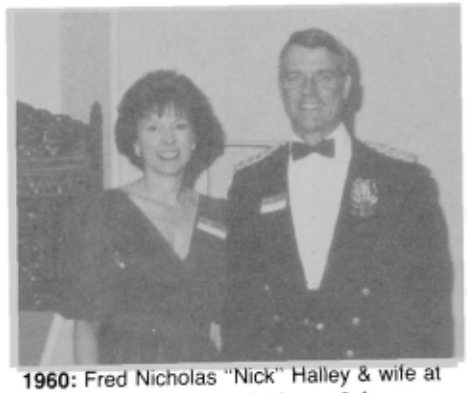
The Class's info flow has turned decidedly upwards. Yesterday brought a call from **Ed Deagle** in Edinburgh, Scotland where he is dir of bus dev in Europe for Hughes Microelectronics Europa. His reunion materials were placed in his shipboard household effects and probably won't arrive 'til after reunion. Spliced him to **Brisach** so Ed should be with us in Rye. Nice juxtaposition: to Rye from Scotch while doing business in the land of the Bourbons!

Tripician, too, called a while ago. Anticipate him, **Jezior, Meese, Darling** and **Barnett** at reunion. This probably goes to press after reunion, but let's see what the forecast adds to things.

AOG sent a photo without a name a while ago—have finally solved the problem. It's **Nick Halley** & wife in S Korea, and a very handsome couple, you'll agree, as the photo shows.



1960: Fred Nicholas "Nick" Halley & wife at Founders Day 90, Seoul, Korea, 6 Apr

Tom Caraballo called to indicate H-1 should have **Bev** & him present. They've moved to a large townhouse in Fairfax, VA (work no: 703-683-8430, x417). Tom has the off next to **Jim Lincoln** at work, where Tom's working in the aviation area. Other H-1 files **Rich, Dougalas** and **Smith** are anticipated to be with us in Sep in addition to the Caraballos.

Joe Cannon called from U NC, Charlotte, where he's involved in capital improvements at the univ. He recently married **Valerie Bauer** in Charlotte (actual date was 24 Mar). Congratulations to you both!

Morgan Williams wrote and enclosed pics of himself and his 17-yr old son (6–5, 260 lbs)! He will begin attending Duke Univ this fall on a football scholarship. Army plays Duke twice in the next 4 yrs, so tell everybody to look for him—actually, against Army, someone 6'5"/260 is hard to miss! Young Mr Williams sounds like an NFL draft choice in about 5 yrs. Army could use him in our front 4! Morgan is practicing law in Birmingham, AL, specializing in "everything." He attended the funeral of **Olin Thompson** in Jan 89. Olin's burial was in Birmingham.

1960: Morgan Williams and son

Jim Booker wrote from Mankato, MN with a fishy story, but proven by photo. Jim and I were in plebe wrestling together, he recalls. Unfortunately, he won't be able to make it to the reunion in Sep, but he'd like to use this means to send greetings. Since we're printing fish pics these days, thought he'd show off his latest catch. He was going to call it a MN sunfish, but he'd hate to get called on an honor violation at this late date. Actually, it's a 207-lb halibut caught in AK waters. It's considered pretty fair-sized, even by Alaskan standards. Fair-sized—the monster's a big meal even for "Jaws"!

1960: Jim Booker and his huge catch!

Jim hasn't seen any classmates in several yrs, so his only news is to brag about his kids. His older son, Mike, is getting a PhD from the U of TN in med ethics, and his younger son, Glenn, is wrapping up his MS in mech engrg at Berkeley.

Phil Blake is the new Com at Marion Mil Inst in Marion, AL. The school's PR release gave a nice recap of Phil's activities: "*New Commandant of Cadets*: Dr Fant, Pres, announced in late Jul the

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selection of COL **Phillip L Blake**, USA (Ret) to be Commandant of Cadets. He was selected from 60 applicants, of whom 11 were interviewed. He will assume his duties on 20 Aug, in time to participate in all preparations for MMI's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1991–92. COL Blake, a '60 grad of the US Mil Acad, received his master's degree in Eng Lit from the U of VA, Charlottesville, and was an asst prof of English at WP for 3 yrs.

"A grad of the Army War Col and the Armed Forces Staff Col, COL **Blake** served on the faculty of the CGSC, Ft Leavenworth, KS. He was the prof of Mil Sci at the U of AL in 84. After settling into his new position, COL Blake expects to add part-time teaching to his duties at MMI.

"During his distinguished mil career, he served 3 overseas tours, two of which were in Vietnam. An Infantryman, Ranger, and Paratrooper, he has received numerous decorations for valor and service, to include the Purple Heart.

"**COL Blake** is a San Ant, TX resident and attended a TX mil prep sch. His final Army asgmt was as sr advisor to the 122nd US Army Res Cmd in Little Rock, AR, where he ret in Nov 88. COL Blake & his wife **Reda**, a native of TN, have two children—Susan, a flight attendant with American Airlines, and Matthew, who is matriculating at the U of AL."

1960: Robert Marcinkowski and Rise Wilson at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

Having seen the **Drewfs** in early spring and learning of his G-2 responsibilities for Centcom, he is most likely a very busy camper, along with **Craig Hagan** (24th) and **Jim Johnson** (82nd). Judging from their most recent asgmts, they are probably not following Horace Greeley's advice.

Another Class 2-star called and asked if I had my gear ready—dopp kit and 3 sets of desert camo BDU's. Advance planning for a JAG-type to run Baghdad fairly soon. I replied: "Ready, willing and still able, hopefully."

Newest secy has it together and we're resuming writing in advance to co reps for more news flow. Hopefully, this will add to column length. All for now folks. Write/call.

'61

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Congratulations and best wishes to **Bob Frix** and **JB Taylor** upon selection for MG. According to sources, Bob & **Mo'** are still at Rucker but may be on the move, even by the time you read this. JB, the prog mgr in Saudi Arabia, writes that **Sally** was to have joined him there following their daughter's Sep wedding. The fluid and uncertain events as of this writing (17 Aug) may have caused some changes to those plans; without a crystal ball no more need be written other than to point out that a number of '61 are in positions of significant responsibility; eg, **Ed Leland, Dick Behrenhausen,** and **George Joulwan** in Europe; **Bill Reno** as the DCSPER, **Howard Graves**, XO to CJCS, **Bob Rosenkranz** in DCSOPS, **Reg Brown**, in AID. Howard and Bob have been quoted in the *New York Times* and have helped clarify some important issues for the public. Reg is helping bring economic dev to needy nations, to include some in the eastern bloc. As he describes his role, it's a lot like being the corps support cmd; we're in the midst of some exciting times and '61 joins past classes in making some history for future study.

1961: Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila: Tory Olshansky (son of '61), Denis Mullane (Pres, AOG), and Myra & Shane Olshansky

Out in Orange, CA, the **Gibsons** are having a great time—sons Don and Craig are doing well at U of Southern CA, to include—almost as a given—playing football; son Boomer was married in Sun Valley, ID; and adding to the happiness and festivities of that occasion was the gathering of **Zaldo, Maloney** and **Maclean**. (Understand that the Valley is still recovering from their onslaught.) Also in the west, news reports are that **Hamp Hodges** has been on the campaign trail, seeking election to Congress from east TX (check your newspaper for the results).

George & Debbie Hricz have been in Lynchburg, VA for the past 8 yrs, where George is with the Fleet Corp. (Yep,

1961: Big Four mtg at Boomer's wedding

that's really what they make.) Their daughter has been married for 3 yrs and their son is studying at the NY Sch of Design. **Scott & Pauli Dillard** are in Alexandria; Scotty has moved on from the American Def Preparedness Comm to enter the VA Theological Seminary; to quote Scotty, "take a moment to pick yourself off the floor." He has taken on the very exciting task of continuing his service and certainly has the support and warmest wishes of the Class. He also notes that **Bob & Sonie Hamilton** are in N VA and that **Ed & Denise Barry** are still at Wright Patterson AFB, where Ed has been Vice Cmdr, USAF Systems Cmd's Aeronautical Systems Div.

Al Vanderbush and **Pete Heimdahl** joined **John Kemp**'s widow, **Julia**, family and friends, at WP on 8 Aug for an important ceremony recognizing John's combat death in Vietnam. Only recently, and as a result of persistence by John's family to include the aunt and uncle who raised him, DA acknowledged that he died as a result of hostile ground fire and awarded the Purple Heart for his sacrifice. John crashed while piloting an L-19 in the Delta 8 Aug 66, and about 10 mo passed before the recovery of his remains and burial at WP. He & Julia had married there 3 days after grad. They parented John, Jacquline, and Joy (who is the mother of their granddaughters: 6 yrs, 5 yrs, 4 yrs, and 9 mo). Pete Heimdahl's warm and appreciated words had memorable meaning for the family, helping to close an important chapter in their lives. Julia lives in San Fran and stays in touch with many from D-2.

Correction: In Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY*, classmates were incorrectly identified (p 118). Correct order (L-R): Looram, McCann, Randolph, Wells, Burns, Tyler, Vallely, Gleichenhaus, Raible, and their ladies at Founders Day, San Fran. That photo was a test of your memories—how many of you caught this mistake?

Footnote: AOG and the Reunion Comm need current addresses; pass along changes in your own and/or other classmates'.

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Summer mos are full of vacations and other things—not news from the Class! Of course, it could be that it will be tough to fill a column every two mos as opposed to quarterly. Just for the record, my deadline for these cols closely coincides with the mailing dates. The coming deadlines are: 15 Oct, 14 Dec, and 15 Feb, 15 Apr and 14 Jun 91. Keep the news coming.

Carolie Sherard writes that they will be in Orlando for 3 yrs while **Stew** attends Reformed Theological Seminary. Older son Jeff will keep their house open in Tucson and younger son Steve continues at the U of KS. Stew continues to be active in the Off Christian Fellowship (OCF) and knows that his study will be beneficial in serving the OCF.

I received a very heart-warming call for assistance from Daniel Stegeman, who is to marry Christine **Crabtree** on 15 Sep. According to him, Christine knows very little of her dad as she was quite young when **Mike** was killed in RVN. As a gift to her, Daniel is attempting to gather info about Mike and if possible, a *Howitzer*. If anyone would care to provide Christine with anecdotes, memorabilia, etc about her dad, please contact Dan at 2 College Circle, Haverford, PA 19041.

I asked **Gary Brown** to use his contacts as Dir of OPM to help me get some info on **Mike Crabtree** and in the processs, he reminded me that if we needed anything from ARPERCEN in St Louis, BG **Tom Kilmartin** is the cmdr.

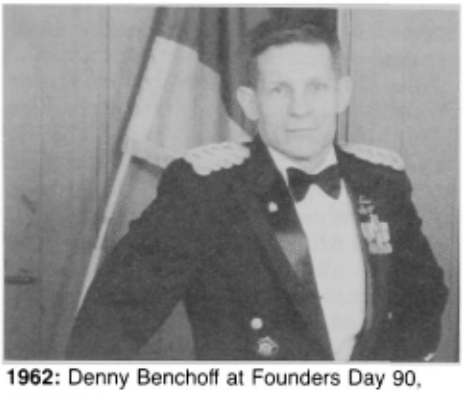
Rusty Wilkerson writes that he is still at Ft Campbell as Dep DEH "with no plans to go anywhere unless the Congress eliminates the civ work force in its declaration of peace." He rep that **Pat Hueman** ret at Campbell in Jun and will begin teaching HS in Pemberton, NJ this fall.

At a recent luncheon in DC, **Dick Barry** presented a "50th" birthday cake to **Wayne Willis**. As I mentioned, when you are 54, it's old hat to watch the kids turn 50.

Speaking of old men, I enjoyed a long conversation with **Glen Blumhardt**. Contrary to rumors, he has not dropped out of sight to become a recluse. He & **Ann** are living in NC where Glen is a busy builder of commercial and residential property.

We had a few new faces at a recent gathering in DC. **Denny Reimer** is here as the DA DCSOPS. I saw him at church a few days ago and he looked tired. The next day the news of our moving into Saudi Arabia was announced and the tired look was explained. **Jim Dodd** showed up for a luncheon. He is still with the Smithsonian.

1962: Dick Barry presents a cake to a young Wayne Willis

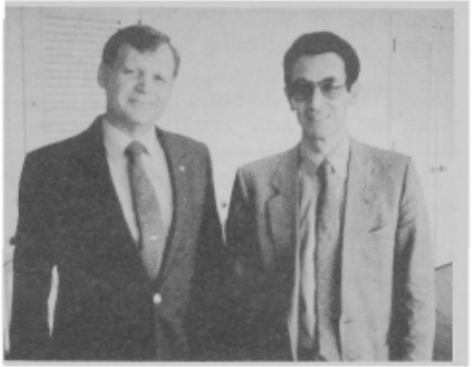


1962: Denny Benchoff at Founders Day 90, Heidelberg

1962: Joe Kieffer and Jim Dodd at DC luncheon

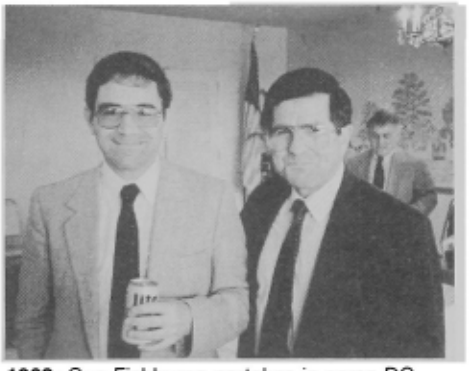
Al Girardi was in the States for a brief visit and attended our gathering. He came from Italy for his son's grad at WP. While at WP he made it a point to beat **Al Rushatz** in handball. He said that Al did not appreciate his spreading the word of the victory throughout the gym.

From Columbia, SC, **Pat Canary** sends the following news. **Bill Cauthen** is selling real estate in the local area. **Bill & Gayle Calhoun** are there, and Bill has completed law sch and is clerking in a local firm. **Tom & Linda Simcox** visited as they passed through Columbia and all had a great time catching up on the news. The Simcoxes had visited **Ernie & Pat Webb** in Fayetteville, NC. The Canary family recently moved into a new home two min from the intersection of I-77 and I-20 and they are open for guests.



1962: Dick Chladek and Al Girardi smile for the camera and the scribe, at DC luncheon

1962: Joe Szwarckop works at bringing a smile to Bob Krause



1962: Gus Fishburne partakes in some DC hospitality, courtesy of Paul Kirkegaard

1962: Art Crowell and Dick Mayo during Dick's visit to DC

That's it for now. Hope to hear from more of you out there.

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Not much volume in the mail bag this time—quality is great, but we need some quantity to keep everybody informed on what's new with '63. *NEED YOU TO HELP—WRITE!*

Congratulations are in order for some of our outstanding classmates: **Jim Dickey** was promoted to BG on 3 Aug by the Secy of the Army. Jim & **Claudia** leave soon for Europe and duty as an asst div cmdr. **Steve Silvasy** pinned on his second star on 2 Jul at TRADOC with **Dick Guthrie** and **Dan Willson** on hand. **Bill Boice** has been nominated for a second star. Other warriors of note include **Tom Griffith**, returning to HQTAC at Langley AFB as Dir of Plans; **Tom Carney** as the Army's new PAE; and **Jim Roberts** as the Ch of Staff for the Strategic Def Cmd.

Nice note from **Edith Brown**: **Noel** & she enjoy southern CA—#420, 8512 Tuscany Ave, Plaza Del Ray 90292. Noel still runs the marketing branch for ATT and is working hard on his golf game. Son Drew graduated from Yale in Jun and is celebrating in Europe. Edith & Noel can be reached at (213) 822-8723.

1963: Steve Popielarski, Katherine Wilde, Wynelle Farlow and Jack Ford at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

Seems like we have several lawyers in the Denver area. **Mike White** wrote that **John McMullen** was honored recently with the Judicial Excellence Award. John has been a district judge since 83, and chief judge since 87. Mike is doing well as a lawyer, engr and political advisor. Son Matthew rep to Beast in Jul; wife Mary, also a lawyer, Molly (12) and Montgomery "the Turk" (5) are at home in the mtns west of Denver.

To celebrate his recent birthday, Tim Grogan, Dir of Plans, TRADOC, assembled a motley group at A-N in Arlington, VA for a wkend of heavy golf. Included were **Mike Summers, Dipper Willson, Bob Ferris, Mike Vopatak, Larry Medlin, Bill Boice** and **Dean Dowling**.

'64

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Kudos to **Bill Reynolds** who did such an outstanding job as guest-scribe two columns ago. The boy has a way with words.

The mail has been exceedingly sparse of late. Two ltrs and a copy of an article by **Bob Ballagh** in *Field Artillery Magazine* sent me by another scribe (we scribes try to stick together). Bob's article was entitled "BCTP Warfighter and the Heavy Division."

Seth Hudgins, who is quickly developing into a highly valued source of info, rep a farewell for **Don & Rachel Shive** was the occasion for a gathering in the Mule Bar at WP, of **Norm & Janine Anderson, Dave & Judy Bramlett, Kim Flint, Frank Giordano, Jack & Judy Grubbs, Fletch & Shari Lamkin, Jeff & Patt Louis** and Seth & **Joy Hudgins**. A similar gathering, occasioned by a visit from **Bill Murdy** and **Hal Hatfield**, garnered, in addition to the aforementioned classmates, **Bill Reynolds, Lou Jerge, Chris Bast** and **Tony Hartle**, recently returned from a stint in England. A 3rd function, hosted by the Hudgins at their new digs in Cornwall, to bid farewell to **Tom & Mary Jane Cunningham**, additionally produced **Mike & Marge Conway**. This sounds like a real party crowd!

Jed Brown ran into an old friend of ours (see photo) at a recent USO gathering in NYC. Jed says that Westy was dismayed that '64 was producing general officers, but nonetheless passed on his best wishes to all the Class. Speaking of GOs, I think that **John Otjen** and **Dave Baratto** recently were selected for two stars. Congratulations.

1964: Westmoreland and Brown

Finally, **Gene Sullivan** called to say that **Jim Bigelow** recently ret in a ceremony at Trophy Point timed to take place, to the min, 30 yrs after we raised our right hands at that very spot. Nice touch. . . .

The foregoing prompted me, moved with nostalgia, to review the events of that day as chronicled in the "Journals of New Cadet **Jacunski**." The acct begins with the notation, 5 Jun 60. The word Jun has been stricken and the word Jul substituted therefore. A parenthetical note reads: "What a start!" Excerpts from that memorable day: "Went over to the gym and walked in past a leering first classman. . . . Had to rep to the First Sergeant with a long spiel which I had learned before coming in. . . . Got my plebe-skins. . . formations, formations, formations. . . . They don't let us eat. . . . Stayed up real late arranging a mtn of junk in the room. . . . I don't have time to do a good job on this. . . . No hair, dead tired. Have to go to a shower formation in which we sweat through our b-robes before we can take a one-minute shower. . . . At first I was disgusted with all the monkeying around, but when the band played at the swearing-in, I knew I was in the right place. . . . Slept on the covers so as not to mess up the bed. . . . "

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Greetings once again from Chicago! By the time you read this, the reunion will be history, but because of my deadlines I will have to rep on the reunion in our next column. It is with regret that I start this column off on a very sad note. **Tom Johnson**, who recently was an advisor to the Secy of En, died of cancer on 27 Jun at Walter Reed. In addition to being an authority on satellite communications, lasers, magnetic confinement fusion and nuclear weapons, he was also spec asst to the Pres' Sci Advisor and exec dir of the White House Sci Council. Our sympathy goes out to **Cynthia** and their 3 daughters on this most untimely passing of a good friend. **Step Tyner** has volunteered to write Tom's obituary. If anyone wants to assist Step, please contact him at 408-626-1913.

While in New Orleans to visit daughter Shannon (now at USMAPS), I called **Lee Atteberry** to try to get together. Unfortunately, Lee was out of town but I had a very nice chat with **Janet**. For some unknown reason, the narrative never made it with the picture that Lee sent me. The pic of Lee, his father and son, shown here, was taken during his son's grad from Duke (magna cum laude) with his BA in physics. He was the AF ROTC Corps cmdr. Joining Lee at the swearing-in ceremony was grandfather Roy '41.

Let's hear it for change of address cards (PS Form 3576)—a great little invention. **Zig Roebuck** sent one with his new address in Huntsville, AL. Ziggy, a rocket scientist? No way!

We received a couple of copies of a most interesting Jun article from the *Aiken SC Standard Magazine* with a pic

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1965: Roy Atteberry '41, Lee Atteberry '65, and Chris Atteberry (Duke '89)

of **Art Mark** and his children, all 10 of them. Art ret from Ft Sheridan and moved down to Aiken to become a teacher. Of the 10 children, 3 are in col and 7 are at home. The oldest is USMA '91 Nicolette. Mark rep that he has unconfirmed sightings of my old bridge playing, football partner **Mike O'Grady** in the Augusta, GA area. If anyone knows whether that's a fact or not, let me know. If you wonder how someone on an O-5 salary makes ends meet with this many children, listen to this: in addition to Nicolette, Claudette is on a full scholarship at the U of IL, oldest son Mark is on a full scholarship also at U of IL, and the rest of the kids look like they are going to be pacesetters also.

Also received a most unusual note from **Dan Speilman** who is currently in Hanoi—yes, folks, Hanoi—where he is a plastic surgeon for a privately funded health care org. He works directly across from the infamous "Hanoi Hilton." He rep that the conditions in Hanoi are worse than they were during the war. Dan ret from the service a yr ago and he & **Nancy** are enjoying ret (when not in Hanoi) in Sterling, VA. Oldest daughter Trina grad from U of TX in May and son Danny is a jr at George Mason. The two younger ones, Angy and Molly, are still in grade sch. Dan, thanks for the ltr, but don't wait so long next time.

Speaking of drs, **John Bell** wrote from Melbourne, FL with an article on our own DeAnza Col (CA) English prof, **John Swensson**. John's first movie, *Fire Birds*, was to be the Army's answer to *Top Gun*. Unfortunately, after a lot of editing and rewriting, and rewriting, it didn't turn out quite that way. John was helped by **Step Tyner**, which we rep earlier.

I have had a number of discussions with **Bill Zadel** about the reunion. Bill is still in the Boston area where he runs a blood testing equipment co that is a gp effort between Corning Diagnostics and CIBA. His oldest boy starts law sch in Toledo and is also a tennis teacher. Their daughter is a sr at Boston U. Has another son who is a sr in HS.

John Pickler, who is the SO to the COS, will become ADC of the 4th Inf Div at Ft Carson. Our congrats to John on his first star, our 7th?

I received a nice ltr from **Jay Vaughn** who is at TRADOC. He enclosed the nice pic of **Graham Forrest** and his family. Jay enclosed an interesting update

1965: Graham Forrest and family

on the H-1 files, parts of which (only those that are reprintable) I thought might be of interest. **Jim Airy** sells main frames for GTE but would rather be getting his own orthopedic products co off the ground. Jim holds 3 US patents on orthopedic products and has an MS from Stanford and an MA from U of CA. **Bob & Barbara Ann Anderson** are still in Anchorage where he runs a VA outpatient clinic. Bob remembers H-1 days when he, **Bob Hill** and **Lee Atchley** were working on a physics project and they passed. He is also constantly reminded of Airy since he somehow ended up with Jim's hatbox. Lee & **Suzanne Atchley** have been married for 4 yrs. Lee's daughter Cathy just graduated from TN U. Lee is a sr mgt engr at Erlanger Med Ctr in Chattanooga. **Dave & Cheryl DeMoulpied**'s son David (21) is a jr at Cornell, Nicole (17) will be going to Babson Col next fall, and Steven (12) is in 7th grade; all are doing well. Dave works for a gp of high tech companies within EG&G. **Bo & Maxine Forrest** and their daughter Mary Graham (10) and son Russell (7) are leading a very active life also. Bo is a dentist who makes his living "drillin', fillin' and billin'." Bo wants his tombstone to read "better the stomper than the stompee." They live in Shelby, about 30 mi from Charlotte, NC. **Ron & Ann Kolzing** live with daughters Kristine and Karen (15). They are very active in sch activities. Ron is a chief probation off. Ron fondly remembers MAJ "Yoiks" (later LTG Yerks) shaking his hand and telling him, "when you graduate, the LAST of my problems will be over."

Ron & Dolly **Layer** live in Munster, IN and have two daughters, Lisa (21) and Michelle (16). Ron is a trial lawyer who would rather own an Italian rest. Ron apparently is just noted for falling asleep during Douglas MacArthur's infamous talks to us when we were plebes. Ron, I happen to know another guy who fell asleep (in his football pads!). **Tony & Katheryn Livic** have two sons, Krizan (14) and Nik (12). Tony ret from USAF in 71. Tony's best remembrance of H-1 was seeing **Bart Barry** chase **Guy Riley** around So Area, after Guy, doing a little impersonating, telephoned Bart and announced that Bart had been "turned out." **Bill & Roberta McCreary** have 4 sons, as we rep last time. Bill filled out a survey sheet for his alter-ego Cadet Gray Hog McCreary. Gray Hog & his lovely wife, Army, have been married forever. Their kids are named A-1, M-1, Airdropable, Push-to-Walk and Kick-to-Talk. All of their kids are girls that look like him.

Gene & Judy O'Neill reside with their 3 children, Tom (21), Sean (19) and Heather (12). Gene is still in the Army as a Signal Corps O-6 assigned as dir of the Army Space Inst at Ft Leavenworth, KS. He has had 3 tours in Korea (lucky guy). **Jon & Joanne Plaas** have 3 children. Joanne is an accomplished painter and sculptor. Rachel (25) is studying to become a med admin, Joe (23) is a col jr and Elishia (14) is a tall 8th grader who excels at basketball. John is a sr pharmaceutical exec and worked for Pfizer for a while before joining Marion Merrell Dow. He is the chm of MMD Puerto Rican manufacturing subsidiary.

Tony Pyrz (who, to the best of this scribe's recollection, has never written said scribe) **& Marianne** have two grown sons; Paul (24) graduated from AZ St in 88 and Ron (21) is a sr at George Mason. Paul will be married in Phoenix this Oct while Tony & Marianne will be moving to Tampa. Tony is beginning a new career as project mgr of RM Parsons consulting firm in Tampa.

Jay & Sharon Vaughn have been married for 23 yrs. They have 4 daughters, one son and one granddaughter. Daughter Tracy (21) & Doug attend U Of A. Jennifer (19) is also at U of A as a soph. Amy (16) will soon be a high sch sr and works as a teen-age drug prevention peer counselor. Patrick (13) is an honor student and loves to write. Heather (10) is learning to play the piano and sax. Jay is still in the Army (a spook). His current job is dir of Advanced Tech for the Army's intelligence ctr. Jay's favorite H-1 incident is the same one that others remember in conjunction with "Blue Flame" where they prove the hypothesis that Jay was indeed a human Bunsen Burner. And finally, **Joe & Shawn Zurlo** have one daughter, Melanie (18) who is an award-winning dancer, writer, pianist and scientist on her way to William & Mary Col. I think Joe is a dr. So much for the H-1 update. Jay, great ltr and thanks.

As of the date of this writing (Aug), our good friend Max Thurman is in Johns Hopkins Hosp undergoing treatment for a serious case of leukemia. Our prayers and thoughts are with him.

Mike Stanko wrote his first ltr in 25 yrs

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and enclosed a nice pic of **Joy** & him, along with **Frank & Dorma Prokop, Keyes Hudson, Art Hester**, and **Penny & Tommy Thompson**. Mike rep that he and

1965: Mike & Joy Stanko, Frank & Dorma Prokop, Keyes Hudson, Art Hester, and Penny & Tommy Thompson

the girls are located in Bedford, TX between Dallas and Ft Worth. He has attended some breakfasts with **Bob Bedell, Bob Axley** and Prokop. As you can see by the pic, Frank is in disgustingly good shape, still playing soccer and has managed to coerce Keyes into doing the same thing. As rep last time, Art has taken over managing the GM plant in Arlington, TX and is making an impressive impact on that business community. Bob Bedell gets a feather in his cap for his work in support of the dedication of the TX Vietnam Vets Memorial with the Pres attending. Mike also rep that according to their WP roster, **Jim Holmes, Larry Konermann, Harley Moore** and **Ray Woodruff** are regular members in No TX. Mike, thanks for the ltr and stop by if you pass through again.

1965: Chuck & Ann Boohar, Joe & Nancy Sanchez, and Carl & Robbie Peterson at Founders Day 90. WP Soc of Phila

Well folks, that's it for now. See you at the reunion. Keep those ltrs—esp pics—coming.

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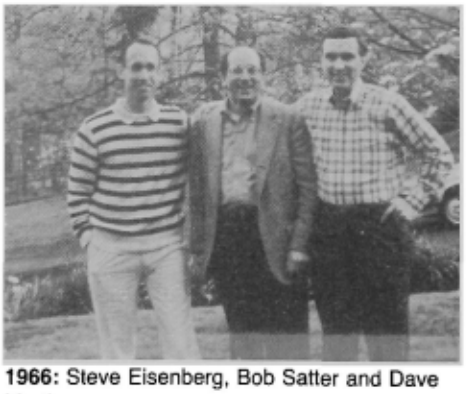
I received a ltr from Thomas Gibbs Gee '46, advising me "of what is probably a very small milestone in the history of grads of the Mil Acad. On 30 Apr, Judge **Rhesa Barksdale**, Class of '66, and I. . . sat together on a panel of the US Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. I believe this very likely to have been the first occasion on which two Mil Acad grads sat together on a panel of a fed court, and thought that I would advise you of it for that reason." Thank you, Judge Gee.

John Strapac wrote from Tucson, where he is org a "mini reunion" in Oct, in conjunction with the "Slum and Gravy 25" project. If you live in TX, NM, CO, or AZ, you will probably have heard from him by the time this is in print.

Tim Daly faxed me some info on a DC area picnic held on 24 Jun at Ft McNair, organized by him and **Bob Meccia**. **Chuck Wright**'s " '66 USMA" license plate provided a chuckle. Tim writes, "**Ralph Cruikshank**'s regatta on the Chesapeake was publicized for the 4th of Jul wkend and (he) is looking for a wkend that does not fall on Wed—at last contact, potential sailors were to rent Sunfish sailboats from USNA, do their best on the Chesapeake and Severna River, and then 'party hearty' w/crabcake fest." Entrants/interested parties included Ralph, Tim, **Jeff Rogers, Mike Felenz, Tom Carhart** and sons, and **Jim Proctor**. Also noted by Tim: **Hilton Dunn** has the "awesome task of figuring out where the Army needs to go and how to get it there." Participants at the picnic included, in addition to the above: **George & Shirley Alexander, Fritz & Liz Ernst, Bill Haneke** and son, **Ed & Vickie Hathaway** and sons, **Greg & Aleta Hoffman, Bill & Nancy Hoyman, Bob & Peg Kesmodel** and sons, **Dave & Natalie Martin** and sons, **Bob & Jan Meccia** and sons, **Don & Jane Moffett, Phil & Kleone Nelson, Gerry Sands**, and **Cooper & Linda Wright**.



1966: Steve Eisenberg, Bob Satter and Dave Martin

Dave Martin sent a photo of himself, **Bob Satter**, and **Steve Eisenberg**, who "met for the first time since grad" at Dave's house in Arlington, VA. "Steve works as Gen Counsel at the Pentagon Fed Credit Union in Alexandria, VA, after a 20-yr career as an Army lawyer. Bob, who has been a builder in FL and NH for 15 yrs, was in the DC area to talk with the Bush admin about a political appt."

Checking in with a long ltr was COL **Bill McKinney**, who was on his way to Korea in Aug, as the Def and Army attache at the US Embassy in Seoul. Bill had just completed training with **Dan Smith**, who is going to London as the Army attache, **Doug Thornblom**, who is in Madrid, and **Rance Farrell**, who is in Switzerland. Bill spent his past 5 yrs in DC, with two in the Pentagon in ODCS OPS as the politico-mil strategist for Asia, two at the State Dept in an exchange position as the political-mil advisor in the East Asia Bureau, and a yr with DIA. "Fortunately, this has permitted us the chance to get together. . . with our classmates in the Wash area. **Jim Jenkins** is in J-4, JCS; **Rock Salt** in the ACE; **Tom Carhart** everywhere, and many others. . . . We've classmates who are doing great things." Bill's tour in Korea will be no 4, with the past two with his wife, **Pok-hui**, and daughters Elizabeth (10) and Kendall (8). "I often tell people that this job is 'A dream within a dream.' I think I've wanted it for at least 12 yrs. Also, I expect numerous and dynamic changes in Korea over the next 3 yrs, and I'm excited about being in a position to observe it." Bill & Pok-hui extend a hearty welcome to any classmates who may find themselves in Seoul, and invite them to call at the Embassy. "We. . . can offer suggestions about where to go and what to buy (at least, Pok-hui can)." Bill expects to send info regarding **Ed Kane, Peyton Ligon**, and whoever else he finds. Thanks, Bill, and we'll look forward to any news from our new "East Asia correspondent!"

Also writing to provide his "periodic input" was **Joel Gartenberg**, who ret on 31 Jul, after 27 yrs' service (24 commissioned and 3 enlisted). Prior to ret, he was assigned to Ft Irwin, CA (the Natl Training Ctr, or NTC) as Ch of the Logistics Asst Off. **Wes Clark** was the CG, and "is doing very well." Joel also writes, "I am very proud of my two stepchildren and one 'natural' child. My stepson, CPT Craig Houk, is an MP off. . . at the Ft Lewis confinement facility. He has two (step) children. . . and one 'natural' child, making us grandparents. My stepdaughter, Michelle Corneau, is a Res off married to an aviator. Their first child, our 4th grandson, was born in May. Our 'natural' son, Jeffrey, just completed his freshman yr at UC Santa Barbara where he has a partial track scholarship. (I was unable to sell him on WP, but believe me when I tell you that I tried.)" Joel & **Marge** have purchased a new house in Las Vegas, and invite classmates in the area to visit at 2313 Mount Holly Ct, (702) 255-2955.

George Utter sent an interesting

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change of address card: "... summer greetings, and Christmas 90 best wishes, since I won't be sending cards from Bananaland. Thanks to some unique (?) qualifications and some personnel demands from the CINC, USSOUTHCOM, I find myself off to the land of low intensity conflict... El Salvador. I will be the Def and Army attache working out of the US Embassy for approximately 15 mos beginning in Sep.... **Judy** and Matt will remain in Burke, VA with Judy working as asst mgr at Talbot's and Matt finishing up at Lake Braddock HS. Jon is pretty much out of the nest at Auburn U. (Signed) 'Utter (of Army).' " Thanks for cramming so much on one small card, George!

1966: Briggs Jones '50, MG Ray Rees and Mike Wynne—that's an M-1 tank in the background

MG **Fred Rees** sent the photo, taken during an M-1 roll-out ceremony for the OR Army Natl Guard. **Mike Wynne**, who is VP for Bus Dev in the Land Systems Div of Gen Dynamics, flew from Detroit to participate. Fred flew from his HQ in Salem to meet Mike at the Umatilla Army Depot, which is in the middle of the desert in Eastern OR. "The ceremony went well with one major exception—the wind was blowing a good 40 mi an hr... (as evidenced) in the enclosed pic as you look closely at Mike's hair. As you might expect, he is usually more suave and less 'punk' than in this pic." Punk or not, Mike won a case of Portland Ale as the result of a friendly wager on the outcome of the Detroit Piston/Portland Trail Blazer NBA Championship. It will also probably come as no surprise that the tank pictured in the photo *is* an M-1 (which I note for those of you who, like me, have not seen one in a while!). (The 3rd individual in the photo on the left is Briggs Jones '50, also with Gen Dynamics.)

This column marks my 12th and last as Class scribe—**Bob Kesmodel** has most kindly agreed to assume the scribe duties starting with the next issue (Jan 91). Please send him your ltrs and photos at 7103 Bellona Ave, Baltimore, MD 21212, tel (301) 377-7103, FAX (301) 792-9878. I would like to thank all of you who sent input to me since I started as scribe, particularly those of you whom I called or wrote to personally. Your support really bolstered me, and the friendships made and renewed during the past two yrs have made this stint as scribe an experience I will never forget. I look forward to seeing you all at the 25th. In the meantime, please show Bob the same support you showed me!

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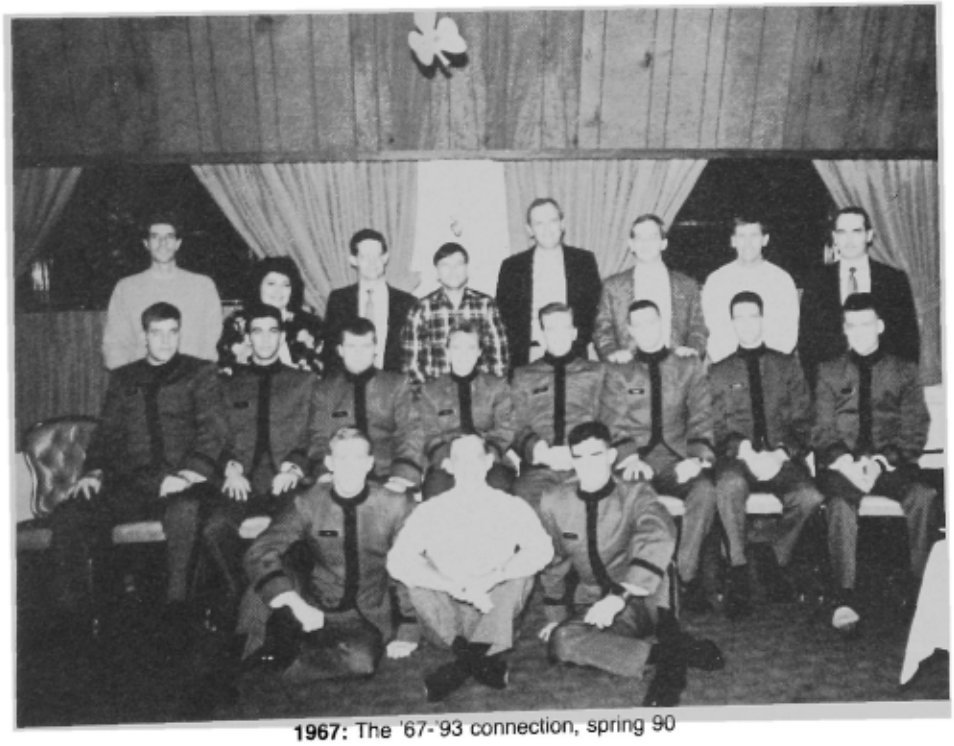
29 Jun: Forgot to mention the fact that **Jim Saine** was kind enough to be the official reader at my ret ceremony yesterday. It seemed only fitting; we entered WP together, had our first (and probably last) asgmts together, and served together 2 or 3 times in between. It added a nice touch to the ceremony. Jim continues to teach the Service's best and brightest how to be joint war-fighters at the Armed Forces Sports and Social Col in Norfolk.

1 Jul: Odd lots, or stuff left over from last time dept: **Bob Lenz** finally came through with the pic, taken during Plebe-Parent wkend this past spring, of Class beanheads ('93) and their folks. In the back row are **Jim Saine, Maria Lima, Kerry O'Hara, Randy Pais** (yes, he *is* standing up), **Tom White, Tom Blaney, Al Olson** and **Paul Bigelman**. In case you weren't sure, these were the parents. In the middle row are Sam Saine, Paul Lima III, Pat O'Hara, Lisa Pais, Tom White Jr, Jeff Blaney, Will Olson and Kevin Bigelman. On the floor: **Bob Lenz** Jr and his old man (the one with the toothy grin), and Andy Phelan. What do you suppose the chances are of young White following in his old man's footsteps as the Masked Marvel of Mayhem, A-Man? Speaking of Tom White, I have recently learned that despite the fact that he has the Chm of the JCS eating out of his hand, our first bonafide High Roller in uniform (I qualified that so as not to hurt **Ty McCoy**'s feelings, nor all of you not in uniform who have a net worth of at least 7 figures—not dollars, **Dewey**—you don't qualify) has decided to give up his star and ret. Indeed, by the time you are reading this drivel, he will have done the deed. From what I understand, Tom got offered a deal too good to turn down, but my intel sources, flaky as they are, haven't been able to tell me what that is yet, and Tommy hasn't spoken to me since I sent him a box of Moose droppings, labeled as Tundra Fudge Candy, as a Christmas present 7 yrs ago. In the tradition of all good quidnuncs, I shall continue my quest for the truth so that all you gossip addicts will be fully informed. Back to the WP crowd: Bob Lenz also rep that **John Rollow** is the head tooth fairy at Ft Leavenworth.

Other recent happenings at The Womb: **Terry & Ginny Hand** hosted a reception at their digs on 30 May to honor the Class offspring who graduated from WP this yr. On behalf of the Class, ea of the new grads was presented with a nice brass paperweight/desk set with the USMA crest and appropriate engraving on it. Hopefully, we will be able to continue this practice in the future for all Class sons and daughters who grad from USMA. I got a nice note from Peggy Lenz thanking the Class for the gift and thoughtfulness, and expressing her pride at being associated with '67. The



1967: The '67-'93 connection, spring 90

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1967: '67 parents and their '90 offspring

Hands deserve a vote of thanks for taking the initiative and getting the ball rolling on this project. Terry also gave me a good update on a number of folks, which is a good thing, since few of them ever communicate with me. The current WP contingent includes Hand, who's a PAP in CE; **Ray Winkel**, head of Physics Dept; **Ace Clark, Hobie Pillsbury**, and **Earl Walker**, Soc Sci PAPs; **Jim Siket** is the 2d Regt Tac. **John Hart** was in the English Dept but ret this summer. He & **Genevieve** are staying in the area, as she bought a gift shop in Highland Falls. **Dick Releford**, an orthodontist, is on his way to Ft Ord this summer; his son just finished his plebe yr at Zoomie U. **Bill Held** is due in to WP this coming yr to be a PAP in Foreign Lang Dept. Other guys in the WP area are **Kerry O'Hara**, who lives in Wappingers Falls, and **Mike Aiello**, who lives in Ft Montgomery. **Dick Kline** is pres of a computer svcs co that is a subsidiary of GTE in Phoenix, AZ. His daughter Suzi just finished her youngster yr at Canoe U, as did the **Baggett**'s #2 son Terry. That's at least two kids the Baggetts managed to avoid paying col expenses for. The Klines' other daughter Sandi just finished her fresh yr at Northern AZ U. And lastly, Terry rep that **Jon Burns** has finished up a tour at Leavenworth and is now at Ft Sheridan near Chicago; **Brenda** is a flight attendant for United Airlines. And that's why the skies are so friendly.

5 Jul: Ltr from **Randy Pais** today. I don't dread these anymore, since he's finally learned how to use a computer. Sort of. His big news this time was the fact that **Mike Mullane** has ret from the astronaut corps and the AF. He & **Donna** moved back to Albuquerque, but no word on what they'll be doing. Before they left, **Mike Hood** and Randy threw a going-away party for them at Brennan's in Houston. Among the attendees were **Hank Uberecken** (who is still whining about Ranger Sch), **John Murrell, Tom Parr, Mike Hood, Wes Spincic, Gary Atkins, Mullanes** and Paises. The flowers on the table were from **Bob Murrill**, who, along with **Dana Groover**, had planned to attend from Dallas but had to cancel at the last min. Randy also mentioned in his ltr that Tom White is moving to his neighborhood—building a house about 3 mi from them, in fact. One rumor I've heard is that Tom will be working for or with Mike Hood. The mind boggles at that one. Stay tuned.

9 Jul: Long lost souls dept, Nov edition: **Bruce Hedrick** finally came out of the woodwork to rep in and beg forgiveness for having ignored his duty to his scribe for umpteen yrs. Bruce is a prod mgr in a Hoechst Celanese plant about 65 mi SW of Roanoke, VA, where they make the acetate fibers that you find in the linings of your suits; **Shirley** teaches 3d gr in the booming metroplex of Pearisburg, VA, where they live. Daughter Tami has completed her first two yrs at JMU with a 4.0 GPA, while son Daniel, 15, is doing what most boys that age do—eating. On a recent flight from Guadalajara, Mexico, Bruce found himself sitting next to a HS classmate of mine, a guy named Jerry East, who also claimed knowing **Bird Partridge** and Randy Pais.

10 Jul: High Roller Roll Call time. Why are these people smiling? This is a

1967: Ray Roe getting promoted to BG, May

pic of **Ray Roe** getting promoted to BG, with the help of **Bernice**. The guy doing the honors is MG Armstrong, CG of the 9th ID at Ft Lewis, Ray's boss. **George Pejakovich**, who is the Div Chaplain of the 9th, wrote to say that he prayed at the ceremony, but they promoted Ray anyway. With **Tom White's** ret, this makes Ray our most High Rolling High Roller. Another guy recently promoted at Ft Lewis, to *FULL* COL, was **Ken Smith**, who is cmdr of the Army Experimentation Service. Pop it up, you guys; you may fall out and make sandwiches.

13 Jul: Note from **Phil Kinney** in today's mail, along with this issue's photo entry for the Phil Kinney look-alike contest. Phil is now working for Allen-

1967: Starrs and Kinneys at Founders Day 90, Ft Bliss

Bradley, a Rockwell subsidiary, in El Paso. **Joy** is hoping to teach sch in El Paso this yr. The Kinneys' 4 girls are now 10, 13, 19, and 22. Nice spread. It either keeps you young, or makes you old quicker—I'm not sure which. Jill graduated from Appalachian State U in May, and Sally is a soph at UTEP. April and

1967: Ret/farewell party for Mike & Donna Mullane, Houston, May

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Amy are still at home helping their mom remember that she used to be young once. The other guy in the El Paso area is **Doug Starr**, who cmds the 3d ACR at Ft Bliss. I wonder if the two of them get together for frequent forays to Big Irma's and The White Lake in Juarez—or had you forgotten the Firstie Trip?

14 Jul: Great wkend. **Ken Carter**, who you should recall owns and operates a charter sailing oper in the FL Keys, and has offered through these notes to take classmates out for some great sailing if they would just show up, finally decided to bring the mtn to Mohammed, and arrived here yesterday to take **Suzi** & me and the kids out for a day of sailing on the Chesapeake. Ken & **Joan** are

1967: Ken Carter grimaces while Lowrey steers his boat around and around

sailing up and down the coast and throughout the Chesapeake this summer on their 38' schooner *Delphina*. They live on the boat full-time—they've got another sailboat, the *Amantha*, which they use for their charter oper. In 87, they sailed *Delphina* to Scotland, Norway and Madeira—a 12,000-mile odyssey. We all had a great time, although Ken was a bit nervous whenever I took the helm (don't you just love that nautical talk). Suzi spent most of the day looking rather green. **Tim Gilbert** take note—we did not need to be towed back in. Ken is dead serious about wanting to take classmates sailing, so you should contact him at PO Box 473, Marathon, FL 33050. You'll be glad you did.

26 Jul: Nice note from **Ray Roe** today. He sent it on Gen Off flag stationary, just to prove that he did manage to fool the system and did get promoted to BG. But after the notes I used to get from **Ty McCoy** on Asst Secy of the AF stationery, I wasn't impressed. Ray did chide me for failing to mention in previous notes the fact that their #2 daughter **Karen** is now a cow at WP. I do apologize, but lay all the blame at the feet of **Bob Lenz**, who is supposed to keep me informed of such things. Unfortunately, most of what I get from him usually gets an F6 intel rating. The Roe's youngest, Susan, will be starting her col career at Seattle U in the fall, while oldest daughter Mary, 22, works with learning-disabled kids at a private sch in Boston. Ray also rep that **Mike Casey** is the Dep Cmdr of Madigan Army Hosp at Ft Lewis, and **Bill Stone** is the post DPCA. (You guys long out of uniform will have to figure that one out for yourselves.)

10 Aug: From Denny Coll, scribe of '65, I learned that **Mark Hamilton** has a good article entitled "The Artillery Commander" published in the Jun issue of *Field Artillery* mag. Mark recently gave up cmd of the 6th ID Divarty in AK, and is now cmdg the MILGRP in El Salvador. What a good deal.

13 Aug: Short bursts overheard on the unemployment line: **Ken Rice** ret this summer—his last asgmt was at TRADOC Hqs in Ft Monroe—and is now working for Sentara Hosps in Norfolk. **Tom Schwartz** made quite a name for himself back in May. At the time, Tom was cmdg the 1st Bde of the 4th ID at Ft Carson, and took his bde on a training rotation at the Natl Tng Ctr at Ft Irwin, in the Mohave Desert. According to the article I saw in *Army Times*, Tom's bde had one of the best records ever recorded at NTC, winning 8 of the 10 battles fought. Not bad—maybe he'll win the other two next time. Hey—how about this bit of news: **Monty Meigs** is a published author. While I was still at the Armed Forces Staff Col I came across a new book entitled *Slide Rules and Submarines*, which was written by our very own Monty Meigs and published in Apr by the Natl Def Univ Press, with an introduction by Congressman Ike Skelton. At the time, Monty was serving on the Joint Staff as a J5 planner. Now just what an Army guy is doing writing a history of Amer scientists and subsurface warfare in WWII is anybody's guess, but he does have a PhD in history from U of WI,Madison, and has held postdoctoral fellowships at the Council on Foreign Relations and the Natl Def U. But I still don't know how any of that has anything to do with submarines. Anyway, it's a nice-looking book—it's even got pics in it, so it would be appropriate for **Dewey**'s bookshelf.

15 Aug: OK kiddies, that's all the grist you get this time. I'm late again, as usual, and my computer is giving me fits. As I write this, serious events are unfolding in the Middle East which I'm sure have already directly affected a no of classmates, and almost will certainly touch others before things run their course. Let us hope they do not find themselves in harm's way. If they do, pray that they and the soldiers they lead will come home safely. I know that they are all up to the task. Take care, sports fans. BEAT NAVY.

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It's 96 deg, 110% humidity, the Redskins are on TV for their umpteenth practice or exhibition game, some clown who carries his laundry around on his head is holding the world oil supply hostage, the *Post* is hyping the new Navy coach, the summer sale catalogs are beginning to arrive, no lists that we'd be interested in have shown up in the *Army Times* due to troop reductions and budget cuts, and I haven't heard any news from a classmate in over a mo—it must be time to write the autumn article. The only good part about these events is that we get to see Brookings' Research Assoc **Tom McNaugher** on natl TV, explaining how the latest intl events in the Middle East are going to affect 7–11 store labor demand. No task is too great. But that doesn't give me a lot of material for our article. Therefore, I'll start out the same way I do whenever there's something I REALLY want—here I am begging again.

We're still ironing out the bugs with the new 6 *ASSEMBLY* format. So far, here's the scenario: the day after I mail the already late article, I meet a dozen classmates under circumstances where none of us have pens or paper; a wk after I mail the article, a new *ASSEMBLY* arrives; a wk after that, I'm swamped with ltrs (2 or 3 anyway) and calls (another 2 or 3); then I beg. It's kind of a series vs parallel oper. Last time, as soon as the people at the Annapolis PO assured me that our article would get to WP on time, **Dickey Bowers** checked in

1968: Dick Bowers and Barry Conway display their Atl tennis trophies

on the 22d anniv of our grad—with his own stationery, unique way of spelling my name, signature, and everything—to let us know that he and **Barry Conway** are still playing tennis. In fact, they won the Atl City Men's (actually, Boys over 40) doubles title. One of them (we'll let you guess) also won the Sportsmanship Award for 90. From the way they shuffled along during the reunion stroll at the alum p-rade, I'll bet they could help us

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relive some memories by playing tennis for Army—if we could find shorts large enough to fit one of them. . . .

Speaking of reliving memories, **Dale Hansen** sent the glad tidings that he hit a homer on 9 Jun at the Cadet Chapel when he married **Joyce Ellen Motylewski**, the Assoc Gen Counsel for the Fed Reserve Bank of NY. They spent part of their honeymoon touring France—Paris, the Loire Valley chateau country—the remainder of the honeymmoon will be spent at the next Class reunion. As a result of my begging, Dale forwarded this photo by overnight express.

1968: Joyce & Dale Hansen

The savior of this article is **Joe Henry**, who called to see if he had time to drop a note and a couple of pics to make it into the fall issue. His news-filled ltr arrived the day before we were to take our well-deserved 4-day family vacation. Now it'll be a 3-day'er, but we have news! Joe & **Carla** hosted a picnic gathering in Denver, at which the weather went from hot to cold and no one used the hot tub. Rain then moved the barbecue inside. War stories were shared and extensive networking was accomplished by classmates who are in greater transition than our first yr after grad. **Steve Williams** has left the cbt dev bus in the Army and broken into the computer bus in civydom.

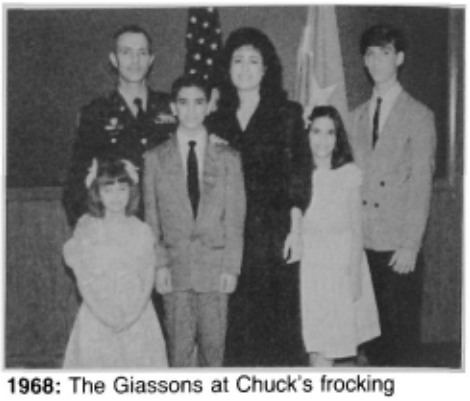
Chuck Canella left his Army PM job in No VA horse country to pick up with Martin Marietta in the C3I business. **Malcom Murray** is a famous lawyer in a large Denver firm and on the Denver Water Bd. **Greg Johnson** is continuing to excel in thermo at Ball Aerospace. **Larry Stevenson** continues to tower over everyone and is working the financial arena at Martin Marietta. **Les Kronfeldt** has wound down the Army portion of his career, just left Ft Carson, and is job hunting. **Tom Martin** is also ret and is with Booz-Allen. **Chuck Jones** is in the hazardous waste business with Woodward Clyde. **Mike Hart** remains in commercial real estate with Frederick Ross and is looking forward to good times now that it's about to become cost-effective to research alternative energy sources again. **Joe** also forwarded a slightly overexposed photo commemorating the event—seems that as the yrs progress, lens f-stop needs to be reduced to allow for glare produced by high foreheads. **Marv & Ann Wooten** arrived after the gp shutter-bugging. Marv was wrapping up his ministry schooling and should be in No VA now. As I've mentioned in earlier articles, Joe is in the software dev and health care mkting area with DAKKRO and wishes his firm had an off in PA so he could use **George Fravel**'s experience and expertise in software dev in health care. The CO crowd plans to continue these informal gatherings twice a yr, so contact Joe (303-745-7031) when in the neighborhood.

1968: Steve Williams, Chuck Canella, Malcom Murray, Greg Johnson, Larry Stevenson, Joe Henry, Les Kronfeldt, Tom Martin, Chuck Jones and Mike Hart at Joe's Aurora, CO get-together

I wish I had known to tell **Pres Miller** of the CO gatherings when he called last mo for info on who is in the Ft Carson area. Pres is still pres/COO of American Paper Gp. He said that he had **Gary & Cookie Roberson** over the other night to give them an idea of what his corner of PA was like to live in. I understand that Gary has managed to convince the noncommuting members of the Roberson family that moving away from No VA is good for the entire family—only, they seem to be moving in the opposite direction from where they (he) plan to eventually end up.

Pres' query about who is at a troop post really brought home the fact that, unless they're bde cmdrs—and we can just about count those on two hands—very few of our classmates still on AD are doing stuff with soldiers at soldier places anymore. Esp in the Army, most of our classmates that are left are training their replacements. I'm told that even our Class Marine **Mike Patrow** is now stationed in DC to show the Corps that a '68 Academy grad can live by the rules.

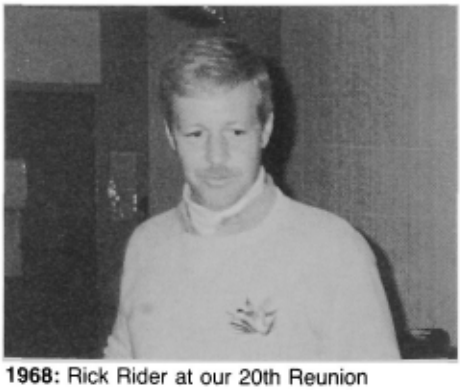
Thanks to **Chuck Giasson** for sending along a pic of **Phyllis** & him and their children taken after Chuck was frocked in May. He rep that being a fake COL isn't all it's cracked up to be. To begin with, the pay is lousy. . . . Chuck was paroled for good behavior from the Pentagon after only a yr to become the PM



1968: The Giassons at Chuck's frocking

for Tactical Mgt Info Sys (TACMIS) at Ft Belvoir. For fear of inundating Chuck with all of our highway helper classmates, he acquires and fields all Army tactical computers and software, and DOD automated ID tools. I'd like to talk with him, but I was the guy who thought fax paper was slippery so it could slip through the phone wires easier. **Henry Riser** wised me up because **Pete Paulson** explained to him that fax paper was already in the machine—it's just the ink that goes through the wires. Maybe that's why they still won't let Pete out of the Pentagon. Another reported sighting of a classmate PM in the area is **Jim Craig**, who is working in the netherworld.

Yet another classmate who has gone through career transition from Army green and blue is **Larry Manning**, who is now with Ford Aerospace. He's either working in a very sensitive area, or his officemate has spent a lot of time in NYC. When I called to beg for news, I asked the guy if Larry was around, and he countered with, "Who wants to know?" When I finally got Larry on the phone and asked him if he was still commuting from Manassas, I noted that his officemate's manners and vocabulary had rubbed off on him.



1968: Rick Rider at our 20th Reunion

Steve Frushour dropped a note to underscore all the good things that have been said about **Ken Knitt**. Steve was with him until the end of Ken's mortal life, and said Ken usually ended up bolstering the myriad of friends who came to try to bolster Ken. Ken never smoked, yet lung cancer took him from his family and us.

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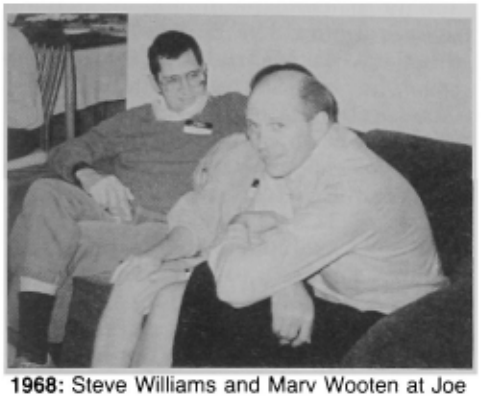
Sorry I haven't been able to follow through on the sad news that **Jocko Merriam** is leaving the Army. Since he gave the news and his phone no to **Barbara**, and she relayed what she could remember, minus the no to me, all I know is that the family was given less than two wks to be packed and moved from Ft Sill to Japan. Another action completed by our boys at the Hoffman Bldg—Asgmts R Us. With **Gary Halstead** and **Jocko** now ret, who do we have to become Com or Supe that won't screw up a rocket?



1968: Steve Williams and Marv Wooten at Joe Henry's

While playing hooky from our article, I got to talk with **Bill Jeffries**, who gave up to No VA from VA Beach. While **Cheryl** has given up her pres of Exec Strategies to go back into health care, Bill has moved from Otto Kroeger Assoc's to take up the pres of Exec Strategies Intl to specialize in team building, org dev, and ethics for Corp America and her intl owners. His books on org dev and ethics should be available by Christmas.

Ken Kremenak is back from FRG and is somewhere between Ft Campbell, KY and Falls Church, VA. I'll try to do better at the **Swan/Johnson** luau in Great Falls. Finally, **Pat Johnson** has volunteered to host the traditional Army New Yr's Day reception—where you can come in dress blues and tennis shoes. . . . Let's think a bit on that one. . . . As you can tell, I REALLY need your help Rabble. Anything in writing pretty much guarantees that I won't screw up your information too much. But I REALLY do need news because we want to know how and where you are, and that you're OK because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—BEAT NAVY!—**Dave**

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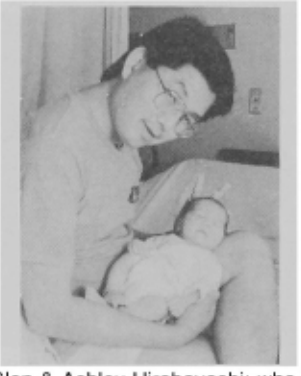
This column is being written on 20 Aug, covering news received since 15 Jun. My next deadline is 15 Oct, and news received by then will appear in the Jan 91 issue.

A really enjoyable DC summer gathering was held on 18 Aug at **Ken Wanless'** swim and tennis club in Falls Church. In attendance were **Albrecht, Alexander, Anstrom, Ashley, Bazzel, Beckworth, Blumer, Bornhoft, KC Brown, Caris, Phil Clark, Coan, Cornelison, Coyle, Ralph Crosby, Dunaway, DuVall, Foss, Greg Foster, Gelineau, Glacel, Paul Grant, Jay Harper, Hirabayashi, Hofstetter, Hoopengardner, Hunkele, Jarvis, Kimmitt, Luchak, Lynch, McGovern, Morelock, Munson, Narel, Nesbitt, O'Toole, Porter, Reinhardt, Remmel, Ricker, Robella, Schroeder, Seitz, Johnnie Shaw, Slenker, Bill Smith, Snow, Spann, Sparks, Steele, Stobbs, St Onge, Wanless, Doug Williams,** and **Ron Williams.** Also at the party were **Peggy Isenhower** and daughter Megan, who is en route to Gonzaga U in Spokane, WA. Her brother Jim is now a yearling at the Academy.

The **Beckworths** were proudly displaying new daughter Sarah, while the **Hirabayashis** were joined by Ashley Mikako, who was exactly one mo old.

Doug Rogers joined in the festivities by tel from Singapore, which he & **Ginny** use as the base for Doug's Asian activities. **Joan & Bob St Onge** and **Carol & Doug Williams** were down from the Army War Col at Carlisle, while **Corinne & Dave Hofstetter** were preparing to move from VA to Atl. Many, many thanks to **Ken Wanless** and the other party organizers.

The other significant Class gathering was at **Victoria & Tom Wheelock**'s wedding in Beverly Hills. In attendance were **Allardice, Joe & Laurie Berenato,**



1969: Glen & Ashley Hirabayashi; who is more mature? (Check Glen's fingers.)

our honorary classmate **Bob Berry, Steve Brown, Brundage, Bill & Siobhan Burke, Fagan, Glore, Groves, Harmeling, Jarvis, Randolph, Schaaf, Jay & Ann Wheeler,** and **Yaap.** Victoria & Tom are living in Santa Monica, and Tom's transition to the W Coast is now complete (though I hope their yrly A-N pilgrimage will continue!).

The next Class gathering will be at A-N. Details will be worked out closer to the game, but you should plan to go by the Airport Hilton (near Veterans Stadium), where classmates normally stay and assemble both pre- and post-game.

John Lucas in Knoxville sent the only civ ltr, which was enclosed with the Class directory he recently distributed. I really applaud John for taking on this project, and I hope ea of you will support him by keeping your addresses current with John (and AOG!).

On the active duty side, **Ron Hudak** wrote from San Ant where he teaches at the Army-Baylor Grad Prog of Health Admin. At Ft Carson, **Mike Landrum**

1969: Wheeler, Glore, Steve Brown, Bob Berry, Dave Hardman '71, Randolph, Fagan, Groves, Allardice, Victoria & Tom Wheelock, Harmeling, Berenato, Schaaf, Yaap, Burke and Jarvis

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1969: Harmeling, Jarvis, Brown, Yaap and Glore

1969: Randolph, Schaaf and Harmeling

will turn over cmd of 3/29 FA on 24 Aug.

I received a very nice ltr from **Willis DeYoung**'s mother, who related that the DeYoung Memorial Fund paid for the altar, pulpit, and altar rail at the new facility for St Christopher's Episcopal Church in Killeen, TX. She hopes that classmates at Ft Hood might stop by the church, and she welcomed visitors to El Paso to give her a call (915-565-1406). Mrs DeYoung also mentioned that one of Will's younger brothers, Guy, was graduated with the Class of '82 and is now an ROTC inst at WV U.

Peggy & Jim Love and family stayed with us for a wk this summer while vacationing and visiting colleges with daughter Halley. They are now back in Hamburg for their final yr at Ger Staff Col.

Last news was from **Bill Foster**, with whom I had lunch on 3 Aug. Bill just returned from bn cmd in Ger and is at Harvard for a War Col equivalency tour.

When Trinidad and Tobago, Liberia, and the Persian Gulf let me get home, **Holly** and the children all look great. Kathleen is now 10, Robert 8, William 7 in Sep, Mac 5, and Rooney 3. We wish you and yours a happy fall—and Beat Navy!

God bless to all in '69.

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Scribe's dilemma: do I say that the reunion was just one outSTANDing party, or do I say that the reunion *is going to be* one outSTANDing party? You see, when you write the col two mos ahead of time, and then they say distribution will be a wk before the scheduled event, it makes for an interesting crystal ball paradox. In any case, from an Aug deadline perspective, the reunion will be a terrific time, guaranteed. We have managed to at least contact almost everyone in the Class, so if they don't make roll call, at least most will be All Right Authorized Absence. The scribe's other dilemma: since you are probably reading this col after the 18–21 Oct event, you probably figure that you can find out all about the news from far flung outposts in the next issue. Wrong. Deadline for the Jan issue is 15 Oct, so the report of the reunion party can't make the press until the Mar issue. Does anybody have HG Wells' Time Machine around handy, so we can staighten this out?

I did get a couple of calls from frantic classmates looking for the party LOI. **Bill Vann** consequently removed his name from the ranks of the unknown by calling in a scant two days before the suspense for most reunion event reservation cutoffs. This portends attendance at some part of the festivities by him. Bill & **Connie** are living out in VA City, but Bill works in Reno, NV as a sr civ engr for the Reno pub works dept. Connie is not employed outside the home at the present time, but she does manage to stay occupied with her various craft projects. Bill collects musical instruments, like guitars, saxophones, and clarinets, and still plays guitar (like he did when he was a Glee Club Headliner), but is no longer in a gp. Bill can also be found dashing about on his motorcycle, either on the NV streets, or wherever there are no NV streets.

Dan Shaw also checked in to obtain some info. It appears that he has been so busy making money the last couple or 15 yrs that he hasn't had time to stay in touch or have any fun. It appears that this will all turn about with Dan & **Sally** arriving at WP for the big party. Dan owns a co called GOAL, Inc which manufactures sporting goods, like goals, strangely enough. Sally owns and has been running a video store for about the last 1-1/2 yrs. Their kids Daniel (15) and Matthew (13) are both involved in soccer programs around their Clinton, CT home.

The recent 7th Day Adventist convention in Indy brought the Rev Mr LT **Guy Drab** USN to town, so we naturally had him over for one evening. A pic should be forthcoming, next issue. After we completely devastated his dietary restrictions, we found out that he is a grandpa! His son Joe's wife gave birth to Christina Leanne on 1 Jun.

If you happened to read the *Army Times* last 2 Jul, your eye may have been caught by the article on oriental rugs entrepreneurship. Yep, sure enough, **Malinda Malkemes** was featured for her business which she has had at Ft Knox (with a partner) since 88. The flexible hrs and working out of the home are the attraction. **Bill** no doubt figures it's a good deal when ret from the Army rolls around.

Les Sumner sent me a copy of an article from *Sports Illustrated* about the USMA-USAF championship rugby game last May at Pebble Beach, CA. The game was won by the Zoomies, 18–12, and the article naturally highlighted the winners from USAF. But it was nice that they let **Mike Mahan**, the Army ruggers coach, have the last word in the write-up. Quoting both Mike and *SI*, "This is a rivalry built on comradeship. There are no losers in a game like this."

Julian Burns, LTC (P), sends greetings from the NTC, Mojave Desert, Ft Irwin, HOT, CA. Julian is the Sr Live Fire Combat Trainer through approx Jun 91, when he goes off to cmd the 1 Bde, 2 ID, Camp Casey, Korea. He complains that the pace of life may preclude attendance at reunion, but if it does, he sends his best regards to all. In the meantime, he witnessed **Jim Etchechury** relinquish cmd of the 1/63 AR Bn, those nasty OPFOR guys at NTC. Jim will be heading off to the War Col next yr.

1970: Etchechury's Change of Cmd, 1/63AR, Ft Irwin, CA, with Burns, Jun

The note about **Julian** above brings me rapidly to the conclusion that there are probably a bunch more guys out there who will soon soar with eagles. What a disappointment—I missed the entry in the *Official Army Book of Lists*. If anyone still has the 0–6 promotion list out there, send it along so that I can let all of those outside of the mainstream of DA publication distribution in on the good news.

Not so good news from **Mike Johnson**. Mike sends regrets that he will not attend the Oct fest. In Mar 87, Mike suffered a stroke, and has since been severely crippled. He moved to Vershire, VT to avoid the heat on his dr's advice. His wife sold the Boston house, and moved the 3 kids to FL so she could take care of her 82-yr-old father. Mike is

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struggling with his condition, and in the process of divorcing his wife. Mike says that if he could get through plebe math and the green death, he can get through this, too.

Another newsy change of address postcard from **George Allin.** I can't figure out if George just hates spending the extra dime for a ltr stamp, or if he has severe arthritis of the fingers and is afraid to write more than 25 words at one time. Anyhow, we do find out that George left Ft Sill, and is now serving at Ft Leavenworth as a CAS^3 inst.

We have a couple of contributors to the collected works of Army lore, as evidenced by the publication of "Logistics in Grenada: Supporting No-Plan Wars" by **Gil Harper** and "John Lehmans' Command" by **John Mearsheimer**, both of which appeared in the Jun edition of *Parameters*, the US Army War Col qtrly. In case you haven't heard of Gil lately, he got an Opns Res and a math master's from Stanford, had cmd of the 193rd Spt Bn in Panama, served as G4, 1st Sp Opns Cmd (abn), got a War Col fellowship in Nat Sec Prog of the JFK Sch of Govt at Harvard, and is now in J4, Dir of Logistics, Joint Staff. Sounds like he's qualified to write to me. On the other hand, Prof Mearsheimer is the Chm of the Dept of Pol Sci at U Chicago. He got an MA in intl relations from U So CA, and an MA and PhD in pol sci from Cornell. He has had research fellowships at both the Brookings Inst and Harvard. Tomes which now reside on John's "I did it" bookshelf include *Conventional Deterrence* (Cornell, 83) and *Liddell Hart and the Weight of History* (Cornell, 88). The latter volume was reviewed in the Mar *Parameters* by Jay Luvaas, in case you want an expert opinion on John's word processor output. But I guess both these guys can write. The real question is, can they do a gossip column?

I got a rather gloomy note from **Bob Heaton**. Listen to this and see if it doesn't remind you of Feb at USMA. Bob is now ret USAF. But his wife is still active duty USAF, now stationed at Hahn AFB, Ger. Since **Debbie** left in May 89, and since Bob wasn't going to be a dependent husband until 30 Jun, the USAF wouldn't send him because there would not be enough time to serve out the commitment for the move. As a retiree, the USAF wouldn't do didley; as a dependent, they'd pay his way, move household goods, etc, so Bob has been waiting around, staying occupied by taking computer and Ger classes. Quarterly visits to Ger have helped some. Bob is also staying in shape by running. Whenever he & Debbie get together, they can likely be found out on the road together—Debbie usually wins. Bob expects to be in Ger about Sep, and hopes to pick up a job teaching at one of the local cols at Hahn AFB.

While cruising through Atl on the way to Ger for the Mil Vehicles Oper, Div of GM, I decided to make a couple of local calls. I ended up connecting with **Paul Passaro** in Peachtree City. Paul is working at Ft McPherson in the FORSCOM J5 Strategy JCS. **Sharon** works for Field Aircraft, a UK aviation maintenance outfit. Son Paul (13) enjoys playing softball and tennis. Big Paul expects to ret in Jun 91, rather than sign up for another 3 yrs for an expected asgmt in Spain. He figures it's better to try to transition at age 42 than wait until 45, expecially since Atl agrees with him, even if future employment is a big "?".

The other local call was to **Terry & Ginger Hilderbrand** in Douglasville. Terry is the Dep C/S for Info Mgt for Second Army at Ft Gillem. Ginger teaches math, soc sci, and reading at a local middle sch. The sons Neil (11) and Matthew (6) keep them otherwise occupied, but dad still gets to coach soccer, play some golf, and deal with the scouts.

Rapid fire, found while recycling soda cans and papers for amazingly little payoff: the ranks of the Army ret will be growing rapidly with new entries from our Class. **Ed Carlson** will be going to Martin Marietta in Orlando. **Joe Henn** is taking terminal leave until 1 Oct, and will be working in LA. **Elmer Schweninger** ret on 30 Jun and is now exercising the Pittsburgh network to find gainful employment. While selling and buying another home, El & **Sharon** are living the house-sitting and bed and breakfast survival technique. BLUFOR at Ft Irwin has recently seen the likes of **Jim Mowery** and the Ft Riley Avn Bde, **George Allin** as GS FA bn cmdr, **Bud Seifert** and his TX AR bn, **Carl Linke** with a Mech bn, **Lynn Rolf** with an AR bn, and **John Reitz** with the 3/11 FA Bn. **Corky Bruce** continues to excel at cmd of his FA bn in Ger. **Ralph Churchill** has cmd of a FA bn in HI, and is about ready to tie another knot, yielding a combined family strength of about 4–5 kids.

Pretty good news, but few photos. I need your help. At any rate, that just about dots the i's and crosses the t's on this one. If we could just hear from **John Cass, Jim Mulligan**, or **Joe O'Connell**, or any of those other guys listed last issue, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print for the holiday season, in an internationally distributed mag, then make a call, send an inexpensive ltr (beat the postal rate increase), or SOMETHING (with a pic), and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

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Change is enevitable. Even at WP. Some I can handle. I barely rolled over in the sack when the news of no mandatory chapel hit. Even got a little chuckle when the beans aired out their chins. No Sat classes? Right on. But wait a second. Freshmen at ease and talk at meals, if they go. Recognition by Spring Leave. Upperclass recites poop. Library tennis courts are history. When the area goes, I'm hanging up my 2–1.

Finally found a home. Love it here. Course, I'll be up to my highly-shined belt buckle in boxes until Christmas. Guess what color the sky is today? Yesterday? Guess what has fallen from the sky half the days I've been here? Professionally done, '71!

Only a nibble of news until I get entrenched and restart a network. While our Army bn cmdrs are doing great things, we shouldn't forget our AF brethren. **Bob Worthington** took cmd of the 43rd Electronic Combat Sqdn in Jul. I suspect he will get a chance to excel in the Mideast real soon.

From the consummate stringer out at Ft Ord: **Jeff Rock** was able to get down to Lawton for his daughter's HS grad (she's off to St John's in Annapolis) and ran into the current future cmdrs pictured herein. He also sends congrats to **Roger & Lyn Duckworth** on their cmd selection after having to slug it out in DC for so long. **Mike Maples** gives up cmd in Nov and moves on to DCSPER in DC to figure out how we're going to work this personnel drawdown. He'll no doubt run into **Tim Wray**, who stayed in the DC area after the Natl War Col to be the speechwriter for the Vice Chm, JCS.

1971: Commanders all, Ft Sill

OK, now. No excuses for not starting to network before the reunion. Saw **John Szczepanskis'** son's name in the USMA Class of '94. . . our first here. Also ran into **Dave Nelson** and his family roaming the Plain while on vacation from GA.

Off to make a good first impression. Tough to do with the wizardry of my

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1971: ORSA Conference, Annapolis

officemate, Jeff Lincoln. Go rabble. Be respectable.

'72

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There's a big bundle of news this time, and I've had to really hustle to make the publisher's deadline. Actually, they cut me some slack, as I was stress-testing a lounge chair on the bch in NC in Aug. Well, even if we missed last issue, we'll give it another try.

Got a distressful note from **Geoff Wilhelm** after last issue. He chided me for omitting an important part of the B-1 newsltr. It seems I "edited" the lines including news of the **Roger Miller** family, which happened to mention the birth of their 4th child in Oct 89. Well, we can't have that kind of news left out, so we'll do it till we get it right. Congratulations, Millers, on the birth of Emily Ann! She is their 4th, after 3 boys. And I apologize for the prior omission.

It seems the **Joe Ivey** and **Bill Britain** report of last time shook the memory cages of a few, including **Tom Rock** in Annandale, VA. Tom & **Sally** have a son Tommy at the AF Academy, Class of '93. Rock says that it's fortunate that **Bill & Kristi Hershenow** live near Denver, and are a haven of refuge for both Tommy and the Rock family when they are able to visit. Tommy says he can't wait to graduate so he can fly the fastest thing in the AF. The Rocks' "baby," Carollyn, is a HS sr and hopes to become a voice major at FL State U after HS. Sally is attending George Mason U full-time in accting and keeps plugging away to become a CPA. Oh yes, Tom works in HQDA PAE with **Ray Crawford, Dave Gallay**, and **Burt Tulki**. Prior to his present asgmt, Tom was in DCSOPS with **Joe Edwards**.

The co newsltrs I receive are so well done it is difficult to edit them for publication in this column. For ex, longtime contributor **Bill Guarino** keeps us posted on A-1 doings in his irregular, non-routine, but plenty informative fashion. His Apr edition was issued in Jul but, as always, is journalism at its Pulitzer Prize best. A-1 rep: **Frank & Debbie Eich** completed their 11th yr in Cape Girardeau, MO, where Frank makes LUV's diapers for Procter & Gamble. Debbie is in her 3rd yr as a second gr teacher. Jill (12) and Robby (9) continue to refine their talents in piano and sports, respectively. **Skip Ash** ended his bn cmd job in Korea and is now with the Army Staff in the Pentagon. **Sue** taught English to Korean businessmen, and they managed trips to Hong Kong and Bangkok.

Tom & Linda Marks decided that life with Michael (8) and Inthira (5) was too much like Bedlam Central in their apt, so they moved to a house in Mililani, HI. Tom is in his 3rd yr teaching history and soc sci at the Academy of the Pacific and continues his mag freelance work. Linda, also, has decided to return to her career as a teacher.

More than a yr has passed since **Marie Aldrich** completed her chemo and radiation therapy, and since that time, she & **Mike** had their "miracle baby." Daughter Jacquelynn was born last 26 Mar. She joins Carrie (14), Maria (10), Tommy (4) and John (2). Mike has been in his new job as pres and CEO of Document Systems for a yr now. **Mike & Peggy Godbout** are still looking for their car since eldest son Greg turned 16. They only have 5 more to get to the driving age before they give up! **Steve & Sandi Curtis** are in Warren, MI where he is an engr at the Tank Automotive Cmd. Sandi is an oper rm nurse at Bon Secour Hosp. Daughter Tara is a HS sophomore, and son Brandon is in the 8th gr.

Murro Martens is still with Texas Instruments, but now working on the Adv Antitank Weapons Systems (AAWS) proj at the Denton plant. **Darla** is in her 13th yr as a gr sch teacher and Kent (14) and Kevin (10) are in HS and middle sch, respectively.

Tom Pawlowski is looking at a tour in the DC area after completing his PhD at GA Tech. **Al Barlow** left P&G and is now with the Irwin Co as a prod mgr for drills and auger bits and other tools, which make up about half the co's bus. Al says he likes the economic challenge of working in a smaller co. He also gets to see **Butch Fennema** often. Butch continues his busy lifestyle as teacher and consultant, including classes in gp dynamics, research, creativity and motivation for gps from undergraduates to sr citizens in the Elderhostel prog. He managed to see the **Aldrich** clan as well as **Bob & Deb McDannel** on a recent visit to WP. Aside from other vol efforts, Butch has discovered an interest in photography.

Rick & Cathie Wampler added a 7th to their household of 6 children with a foreign exchange student. Son Patrick spent the second semester of his jr yr in Bolivia to complete the exchange. Cathie has daughter Katy in her second gr class at sch. Rick is Dir of Training and Doctrine for the Sch of the Americas at Ft Benning. The Wamplers expect to be at Benning through the summer of 91. **Paul & Denise Oskvarek** have settled in at WP (Paul is the Facility Engr) after a stressful yr or two. Son Paul (4) had a tumor removed from the back part of his brain in Feb 89 and has had radiation and chemotherapy treatments since. The surgery and treatment were performed at Louisville's Kosair Children's Hosp, and Paul seems to be doing fine. Daughter Jessica started 4th gr this yr. Osko has already been tabbed as a 20th Reunion comm member!

Grant Smith (how did F-1 get into the A-1 update?) is in Korea as CO of the 2nd Engr Bn. **Janice** and boys are staying at home in VA. As for the **Guarinos**, it seems the transition to a new neighborhood has been made and the kids have found their new friends. Patrick (7) and Catherine (6) are glad to be back in sch, even if Patrick does miss his re-runs of "Dobie Gillis" on Nickelodeon!

Thanks to an update from **Bill James** last time, we get the same from **Tim Norris** this time. Tom says he got so carried away reading about Bill he couldn't stand it. Tim is an anesthesiologist in private practice in Twin Falls, ID. Prior to leaving the Army two yrs ago, he was Ch of Anesthesiology, Tripler Army Med Ctr, Honolulu. At TAMC Tim worked with **Greg Bowman**, Ch Thoracic Surgery, who is now the same at Brooke Army Med Ctr, San Ant. Tim says his wife **Linda** has adjusted to ID after HI and stays active in comm affairs, such as pres of the ID Med Assoc Auxiliary. Son TJ (11) is an outstanding skeet shooter, golfer and archer. Norris celebrated his 40th by taking a 3-wk safari in Zimbabwe. He bagged a leopard and superb Kudo antelope. Tim makes public chastisement of **Tony Jacobs** for poor timing by marrying **Cecile** Moore while Norris was on safari. Linda attended the Denver, CO wedding, along with **Genna Gates**, Littleton, CO, and **Ed Freund**, CO Springs. Norris keeps in touch with **Bob Quimby** in Olympia, WA. Thanks for the news, Tim.

Got a report of the DC area mini-reunion and picnic from **Bob Curran**, but will save the details for next issue. Hope that's OK with Bob and the reunion attendees. Don't worry, next time.

'73

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Just moved in to new address (above). I'll catch you all up next issue and God Bless.

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1973: Jim & Marie Schultz at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

1974: Gary & Carol Miller, Suzanne Marone and Andrew Knight at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

'74

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Gruss Gott from D-Land! As Nov rolls around, the anniv of what happened a yr ago comes to mind: walls a'falling and barbed wire cutting, etc. This Nov the thoughts of soldiers now turn to "Drawdown" and what last Nov has caused for us. In Ger, every driver and sqd ldr has his own rumor of what the future holds. Maybe by this printing something formal on redeployment, deactivation and CFE talks will be announced. The restructuring of Fts Hood and Lewis have already limited the PCS's to those locales.

The biggest news for the Class this time around is the release of the 91 Bn Cmd List—those frontrunners that will don green tabs and assume cmd next yr. There are 26 of them, and it's a great group for the Class to be proud of. By branch, here they are: IN: **John Batiste, Denny Dimengo, Bill Martinez, Dave Petraeus**; AR: **Bill Betson, Marty Dempsey, Tom Goedkoop, Russ Goehring, Bob Mixon, Kurt Norman, Rich Rowe, Fuzzy Webster, Chip Wentz**; FA: **Ed Cerutti, Gordy Moore, Tim Peterson, Robert Reese, Al Turner, Rudy Veit**; EN: **Greg Bean, Jim Mudd, Kerry Pierce**; Special Forces: **Dave McCracken**; MI: **Keith Alexander**; Fwd Spt Bn: **Brian Geehan, Dave Hohnstine**. If I have erred, let me know. The exact unit and post for these guys is not available to me—someone send me a copy. I only hope by next yr all these guys get a bn and not miss out due to the drawdown. Anyhow, congrats to the group from the Class and wish ya'll the best.

John Blanco said he had received a ltr from **Pham Tam** in Vietnam. Pham had related his past 16 yrs, but had no new devel. I'm waiting to hear from **Pat McBrayer**, who's working hard on the case and hopes to have news soon. Pham's address for you to send some holiday hope: Pham Minh Tam, 284/13 Co Bac, F23 Q1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. His wife's name is **Trang Kim Chi**.

Richard Dillon wants **Lee Van Arsdale** and **Dean Russell** to contact him ref writing **Keith Holmes'** obituary. Contact Dillon at Tishman Speyer Properties, Ludwig Erhard Anlage 1, D-6000 Frankfurt/Main 1, Fed Rep Deutschland. Also, **Ben Withers** can help coordinate at 7424 Van Noy Loop, Ft Meade, MD 20755, tel (301) 674-4058. Thanks, Richard. He's developing the Messeturm in Frankfurt, a new office bldg acclaimed to be the tallest bldg in Europe.

John Matousek arrived in Stuttgart in Jul and I got to visit with him over some ribs. He's moving from Knox to EUCOM HQs where he'll work on the J-1 staff—doing some bean counting for the CFE talks in Vienna. **Terri** and the kids will join him when he gets quarters, and I hope to visit with him often. He said **Pat Cooney** was going great guns with his *Armor* mag at Knox.

Frank MacLean got in print with his article "German General Officer Casualties in WWII: Lessons for Future Wars" in the Apr *Military Review*. The only other extraneous news is from **Marv Decker**, who finds delight in zipping up to Berlin to "deal" for Soviet memorabilia, notably tanker watches. Marv and I get a chance to play OPFOR (alias Soviet) tactics for 6 wks at Hohenfels as we match wits with the 1st Armored Div and the likes of **Eric Wildemann** and **Steve Shambach**. We'll be one of the last units to do this; by 1 Jan there'll be a dedicated OPFOR stationed at Hohenfels.

Short article this time. I think the usual summer travel turmoil has scrambled your writing materials. Now the hol season is a superb time to update everyone on your news—send pics too! This article should closely coincide with the new LTC's list, one that'll be disappointing for a number of classmates due to the decrease in promotions. Keep one another in mind during this time.

Have a super holiday season!

'75

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Greetings to All members of Courage and Drive '75. This column will be somewhat shorter than usual for two reasons, the first being that there was not a lot of mail for this issue. I'm going to assume that you will all be giving me vast amounts of great info at the reunion in Oct. The second reason for the shorter column is that my unit here at Ft Hood is currently in the throes of preparation for deployment.

The past few days have been somewhat of a blur. As usual, our classmates are there when we need them most. I want to send sincerest thanks to **Dempsey & Darla Darrow** for their friendship and support. They have been a constant source of comfort and strength to **Kathy** through this difficult and trying period. **Al Fehlings** and **Mike Genetti** have also been there with encouragement and friendship. F-4's own COL Seth Hudgins has also been a great guy to have in my corner and I thank you all.

Dale Dvorak sent a ltr from Mexico City. Dale and his family have been in Mexico for the past 3 mos. Dale was transferred from KS City as Dir of Opns for Colgate-Palmolive Mexico with an asgmt of 2–5 yrs. Dale says that any classmates passing through are always welcome at their "casa." Dale rep that the pain of transition to a foreign country was eased somewhat for daughters Sally (11) and Kari (8), and for **Jane** with the arrival of 5-mo-old Benjamin. At the time of Dale's ltr, they were hoping that the adoption proceedings would be finalized by the end of Jun. Sincerest congratulations to you all. A family photo would be a great addition to a future issue. Dale and family can be contacted c/o Colgate-Palmolive SA de CV, 1005 Santa Isabel Ave, Laredo, TX 78040. Dale, thanks for a great ltr.

We received a ltr from Don Frazer, '70 Scribe. He found an article written by our own **Tom Wallace** entitled "Army Engineering Test Pilots." The article was in the Mar/Apr issue of *Aviation Digest*. It is a very good article and I applaud those who can work as an Army engring test pilot. Any of you who are interested in reading this, contact me and I'll be glad to send you a copy. (Include a ltr to your scribe in the request.)

I want to thank **Jay Bishop** for getting personally involved in seeing to it that **Kathy** received some med tests in a timely manner. Once again, our classmates came through for us. Jay is the head of the urology clinic and is doing a great job in a very busy hosp.

Sincerest congratulations to our class-

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mates selected for bn cmd. They include **Jack Cage, Don Ramsey, Sid Vogel,** and **Mike Vane**. I've checked this list very carefully; however, if I have omitted someone, I send apologies. Please let me know. (Pics from change of cmd ceremonies make great inclusions in the column.)

We've seen **Kathy Lynn** (wife of **Clark**) and **Pam Stacy** (wife of **Steve**) and assorted young'uns floating in the Hood O'Club pool. All appear to be healthy and happy.

That's the news for this issue. **Kathy** & I plan to be at the reunion if my current mission will allow that. I sincerely hope that by the time you read this, matters in the Persian Gulf will have calmed down considerably and that all Amer and Allied forces will be safely home.

God Bless.

'76

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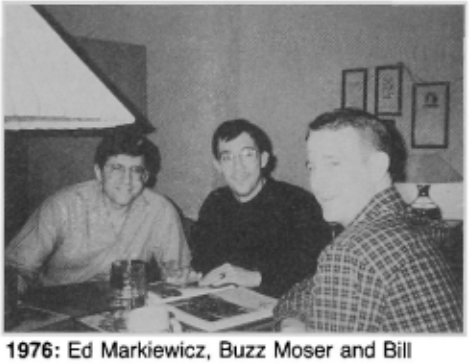
Greetings again. During this eventful late summer, I hope that this brief manuscript finds all of you and your loved ones healthy and happy. News here is that **Donna** & I will probably be here for the next umpteen yrs. The Ch of Urology has ret, and I have been named to replace him. Therefore, you will have the relatively unique opportunity to continue to send correspondence to this address for a long time to come.

Speaking of correspondence, there's a paucity. As you read this column, please send a pic of your family and a Christmas/holiday card with news from your front. Lots of people would like to hear from you.

First note comes from the **Markiewicz** family. Over the Easter holiday, their family took a two-wk vacation to Ger. Of course, the boys wanted to go to Disneyworld but when they returned from the trip, they eagerly agreed that it was much more memorable than Space Mountain could have been. Their base of oper there was the home of **Buzz & Pam Moser** and their handsome son Matt. Buzz is finishing up his asgmt as an IG for US Army Europe. They have a wonderful place just outside of Heidelberg. The Mosers borrowed a minivan and the two families toured the sights and castles of southern Ger for a few days while Buzz and **Ed** collected empty beer steins. One of the highlights of Buzz's tour was totally non-mil related. With his fantastic singing skills, he was selected to sing a role in the play *The Student Prince*. On Easter wkend they were joined by **Bill & Paige Wolfe**. In tow was their newborn (Sep 89) daughter, Hannah. Bill is a bn S-3 somewhere in the hinterlands of Ger. The pic of all 3 of their families together was taken at Easter dinner in a Ger restaurant. During last Feb's long wkend, they visited **Jeff & Kathy Hughes** in Alexandria, VA. Jeff left the Army last Oct to ply his trade as a contracts atty in the private sector. His off is only two blocks from the White House and his client list is a "Who's Who" of def contractors. Ed does a great deal of traveling in his job. One recent trip took him to Minneapolis where he looked up **Geof & Cindy Schmid**. They returned from Sweden in Dec where Geof had a two-yr asgmt for Honeywell. Back in MN and newly promoted to purchasing mgr for the weapons system div, they were blessed in Apr of this yr with their first child, Vaughn Alexander. Ed says that Geof chose the name because he thought it would sound good on the Minn Twins starting roster someday (. . . "Today's starting pitcher with an ERA of 2.07, Vauuuughnnnn Schmid!") Along with his family, Ed moved to NW NJ in May from the PA side of the DE River. It's a very tranquil and scenic spot close to the Appalachian Trail, only about a 45-min drive from our alma mater. **Martin "Root" Rollinson** has suggested that members of Co I-3 who attend the 15th reunion meet at Ed's house and conduct a forced march up the Trail to Bear Mountain Pk. Some people have suggested that Root should prove his prowess by hiking all the way from the southern end of the trail in Delonaga, GA!

1976: Bill and Hannah Wolfe

1976: Markiewicz, Moser and Wolfe families at Easter dinner, Ger



1976: Ed Markiewicz, Buzz Moser and Bill Wolfe leafing through the *Howitzer*

1976: Jeff & Kathy Hughes at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum

Jim Bob Rollins sent the directory and notice of the most recent Class of '76 luncheon for the DC area. It looks from the schedule that it's held about twice yearly, with the most recent one on 23 May. For the 31 Jan lunch, 25 classmates were able to attend. Jim Bob as well as **Mackey Ives** were noted to be working on putting together a protempore governing body for the local '76 gp. **Paul Goldich** graciously "volunteered" to org the May lunch which was held at the Orleans House in Rossyln. I have sent on the directory to the AOG so that they can keep up with all of our folks.

1976: Scott Collier

The last note is from **Scott Collier**, just up no from us in Dallas. Scott ("turncoat" that he is) is working for Roger Staubach Co—commercial real estate firm. On 18 Apr, Scott was named as the Outstanding Young Leader in Geo-economics by *Site Selection*, a natl real estate trade publication. During 88, Scott represented corporate users in acquiring more than one mil sq ft of off space! He led the team which relocated GTE Natl Tel Oper consolidation to the

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Dallas/Ft Worth metroplex. Scott recently directed the team that relocated the Oryx Energy Corp to a 550,000-sq ft off tower constructed in Dallas. Scott sends a note that all are welcome to visit him in Dallas (I'm sure that he has a "few sq ft to spare"), but he cautions that if he's not home he'll either be at baseball (Ryan, 9) or dance lessons (Amanda, 5).

That's all there is for now. Don't forget to write! Have a wonderful holiday—keep it a safe one. Until then—**Ian**.

'77

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Summer opened with a greeting from the "Old Dominion," courtesy of **David Chadwick**. Dave had last written in 85 when he was still single. He married **Kathy** Jordan of Poughkeepsie, NY in Oct 87 while he worked for IBM. They now live in Reston, VA where he is an engrg consultant for the Analytic Sciences Corp. A busy couple, Dave is pursuing a PhD part-time at GWU while Kathy is the HR manager for a law firm in downtown DC. Though there are no "future WP'ers" as of yet, the Chadwicks do have a lovable 2 yr-old Sheltie dog appropriately named "Hudson."

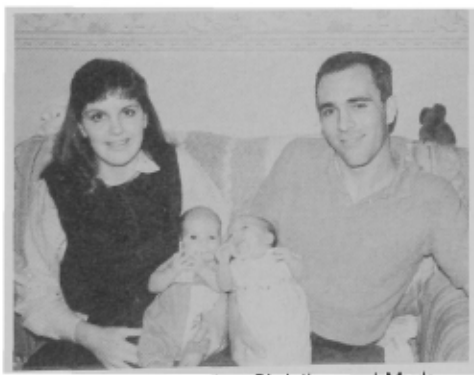
As you can see by the pic below with the Eiffel Tower in the background, **Dave & Kathy** visited the old country at the end of May for their annual vacation, having spent time in London, Paris and Edinburgh.

1977: David & Kathy Chadwick in Paris

Dave also provided me an F-2 Zoo update: all is well with **Al & Jeri Andon**, who are back in Austin, TX after a 3-yr stint in CA. They have a daughter, Natalie (two in Dec), and Al is a project engr at Tracor Aerospace. **Gerry & Nan McCone** are also in Austin, where Gerry is an acct exec with Dell Computer, handling the govt and mil sector. The McCones have two boys, Scott (3) and Gerry Jr (2). **John, Donna** and Jennifer (10) **Pruett** spent a few days in VA with the Chadwicks last summer. . . . they are now stationed in Heidelberg and if they read this, please drop a line to David & **Kathy**. While traveling to the Bay Area last summer, Dave got a chance to see **Denis & Cheryl Zambetti** in Dublin, CA. Denis is at Anthem Electronics and he & Cheryl are publishing a wine and food newsltr on the side. Thanks for all the news, Dave!!

In late Jun I received a call from **Mel Goodson** who was trying to get hold of **Mark Haselton** before he left for Okinawa. Mel lives in Houston, is still single- . . . and makes a point of stating that he has always been single and happy of it. He is a plant mgr for Pioneer Concrete in a job t! at keeps him outdoors, which he likes a great deal. I picked Mel's brain for a few mins and got the following news on classmates: **Pete Welsch** is in Ger; apparently he is the XO of a bn, and the Welshes have two children. Last winter, Mel spoke to **Cliff & Bunny Harris**, who are in Nashua, NH. Though he is not sure what co Cliff is working for, the Harrises (two children included) are doing very well. Apparently, Cliff went to work for TX Instruments in 82 and while he was in CT got recruited for his current asgmt, probably in the 87 timeframe. Well, thanks for the call, Mel—I encourage any of you to "reach out and touch me" whenever you get the urge.

Mark Liebenow wrote from WP. Mark & **Rose** were feverishly preparing for the arrival of the movers as they are scheduled to report to the 3rd ID in Wurzburg, Ger no later than 31 Jul. Mark expects to be filling an ADP slot on the div staff or in the DISCOM, and is reasonably certain that they will be living in a large 4-bdrm house east of Kitinger. However, the most important news to rep is the birth of their twins, Alexandra Rose and Christian Thomas, on Valentine's Day! Both are happy and healthy, having a combined birth weight of 13 lbs. This was a particularly joyous event since Mark & Rose had twin sons, Philip and Jacob, who died due to extreme prematurity a little over two yrs ago. They are thanking God for His many blessings!!



1977: Rose, Alexandra, Christian and Mark Liebenow

Mark also provided me with following update on classmates: ***Scott & Dorothy* Pritchett** (and family) are just completing an asgmt in the DC area headed for CGSC; **Bob Weller** is an Army dr in CO—Bob, **Maricel**, and the family plan to stay in CO until it can be proven that there is better skiing elsewhere; **Rick Lynch** is sqdr S-3 of the 1/11 ACR at Fulda and **Mark Lowery** is S-3 of 4/18 FA Bn at Babenhausen. Well, thanks for your ltr, Mark, and congratulations with the twins; we are keeping you and your family in our prayers.

In closing, I would like to pass on a grad announcement. **Bruce Altizer** graduated this spring from Willamette U Grad Sch of Mgt in Salem, OR. Willamette is the oldest univ in the West, was established in 1842 and is planning its sesquicentennial celebrations for 91–92.

Summer has been a wonderful and busy time for **Susan**, the kids and me. We made our yearly pilgrimage to my parents in Long Beach, CA, where we got a chance to celebrate their golden anniv, along with my brother Billy and his family, who flew in from Colombia. We later stopped by the Phoenix area to see some friends, just missing the 122 F temperatures. We will be ending our summer going to ME for a couple of wks and just relaxing as we prepare for Ashley and Lauren going into the 4th and 2nd grades, respectively. Greg is now 3 1/2 and as active as ever, keeping Susan very busy. So long—**Keesy**

'78

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The summertime blues are almost over. Seems like just yesterday I was writing the last article. Before we start, I'd like to wish a speedy and safe return to all who have been sent to the Middle East. We all pray that sanity will rule.

1978: The Nalepas, Chang, Sumners and Meyers '80 and '78 at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Chicago

Talked with **Tony Matos** last night. Tony is still in manufacturing with Partheon in NH. He lives across the st from **Tom Dolan**. Tony and **Reese Delorey** spent some time on the bch together. Reese is still working for Ford Aerospace as a program mgr in CO Springs.

Leamon Hall called me from Atl. He is

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doing well with Merrill Lynch as a broker.

Bob Meyer just got promoted to area sales dir, one of only 4 in Davis-Geck. He may be the youngest guy ever in that job. He supervises a 13-state territory out of Chicago.

Congratulations to **Charlie & Geri Breeding**. Their first baby, Christian, was born in Jun. Everybody is doing fine. Geri accuses Charlie of parading around the neighborhood showing off.

Tiny Rapone called from OH. He just made plant mgr with Federal Mogul and has about 650 people under his cmd. He seems real happy, but is working hard.

Word has it that **Chuck Jelinek** is tearing up the world of dentistry. Jugger is practicing up in No VA. Strange term for drs and dentists. Who would go to have med work done by somebody who is practicing? I want somebody who's done practicing and ready for the real thing!

Tim Blumer just got a big promotion with Anchor Glass in Lancaster, OH. Says he doesn't miss Ft Bragg at all.

From **Bill Harner** at WP, 14 Aug: "Greetings again from your 'rockbound highland home.' The Class of '78 is going into its twilight yrs as instructors at our alma mater. At last count, only 3 of our own join the ranks of the staff and faculty: **Mike Castelli** (Chem), **Greg Degen** (Juice), and **Joe Gonzalez** (Mech). We are down from our 88–89 high of 89 classmates on the faculty to maybe 15 this fall.

"On his way out the gate and en route to CGSC, **Mike Krieger** gave a closeout report and pic on the Physics Dept. **Chong OK** and **Gary Gumm** just finished their first yr. Cary was a plt trainer at Buckner this summer and course dir for the basic Physics course. **Guy & Penny Ontai** and 3 children are en route to Leavenworth after 4 yrs as a prof. **Ben & Laura Butler** still have at least one more yr here. Ben picks up the directorship of the core course next spring. **Leo & Helen Hergenroeder** and their two boys are heading to Leavenworth after 4 yrs at Woops. Leo did research in the new photonics research cell for the past two yrs. **Jenny & Tim Flugum** are headed to CGSC with children Jarrod and Abigale. Tim finished up in the dept teaching a new course on superconductivity. **Shirley & Mike Krieger**, along with Josh & Dan, just finished up their 3rd yr. Mike was the course dir for the basic crse last semester.

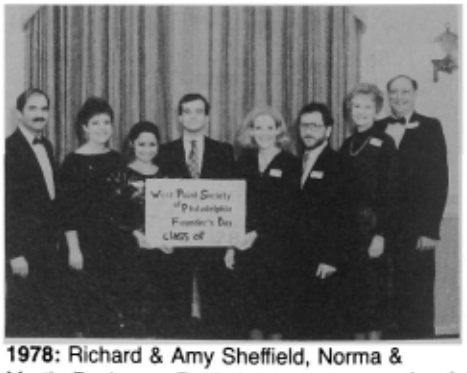
"**Ken Sheehan** came up from DC for the US/Soviet Forum hosted by USMA. Kevin is the Special Asst to the Under Secy of State for Intl Security Affairs. His two-yr tour in the State Dept has taken him to Budapest, Vienna and Ottawa for the Open Skies Negotiations. **Mike Scapporatti** and **Ken Curley** are up with the 10th Mtn Div. Mike was a bn S-3 for an Inf bn; now he is a bde S-3. Ken just got into the 10th recently and is down in a bn job.

"**Steve Anderson** just finished his tour in the Pentagon. He was in an ORSA job in the War Plans Div and spent a yr and a half as the exec to BG Christman in the Strategy, Plans and Policy Dir in DSOPS. Steve started the Marine Corps CGSC at Quantico last Jul. Fortunately for Steve, he will not have to move and **Anne** can keep her job, because they live in Alexandria. **Tad Davis** replaced Steve as BG Christman's XO. Ranger Davis & **Diane** and daughters Sarah and Amy have been homesteading in DC going on 5 yrs, with a reprieve at Harvard for Tad to get his master's. He is becoming a super desk cmdr. What ever happened to that field soldier that we have come to admire? Steve also rep that his brother-in-law, and our classmate, **Gordie Crom** and family just went to Leavenworth to join the scores of other classmates at CGSC.

"Again, it has been a fascinating few months at WP since I last wrote. If you have not heard, the Fourth Class System, as you and I knew it, is gone. A study of the FCS was conducted last yr by 3 gps—cadets, distinguished 'old grads,' and members of the staff and faculty. Each gp rep back in May to the Supe and recommended that significant changes needed to be made. Replacing the FCS is the Cadet Leader Devel System. CLDS' purpose is to provide a framework of progressive leader-subordinate experiences for cadets that inspire them to become leaders of character. In the past, from the cadet perspective, there were two distinct gps of cadets—upperclassmen and plebes. The we/they mentality greatly hindered leader devel of both gps. Under CLDS, each class has its own set of duties and responsibilities, knowledge requirements, and goals. For example, cadet offs (first classmen) are responsible for developing cadet sgts (second classmen), and have to have working knowledge of leadership models/theories taught in cow leadership class. In reflection on our own WP experience, I am sure you all would agree with the change.

"On a personal note, I have moved offices for anyone interested in contacting me at USMA. I am serving as the aide to the Supe, continuing a grand tradition for our Class. I am following in the footsteps of **Mike Scapporatti** and **Peter Martini**. My new off tel no is (914) 938-2610/3301 or AV 688-2610. God Bless to all and BEAT NAVY!"

1978: The Gumms, Ontais, Ben Butler, Hergenroeders, Kreigers and Flugums with the Classes of 2000 through 2010



1978: Richard & Amy Sheffield, Norma & Martin Beckman, Rachel & Larry Bourneuf and Janet & Dave Heller at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

Thanks for the WP update, **Bill**. That's it for now. I broke a record this cycle.

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I've not always been popular but I've received zero ltrs. Come on folks, I can't invent news. Send postcards. . . telegrams. . . anything. . . .

'79

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I am writing this column from the "unfamiliar" surrroundings of the Armed Forces Staff Col where I am experiencing the jointness of the services. Really, it is both educational and enjoyable to be working with our sister services. Now, on with the news.

I received a ltr from **Jim & Patsy Treharne**. They too enjoyed the reunion last fall and sent along a family update. Their 3rd child, Elizabeth Mae, was born on 18 Nov 89. Both Jim and the dr were glad that the hosp had a color TV, for Elizabeth was born during the second half of the Auburn-GA football game. Her older sister Rebecca just finished kindergarten and really enjoys sch. Jimmy is 3 now and has completed his first yr of nursery sch. Jim has now completed his tour as an ROTC inst and will stay for a yr at Auburn to finish his master's in indust engr. Jim is looking forward to settling down to a yr of sch work, for his last several yrs have been busy with both ROTC work and getting started on his master's. Jim has also been working as the OCF rep in his area. Good luck with sch Jim, and thanks for the update.

Steve Crutchfield sent a recent newspaper clip from the Richmond, VA area. The paper showed **Rickie McPeak**, as he was one of the first US Army officers to take part in a US-USSR joint training exercise. Rickie was accompanied by 10 cadets and another US off. One of the highlights of the trip occurred when they were in a combined formation and marched to Lenin's Tomb. It is nice to see there are still a couple of perks left for being a Russian inst at USMA.

A couple wks later I received another newspaper clip from **Steve**. This time it was about himself. It seems there was a kidnapping that occurred in Richmond, but FBI agent **Crutchfield** was able to solve the case. As Steve said, "It sure makes a person feel good to help a child in trouble," and any law enforcement off would tell you—when we catch the criminals it really makes it all worthwhile. Thanks Steve, for both articles and keeping the Class informed.

I also got a note from Dan Frazier '70 who happened to see several articles published by our classmates in *Field Artillery*. **Jeffrey A Appleget** wrote "A Captain's Guide to Training Lieutenants" and **Lester Jauron** wrote "A Framework for Excellence." Thanks Dan.

The last ltr I received was from **Francisco Gonzalez**. Francisco is leaving Budapest and his next tour will be in Islamabad, Pakistan. There he will be working with the Narcotics Assistance Unit in prevention, crop substitution, crop eradication, and interdiction. With the recent tension between India and Pakistan, this could turn out to be an "explosive" tour for Francisco.

While in Hungary, **Francisco** was able to do lots of touring. Examples include Bratislava, Czechoslovakia (where he stayed in the US consulate); Crakow, Poland; Northern Italy, Austria, Prague, Transylvania, East Berlin, Turkey and Yugoslavia. In Berlin, he was able to get 10 lbs of the wall, and in Austria he got a rusted piece of the iron curtain, as a border guard watched. Francisco has been busy in his tour as a political off. The recent visit of Pres Bush to Budapest kept him from attending the running of the bulls in Pomplona. Another highlight of his tour occurred when Francisco was able to visit **Steve Seybert** in Munich—whom he had not seen since grad. But the big news from Francisco was that he is now engaged. He & **Sandy Dembski** will be married on 18 Aug. Thanks Francisco, and I hope to hear about that wedding.

As I write this column from AFSC, I anticipate my return to my family and duty at Scott AFB. Hopefully, the world will settle down some by the time I return home. God Bless, **Scott**.

'80

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You will be reading this in Sep, and I hope are planning to attend the 10th Reunion of our Class next mo, on 18–21 Oct.

The 10th reunion is usually very well attended—so many of the classmates and friends you have not seen for many yrs will be there. It is a wonderful time to catch up on the last decade's news, and to talk about the future. Try not to miss it. There will be a party on Thur night, and a Class banquet on Fri. On Sat, the day will include a parade, a tailgater, and a football game, culminating in Sat's dinner in Wash Hall. The Reunion Comm has worked hard to org an excellent prog. If you have any final questions, contact **Mike Helmick** in the Engring Dept at USMA.

The *ASSEMBLY* has changed its printing schedule to 6 times a yr, so promptness in sending your news is important. I was unsure of the deadline for last issue's column, and so it had no news. Not much has arrived recently, so be sure to see me at the reunion to catch me up on your careers and families. Many of the pics you have sent in are very difficult to get published. The photo should always include a Class member, so baby pics won't qualify without dad or mom grinning foolishly alongside jr's adorable face. Black and white photos are preferred; small color photos are very difficult to print from.

Bruce Dow wrote: he lives in Gloucester, MA with **Josle**. They were married in Sep 89. Bruce is a test engr at the Draper Lab in Cambridge. He sees **Rich Repetto** regularly, and he and Rich recently got together with **Mike Mizusawa** to talk over G-2 war stories.

A scribe from the Class of '70 sent in an article which appeared in *Armor* mag, written by **Mike Luttman**. Mark is currently asst S-3 of 3/66 AR. Congrats, Mike, on being published.

1980: Gerry & Brenda Mullane at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

Chris & Debra Wagner spent 3 yrs in Ger, having two sons, Mark and Michael, while they were overseas. They returned in 88, and Chris received his MS at U of FL before heading to USMA to teach in the EECS Dept.

I am now working as a VP for Shawmut Bank in RI, after a hectic few mos of job changes and dislocation. My mission is to deal with troubled real estate loans, which are endemic throughout the financial industry, as all of you know from reading about the S&L crisis. Speaking of S&L's, I spoke recently with **Mark Hurley**. Mark, after his glamour days as an investment banker with Goldman Sachs, has now become a humble civ servant, albeit on a very sr level. He is the asst to the dir of the Off of Thrift Supervision, and so is in the thick of the fight to recover from the S&L problems of the last two decades.

That's all of the news for now. I'll see you at the reunion. Until then, God bless you everyone.

'81

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Everyone already received a ltr from **Chris (Boyle) Yuengert** concerning the 10-yr Reunion, 11–13 Oct 91. In case you have not, 92% of the Class had been located. **Dave Ochs**, 32133 12th Pl SW,

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Federal Way, WA 98023 is in charge of communications and is looking for classmates to represent cos I-1 and H-1. **Rick Pridgen** is still waiting for us to send him our negatives and slides circa 77 to the present. He is at ORSA sch and will PCS to St Louis in Nov. Send the pics to his home of record: 104 Fox Hollow, Clinton, NC 28328.

Dirk and I both did some time for the Reserves this summer. I worked out at Goodfellow AFB, right here in San Angelo, and ended up as the acting bn cmdr for 6 days. I really enjoyed my two wks back on active duty! Dirk was at Ft Sill finishing up the Advanced Course (Reserve Off version) in Jul. He met **Keith Herring**, who is an OBC instructor there, and **Mark Paslawski**. Mark was working on Wall St and now is with a financial firm in NJ. **Sue (Bottorff) Neumann** called from Ft Lee where she is in the Materiel Acquisition Mgt Course. She is assigned to Pickatinny Arsenal where she will use her master's degree from KS St U doing R&D work.

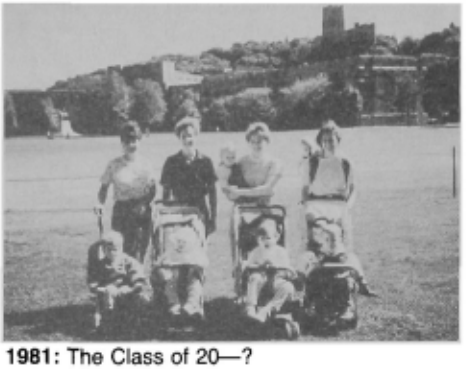
Joe Anderson wrote from the Pacific NW. He is a first-time writer with lots to relate. He has been married to **Beth** for over 9 yrs. Their son, Marc, was 3 on 24 Aug. Joe keeps in touch with LTC Knowlton, LTC Olson, LTC Arnold and COL Rokoz, all fellow marathoners. After grad, he went to Ft Polk where he was a scout plt leader, co XO, BMO and aide de camp to the ADC(M); then to Panama where he was adjutant, abn co cmdr and training off. Now he is at Ft Lewis where he was the S-3 Air and, since Jun 89, has been B Co cmdr in the 2d Bn, 75th Rgr Regt. He mentioned that he was back in Panama during Oper Just Cause. **Mike Newcomb** assumed cmd of A Co on 11 Jun, after being the S-1. **Bill**

1981: Joe Anderson and Mike Newcomb

Rice was in the regt until he resigned in Feb 89. **Dan Allyn** is the Asst S-3 at Regimental HQs, and **Mark Ritter** cmds Co A, 1st Bn at Hunter AAF at Savannah, GA. Dan and Joe were both below-the-zone selectees and should attend CGSC next summer.

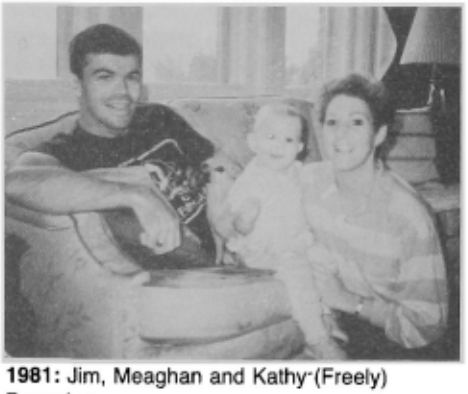
My Class of '70 correspondent, Don Frazer, found two articles in a recent *Aviation Digest*. **Kevin Smith** wrote "Moral Destruction by Maneuver"—the process through which the human mind goes in a fearful combat situation. **Walter Golden** co-wrote "Artic JAAT"—how in AK frequent joint air attack team training is used to provide the ground cmdr with a mobile, lethal tank killing force capable of engaging enemy forces at great ranges.

My buddy, **Gail (O'Sullivan) Dwyer**, sent a classic photo. From L to R are **Liz**



1981: The Class of 20—?

(Salvador) and Steven (3 yrs old), **Kathy (Freely) Browning** and Meaghan (1 yr old), **Linda (West) Harmon** and Katie (4) and Sarah (18 mos), and Gail with Stephen (4 1/2), Chris (almost 3) and Tim (10 mos) on the Plain. Gail also told me that **Jim & Mary Alice Bagwell** had a son, Tyler James, on 20 Jul. Congratulations to them and to big sister Erin. **Steve Dwyer**, Jim Bagwell and **Bill Harmon** are going to do a triathalon in late Aug at Camp Buckner. Sounds like "fun."



1981: Jim, Meaghan and Kathy (Freely) Browning

Kathy (Freely) Browning wrote to bring us up-to-date on the last 6 1/2 yrs. She & **Jim** went from Ger to Ft Sill where they both had cmds. Jim also spent time as Bn S-3 and speechwriter for MG Hallada, the CG. Kathy taught Fire Support at FAOBC. She related that **Tim Libby** and **Margaret Bridgeman** went FAO routes. Kathy & Jim are at WP now. Jim is Asst Opns Off for planning and scheduling for the cadets. Kathy is in the Eisenhower Prog of Grad Studies in Leader Devel. She will be applying what she learned last yr in Co I-2 this fall. Meaghan Alexandra was born at Keller Army Hosp, WP on 12 Jul 89 and has been keeping Kathy & Jim on their toes ever since. Kathy would like to hear from fellow Hawgs, esp **John Phillips**. Her address is 40C Wilson Rd, West Point, NY 10996.

That's all for now—I enjoy hearing from everyone! **NJS**

'82

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Hello '82. We found those photos that were lost last issue. Better late than never. Lots of news this issue, and I'll have to paraphrase quite a few ltrs. If you wrote a 5-pg ltr and you only see 6 or 7 lines, please understand.

1982: The Reynolds family

Ed Reynolds writes from Wash, DC. Ed spent his Army time in Fulda, Ger with the 11 ACR. While there he met his bride **Rita**. They now have two children, Katie (3) and Charlie (7 mo). Ed now works for SRS Tech, a def contractor in VA. His job includes working with SDI. Nearby, **Steve Buc, Rob Carlson** and **Kerry Kachejian**, work for SPC, another def contractor. Rob, Kerry and Ed went to the WP Soc of DC luncheon, and found that grads from the 60's, 70's, and 80's fit on 3 tables, while the '30's era grads filled half the room. Speaking of old grads getting together, half the E-2 gang seems to slam down beers every few mos or so. This time around it was in Chicago. **Dave Palamar** sends the photo of "Ears" **Creighton**, "Duke" **Ellington**, "Beast" **Palamar**, "Fermi" **Hanauer**, "3 Fingers" **Kenney**, and "Fossil" **Craig**. He also rep that **Bob Ruck** has finished Harvard and is headed to USMA, and **Alex Gorsky** has been promoted at Janssen Pharmaceuticals. Dave says he ran the AR OAC fitness prog, along with **Joel Jebb** and **Dave Knapp**.

Doug Vargas is a proud father. Daughter Valerie Jane was born on 13 Jun. Doug & **Laura** are in Seattle, as Doug attends grad sch at U WA.

The **Wartskis** are new parents, too. **Jim & Donna** celebrated the birth of Christina Lee on 1 Aug. She tipped the scales at 9 lbs.

Rick & Denise Sullivan are also new

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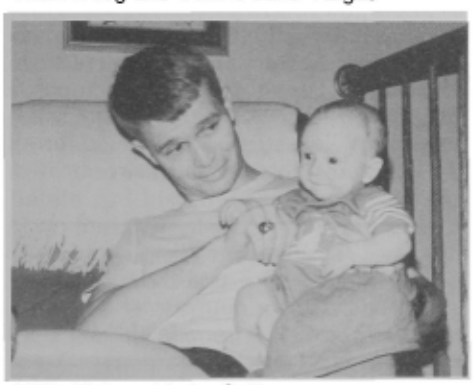
1982: E-2 Dog party in Chicago

1982: Doug and Valerie Jane Vargas



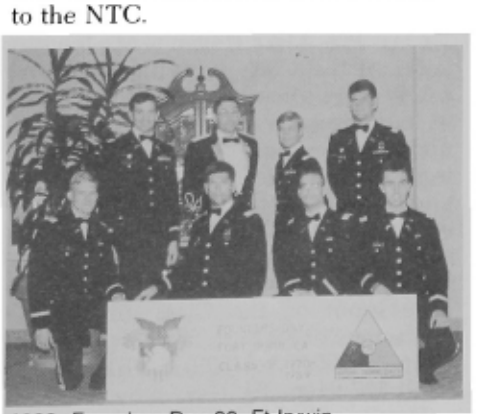
1982: Rick and Luke Sullivan

parents, welcoming son Luke into the world recently. Rick is in Joint Asgmts Mgt Branch at TAPA, after finishing two FA cmds at Ft Bragg and a tour in Ger. While in Ger, he met Denise, who was an AG off. **Lou Anne** & I had the opportunity to take a mini-vacation in DC with the Sullivans in Aug. When I visited Rick at work, he had to rescue me more than once from blindly wandering the halls of the TAPA bldg. (Go ahead, make all your map-and-compass-and-aviator jokes now. . . .) Congratulations to all of our new parents.

Mark & Mara Horstman send great news from Fredericksburg, TX. As rep a few mos back, daughter Kate was undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. The latest report is that the treatment has worked. Although there is still some concern about future tests, things look very good. Mark sends his thanks to all of you who sent cards and ltrs. He also has some classmate news. **Brian Boutte** has been promoted to a sales mgr position in TX for Mobil. He recently earned "Rookie of the Yr" honors. **Mike Auzenne** is also working for Mobil in the Fairfax, VA area. And **Ollie Bell** is now with Mobil in the Oil Exploration and Prod Div. Soon the Class of '82 will control the co. **John Hoffman** is doing well at Applied Materials in the SF Bay area. **Tim Carlin** recently began his civ career with KY Fried Chicken in the KC area.

1982: NE WP Soc summer picnic: Juergens, O'Leary, Groscelle, Johnson and Buechner

Ellen Groschelle sends news from the '82 folks in the NE WP Soc. She lives in the Boston area and invites any classmates to get in touch with her at 508-441-4151 to find out what's up among the grads. At the recent summer outing, **Brian O'Leary, Brad Johnson, Mark Buechner, Ken Juergens**, and their families all came and had a good time. Ellen sends news about a few other '82'ers. **Barb Grofic** is a civ working in the Phila area. So now we can all crash her place every Dec for A-N. **Patti Bent** wed **Tim Vaninger** in Denver in Jun. They met at a St Patrick's Day party a few yrs ago and the relationship took off from there. **Mark Kimmey** sends a photo from the deserts of CA. Although **Dave Nadeau, Charlie Swanson, Guy Runkle,** and **Ed Cardon** are also at Ft Irwin, only Mark made the Founders Day pic. Mark rep that **Mike Wadsworth** is a recent arrival to the NTC.



1982: Founders Day 90, Ft Irvwin

Ed Jozwiak drops a line to update us on his travels. His initial tour out of WP was with 1/41 Inf in the 2 AD at Ft Hood. He served as the Bn S-4 during a bn COHORT rotation from Hood to Garlstedt,Ger in Jun 86 and then became the activating cmdr for D Co, 1/41 Inf. During his time in Ger, he served with **Rich Totleben** and saw **Steve Cyr** and **Bob Steinrauf** during REFORGER 87. Ed is now working with LTV Missiles and Elec Gp in Dallas in a FA 51 R&D asgmt. He will finish working with LTV soon and will move on to take a position as a proj dir with the Army Proj Mgr, Training Devices in Orlando. His biggest news is the fact that he & **Kimberly** were wed 19 May. One of Ed's old bn cmdrs played matchmaker in Oct 88 while Ed was on his way through Bragg headed back to Ger. One thing led to another and Ed popped the question while kneeling in the snow at Niagara Falls under a rainbow on Thanksgiving 89. The Jozwiaks were wed at the Cadet Chapel as Chaplain Dick Camp officiated. **Tim Wright** was best man, and **Rich Totleben** was the saberbearer who administered the bridal swat on the tail. Other '82 saberbearers included **Craig Fox, Brian Allgood, Jim Lee**, and **Liam O'Connell**. Select Few in attendance included **Jim & Robin Flynn, Joe Duffey, John Hornick**, and **Kevin Griffith.**

1982: CPT & Mrs Edward Jozwiak

Not all the scholars of '82 are in grad sch. The historian from the Class of '70 sent along a copy of an article by **Al Peterson** that appeared in *Aviation Digest* in Apr. Al is the A Trp cmdr in 4/6 Cav, 6th Cav Bde at Ft Hood and authored an article on LIC air cav tactics. Al is not the first '82'er to have material published in prof journals. Don't hesitate to send your work along to your historian. Well done, Al.

John Pulliam sends news from IN. He & **Jacqueline** are there as John attends IU grad sch. They had a chance to meet with **Jim Knowlton** and **Mike Barbero** in Jun in St Louis. Jim and Mike were attending CAS3 at the time. They all went to the zoo and sent along the photo from the "primate house." (There are a lot of easy jokes there, but I'm above all that.) Jim & **Corey** and sons Jimmy, Patrick, and Christopher are settling into upstate NY, where dad is attending Cornell in pursuit of an engrg degree. Mike is also pursuing academic excellence in engring at GA Tech. Other news: **Mike & Fran Wilmer** and son Brian (2) are at

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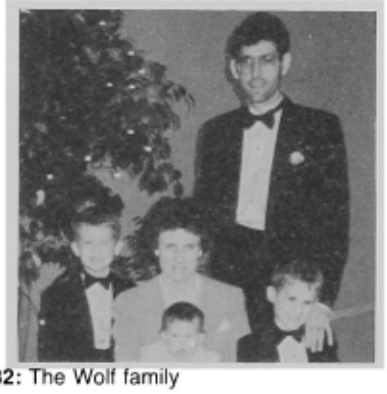
the AF Inst of Tech in OH; **Mark & Margaret Easton** and sons Richard and Michael are in Monterey, where Mark is finishing up his basic Russian training. **Chuck & Marie Chase** are also in Monterey, as Chuck is attending Naval Post Grad Sch. **Bill & Jamie Graves** and newborn son Colin are in MA, as Bill studies at MIT. John says, "Bill desperately needs USMA to send him self-study materials, as MIT does not offer summer courses" and to Bill, "You're welcome." (This is known as sending a subtle message to WP through the column.)

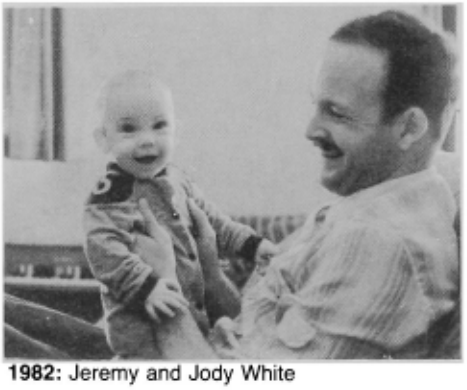
1982: Pulliam, Knowlton and Barbero in the primate house

Mike Davidson sends a barely legible ltr from Ft Hood. (Hey Mike, get a typewriter.) He & **Nancy** are finishing up their stay at Hood and will soon move to DC. Mike has served as Sr Trial Counsel for III Corps. He sends an update that's got a lot of E-1 news. **Tom Lynch** recently grad from Princeton with a master's in public admin. He's on his way back to USMA. **Max & Valerie Hughey** celebrated the birth of their second child, Bryce, born in early 90. Max currently cmds an EN co at Hood. **Walt & Nena Nelson** and daughters Christina and Cassie are in Seattle where Walt is a systems engr with IBM. **Eric & Margaret Thor** are in MN as Eric attends grad sch. **Mark & Donna Palzer** are finishing up a cmd at Ft Drum. Mark was offered Zaire as a follow-on, but declined. **Warren & Sylvia Phipps** and son Bryan recently left Hood after Warren cmded an Apache trp. He's now to attend Naval Post Grad Sch. **Tim Drake** took the trp from Warren. (If you watched the movie *Firebirds*, you saw the names **Mark Swanson** and Warren Phipps listed as tech advisers. Mark flew the lead AH-64 in many of the formation sequences.)


1982: The Wolf family

1982: The Drucker wedding

Franc Barends, Tom Faupel, Rocco Foderaro, and **Cindy Glazier** are also at Hood. **Juan Vera** is working with TX NG in El Paso as an adviser. **Bob & Ritz Ryan** are at Ft Sill. Bob cmds an arty btry and Ritz is a JAG off with SJA. They recently had their first child. **Greg & Donna Perchatsch** also have a new baby, Christopher, their second child. They are in HI as Greg is with the 25 ID. **Casey & Diana Neff** and son Holden are at Cornell and will be back at WP soon.


1982: Jeremy and Jody White

Class Pres **Mike Hogan** sent a lengthy letter re the Class' activities; unfortunately there's no room here to run his ltr in its entirety, but here's an excerpt re upcoming reunion: "Our 10-Yr Reunion is fast approaching! It will be held at WP on the wkend of 10 Oct 92 (Lafayette football game). Your help in planning and org the festivities is greatly needed. If you can help with the 10th Reunion or have input on the Class gift, please contact me at 82 East Third St, Moorestown, NJ 08057, tel (609) 429-5177 (W) or (609) 727-9106 (H)."

Finally, a little news from the historian. **Paul & Lisa Scroggins** were our guests here in Carolina Bch in Aug where we all hit our favorite little seafood joint. Later the wives thrashed the husbands in trivial pursuit. Paul is the Asst Div Avn Off in the 82nd Abn and was sent off to Saudi Arabia the day after his return home. **Kevin & Angel Mangum** are in USAF land at Kelly AFB. Kevin works in a large Joint Elec Warfare and Comm Ctr. **Mark & Stephanie Swanson** are still at Ft Hood, where Mark recently took over as 6 Cav Bde S-1. **Kevin Keating**, while attending a seminar with his co, Marion Labs, sat beside **Scott Ritchey**. He didn't know Scott, but recognized his '82 ring and struck up a conversation. They're both in pharmaceutical sales. And until recently, your historian was with Marion. After 13 mos of civ life, **Lou Anne** & I decided to attempt a return to active duty. After numerous bds, the Army agreed and in Sep I rep to Ft Rucker to the avn refresher course. They'll attempt to knock a little rust off my pilot skills before sending me to Korea in Nov. Thanks for all the ltrs and photos. We'll start our own '82 mag soon.

1982: The Rousseau and Olivares families

'83

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Let me begin by apologizing to all you, my classmates, for missing the deadline for the past two issues. I have no excuse, but it won't happen again.

I have one quick admin announcement: DCA sent me a ltr stating that they have a surplus of 1983 *Howitzers* for $33.00 including shipping. Send payment to DCA, Eisenhower Hall, ATTN: Publications, West Point, NY 10996. For other old issues call (914) 938-2780.

Well I guess I'm not the only one getting slow in my old age as I finally got a ltr from **Joel Johnson** after 7 years. 'After grad (boy, this is really going back a'ways) I spent a grueling 8-mo tour of duty as a grad asst coach in the baseball off at USMA before going to EOBC. I think there were around 6 of us from USMA at EOBC at the time (**Rick Dauch, Rich Gesing, Rick Smith, Rudi Mizusawa** and **Greg Pitts**). After EOBC, it was off to Ft Knox for a dusty summer at JMOC. I saw **Keith** and **Kevin Polak** at that midwestern paradise. Finally, it was time for real work at Ft Belvoir and the Engr Sch.

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"At Belvoir, I saw a lot of **Ed Newman, Doug Dribben** and **Brendan O'Shea** over the yrs. Later, **Jim Kenney, Joe Rusbarsky, Cheryl (Zwicki) & Mark Connors, Bud Figliola,** and **Mark Healy** were at Belvoir for a while before moving on to bigger and better things (mostly out of the Army). I also used to see **Joey Goetz** a lot. He is (or at least a yr ago was) working for an engrg consulting firm in the northern VA area. **Kevin Murphy** was assigned to DeWitt Army Hosp before being reassigned as the ch of Family Practice down at Ft AP Hill. At last sighting (about 2 yrs ago) Murph was married (wife's name **Jodi**).

"I've (sort of) been keeping in contact with a couple of guys from the baseball tm. I saw **Gary & Michelle Donaldson** in Nov 88 and got a note from them at Christmas this yr. Gary got out in the summer of 88 and has been doing great, working for a clothing manufacturer in the Monterey area. **Bobby Clarke** has also left the Army and is living in the Syracuse, NY area. The last time I talked to Bobby he was heading back to sch and working in the construction ind. I saw **Pete Foster** at the reunion. He too left the Army and was working for Pepsi in Philly. Pete married **Jenny Campbell** and they are living in NJ. **Eric Sine** is in Panama saving the world (probably some real good war stories) with his wife **Sue Lenio** '84. Until recently they were at Ft Ord with Gary & Michelle. **Kevin Batule** and his horde—wife **Laurie** Bisland, formerly of '83, and three kids (2 boys and a girl)—ended up at Ft Lewis by way of Ft Sill and FAAOC.

"I made my annual pilgrimage to WP for a football game in Nov and ran into **Joe Gruchacz** and **Lisa Engert**. Joe is working for Johnson & Johnson in NJ and Lisa was making her final decision between a couple of firms. Everything was going well for both of them. I ran into **Frank Giordano** after the game. He's doing real well working for Shearson on Wall Street. He & **Katie** (Polak—sister of Keith & Kevin) have a little boy.

"Two other classmates I have run into during the last yr are **Greg Pitts** and **Lori (Sussman) Colodney**. Greg was in for EOAC so we got together a lot for golf and some general partying. He's now on assignment in Canada as a liaison off for what I think is Canada's equivalent of USMA or the Engr Sch. In any case, I know he is in the Vancouver area. Lori is at George Wash U studying artificial intelligence.

"Getting back to what I've been up to. . . . I spent my entire career at Belvoir, primarily working in the Engr Sch. I 'ret' in Jan of last yr and decided to try law sch. I quickly realized that it wasn't for me (brought back too many bad memories of COL Berry's law class) and enrolled in GW's MBA program. I have been working as an analyst for a prof/tech services firm (Wash lingo for a defense contractor), BDM Intl. A minor detail I forgot to mention. . . I got married to **Melanie** back in Oct 84. No kids."

1983: Stu & Barb Harrison

Well, **Stuart Harrison** also got the 7-yr itch to write me. He & **Barb** are currently stationed at Ft Campbell with the 20th Eng Bn. "Having nothing better to do on arrival, I enjoyed Ranger Sch in late 89 and ran into some tough instructors—**Tony Ruizcalderon, John Driscoll, Rob Welch,** and **Jim Kearns** all were assigned in various phases. John was even nice enough to wake me up early one morning in the desert! I took cmd of B Co in Jan 89, and have enjoyed it like every other CO does. I am presently cmding a 150-man task force in the Central Amer country of Belize, where we are building a 140' through truss, steel girder bridge on the new coastal 'highway.' It's an interesting project, but really isolated. Two of my LTs (Rudy Esteves '87 and Alvin Carroll '89) and I 'tedded-out' and had what we believe to be the first ever Founders Day celebration in Belize. The format was a bit nonstandard, but at least we had a round of toasts on the bch. **John Kelleher** passed cmd of D Co, 20th EN to **Jerry Meyer**. John & **Angela** are on their way to Amherst and UMass, after which John is returning as an instructor in BS&L (or as a Tac). Jerry was married this past Nov, and he & **Robin** are enjoying beautiful Clarkesville, TN. **Pete Nickolenko** and I have been in touch also; he & **Becky** are loving civ life and he is working with TI in Providence, RI. From the file of long-lost F-2 Zoo'ers, I've been in contact with **Tony Patricelli** and **Chris Pokorny**. Tony resigned in Dec and is working in the Seattle area. Chris is enjoying the good life at Ft Carson."

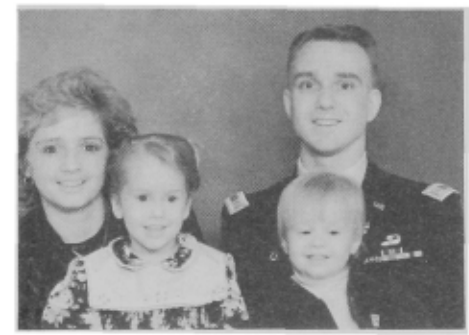
Bill Raymond gave **Mary Ellen** a "big 30 surprise b-day party." The **Schmitzes** drove down from Bamberg for this special event.

David Sacha called while he was preparing for the Supe's visit on 8 Mar to make sure the Atl WP Soc had a smooth hand-off. Dave's doing well as usual.

This past Mar **Tod Jordan** successfully completed 20 mos in cmd and after a long deserved vacation will be headed to CAS3 in May. **Laurie** and the kids really enjoyed seeing Tod for a change. In fact he had a chance to make a family photo. "Saturday, 10 Mar was USAREUR Founders Day and the CINC, GEN Crosbie E. Saint, was the guest speaker. He gave us our new variables for our Class rings. What a celebration! He really had us rolling. It was great to tap into our roots. **Jimmy Bedingfield** had us rolling the rest of the time. He came into Heidelberg from 32d ADCOM, where he's serving as the CG's aide. '83 had a pretty good showing. With **Jim Drago, Bill Bauer, Gerry Shaw, Jerry Schmitz, Bill Raymond,** and **Wayno Detwiler** it looked like the '83 FA convention! It was really great seeing these guys, comparing notes, and going over old times. I also got to talk with **Dan Gilewitch,**

1983: The Schmitzes, Bowmans, Kunzweilers and Raymonds at Mary Ellen's surprise party

1983: Steven Soucek, Thomas Van Meter, David Sacha with Rebecca Blessing, and William Kaiser with Marianne Maffa at the Ft Gordon Founders Day



1983: Laurie & Tod Jordan with Elaina (3) and Alexander (21 mos)

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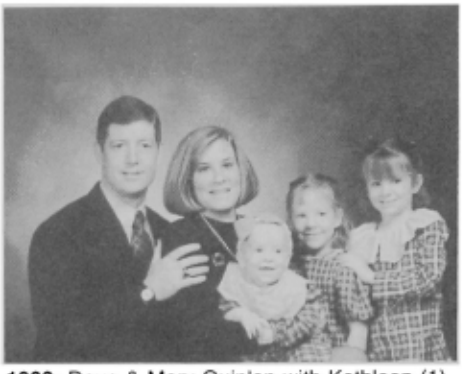
Charlie Dean, & Greg McConnell after dinner. One closing note. I also got to talk to **Byron Jorns** a couple wks ago. He's cmding an engr co, following his branch transfer out of CAV. He's in the 130th Engr Bde serving down by Darmstadt. He & **Megan** have a little girl born about a week after **Laurie** & I had Elaina."

Lara (Howard) York is on the Bd of Dirs with the Phoenix WP Soc and was responsible for setting up Founders Day and then sending the photos out. **Michele (Jackson) Caron** is out working as an engr for a private firm in Phoenix. **Bill Estes** is a general supervisor for Air Products Corp in Tempe. "I recently spoke to **Stacy (Powell) Cody** who recently gave up her Res Co cmd and is a Res WP Liaison Off. I'm a prod mgr for the Integrated Circuit Assembly Manufacturing Dept of Micro-Rel (div Medtronic) and enjoy living in Tempe. Although I do miss changing jobs every 12–24 mos with the Army."

1983: Bill & Laura Estes, Jim & Lara (Howard) York, and Brad & Michele (Jackson) Caron in Phoenix

Doug & Mary Quinlan have left the Army and he is now training in the Ind Engring Dept of Michelin in Dothan. He will soon move to the floor and become a production supervisor. Chuck Bull '80 is head of the Industrial Engring Group and Debbie Pittman '81 is also in it. "One drawback—my instructor is Annapolis '82. Mary & I were real happy about the way our transition worked out. I had been at Ft Rucker for about 2 1/2 yrs as a Tactics Instructor and Training Off for the Dept of Combined Arms Tactics. By staying in Dothan, we got to keep our house. And I now have a much shorter drive to work. As you can see by the photo we now have three beautiful daughters. Seven more girls and we'll have our own softball team. I have some good news. **Mitch Hadad** has been med cleared and returned to active duty. He & **Karen** are here at Rucker for the AOC and will be going to Ft Campbell. My old roommate, **Tom Legenza**, just came through for a Black Hawk transition. After 5 yrs in AK, he finally went to the AOC and on to Ft Bliss where he is the CO of the Assault Trp of the Regt Avn



1983: Doug & Mary Quinlan with Kathleen (1), Meghan (4), and Patricia (5)

Sqdn of the 3rd ACR. And, no surprise, he's still single. Another old roommate, and Mary's cousin, **Robert Plummer**, is an Inf CO at Ft Ord. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it, his bde was the one that didn't go to Panama. Robert & **Claire** have a son, Michael, born in Jun. My beast roommate, **John Bock**, worked with me here. He left the Army in Oct and is a sales rep for a fiber optics co in Minneapolis. **Brian Mueller** was also assigned here with John and me in DCAT. He's still a Cav instr there. However, the last four classmates assigned there (**Bassil, Schlieden,** Quinlan and Bock) all resigned. Can he be far behind? Finally, I saw in the *ASSEMBLY* that the H-3 mascot has been changed to Hurricanes. I am sure that all my fellow Hamsters were greatly disturbed by this unfortunate disrespect for tradition. So I ask them to join me in one final rallying cry: SCREE-EE-EE-EE-EE!"

Scott Miller's mom dropped me a line to let us know that Scott is in Korea cmding D Co, 5/20th Inf (I should add that his dad is Class of '57). "He must like this since he's been doing this since Aug and has just informed us he is extended until Dec. I'm beginning to forget what he looks like! I should add he is still a bachelor because I doubt a wife would approve of such a 'short' tour! His news seems to revolve around the co mascot, a Korean dog named, of course, 'Delta Death.' I have already sent 'care' packages of dog bones, frisbee toys, etc. Apparently, at 7 wks, this dog already weighs 35 pounds. I keep asking Scott if the dog is going to remain in Korea or do we look forward to seeing Scott with monster dog!" Scott's roommate **Tony Fulco** has resigned. He & **Yvonne** look forward to the civ life. I would like to thank Scott's mom for her unique perspective.

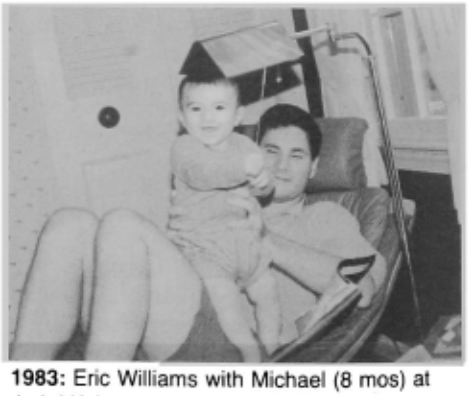
Curt & Kathy Doescher had a girl, Kelly, born on 4 July 89 at Riley. He's on his way to a master's in oper research at RPI en route to the Math Dept in 91. **Tyge Rugenstein** and **Gordon Van Dusen** are due into RPI and should be at USMA in 92. "Jim Ferguson '82 lives nearby, where he ran into **Joe & Jackie**

1983: Curt & Kathy Doescher with Kelly (10 mos)

O'Connell. Joe is working for GE in Pittsfield, MA, and civ life seems to be agreeing with this family of four." **Joe & Beth Rawlins** recently had a son, Brad, to join Rebecca (3). Joe is about to give up his cmd in 2/11 ACR. **John Black** has completed his second cmd at Hq Btry Divarty at Riley. He & **Susan** and their twin sons are en route to CAS3, and then a master's and on to the Soc Sci Dept. **Steve Payne** & his new wife **Lisa** gave up cmd of C 4/5 FA and now Steve's the CG's aide.

John & Jeannie (Mular '84) Tibbetts have completed the AOC shuttle—he was at Ft Knox while she was at Ft Gordon. Now they are together again at Ft Riley. "So I sign into 1/34 AR, only to find **Marvin Meek**, in cmd of B Co, and I am told that after I pay penance in the S1 shop for 5 or 6 more mos, I will get his co." John also ran into **John Black** and **Steve Payne**. **Chuck Hoppe** is finishing up his cmd as an Inf cmdr in 5/16 and then heads off to sch. **Mike Woodruff** is out and working for Frito-Lay in Tulsa, OK. **Debbie** and their two girls are there with him.

Eric Williams left the Army this past Apr and is now a regional VP of AL Williams, a finan services and marketing co, as is **Deborah**. His son, "Michael Andrew, celebrated his first birthday on 18 Feb with parents, grandparents, and cousins. Michael is fully mobile and capable of creating chaos and destruction in his wake—a perfectly normal one-year old." He said his business is expanding, so if you're in the Springfield, VA area give him a call.



1983: Eric Williams with Michael (8 mos) at their VA home

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Peter Brual graduated from Northwestern U's JL Kellogg Graduate Sch of Mgt. While he was there, he concentrated in Fin and Accting and was a member of the Fin Club and Squash Tm.

'84

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Greetings to the Best of the Corps everywhere! I hope that this column finds you well and preparing to beat the h_l out of Navy!! I also hope that the world scene is calmer as I'm sure many of you have been (and possibly still are) enjoying "vacations" in the Middle East! Whatever you happen to be doing, I hope it is going great! I have a good amount of news so I'll get to it!

A fellow FLEPer (or should I say former FLEPer) writes from VA. **Mike Newton** wrote while studying for the VA Bar Exam which, in his words, is "an absolute nightmare!" He, **Jeanne** and daughter Ashley are headed off to the 1st Special Oper Cmd at Fort Bragg since Mike has graduated from law sch at U of VA. Mike did '84 proud at UVA, grabbing top honors in the sch's two-yr-long moot court competition, winning the Samuel Traynor Award as best appellate advocate in that competition, and being selected as the best graduating trial lawyer by the VA Bar Assoc! Congrats, Mike, and thanks for the poop!

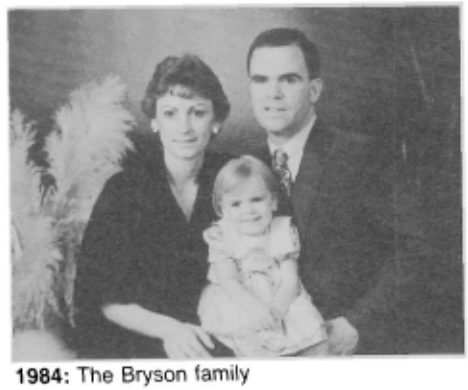
I ran into another FLEP student who graduated from Notre Dame Law Sch this past yr while I was at Fort Dix this summer. **John Adams** will be working at Dix once he completes the JAG Basic Course. John does not have the bar exam worries because Indiana allows you to take the exam early—so he's already passed! Congrats, John, and good luck at Dix!!

Another member of the Best of the Corps has been doing great things in ROK. **Dan Shea** was selected as the recipient of the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for the entire Eighth Army. There are 25 recipients Army-wide representing every MACOM. Mrs MacArthur was on hand to present the awards this past Apr in Norfolk, VA, as was General Vuono. Dan is now at Ft Benning working in a personnel mgt asgmt. Dan also sent news of **George Ceremuga**, who was the D1 1SG in his cadet days, but who is currently in OH attending med sch. George & **Laurie** have a little boy, George Jr, and were recently blessed with a little girl, Cassandra Ann. Congrats! Thanks for the good info, Dan, and "pop-it-up" for a fantastic job winning the MacArthur Award! We're proud of you!!

My very good friend and fellow B-3 Bandit, **Leslie (Lochry) Bryson** wrote

1984: Dan Shea receives the MacArthur Award from Mrs MacArthur

from Ger where she & **Mike** '83, are co COs. Les is cmding D Co, TF Warrior in Wiesbaden while Mike is at the helm of D Co, 5/158 Avn Regt in Frankfurt. You'll remember a while back that I had included a birth announcement from Les in the column. Well, Jessica is now 2 yrs old and is a real cutie, as this family photo shows. The Brysons will probably



1984: The Bryson family

be in Ger until 92, when they both hope to head to grad sch and off to WP to teach. Les says it's an exciting time to be in Europe, with all the changes taking place, although there is a lot of uncertainty about the future. She also says that Ger is a nice place to live, with all the sights to see and people to meet. The only problem is finding time to do it!! Well, we hope you find the time to enjoy the rest of your time there, Les, and thanks for the ltr!!

Bob Renner wrote from ROK where he was just about to relinquish cmd after 15 mos leading 1/4 FA Btry on the DMZ. Bob's first tour was at Ft Hood, where he met **Becca**, and they had their first child, Jennifer, there. Following the adv course, he was assigned to ROK and assumed cmd after serving for 8 mos as a bn FSO. With the extension for the cmd, Becca and Jennifer joined Bob in ROK but were not cmd-sponsored. As a result, life there has taken some "pioneer spirit," with running water a luxury and indoor bathroom facilities rarer still. But, true to the legend of the mil spouse, Becca has endured and, apparently, will be rewarded. Bob has gone "out on a limb" and vol for the Army's new Acquisition Corps, which means he will be headed to the U of AL for about 2 yrs to get his MBA and then off to Ft Lee for the acquisition course! Bob also had news of a couple of classmates. **Hershel Holiday** was the CO of a tank co in 2/72 Armor in ROK last time Bob saw him. **Steve Smith** left ROK to return to Ft. Bragg and the 82nd, arriving two wks before the oper in Panama took place. According to Bob, Steve wrote him a ltr describing the jump into Panama which was a "true classic." How about some excerpts for the column, Steve?! Well, thanks for the info, Bob, and best of luck at grad sch!!

1984: Founders Day 90, Seoul, Korea, 6 Apr

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Chris "Klink" Klinkmeuller wrote from Atl where he is flying for Delta Air Lines, after spending five "very enjoyable" yrs in the Army. Chris flew C-12 fixed wing aircraft in Wiesbaden for 40 mos following flight sch and is now flying 727's and "having a blast." Best of luck, Chris, and thanks for the ltr!!

Well, that's it for now! I'm plugging away at my last yr of law sch, looking forward to returning to the real Army. As always, I look forward to hearing from all of you. I'll be at the Slaughter of the Squids in Dec—hopefully I'll see a lot of you there!!

'85

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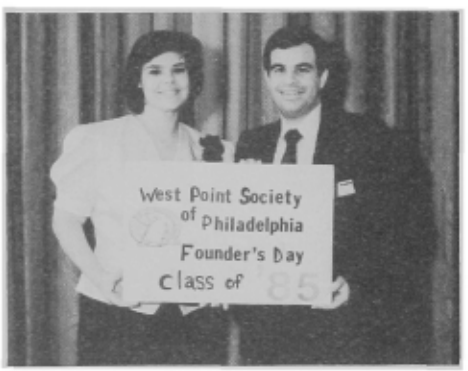
Hey gang! I just got off the phone with **John Lopes**, and he and **Tony Devore** are locked into the Class Reunion. As you read this, I believe the reunion will be over and I trust a good time was had by all.



1985: Susanne & Eric Lowy at Founders Day 90, WP Soc of Phila

Many of you are probably not surprised to hear that many of our classmates have left the service. It really doesn't surprise me though, and although the Army lost many great leaders, the business world inherited them and our country should be better off because of it. The bottom line is that all of you have made a conscious decision to join firms which will undoubtedly reward you for your performance or that you simply feel is the best place for you. I applaud your decisions and wish the best of luck to all of you in your future endeavors.

I found a lost ltr and must apologize to **Rod Apfelbeck** who is now working for a bank in Cincinnati. After getting his MBA from Old Dominion, he & **Jean** moved to Cincy. Rod, AOG will always do their best to help you locate someone.

Jerome Malczewski had an article published in the May-Jun issue of *Armor* mag. It was well-written and certainly based on a lot of experience. Congrats on your accomplishment.

Maureen & Brooks Collins are now in Jupitor, FL where "Mo" is starting a temporary position as housewife and mom. She & Brooks were blessed with Brett on 5 Jan. Brooks works for Lorenz Surgical, along with two other classmates, **Steve O'Borski** and **Pat Chuinard**. Evidently, **Robin (Albertella) Griffin** has had her second child. **Leslie (Lewis) Flewelling** has taken on a career in writing, and **Ginni Guiton** is currently at Ft Lewis. After running up her phone bill finding out all of this info—much to the pleasure of AT&T—"Mo" reminded me in her ltr of the time I stayed overnight before the Cherry Bowl and shamefully mentioned I did not like Fords, only to find out that her dad has worked for them for yrs. Needless to say, I made a lot of points that wkend in the Finnessey household.

1985: Brooks, Brett and "Mo" Collins

Peter Everett has conquered AZ, or at least metro Huachuca. He is currently in the Adv Course and will be headed for Ger soon. He plans on attending the reunion and looks forward to reuniting with all of you.

Jarvis & Andrea Hollingsworth are now in Houston. Jarvis is attending law sch at U of H, and Andrea will soon be doing the same at another col. He hopes to run into many of the old '85 team at the reunion. He rep that **John Phee** and **Tom Perry** are working for a firm in Denver, **Kevin Wilson** for NCNB in Dallas, and **Karl Nanh** for KFC in Houston.

Harry "HTB" & Felicia Hazen are also out of the Army working for Mobil Oil, a lucrative business these days, although I am sure Harry has very little to do with the fact we are all riding bicycles to work due to an ever-so-slight increase in the cost of fuel lately. He rep that the old "Circus Bear," **Darrell Irvin**, is now working for DynCorp, and **Roger Deuerlein** and **Cal Dewitt** are conquering Europe only to return and either find jobs or torment Harry's wife, whichever is easiest. Quote of the Quarter goes to Cal, whose outlook on his career can be summed up by his rule that he "will not sell anything that is produced, produce anything that is consumed, or consume anything that is sold." Good to hear from you, HTB!

Joe & Rebecca Cecin are now in Palo Alto, CA. Joe joined the real few and proud, the Stanford MBA's. Joe is now accepting donations to the "Put Food on my Table" campaign. With Rebecca & him both unemployed, a baby on the way, and a $16K tuition bill, the least we could do is pray. He mentioned **Pete Edmonds**, whom I ran into on the golf course the other day (no, I swear I was doing a road march on the course; it just so happens a bag weighs as much as a ruck!). Pete has taken cmd of a btry in 1/8 FA and although unconfirmed, Joe says he has 3 little "rug rats" to his credit.

Included is a recent pic of Scott James Sauter, born to the former **Stephanie Wolf**. She & Chief Warrant **Sauter** are currently stationed at Ft Dix.

1985: Mom and Scott J Sauter

Heard from **Roberto Vasquez** who is now at Ft Carson enjoying cmd. He rep that **Dennis** is in FL getting his MBA. He rep that **Calvin Johnson** is out working for Corning Ware, **John Duguay** is engaged to his sister-in-law and is now a cmdr at Ft Sill, and **Mark Johnson** is currently an FDO at Ft Carson.

Ronda & I had dinner with **Steve & Barbara Fleming** the other night. They and their two sons are doing super and say "hello" to all of the old Bliss gang. That's all I have. Let us all say an extra prayer for our classmates in Saudi, and hope that they all return safely. Everyone else out here is doing super (including **Rysco**, who by the way has met a girl that. . . well, should I just say he has missed the last two poker games with "the boys!" Who knows what's next? She is a super girl.) Aloha till next time. You have my best, '85!

'86

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With all the devel in the Mid East within the past two wks, I had to stop the presses, regroup this article and try to come out with something new. We wish all you over there a safe and speedy return home.

Tom Donovan is our Class chm for the Most Holy Trinity Chapel Renovation Proj. The Chapel has sustained $350 G's of damage over the yrs due to over-

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pressured steam pipes. Repairs are badly needed. Please send checks to MSG Rev John Cunniffe, Pastor, Most Holy Trinity Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

Tom said you could send them to him, but now that he is in SA just stick to the above address. Tom's other news includes: **Jim "Cheesedog" Morris** married **Kai—Skeep** (could not make out those two ltrs) in Jul in IL. **Paul & Stephanie Lafontaine, Dave & Sheila Harmon, Jerry & Laura Schwartz, Craig & Marsh Doescher, Will & Val Duke, Mark Michelson, Chuck Luigs,** and **Paul Rush** were all present to witness Jim & Kai's union. Dave Harmon got out of the Army and is managing a farm in Brinfield, IL. Dave & Sheila have two girls, Sarah (2 1/2) and Mary Katherine (6 mos). **Eric Adams** graduated from U of Pitt in med sch and got married (details unknown). For old news, **Caroline Kellar** married a LT she met during OBC and went off to Korea, but her hubby and she shared different posts. Paul Rush is at EOAC and, after a tour in FRG, is getting out in the fall. **PJ & Emily Groce** are still at the 7th ID, where he has a shot at assuming a cmd. Tom, thanks for all the names and poop.

Gary Pearcy is stationed at Feucht Army Airfield outside of Nurenburg. Gary spent 1 1/2 yrs leading the only "Lift" unit in the 2nd ACR, and is transitioning to the less desirable job of SMO. Gary married **Kecia** (pronounced Keesh-a) in Jun 88 in Dothan, AL. While in FRG, Gary has run into **Kert Guitterez** and **Steve Cannon**, who both established tremendous standards in the 2nd ACR—both are leaving the Army to pursue big $. **John Magness** and **John McHugh** are at Feucht with Gary. Magness is holding down a cmd and McHugh is running Avn ops for the regt. **Craig "Tree" Rollins** has been flying USAREUR bigwigs, and **Niel Freeman** has been tending to aviation hobknobbing over in Wiesbaden. Any of you B-3 clan out there? **Johnny Brau** covered ya'll in the last issue, but Sir Gary wants to hear from you, esp war hero **Rob Healy**, who took cmd of his avn co during the Panama Invasion. Rob, write the man, though Gary admits he owes you another ltr.

Faithful supporter **Stephanie Stephans** sent an update: **Mike Stradinger** is in law sch but as a civ. Mike took an early out. Both Steph and Mike are at the U of VA, and as of this ltr will be neighbors as well as classmates.

Mark Vakkur's ltr should excite you as much as it did me. Since grad Mike started med sch at Duke where he is continuing his 3rd yr (out of the Army). Somewhere in all that time, Mike took a break. He needed a break. First off, he married a beautiful girl, **Illene**. Mark was studying for a pharmacology exam and noticed this pretty undergrad getting out of her car with NJ plates. Mark called out with typical cadet spirit, "Yo, where in Jersey you from?" They were married on 29 Apr 89 at WP. Second, within the midst of marriage, med sch. . . etc, Mark wrote a novel entitled *A Matter Of Trust*, published and promoted by HarperCollins (formerly Harper & Row). The novel will be in the bookstores beginning in Nov. (Read the summary of the book in the picture below.) So, Mark needed a break! Congratulations on everything.

1986: Mark & Illene Vakkur's wedding day

Harper

TITLE: **A MATTER OF TRUST**

AUTHOR: **Mark Vakkur**

AUTHOR'S HOME: Carrboro North Carolina

CATEGORY: Novel

PUBLICATION DATE: October 1990

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- In the bestselling tradition of Dress Gray
- The author is a recent graduate of the Academy

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1986: It speaks for itself

Steve "The Man" Boykin writes, "Not only do I have intel on those at Sill, but I also do a pretty good job of keeping in touch with those who are elsewhere. I'll make this quick and painless. **Craig Collier** is getting married 14 Jul at Ft Ord. That will come as a great surprise to the D-1 Ducks out there. What woman would have him? She must be a special lady indeed. Your buddy, **Bob Lockett** & lovely **Julie** had a beautiful baby girl in Jun. He's on his way here to Sill for OAC. **Thearon "T-Bone" Williams** is on his way up here also for FAOAC. He & **April** are expecting a bundle of joy in the fall. It seems as though a lot of people are on their way out to "Civ Land." **Wendell Champion** and **Bill "Doc B" Ward**, the Class goat, have already made that move. Bill is in FL somewhere, MBA and all. Wendell is supposed to be teaching Afro-Amer Studies at SUNY/Albany. **Larry Hughes, Cleveland Bazemore, Jay Delgadojenkins,** and **Gene Baker** have put in their paperwork. Larry's on his way to KS City to work for KY Fried Chicken. I should be out sometime after Korea in the spring of 92. **Bob Nabb** was one of our classmates in Panama kickin' you-know-what. He received a Bronze Star with V-device for his efforts. He made all of us at Ft Polk proud. It's true—Bob can do more than just goaltend. I believe **Bill Walter** is already out making big money with dad in MS. **Dennis Calloway**, fellow D-1 Duck, is here at Sill as the S-1 of a DS FA bn. He, **Carletta**, and their adorable daughter are doing well. I also saw **Sherman Lane** while I was out here. **Kevin Huggins** is still in Panama. I think he is supposed to cmd an MI co down that way. **Mike Henderson, Frank Anderson, Pat Antonette, Mike Dishman,** and **Wille Childs** are a few of the guys in the FAOAC behind me. Frank's wife and our classmate, **Freddie Smith Anderson**, is at the Transportation OAC. And I think that about covers it. You can produce an article on this ltr alone!"

1986: Founders Day 90, Seoul, Korea, 6 Apr

Tom Climer's news covers a range of people; however, if you are a G-3 Gopher pay particular attention. Tom is finishing his 3rd yr at Hood as an asst S-3 for the 4th Sqd, 6th Cav. In Jan, Tom is supposed to go to Rucker. About G-3: out of Panama two phers were decorated—**Bobby Nabb** received a Bronze Star while providing fire support for the lead Inf co, and **Ross Clemons** received an ARCOM and CIB in the battle against the Commandancia. Ross has branch transferred to the Spec Forces and is attending Inf OAC before heading to Bragg. **Bill Hensley** & wife should be at Ft Sill for FAOBC. **Joe & Ingrid** and son De Pinto are in San Ant, TX where Joe is working as a reg mgr for Pepsi Cola. **Anne McIntyre** showed up at MIOAC as Anne **Brechbuhl**—not as **Ulrich**'s wife but as his brother's. Which one, the oldest or youngest? **Chuck Cushman** is at Knox and teaching in the Tactics Dept. For others not assoc with the Gophers—**Forest Carpenter** & wife (I couldn't figure out her name, sorry) are proud parents of a new daughter, Victoria Lee. **Lissa Young** is at Ft Carson and wild as ever. Lissa will also be at Rucker in Jan with Tom. That OAC gp will include the likes of **Greg Enochs** and **Les Murray**. **Bart Wagner** should already be at Ruck-

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er, having begun in Oct. **Eric Gaines** will also head to Rucker but not until Apr 91. Tom apologizes for the heavy G-3, aviation info, but hey, that's where the man comes from.

Chris & Jill Reilly wrote, but once again my neglect has misplaced the ltr. I'll get the info in the next issue and if I find the pic you sent of your tour in Rome or Athens, I'll mail that on in.

I do have tragic news to rep. **Chris Greer** died at 1:30 am on 6 Aug in a single-car accident in Pitcairn, NY. Chris was a fine example of spirit and enthusiasm. He had a gift for wit and to this day I remember one of the lines he spouted before starting a Class comm mtg. Our sympathies go out to Chris's parents, **Mairead** whom he married on 17 Dec 88, and their son Matthew William. Chris will be missed for his dedication and vibrance.

Keep the ltrs coming. Response has been terrific. Thanks.

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I hope this issue finds everyone well. Many of us are completing another training density here in the FRG. I saw several of our classmates at Hohenfels this yr. **Brenden & Leah Scherr** made the

1988: Founders Day 90, Ft Ord, CA

trip from Wildflecken. Brenden's co was attached to my bn during our OPFOR mission. Leah, on the other hand, was a turn coat and was doing that MI thing for the Blue forces. Needless to say, the OPFOR did not do so well in two out of three attacks. **Craig Hurley** led the 3AD down to HTA this rotation. Craig has the mortar plt in his bn and was gearing up to give the Blue forces a hard time, via airmail. Speaking of hard, some of the boys from 3/325 in Vicenza flew in for a guest appearance as light inf in a mechanized world. **Tim Hess**

1988: Founders Day 90, Heidelberg, Ger

and **Mike Williams** were about to show the mech-bellies and tred-heads how a real soldier fights. I hope you showed them who is boss, Tim.

1988: A new tradition at the Hill household, A-N 89

I received a call from **Mike Hill**'s boss, **Kim**. She wants everyone to know that Mike & she are starting a well-founded tradition of celebrating the A-N game, regardless of the winner, in Kirchgons FRG. As you can see, they are receiving a great deal of support.

1988: Founders Day 90, Ft Carson

Craig Borchelt called last wk. Craig is in FRG to visit **Tom Brennen**. He and Tom were going in search of Oberst Neuman-Giesen, our old Ger instructor. They are probably going to torture him by mentioning my name. Be nice, boys!

Craig also told me that **Erin Edgar**, soon-to-be Dr Erin Edgar, has tied the suture to Miss **Jennifer** Aro. The two were married 26 May. **Darrell**

1988: Darrell & Shanti Stanaford

Stanaford's parents would like you to know that their son has married the

1988: Founders Day 90, Seoul, Korea

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lovely Miss **Shanti** Hedderson. Darrell & his wife are living in El Paso, home of the 3ACR at Ft Bliss. Best wishes to you all.

We have two new additions to our Class; both were born in the FRG. **John**

1988: John and his new daughter Sarah Anne

& Lynn Dorney have a beautiful new girl named Sarah Anne; she was born on 11 Jul in Wurzburg. **Steve & Gwen Baker** have engred an addition to their family. Gwen gave birth to a baby boy, Sean Alexander, on 27 Jun. Congratulations to all of you.

Hope to hear from you soon. Keep writing.

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The first thing I'd like to do is officially welcome the Class of '90 to the Off Corps. We, the Class of '89, cannot wait until you all make it out here to the ranks—and assume all the "additional duties," of course.

I received a wonderful ltr from **Tim Place**'s mom. Tim (C-4) married longtime sweetheart **Joy** Hahn on 3 Jun 89 at WP.

1989: Tim & Joy Place, 3 Jun 89

This past 7 Apr they had a baby son, Timothy Joseph, Jr. Tim Sr is here in Ger with 4/8 Cav, and Joy and Tim Jr arrived in Jun. Best of luck to the Places and congratulations!

Debbie Wellington (A-1) sent me more poop from Korea. The photo is of the Founders Day ball in Seoul. She said everyone is well, and enjoying their tours over there.

1989: Soh, Montgomery, Hargrow, McDoughal, Urbaniak, Wilson, Kost, Lennon, Fazio, Wellington, Barnett, Merritt, Yazawa, Fleming, Munson, Cooper, (Nolan) Morrison, and Yun at Founders Day 90, Seoul, Korea, 6 Apr

Other Founders Day photos are from such exotic places as Ft Lewis, Ft Bliss, and Heidelberg, Ger.

1989: Hamel, Boyd, Polsinelli and Smith at Founders Day 90, Ft Bliss

Al Lindsay (B-4) sent me a ltr describing the jovial activities at his first apt in Karlsruhe, Ger. Apparently, he has been hosting some interesting social functions; frequenting mostly are, of course, fellow Buffaloes, but they are normally augmented with other attachments.

Here in Schweinfurt, Ger, I frequently run into **John Ripley** (D-3), **Mike Bell** (I-4), **John Fortson** (E-4), **Ina Tauai** (G-1), **Troy & Paula Perry** (H-3), **Norm & Nadya Turfe** (E-4), **Andy Riebe** (A-4), **Chuck Hartford** (E-1), **Mark Phillips** (I-4), **Alex Brown** (C-3) and **John Quinn** (D-2).

Out at Hohenfels in Jun, I passed by the OPFOR unit (actually 1/69 AR). When I received flippant forms of the salute from **Greg Anderson** (E-1) and **Jeff Davis** (I-3), I promptly reciprocated the gesture. Later on I ran into **Tom Jarzen**

1989: Williams, Manuiscko, H Silverman, Anderson, Cadicamo, Warshaw, Colangelo, Petrin, Stone, Stewart and O'Connor at Founders Day 90, Heidelberg, Ger

1989: Some B-4 Buffaloes party it up at Al Lindsay's in Karlsruhe

(A-3) and others from Kitzigen to include **Dave Warshaw** (B-3), **Mark Loggins** (F-3), **Don Olson** (A-2), and **Steve Parker** (F-2).

Kudos to **Don Brewster** (A-4) who set the new land speed record. While he was blackbirding at Ft Bliss (and shamming),

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1989: Hitchcock, Doniec, Lee, Macinkanas, Woo, (Brady) Douchette, Douchette, Ellington, Moore and Roland at Founders Day 90, Ft Lewis, WA, 9 Mar

his bn cmdr called fr Ft Stewart and urgently requested the honor of Don's presence the next day. Obligingly (and with a keen sense of urgency), Don arrived the next afternoon.

Thanks to all my "reliable sources" out there. Most prefer to remain nameless, but I send my thanks to you all. Keep these anecdotal tidbits coming in. In the future, I hope to unearth such mysteries as where is screamin' **Nieman** anyway? Will the **Turtle** ever impart his sarcasm on us again? Is **John Tonra** truly a White House Fellow?

Stay tuned for the answers to those questions and more in the next thrill-packed issue. See you at the club or in the brush.

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Everyone should be finishing up OBC and heading off to their units soon, with some attending Ranger, Airborne and a few other schs en route. I talked with **Joe Owczarek** and **Tom Jones**, who are at Ft Sill for FAOBC. They said that OK is not exactly the NYC of the central states, but that they are making the best of it with our classmates **John Knighten, Ted Reich, Steve Hocevar**, and **Scott Anderson**, to name a few.

Our esteemed Class pres rep in from Ft Rucker for those at aviation OBC. A few of our classmates that he has bumped into at Panama City Beach North are **Josh King, Dan McCarthy**, and **John Baskerville**. The word in AL, straight from **Frank Clark**'s mouth, is that they are "chomping at the bit" to start flying. **Mark** ran into **Mike Lenkhart** and a few of the boys from Ft Benning at the beach one wkend and was told IOBC was pretty grueling.

The shortest OBC in the Army ended 10 Aug. **Joel Meyer, John Devine, Mike Dullea**, and myself graduated from the rigorous pre-freshman course for med sch, which was held at Ft Sam Houston in San Ant, TX. We were forced to spend all 26 days in the Ramada Inn and even spent 3 of the 4 wks in uniform. We rep in to the Uniformed Services U of the Health Sciences on 15 Aug and classes start on the 27th.

A few more of our classmates have tied the knot. Congratulations go out to **Tim Collins, Bob Kokorda** and their spouses. I am sure a lot more of our classmates have walked down the aisle, so send me some pics and let me know who has entered the bonds of matrimony.

As I am sure you have heard, there are a lot of changes at our Alma Mater. The plebe class is under a completely new 4th class system, and there have been more changes than I can list, but here are a few that **Mark Clouse** has confirmed. The plebes are no longer required to recite daily knowledge, nor will you see them on the walls or at attention in the mess hall at any time. Furthermore, they will be recognized at Spring Break. Also, there are now chain locks on the doors. I guess it is fortunate that we did not have locks or we probably would never have seen our Class pres. Those are the only changes that I could get confirmed, but I am sure there will be more to come.

A final note: the Army-Vanderbilt football game will be played in Nashville this yr on 17 Nov, and because of its relatively close proximity to Rucker, Benning, and Knox, it would be a good game to attend. I have heard from a lot of our classmates that they will be there. I hope **Joe Sniezek** has got room for all of us at his med sch apt.

That is all for now. Send me pics of your OBC antics so we can give the Class of '90's column a little color.

News from the Societies

(Continued from page 48)

Our search for an Army site for the Army-Navy game led us to the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant. Although the atmosphere was "Army," it was not sufficient to influence the outcome of the game. The party did liven up when a USNA graduate, who had landed his private plane at the adjacent airfield, appeared at the restaurant, which was closed to the public, for lunch. He was amused when he learned who we were, but declined our invitation to join us. He missed a grand opportunity to "rub it in." Perhaps, we can make some progress in converting America's Finest City into a West Point bastion.

We are looking forward to another year of chapter events that will include the Fall Cookout, Army-Navy Game party, Founders Day dinner and the New Grad luncheon. If you are in the area please join us.

—Sal Colatarci '75

SOUTH TEXAS

The West Point Soc of South TX co-sponsored a barbecue with the WPPC of San Antonio on 4 Jun. The 117 participants not only included twenty candidates and parents but also 35 1st and 2nd Classmen from WP who were undergoing a week's training at Ft. Sam Houston. Also attending the picnic were two Academy officers. CPT **Francelia Lorence** OIC of the cadets and CPT **Jeff Weart** of the Tactical Dept.

On 8 Jun, WPSST hosted a luncheon with over 100 attendees. The guest speaker was Representative Lamar Smith of the 21st Dist who addressed the group concerning the Defense Military Budget.

—Joe Peisinger '54

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Memorial Articles in Assembly—A Fading Tradition?

by John C. McWhorter, Jr., Major General, US Army, Ret., Class of 1946

Can you remember when you first realized that there was a tradition of publishing memorial articles (obituaries) in *Assembly* upon the death of a West Pointer? I am not sure when I learned of this tradition. It could have been the spring of first class year when a representative of AOG gave us a lecture on *Assembly* and the *Register*. Or it could be that I picked it up by osmosis as I started getting *Assembly* after graduation. At any rate, somehow shortly after graduation I understood there was such a tradition.

In 1986, I attended our 40th reunion at West Point. There was a large turnout. The pundits say the 40th is the most heavily attended reunion as grads are beginning to realize this might be the last they can physically make and nostalgia is really starting to set in by then. At any rate, it worked for me because it got me all charged up. In October 1987, AOG put a squib in *Assembly* asking each class to do something about improving its record of getting memorial articles written and published. After talking it over with a couple of classmates, I decided to volunteer. One of my classmates, Bill Bamber, agreed to run the database and help with research. I made this decision without any idea as to the magnitude of the problem. I just knew several classmates who had died without memorial articles published for them. When I called AOG to offer my services, they referred me to General Bill Knowlton, Jan '43, who had been working the problem for some time for his class. Armed with his guidance, I started. When the first listing arrived from AOG, imagine my surprise when I realized that out of 164 deaths there were 101 classmates who had not had memorial articles published in *Assembly*. These dated from 68 days after we graduated on 4 June 1946.

I had already made a decision as to how to approach the problem. The accepted philosophy that roommates or close friends would prepare the articles had already proven to be fallacious, witness the list I received. I decided that I would do the writing with input from classmates, friends and families. This system has been successful as I have completed 40 articles and am working on 25 others. Of course, since I started, the number of deaths has increased, so the problem is a continuing one. I recently talked to a widow about a memorial article for her late husband. Her first question startled me. She asked, "What is the purpose of these articles?" She had never seen or heard of memorial articles being published in *Assembly*. When I explained what was intended, she was most anxious to get the article written and published. This lengthy discourse has been to let you know why I am writing this piece. In my letters to non-West Pointers for input, I make the following statement: "Upon the death of a West Pointer, it is a tradition for a classmate to prepare a biographical memorial article for publication in our magazine, *Assembly*." I am beginning now to question whether or not that is a true statement.

According to Webster's definition of tradition, "the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from generation to generation without written instruction . . .," the current status of memorial articles published in *Assembly* qualifies as a tradition. Is the current status good enough? I decided to see what the status is. Manually, I went through the *Register*, class by class, to determine how many memorial articles had been published against the total number of deaths. The data used is from the 1989 *Register*, except for the very early classes which came from the 1980 *Register*. Before I present the data, you might be interested to know when the publication of memorial articles started. The first were published in the 1871 *Annual Report of the Association of Graduates*. The earliest graduate to have his memorial article published in 1871 was James Monroe 1815. Several members of the Class of 1814 had memorial articles written and published, but all appeared after 1871. The data presented represents basically the classes from 1910 through 1969. Four classes from the 1800's were included to give an indication of how the tradition worked then. Four classes after 1969 are included as these were the only classes after that date that had 10 or more deaths, an arbitrary cut-off. The data is divided into two parts at random to make it easier to read. Table 1 gives the data through 1939.

Table 1 makes a point about class size. As long as the class was under 100 graduates, the percent of memorial articles written is quite high. In general, as the class size increases, the percent of articles published decreases.

Table 1

Obituaries Published in Assembly by Class

Class	Graduates	Deceased	No. w/Obits	% w/Obits
1862	34	34	26	76
1865	67	67	54	81
1872	57	57	51	89
1881	53	53	45	85
1910	83	83	56	67
1911	82	82	76	93
1912	95	93	74	80
1913	93	92	71	77
1914	107	106	69	65
1915	164	162	54	33
1916	125	122	73	60
Apr 1917	139	134	81	60
Aug 1917	151	140	88	63
Jun 1918	137	134	96	72
Nov 1918	227	211	157	74
1919	284	260	161	62
1920	271	251	188	75
1921	17	12	4	33
13 Jun 1922	102	91	56	58
14 Jun 1922	30	29	18	62
1923	262	228	140	61
1924	405	347	197	57
1925	245	214	117	55
1926	153	123	76	62
1927	203	149	72	48
1928	261	181	92	51
1929	299	224	114	51
1930	241	167	101	60
1931	297	183	86	47
1932	262	168	99	59
1933	347	208	122	59
1934	250	142	95	67
1935	277	136	75	55
1936	276	117	79	68
1937	298	149	66	44
1938	301	134	60	45
1939	456	161	66	41

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Table 2 provides the data from 1940 through 1969 plus the later classes with at least 10 deaths.

The data in Table 2 is most interesting. Again, class size plays a part in the data. Classes with active projects to get memorial articles written are readily evident. In the case of my class, 1946, the lead time between submission to AOG and publication caused only one project article to be counted in the 1989 *Register*. Another 39 added to the data will help our average but still leave us short.

In reviewing the *Register* data for each class, I tried to determine why a memorial article had been written for one classmate but not for another. As for who had one, I could reach no conclusion. I think it depended on the literary skills of a roommate or friend and the closeness of feeling between the writer and the deceased. I could find no common thread. Certainly class standing had no bearing. The size of the individual's write up in the *Register* also had no bearing.

Table 2

Obituaries Published in Assembly by Class

Class	Graduates	Deceased	No. w/Obits	% w/Obits
1940	449	171	58	34
1941	424	164	123	75
1942	374	134	108	81
Jan 1943	409	156	124	79
Jun 1943	514	187	74	40
1944	474	126	35	28
1945	852	195	83	43
1946	875	180	73	41
1947	310	57	15	26
1948	301	52	30	58
1949	574	109	46	42
1950	670	120	63	53
1951	475	67	20	30
1952	527	69	34	49
1953	512	56	26	46
1954	633	61	17	28
1955	470	36	7	19
1956	480	42	14	33
1957	546	47	14	30
1958	573	46	14	30
1959	499	49	14	29
1960	550	37	13	35
1961	534	42	11	26
1962	601	37	10	27
1963	504	32	11	34
1964	565	38	15	39
1965	596	32	22	69
1966	579	41	19	46
1967	583	39	15	38
1968	706	29	12	41
1969	800	33	11	33
*1970	749	12	4	33
*1973	944	11	2	18
*1975	862	14	4	29
*1981	961	10	2	20

*Only classes after 1969 w/10 or more deaths

As for who didn't have a memorial article, several salient points were evident. Accomplishments had no bearing. There are several four-star generals without a memorial article; countless lieutenant generals and lesser ranks; many division commanders, combat brigade commanders; the list goes on. Being a hero doesn't qualify a memorial article. There are two Medal of Honor winners without an article. One entry reads "MH-PH" but no "obit__." One of the Academy's most publicized heroes at the start of WWII does not have an article. I can remember stories about him on all the newsreels at the time. The *Register* is replete with the recipients of DSC's, DFC's, SS's without a memorial article. One entry reads, "RVN 4SS" but no "obit__." The number of entries in the *Register* for combat deaths with no "obit__." is depressing. There are innumerable entries such as killed POW ship, died POW, KIA-Normandy, KIA-RVN, KIA-KOREA, MIA to DED, DOW, all without "obit__."

No one denies that death is the great equalizer, especially as regards having a memorial article published in *Assembly*. Every graduate deserves to be memorialized in *Assembly*. However, it seems to me that from the taking of the Oath on the Plain, the very nature of our training, the reason each went to West Point, those who died epitomizing the ideals of West Point while leading troops or flying missions in combat should be remembered by more than cryptic symbols in the *Register*. They certainly deserve at least a priority effort. Getting these graduates' memorial articles written should be a matter of pride.

Upon reflection, there appear to be several factors causing the decline in the percentage of memorial articles being written. As mentioned before, class size is important. As the size increases, there is less chance of knowing more than a fraction of one's classmates. This cuts down the pool of potential writers. There certainly has been a decline in the use of the written word as a means of communication. The ease of use and decreasing cost of long-distance telephone service have to be important factors. People today don't write letters—they phone. Not writing regularly impacts the ability of people to feel comfortable writing memorial articles. Another factor is what I call the "immortality syndrome." It is logical that an officer trained to lead troops or air crews, to press on when the going gets tough, and to persevere against all odds thinks that nothing can happen to him/her. This factor carries on into later life and precludes graduates from doing anything about getting their own memorial articles organized. Another factor is the "unspoken superstition." This is the fear that if you do anything towards getting your own memorial article organized somehow that might speed up that fateful day. This keeps graduates from discussing with spouse or friends the desire to have a memorial article written.

As a final check as to whether classes change their patterns, I took four classes at random. One each from the 1930's, 40's, 50's and 60's. I did the same data check from the 1980 *Register* and compared it with the 1989 data. The results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3

4 Selected Classes, Change in % Obits From 1980 to 1989

Class	Deceased 1980	Deceased 1989	Obits 1980	Obits 1989	% Obits 1980	% Obits 1989	Change %
1933	135	208	82	122	63	59	−4
1942	109	134	56	108	51	81	+30
1953	39	56	20	26	51	46	−5
1963	26	32	11	11	42	34	−8

Except for 1942, which has an organized program to get memorial articles written, each selected class failed to maintain even the same % of memorial articles for the increase in deceased members. This data makes the obvious statement that the backlog of unwritten memorial articles will increase even more when the average age of each class reaches the point where the number of deaths begin to increase rapidly.

All the data depicted shows a definite decline in the % of memorial articles written to the number of deceased, especially in the younger classes. This decline will continue unless something is done. Is there a solution? Yes, but only if all concerned make a concerted effort. There have to be three elements involved in the solution; AOG, each class, each graduate.

AOG must make sure that each graduating class is aware of the tradition of preparing memorial articles upon the death of a graduate. For the first few years after graduation, emphasis should be placed on the responsibility of roommates and friends in this regard.

For the sake of differentiating between the age of classes, I

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have arbitrarily divided classes into "young" and "older." "Young" classes are those that are 30 or fewer years out of West Point. "Older" classes are those that have been out more than 30 years.

"Young" classes must maintain networks to keep informed of deaths and to solicit writers to prepare the memorial articles. These networks should be twofold in nature. First, based on cadet organizations: regiments, battalions, and especially companies. Second, by branch of service, or for those who leave the Army, through West Point societies. Each class scribe needs to take an active role in soliciting notices of deaths and writers for the memorial articles. Computer owners should be encouraged to run data bases to keep current on the status of their class. Class officers should make the status of memorial articles a regular part of their agendas.

"Older" classes must define the magnitude of the problem. It is critical to get some mechanism in place to catch up on memorial articles before the rate of attrition starts to climb steeply. When that happens, two things take place. The number of unwritten articles increases, but more importantly, the potential sources of input begin to diminish at the same rate. An individual, a group or a network needs to come forth to take on this task. One possibility is someone who has been searching for a valid excuse to get a computer. This is an excellent justification and will keep anyone completely occupied for as long as desired. Unfortunately, these projects do not come to an end. Many of the in-place memorial article programs by classes have set a goal to get current by their 50th reunions. This is a very good goal to set.

Individual graduates of the "young" classes can all be of great help in solving this problem. First, each should let his/her spouse know about the memorial article tradition and inform the spouse of the individual's desire to have a memorial article written when the time comes. Keep your *Register* entries up to date. Make them complete. Get involved with your class. Report class deaths. Be part of a network to find writers for memorial articles. Offer to write memorial articles for your friends if the need arises.

Individual graduates of the "older" classes have an even more important role to play if this problem is to be solved. First, if your class doesn't have an organized program to get caught up, help get one in being. Report class deaths and try to help find memorial article writers if you can't do it yourself. Let your spouse know that you want a memorial article written when the time comes. Most importantly, do a little contingency planning. Our training probably makes us the best contingency planners in the country. We did it all the time on active duty or in the business world, so why not apply the same principles to our own lives? For most of us, the biographical memorial article in *Assembly* will be our sole claim to immortality. Doesn't it stand to reason that each of us should make sure that what is said reflects the parts of our lives that we think are significant? These articles present an opportunity to depict the personal side of graduates' lives rather than dry statistics. Each graduate should take an hour to outline his/her career. The elements to be included are: 1) Life before West Point, 2) Life as a Cadet, 3) Life on active duty to include significant assignments, 4) Life in the civilian world for those who didn't stay till retirement, 5) Life after retirement, 6) Family life, 7) Names of roommates, close friends, and names and addresses of non-graduates who might provide input, and 8) A resume or biographical sketch if available. Put down the things you think are important in your life. No one else knows this. Include the traits that you think best describe you. Put this in your safe deposit box and tell your spouse about it. Also, send a copy to AOG for your Cullum file. This will enable anyone to prepare a good memorial article on you when the need arises. Should you end up the last member of your class alive, then you can flesh it out yourself and give it to AOG. I hope that applies to each of you. I have prepared such a "Contingency Planning Outline for a Memorial Article" that I intend to send to my classmates as I write to them. I will be glad to send one to any graduate who would like a copy. Of course, the best solution, advocated by AOG, is for each graduate to prepare his/her own memorial article. My experience, based on all the factors discussed previously, is that this just will not happen. The outline concept is an attempt to go part way in this respect.

In closing, I make an impassioned plea to each class and each graduate. Make this statement a truism: "It is a tradition upon the death of *each* West Pointer for a classmate to prepare a biographical memorial article for publication in our magazine, *Assembly*."

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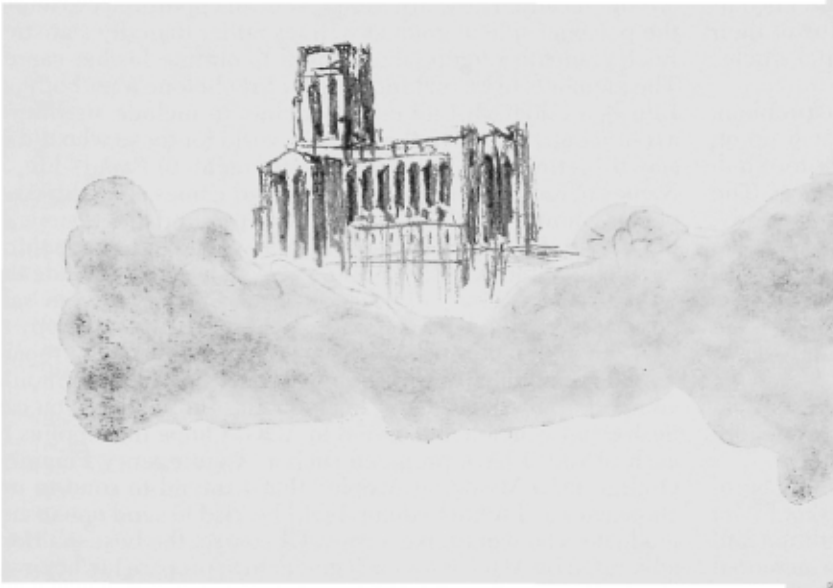
Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.



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Oliver Stelling McCleary

NO. 4977 CLASS OF 1911

Died 5 August 1989 in Carmel, California, aged 101 years.

Ashes scattered over the Pacific Ocean.

Oliver Stelling McCleary

SOLDIER, HISTORIAN, ARCHAEOLOGIST, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver S. McCleary, who was West Point's oldest living graduate for almost a year, died peacefully at his home in Carmel, California on 5 August 1989.

He was born in Newcomerstown, Ohio on 14 May 1888. This great-great-great-grandson of Major Andrew McClary, who gave his life for the republic at the battle of Bunker Hill, Oliver McCleary, with his sister, attended schools in Newcomerstown. While there he developed his interest in early American history, archaeology and Indian lore.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Newcomerstown, Oliver McCleary entered West Point on 15 June 1907 with the Class of 1911. On graduation, he was commissioned in the Infantry.

His early service in the Army with the 16th, 15th and 3rd Infantry Regiments took him to Alaska, the Philippine Islands and China, as well as to San Francisco and Texas border duty. While in the Philippines, he was in the field in charge of the Military Survey of Bataan Province, providing survey and maps of that peninsula which was to become a major battlefield of World War II.

At the outbreak of World War I, in 1917, Captain McCleary was assigned to the Officers Training School at Camp Pike, Arkansas. He became the senior instructor, was promoted to major and eventually became the on-site officer in charge, performing this duty until the end of the war.

After World War I, while serving at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, Major McCleary was married to Elizabeth Cooper. Subsequent assignments took them to Chicago, Illinois; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Fort Crook, Nebraska.

Major McCleary was retired on 29 June 1922 for disability incident to the service. However, he was twice recalled to active duty, the first time from 1923-31 as PMS&T of Salt Lake City High Schools at Salt Lake City, Utah. He was also recalled to duty during World War II, during which he served as Chief, Historical Section of the Army War College in Washington, DC, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

In those periods, when not on active duty, he actively pursued his life-long interest in early American history and the life of the Indian tribes of the Northwest. His basket collection from the Alaskan and Northwest Indians is held by the Portland Art Museum at Portland, Oregon. Pictures of his stone-age collection of Indian artifacts appeared in the *Illustrated London News*.

Lieutenant Colonel McCleary's collection of barracks-life photos, equipment, and records from his cadet days were given to the West Point Museum in recent years.

Lieutenant Colonel McCleary is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, a son, Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. McCleary, USA (Ret), three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Henry Benton Sayler

NO. 5349 CLASS OF 1915

Died 7 May 1970 in Savannah, Georgia, aged 76 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Henry Benton Sayler

GENERAL SAYLER'S HISTORY prior to the day he became Chief Ordnance Officer of the European Theater of Operations reads much like that of other Regular Army officers. Born in Huntington, Indiana on 4 November 1893, the son of a lawyer, John Milton Sayler, he received his early education in his home state. Later, having determined upon a military career, he attended Braden's Preparatory School in Highland Falls, New York. Entering the Military Academy in 1911, he graduated in 1915 in the upper fourth of his Class and was commissioned second lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps. With the advent of World War I he was promoted to captain, sailing for France with American Expeditionary Forces in November 1917.

Serving a year in France with the 42nd and 52nd Artillery Regiments, including four months on the Alsace front, he returned to the United States a few days prior to the Armistice and was assigned to the Coast Defense of Delaware, with headquarters at Fort Du Pont, Delaware.

Transferred to the Ordnance Department in 1921, General Sayler became Ordnance Officer of the 7th Division. In 1922, as a student officer in the Ordnance School at Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Massachusetts, he completed two one-year courses, the first involving a year of graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. Thereafter he served until 1931 at various posts and camps in the eastern United States, including a tour as assistant commandant of the Ordnance Specialists School at Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, New Jersey. From 1931-33 he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and upon graduation in the latter year became Ordnance Member of the Cavalry Board at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he remained until 1937.

Detailed to the Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, DC, in 1937, as chief of the General Supply Division, Field Service, General Sayler served in that capacity until July 1941, when he was transferred to Atlanta, Georgia as Ordnance Officer of the IV Corps Area. In January 1942, he became Ordnance Officer, First Army, with station at Governors Island, New York, where he remained until June of that year. Called overseas, he reported for duty in England on 25 June 1942, becoming Chief Ordnance Officer to General Eisenhower. In that capacity it became his duty to assemble the instruments of war which would be required by the Army of nearly a quarter million men scheduled to hit the Normany beaches on D-Day. That meant that for every man in the invasion force, 1,500 pounds of ordnance material had to be provided. Ordnance troops to the number of 150,000 officers and men had to be trained expertly in their jobs of keeping the guns shooting, the bombs falling, the trucks and the tanks rolling.

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Ordnance flowed into English depots at the rate of 14 tons a minute! There it was processed, assembled, waterproofed, inspected, issued, and placed in 21 storage depots, 19 vehicle parks, 22 maintenance shops, and eight ammunition depots. In 32 different plants, Ordnance soldiers assembled 1,000 vehicles daily. At that time, Ordnance equipment ran to more than a third of a million different items—each for a specific purpose. Each had to be at the right place at the right time—otherwise, it was useless.

Sayler's Ordnancemen hit the beaches on D-Day shoulder-to-shoulder with combat troops, and were soon issuing ammunition within 1,000 yards of enemy lines. Between D-Day and 16 July, they landed 212,000 tons of ammunition and 64,000 tons of replacement parts. With these they mended damaged guns, trucks and tanks, and kept them shooting—and rolling. They gathered together the thousands of intricate steel obstacles with which the Germans had strewn the beaches underwater, and beat them not into ploughshares, but into a new kind of blade, which fastened to the front of a tank, would rip down a hedgerow like a scythe. Between D-Day and V-E Day, Ordnance maintenance shops in the Communications Zone repaired over a third of a million vehicles of all types, close to half a million small arms, and over 11,000 artillery pieces.

These were General Sayler's men. They shared his inspiration, his enthusiasm. When they lacked the tools for a job, they improvised them. They knew that in back of them was a man who was simple, direct, "a man with a hard exterior," according to some observers, but one who beneath that exterior was both fair and honest. They knew that he admired honesty in others. This is witnessed by a story of his visit to a French town occupied by advancing American troops. Stopping his car, he asked an MP sergeant stationed at an intersection if he could direct him to a nearby village. The soldier replied, "No, Sir." "Do you know where divisional headquarters are in this area?" "No, Sir." "Do you know where the front lines are?" "No, Sir." "What town is this we're in?" "I don't know, Sir." At this point the general alighted and shook hands with the sergeant, saying: "I congratulate you; I am always more than glad to meet an honest man."

Some kindly providence must have influenced the selection of two members of the West Point Class of 1915, Dwight Eisenhower and Henry Sayler, as Commander-in-Chief and Chief Ordnance Officer of the European Theater of Operations. Teammates from 1911-15, they headed a new team, the mightiest the world has ever known. It was Eisenhower's business to "get there firstest with the mostest men;" it was equally Sayler's job to be there with the stuff for the men to fight with.

His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, World War I Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, the French Legion of Honor, the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star and Palm, the French Commander of Order of Commercial Merit, the Commander of Bath (Great Britain).

General Sayler returned from the European Theater on 20 August 1945 and was appointed Deputy Chief of Ordnance, to head the Ordnance Department while Lieutenant General L. H. Campbell, Jr., then Chief of Ordnance, was on duty with the Director of Reconversion. Sayler was later appointed assistant to the Chief of Ordnance for four years, serving in that capacity until his retirement in November 1949.

General Sayler married Jessie Dale Dixon of Savannah, Georgia on 6 October 1917, just a month prior to his departure for France in World War I. They had three children: a daughter and two sons. Both sons graduated from the Military Academy—Henry, Jr. in January 1943, and John in 1949.

After retirement, the Saylers took up residence in Savannah. In civilian life he was very active as a consultant in foreign and domestic public relations and a recognized leader in local Savannah community affairs. During the Eisenhower Presidential campaign, he headed the local Republican party. He was also elected for one term as president of the Class of 1915.

On 7 May 1970, General Sayler joined the "Long Gray Line" after suffering a fatal heart attack. He would have been especially proud to know that, in 1984, he was officially inducted into the Ordnance Hall of Fame at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland, and that his great-grandson, Cadet Pearce Hammond, USMA Class of 1991, is following in his distinguished footsteps.

His sons

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Roland Paget Shugg

NO. 5555 CLASS OF 1916

Died 28 July 1989 in Oakland, California, aged 95 years.

Ashes scattered in the Pacific Ocean.

ROLAND PAGET SHUGG was born in Needham, Massachusetts on 8 November 1893. He was the son of Henry Williams Shugg and Caro Elizabeth Paget, the eldest of four brothers and one sister. The family spent their summers on an island near Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where they enjoyed sailing, water sports, family togetherness and sibling rivalry.

Roland Paget Shugg

Roland graduated from Brookline High School in Massachusetts. He had always aspired to a military career, so he took the exams for West Point and Annapolis at the same time. He received an appointment to West Point while his brother, Carleton, received one to Annapolis. Shugg was admitted into the United States Military Academy on 14 June 1912 from the state of Massachusetts. Life at the Academy included wrestling, polo and sharp-shooting, aside from his studies. He was nicknamed "Madame" because of his tendency to blush. During one ceremony, the master of ceremonies asked if Madame Shugg would please come forward, and his mother, who was in the audience, started toward the podium.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Cavalry. In July, he was promoted to first lieutenant and assigned to the Border Patrol near Brownsville, Texas, during the Mexican border incident. Roland transferred to the Field Artillery and was ordered to Europe during World War I, and was there until the American troops marched into Germany. On 20 November 1918, he was promoted to major and returned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a student in 1920. In 1921, he became a student officer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. His career took him back to Fort Sill as a student officer in the Field Officers Course in 1927, graduation from Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1930, and assignment as an instructor at Princeton, New Jersey, PMS&T from 1930-35. He was director of Materiel at the Field Artillery School from 1935-40, promoted to lieutenant

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colonel and assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, as commanding officer of the 14th Field Artillery, 2nd Armored Division. He then became chief of staff of the 3rd Armored Division. In 1942, he was sent to Washington, DC, as chief of Motors, Section G-4, Chief of Transportation and special assistant, Office Chief of Ordnance.

In June 1943, he was promoted to brigadier general and assigned to Camp Adair, Oregon, with the 70th Infantry Division, commanding the Field Artillery. He was the commanding general of the XIII Corps Field Artillery from 1943-45 in the European Theater of Operations. On 1 January 1945, Roland was a member of the joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission and Office of Chief of Staff; July 1945-46, he was chief of staff of the Transportation Corps, Fort Mason, California; 1946, commanding officer of the Port of Embarkation of New Orleans, Louisiana; September 1947, staff officer—G-3 American Mission to Turkey, returning in October 1949 to be Division Artillery commanding officer of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Georgia. He went with the division to the Korean War.

Roland retired in 1952 after 40 years of service and returned to school at Golden Gate College in San Francisco, California for a degree in real estate, becoming a partner in Davis Real Estate for many years. He and his wife took many trips to Europe during his retirement and one fourteen-month trip around the world.

His awards during his military career included the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Croix de Guerre with Palm and Legion of Honor from Belgium, Order of War of the Fatherland with one cluster from Russia, and Legion of Honor Chevalier and the Croix de Guerre with Palm from France.

In 1921, Roland Shugg met his bride-to-be at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Blanche Page of New York City was visiting her brother, Douglas, a classmate of Roland at West Point. They were married on 4 July of that year at St. Thomas Cathedral in New York City. Roland loved to tell friends that "I lost my independence on Independence Day." In the next four and one-half years, they became parents of four daughters, to whom they were devoted. They traveled to the cottage in Maine every summer regardless of where they were stationed.

He was known for mixing his sense of humor with his intelligence and often was known to laugh at himself. He loved to tell the story about an experience at Fort Sill when he and his longtime friend, Colonel Oliver van der Berg, were racing a new half-track against a horse in a field of mud. After three times around the track, the horse was stuck in the mud and the half-track was proven to be the better vehicle for the job, so he proved his point amidst much laughter.

Roland had many tales to tell about his life with five women. Once, when the family was traveling back from a summer in Mexico laden with sarapes, sombreros, canaries and baskets, a Texas state trooper stopped him for a car search as he was sure Roland was smuggling immigrants into the United States.

He was proud to be the oldest living graduate of the United States Military Academy in the greater San Francisco area, and as such, addressed their annual reunion dinner in 1988.

Duty, Honor, and Country were first in Roland's life, but his family was always foremost in his thoughts. He shared visits and reunions annually with his daughters and their families. All four daughters were with him in his last two weeks, and he was still "in command." Though this last reunion was bittersweet, we shared many memories of our lives together with our beloved mother, Madre.

From his early cadet days, "bootlick and gold lace" held no fascination for him; he believed in one thing—"getting the job done, the best you can with what you have to work with." On the lighter side, he often said, "a successful person learns to laugh at himself and his own mistakes, not those of others." For those of you who knew "Madame" Shugg—it was indeed a privilege and education—a real experience of life in all aspects. He was a champion of many causes (one being to give the "GI" a better break in our National Security System), he made small people feel "big" and some "big" people feel small. He was proud of who he was and what he was, and encouraged others to do the same. He believed in what he thought to be right and had the courage of his convictions to follow through at any cost. He lost some "matterless" things along the way, but he always held a victory flag at the end. "Madame" to the Corps and "Dad" to us, your life was a job well done and a true victory to the end.

He is survived by four daughters: June Carter of Corvallis, Oregon; Blanche Cushman of West Melbourne, Florida; Frances MacMannis of Melbourne, Florida; and Patricia Neely of Colorado Springs, Colorado; six grandsons and five granddaughters; four great-grandsons and five great-granddaughters; brothers, Carleton Shugg of Mystic, Connecticut, and Roger Shugg of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and a sister, Dorothy Angell of Bethesda, Maryland. He was predeceased by his wife, Blanche, and a great-granddaughter, Phyllis Hand.

From the four Shugg daughters

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Clarence Page Townsley

NO. 5959 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 1 October 1975 in Washington, DC, aged 78 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Clarence Page Townsley

THE LONG GRAY LINE is an honor roll, and all who have a place in it have made a distinguished contribution to the greatness of this nation, whether fate made their part a conspicuous one with exalted rank, or a just-as-important, but less publicized, part. That said, may this writer be forgiven for stating that Clarence Townsley, my father, was the finest man I have ever met, and I had the good fortune to have known him close up.

Clarence Townsley was born 10 October 1896 at Washington Barracks, DC. By the time he entered USMA he had lived at Fortress Monroe, Virginia; Fort Strong, Massachusetts; Fort Barrancas, Florida; Fort Williams, Maine; and West Point. These Coast Artillery posts being on the water, he loved sailing all his life. He started school on the second floor of post headquarters at Fort Strong. Sergeant Arnold taught the five pupils in his class reading, writing, arithmetic, and introductory geography based on Frye's text and on current events in Boston newspapers.

Three years before Clarence entered West Point, his father became Superintendent (1912-16). It would not be right for a future plebe to live in the Supe's quarters, so Clarence went to St. Luke's School. Others there: Parker Tompkins and Bud Miley of '19, and Charlie Gerhardt '17. As a plebe, he said, "Being the Supe's son, I got considerable personal attention from all the Beast Detail and I might add, from many others, too, after Beast Barracks." Fortunately, by third class year, his father was promoted away

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from the Academy, though the Superintendent's portrait still keeps a watchful eye in the Cadet Mess Hall.

The 1919 *Howitzer* quotes nicknames "CP" and "Clarry," and says he wore captain's chevrons. From the biographical note: "A captain who did what he thought was the right thing, because it was the right thing to do. Everything worth doing, he has had a hand in." Nearing graduation in June 1918, he volunteered to spend his leave herding Army horses from Georgia to Camp Dix, New Jersey.

In his memoir it is revealing that he assumed the official record sufficiently covered his personal career, so he wrote with warmth and humor of people and events more than of the many jobs he had done so well for the Army. Commissioned in the Field Artillery, he went to France as aide to General William P. Ennis, serving with the Caliber Board to analyze artillery weapons and tactics in the Great War. Returning to West Point as a Tac, on 7 June 1923 he married Elsie Stuart, who had graduated second in her class at Vassar, and whose father had graduated #1 USMA 1896. They were promptly posted to 8th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, where Page (Harvard AB, Kings Point BS, Harvard AMP), the first of two sons, was born 11 May 1924. From Hawaii Clarence went to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

After Field Artillery School, Clarence went to Auburn as PMS&T. As an outsider in a small Alabama town, it's notable this young Army lieutenant was elected president of the Lions Club, subsequently at their state convention was elected State Delegate, and as such was featured speaker at the National Lion's Convention in St. Louis. Years later he told me, with modesty and humor, "I think they sent me to St. Louis because I was the only one who had two suits." While Clarence was at Auburn, his second son, Edwin (USMA '49, Harvard MPA, U Illinois PhD), was born 25 October 1927.

After Auburn, Clarence was range officer at Fort Sill, and loved it. He also coached staff troops to outstanding baseball and football seasons. He teamed with Max Taylor to win the Southwest Tennis Doubles Championship. He also played handball, shot skeet, and hunted duck. I recall a farewell ceremony in the Old Indian Stockade at Fort Sill put on by Captain Townsley's men as he left troop duty there in 1935. I was touched almost to boyish tears to see what an affectionate bond there was between a genuinely respected and liked officer, and the people with whom he served. I saw the same esprit de corps in his later commands. The next post was Yale where in addition to teaching ROTC he coached the Yale pistol team in intercollegiate competition. ROTC duty at Yale in 1936 sounds mundane. Years later after World War II, however, then-BG Townsley received a letter from a Yale alumnus expressing thanks for the contribution to his life. Thus do West Point's high standards strengthen the wartime civilian Army.

After Yale came C&GSS at Leavenworth, followed by 5th FA at Madison Barracks, promotion to major, large scale maneuvers at Fort Benning and Pine Camp (later renamed for Gen Hugh Drum) in 1939-40, and events moving rapidly to World War II. Lieutenant Colonel Townsley served at Boston Army Base in 1941, and had two sons going to Phillips Exeter Academy. As colonel early in the war he became chief of Planning Requirements and Distribution in G-4 in Washington. In 1942 he was named commanding general, 86th Division Artillery, newly-activated at Camp Howze, Texas, and at Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

With 86th Division Artillery from 1942-44, he concentrated on building morale and esprit all through the ranks to the newest recruits. The payoff was that this green division's artillery in its firing tests outscored all other divisions then training for combat duty.

Leaving Melasky's 86th Division, Clarence moved up to commanding general of XXXVI Corps Artillery under General Pete Corlett in 1944-45. The Corps was en route to the Pacific when the Ardennes Battle broke, so its headquarters and divisions were turned around. Clarence served in the ETO to 1946, being awarded the Legion of Merit, continuing in Europe as deputy commanding general, Ground Force Redeployment in Paris, commanding general of 1st Division Artillery and of 3rd Division Artillery in Europe, then commanding general of Stuttgart Military Post until 1948. Stuttgart had the largest community of displaced persons in the United States Zone, and duty here was complex and demanding, involving, at one time, threats on Clarence's life from black marketeers whose activities did not help stabilize the economy.

In 1948 he returned to New York as chief of staff for the United States Army Delegation to the United Nations Military Staff Committee. Clarence lived at Fort Totten, where he and Elsie found it necessary to maintain a heavy schedule of official entertainment of foreign delegates (which, as a practical matter, is where sometimes positions are informally tested between friends before formal presentation to the "big 5" nations in the Security Council). Through his entire career Clarence was always comfortable establishing friendly rapport with his colleagues.

Retiring at his own request after his United Nations tour on 31 July 1953, Clarence and Elsie bought a large home in Manhasset, New York. Rather than retiring, however, Clarence found himself "busy as a bird dog" with the novelty of living in their own house, real estate ventures, elected executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, elected vestryman and then warden of Christ Episcopal Church, traveling to Europe, two terms on the Board of Directors of United Fund, and heading an emergency fund-raising drive for flood relief for the Red Cross. The *Howitzer* biography had been right! "Everything worth doing he has had a hand in."

Since the mid-thirties, Clarence and Elsie had been spending summers at Squam Lake, New Hampshire, whenever they could. In 1959 they built a summer home there, called "Lost Loafer" to commemorate a penny-loafer shoe Elsie lost in the mud and never found while looking for the perfect lot on that beautiful Golden Pond. What an idyllic place to spend six months each year, with occasional visits from both sons and their youngsters, totaling seven grandchildren; sailing, swimming, canoeing, waterskiing, scuba diving, aquaplaning, golfing, tennis, climbing, or simply sitting on the deck looking across the lake at near and far mountain ranges. Clarence was active in Squam Lake Association affairs, as chairman of the Navigation Committee.

The Manhasset home was sold in 1966, and a winter home was established in a terrace apartment in Charleston, South Carolina, overlooking a lagoon, a yacht club, and the Ashley River. Clarence and Elsie alternated six months on Squam with six in Charleston. This enabled them to enhance the semi-annual treks north and south, with visits to friends and classmates in Asheville, Washington, New York, and other points along the way. These were busy, active years with a large circle of Squam Lake friends, and in Charleston, a well-coordinated group of Army and Navy retired friends, many of whom met regularly every Sunday for a coffee klatsch at a yacht club on Sullivan's Island.

In November 1974 Elsie, whom he had always referred to as "my bride," died unexpectedly of a stroke in Charleston. Clarence discovered in September 1975 he had leukemia, probably resulting from influenza picked up on a trip to Spain and Portugal, and died three weeks later. They had both been strong and vigorous right to the last moment. Their gravestone is close by the two monuments of his parents and her parents, in the West Point Cemetery, from which looking down to the Hudson, one can see two streets near the old athletic field: Townsley Drive and Townsley Road.

Their lives in the Army Blue have inspired those they touched. Clarence set and taught very high standards of

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honor, character, and performance for his family and his commands. He demanded even higher standards of himself, and never compromised them all his life. I never heard him utter a word of profanity. He liked and respected almost everyone, and his two-way loyalty brought out the best in his people. He and Elsie were blessed with many, many friends. Always conscious that he was an officer and a gentleman, his word was his bond. As the 1919 *Howitzer* said, "Well may West Point be proud of him."

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Logan Osburn Shutt

NO. 6477 CLASS OF 1919

Died 28 April 1989 in Charlotte, North Carolina, aged 91 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Logan Osburn Shutt

LOGAN OSBURN SHUTT was born in Charles Town, West Virginia on 24 September 1897, the son of Logan B. and Mary Moore Shutt. He graduated from Charles Town High School.

Logan entered the United States Military Academy on 14 June 1917, as the United States entered World War I, by appointment from the state of West Virginia. In July 1919 he was sent to Europe to observe the occupation force. He returned to the United States and entered the Infantry School as a student officer at Camp Benning, Georgia.

As an Infantry officer, Logan served tours of duty at Camp Dodge, Iowa; Camp Lewis, Washington; and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 1920-24. In 1924, as a first lieutenant, he transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps and was assigned to Fort H.G. Wright, New York.

Logan returned to West Point as an instructor in the Department of English in 1926 and remained until 1930. He left the Academy to attend officer advanced training at Fort Monroe, and from 1931-37 was stationed in Hawaii, then at Fort Totten, New York, where he was promoted to captain and served as regimental and post adjutant and as battery commander.

Captain Logan went to Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and graduated in 1938. He returned to Hawaii as battery commander and was promoted to major in 1940. Logan was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina as the executive officer for the 77th Anti Aircraft Artillery when World War II began.

Throughout the war he served primarily as an intelligence staff officer both at Tampa, Florida and in the South Pacific. In 1945 he was assigned to Bolling Field at the Continental Air Force and Strategic Air Command as the A-2.

After World War II Logan served in assignments as an instructor for the Georgia National Guard in Savannah and as executive officer for the 7893 Military Liaison Mission, Soviet Occupied Zone, Potsdam, Germany.

Logan retired in December 1949 with the rank of colonel. His awards included the Bronze Star and four Commendation Ribbons.

In 1920 Logan married Mary Robbins, who passed away in 1970. They had two daughters, Mary Pleasants of Charlotte, North Carolina and Margaret Hardy of Indio, California, both of whom survive him.

In August 1972 Logan Shutt married Mary B. Hammett, who survives him and resides in Fallston, Maryland.

Colonel Shutt was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

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Cornelius Emmett O'Connor

NO. 6502 CLASS OF 1919

Died 22 April 1985 in Clearwater, Florida, aged 87 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

IT WAS FAR FROM the green fields of Ireland in Leadville, Colorado that Annie O'Sullivan of County Kerry found Jerimiah Joseph O'Connor of County Cork among the flood of Irish immigrants that came to the United States in the late part of the 19th Century. They married in 1888 and the youngest of their five children, Cornelius Emmett O'Connor, was born on 5 February 1898.

The family moved from Leadville to a cattle ranch near Nathrope, where Emmett grew up. He attended grammar school in a one-room school house in

Cornelius Emmett O'Connor

Brown's Canyon, commuting on his own burro. He then went to Salaida, Colorado for high school. Summers were spent working on the family ranch. After graduation he worked for a year in the Madonna Mine at Monarch to earn his tuition for the Army-Navy Preparatory School in Washington, DC, where he became acquainted with many of his future West Point classmates.

He was appointed to the Military Academy by Senator Edward Taylor of Colorado, entering with the Class of 1919. He was quickly named "Pat" and "Irish" by his classmates, names which remained his for the rest of his life. Because of World War I his class was commissioned early on 1 November 1918. However, with the signing of the Armistice ten days later, plans to send the young officers to the front were cancelled. The Class returned to West Point for a year in an unusual situation as "student officers." The second graduation in 1919 had all the pomp and ceremony the first had lacked. The Class finally did embark for Europe and there followed a memorable tour of American and Allied battlefields and bases in Europe.

His first assignment upon leaving West Point was the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He then joined the 34th Infantry and served in the normal garrison duties of a lieutenant at Camp Funston, Kansas; Camp Meade, Maryland; Camp Perry, Ohio; and Fort Howard, Maryland. During this period he was a member of the Infantry Rifle Team, representing the United States in international competition.

In June 1922 Pat joined the Air Service, as it was then termed. He earned his wings at Brooks and Kelly Fields in 1922. As did all young aviation pioneers, he had his share of "forced landings." Upon one such incident he broke his nose landing in a farmer's field. As there

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was no doctor in the desolate Texas area, he had his nose set by a taxidermist while sitting in a barber chair.

He transferred to the Air Corps in 1924 and was assigned to the 28th Bombardment Squadron, Camp Nichols, Manila, Philippine Islands. In 1926 he was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, and was in charge of flying President Coolidge's mail from North Platt, Nebraska to the summer White House in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

While a cadet at West Point, this cowboy from Colorado had met and fallen head over heels in love with a sophisticated young lady from New York City, Nancy Geraty. She was the one great love of his life and he courted her for ten years. They were married at St. Patrick's Cathedral in April 1927. They honeymooned driving cross country to their new station at March Field, California, where Pat was a flying instructor. Their daughter, Connie, was born there in 1930.

From 1932-34 he was stationed in Panama at both France and Albrook Fields. While at Albrook their only son was born and died in infancy. In 1934 Pat was transferred to the 2nd Bomb Group at Langley Field, Virginia, and in 1939 he attended the Air Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Heavy bombers were his great love and he was privileged to fly the first B-17 from the Boeing factory for delivery to the Army. He held Command Pilot rating.

In 1940 Pat was assigned as Base Engineering Officer for the construction of McDill Field, Florida. The following year he was transferred to Baton Rouge Army Air Base. In 1942 he became commanding officer of DeRidder Army Air Base, Louisiana. Now a colonel, Pat's next assignment was as commanding officer of Daniel Field, Georgia, a primary replacement and processing center for the Air Service Command. He established great rapport with Augusta's civilian community and was well known for his active interest in civic affairs. Pat retired in 1945 due to physical disability.

Pat and Nancy settled first in Dunedin, Florida, and later in adjacent Clearwater. During the early years of his retirement he served as city manager of Dunedin. He and Nancy enjoyed traveling and had many delightful trips, both in the United States and abroad. Their daughter's marriage to Bert Morgan in 1954 provided them with the son they had lost. Their grandchildren, Michele, Lynn and Jerry, brought great delight to their lives. Pat and grandson, Jerry, developed a very special friendship, and Jerry became Pat's greatest pal in later years. He is survived by his daughter Connie (Mrs. Herbert J. Morgan of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey), grandchildren Michele Morgan Huettner, C. Lynn Morgan Bork and Jerry Morgan, two nieces and five nephews, including Major John E. O'Connor (USAF Retired).

The friendships of West Point classmates had always been important to him, but became even more so in retirement as he discovered a contingent of 28 classmates in the Clearwater area. Thus he was able to indulge in his favorite pastime—a good bridge game. A delightful surprise came in January 1985, when he received a telephone call from Al Wedemeyer on the occasion of Al and Dade's sixtieth wedding anniversary. Pat had served as an usher at their wedding on Corrigador.

A true Celt, Pat had the Irish love of poetry and could recite hundreds of poems by heart. He cherished his Roman Catholic faith. He was a loyal and loving husband, a devoted and generous father and grandfather, a man of integrity and a fine soldier, who truly loved the Army. He never forgot his Colorado roots and one of his favorite poems was read at his funeral:

I'm far, far from home, from the hills
for which I'm longing,
The plains they keep a'calling, and
a'coaxing me to rest.
A thousand aching memories thru
my lonely heart are thronging,
And oh my soul is aching for the
distant, distant West.
My head is filled with fancies, I hear
the night wind sighing,
So cold and blue the snowy peeks
against the sunset sky,
And far above the sound of winter in
the canyon,
I hear the snaping, snarling of the
coyotes in full cry.
I see the pine and fir trees, like stiff
and silent sentinels
March their seried columns to the
distant timberline.
I see the range snow covered, the
lean and hungry cattle,
And stealing thru the winter night I
hear a bob cat whine.
Oh, my heart is longing, longing for
the canyons and the mountains,
My eyes are aching, aching for the
sights beyond compare
Of the plains that stretch forever,
from the sunrise to the sunset,
For the glory and the majesty of
God's great world lies there.

Pat died 22 April 1985. Nancy died 15 November 1986 after a short illness. They are interred at West Point, where they first met. "Well done, be thou at peace."

Connie O'Connor Morgan

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Frederick Robert Pitts

NO. 6681 CLASS OF 1920

Died 19 October 1988 in Winter Park, Florida, aged 89 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Frederick Robert Pitts

"POTTS," AS HE WAS CALLED by his classmates, was born on 23 October 1898 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the only child of Walter and Marion H. Pitts. He graduated from Northeast High School in Philadelphia where he was extremely active in sports, particularly track. Fred attended Penn State for a year prior to entering the Military Academy in 1918.

During his years at the United States Military Academy, Fred was described as "a mixture—compassion for fellow Kaydets, a sense of justice that forces him to deeds where his feet hang back, a sharp wit and a goodly share of . . . stubbornness. He shuns the limelight, and only in the presence of his friends does he come entirely out of the shell of his reserve. We who know him best, feel that he'll reach the altitude of his ambition. . . . "

Upon graduation, Fred was commissioned a second lieutenant, Cavalry, and was posted to Fort Riley, Kansas. Subsequent assignments prior to World War II included Cavalry duties and troop commands at Fort Myer, Virginia; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands; and Fort Knox, Kentucky. After the horse became mechanized, Fred was assigned to Headquarters Army Air Force in Washington, DC (December 1941). Fred's athletic pursuits placed him on the United States Olympic Team in 1924 where he competed in the Modern Pentathlon Games in Europe. He also returned to the Military Academy in August 1927 where, among several duties, he served as an instructor in drawing.

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The war years found Fred first in North Africa assigned to Services and Supply of the North African Theatre of Operations, completing the war in the European Theater of Operations in G4 of ADSEC, and then commanding officer of Camp Detroit, Laon, France, until March 1945. His final year overseas, he commanded the Swiss Leave Center in Mulhouse, France. Upon returning home, he had successive assignments in the G2 Sections of Second and First Army, served as chief of staff of the XV Corps, and culminated his active military career as chief of the Army Section MMAG in the Hague, Netherlands.

Soon after graduating from West Point, Fred became enamored with the lovely Lily Jane Axton; she was the daughter of the first Army Chief of Chaplains, John T. Axton. They were married on 12 June 1925, upon Lily Jane's graduation from Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, by Chaplain (Colonel) John T. Axton. The couple had three sons. Frederick R., Jr., after serving briefly in the Navy during WWII, became a neurosurgeon and is now retired, living in Costa Rica; their second son, Robert A., received a commission in the United States Air Force and was killed in a jet fighter training accident in 1950. The youngest son, John W., retired from the Army as a major after serving 20 years as a Signal officer, including two tours in Vietnam; he presently works as a senior telecommunications manager for Martin Marietta Corporation in Colorado.

Upon retirement as a colonel in June 1954, Fred settled in Winter Park, Florida, where he was very active in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, various USMA associations, and other community activities. Fred and Lily Jane moved in 1956 to Louisiana, where they remained for five years as owners and operators of the state Tupperware Distributorship before once again returning to Winter Park. Lily Jane passed away on 20 January 1976. Both Fred and Lily Jane are at final rest together in Arlington National Cemetery.

Frederick R. Pitts truly loved his God, country and the United States Military Academy until the day he died. His surviving family and decendents know he is now reunited in the Lord's kingdom with those of the Long Gray Line who previously departed this Earth.

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Francis Jennings Wilson

NO. 6835 CLASS OF 1922

Died 3 November 1988 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, aged 89 years.

Interment: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FRANCIS JENNINGS WILSON was born 28 May 1899 in Denver, Colorado to Daniel and Etta Wilson, who had moved from

Francis Jennings Wilson

Bedford County, Pennsylvania to the Rocky Mountain region. Known affectionately as "Babe," Francis J. Wilson attended secondary schools in Colorado Springs before entering the United States Military Academy in the fall of 1918. Graduating number seven in the first of the two classes of 1922, he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. In May 1926, he married Mildred Thomas of Brownsville, Tennessee, who shared 38 years of his life until her death in September 1964.

His military service spanned the period between World Wars I and II. Following the usual basic and small unit assignments, he spent a year at Cornell University studying civil engineering prior to returning to the Military Academy as an instructor from 1929-34.

Duties from 1934-40 as Assistant District Engineer in Memphis found Babe in charge of major public works projects throughout the St. Francis Basin. This experience provided a solid foundation and an enthusiasm for the work which later would become the centerpiece of his life's endeavors.

A fine record of performance in Memphis lead to his selection and attendance at C&GSC from which he graduated in 1941. Next came the Office of the Chief of Engineers for a brief two years as the responsible officer in the Military Construction Division, OCE, during the major and expedited World War II building programs. Unable to serve overseas, Colonel F. J. Wilson was reassigned to be the District Engineer, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Babe moved his family to Tulsa in 1943—his last assignment before retiring from the U.S. Army in 1946. Tulsa was to be his home for over 45 years and the place where this friendly, intelligent and beloved man would soon make an indelible mark on the State of Oklahoma, the Nation's resource policies, and win the hearts of men and women whom he met and impressed.

His duties in the last assignment were devoted in the main to a $800 million military construction program at Army and Air Corps facilities and in modifying the two huge bomber plants in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. At the same time, planning of water resource projects was kept current so that work could commence on a series of large multipurpose dams once the war ended.

For the first five years following his 1946 retirement, Colonel Babe Wilson was managing trustee of the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma. At the end of this period, he became a consultant to the Oklahoma Planning and Research Board.

Babe's engineering talents, his background in management of water resources projects, plus his close association with the State of Oklahoma officials made him the single most qualified person to become executive vice president of the Arkansas Basin Development Association in 1955. This proved to be the place and task which suited exactly his talents and experience. For 13 years Babe Wilson led ABDA into a position of national prominence and recognition in having the Federal Government authorize and fund the construction of a waterway up the Arkansas River some 450 miles to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He orchestrated the steps which united the congressional delegations of Arkansas and Oklahoma to secure initial funding for ground-breaking in December 1956, in spite of strong opposition from the administration. Only a few men and women are able to see solutions to complex problems clearly; Babe Wilson was one, but more than that, he also possessed perseverance and tenacity to bring the solution into reality.

In all of this "heady" experience, Babe never forgot his beginnings in the U.S. Army. He served and advised every district engineer to report for duty in Tulsa from 1946-88. He felt obliged to see that the U.S. Army and the integrity of its officers were held in high esteem by the people who judged them.

His active responsibilities with ABDA ended in 1968; even so, Babe Wilson remained a sought after advisor to resource planners until, after a long illness, he died 3 November 1988. His wife, Patti Johnson Wilson, resides in Tulsa. He also leaves two daughters, Mildred Tossberg and Margaret Roberts, and six grandchildren. The city and state recognized their loss of an outstanding citizen in many ways, but the editorial comments in the *Tulsa World* put the words together best: "Col. Francis J. Wilson was . . . 'the driving force' behind the Arkansas River Navigation Project. He was an engineer and a visionary. A good man who worked for a dream and lived to see it come true."

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Thomas Sherman Timberman

NO. 7172 CLASS OF 1923

Died 2 August 1989 in Bethesda, Maryland, aged 89 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Thomas Sherman Timberman

THOMAS SHERMAN TIMBERMAN, 89, a retired Army major general who had a brilliant career as a staff officer dealing with Chinese affairs and later was the U.S. commander in Berlin, died 2 August 1989 at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. He had an aortal aneurysm.

"Timmie" was born in Jamesburg, New Jersey in 1900 and entered West Point in 1919. Thus began an association he cherished all his life (and was reminiscing about his cadet days not long before he was stricken). He was a member of the Academy's basketball, boxing and pistol teams. During his Army career, he became a champion pistol shooter at Camp Perry. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1923.

In 1925, as a lieutenant, he was assigned to the 15th Infantry Regiment in Tientsin, China. There he met the two men who were to have a decisive effect on his career: Stilwell (then a major) was a battalion commander in the 15th at that time, and Marshall (then a lieutenant colonel) was the regiment's executive officer.

Timmie served in China in the 1920's and 1930's, and was fluent in Chinese. During World War II, he was on the staff of General Joseph W. Stilwell, the legendary "Vinegar Joe" who commanded U.S. forces in the China-Burma-India Theater. Later in the war, he was the U.S. representative on the staff of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, the allied commander-in-chief in Southeast Asia.

In 1946, in the war's aftermath, General Timberman returned to China with General George C. Marshall, the wartime Army Chief of Staff whose mission was to bring peace between the communists of Mao Tse-tung and the nationalists led by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Although Marshall succeeded in bringing about a truce, conditions in China were far beyond the reach of American diplomacy. Ultimately the communists triumphed, and Marshall's effort became a target in the subsequent campaign of anti-communist vilification unleashed by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

General Timberman's career thus brought him into intimate contact with some of the major events and leading personalities of his time. "He was an exceptionally capable officer," said Henry A. Byroade, a former general and ambassador who was Marshall's principal assistant on the China mission. "He was a strategic thinker. He had a good overall grasp of what we were doing and why we were doing it."

In 1951, having spent most of his career as a staff officer, General Timberman was given command of the 1st Infantry Division in West Germany. From 1952-54, one of the bleakest periods of the Cold War, he was the U.S. commander in Berlin. He was in Berlin when the East Germans staged an uprising in 1953.

In 1954 he assumed command of the 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, a post he held until 1956. From 1956-58 he was the Army member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee of the JCS in Washington.

From 1958 until he retired in 1960, General Timberman commanded the Army Security Agency at Arlington Hall Station.

His military decorations included three awards of the Distinguished Service Medal and three awards of the Legion of Merit.

After retiring from the Army, General Timberman was a consultant with Research Analysis Corporation in McLean. He lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and was a member of the Chevy Chase Club.

His wife, Virginia Fiske Timberman, whom he married in 1929, died in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Timberman Callaghan of Annandale; a son, Thomas Fiske Timberman, a Foreign Service officer who is U.S. consul general in Madras, India; a brother, William V. Timberman of Jamesburg; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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Donald Cameron Tredennick

NO. 7179 CLASS OF 1923

Died 14 March 1989 in Reading, Pennsylvania, aged 87 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ON 14 MARCH 1989, West Point, the Army, our nation and the Tredennick family lost a loyal son and family leader when Donald Cameron Tredennick died in Reading, Pennsylvania at the age of 87. He was buried at West Point with military honors.

Donald Cameron Tredennick

Don was born on 29 August 1901 in Youngstown, Ohio, but was raised in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he was known for friendly, winning ways in the classroom and on the baseball diamond. He graduated from Johnstown High and entered the Military Academy in the summer of 1919. During his cadet days, Tred, as he was called by all his friends, continued to excel in sports and became the center forward on the Army soccer team. He graduated on 12 June 1923 and was commissioned in the Regular Army as a second lieutenant of Coast Artillery.

In 1925 he was assigned to Fort Ruger, Hawaii, and it was during this assignment that he met Dorothy Waldron, who was studying at the University of Hawaii. They were married on 1 June 1929 and immediately set sail for their next assignment to Fort Monroe, Virginia, where they remained until July 1931. They moved to the University of Pittsburgh where Tred was assigned as the Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics. While at Pitt, Tred earned his B.S. degree in mathematics, was the faculty advisor of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, organized the Pitt Rifles and designed the uniform for the University of Pittsburgh Marching Band. It was during this tour that Dot and Tred's first son, Don, was born. Upon his departure from the university, Tred was honored by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity by being made a brother in the fraternity. The family moved to the Philippine Islands in 1936 and remained there until 1939, when Tred was assigned as a student at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon graduation in February 1940, Tred was assigned to the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe where he was an

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instructor and the director of the Department of Training Publications. A second son, Bill, was born during this tour of duty. On 29 March 1943, Tred was transferred to Headquarters Army Ground Forces, Washington, DC, as chief, Visual Aids Branch and officer in charge of Coast Artillery Training Literature of Requirements Section, Headquarters Army Ground Forces. In July 1944 he was assigned to the Territory of Hawaii. He was attached to the First Marine Division and participated in the Peleliu Campaign. He became the G-3 of the Southern Palaus Area in August 1944 and remained there until he returned to Hawaii as the commanding officer of the 28th Anti Aircraft Artillery Group. He subsequently became the commanding officer of the 139th Anti Aircraft Artillery Group. The family departed for Japan in November 1946, where Tred was the commanding officer of the 138th Anti Aircraft Artillery Group, Yokohama until his departure in July 1947.

Returning to the States, Tred was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Department of the Army and served in the DC area until May 1952. His next assignment took the family to Heidelberg, Germany, where Tred was the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, Headquarters, U. S. Army Europe. During the period of the Netherlands flood disaster from 1-26 February 1953, he served as chief of staff and G-3 of the American Military Relief Organization in the Hague, and was presented a citation for his service to her nation by the Queen of the Netherlands. Tred had completed over 31 years of military service when he retired on 30 September 1954.

Tred remained in Europe as a business representative and then, in 1956, accepted a teaching position with Pennsylvania State University as an engineering instructor at their New Castle campus. He moved to the Berks Campus of Penn State in the summer of 1959, became an assistant professor and finally retired from teaching on 30 June 1969.

Throughout his life Tred made time for volunteer work, coaching his soldiers in soccer, basketball and baseball; being an adult leader for the Boy Scouts; and participating in many service-oriented organizations. However, his greatest interests were in West Point, his classmates and in assisting young people in their pursuit of admittance to West Point. He served as a district representative and zip area coordinator for the West Point Admissions Office for many years and received a special admissions award during his 60th Class Reunion in 1983. Not only did he and Dot assist young men and women to enter West Point, they continued to follow and help these young people during their cadet careers by offering guidance, support, encouragement and tailgate meals during football weekends. They continued to support "their cadets" throughout their careers.

Tred was the scribe for the Class of '23 for many years, closing each article with "Grip Hands," maintaining contact with the Academy and his classmates. He was also an avid Army sports fan, and he and Dot attended all the Army home football games and many away games from 1964 until 1987, when it became physically impossible for them to attend.

Tred has been lost to his family and to West Point but his memory will be carried forward by hundreds of former cadets and Army officers who remember how much he gave of himself so that they could achieve their goals.

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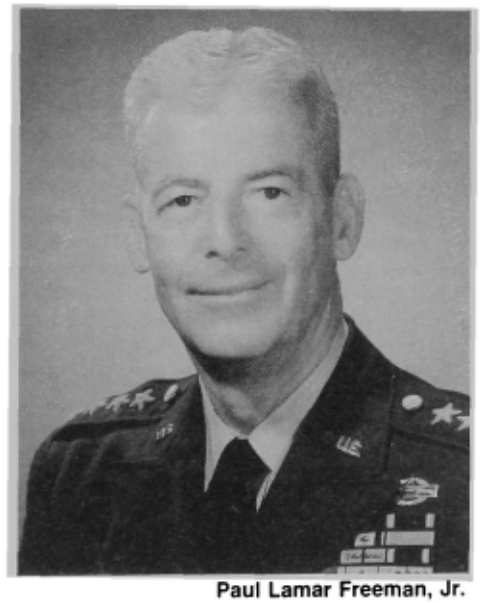
Paul Lamar Freeman, Jr.

NO. 8699 CLASS OF 1929

Died 17 April 1988 in Carmel, California, aged 80 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Paul Lamar Freeman, Jr.

FROM THE DAY THAT HE WAS BORN in Manila, Philippine Islands in 1907, to the day that he died in Carmel, California in 1988, Paul Lamar Freeman was Army, all the way. Son of an Army surgeon, who served three tours in the Philippines before Paul was seven, he grew up on Army posts from the western edge of the Pacific Rim to the eastern edge of the United States. One of his father's three Philippine tours was as transport surgeon aboard the *USAT Logan*, and Paul sailed with him for more than six months.

It never occurred to Paul to be anything but an Army officer, but his first serious thoughts of West Point didn't come until his sophomore and junior years in high school. Following graduation, he took the Academy Presidential competitive exams and in March 1925, he learned he had passed 13 out of 200; the hitch was that there were only 12 vacancies. Thus began a frantic search for congressmen with vacancies in the vicinity of Governors Island, where his father was stationed. With ten days left, he received a call from the Third Congressional District of New York, located in Brooklyn, asking if he were still interested. Paul responded, "Definitely, yes!" When he went to the District, he found out why they hadn't filled any vacancies in several years; no one spoke English! Paul immediately established his residence in a Brooklyn rooming house, and in July 1925 he entered West Point with the Class of 1929.

At West Point, Paul was a private all four years. As Paul would say later, he "led a very undistinguished cadet life." When graduation came, he was at the top of the bottom third of his class. Commissioned in the Infantry, he was first assigned to the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston.

While a cadet, Paul met a man who was to have a great influence on his life . . . Lawrence B. "Dutch" Keiser. When he joined the 9th Infantry, Keiser was his first company commander. When Keiser became the brigade S-3, he took Paul with him as his assistant. The 2nd Infantry Division really provided the thread of continuity to Paul's whole career, and it was in the Indianhead Division 22 years later and over 7,000 miles to the west that Paul achieved his greatest ambition; Dutch Keiser was again his commanding officer.

In August 1932, following a three-year courtship, Paul married Mary Anne Fishburn of Roanoke, Virginia. It all happened as FDR announced a ten-percent pay cut for the military, reducing pay from $125.00 a month to $112.50 and accumulated leave from two and one half months with pay to one month without pay. Fortunately, Paul's car was stolen and United Services paid just in time. Fortunately, Mary Anne had a car of her own. The honeymooning couple ended up at Fort Benning, where Paul took the Company Officers Course and from there it was off to Tientsen, China, and the 15th Infantry.

By September 1933, when they arrived, the Japanese had taken over Manchuria and the five northern provinces of China. As the three years of their tour passed, the frequency of incidents and unpleasant events increased. They were deeply troublesome times and foreboding. But for young lieutenants, they were wonderful years; Paul and Mary Anne made many friends in the International Garrison with whom they would cross paths later, including French Lieutenant, later General, Jean Crepin. It was

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also a time when Paul began his Chinese language instruction, and when they traveled extensively throughout China and Southeast Asia—that travel would play an important role in Paul's World War II duties and assignments. Returning home in 1936, Paul served six months at Fort Washington, Maryland, then on to the Tank Course at Benning. There he became so enthusiastic about tanks (still in the Infantry) that he forgot he had applied to become a Chinese Language student.

As Hitler entered Poland, Paul suddenly received a TWX reminding him of his application. With the world turning upside down, Paul and Mary Anne were off to Peking. In December 1940 all United States dependents were evacuated, and a month later Paul found himself with three other officers in western China. The years that followed were like a Frederick Forsyth novel: a mission to northwest China in an old Ford Trimotor, an investigation of Soviet activities along the Sino-Russian border accompanied by a Chinese graduate of VMI, a meeting with Hemingway in Rangoon, the British Commando School in Maymyo, Burma, driving a car over the old Burma Road from Rangoon to Chungking, liaison to Chennault and his Flying Tigers, working with the British and their long-range Chinese patrols behind the Japanese lines.

After a series of special assignments in Southeast Asia with the CBI Headquarters, Paul was sent to Washington as General Stilwell's theater representative. When General Stilwell was relieved, Paul was assigned to the OPD of the General Staff and served there with some of the finest staff officers in the Army. One was General Tom Handy whom he thought was "the greatest staff officer we had and who was the principal figure for carrying the war for General Marshall in all of the theaters." From OPD, Paul became a member of the Joint War Plans Committee and its Red Team that drafted the plan for the return to the Philippines.

In July, Paul became a colonel; and in November he was assigned as chief of staff of the 77th Infantry Division on Leyte. The liberation of Santo Tomas Prison and finding many old friends there was a highlight of this tour in the Philippines. After the fall of Manila, he was ordered back to OPD and Joint War Plans. With the war over, he went to Brazil for two years as chief of the Army Section of the Joint Brazil-United States Military Commission. There he first met General Matthew B. Ridgway, the man he rated as "my number one combat commander," reinforced years later in Korea.

Because of the nature of his World War II assignments . . . all staff except one brief assignment as Task Force commander in the 77th Division . . . his future seemed to Paul very gloomy. Suddenly, he received orders to the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, coupled with the promise of the National War College when that assignment was completed. The Freemans sold their home in Washington on the day the Korean War erupted. Paul hurried to Fort Lewis. While he headed west, Mary Anne returned to Washington to find a place to live.

"West" for Paul took him at the head of his regiment, the 23rd, to Korea where it set a standard for battlefield performance and gallantry seldom equaled in American military annals. Max Hastings, in his book *The Korean War,* wrote, "Freeman was one of the few senior soldiers in Korea who never lost their grip. . . . Freeman watched with pride his own 1st Battalion holding the Chongchon for 30 hours; his regiment undertaking 13 successive deployments without losing a man . . . in the 2nd Division, Freeman's regiment remained the only combat effective unit by the end of 1950."

However, the most meaningful and heartfelt tribute to Paul's leadership and courage came from an officer who fought at his side throughout his participation in the Korean War; he wrote, "From Manila to Carmel—a journey of 81 years filled with excitement, danger, adventure and challenges. Paul took it all in stride, accumulating knowledge, experience and a host of friends. It was a journey that encompassed two tours in China, service with Stilwell in India-Burma, conferring with MacArthur in Australia and combat in the Philippines. It was as if fate were preparing him for a Far East confrontation.

"Thus, in 1950, when he assumed command of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, the time of truth and trial was at hand. He then wrote his chapter of military history. From the Pusan perimeter to the Bowling Alley, through Anju-Kuniri-Wonju, to the Twin Tunnels and Chipyongni, he led with distinction and commanded with brilliance.

"A page in that chapter of history records the climax of his career in the Battle of Chipyongni, the turning point of the war, a battle that drew the awed respect of the enemy. Against overwhelming odds, under brutal weather conditions, sorely wounded, he persevered.

"From that point on, Paul, earning his four stars, rose to higher levels of command and greater responsibilities. He performed with consummate skill and outstanding excellence. However, none of these important tasks outshine his role as a combat commander. Peacetime service requires skill, ability and intelligence . . . commanding in combat at the troop level, under extremely trying conditions, requires that something special given only to a select few."

His respect for the French Battalion, attached to the 23rd, was returned in full measure and was deepened with close friendships over the years. The arrival at Arlington from Paris of General Barthelemy and two colonels of the battalion with the French flag to say farewell speaks for itself.

After his return to the States, Paul began his swift ascent in rank: Commanding General, United States Forces Austria (1952); SHAPE under Ridgway and EUCOM; Commanding General, 2nd Infantry Division (1955) at Fort Lewis, Washington, followed by "the greatest honor that can befall an Infantryman," Commandant of the Infantry School; Deputy Commanding General, CONARC (1960); Commander in Chief USAREUR (1962) and CGCONARC (1965).

In July 1967, Paul retired and, with Mary Anne, moved to California. He then became a vice-president of a Litton Division for four years.

On 17 April 1988, after a brief illness, Paul died in Carmel, California, leaving his wife of 56 years, Mary Anne, a daughter, Mrs. Roy (Sewell) McLeod, of Richmond, Virginia, and a sister, Helen Pogue, of Clearwater, Florida. His many friends will miss him, his warmth and gentleness (albeit, behind a gruff exterior), his integrity, his honesty and his loyalty. He was one of the last stalwarts of the old school . . . a credit to the Long Gray Line.

Go, Laurelled Warrior,
To Your Well-Earned Rest,
With Untarnished Armor,
And Unbowed Head.

FM and LGC, Class of 1940

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Lauris Norstad

NO. 8924 CLASS OF 1930

Died 12 September 1988 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 81 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

THE AUTHOR OF Lauris Norstad's biography in the 1930 *Howitzer* wrote: "His stability alone would assure him a high place in the regard of his associates, but it is accompanied by other characteristics which, regardless of his official standing, will always make him an outstanding man. One could fill pages more than this allotted space in trying to do justice to his personality and ideals." The writer, a classmate, has been proven a keen, wise appraiser of Laurie's potential leadership ability.

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 24 March 1907, he was appointed to the Military Academy from the 3rd Congressional District of Minnesota. Upon grad-

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Lauris Norstad

uation he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry. After completion of pilot training he transferred to the Air Corps. In April 1935, he married Isabelle Helen Jenkins. They have one daughter, Kristin.

His brilliance and ability were early recognized, and by 1940 he was serving on General Arnold's staff in the War Department. From July 1942 until August 1944, he was A-3, Twelfth Air Force, in the Mediterranean Theater. His outstanding service during this period was recognized by the award of a Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars and an Air Medal.

Returning to the United States, he initially became chief of staff, Twentieth Air Force. Then he filled a succession of key positions in the War Department General Staff (WDGS) and then the Air Force Staff. He was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal for this service. The most notable achievement came while he was Deputy for Plans and Operations, WDGS. In addition to his other duties, he served as the principal Army representative who, in collaboration with the Navy representative, drafted the legislation which resulted in the creation of the separate Air Force, for which he was awarded a Legion of Merit by the War Department.

These six years in Washington marked the beginning of a warm and friendly relationship between Lauris Norstad and General—later President—Dwight Eisenhower, a relationship which was to have marked influence on the remainder of Norstad's military career. Eisenhower came to recognize and to fully appreciate Norstad's rare ability both as a commander and as a top-level planner, as well as his unusual grasp of the complex problems, both military and political, which were fast developing as a result of the ever-growing nuclear arsenals of the world's leading military powers.

Accordingly, when in 1951 General Eisenhower was chosen by unanimous vote of all the NATO nations as NATO's first Supreme Commander in Europe, it was no surprise to find General Norstad also leaving the Pentagon for a new station, initially in Wiesbaden, Germany, and then to Fontainbleau, France, to become NATO Commander-in-Chief Allied Air Forces Central Europe as well as Commander-in-Chief United States Air Forces Europe.

As a NATO commander, Norstad reported directly to his warm friend and mentor General Eisenhower, who frequently called on him to "sit in" on his meetings with Europe's leading statesmen, including Winston Churchill, Conrad Adenauer, Charles de Gaulle, and Henri Spaak. For Eisenhower, these meetings had the primary objective of developing a European awareness of the important new role to be played by nuclear weapons—particularly those in the hands of the United States and her most trusted allies—as deterrents to any future major conflict. Secondarily, these meetings afforded Norstad a valuable opportunity to impress on allied leaders his thorough understanding of the new and revolutionary aspects of modern warfare, as well as his fast-developing capabilities as a military leader of consequence.

In 1953 he was designated Air Deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Finally, in 1957, he was appointed Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command, positions he held until his retirement in January 1963.

He took command in Wiesbaden (USAFE) as the Army in Europe was being increased from one division plus the United States Constabulary, to a total of five divisions and three armored cavalry regiments. His own command, United States Air Forces Europe, also was being built up and redeployed from old Luftwaffen bases near the Iron Curtain to new bases west of the Rhine and in France and England. Our NATO allies, under pressures of the Berlin crisis and the communist attack in Korea, were rebuilding their forces too, albeit much more slowly than the United States. The defense of Western Europe depended in a major way on the United States Air Force, and USAFE was the first line of this defense. Norstad not only organized and built up NATO air strength, he made a major contribution to rebuilding European confidence as well.

When he moved first to Deputy SACEUR and then to SACEUR, it was United States strategic air power backed by the nuclear weapon that was still Europe's final and ultimate defense. He was air power's eloquent proponent. The respect in which he was held by national leaders, both civilian and military, of all the NATO countries was phenomenal and they gave him numerous prestigious awards.

The United States Congress gave him similar attention and respect. Annually, he appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House and the Appropriations Committees of both Houses to defend the Military Assistance program for NATO. This was, at least in his later years as SACEUR, a four-day virtuoso performance with, remarkably, almost full attendance by the members of those powerful and prestigious committees. The sessions were long, he was in full voice, and the respect of these sophisticated national leaders was manifest.

After retirement from the Air Force in January 1963, he joined the Board of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation as a director and became president of Owens-Corning International. He was a fast learner and Owens-Corning International prospered. He was chosen president of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation and chief executive officer (CEO) on 19 October 1967. He retired as CEO and chairman on 31 December 1972, but continued as chairman of the Executive Committee until April 1977. During his tenure as CEO, business and earnings tripled. He was also a valued member of the Board of United Airlines, Abitibi Paper Company of Canada, CONOCO of Houston, Texas, Rand Corporation, and several other corporations. From October 1971 until July 1975, he was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls. He held honorary degrees from 16 colleges or universities.

Upon retirement from Owens-Corning, the Norstads moved to Dublin, New Hampshire. In February 1975 he suffered a stroke which left his left side paralyzed. However, until his death, he continued to work to recover from his paralysis and fought the fatigue and demoralizing inability to use his arm and leg. In October 1983, the Norstads moved to Tubac, Arizona. He collapsed at his home in Tubac on 11 September 1988, and was flown to Tucson Medical Center, where he did not respond to medical treatment. He died on 12 September 1988. The diagnosis was severe arteriosclerosis.

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James Frederick Ammerman

NO. 8931 CLASS OF 1930

Died 16 March 1989 in El Paso, Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.

JAMES FREDERICK AMMERMAN was born in Clearfield, Pennsylvania on 23 January 1905, the second son of Wayne and

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James Frederick Ammerman

Stella Ammerman. He attended grade school and high school in Clearfield. In 1923 he enrolled at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1925 he transferred to the University of Michigan to study chemical engineering. Fred entered the United States Military Academy in 1926, representing the 23rd District, Pennsylvania. He was viewed by his classmates as a cadet who possessed a rare combination of tenacity of purpose, courtesy, soldierly qualities and manliness. He served as a cadet corporal and as first sergeant of his cadet company. Fred sang in the cadet choir for four years. His other extracurricular outlets were basketball, boxing and both pistol and rifle marksmanship. Fred was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, 12 June 1930.

His first assignment was to the 10th Field Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington. It was during this initial assignment that Fred met his wife, Dorothy, who was to become a devoted, lifelong companion; Fred married Dorothy Moore, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Floyd Moore, on 2 September 1931.

Next there were assignments to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the Presidio of Monterey, and the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was to serve four tours during his service, beginning with the Regular Officers Course and ending as President of CONARC Board No. 1. In 1938 he was assigned to the 15th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then came three years as an instructor in mathematics at West Point. Their only son, Frederick, was born during this West Point assignment, and he was to return to the Academy as a cadet in 1961, graduating in 1965.

Fred was sent to the Pacific Theater during World War II with IX Corps Artillery and then to Yokohama as Executive Officer, Eighth Army Artillery. In 1947 he returned to attend the Armed Forces Staff College before returning to Fort Sill. He was a student at the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in 1950. In 1951 he became a member of the Joint Strategic Plans Group, OJCS at the Pentagon. The fourth tour at Fort Sill ended when he joined JUSMAGG in Athens, Greece as Chief of the Army Section, receiving his promotion to brigadier general while there. Next came a tour at Fort Carson, Colorado as artillery officer and assistant division commanding officer of the 9th Division; then as division artillery commander, 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. In October 1958, during his Korean tour, Fred was sent to the Quemoy Islands as head of an advisory mission during the Chinese Communist attacks on those islands. His efforts there brought a letter of commendation from General I.D. White, CINCPAC, commending him for "outstanding performance as Chief of the USARPAC Artillery Advisory team which recently completed a survey and report on GRC Artillery operations on the offshore islands." Among Fred's military awards were the Medal of the Cloud and Banner awarded by the Government of the Republic of China, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. Fred's final active duty assignment was as commanding general of the 35th Brigade (Air Defense) at Fort Meade, Maryland. He was retired at Fort Meade in 1960 after thirty years' service.

After retirement he joined Westinghouse Electric Corporation as manager, Plans and Program Development Engineering, Surface Division, and he lived in Ellicott City, Maryland for seven years. While there he was a member of the Howard County Metropolitan Commission and the Republican candidate for the Maryland State Senate, District 3C. In 1967 Dottie and Fred moved to El Paso, Texas, where Dottie still lives. Theirs was a very happy marriage of over 57 years. Fred is also survived by their son, Dr. Frederick W. Ammerman, five grandchildren, two sisters and one brother. He was a true gentleman who loved his God, his family, and his country, and who, to the time of his death, abided by the principles of West Point. He was more than worthy to take his place in the Long Gray Line.

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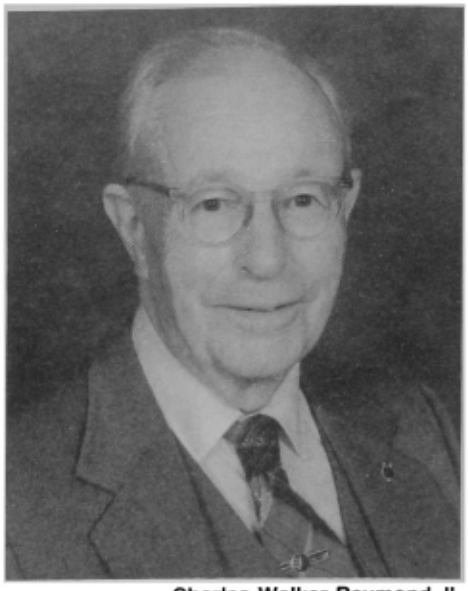
Charles Walker Raymond, II

NO.9096 CLASS OF 1931

Died 18 March 1989 in Glens Falls, New York, aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

CHARLES WALKER RAYMOND II was born at Washington Barracks, District of Columbia on 18 February 1909, the son



Charles Walker Raymond, II

of Robert Rossiter and Blossom King Raymond. He graduated from Cambridge Union High School, Cambridge, New York in 1927.

Receiving a Presidential appointment to the Military Academy, Charles followed his family's footsteps in the Long Gray Line. His father graduated in 1893; his grandfather, Charles Walker Raymond, in 1865; his mother was the daughter of William Rice King, 1863, and granddaughter of Israel Carle Woodruff, 1836. Charles' brother, Robert R. Jr., graduated with the Class of June 1919.

Charles served 14 years with horse- and truck-drawn field artillery units. In the 1930's, he performed battery and battalion staff duties in regiments at Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Madison Barracks, New York; and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Just prior to World War II, Charles served with the 50th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky, deploying to Iceland in early 1942. He joined the 34th (Red Bull) Infantry Division in Northern Ireland, assuming command of the 185th Field Artillery Battalion, leading it in North Africa, then serving on the 34th Division Artillery staff in the Italian Campaign. He completed his combat service as Executive Officer, 423rd Field Artillery Group, Fifth Army, earning the Bronze Star Medal.

In the 16 years following the War, Charles served in various command and staff positions. He was Executive Officer of Troops (later the 1802nd Special Regiment). He was on the staff of G3 Section (Operations), Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe, Virginia. While there, he was issued a patent for invention of the Artillery Testudo, a device to protect towed howitzer crews.

In the 1950's, Charles served in politico-military and reserve affairs positions. He was Army attache in Korea at the

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time of the Armistice; senior Army advisor for Reserves, Connecticut Military District, and from 1958-60, he was chief, Military Mission, Nicaragua.

He completed active service as the commander, Western Sector, XXth Army Corps, Fort Hayes, Ohio, earning a Certificate of Achievement.

In addition to the Bronze Star Medal, he held the American Defense Service Medal with Overseas Bar and the European/African/Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Medal with five Battle Stars, among others. Foreign awards include Korea's Ulchi Distinguished Military Service Medal with Silver Star, and the United Nations Service Medal.

During his Army career, Charles was a student at the Field Artillery School, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Army Language School (for Korean), the Strategic Intelligence School, and the Navy Language School (for Spanish).

Charles Raymond retired on 31 January 1961, returning to Cambridge, New York. His first wife, Anita Cervi, died 21 September, and was buried at West Point. He married Marcia Clark of Kingston, New York the following year.

His long and full retirement included earning a master of science at State University of New York, Albany, and teaching in local school districts. He was active in the Cambridge Volunteer Fire Department as a fireman, publicity officer, and fire police captain. He was a member of the Washington County, New York, Fire Police Association.

Just as Charles Raymond witnessed the transition from horse-drawn to motorized artillery, so too he saw the evolution of rural fire fighting from primitive hand-worked apparatus to mechanized county- and region-wide mutual aid systems. For a quarter century, he kept a meticulously detailed account of the activities of the fire company, a priceless asset to the local historic record.

His lifelong hobby was making fire engine models out of common-found objects of every description. He not only built the models, he used them in visualizing and simulating complex fire-fighting situations in much the same way wargame enthusiasts recreate historic battles.

He loved to sing, lending his resonant baritone to church choir, choral group or amateur vaudeville troupe whenever his talent was required.

Charles is survived by Marcia, Anita's four sons, and two sisters. He was a communicant of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Cambridge, New York, serving as clerk of the vestry.

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John Robert Skeldon

NO. 9203 CLASS OF 1931

Died 29 June 1989 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 81 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

John Robert Skeldon

JOHN ROBERT SKELDON was born to Frank L. and Helen Halpin Skeldon in Toledo, Ohio on 25 February 1908. He entered the United States Military Academy directly from high school in 1927 as a member of the Class of 1931. John was one of three brothers to graduate from West Point. During cadet days, there was an unforgettable display of ambition by Johnny, and that was to become a military airplane pilot. He lived and breathed such a future in all his speech, bearing, behavior, study, and off-duty activities, to the point it became a cheerful, contagious obsession. He was a member of the first West Point pilot-training class at Randolph Field, Texas (known then as the "West Point of the Air"), and subsequently graduated from the Air Corps Advanced Flying School—including the "Institute of Blind Flying"—at Kelly Field, Texas on 14 October 1932.

On 17 October 1932, John married Elsie Schilo, a blonde San Antonio beauty, whom he lovingly called "Schatzie" (Little Sweetheart)—when he wasn't calling her "Mom"—throughout their 57 years of married life together.

In November 1932, John and Schatzie headed for Luke Field, Hawaii, where they continued their honeymoon. In subsequent assignments, John was stationed at Randolph Field, Texas as an instructor pilot; France Field in Panama, Canal Zone where he served as post adjutant and commanding officer of the 25th Bombardment Squadron; was president of the Traveling Aviation Cadet Board at Maxwell Field, Alabama; technical inspector and inspector of training at Turner Field and Moody Field, Georgia; director of training and commander of the Army Air Forces Basic Flying Training School at Bainbridge Army Air Corps Field in Georgia; deputy air inspector, Headquarters, Army Air Forces Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas; air inspector, Headquarters, Third Air Force, Tampa, Florida. A command pilot, John served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II as air inspector (I.G.), Thirteenth Air Force. In December 1946, John was retired from active duty by reason of physical disability.

Upon that retirement, John, Schatzie, and their six children made their home in San Antonio, Texas. At that time of life when most would be content with enjoying a life of leisure, John chose instead to earn his master's degree in education from Our Lady of the Lake College. He spent the next 17 years as an instructor with the San Antonio Independent School District doing what he enjoyed most, teaching and helping young people. Along with his natural teaching talents, John's voice and diction were unique and rare assets. One only had to hear his words to know who was speaking. His catchy, clear expressions commanded attention, which brought him broad admiration among his students and friends. During the years of additional study and teaching, John acquired a measure of Texan culture. The stock shows and rodeos captured his fancy. He exulted rare pleasure from watching the cowboys perform. In 1973, he retired from his second career in education.

Early in his life, John's intellectual prowess and determination were clearly demonstrated by his desired achievement, that of graduating from the Point. His desire to help others was further demonstrated by his distinguished career in the service of his country and in the field of education. He lived his life as a loving, faithful husband and devoted father. He served his country and his family loyally and with honor, in the proud tradition of a West Point graduate. John Skeldon reached through the "clouds" —caught a blazing star—he attained his "dreams." To each and every one with whom John came in contact, it was obvious - *he put out his hand and touched the face of God.*

John joined the Long Gray Line on 29 June 1989, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Elsie (Schatzie), six children, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

On 3 July 1989, John was buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors, after which a memorial mass was held at St. Mat-

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thew's Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas.

John C. Gordon, BG, USAF (Ret.), Classmate

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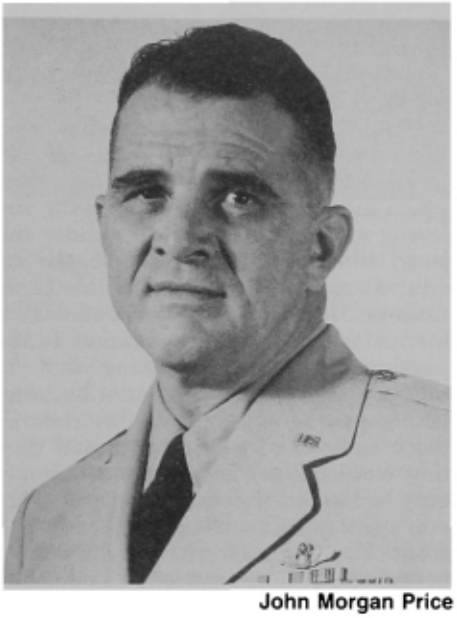
John Morgan Price

NO. 9410 CLASS OF 1932

Died 22 July 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 77 years.

Cremation ashes spread over the ocean.



John Morgan Price

JACK PRICE was a big man from the big country, Fort Dodge, Iowa. When he reported for Beast Barracks at the age of 17 years, he was just within the maximum height and weight allowable at the time, 6'4" and 240 lbs. He wore a size 20 collar and there was plenty above his collar. Jack was an honor graduate of the Northwestern Military and Naval Academy of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where he held the rank of ROTC captain. His father was a lawyer in Fort Dodge.

At West Point, Jack was on the football and track teams all four years, winning his major A in each. In football he was All-American twice and team captain.

Our classmate, Rush Lincoln, tells how Jack and Rush were in the group of eight for the regional finals for a Rhodes Scholarship in the competition at the University of Iowa in the fall of 1931. Rush explained to the committee that Jack would be a day late; he was captain of the football team and had a final practice before the Army-Navy game. He would have to take the train as no commercial air was available.

When Jack arrived, no interviews had yet been held but the committee refused to consider him. Two other candidates from that group were subsequently chosen for Rhodes scholarships. Jack got back to West Point the day before the Army-Navy game and led the cadets to victory.

After a brief two years in the Infantry, Jack went through flying school at Randolph and Kelly Fields in Texas and qualified as a bomber pilot. There, the massive man who had dominated foes on the gridiron continued to dominate friends on the squash court.

He had other talents. Classmate Tom Darcy told of cross-country flights in pre-World War II days, when Jack entertained a group of friends at the end of day with his fantastic ability as a pianist. "Just to see that big hulk hunched over the piano and making the ivories sing was a sight to behold," said Tom. Jack played entirely by ear.

He went to Panama for two years, then back to Randolph Field as an instructor. There, in 1938, he met and married Dorothy Anderson Fisher, whose father was an Infantry lieutenant colonel at nearby Fort Sam Houston. Jack and Dorothy had two children, John B. born in 1943 and Jan Kirk in 1947.

In World War II, a year before the Normandy invasion of Europe, Jack commanded the 460th Heavy Bomber Group (B-24s) of the Fifteenth Air Force near Bari, Italy. In that job he received a Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals.

I don't know if it is mentioned in Jack's various citations, but he never wore a parachute. It was neither vanity nor indifference, but after he put on his essential heavy winter flying clothes and the flak vest (even more essential), there just wasn't room in the cockpit for Jack's huge frame and the parachute.

In 1947-48 Jack attended the Air War College at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and from there was ordered to Itazuke Air Base in Japan, where he commanded the 8th and 475th Fighter Bomber Wings of the Fifth Air Force. When the commanding general moved north, Jack took command of both air bases. He went next to Korea with his command in 1950-51, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service there.

Jack returned to the United States in September 1951, where he successively commanded the Air Force bases in Madison, Wisconsin; St. Paul, Minnesota; Atlanta, Georgia; and Long Beach, California. He served at the latter for the last six years of his service, retiring after 31 years of active duty in 1963.

It was a big tragedy in Jack's life when his son John died in an air training accident at George Air Force Base, California, after serving in West Germany. John left two children, a daughter and a son, now 22 years old, whom he never saw.

Jack's daughter, Jan, is now Mrs. M.L. Knox of 1304 Ashbury Drive, Arlington, Texas 76015. She also has two children.

After 23 years of marriage, Jack and Dottie were amicably divorced in 1963.

In his last years Jack just preferred to travel around the world, keeping in touch with his daughter and grandchildren, but not being a burden on anyone.

He was a big guy, physically and spiritually, and we all miss him.

Ken Zitzman, Classmate

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Harry Evans Lardin

NO. 10077 CLASS OF 1934

Died 12 May 1989 in Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 77 years.

Interment: Punch Bowl National Cemetery, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Harry Evans Lardin

HARRY EVANS LARDIN was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, 23 October 1911, the only child of Edna B. and Captain Lewis Eichelberger Lardin, Cavalry, United States Army. His father originally came from Johnstown, Pennsylvania and his mother from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Harry's earliest memory of his early life in the Army was during his father's service with the 11th Cavalry at the Presidio of Monterey, California. Here, he started in the first grade, riding to and from school in a horse-drawn school bus. His long-lasting love affair with horses began this way. Soon his dad gave him a small horse on which he would accompany his father at the head of his Cavalry troop down to the beach on Monterey Bay where everyone, including horses, would strip down and take a swim in the surf.

Unfortunately, Harry lost his father in the great influenza epidemic of 1918. His mother decided to return to Punxsutawney to raise Harry and to take care of her father, a widower. Harry completed his secondary school education, graduating from high school in June 1928. His mother had instilled in him the idea of his trying to enter the Military Acad-

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emy at West Point. He applied for and received a presidential appointment as a son of a deceased Army officer. He then entered Millards Preparatory School in September 1929. In March 1930 he successfully competed with all other such appointments to win one of the 40 available vacancies. On 1 July 1930 he entered West Point.

Harry's four years as a cadet are placed in perspective by the following quotation from his biography in the 1934 *Howitzer*: "During Plebe year, we shuddered with apprehension when the upperclassmen assembled and hurled invective at Harry. Our own feelings were a combination of gratefulness, for his completely stealing the show, and at wonder at his disregard for all of this attention. The result of a year of this was that he acquired a reputation for indifference—well-earned but false. Now, after four years, we must admit that Harry has the most natural air of 'sangfroid' that we have ever seen; a quality quite incompatible with the lack of real indifference. We have seen him go through four years of constant, unemotional application, always succeeding, but showing real enthusiasm only in his interest in flying."

During Harry's cadet days, the head of the Dental Clinic was Dr. (Major) Lowell B. Wright, who had two very attractive, lovely daughters, Betty and Ruth. Both young ladies were highly popular as cadet dates for our Saturday night hops at Cullum Hall. Betty was the eldest and she caught Harry's eye; from that time until graduation, he courted her assiduously. This culminated in their marriage at West Point on 2 August 1934.

Upon his graduation, 12 June 1934, Harry's love of horses caused him to choose the Cavalry as his branch of the Army; his first station was Fort Bliss, Texas. For the next four years, he and his classmates (Adams, R. H., Cunin, Hubbard, Kopcsak, Wood, T., Johnson, P., Cleary, Womack, Gould, Van Nostrand and Hurt) distinguished themselves in their duties with the 1st Cavalry Division. Harry and Betty were blessed by the birth of their first child, Elaine, on 9 January 1936; then, on 15 June 1937 arrived their second and last child, Harry Evans Lardin, Jr., whom they nicknamed "Eddie."

Harry's career as a professional soldier for 26 years covered, by and large, a highly successful pattern greatly desired by most career soldiers—from that of the muchly sought-after combat command assignment to that of a school teacher. He served in many and varied positions in the United States and overseas. Along the way, he completed successfully the various service schools to include the Army War College in 1952. His thesis for graduation from there was "Chinese-Russian Relations" for which, in his words, he was "as a result of his conclusions and recommendations, heaped with acrimony and accused of Red leanings." He had the courage of his convictions and the courage to put them in writing.

As a school teacher in the service, he began as an instructor in a West Point Preparatory School at Fort Bliss; his subject, mathematics. Subsequently, he helped many students by tutoring them in this subject, including his son Eddie in his successful endeavor to enter West Point with the Class of 1961. Harry served in his last assignment as Director of Instruction at the Armored School in 1959-60.

During World War II, Harry saw combat action in France and Germany with the 12th Armored Division. He had joined the 12th in 1943 as its G3, after having completed the 14th General Staff Class at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Subsequent to the division's arrival in France, Harry obtained a transfer to Combat Command A (CCA) of the division to fill the second-in-command slot as its executive officer; then succeeding to its command at the War's end. For this combat service, Harry won the Silver Star and three battle stars for his campaign ribbon.

In 1955, he commanded CCB of the 3d Armored Division; he moved it to Gelnhausen, Germany as a replacement for another like unit. Then, in September 1957 he became chief of staff for the Southern Area Command of U. S. Army Europe. It was here on 4 November 1957 that Betty and Harry received the devastating news from West Point that Eddie, their beloved son, had died of a heart attack. Eddie, in his first year at West Point, had made the plebe swimming team, and at practice that day, he suddenly collapsed while climbing out of the pool. It was a terrible, terrible shock from which his mother never fully recovered.

Upon Harry's retirement 30 June 1960, the family moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, where Harry continued to be active by teaching in private schools and at the University of Hawaii. In 1973, he retired from teaching and, since then, he had been active as a consultant for financial services.

Now, Harry has joined our "Long Gray Line." The undersigned was with Harry in G-Company during cadet days; he was my best man in July 1934; my wife, Dorothy, nursed Betty through the birth of their daughter, Elaine, in January 1936; we visited with him and his family numerous times down through the years. After his retirement, we saw him frequently in Honolulu. We always found him a likeable host with an infectious sense of humor and a zest for living the good life. His personality was a constant from his cadet days through to the end of his life. I last saw him in March 89, and I sensed then that he realized his mortality was close to its end; this he accepted unemotionally; he seemed more concerned about the future for his wife, Mildred, and Elaine and her family.

It can be said that Harry lived a full and rewarding life. He will be remembered as a most worthy classmate, a fine professional soldier, a devoted husband and loving father, but most of all, a friend.

Betty pre-deceased Harry in 1971 and is interred with their son, Eddie, in the National Cemetery at West Point. Harry was married again, to Mona Frazer of Vancouver, Canada; she pre-deceased Harry in 1978. He married for a third time in September 1979, to Mildred Whitehouse from San Diego (but who had taken up residence in Honolulu). He is survived by Mildred; his daughter, Elaine (Mrs. L. Leupp) of Camarillo, California; four grandchildren, Michele, Stephen, Mark and Lisa; and one great-grandchild, Brendan.

Mrs. Harry E. Lardin, his daughter Elaine, and a Classmate

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Thomas Andrew McCrary

NO. 10155 CLASS OF 1934

Died 22 December 1986 in Gainesville, Georgia, aged 77 years.

Interment: Alta Vista Cemetery, Gainesville, Georgia.

Thomas Andrew McCrary

THOMAS ANDREW MCCRARY, a man who evokes many fond memories in all of us who knew him, was born in Carroll, Iowa on 4 October 1909, the son of John B. McCrary, a practicing lawyer in Carroll, and Anna Jacobs McCrary. After completing high school, Tom entered Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa

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where, as a member of its wrestling team, he won the National AAU championship in his weight class in 1929 at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Having received a congressional appointment from the 10th District of Iowa, he entered West Point on 1 July 1930; thus, began the charismatic career of a cadet, an officer, a gentleman and a father.

"Tom" (as he preferred to be known, but "Cold Max" as his classmates had tagged him) was not an outstanding cadet from a disciplinary or academic point of view, but he was an outstanding athlete with a determination to enjoy the many other extracurricular activities that cadet life had to offer. Cadet discipline was a burden to be endured, but he carefully watched his yearly demerit totals in order to avoid being discharged from the Academy for disiplinary reasons. This attitude, coupled with a casual academic approach, would be sufficient to gain his desired goal of a combat Infantry leader. He attained that goal upon his graduation.

At the age of 24 Tom is described thusly in his biography in the 1934 *Howitzer*: "Where Cagle put color in football, where Weismuller put splash in swimming, Cold Max put the airplane whirl in 'rasslin' to win that most ancient of sports from the brutes and the muckoids. The zest, the fire, the spontaneity, the brilliance, the lyric rapture of his movements kindle the contest into a veritable poem and make it the most alluring of spectacles.

"Max casts aside the clamorous nonsense of the hour. The stone-blind custom, the over-grown error and the harness of routine that play so important a part in many a Kaydet's life are conspicuously absent in his. Where McCrary sits, there is the head of the table. A star-gazer at times, perhaps, but wherever there is worth, wherever there are men, he will be greeted." As a cadet athlete, Tom was a member of the track team for four years, winning a monogram 2d class year and a major "A" first class year. He was an outstanding wrestler for four years. His varsity teammates felt that, if Tom had so wished and had really worked and trained hard for his bouts, he never would have been defeated. As it was, Tom lost very, very few of his encounters. Tom was quite proud of his "Area Bird" record over his four cadet years, wherein he walked off his excess demerits at the rate of one hour of walking for each demerit. During his four years he missed very few of these scheduled punishment periods.

Upon graduation, Tom became a second lieutenant of Infantry, and, forthwith, he set out on an illustrious career as a professional "soldier's soldier" in which he did practically everything there is to do, from commanding officer of the West Point Preparatory School at Fort McPherson, Georgia, through numerous unit commands, to commanding officer, Combat Command "A" of the 20th Armored Division in combat in Europe. In this command he spearheaded the division's drive into Southern Germany and broke the back of the last Nazi resistance with the capture of the key city of Munich.

A bit slow in relinquishing his life as a bachelor, Tom finally met, courted and married a lovely girl from Gainesville, Georgia—her name, Lydia Banks, the daughter of Rafe Banks, a banker and member of a long, generational line of Banks in that city. Their marriage took place on 15 February 1941 and was blessed by the birth of four lovely children, Tom Jr., Richard, Rex, and a beautiful daughter, Jenny. Tom was a devoted family man and, despite his busy military and post-military life, he spent much time in the rearing of his children. Lydia is an accomplished artist and, acceding to Tom's expressed desires, she taught him to paint.

Tom's post-World War II service found him in many and varied assignments. He was on the War Department General Staff in 1945-46; graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1947; became the G-1 of the Army Forces in Korea 1947-48; was professor of Military Science and Tactics at Georgetown University 1949-52; in Logistics Operations with Headquarters U.S. Army European Command in 1952-53; became commander of the 172d Infantry in Munich, 1953-54. He served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, 1955-57. At this time Tom received a special assignment as Chief Planner/ Central Intelligence Agency where he stayed for four years, eventually becoming the deputy director of that agency's largest division. In turning down an opportunity to accept a supergrade CIA civilian status, Tom opted, instead, to remain in uniform, and in 1961 he went to Vietnam for two years' duty with the Military Assistance Advisory Group. He served as the senior advisor for General Duong Van Minh, the well-known "Big Minh." In 1962, and for his last assignment, he was sent to the European Command for duty as chief, Special Joint Plans in the Joint Plans and Operations Section. He was given a free hand in developing plans for unconventional warfare and internal country defense plans, particularly for the Middle East, North and East Africa, and Pakistan areas.

In 1964 Tom retired from the Army after thirty years of distinguished service. For his wartime service he was awarded the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Commendation Ribbon, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Subsequent to World War II he was awarded two Oak Leaf Clusters for his Legion of Merit.

By 1 January 1965, Tom, Lydia and family were comfortably settled in their home in Gainesville, where Tom became deeply involved in numerous civic and business affairs, including real estate investment and development, building and contracting, as well as serving as president of the Downtown Development Corporation and vice-president of the Northeast Georgia Central Business Redevelopment Corporation. He was a highly respected civic leader. He was a gifted speaker and much sought after as a guest lecturer on foreign affairs and international and national intelligence matters.

It was inevitable that Tom would get involved in politics sooner or later. He had deep convictions about our peoples' rights under our Constitution and our federal and states' efforts to have representative government of all the people. He did not feel at ease with our two major party system; so, he chose to go with the American Independent Party. In 1973 he joined the Independent Party of Georgia, affiliated with that party. He soon became the state chairman, and later, the national vice-chairman of the AIP. In 1978, Tom ran for the governorship of Georgia in order to challenge the state election code, the most restrictive in the nation concerning balloting for a third party. He took his case to the U.S. District Court and then on to the 5th Court of Appeals. Though losing his case, he was instrumental in influencing future actions in this matter. In April 1983, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against too restrictive state election codes. Previous to that ruling, Tom had induced the Georgia Legislature to lower their balloting requirements.

Tom would have made the consummate politician if he had chosen that as his career. As it was, he did make a large statement in Georgia politics. He was cited in the 1983-84 edition of *Who's Who in Georgia*. He would have been the peoples' advocate. Three days before Christmas 1986, after a long illness, Tom McCrary met the ultimate challenge of life. He had lived his days to the fullest. He was beloved by his family, his classmates and his friends, and had gained the respect of all with whom he had been associated. Tom was a true son of West Point; his life was dedicated to its motto "Duty, Honor, Country."

He is survived by his wife, his four children, and four grandchildren, Cathy, Tom III, Brandon, and Stephen. Subsequent to Tom's death, a fifth grandchild, Jessica Lee Trapmann, was born to his daughter, Jenny.

Lydia B. McCrary and a Classmate

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Thomas Almon O'Neil

NO. 10168 CLASS OF 1934

Died 26 February 1986 in San Francisco, California, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Thomas Almon O'Neil

THOMAS ALMON O'NEIL was born 31 May 1910 in Nashua, New Hampshire, the youngest of seven children born to James and Mary (Campbell) O'Neil, which gave Tom a birthright of Scottish, Irish, and English descent. As a youngster, he showed a great aptitude for practically all kinds of athletics. In high school he starred in football, baseball, and hockey. He participated in other athletics and extracurricular activities as his academics would permit. He was elected president of his senior class, of which the vice-president was a young lady by the name of Lorraine M. Morin, whom he met for the first time at that election. In due course, she assumed a most important place in his life. He graduated from high school in 1929 and, based on his athletic ability, he could have had his choice of many colleges or universities, but he chose to try for West Point. He entered Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall-On-Hudson, obtained a senatorial appointment from New Hampshire, passed his entrance examinations and entered West Point on 1 July 1930.

Of all the cadets in our Class of 1934, Tom was one of the busiest, one of the best athletes, one of the best soldiers, one of the most assiduous in academics, but, above all, one of the best-liked and most respected of our classmates. Tom's character is best summed up in this quotation from the 1934 *Howitzer*: "The soldier poet, Rudyard Kipling, must have had in mind a man like Tom O'Neil when he wrote his famous criterion of a man, 'If.' For here is a smiling Irishman who can keep his head when on the gridiron or in the turn-out room; who fills each minute with full 60-second runs, be he on the hockey rink or on the baseball diamond; who, though wearing four stripes, has never lost the common touch; who, night after night, has forced tired nerves and sinews to serve him long after taps has gone, studying in the dim light of the halls. So genuinely modest and unaffected he is, that few of us realize the obstacles he has overcome; so likeable and winning are his ways, that all of us are happy in his success. To describe Tom with superlatives is inadequate. To do more is to say 'He is a man.' " With all of the above, Tom never forgot his church. In the Cadet Catholic Chapel, he was a Sunday school teacher during second class year and an acolyte his first class year.

His honors as a cadet lay principally in the field of intercollegiate athletics; however, in the tactical area, he rose through the ranks to be captain of his company during first class year. He participated for four years in three major sports: football, baseball, and hockey. He did not letter in football but he was one of the best punters ever produced at West Point. He excelled in baseball and hockey. In both, he won his numerals plebe year; in both, he lettered all three upper class years, being elected captain of the hockey team in his first class year. In baseball, he won The Runmaker's Cup in 1932, 1933 and 1934, which was awarded to the player who "has been most instrumental in the scoring of runs during the season." Tom was a shortstop on the baseball team and was made an offer by the Boston Red Sox of the American League to join that team upon his graduation from West Point. However, he was unwaveringly committed to the service of his country, as he would be always to his family and his friends. He chose an Army career.

Upon graduation, Tom was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry and posted to the 26th Infantry Regiment of the 1st US Infantry Division at Plattsburgh Barracks, New York. He began his courtship of Lorraine Morin, which culminated in a military wedding in Nashua in June 1936. Eventually, three lovely children were born into their family: Thomas Jr., Robert Barry, and Michele Marie. In 1938, the family moved to Fort Benning, Georgia, where Tom began his career pattern of service schools by attending the Regular Course at the Infantry School. Upon graduation in 1939, he was assigned to the 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, which was divided between Fort Benning and Fort Screven, Georgia, where he served as a company and battalion commander until November 1941, at which time he was ordered to the Panama Mobile Force, Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone.

In late 1942, Tom was ordered to Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army in the European Theater where he was placed in Plans Group "G," a combined United States-British staff that developed plans to put the Allied Forces into Berlin. The plan was executed under Headquarters First Allied Airborne Army. Concurrently, the planning group assisted in meeting certain United States requirements which related to the Potsdam Conference scheduled for the following July 1945. His services were rewarded by his receiving the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal. With the war ended in Europe, Tom was ordered to West Point where he assumed the job of S-4 of the post and from 1946-48, he served as the executive officer for the Corps of Cadets.

Now, we pick up Tom in North Korea in November 1950. The Communist Armies have crossed the Yalu River and are routing the United Nations Forces with their overwhelming numbers. Tom, in command of the 3rd Battalion of the 7th Infantry, is ordered to relieve a battalion of Marines and hold until their Marine division clears his position. The battalion performs superbly; the mission is accomplished with the help of effective air support and heavy artillery fire.

It is now autumn 1951. Tom is in command of the 15th Infantry Regiment; the location is Chorwon in central Korea. After other units have failed, Tom's regiment is successful in driving the enemy off the commanding terrain to his immediate front. This successful operation gives the UN Forces the terrain advantage for the forthcoming Truce Negotiations. In recognition of his services in Korea, Tom was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to both his Legion of Merit and his Bronze Star.

In 1962, and recognizing his outstanding record, the Army sent Tom to the Staff and Faculty of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, from which he had graduated in 1949. From there in 1957 we find Tom as Chief, Logistics Plans Branch in HQ, US European Command. In this assignment, he was involved in the logistical planning at the highest levels for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

From EUCOM, in August 1959, Tom was ordered to the headquarters, Sixth Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, where he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. After completing 30 years of illustrious service, Tom retired on 30 June 1964. He and his beloved Lorraine decided to make their retirement home in the San Francisco area.

Tom's extensive background in logistics gave him an opportunity to develop a logistic support plan for the San Fran-

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cisco Public Housing Authority, and also to serve as an advisor to the Litton Industries. Unfortunately, he had only three short years to enjoy his well-earned retirement when, in 1967, he suffered his first heart attack. This curtailed his activities significantly. In the ensuing years, he experienced several operations and, in 1978, along came another heart attack, this time severe. He made a fairly good recovery, and for the remainder of his days, he led a rather quiet life, enjoying his home, his family and his friends. In particular, he was enamored by his grandchildren, who grew in number until there were seven at Tom's last roll call: Todd, Tara, Thomas III, Sean, Shannon, Collin, and Hannah (Bresnik).

Tom was a true son of West Point, his life dedicated to its motto of "Duty, Honor, Country." He was beloved by his family, by his classmates, and by his many friends.

Lorraine M. O'Neil and a Classmate

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Charles Billingslea

NO. 10715 CLASS OF 1936

Died 14 March 1989 in Washington, DC, aged 74 years.

Interment: Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, Maryland.

Charles Billingslea

CHARLES WAS BORN in Chicago on 16 May 1914 to an Army family, the son of Charles and Mabel Graeme Billingslea. His father, an Army surgeon, was killed in World War I. After attending the Army Preparatory School, Fort McPherson, Georgia, Charles entered West Point in 1932. As a cadet he soon developed a reputation as a happy rebel who never shrank from challenging the establishment. He is warmly remembered by his classmates not only for his resemblance to Rudy Valle, but especially for his keen sense of humor and for his delightful and easy-going manner.

Upon graduation in 1936, he was assigned to the 19th Infantry in Hawaii where he also saw temporary duty with the United States Navy. In this capacity he visited and helped confirm the United States claim to the Phoenix Island Group in the Central Pacific. After subsequent assignments with the 30th and 53rd Infantry at the Presidio and at Fort Ord in California, Charles became one of the early graduates of the Parachute School, Fort Benning. Upon graduation he became a company commander in the 502nd Parachute Infantry Battalion. He also served in the 503rd Battalion before being assigned to duty in the United Kingdom. In World War II he participated in the assault landing against Algiers and in airborne operations during the Tunisian Campaign. He was Parachute Brigade executive for the invasion of Sicily, chief of Pathfinders for the Salerno Jump, and executive officer for the 504th Regiment during the Naples, Volturno, Cassino, and Anzio Operations.

Charles commanded the 325th Regiment, Glider Infantry, in combat from Arnhem-Nijmegen in Holland to the Elbe River. From the rank of captain in 1940 he was advanced to colonel in October 1943. Before the end of the war he was twice decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross and was three times awarded the Bronze Star.

Charles' post-war career was equally distinguished. He served as chief of staff of the 82nd Airborne Division; on the planning staff of the Army Ground Forces, Fort Monroe; and on the faculty of the Army Command and General Staff College. He was in Korea in 1950 with the Office of Operational Research during which he was involved in the effort to liberate General Dean who was a prisoner of war in North Korea.

He attended the Army War College in 1952, was chief of Plans at SHAPE Headquarters in Paris, graduated from the Harvard Advanced Management School, and from the National War College. Thereafter he became deputy director, European Region, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense. He also served as chief of staff, Eighth Army, Korea in 1961.

Charles was a member of the Howze Board at Fort Bragg and then commanded the 2nd Division at Fort Benning, Georgia from 1962-64. After serving as deputy commanding general of the Army Combat Development Command, Charles retired from the Army on 30 June 1966 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in the grade of major general. His other decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachute Badge with Five Combat Stars, and numerous foreign decorations.

Even in retirement Charles continued as a leader. He took much pleasure in having spearheaded the effort of the Classes of 1935 and 1936 which culminated in the "Soldiers' Statue" at West Point. As a trustee for the Sheridan School in Washington, DC, he developed a mountain campus for the school. Later, after moving from Georgetown to Oxford, Maryland in 1981, he was president of the Board of the Oxford Museum.

Charles is survived by his wife of forty years, the former Bettina Louise Hill of Brookline, Massachusetts; a son, Charles IV of Macon, Georgia; and a sister, Mabel Graeme Billingslea Brooks of Santa Rosa, California.

Charles Billingslea's contributions to his country were extraordinary, and he is sorely missed by his many friends.

"He lit so many fires in cold rooms."

A. P. Clark

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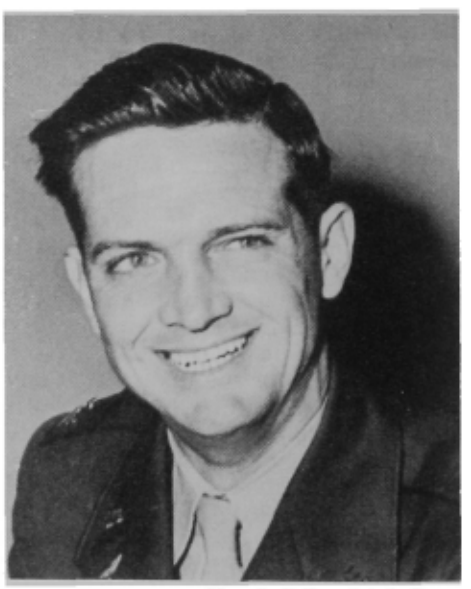
Marshall Randolph Gray

NO. 10964 CLASS OF 1937

Died 16 March 1979 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 64 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.



Marshall Randolph Gray

MARSHALL RANDOLPH GRAY was born in Los Angeles, California on 3 October 1914 to Chalmers Couts and Gladys Henshaw Gray. His great-grandfather, Colonel Cave Johnson Couts, graduated in the Class of 1843 and was commissioned in the Rifle Dragoons. During the Mexican War he accompanied Brigadier General Stephen Watts Kearny on his expedition to California. In 1849 he took part in the Gila Expedition. In 1851 he resigned his commission and became a ranchero and the owner of Ranche-Guajome near the old Spanish Mission of San

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Luis Rey. He served as a lieutenant colonel in the California Military from 1852 until his death in 1874.

Marshall's aunt, Vera Henshaw, married Major General William Edward Rabb Covell of the Class of 1915, who was promoted to lieutenant colonel, Corps of Engineers, in the American Expeditionary Forces in 1918. He retired as a lieutenant colonel, US Army in 1940 and was recalled to active duty as a colonel, QMC in 1941, was promoted to major general, AUS in 1943 and served as commanding officer, Service of Supply China-India Theatre until the conclusion of World War II.

When his mother married Brigadier General Albert Kualli Brickwood Lyman, CE of the Class of 1909 in 1927, Marshall added two more West Point graduates to his immediate family: Brigadier General A.K.B. Lyman, and Brigadier General Charles Bishop Lyman, Infantry, Class of 1913.

General Lyman was a perfect father to Sunny in every respect, and it is easy to see why he set his sights on West Point from 1927 on. From 1927-33, General Lyman was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Engineers; in January 1929 he was transferred to Fort McKinley, Manila, Philippine Islands, where he commanded the 14th Engineer Regiment and was Department Engineer under General MacArthur and General Hines. He returned to the United States in 1932 and was assigned as District Engineer in Duluth, Minnesota. During this six-year period, Sunny attended public school in Washington, DC, the Central School in Manila, and the Brent School at Bagio, Luzon while at Fort McKinley. Prior to entering the Military Academy, he attended the Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York, and passed his entrance examination with flying colors.

While at West Point, Sunny demonstrated his athletic ability by his participation in Corps Squad Baseball, where he earned class numerals, and in swimming as a plebe. Yearling year he mastered hockey, winning a place on the A Squad, which he also held second class year. He saved his number one sport, soccer, until after yearling furlough, earning a place on the A Squad second class year and his Minor A first class year. Sunny's camera was his favorite weapon all four years and won him a key position on the *Howitzer* staff as assistant class history editor.

With three living West Point graduates, two Engineer Corps officers and one Infantry officer in the family, and two Cavalry officers on the rolls, Sunny decided to serve his country in the Army's newest branch, the Army Air Corps. He received his commission in the Infantry at graduation, attended Air Corps Primary Flying School at Randolph Field from 12 September 1937-30 June 1938 and Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field until 5 October 1938. On 6 October he received his pilot wings and transferred to the Air Corps. His first assignment was to Wheeler Field, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, from 6 October 1938-February 1943, except from 15 November-11 December 1941, when he returned to the United States to participate in flying back a flight of heavy bombers. His assignments included squadron commander (B-17) in the 5th and 11th Groups, Seventh AF Deputy A-3 and liaison officer with Commander, Army Air Force Western Sea Frontier.

Upon returning to the United States, Marshall was A-3 and air inspector of the 46th Wing at Dalhart, Texas, and then group commanding officer of the 469th Group (B-17) at Alexandria, Louisiana.

His next assignment was as deputy commanding officer and then commanding officer of the 98th Bomb Group (B-24), Fifteenth Air Force in Italy in the European-African-Middle East Theatre of Operations, where he participated in four major campaigns.

At the end of World War II he was assigned to the Air Materiel Command and served in Rome, New York; Seattle, Washington; and San Antonio, Texas, where he entered the comptroller field. In 1949 he attended the Fourth Air War College Class at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

During the Korean War Marshall served as deputy commander and commander of the 3rd Bomb Wing in the Far East, and participated in two major campaigns.

In 1955 he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair, and then became deputy director of Statistical Analysis in the Office of the Comptroller of the Air Force. In June 1958 he became director, a position he held with distinction until his retirement on 31 July 1960.

Marshall's decorations and service medals include the Silver Star for gallantry in action, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, the ADSM w/clasp, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal w/1BSS, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal w/4BSS, the WWII Victory Medal, the Korean Service Medal w/2BSS, the United Nations Service Victory Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Commendation Ribbon, and the Air Force Long Service Award w/4OLC.

Sunny married Sheila "Shaughnessy" Sultan, the eldest daughter of General and Mrs. Daniel I. Sultan at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii on 13 July 1940. Their eldest child, Marshall Randolph Gray, Jr., was born in 1941. Their second, Gillian Gray was born in 1945, and their third, Quaintance, in 1948.

Upon retirement Sunny returned with his family to Texas. San Antonio held its usual charm for all of them, but Sunny found the type of position he was looking for with Texas Instruments Incorporated in Dallas in 1965, and remained there until his second retirement on 31 October 1974. His wife, Sheila, died in Dallas on 20 December 1970.

In late 1971 Marshall married Ramona Miller. This union ended when Ramona died in the fall of 1972.

On 30 November 1973 Marshall married Louise Hill and they had five happy years together until Marshall's death at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas on 16 March 1979.

Throughout his life Marshall was a loyal friend, a respected officer and a high-spirited honorable gentleman. He upheld the standards of his great-grandfather, Colonel Cave Couts 1843, and his second father, Brigadier General Albert Lyman 1909, to the best of his ability in all times. Happiness and sorrow he took in stride, endeavoring always to do his best.

Sonny, be thou at peace.

L.E.H. (1934-37 Roommate)

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Laurence Edward Wernberg

NO. 11082 CLASS OF 1938

Died 11 August 1940 in Lake Mead, Nevada, aged 26 years.

Laurence Edward Wernberg

LAURENCE EDWARD WERNBERG was the youthful equivalent of a sturdy oak that grew in Brooklyn. He was born on 6 August 1914, the son of Mrs. Mae Eddy Wernberg, and attended grammar school and Manual Training High School in Brooklyn, New York. He was the middle of his widowed mother's three sons.

Shortly after high school, he enlisted in the New York National Guard and served briefly in the 245th Coast Artil-

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lery (Harbor Defense) in the New York area. In the summer of 1933, Larry realized a long-sought ambition when he was appointed to the Military Academy by Representative Loving Black from the 5th Congressional District, New York. He reported to the Academy in early July 1934 and entered with the Class of 1938.

With an oak-like manner and dry sense of humor, he endured the rigors of Beast Barracks and the less-than-tender attentions of the yearling beast detail in the summer camp at Fort Clinton. Although by nature he was quiet and retiring, he was not easily intimidated by upperclassmen and his square, sturdy exterior concealed any trepidations he might have felt.

Larry comfortably settled down to the routine of cadet life. Academics were not a problem for him and he consistently ranked in the upper fifth of his class. He was quietly religious and was an acolyte in the Catholic Chapel Squad. While not a born athlete, his rugged build and oaken qualities made him a mainstay on "B" Squad football and a strong wing on the hockey team. His excellent class standing permitted Larry to select Field Artillery as the branch of his choice, with a detail to the Army Air Corps for flight training upon his graduation in 1938.

With his West Point classmates detailed to the Air Corps, Larry reported to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas in September 1938 for basic flight training with Class 39-C. Although he had never even driven a car before entering the Academy, he easily qualified as a pilot and was sent to Kelly Field, also at San Antonio, for advanced training. He graduated from Kelly on 25 August 1939 and was transferred to the Army Air Corps, with Kelly Field as his first permanent station.

According to a classmate who went through flying school with him, Larry was a fine officer, well liked by all and a good student who easily learned how to fly. Because of his proficiency, he was selected and trained as a flight instructor, along with a few others in his flying class.

In addition to their normal duties, instructors were detailed by roster to ferry new BT-13, BT-14 and AT-6 training aircraft from factories in California to Kelly Field. On the morning of 11 August 1940, almost a year after his transfer to the Air Corps and after a year as a flight instructor, Larry took off in a group of about ten new planes from the Los Angeles area. Flying in a loose "gaggle" rather than in a rigid formation, en route the group passed near Lake Mead, Nevada, backed up by Hoover Dam. Larry apparently intended to observe that engineering marvel at close range and he piloted his plane lower over Lake Mead for a better look.

Unfortunately there was an almost invisible cable stretched over the lower end of the lake, possibly left over from construction days. In the pre-World War II period such cables were unmarked and were nearly undetectable from the air against the gray sheen of water. Larry's plane clipped the cable and plummeted into the very deep water near the dam. Neither the aircraft nor Larry's body were ever recovered and he was presumed to be dead.

Larry's tragic death at the very beginning of a highly promising career was a severe shock to his family and his classmates, particularly those who trained with him in the Army Air Corps. A bolt from the blue had shattered the sturdy oak. He was unmarried and was survived by his mother and two brothers. This fine young officer is still remembered with deep affection and sorrow by all who knew him.

E.A.M., Jr., a classmate

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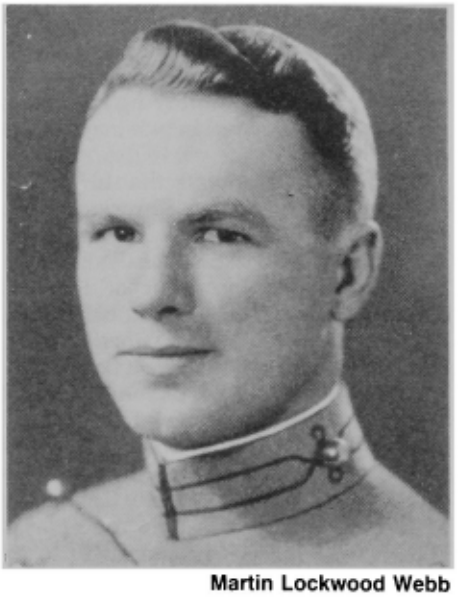
Martin Lockwood Webb

NO. 11120 CLASS OF 1938

Died 30 September 1964 at Northfield, Vermont, aged 49 years.

Interment: Mount Hope Cemetery, Northfield, Vermont.



Martin Lockwood Webb

MARTIN LOCKWOOD WEBB was born on 23 June 1915 in Tampa, Florida, the son of States Lockwood and Virginia Adams Webb. His family later moved to Monroe, Louisiana, where he attended high school and later attended Gulf Coast Military Academy in Gulfport, Mississippi. After graduation he attended Louisiana State University for one year and later, Marion Institute while seeking an appointment to West Point. He entered the Academy in July 1934 by an appointment from Congressman Fernandez of New Orleans.

"M.L." was an active cadet, doing some coaching of intramural lacrosse, some boxing and swimming; but more importantly, he was, for four years, a volunteer math coach for plebes deficient in math. He graduated in June 1938 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in Field Artillery and was accorded a detail as a student officer at Army Air Corps Primary Flying School, Randolph Field, Texas, as his initial commissioned service.

The Air Corps rated Martin as a very capable young officer with a high standard of professional pride, but by May 1939 he was rated unsatisfactory in flying (through no fault of his own). He reverted to his basic branch of Field Artillery and was assigned to the 77th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, where he served variously as a reconnaisance officer, communications officer, and battalion adjutant. He then attended the Battery Officers Course and returned to the 77th Field Artillery as a battery commander. He left Fort Sill in June 1941 to become an instructor in the Department of Chemistry at the Military Academy, serving until June 1944. During this period, in 1943, he attended a three-month course at Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. He was considered an outstanding instructor at USMA. At West Point, he was promoted to captain, major and lieutenant colonel.

From July 1944-January 1945 he was commanding officer of the 942d Field Artillery Battalion during training and staging at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and served as its commander in combat in Europe as part of the 40th Field Artillery Group until June 1945. From July 1945-January 1946 he commanded the 553rd Field Artillery Battalion. From January-December 1946 he was executive officer of the Reims Garrison Area in France. Subsequently he was chief, Army Exchange Service School at Bad Homburg, Germany until his return from Europe in the summer of 1947.

From September 1947-May 1948 he was instructor in Tactics, Anti Aircraft & Guided Missile Branch at the Artillery School at Fort Bliss, Texas. From there, in June 1948, he was sent to the University of Pennsylvania where he was awarded a master of science degree in electrical engineering in June 1950. From June 1950-July 1953 he was at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey in the Research & Development Section as a senior liaison officer charged with ensuring that the developments in the electronics field progressed toward concrete products required to meet military requirements. At the end of this tour he attended the Special Weapons Course 54-1 at the Command & General Staff College.

In January 1954 he was assigned to HQ United States Army Forces, Far East, 8000th Army Unit. He served as chief, AFFE Special Weapons Orientation

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Team, then as chief of the Training Branch, G3, responsible for unit and individual training in AFFE. In November 1954 he became the Senior Army Representative in the Theater Joint Operations Center, coordinating all matters pertaining to Theater Army air requirements with particular reference to the employment of nuclear and other special weapons. He was promoted to colonel on 10 December 1954. He returned to the continental United States in January 1957 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Air Defense Board at Fort Bliss, Texas in February 1957 as director, Instrumentation and Data Reduction Section engaged in the instrumentation of tests, the reduction of data and its evaluation. His activities included the IBM Section, Mathematical Computer Section, Electronic Maintenance Section, Photo Lab and others. While playing tennis on 3 July 1957 he suffered a heart attack, was hospitalized and was placed on the disability retired list on 3 January 1958. He suffered a second heart attack on 20 July 1960 while attending a summer seminar at North Carolina State University and was permanently retired with 80% disability on 1 July 1962. His third heart attack caused his death on 30 September 1964.

Following his initial retirement in 1958, Martin became the head of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Norwich University at Northfield, Vermont, where he served until his death in 1964. The university credited him with doing much to further their programs. He was a candidate for a Ph.D. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute at Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a member of the American Society for Engineering Education, Institute of Radio Engineers, American Society of Electrical Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. In Northfield, he was also active as a member of the Rotary Club, the Episcopalian Church and the local Cub Scouts. His survivors include his wife, Sylvia; three sons, Brian, Randolph and Michael; and a daughter, Virginia.

Martin was a warm and respected friend to his classmates and fellow officers, a man dedicated to his family and his country, and made a full share of contributions to our Nation and our society.

A Classmate of Co. "E."

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Roy Ray Brischetto

NO. 11260 CLASS OF 1938

Died 11 January 1955 at Bitburg, Germany, aged 40 years.

Interment: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

ROY RAY BRISCHETTO was born 22 May 1914 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the oldest of eight children of Italian immigrants. He was reared to respect the "work ethic" and family loyalty. When he was very young, he peddled vegetables around the neighborhood. He sold newspapers and worked in his parents' grocery store on "The Hill." In 1927, at the age of 13, Roy saw Charles A. Lindbergh fly over St. Louis. Ever since then, his life-time goal was flying. At the time of his death he had flown 42 different types of airplanes.

Roy Ray Brischetto

Roy attended Roosevelt High School in south St. Louis and graduated in 3 1/2 years. There was no time for any extracurricular activities because of his many jobs. He joined the 110th Observation Squadron of the National Guard at Lambert Field so he could be near airplanes. There he learned that graduation from West Point could lead him to flying school.

He attended Hall Prep School in Columbia, Missouri in 1933, and entered West Point in 1934. As a cadet, Roy was both serious and fun-loving. He was supportive of his classmates and gave encouragement, especially to underclassmen when obstacles impeded them. They knew he was always available for moral support. He took part in all sports but his favorite was tennis, which he played all his life.

Upon graduation from West Point, residents of "The Hill" celebrated with a banquet for the first son of immigrant parents to graduate from one of the service academies.

His first station was Jefferson Barracks, 6th Infantry, outside of St. Louis. He was there nine months until he was admitted to Parks Air College in Illinois for his basic flight training. He went to Randolph and then Kelly Fields in San Antonio, Texas, where he graduated and received his "wings" with the 40-C Class in June 1940.

Roy was assigned to the 88th Reconnaissance Squadron, Hamilton Field as a pilot trainee and mess officer. His squadron moved to Fort Douglas, Utah. On 29 December 1940 he married Geraldine Lilie, a St. Louis girl whom he had courted for over five years. From June 1941-January 1942 Roy commanded the 16th Reconnaissance Squadron in Boise, Idaho. In January 1942 he opened Payne Field at Everett, Washington. At the end of 1942, he opened the base at Santa Rosa, California, as the 12th Tow Target Squadron commander.

He was assigned to the Southwest Pacific Area as A-3 officer of the 85th Fighter Wing. When he was assistant chief of staff, A-3, of the VFC (Fifth Fighter Command), he was promoted to colonel at the age of thirty. Among his awards were the Air Medal and the Legion of Merit. His Legion of Merit states in part, "Colonel Brischetto displayed outstanding skill and foresight in planning successful fighter operations in the critical battle for the Philippine Islands and in the air offensive against Formosa, the China Coast and the Japanese homeland."

In 1946 he was assigned to the Pentagon as assistant executive officer in the Directorate of Plans and Operations. In 1949 he became a student at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and upon graduation stayed on as a member of the faculty of the Air War College for four years. One of his assignments was intelligence officer.

His final assignment was commander of both the 36th Fighter Day Wing and the Bitburg Air Force Base in Germany. He arrived with his wife and five children on 14 August 1954.

A short five months later he was killed when his F-86 Sabre Jet crashed en route to Wheelus Air Force Base, Tripoli.

Although his children were only aged 12, 11, 7, 4 and 2 when he died, he had been an inspiration to them as they were growing up. He has been very much alive in their hearts and they knew what he expected of them. They tried to live up to his high ideals of integrity and compassion. Gerry, Roy's widow, feels that Roy would be proud to know each of his children graduated from college, two earning a master's degree and one a Ph.D.

Gerry went back to college to complete the last year of her degree in education. She taught second and third grades for 18 years. During that time she also earned a master's degree.

The Commander in Chief of the United States Air Force in Europe, Lieutenant General William H. Tunner, said, "Roy's life exemplified the finest traditions of the Air Force. His leadership and ability were of the very highest caliber."

Brigadier General Johnny Brooks, who replaced Roy as wing commander of the 36th Fighter Day Wing, said of his

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long-time close friend, "I noticed the tremendous influence Roy had upon the town of Bitburg, as well as the entire base. In the short five months Roy was here, he made a great many improvements; he made many friends—even with the Germans—and is well thought of wherever I go. This is not just sympathy for one who has departed us, because the feeling is too deep and the improvements are too obvious to be missed."

Roy Brischetto's children are Charlene of San Jose, California; Robert Roy of San Antonio, Texas; (Mrs.) Judith Murnan of St. Louis, Missouri; Richard Alan of Willow Springs, Missouri; and (Mrs.) Elizabeth Kochin of St. Louis, Missouri. His four grandchildren are Christina and Brenda Brischetto and Shawn and Tiffany Murnan.

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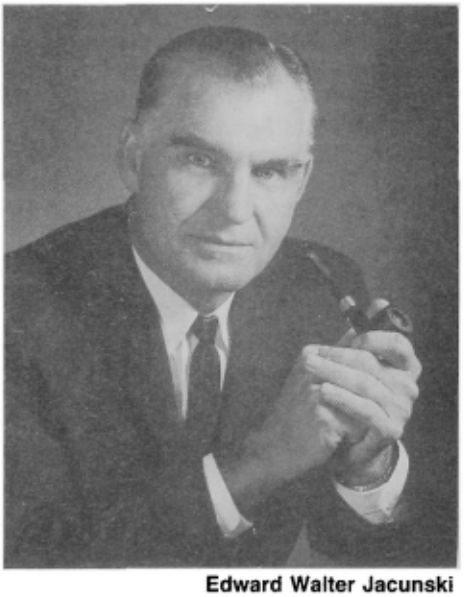
Edward Walter Jacunski

NO. 11316 CLASS OF 1938

Died 17 July 1986 in Gainesville, Florida, aged 74 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Edward Walter Jacunski

EDWARD W. "JACK" JACUNSKI was born in 1912 near Marion, Illinois, of Polish immigrant parents. While Ed was a child the family moved to Detroit, and it was there that he grew into manhood. Ed attended the University of Michigan, played football, and supported both in a variety of part-time jobs. It was during this time that he was offered an appointment to West Point by a congressman whom, he alleged, did so as a payoff for services rendered in running alcohol during prohibition. This explanation was consistently greeted with skepticism by his family, but he never deviated from it.

At West Point, Jacunski, drawing on past skills, played football, and football made him a five-year man. In his second attempt at plebe year, Jacunski abandoned football in order to concentrate on avoiding becoming a six-year man. He also began to concentrate on what was to become a lifelong hobby and quasi-profession. During his initial plebe year he was "appointed" a cartoonist for the *Pointer* by an upperclassman who had the responsibility of filling the pages of that publication. It was a fortuitous appointment because it revealed artistic skills in Jacunski heretofore undiscovered. By first class year he was art editor of the *Pointer* and a cartoonist of local renown, whose efforts from time to time continue to grace the pages of publications about West Point.

Having put athletic diversions behind him, Jacunski won the battle with the academic department and did credibly in military leadership as well, ultimately becoming "B" Company commander. The most momentous occurrence during his cadetship, however, was Jacunski's introduction to Mary Guiteras, the sister-in-law of Major "Whoop and Holler" West of the Department of Law. Mary, who divided her time between Governors Island and West Point, was the epitome of the classic femme of the thirties, and Jacunski had to exercise superior charm to court and win her hand. Mary and Jack (he became "Jack," as well as "Jocko," "Ski," and "J-ski," while at West Point) were married following graduation in 1938.

Ever reaching for the clouds, Jack chose an assignment in the Air Corps, and he and Mary proceeded to Randolph Field. Unfortunately, the flying part ultimately changed their lives. In April 1939 while still in flight school, Jack was asked to check out an aircraft, which malfunctioned in flight, and he had to bail out. While making his descent, the aircraft circled and Jack, in a freak accident, was struck by its propeller. Fortunately, he did not lose consciousness either in the air or upon hitting the ground, and was consequently able to tie off his legs with the risers as tourniquets.

Five or six hours waiting for assistance were followed by two years in the hospital and predictions, at first, that he would not live, and later that he would never walk again. Jack and Mary proved them wrong, and with the perseverance which characterized his life, Jack walked unassisted for the remainder of his life. One of my most memorable experiences was many years later when Jack, my father, his injuries notwithstanding, in an exercise of golf excess, beat me by shooting an even par round.

One positive result of this accident was that, while in the hospital, Jack, in what began as therapy, began sculpting the cartoon figures he used to draw while a cadet. His skill rapidly grew and for the rest of his life he turned out both serious and comic sculptures—all cadets. His work is still displayed by the AOG Gift Shop. The rights to his most outstanding and popular work, "The Cadet First-classman," have been donated to the Association of Graduates.

Jack spent the next few years convalescing as an instructor at West Point in the Department of Military Topography and Graphics. It was there that two of his children, George and Jinx, were born. He returned to academy football as OIC and suffered through those great Army teams of the forties. Following the war, Jack realized that his dreams of a military career were unrealistic, and chose medical retirement.

After travels around the country and the birth of their third child, Jan, Jack and Mary ended up in Gainesville, Florida, where Jack was an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Florida. He earned an advanced degree in engineering education, and drawing on his experience at West Point, began teaching in the Department of Graphics, subsequently becoming head of that department.

With the onset of the Korean War, the Army once again called, and Jack returned to active duty and West Point to head the graphics department in MT&G. He also took about half of his faculty from Florida with him, much to the consternation of that university. Following Korea he chose to return to his home, golf course, fishing, and former position in Gainesville.

Jack ultimately rose to become Associate Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Florida. He served as president of the American Society of Engineering Education, as a member of the Selective Service Appeals Board and the Florida Civil Defense Board, and was a sought-after speaker on the subject of engineering education. In between, Mary and he played golf and acted as a social stop for the growing number of classmates gravitating to Florida.

The kids, under his expert guidance, all turned out o.k. We called him the "Old Indian," as a result of his predilection to assume that role when dispensing advice and counsel. I am a colonel on active duty in Hawaii in the JAG Corps. Jan married an old friend of mine, Colonel Ed Corcoran; they are also stationed in Hawaii. Jinx married Tim Travis, AFA '62, who retired after a career in the Navy, and is now the director of the Port/Airport for the city of St. Petersburg. Two of Jinx's daughters followed in their grandfather's footsteps and are '87 AFA grads, currently 2LTs flying jets. Our mother, Mary, continues to live in Gainesville and still tries to keep us kids in line. Old dad was a great guy; he did alright; and we liked him a lot.

George G. Jacunski '64

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John Henry Davis, Jr.

NO. 11371 CLASS OF 1939

Died 1 January 1945 on POW ship (exposure), aged 28 years.

John Henry Davis, Jr.

JOHN HENRY DAVIS, JR. was born 13 February 1916 in Lynchburg, Virginia, the son of Hilda Forsberg and John Henry Davis. He graduated from E.C. Glass High School in that city and attended Lynchburg College for two years while striving for admission to West Point. In 1935 his lifelong ambition was realized when he received a Congressional appointment to the Academy through competitive examination.

At West Point Jack was a serious and dedicated cadet, preparing for his life's work as an officer in the Coast Artillery Corps. From the 1939 *Howitzer*: "Posessed of an unsuspected lighter side that arose with a bang with the proper kind of encouragment, Jack was a central figure in any gathering." As a member of the Honor Committee and a cadet lieutenant and 3rd Battalion adjutant his first class year, he enjoyed the respect and high esteem of classmates and superiors alike.

Jack graduated 12 June 1939, ranking in the upper ten percent of his class, which was West Point's largest up to that time. On 13 June 1939 he was married to Mary Louise Plummer of Asheville, North Carolina in a traditional military ceremony in the Cadet Chapel.

The new second lieutenant was assigned to the branch of his choice, the Coast Artillery, and Jack and Mary sailed from New York in September 1939 aboard the USAT *U.S. Grant*. They reached the Philippine Islands in late October, and Jack began his service with the 91st Coast Artillery Regiment, Fort Mills, Corregidor. For the first six months he was posted to Battery F on Fort Frank, a small island outpost in Manila Bay, but he returned to Corregidor in the spring of 1940. In May of 1941, Mary, along with all dependents of U.S. Army personnel in the Philippines, was evacuated to the United States.

There are few details available of the ensuing months immediately before and after Pearl Harbor. Jack was promoted to captain on 1 February 1942, at which time he was in command of a battery on Corregidor. From the citation accompanying his Bronze Star Medal (posthumous), it appears that he returned to Fort Frank to serve as battery commander. He was there until taken prisoner at the fall of Corregidor on 5 May 1942. He was sent to Cabanatuan prison camp near Manila.

Two and a half years later, in the fall of 1944, as American forces came closer to Manila, the Japanese began evacuating American officer POW's to avoid their release by advancing American troops. On 13 December 1944, Jack was shipped out on an unmarked prison ship for transfer to Japan. This vessel, the *Oryoku Maru*, was bombed and sunk in Subic Bay two days later.

Jack survived this sinking and was transferred to a second Japan-bound ship, the *Enoura Maru*. According to information received by the War Department, it was on board this ship that he died on 1 January 1945 from "exposure and starvation." He was apparently buried at sea.

Jack is survived by his widow and by his only brother, August, of Richmond, Virginia. Mary was married to Ridgeway T. Lynch in 1947 and now lives in Fairview, North Carolina.

M.P.L.

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Paul Hobart Krauss

NO. 11837 CLASS OF 1940

Died 6 January 1986 in Lakewood, New Jersey, aged 70 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

PAUL HOBART KRAUSS was born in Newark, New Jersey on 5 January 1916. His parents were Charles and Florence (Snyder) Krauss.

He and his wife, Alyse, first met in the sixth grade. They remained close fiends through high school and, at graduation, declared their devotion to each other. They became engaged on Christmas Day, 1934.

Paul had a dream of going to West Point. In 1935, he enlisted in the United States Army. In March of 1935, he sailed for Panama, where he attended the West Point Preparatory School. After winning an appointment to the Academy through competitive examinations, he entered West Point in July 1936.

Paul Hobart Krauss

In athletics, especially gymnastics, Paul was always a superior performer. In academics, however, diligence, serious study and the investment of hours of research were required before his efforts were rewarded with excellent grades in all departments. English and history became his areas of special interest, and reading extensively in all areas his special focus. Before graduation in the top ten percent of his class, Paul wore stars for part of his time as a student.

Throughout his cadet career, Paul demonstrated outstanding leadership. He was near the top of the class in Tactics, a corporal third and second class years, supply sergeant and lieutenant first class year.

Similarly in athletics, he continually improved his performance in gymnastics. For four years, he earned his letter and was particularly outstanding on the side horse and parallel bars. First class year he was captain of the gym team. At the Intercollegiate Gymnastic Meet held at West Point in 1940, the team had brilliant performances, taking ten of the possible 28 places. His personal triumph was winning the side horse title and taking third place on the parallel bars. Also, in 1940, he was awarded the USMA Pierce Currier Poster Memorial Trophy as the best all-around gymnast.

Paul and Alyse continued their romance for the four years Paul was at West Point. They were married ten days after his graduation in 1940.

Paul, who ranked high enough in the Class to get any assignment he wanted, chose Infantry—and the Philippine . He was assigned to the 45th Infantry (Philippine Scouts) of the Philippine Division. The Japanese landed in the Philippines on 10 December 1941, and soon thereafter, Paul was in combat—one of the first American infantrymen in com-

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bat in World War II. He became a company commander, and his leadership ability was quickly recognized. After being a first lieutenant for only two months, he was promoted to captain on the first battlefield promotion list of World War II. Paul and his troops fought valiantly against overwhelming odds—no air support of any kind; lack of food, ammunition and medical supplies; and no hope of reinforcement or resupply.

When Bataan fell in April 1942, Paul became a prisoner of war. The next three and a half years were a test of his courage, character, and will as few men have ever been tested. Paul survived the infamous Death March out of Bataan. He also survived life aboard the aptly named "Hell Ships" with not one but two ships being sunk from under him and with unbelievably miserable living conditions on the third ship that took him to Japan. Paul survived three and a half years of brutal prison camps. He steadfastly retained his dignity, his honor, and his courage—as well as the respect of his fellow prisoners. Under the most trying circumstances, he never compromised his strong ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country."

Paul returned to West Point in 1947 to join the Department of Social Sciences, at a time when the department was being expanded to meet the needs of the global post-World War II world. He served first as instructor and then as an assistant professor of Russian History and Latin American History. Paul brought to the department his interests in the Soviet Union and his knowledge gained from attendance at the Russian Institute of Columbia University (1946-47). He introduced and chaired the Russian History course. He contributed the chapter on the Soviet Union, which appeared in the post-World War II version of *Contemporary Foreign Governments*, a textbook that was widely used throughout the academic world at that time. While at West Point, Paul continued his graduate studies at Columbia University and, in 1950, was awarded a master's degree.

On leaving West Point in 1950, Paul transferred to the Ordnance Corps. First, there was attendance at the Ordnance School, and then attendance at the Command and General Staff College in 1952-53.

Paul's first assignment in the Ordnance Corps was as chief, Security Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance. Next, a tour as chief of the Maintenance Division, Ordnance Section, Fort McPherson, Georgia. This was followed by command assignments as commanding officer, 52nd Ordnance Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and as commanding officer of the Ordnance Depot, Hawaii Army Base Command. He particularly enjoyed these command assignments.

In 1957-58 he attended the Army War College. Then, he served as chief of the Combat Development Division of the Ordnance Board at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Paul finished his career, from 1961-64, at the Pentagon as chief and action officer for Long Range Plans and Joint Actions in the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and as assistant deputy chief of Staff Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army. Paul's inspiring leadership and exceptional professional competence were clearly evidenced by the outstanding results achieved throughout the wide and diverse scope of his responsibilities during this period. Through his foresight, knowledge and outstanding planning, he ensured the development of effective logistical programs designed to strengthen the readiness posture of the Army.

By his sound judgment, extensive military experience and objectivity, he molded organizations into effective teams, achieving the highest standards of operational efficiency.

Paul retired from the Army in 1964, and began a new career. He became active in politics. In 1969 he campaigned for the first elected Republican governor of Virginia. He later became the aide-de-camp for this governor. He also played a prominent role in local Alexandria, Virginia politics.

He was selected as a representative on the Board of the North Ridge Citizens Association, serving as treasurer and vice president for a number of years. He was one of the organizing members of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations and served as vice president.

Paul admired the care with which the League of Women Voters studied issues and made thoughtful proposals. He attended their meetings as an honorary member. And when they opened their membership, Paul became the first male member of the Alexandria league. He was an active participant and was admired and respected by league members for his views and energetic study of compelling issues.

Paul updated the Alexandria Master Plan for land use and placement of public facilities. That thorough study of future growth is still used by the city of Alexandria. In April 1972, Paul was appointed as one of the Alexandria commissioners to the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission. He was vice chairman 1975-76 and chairman from 1977-78. He was detailed to represent the commission on the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Advisory Council from 1974-81. Serving ten years on the commission from 1972-81, he was respected and admired as one of its premier members. Paul also served for years as a docent at the Smithsonian Institute.

He touched the life of Alexandria and Northern Virginia in a very special way. Paul is remembered as a caring, thoughtful and compassionate person.

In August 1981, Paul suffered a stroke which left him severely handicapped. He spent six months in hospitals and nearly four years in a nursing home until his death on 6 January 1986 at Lakewood, New Jersey. Paul was buried at West Point with full military honors.

By his comrades he will be remembered as a sterling planner, and doer, and leader.
By his acquaintances in civilian life he will be recalled as a poet and dreamer and scholar.
By his friends, and they were legion, he will be treasured as a fascinating companion, a loving and sensitive gentleman, a truly gentle man.

Wife, Classmates, and Friends

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Evan Harris Humphrey, Jr.

NO. 12227 CLASS OF 1940

Died 5 September 1989 in Miami, Florida, aged 74 years.

Ashes scattered over the Miami area.

Evan Harris Humphrey, Jr.

EVAN H. "JIM" HUMPHREY, JR. was the scion of an old Army family—an "Army brat" if there ever was one.

His grandfather, Charles Humphrey, won a battlefield commission as a Union soldier in the Civil War. A few years later, as a Regular Army Cavalry officer, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in the Indian wars out west. He ultimately became Quartermaster General of the Army.

His father, Evan H. Humphrey, was USMA 1899. Sent to Cuba right after graduation, he served there as aide-de-camp to General Leonard Wood. He

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eventually became a brigadier general in the Cavalry—and in those days, brigadier generals were few and far between. His mother was a Swift, another old Army clan which spawned many prominent Army officers, including a Chief of Cavalry.

Jim was born in the Philippines and spent his boyhood years at various Army posts and in Washington. He entered West Point with the Class of 1939, and roomed during his first plebe year with T.J.J. (Jack) Christian, the great-grandson of Stonewall Jackson.

During his first year at the Academy, Jim suffered two major physical setbacks—a serious football injury and a mastoid operation. The net result was several months out of the classroom, and he was turned back to the Class of 1940. We became "wives" in the fall of 1936 and roomed together until graduation. It was the beginning of a fast friendship which lasted until his death 53 years later.

Jim, who had been an outstanding football player in high school in Texas, tried it again the spring of 1937. Unfortunately, he suffered a recurrence of the old injury which caused him to be rejected for a regular commission when graduation came.

As a cadet, Jim was a true "goat," constantly at odds with the Academic Department. He was also no stranger to the "area." Through it all, he enjoyed the complete respect of his fellow cadets, who reckoned that common sense (which Jim had in abundance) was at least equal to "book larnin" and that jousting with the Tacs was a noble pastime.

Shortly after graduation, he married his cadet sweetheart, Meta Kingsley, whose brother, Joe (MG USAF Ret), is Class of 1939. This marriage endured happily until her premature death in 1964, and produced four children and seven grandchildren, all of whom survive him. He also accepted the position of commandant at Admiral Bullard Academy, a prep school in New London, Connecticut.

In 1942, Jim was commissioned a first lieutenant in the AUS and assigned to West Point, where he took on a variety of duties, including commanding officer of the enlisted detachment, officer in charge of the Cadet Mess, and officer in charge of the basketball team. He eventually rose to lieutenant colonel, but left the Army when it became apparent the old football injury still precluded any chance for integration into the Regular Army.

He and Meta moved to Miami where, after a couple of brief business ventures, he signed on with Sun Life of Canada, thus launching a long and successful career in life insurance.

Throughout his life, Jim was a passionate sports fan, with his principal loves being the big Army team, the New York Giants (several of whose coaches he had become quite friendly with during his wartime duty at the Point) and the Miami Hurricanes, in that order.

Jim died quietly at home in Miami on 5 September 1989. Nobody loved West Point more than he, and he richly deserves his place in the Long Gray Line.

Al Gillem '40

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Harry Langdon Reeder, Jr.

NO. 13810 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 13 May 1989 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, aged 68 years.

Interment: Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Harry Langdon Reeder, Jr.

HARRY LANGDON REEDER, JR. was born 5 October 1920 in Koblenz, Germany, during the United States Army's occupation following World War I. His parents, Colonel Harry L. and Margaret Foster Reeder, are deceased. His brother, Lieutenant Colonel Boyd F. Reeder, US Army Retired, resides in Hampton, Virginia.

Harry attended primary schools in Baltimore, Maryland; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Columbia, Missouri; and Fort Benning, Georgia. He attended high schools in Columbus, Georgia; Cristobal, Canal Zone; and graduated from Forest Park High School, Baltimore. After two years at Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, DC, he entered the United States Military Academy in June 1940 and graduated in June 1943. He was a company commander and played lacrosse three years while at the Academy.

After graduation from West Point, he attended the Basic Infantry Officers Course and the Basic Airborne Officers Course at Fort Benning.

In October 1943, Harry married another Army brat, Diana French Griswold, at Fort Benning.

He was then assigned to the 17th Airborne Division at Camp McCall, North Carolina. He was then transferred to 23rd Headquarters, Special Troops. This was a highly classified top secret unit formed and trained at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, before being sent overseas. The mission of the organization was field and communication deception of the enemy in offensive and defensive operations. The classification has been removed only in recent years, some 40 years after World War II ended. Elements of the 23rd landed in France on D-Day, 1944. Harry served with 23rd Headquarters, Special Troops, throughout the war.

Harry's first assignment after the war was with the Intelligence School at Fort Riley, Kansas. After a short six months, he was ordered back to Germany to serve with the Constabulary in the Army of Occupation. He also served with the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, prior to his return to the United States in 1949 to attend the Advanced Infantry Officers Course at Fort Benning. Upon completion of this course, he served with the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He then went to the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of South Korea.

His next assignment, perhaps the most relaxing and pleasant year of his military career, was the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. No uniforms, no competitive grading, and leisure time to sail, golf and play bridge. Following the War College, a tour of three years was spent as an instructor of Airborne Operations, Tactical Department, the Infantry School, Fort Benning.

Harry's next assignment, which was very special and enjoyable to him and his family, was with the United States Military Mission, Bogota, Columbia, where he was advisor to the Columbian War College. Harry, being completely fluent in Spanish, actually taught classes in Spanish. This was not common to advisory personnel in that day. A three-year tour at Third Army Headquarters, Fort McPherson, Georgia was followed by his last assignment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with United States Army Combat Developments and the Institute of Combined Arms Support. He retired at Fort Leavenworth on 31 March 1970 with 27 years' service.

His decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Bronze

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Service Stars, Victory Medal (World War II), Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Harry, starting at about age four, was an enthusiastic horseman throughout his life. If horses were about, he would devote endless hours to the sport of equitation, participating in plain riding, riding in horseshows, and in joining hunts. It was only natural that he joined the Fort Leavenworth Fox Hunt. During the year he served as president of the Hunt, it became the only military hunt on a military reservation in the United States to be recognized by the Master of Foxhounds Association of America. Harry became Master of Foxhounds in November 1968 and held that honor until 1973.

He and Diana bought an 80-acre ranch not far from Leavenworth, Kansas, and raised Hereford cattle for 15 years.

During his 20 years of retirement he took an active interest in county government. He spent 11 years as the Leavenworth County Regional Planning Director. He held a seat on the Easton School District Board and served as its president. He was a member for 20 years and served as president of the Rural Water District. He was an active Rotarian. The year before he died he was named Leavenworth Rotary's "Man of the Year." He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

His four children, Susan Perry Reeder Taylor, Harry Langdon Reeder III, Stanley Griswold Reeder and Margaret French Reeder, and his wife, Diana, were with him during his last days in the hospital. He died of lung cancer.

his brother, Lieutenant Colonel Boyd F. Reeder, U.S. Army Retired

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William Fuller Pence

NO. 15511 CLASS OF 1946

Died 7 July 1987 in Austin, Texas, aged 61 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

WILLIAM FULLER (BILL) PENCE was an Army brat and was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital on 25 August 1925. His father, Major General Arthur W. Pence, was an Engineer out of the Class of November 1918. Bill moved from Army post to Army post as a child, and ended up attending high school at Bronxville, New York. From there he attended Sullivan's Preparatory School in Washington, DC, before receiving his appointment to West Point.

William Fuller Pence

Entering the Academy on 1 July 1943 with Bill was his brother Arthur W. Pence, Jr. It was then, and is still, highly unusual for two brothers to enter the same Class at West Point and subsequently graduate as Bill and Art did. Bill had no difficulties getting through West Point. He enjoyed cadet life to the extent that was possible. His good sense of humor allowed him to shrug off things that worried other cadets. He was always on hand to help a beleaguered classmate when the occasion arose.

Graduation saw Bill enter the Signal Corps and attend the Signal Basic Course at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He took time off at Christmas 1946 to marry Adeline (Sug) Hartnell at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 28 December. His first unit assignment was to a Signal troop with the Constabulary in Germany. In 1949, Bill transferred to the Corps of Engineers. After a tour as a training company commander at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Bill was selected to receive his master's in civil engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana. Nineteen hundred and fifty-four saw Bill in Korea, where he commanded a company in the 73rd Engineer Battalion (Combat) and later commanded a company in the 73rd Engineer Battalion (Constr). Returning to the continental United States, Bill and Sug were assigned to the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, where Bill was assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics. Nineteen hundred and fifty-eight saw the Pences heading for France, where Bill was assigned to the Engineer Supply Control Agency. It was during this assignment that a friend and fellow officer recalls some of the traits that gained Bill such respect and admiration from all who knew him. This friend's hobby was writing skits and playlets to entertain at the officers club. In his words, "Bill, who had two left feet and the worst singing voice I have ever heard, appeared in everything we put on. His boundless enthusiasm and obvious joy in performing infected his fellow performers and also the audience. Everybody had a wonderful time because Bill was having such a good time."

From France, Bill and Sug returned to Buffalo, New York, where Bill was the Deputy District Engineer. August 1966 saw Bill go to Fort Hood, Texas, with orders to organize, train and deploy an Engineer battalion to Vietnam. Under adverse conditions and with every staff section of a corps headquarters looking over his shoulder, Bill deployed his battalion. The Corps Engineer recalls that Bill got the job done without being intimidated and was absolutely unflappable. He never lost sight of his mission and refused to let minor snags divert him. Bill's S-3 in the battalion recalls that Bill had a unique way of keeping things in perspective. He could recognize talent and was patient enough to draw out the best in anyone who was honest with him. This officer doesn't recall Bill ever raising his voice during those trying times. Bill's unit performed admirably in Vietnam. The following is quoted from a fellow officer, "He received many 'atta boys' from the brass for the job his guys performed. Bill's boys took a back seat to no one! They were soldiers first, and damn fine engineers."

Bill returned to the continental United States to become Post Engineer at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. In 1969, he became Engineer, Army Strategic Communications Command. He retired from the Army at Fort Huachuca in 1970. After just a year of being retired, Bill went to work at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia, as Chief Construction Branch. In 1974, he moved to Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, Virginia as Facilities Engineer. Bill finally retired from government service in 1983, and he and Sug settled into retired life in Virginia. In 1985, the Pences moved to Lakeway, Texas, a resort community near Austin. Bill entered into the active social life of the community. He assumed civic responsibilities by being elected to the board of directors of the local municipal water district. An avid and excellent golfer, Bill thoroughly enjoyed his retirement.

Suddenly cancer struck. A year of chemotherapy and radiation treatment failed to control the cancer and Bill died 7 July 1987. He is survived by his wife, Sug, and three sons, William, Robert and Thomas.

Bill Pence was a man who gained the respect and admiration of everyone who had the opportunity to know him. This is evidenced by the responses to requests for input for this article, some of which follow:

"From my association with Bill, I

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would characterize him as modest and sincere, a true West Pointer in every aspect, epitomizing the motto [Duty, Honor, Country]."

"Bill was intellectual, moral and extremely qiuck-witted. No, Bill was not perfect; however, he came much closer than most. All my memories of Bill are happy and fond except for his final interment, which for me and for all his many friends, was a very sad moment."

"I admired Bill for his professionalism, his abilities, aplomb, and his singleness of purpose. He constantly amazed me with the depth of his knowledge."

"Bill Pence, without a doubt, was a wonderful person and an excellent professional engineer, and a distinct credit to West Point, to the Corps of Engineers, and to the United States Army."

"I want to convey my great regard for Bill and to tell you and Sug and all his classmates what a fine man he was and how much those times we spent together meant to me. My prayer is that someday my friends will remember me in the same way."

William Fuller Pence was born into an Army tradition, a tradition he upheld and cherished all his life. The West Point motto, Duty, Honor, Country, was his guiding principle at all times; his family knew and understood this. Bill was a dedicated family man, a loving husband and a caring father. There is a consensus description of Bill from everyone who knew him: "He was an outstanding human being." The world is a better place because Bill Pence was here with us. We are all enriched for having known him.

1946 Memorial Article Project and his wife Sug

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Robert Francis Patterson

NO. 15707 CLASS OF 1946

Died 24 December 1986 in Orlando, Florida, aged 65 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

ROBERT FRANCIS PATTERSON was born 23 July 1921 in Columbus, Ohio. His family moved to Kentucky when Bob was quite young, and then to Long Island, where Bob spent most of his boyhood. One of his lifetime friends remembers that Bob retained the nickname of "Kentucky" for some time after moving to Long Island. Even as a youngster, Bob is remembered as having a delightful sense of humor and the ability to see the humorous side of most situations. Bob graduated from Bryant High School in Astoria, New York, and wanted to go to college. With six brothers and sisters, it was necessary for him to pay his own way. He was able to get admitted to the City College of New York for the

Robert Francis Patterson

evening session as a "limited matriculated" student with the stipulation that, if he could complete 15 credits in two semesters with a B average, then he could become a "fully matriculated" student in the day session. Bob was able to meet these requirements and was able to enroll in the Engineering School at CCNY. In 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor, Bob went into the Army where his commander got him to take the competitive exam for West Point. Thus, on 1 July 1943 Bob entered the Academy with the Class of 1946 and fulfilled a lifetime dream.

Easygoing and good natured, Bob did what was necessary to survive his time at West Point. He was much smarter than his academic standing belied, as was amply demonstrated by his postgraduate work later in his career. His attitude as a cadet was that "whatever will be will be—don't sweat the small stuff." He loved leading songfests, and was always one of the leaders of these at company and class picnics. One close friend recalls Bob as "The Happy Wanderer."

Graduation saw Bob go into the Infantry, where he attended the Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. From Benning, he was assigned to the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division in Germany. From Germany, Bob was assigned to the Army General School at Fort Riley, Kansas. Fort Riley at that time had been just redesignated from the old Cavalry School, and Infantry lieutenants were at a definite disadvantage there. When Bob reported to the assistant commandant, he was told, "We treat Infantry officers as branch immaterial here." On 3 June 1951, Bob married Jackie Stewart at Fort Benning, Georgia. After the Infantry Advanced Course at Benning in 1953, Bob went to jump school and was off to Korea where he served as assistant G-3 and then S-3 in the 7th Infantry Regiment. From Korea, Bob returned to Hawaii where he was a company commander, then S-3 and executive officer of a battalion. In 1957 Bob was selected to attend the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, where he graduated in 1959 with a master's degree in physics. Following a tour at Fort Monroe, Virginia with Continental Army Command, Bob transferred to the Signal Corps. After attending the Signal Advanced Course, Bob was assigned to the Army Research & Development Group in Japan in 1963. His next assignment was with the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC. Bob decided that intelligence work was not to his liking, so he retired from the Army on 31 July 1965 as a lieutenant colonel.

Following his retirement, Bob accepted a position doing defense contract work with Martin Marietta in Orlando, Florida. He found his niche in life there, and progressed to increasingly responsible jobs with that firm. He was even able to obtain a second master's degree at Rollins College. Unfortunately, Bob and Jackie were divorced in the early 1970's. Shortly after the divorce, Bob suffered a massive stroke 31 December 1973, which left him paralyzed on the right side and unable to communicate normally. His condition was such that his daughters had no choice but to place him in a nursing home. Bob remained in nursing homes until Christmas Eve 1986, when he died from pneumonia. He was survived by his daughters Pamela, Patricia, and Judith.

Bob always had a desire for knowledge and education. He always felt that his research & development work with Martin Marietta fulfilled this need in his life. He was proud of being a West Pointer. He continued to live the motto, Duty, Honor, Country, throughout his life. He was a loving father, always loyal to his God, his family and his country. After his stroke, it was Bob's faith that made his life meaningful.

His daughter Patricia submitted the following testimony of Bob's faith:

"Daddy's stroke was tragic in that it left a very intelligent man physically and mentally incompetent for the rest of his life. It was frustrating for him, not being able to communicate easily the thoughts going through his mind and to be so dependent on others. But God is sovereign in all things and used the stroke to bring daddy into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

"The Bible says, in John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son (Jesus) that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.' That truth got into daddy's heart only after he became completely helpless and he accepted that free gift from God, healing him spiritually and giving him the assurance of eternal life with his creator in heaven.

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When he died, he was freed from the pain and suffering of this world and entered into the presence of his Lord, fully at peace.

"My sisters and I buried daddy at Arlington with full military honors. As the band played 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' a vivid memory came back to me as a little girl standing next to daddy at church and hearing him sing strongly the words to this, his favorite hymn. How real the words became to daddy in the last years of his life, having accepted the salvation of God through Christ: 'Holy, Holy, Holy, there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.' Though I miss my father, I thank my Lord and Savoir Jesus Christ that I will be united in heaven with him one day."

To this, his classmates can only add, "Well Done Bob, Be Thou At Peace!"

1946 Memorial Article Project and his daughter Patricia

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Leonard James Greeley, Jr.

NO. 19463 CLASS OF 1953

Died 10 August 1989 in Washington, DC, aged 61 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Leonard James Greeley, Jr.

LEONARD (HORACE) JAMES GREELEY, JR. was born to a distinguished Army family at Tripler Army Hospital, Hawaii, on 27 March 1928. He was the eldest of five children of the late Brigadier General Leonard James and Jane McAndrew Greeley. Both of his grandfathers were Regular Army officers, as were numerous uncles and cousins. His brother John is also retired from the Regular Army.

Relatives, both living and deceased, who graduated from West Point include great-uncle, Major General James W. McAndrew, Class of 1888; uncle, Colonel Brendan M. Greeley, Class of 1929; uncle, Major Horace J. Greeley, Class of 1937; and Colonel B. McKay Greeley, USMC (Retired), Class of 1961.

During the late 1930's the family was stationed at many different Army posts in the United States and at Fort Mills on Corregidor in the Philippines. By the beginning of World War II, there were five children in the family: Leonard (Lon), John, Patricia (Tish), Alicia, and Sharon.

Horace was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Washington State as a member of the Class of 1952. However, difficulties with the Department of Military Topography and Graphics, or in cadet jargon, "Military Squint and Print," proved to be his downfall in the spring of 1949. With typical doggedness, Horace returned to the Academy at Christmas 1949 and joined the Class of 1953, determined to overcome the academic department.

As his roommate for three years, I can attest to Horace's disciplined, diligent and hard-working approach to cadet life. He was on the Corps Squad golf and boxing teams, a Catholic Acolyte, on the Debate Council and was elected as the company Honor Representative for the last two years he was at the Academy. His study regimen forestalled any further academic problems.

Commissioned in Infantry upon graduation, Horace went to Fort Benning for the routines—Basic, Ranger and Airborne courses. His first assignment was to the 44th Infantry Division (later redesignated 2nd Infantry Division) at Fort Lewis. Later he went to Alaska, where he served as aide to the commanding general, United States Army Alaska. He was then assigned to the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell. He attended the Infantry Officers Advanced Course at Fort Benning, graduating in 1960.

Horace was an early arrival in Vietnam, where, on his initial tour, he served as an advisor to the Vietnamese Airborne. Upon his return from Vietnam, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne and later deployed with the unit to the Dominican Republic in 1965. He was then forwarded to the 8th Infantry Division in Germany and, upon his return, was reassigned to Fort Lewis. Later he was selected for the Command and General Staff College and graduated from there in 1968. He was then assigned to Department of the Army, Office of Research and Development. He returned to Vietnam in 1971 for his second tour with the Military Assistance Command. After Vietnam, he was reassigned to Fort Bragg and the Civil Affairs and Military Government Group. He retired from the Army in 1974 to pursue a second career. Settling initially in Rocky Mount, he later returned to Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Horace's health deteriorated after his move to Fayetteville, but typically, he did not discuss this with his family or friends. In March of 1989 he was confined to Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg, but when his condition worsened, he was transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He unexpectedly died there on Thursday, 10 August 1989.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted for him at the Fort Myer Chapel on 21 August 1989. His family and many friends attended. Interment with full military honors was at Arlington National Cemetery. Honors were rendered by a company from the 3rd Infantry (Old Guard) and were most dignified and impressive. Included were the horse-drawn caisson, company honor guard and a salute party. There was not a dry eye amongst those in attendance. Horace's remains rest beside those of his father, and a few paces from those of his paternal grandparents.

Horace is survived by his children, Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Domke, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Mrs. Patricia (Tish) Esmet, Sewall, New Jersey; Leonard J., III and Patrick N. Greeley, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Additional survivors include his mother, Mrs. Jane M. Greeley, Los Altos, California; his brother, John M. Greeley, San Francisco, California; and his sisters, Patricia (Tish) Kelly and Sharon Greely, both of Fargo, North Dakota. Another sister, Alicia Davis, died in 1984.

I think it proper to close this tribute to Horace with a blessing he especially liked and which speaks to his Irish Catholic heritage:

BLUE BE THE SKIES ABOVE YOU
GREEN BE THE GRASS YOU WALK ON
PURE BE THE JOYS THAT SURROUND YOU
TRUE BE THE HEARTS THAT LOVE YOU
FOR NOW AND FOREVER.

His Family and a Classmate

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John Wilburn Schneider, Jr.

NO. 22062 CLASS OF 1958

Died 25 March 1975 in Washington, DC, aged 39 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

JOHN WILBURN SCHNEIDER, JR. was born in Norfolk, Virginia on 27 October 1935, the son of John and Bernice (Davis) Schneider. He attended grammar school in Lenexia, Kansas, as well as Saint Louis College High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. His remembrance of Hawaii stayed with him throughout his four years at West Point. He carried two

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John Wilburn Schneider, Jr.

sports (wrestling and swimming) from the islands to help M Company's intramural teams.

Jacks' life was typical of those who sought a military career through the doors of the United States Military Academy. His love for the military came naturally, having been born into a Naval family. His childhood was spent moving from duty station to duty station, and often Jack had to assume the role of head of the family during his father's frequent tours away from home.

Jack was a presidential appointee to the Military Academy. At West Point, he went quietly about the business of learning and growing, motivated by his ultimate goal of serving his country. Concurrently, he courted his beloved Fran beginning in yearling year, when Fran was a student at Ladycliff College. Upon graduation, Fran and Jack were married in a double ceremony with classmate Wally Ward and Fran's sister Jo. He was commissioned a second lieutenant, with Armor being his branch of choice.

In the ensuing years, two children blessed the Schneider family, John and Elizabeth. The family moves included tours of duty at Fort Carson; Fort Knox; Amberg, Germany; and Fort Monroe, Virginia. It was at Fort Monroe that the family enjoyed its happiest moments. Jack, being an avid fisherman, delighted in the variety of sea life which could be caught. He went deep-sea fishing and set out crab pots, many times with his son at his side. He always said that Fort Monroe was the only place where Wherry Housing had a million-dollar view. However, as was the case in the late 1960's, the Vietnam tours ended the leisurely lifestyle of the family. After his second tour of duty in Vietnam, Jack attended the Command and General Staff College.

The student assignment at Fort Leavenworth was ideal for the family. Activities abounded and happiness flourished once again. One popular activity was the friendly softball games among the student sections, and these were designed to foster total family participation. The children were enlisted to be ball chasers and the wives provided refreshments. For the Schneiders this was the ultimate family joy, and they savored the year unaware that this would be their final happy and peaceful one. Upon graduation, the family returned to their favorite Army post, Fort Monroe.

It was there that Jack learned he had cancer, cutting short his promising career as an Army officer. Thus, with regret, Jack retired in Northern Virginia in 1974. His earned decorations included two Bronze Star Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

With the support of Fran and the Ward family, he battled cancer bravely, without complaints or bitterness, for 15 long months. Through periods of remission of the disease, he was able to teach school, support Little League baseball, and continue his role as the head of the family. In the end, his maker had other plans for him. Jack's final words on 25 March 1975 were spoken to his Fran, and these few words were, "I love you." He showed us by example how to live well and how to die with dignity.

In a final tribute to Jack, it can be said that no man had a greater love for his family and his chosen profession than he had. His life was short but he was able to accomplish the most important things: love of church, family, and country. Let it be said, well done Jack.

Wallace W. Ward, Sr., Classmate and brother-in-law

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John James Woodrum

NO. 27994 CLASS OF 1969

Died 9 May 1971 in Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

THE CLASS OF 1969'S TWENTIETH REUNION is a time for homecomings, for festivities and pageantry for the attendees, but also a time for fond memories of our classmates who died in the Vietnam War. We remember, for example, John Woodrum, whose energy, zest and righteousness influenced the lives of his many friends in our Class. He was called to make the supreme sacrifice while pursuing his military dreams and though his death continues to grieve his family and friends, they nonetheless take consolation in having known him and loved him.

John James Woodrum was born on 26 February 1947 in San Antonio, Texas, the son of James and Mary Woodrum. His family later moved to Sacramento

John James Woodrum

and then to San Diego, California, where John attended Clairemont High School. Before coming to West Point, John had already shown himself to be an accomplished student, athlete, and leader. By the end of his time at Clairemont, he had earned the Eagle Scout Award, won an election as student body president, became the commissioner general of the high school for school year 1964-65, finished as one of the top ten scholars, been honored as the graduating student who contributed the most to the school, captained the cross-country team, and served as a member of the Key Club. So it came as no surprise to his family and friends at Clairemont that John won a nomination and appointment to the United States Military Academy. During his years at West Point, John often revisited Clairemont High School, and, while encouraging students to consider the military, generally cultivated goodwill. Upon his death, a grateful Clairemont community established a memorial scholarship in his honor.

At West Point, John continued to perform well academically and athletically. He enjoyed gymnastics and trained on his own during holidays and summers to become a competitive gymnast. He progressed from team manager to off-season participant to full-time Corps Squader by his junior year. John made the Dean's List his entire four years, graduated 35th out of 800, became a cadet captain, edited the 1969 yearbook, was requested to return as an instructor by two departments, and was selected for graduate study. It was his intent to earn a Ph.D. and return to the Academy to teach.

John relied daily on his wit and shrewdness to survive the daily rigors of West Point. When rebutting demerits for the improper "wearing of the green (a green tie)" on St. Patrick's Day, he responded with the pure facts: "The leprechaun made me do it!" He also suc-

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cessfully convinced his tactical officer that it was perfectly legitimate for any sophomore, but especially himself, to be late for formation due to improper scheduling by the Metro-Transit system of New York City. Again and again, John's sense of humor and wit proved enough to sway the brass.

John completed Jungle Warfare Training in Panama while he was still a cadet. After graduation, he completed the Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder, and Armored Officer Basic Courses. He married the former Miss Patricia A. Cochrane of Stony Point, New York. John's first assignment was at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as a platoon leader in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. From Fort Lewis he went to Vietnam to be a platoon leader in the 10th Armored Cavalry and 74th Armored Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division. On 9 May—Mother's Day—during a truce for Buddha's birthday, John was leading an Infantry patrol which had become cut off from its support, had suffered serious casualties, and was in danger of being exterminated. When enemy snipers fired on his men, John stood up and gave covering fire that enabled his men to withdraw safely. He was mortally wounded during the action. He received a posthumous promotion to captain, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and three Republic of Vietnam Medals. He was laid to rest where his military dreams came true—West Point. His "homecoming" was 18 May 1971.

John was a sincere Presbyterian all his life. He taught Sunday School and was a big brother to anyone who reached out to him in an hour of need. He touched the lives of hundreds around him. John is survived by his wife Patricia, his mother and father and his brother, Eric. His family and friends still miss him dearly. He was a grand person, and his life epitomized the ideals of West Point. His memory and example will live on with those who continue to share those same ideals—young and old. May he rest in peace knowing that his life counted in making the world a better place to live, and that each of us who remember him—especially his fellow classmates—are, thanks to that memory, a little wiser and more humble as we continue to walk in the Long Gray Line in the steps of John Woodrum.

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Thomas Albert Dellwo

NO. 28077 CLASS OF 1969

Died 15 March 1971 in Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: Choteau Cemetery, Choteau, Montana.

Thomas Albert Dellwo

SELDOM ARE THERE PERSONS of whom one has only good memories, but Tom Dellwo brings to mind only such memories for me. I am confident that everyone who knew Tom would say the same.

Thomas Albert Dellwo was born on 22 December 1946 in Great Falls, Montana, the son of James and Anita Dellwo. He was to have four younger sisters.

Tom attended school in Choteau, Montana, where he was active in sports, extracurricular, church and academic activities. In high school, he lettered in three sports, was president of both the student council and the Catholic Youth Organization, and was a National Merit semi-finalist.

Although Tom never mentioned to his parents that he was interested in West Point, he turned down a scholarship offer from the University of Chicago to accept an appointment from Senator Lee Metcalf.

As a cadet, Tom inspired the confidence and trust of his classmates. He served on the Honor Committee for three years and was active with the Math Forum and the Military Affairs Club as a cow and a firstie. As a junior, he led Company A-3 to the Brigade Cross Country Championship.

Tom's greatest contributions at West Point, however, were his willingness to give so freely of his time, which kept him from gaining star-man status, and his gift of true friendship. All who lived near his room remember the cries of "Dellwooo" resounding through the halls as nearly everyone sought his academic wisdom. Those of us who truly needed his help to maintain the required 2.0 will never forget this aid.

After graduation, Tom was married to Laura Demers in Mechanicsville, New York on 27 July 1969. He completed the Field Artillery Basic Course at Fort Sill, and then successfully completed Airborne and Ranger Schools at Fort Benning. On 13 April 1970 Tom began duty in Vietnam. He participated in the Cambodian invasion as an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army and later commanded B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 19th Artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

While Tom was in Vietnam, Laura gave birth to their daughter, Susan, on 28 August 1970. Susan recently graduated from high school and is now attending Boston University.

On 15 March 1971, Tom died as a result of wounds received when a grenade exploded in his billet, less than 30 days before his tour of duty was to have ended. He was buried in Choteau and remembered then by the community in a eulogy written by one of its senior citizens: "Tommy's death ended a distinguished career in civilian life as well as in the Army. No human comment can add anything to the silent gratitude and speechless reverence felt by a grateful nation for its young defenders." This was commented upon by the local newspaper editor who wrote, " . . . those who have been personally associated with him knew Tom as a person of high character and morals. This is testified by the above comments by one of Choteau's senior citizens, as Tom was known and loved by old and young alike."

It is perhaps more of a tribute to Tom that my recent call to request news accounts from that same newspaper was met by the response: "Everyone remembers Tommy."

And so I close with the sure assurance, Tom, that everyone in '69 remembers and wishes you well until we meet again.

Gerald A. Burgess

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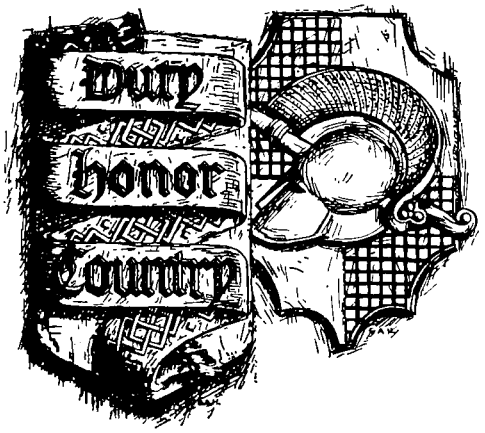

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of September 1990 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Girard B. Troland	Aug-1917	5 August	1990 .... Lexington, Massachusetts
Lambert B. Cain	1919	22 March	1990 .... Leavenworth, Kansas
Robert A. Hill	1919	2 April	1990 .... Phoenix, Arizona
Crump Garvin	1920	5 September	1990 .... Atlanta, Georgia
Herbert B. Enderton	1923	24 August	1990 .... San Diego, California
Alfred L. Johnson	1923	22 July	1989 .... Fort Lauderdale, Florida
William N. Gillmore	1925	19 September	1990 .... Carmel, California
Dwight Harvey	1925	14 September	1990 .... Bainbridge, Georgia
Malcolm F. Bauer	1927	19 July	1990 .... Hastings-On-Hudson, New York
Thomas M. Watlington	1927	22 July	1990 .... Amarillo, Texas
Stanhope B. Mason	1928	26 August	1990 .... Birmingham, Alabama
Lewis A. Vincent	1928	27 July	1990 .... Newtown Square, Pennsylvania
Philip C. Bennett	1929	25 June	1990 .... New Hartford, New York
Douglas G. Dwyre	1929	15 August	1990 .... San Jose, California
Paul E. Ruestow	1930	10 August	1990 .... Jacksonville, Florida
Richard H. Lawson	1931	31 July	1990 .... Williamsburg, Virginia
Francis T. Pachler	1931	30 August	1990 .... Gainesville, Florida
Edward J. Timberlake	1931	3 September	1990 .... Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Theodore J. Conway	1933	11 September	1990 .... St. Petersburg, Florida
Robert P. Thompson	1933	10 September	1990 .... Alexandria, Virginia
John F. Franklin, Jr.	1934	29 July	1990 .... San Mateo, California
Lea C. Roberts	1935	14 August	1990 .... Greenville, Mississippi
Henry J. Katz	1936	20 September	1990 .... Durham, North Carolina
Franklin R. Sibert	1936	8 September	1990 .... Shalimar, Florida
John P. Stone	1936	15 September	1990 .... Peoria, Illinois
Joseph L. Chabot	1937	31 August	1990 .... Lancaster, New Hampshire
Charles F. Mitchim	1937	3 August	1990 .... Winona, Mississippi
Philip C. Feffer	1938	15 August	1989 .... Baltimore, Maryland
Edwin N. Howell	1938	8 September	1990 .... San Diego, California
Frank T. Mildren	1939	14 September	1990 .... Baltimore, Maryland
Richard S. Morrison	1939	9 August	1990 .... Brewster, Massachusetts
Charles W. Bagstad	1940	22 August	1990 .... Dresden, Germany
Edward A. Murphy, Jr.	1940	17 July	1990 .... Manhattan Beach, California
Lee E. Cage	1942	29 July	1990 .... Raleigh, North Carolina
Vincent L. Coates	1942	25 April	1990 .... Centralia, Washington
William H. Crosson, Jr.	1942	3 July	1990 .... Paris, France
Leo M. Blanchett, Jr.	Jan-1943	16 July	1990 .... El Paso, Texas
Heston C. Cole	Jun-1943	28 July	1990 .... Panama City, Florida
Clare F. Farley	Jun-1943	31 August	1990 .... Los Angeles, California
John C. Trimmer	1944	14 May	1990 .... Columbia, Tennessee
Robert D. Hippert	1945	6 August	1990 .... Fort Jackson, South Carolina
Louis J. Gutting	X-1946	13 December	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Frank C. Boerger	1947	19 July	1990 .... San Anselmo, California
Elmer B. Peters	1949	9 August	1990 .... Alexandria, Virginia
Arthur C. Barker, Jr.	1950	21 August	1990 .... Denver, Colorado
Donald R. Langren	1950	4 July	1990 .... Onawa, Iowa
Paul S. Wood	1950	16 January	1989 .... San Antonio, Texas
Robert W. Wells	1954	13 September	1990 .... Washington, DC
James O. Straub	1956	15 December	1989 .... Boca Raton, Florida
Patrick M. Dunphy	1970	21 August	1990 .... Clearwater, Florida
Tommie W. Bates	1986	14 September	1990 .... Saudi Arabia
Christopher A. Greer	1986	4 August	1990 .... Pitcairn, New York
Jon R. Nelson	1988	9 July	1990 .... Fort Hood, Texas
Scott A. Wychgel	1988	17 August	1990 .... Mannheim, Germany

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