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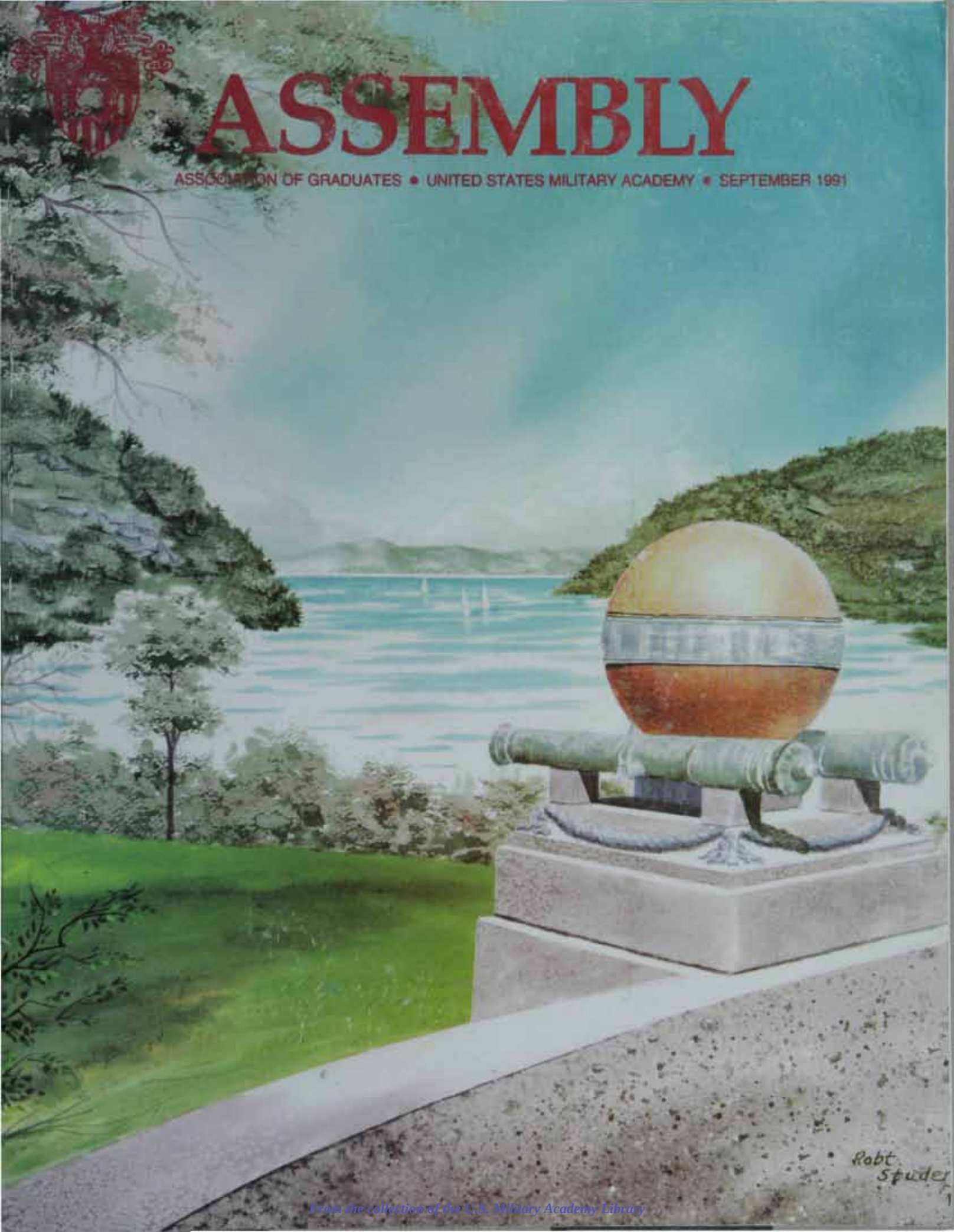

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Dear Graduates and Friends
of West Point:

If all goes according to plan, I shall have been the 54th Superintendent of the Military Academy for about a month by the time you read this. Dave Palmer and I are scheduled to change command on the Plain on the afternoon of July 22d. To meet our editor's suspense, I am writing this opening greeting early in June, when the announcement and confirmation of my appointment are still relatively recent news.

Gracie and I welcome the opportunity to serve you, the Nation, the Army and the Academy in the coming years. We are humbled by the distinguished procession of leaders who have been in Quarters 100 before us. We accept their legacy with enthusiasm, grateful that the legacy also includes the lifelong service of dedicated supporters, those of you currently serving at West Point as well as you who serve elsewhere. Our special thanks go to Lu and Dave Palmer, who have guided West Point through the past five years of strategic reassessment and redirection and who are providing Gracie and me a very candid and selfless transition. I know all of you join us in wishing Lu and Dave an enjoyable, well deserved retirement and the best in their new pursuits.

As Dave Palmer and I have begun to work through the transition, I have been impressed once again by the many ways our graduates support USMA. One of the most important ways is by continuing to serve as examples to the American people as leaders of character, both in uniform and out. General Norm Schwarzkopf used the phrase "competence and character as leaders" in his May 15th address to the Corps of Cadets. You continue to add to the great reputation of our alma mater by your competence and character as leaders and by serving as role models for the cadets in their formative years. Whether it be during summer troop leader training, enrichment experiences, daily contact with staff and faculty or casual meetings, you influence the future leaders of the Army, as those who have gone before influenced us—by personal example. Many of our heroic graduates who served with honor and died for their country in combat also continue to serve as role models, as their names have been selected for buildings and athletic facilities at West Point that we have come to know so well.

Additionally, you have proven yourselves helpful time and again in influencing the course and the outcome of public debate on issues affecting the Military Academy. Many of you are supporting USMA in the current debates that are ongoing in government circles. Issues of the moment include reducing the size of the Corps, lengthening the service obligation after graduation and authorizing a degree for the graduate work performed by our Tactical Officers at USMA. Within the next few years new issues will arise and old ones will resurface providing ample opportunity for you to increase public understanding of USMA positions.

You also continue to support Academy programs by contributing to our monetary needs. In these years of constrained Defense budgets and pressing domestic needs, the financial support provided by our alumni and friends is no longer simply nice to have; it has become essential. Future budget reductions will mean that USMA will rely on you even more if we are to provide the high quality programs our cadets require and deserve.

Finally, you support USMA by your active interest in Academy affairs and your informed feedback on policies and programs that affect the Corps of Cadets and the West Point community. The outpouring of calls and notes that Gracie and I have received from many of you contain not only warm wishes but also useful reflections on the direction that West Point should take in dealing with important issues.

I plan to use this correspondence, as many Superintendents have done, to provide you my perspective on the events at West Point and the decisions made to influence those events. Since the Association of Graduates now publishes six issues of *Assembly* annually, this report, along with those of the Commandant, the Dean, and the Association President, as well as visits to alumni chapters, should continue to give you a comprehensive flow of information from the Academy leadership.

I hope this will not be a one-way correspondence. Obviously, much of the next few months will be spent assessing the current environment and policies at West Point and developing a response to that assessment. My style of leadership has always been open and participatory. I plan to continue that style as I lead the Academy and the West Point community. Therefore, I welcome your feedback, ideas, perspective and prayers. Together we can nurture and mold the next generation of men and women who will lead our Army into the 21st century.

Beat Navy!

Howard D. Graves
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
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AOG ELECTION 1991

MEMBERS OF THE Association of Graduates at the annual meeting at West Point on 15 May elected a slate of graduates to serve as President, Class Trustees and Trustees-at-Large. The members also approved the amendments to the Constitution. Notice of the meeting was sent to all members of the Association; 7343 proxies were returned.

Re-Elected as President of the Association for a term of two years was Denis F. Mullane '52.

Ten Class Trustees representing the Classes of '42, '46, '52, '56, '62, '66, '71, '76, '81, and '86 were selected for a one-year term. Twelve Trustees-at-Large were elected to serve three years.

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

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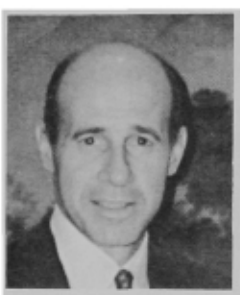

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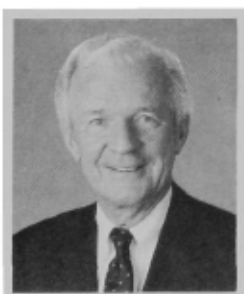

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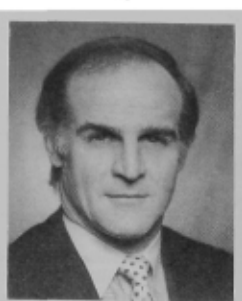

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Graduation Week began with class reunions, and Major General C. Rodney Smith led a contingent of nine members of the Class of 1926 celebrating their 65th! West Point had unseasonably hot weather throughout the month of May, and the day of the Alumni Review was no exception. Despite the broiling sun, all of our senior grads stayed the course. Forty-two members of the Class of 1931 and sixty-four from 1936 returned to West Point. The Fiftieth Reunion class, 1941, had 148 members present, and 1951 was also well represented with a large contingent. Everyone had a great time, and the Corps was at its very best as it paraded for the alums.

Graduation itself was special. We were honored to have President Bush deliver the graduation address, and afterwards he insisted on shaking hands with each graduate in turn. Usually, the graduation speaker shakes fifty or so hands, and then turns the task over to the Supe. The Class of 1991 was delighted when the President refused to sit down, and none more so than Holly Fishburne, captain of our winning women's soccer team and the daughter of Gus Fishburne '62. When President Bush shook her hand, he told her, "Go for it, Holly!"

For many years Cullum Hall has been unsatisfactory as office space for the AOG staff and unsuitable as a meeting place for our alumni. Fortunately, through the generosity of the late James K. Herbert '30, who made a $3 million bequest to the AOG for this specific purpose, we are now in a position to build a new alumni center. You will note the architect's rendering of a handsome building at the bottom of the page. This drawing is one concept that we are looking at very closely.

Even with General Herbert's gift and about $1 million available from other sources, several million dollars will still be needed to build, furnish, endow and maintain the new building. The Superintendent has graciously permitted the AOG to build on the site once occupied by Smith Rink on Mills Road, just south of Michie Stadium and Holleder Athletic Center. In addition to the AOG offices, an alumni lounge for graduates to gather and relax will be adjacent to a "grand room," available for informal and formal gatherings.

There will be significant naming opportunities for both individuals and classes, and during the next year our Development staff, headed by Bob Strati '55, will undertake a campaign to raise the necessary additional funds. By the time you read this, all class presidents will have been contacted by Bob with a letter outlining the needs and requirements for the new building. We hope to award the construction contract by the summer of 1992. Watch this column for details on the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting/Open House!

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane
President
Association of Graduates
USMA

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Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

Fellow Members of the Association of Graduates:

Our Association has completed its 122nd year of existence, and it is my pleasure to report to you that we continue to provide needed, effective support for the Military Academy across a wide range of projects and programs that appropriated funds cannot absorb. The generosity of our graduates permits us to help West Point maintain that "margin of excellence" so necessary to the well-being of the Military Academy.

As an enclosure to this report, I am attaching a brief historical summary of the Association's affairs during the past year. The Association is fiscally sound, although the effects of a slumping economy and additional required expenses have reduced our overall surplus. Details of our finances will appear in the Treasurer's Report in the fall.

There are a few key activities that the Association has been involved in over the past year that I would like to touch on, and you should also be aware of evolving emphasis on providing assistance to our graduates as they change careers through retirement or resignation.

In June of last year, the Association conducted a Long Range Planning Conference (LRPC) with the purpose of charting the strategic direction of the Association through the last decade of this century. The Board of Trustees approved a number of recommendations of the LRPC. Some of the more important decisions include establishing major fund-raising goals; formulating closer ties with our West Point societies through contractual relationships with the AOG, with each party retaining its autonomy while working toward common goals; establishing a special award program to recognize distinguished alumni of the Military Academy similar to the Thayer Award, for which USMA graduates are not eligible; and authorization for four new committees of the Association.

I believe the new committees represent a significant development for the Association, as they address areas and interests which demonstrate increased activism on behalf of the Military Academy and our alumni body. The Superintendent's Advisory Committee will be made up of distinguished graduates and other national leaders and will provide the Superintendent with a "sounding board" as well as offer guidance and counsel as appropriate. The role of the other three committees is evident by their titles: Class Affairs, Strategic Planning, and Washington Affairs.

As the Army's total strength decreases over the next several years, it appears certain that more of our graduates will leave the service than in the recent past, either through early retirement or resignation. In fact, the Army has negated the five-year commitments of the Classes of 1987 and 1988 by offering them the opportunity to resign at the end of three years of service. Of our 35,000+ living graduates, roughly one-third are on active duty and the other two-thirds in civilian life, about equally divided between retirees and those who left the service prior to retirement age. In order to assist the 24,000 graduates in civilian life, including many in the process of making that transition, the Association, in conjunction with our West Point societies, is investigating ways in which we can provide career advisory service, improve networking among graduates, and establish an activity to assist graduates seeking civilian employment.

Plans are proceeding in a timely fashion for the construction of our Alumni Center. The Superintendent has graciously permitted the Association to erect our building on the site of old Smith Rink, the hockey rink that was torn down a few years ago when the Holleder Center was constructed. As of this moment, we hope to occupy the new building by the fall of 1993.

Our Association, through its president and the Board of Trustees, has worked closely with our Superintendent, LTG Dave Palmer, over the past five years. Now, as he leaves this position of such vital importance to the service of our nation, I thank him on behalf of all of our graduates for his dedicated and outstanding leadership of our alma mater. Our best wishes to Dave and Lu go with them as they retire.

I look forward to the arrival of our new Superintendent, LTG Howard D. Graves '61. I'm confident that we—the Association and the Military Academy—will work together for the long-term benefit of West Point and the Corps. And finally, my thanks to our Board of Trustees and our alumni for permitting me to serve you as your president over these past two years.

A BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE PAST YEAR

I. *Membership Program.* Membership increased during the year from 33,870 to 34,482. The current membership includes 466 associate members and 831 members of the Class of 1990, 86.9% of the class strength. Of all living graduates, including those of the Class of 1990, 96.8% are Association members. During the past year 224 members have been dropped from the rolls, all because of death.

II. *West Point Societies Program.* The past year was one of assessment, consolidation and future planning for the Association's West Point Societies Program. The number of active societies has stabilized at 103. Societal organizational emphasis and support has centered on revitalization actions in Palm Springs, CA; Central FL; Albany, NY; Columbus, OH; and Charleston, WV. Efforts to form new societies are ongoing in West Palm Beach, FL and Montpelier, VT.

The Association continues to encour-

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age societal USMA admissions, informational and community relations programs. During the year the Association completed a comprehensive assessment and planning program for the next decade. The extensive involvement of the societies in this effort has been central. The AOG Long Range Planning Committee completed its review and submitted to the Board an array of recommendations designed to chart the AOG's path into the next decade. A major number of these recommendations responded to societal input and concerns. These recommendations addressed a number of critical matters, among which were measures designed to improve AOG/society communications, enhance alumni support, and upgrade AOG support of the societies.

The capstone of this year's West Point Societies Program was the Fifth Annual West Point Societies Presidents Conference conducted at West Point 22 April 1991. Attended by representatives of 53 societies, the conference provided invaluable opportunities to inform, to exchange ideas and to promote a closer synergism among the societies and the AOG—all directed at improving, both near term and in the out years, mutual support for USMA and its graduates.

III. *Development Program.* Through its West Point Fund Committee and Development staff, the Association continued its program of fund raising for the benefit of the Military Academy, the Corps of Cadets and the Association itself. During the year, $3,910,552.01 was received in all forms of gifts, of which $3,266,582.41 was for West Point Fund accounts and $643,969.60 was for AOG accounts. Over $3,429,000.00, part of which was contributed in prior years, was expended for projects and activities which are of benefit to the Military Academy. During the year, the Association developed, or was informed of the development of, five new life income gifts with a total value of $409,236.05. The West Point Fund received 15 bequests that had a value of $291,545.00. During this fiscal year, $406,533.00 in gifts for the Flight Project were received, completing the fund raising for this project. The Association also initiated planning for expansion of its fund-raising program to support projects in the Academy's 2002 facilities plan for which appropriated funds are not expected to be available.

IV. *Publications Program.* During the year the Association of Graduates stabilized its schedule of 6 issues/year for ASSEMBLY and published the decennial edition of the REGISTER OF GRADUATES (Eisenhower edition). The total number of subscribers, either to ASSEMBLY, the REGISTER OF GRADUATES, or both, increased from 22,521 to 23,337. Because of special interest in the decennial edition, subscribers to the REGISTER increased from 13,926 to 17,041; subscribers to ASSEMBLY also increased, from 21,598 to 22,182.

V. *West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program.* For the year 1990–91 the Association granted scholarships to 50 young Americans who were among those recommended by USMA for consideration for preparatory work in order to qualify for admission to USMA in 1991. At the end of the year it appeared that 43 of the 50 would be admitted in the Class of 1995.

VI. *Travel Program.* The Association continued its alumni travel program with the objective of bringing together graduates and friends of West Point in an environment which would encourage their support of the Academy. During the period 5 trips were conducted. For 1991, USMA alumni have participated in a Caribbean cruise and will travel to Scandinavia, Alaska, cruise on the Elbe River in Germany, and cruise on a steamboat on the Mississippi River.

VII. *Finance and Services.* The report of the annual audit, to be performed by Urback, Kahn and Werlin, will be published in ASSEMBLY magazine. The financial statement for the year ending 31 March 1991 reflects that the Association's total assets increased from $27,276,653.00 to $29,049,855.00; that the market value of the Endowment Fund increased from $11,500,166.00 to $12,005,785.00; that the value of the West Point Fund increased from $12,946,540.00 to $13,779,047.00; and operating funds decreased from $658,527.00 to $455,201.00; and the Building Fund increased from $343,453.00 to $406,009.00. The remainder of the assets consist of relatively small, restricted use and administrative accounts.

VIII. *Class Reunions.* The following classes held reunions at West Point either during Graduation Week, at Homecoming, or on a weekend in the fall: 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980 and 1985.

IX. *Sylvanus Thayer Award.* The 1990 Sylvanus Thayer Award was presented to Senator Michael J. Mansfield on 27 September 1990.

X. *Oldest Graduate.* The oldest living graduate of the Military Academy is Colonel Edmund DeTreville Ellis, Class of 1915. Colonel Ellis celebrated his 101st birthday on 12 March 1991.

XI. *Long Range Planning Conference.* The Long Range Planning Conference, held on 1–2 June 1990 served to establish goals, objectives, and chart the strategic direction that the Association should take in the next decade. At the Board meeting at Homecoming and at the winter meeting, major decisions were made in the areas of alumni relations, fund raising, the AOG management structure, Washington, DC relations and relations with USMA.

XII. *Summary.* During the year the Association continued to increase its support of the Military Academy and sought new and diverse ways to broaden this support. Through continuous and selective expansion of ongoing programs and activities and refinements in their execution the Association expects that its support of and assistance to the Military Academy will continue to become more effective.

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Letters to the Editor

Kasimir Etching

It was with interest that I noted the photo of the Kasimir etching loaned by Colonel Snodgrass on the back cover of your May issue of *Assembly*.

You should know that this lovely etching by the distinguished artist also hangs in Quarters 100. It was given to the Academy several years ago by General and Mrs. F. A. Irving who, as you doubtless know, have done so much over the years to enrich West Point and to promote the historic charm of Quarters 100.

William V. Ochs, Jr.
Class of 1945

July 91 Cover—Where are the Jets?

Reference the July 1991 issue and in particular the art work by Robert A. Getz on the cover and pages 6–7.

I am impressed by his artistic ability but not by his sense of either history or "lessons learned."

Or is that what the editor asked of him?

The point is—he failed to note the first 39 days of the war, the period that I believe anyone would agree made a real difference in how the so-called "100-hour war" was accomplished.

True, you tipped your hat to the subject in recognizing Air Force airmen in the following photo feature. Still, not a fixed wing aircraft in sight in either illustration!

Took me back to cadet days, and some of our Tactical Officers, who clearly felt airpower superfluous.

Bryce Poe II
General, USAF, Ret
USMA 1946

No Funerals on "Fridays before Football Games?"

As an eligible graduate, I expect (hope isn't the right word) to be interred at the West Point Cemetery some day. I thus appreciated the May 91 *Assembly* article about who can be buried there. However, I almost laughed myself to an earlier (and better?) grave when I read that funerals are not permitted on "Fridays before football games." Apparently there is something more certain, and important, than death and taxes.

A. Ross Wollen
Class of 1965

Agrees with Gorelangton

In the May 1991 issue of *Assembly*, you carried a letter entitled "Walking the Area Silly" in the Letters to the Editor section. The letter came from Mr. Eaton A. Gorelangton, Class of June '43. I support Mr. Gorelangton's recommendations and urge you to take his recommendation to the Commandant of Cadets.

A cadet's most cherished resource is his time. Taking his time away for rule violations (short of those punishable by other administrative or legal means) is important for disciplinary reasons. However, with the definite lack of small unit leader or basic skills training, it would be of far greater value to the cadet, his first unit and the Army to put that time to better use.

I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Gorelangton's recommendations and again urge you to take this concern and recommendation to the Commandant for either further study or implementation.

LTC Thomas F. Burrell III
Class of '71

Walking the Area Silly??

Of course, it's silly—all punishment, personally, is silly because it means you did something you shouldn't have done, knew you shouldn't have done, but most important were caught (key condition for punishment)!

But really, when I read to the end and found Eaton Gorelangton had walked three tours, I had to dive in! Cripes, that puts him right up there with Network newsmen (*sic*) who learned how to spell "latrine" and had to break away from the "managed news from the Pentagon" to mix it up with the troops and get the real news. Eaton, I bet you shined your door knobs and put only dirty clothes in your laundry bag.

Hell, man, you hardly knew the mental challenge of a brisk walk on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. How else to know the number of panes of glass in Central Area? Throw in the glass in odd shapes over the sallyports! How about the number of upright posts in the railings around the stoops? How's that for someone equipped with only the standard counting digits—20—and who graduated in the top 95% of his class?

Bored with counting? Try inserting a crib sheet between blouse and cuff and learn poetry. . . . "The Hound Of Heaven;" "The Highway Man;" Robert Service, AE Housman, etc. Much better than the "Definition of Discipline!"

Save some time for revising your business plan for selling stationery to plebes or strategic planning to avoid recurrence where possible.

Eaton, there was a Supe who had the same idea you promote and thought it would be much more productive to pick up rocks on the new golf course or rake leaves around the area of barracks. That didn't last long because, believe it or not, the cadets of that time thought it demeaning!

So, Eaton, let the cadets march and broaden their horizons because from what I see of the new barracks. . . . there are a hellava lot more windows.

Al Crehan
Class of 1952

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Abrams Gate Dedication Honors Former Army Chief of Staff

A ceremony honoring the memory of General Creighton W. Abrams, USMA 1936, a World War II hero and Military Assistance Command-Vietnam commander from 1968–72, was held on Tuesday, 28 May 1991. One-hundred-fifty admirers, including 57 classmates, attended the dedication of the site of Abrams Gate, to be located at the main entrance to the West Point Visitors Center (Pershing Center). Superintendent Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer joined Mrs. Julie Abrams, General Abram's widow, in unveiling a temporary gate post plaque. The actual Abrams Gate will be a massive structure located slightly to the north of the present gate.

General "Abe" Abrams died of lung cancer at age 59 on 4 September 1974. At his death, he was Army Chief of Staff.

Because of his tank-commanding prowess—he spearheaded General George Patton's armored drive into Germany in World War II—the Army named its current main battle tank after Abrams. An M1A1 Abrams tank, unparalleled in the Gulf War, will be emplaced at the Pershing Center along with tanks of the World War I and World War II eras.

General William Westmoreland, president of the Class of 1936, read his classmate's entry in the 1936 *Howitzer*: "Wherever you find Abe, you'll find action—whether it's catching hell as a plebe or dishing it out as a yearling. He's always on the go." Another classmate, Brigadier General Ken DeWalt (Ret) added, "Here's a man who epitomized aggressiveness, feeling, spirit and action."

Mrs. Abrams thanked those in attendance, and her daughter, Noel Bradley of Buffalo, New York added that her father would have been embarrassed by all the attention. "If they decided to do something like this, they had to wait until he passed on. He saw himself as a part of the whole, not as a single individual."

Compiled from Pointer View; *photo by SPC John Barker*

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Dave Palmer and Mrs. Creighton Abrams unveil a commemorative plaque on Pershing Center's main gate in honor of General Creighton W. Abrams. The dedication was attended by members of his Class of 1936 and other special guests. Remarks were presented by Lt. Gen. Palmer and Gen. William Westmoreland (Ret.), president of the Class of 1936.

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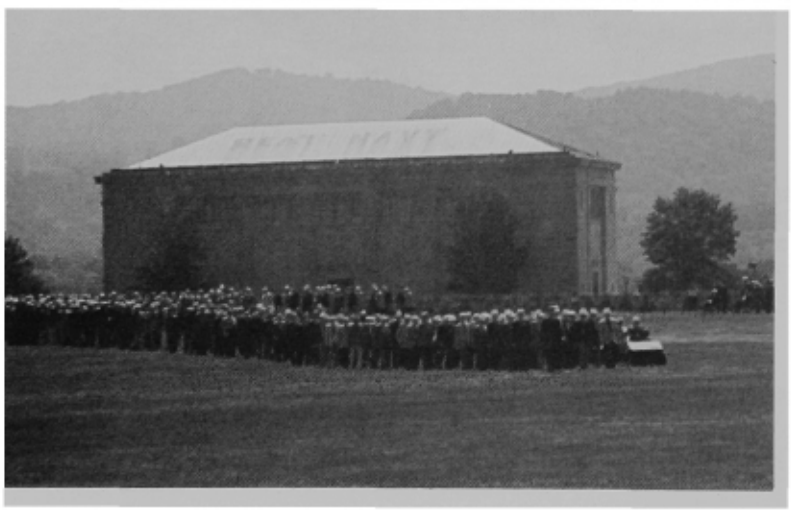
Alumni Exercises Graduation Week 1991

Approximately 500 graduates returned to West Point 26–29 May for class reunions. The reunion period was changed to a Sunday-Wednesday time frame from the standard Wednesday-Saturday period of past years. Classes holding reunions were 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, and 1951. Major General C. Rodney Smith '26, the oldest graduate present, assisted by First Captain Douglas McCormick, placed the wreath at Colonel Thayer's statue during the alumni ceremony on a hot, sunny day.



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1926

Seven classmates (of twenty-six presumed living), four with wives, four class widows, plus six collaterals for a total of twenty-one people enjoyed a glorious Reunion which those who have seen others claim to be one of the best '26 has yet known. Details appear in "Notes." And here we must thank Vald Heiberg, who put together most of the program, made most of the arrangements and probably wanted to see this Reunion more than any one of us, though unable to attend. And through the haze of memories, some sad and many joyful, through our concepts of what West Point should mean to us and to our nation, we saw clearly that the Academy still carries on nobly, still venerates its motto: "Duty, Honor, Country." Despite all the immense changes we found, West Point is still instinct with the same spirit we reverenced 65 years ago.

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1931

On 26 May the Class of 1931 returned to West Point to celebrate its 60th Reunion and to renew its bonds with the Academy. Present were 42 classmates, 34 wives and widows, and 24 children, grandchildren, and relatives to dedicate a memorial plaque honoring the 14 members of the Class, who lost their lives in the service of our country in World War II and Korea. Betty Frederick and two of her sons, Dean and Glennard, unveiled it in the presence of her six grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The plaque is located at the entrance to the Thayer Award Room and further identifies the Class with that significant project.

In addition to enjoying a joyous and enthusiastic occasion, the Class accomplished the following: held a memorial service for its members of the Long Gray Line; decorated the graves of those who chose West Point for burial; participated in the impressive Alumni Exercises; approved O.Z. Tyler's Sonnet to the 60th; raised the annual dues to $25 and authorized a final fund-raising drive to insure the maintenance of the Thayer Award Room in perpetuity.

Observations and contacts with other reunion classes, those in authority, cadets, and especially our super efficient aides, Captains Michael Linnington and Louis Yuengert, and their charming wives Brenda and Christine, all four graduates of USMA, convinced us that the Corps continues to turn out dedicated graduates who produce results! Lastly, those present committed themselves to attend the 65th, God willing!

Clyde McBride '31

USMA Class of

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AT SIXTY

"Four score and seven years ago" became
In Lincoln's famous speech a count in time
Nor do we here intend to glorify by name
Our meager sixty years, but pray this rhyme
Will pay full honor and respect to those
Now sadly missing from our thinning ranks.

But come, Reunions are for fun: The woes,
Endured, the Navy Games we won, the pranks
To fool the "Tac," the "*Drags*," the wagers lost,
For all these memories and more, our thanks.

We proudly show some figures of the cost
And soberly, as in our "Kay-det Prayer"
We hope, that when "Our Course on earth is run,"
We will have earned a, "Well done, Thirty One!"

O. Z. Tyler '31

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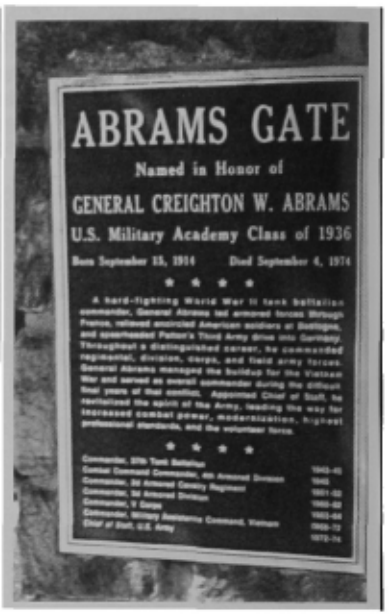
1936

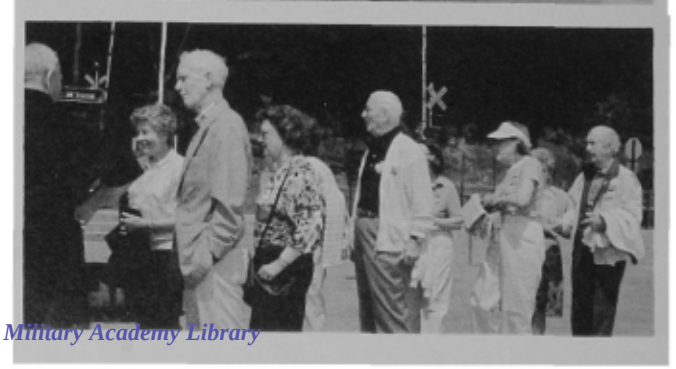
The 55th Reunion of the Class of 1936 reminded one (at least) of a Chinese painting—and West Point has previously and probably often been so portrayed.

Perspective: in the Chinese work of art is found the gorgeous green *heights* of Crow's Nest, Storm King and other prominences contrasted to the *low* Hudson River with its sensational "crook," which is the centerpiece of the Point.

Content: there are present people ('36ers) in harmony with nature: reminiscing, eating, moving through the picture and expressing synchronization with mountain, water and space.

Viewer: the Chinese painting can only be complete when the viewer "steps" into it and becomes involved in the various places depicted—as did the Class of 1936. PSG





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1941

For about fifty years, through three hot wars and one cold one a bunch of guys, who actually worked to perpetuate their non-reg reputation, have managed to have a hell of a good time and still get the job done. And the pizzazz of "Black '41" is still "alive and well." At this, our 50th Reunion, *Paul Skowronek,* age 75, joined our formation for the Alumni Parade *by parachute.* We saluted seven grandchildren who wear Cadet Gray as they ". . . follow close order behind us." Class son, Dr. Henry Goodall, a British MD whose father *Henry Blanchard* was killed in action in Normandy, and his lovely wife Wendy joined us from their home in the UK. Three classmates, Hoffman, Dalby and Goodell, despite massive physical disability answered roll call. Our first captain and distinguished American soldier *Jack Norton* was unanimously elected president emeritus.

Our memorial service is unique because the hallowed glen where we assemble at each reunion enfolds our *Kelleher-Jobes* Memorial Arch. We are delighted with the stately image it presents now that it has been refurbished and enlarged. Time did not permit a visit to *Nininger* Hall, but it too has been refurbished, and our Class gift will be quite adequate to maintain these two special entities in perpetuity.

We had experienced the thrills and chills, the hugs and warm handshakes before, but this time they seemed much more precious. We cherished our survivors and saluted our departed, particularly the 44 killed in action. We added to our prayer list those who were grounded by infirmities at the last minute.

At our fifth reunion, *Joe Myers* yelled "Geronimo" and jumped from a second-story window of North barracks; that same night someone planted a Class tree in the center of the Plain. At our tenth, sixty tenacious classmates and brides greeted the dawn from a set of row house quarters. Yes, we have slowed down just a bit, but at our final dinner dance three of our stalwarts persisted: *Walt Woolwine* appeared in white Bermudas and *Harrie Spiller* wore a stunning mini-skirt and Ambassador *Rowny* delivered a harmonica serenade!

For those who could not be with us, and for posterity, we have had a professional video made to capture our Big Fiftieth. And you may be very sure that "Black '41" intends to "continue the march."

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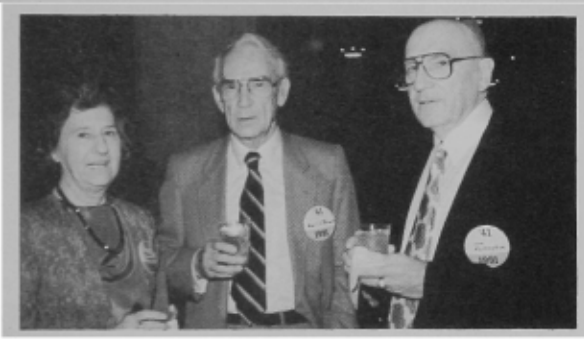

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1951

The Class of '51 celebrated its 40th Reunion Graduation Week with 144 classmates in attendance. Our headquarters was at the Sheraton Crossroads at Mahwah, New Jersey.

Our activities began with a business breakfast during which we elected Class officers—Fred Rockwell assumed the responsibilities of Class president.

The Cadet Chapel was the scene of a reflective memorial service conducted by our former Chief of Chaplains, Kermit Johnson. This service was followed by a picnic at Camp Buckner which brought back memories of both summer training and fun dances at Barth Hall.

The highlight of our reunion was the presentation of the Buzz Aldrin portrait to the Academy at the AOG luncheon. Remembrances include the hot (in May!) Alumni Parade, dinners at the Sheraton and seeing old friends. Thanks go to Gerry Hendricks, John Byers and Sandy Sanderson and to aides Colonel Black, Major Yerks, Major Breakiron and Captain Meese.

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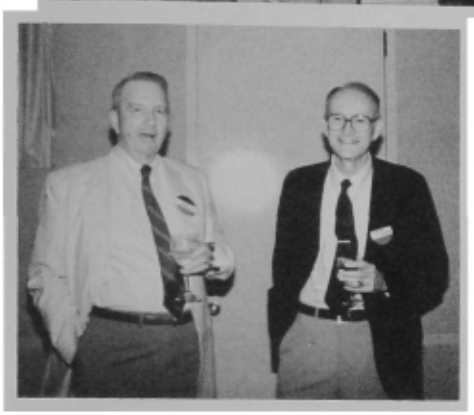

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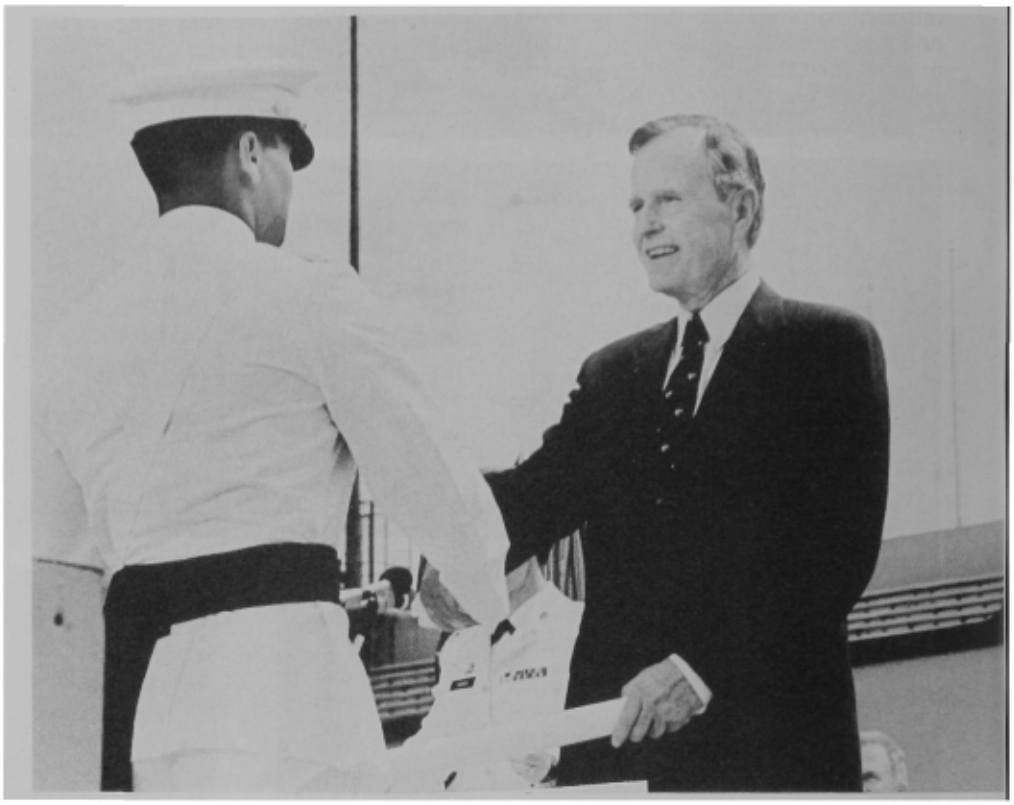
President Bush Inspires 915 Graduates in the Class of 1991 to "Lead the Way"

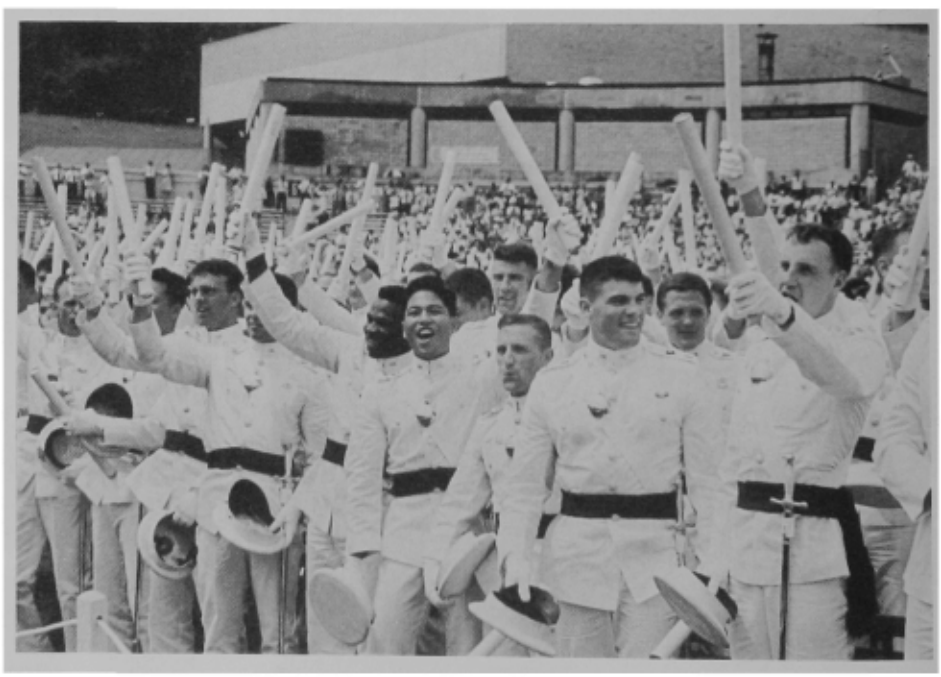
"Duty Shall Be Done!"



Nine-hundred-fifteen of the Army's newest second lieutenants fulfilled their motto on 1 June 1991 when President George Bush delivered his commencement address to them, and they made the transformation from cadets to officers, following a 193-year-old tradition of joining the Long Gray Line at the United States Military Academy.

President Bush, speaking before an audience of over 25,000, discussed the country's ongoing commitment to equality and civil rights—a particularly apt theme for the Class of 1991, which graduated USMA's 1000th Black and 1000th woman, 2LT Michael Mayweather and 2LT Kimberly J. Ashton, respectively.

"Militarily and culturally, morally and spiritually, West Point has always been a metaphor for the American character," the President said. He added that this character has many elements, foremost among them devotion to freedom, self-reliance and creativity, and service to others. "You at West Point have established an example for the rest of the nation. Here people measure each other in terms of merit, heart and will—not creed or sex or color or national origin. Look to your left and look to your right and what do you see? People divided by race and religion? No. You see your friends—and your future."



President Bush lauded the Army's role as a civil rights trendsetter. "More than three decades ago, the civil rights movement reshaped a nation by appealing to this American character. Martin Luther King dreamed of an America in which one day our children would—and to quote—'not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.' In the Army, just as here at West Point, that 'one day' has arrived."

The Class of 1991 includes 829 men and 86 women. There are 54 Black Americans, 38 Hispanic-Americans, 30 Asian-Americans, 3 Native-Americans and 9 foreign graduates, one each from the Philippines, Honduras, Malaysia, Cameroon, Haiti, Bangladesh, Kenya, Malawi and Turkey. Yet the Army and West Point don't recruit minorities, President Bush emphasized. "They recruit *soldiers*—the finest sons and daughters any country could ever have.

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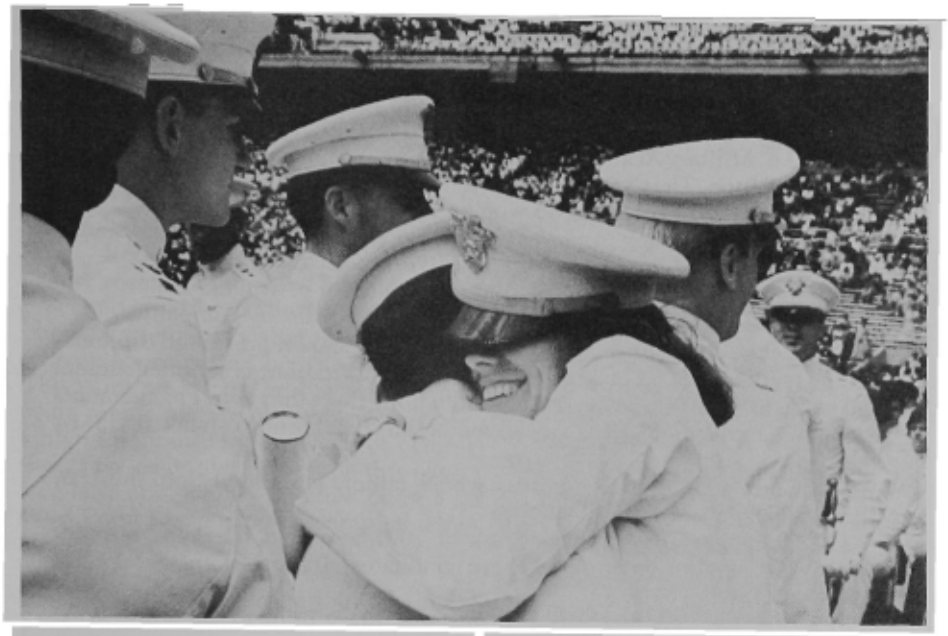

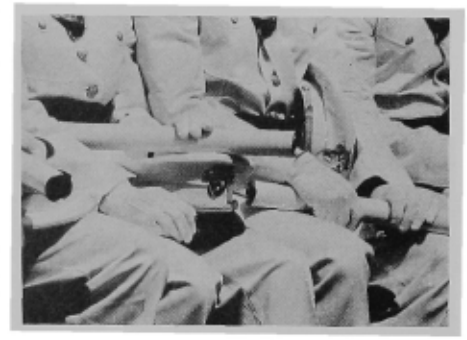

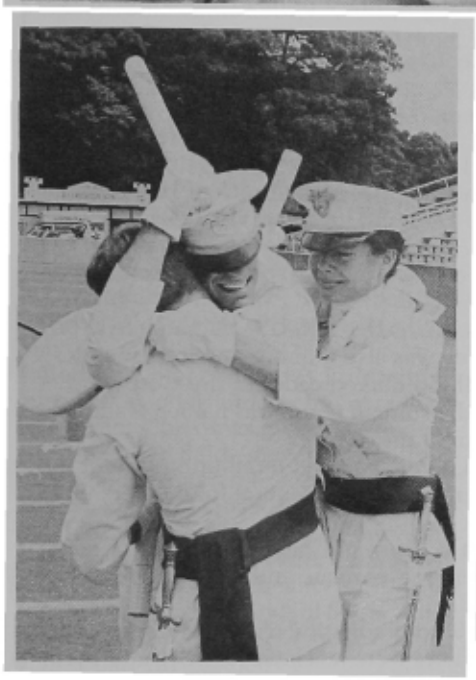

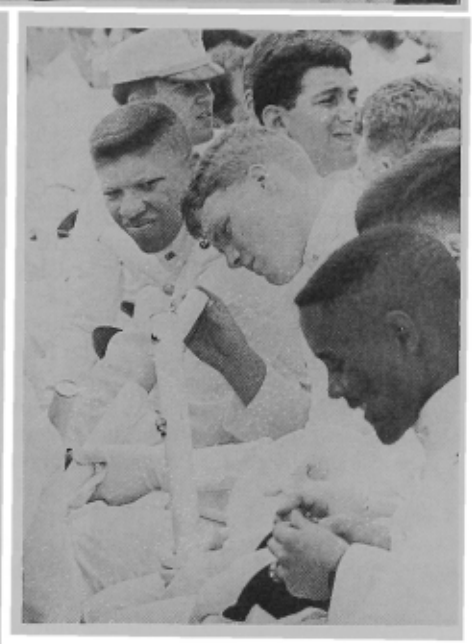

Class of 1991 Top Ten Cadets

Name	Hometown
Richard O. Burney	Auburn, AL
Douglas P. McCormick	Harrisburg, PA
Joseph D. Prueth	Batavia, OH
Bernhard E. Christianson	Sequin, WA
James R. Leady	Chesterton, IN
Michael D. Runey	Tusonboro, NH
Desrae D. Broderick	Tacoma, WA
Thomas F. Pettit	Lockport, NY
Randall R. Klingaman, Jr.	Trexlertown, PA
Peter C. Graff	Clark's Summit, PA

USMA Class of 1991 Branch Selections

Branch	
Infantry	191
Field Artillery	195
Armor	105
Engineers	133
Air Defense Artillery	79
Aviation	117
Military Intelligence	24
Signal Corps	15
Ordnance	10
Quartermaster	10
Transportation	3
Military Police	8
Medical Service	15
Adjutant General's Corps	8
Chemical	3
Finance	3

We must think of ourselves not as colors or numbers, but as Americans . . . we must destroy the racial mistrust that threatens our national well-being as much as violence, or drugs or poverty."

In a delightful and surprising turn of events, President Bush personally presented diplomas to *all* 915 graduates, not just to the top 50 honor graduates. This was the third time he delivered the commencement address at West Point; the previous engagements were during his tenure as Vice-President. President Bush is the seventh United States President to speak at graduation.

This year marked the first time graduates wore India whites for graduation exercises, as their dress gray uniforms had gotten drenched by a torrential downpour on Friday, 31 May during the Graduation Parade. A joyous hat toss followed First Captain Doug McCormick's final dismissal of the Class of 1991. The newly-commissioned second lieutenants returned to their barracks one last time and changed into their new officer uniforms. In keeping with tradition, the first subordinate to salute each of the new officers received a silver dollar from him or her.

Several members of the Class of 1991 distinguished themselves. 2LT Richard O. Burney was the 11th USMA graduate to be named a Marshall Scholar; he also ranked number one in academics and was the overall top-ranked cadet in the Corps. 2LT Colleen McCabe, captain of the softball team, was named National Collegiate Athletic Association's Woman of the Year and both she and 2LT Michael Mayweather were Army Athletic Association Trophy Winners. 2LT Joseph D. Preuth was the number one cadet in Military Science; he received the General John J. Pershing Memorial Award. 2LTs Donna L. Horn and Douglas McCormick (who was also Brigade First Captain) were the number one woman and man in physical education. Fourteen members of the Class of 1991 have been accepted into medical school.

The military tradition ran deep in the graduating class: 38 members of the class had fathers who graduated from the United States Military Academy; 117 members of the class—105 men and 12 women—attended the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; and 57 members served in the military prior to attending West Point.

Compiled from Pointer View *and Directorate of Academy Relations; photos by SPC John Barker*

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FACTS ON THE CLASS OF 1991

— The U.S. Military Academy graduated 915 cadets with Bachelor of Science degrees on 1 June. They were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. There are 829 men and 86 women in the graduating class.

— There are 54 Black Americans in the Class of 1991; 38 Hispanic-Americans, 30 Asian-Americans and 3 Native-Americans.

— The top 5 percent of the class graduated in order of academic merit. The remainder of the cadets graduated in alphabetical order by company.

— President George Bush, the commencement speaker, presented diplomas to all the graduates. 1991 marks President Bush's third time as commencement speaker for U.S. Military Academy graduation; the other two engagements were as Vice President. He is the seventh U.S. President to speak at USMA graduation.

— The Class of 1991 had 38 cadets whose fathers graduated from the U.S. Military Academy.

— 117 of the members of the Class of 1991 attended the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; of those graduates, 105 are men and 12 are women.

— 57 of the 1991 graduates served in the military prior to attending West Point.

— There are 9 foreign cadets in the Class of 1991 from the following countries:

Philippines	Cameroon	Kenya
Honduras	Haiti	Malawi
Malaysia	Bangladesh	Turkey

— The Brigade First Captain was Cadet Douglas McCormick of Harrisburg, P.A.. The class motto is "Duty Shall Be Done." The class president is Cadet Shannon Beebe of Hot Springs, AR.

— There are 14 cadets from the Class of 1991 who have been accepted into medical school.

— Cadet Richard O. Burney of Auburn, AL, is the 11th USMA graduate to be named as Marshall Scholar. Cadet Burney was also number one in academics in the Class of 1991 and was the overall top-ranked cadet in the Corps.

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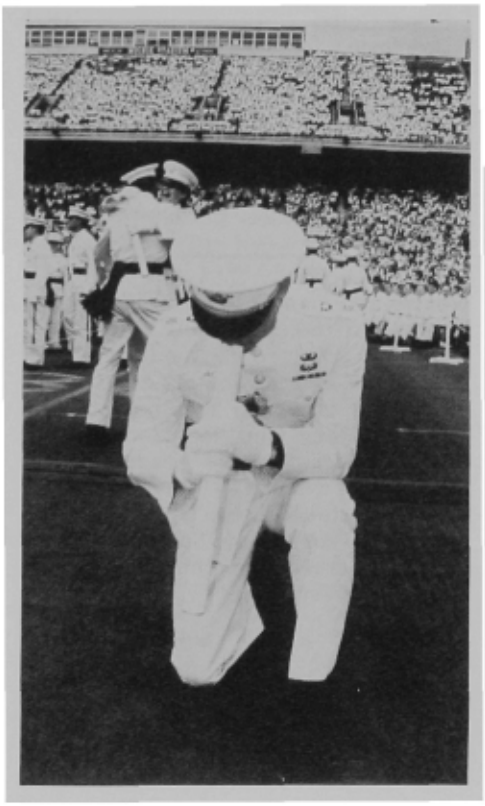
— For the Class of 1991, Cadet Donna L. Horn of Chantilly, VA, and Cadet Douglas McCormick were the number one woman and man in physical education, respectively.

— The Class of 1991 is West Point's 193rd graduating class and the twelfth class to include women as well as men. There were no classes in 1810 and 1816 and there were two graduating classes in 1861, 1917, 1918, 1922 and 1943.



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West Pointer—Watercolorist

Close friends of retired Colonel Robert W. Studer (USMA '39) receive an unusual but much appreciated greeting at Christmas—a color photo of one of his watercolor paintings with an appropriate Christmas message. The painting is one he has done from some scenic picture or photograph, possibly of a monastery, mission, or cathedral. Five examples appear on this page in black and white. Another one of a West Point scene in color, completed by special request expressly for this *Assembly* issue, is on the front cover.

What's the background to Colonel Studer's remarkable ability? His military career, although very distinguished, sheds little light on the question—Bataan Death March; POW 1942–45; master's degree (electrical engineering), University of Illinois; Command & General Staff College; DCSOPS & R&D, Pentagon; Naval War College; Army Attache, Colombia; another master's degree (international relations), George Washington University; and following his retirement in 1968, PhD (political science), University of Southern California.

Retired Colonel Charles L. Medinnis (also '39), good friend, recipient of these watercolor Christmas greetings, and artist in another field (museum quality illuminated manuscripts), offers this about our background question: Bob's childhood in Minnesota farm country; his close awareness of nature, often commenting on the rich beauty of his surroundings or on the antics of fauna which influenced his getting a bogey rather than a par; his cartoons for the *Pointer* and in later years on "thank you" notes; his self-taught artistic talent; and his avid interest in and knowledge of socio-political events. "He is a gifted, creative, caring, and responsible person."

Colonel Studer is of little help in answering our question when he states, "I really don't think this time-filling activity is worthy of note. If one doesn't particularly like to travel, or to sell real estate, or to sit in bars, he must do something else to fill up 24 hours of the day." (But, among other things, his "something else" includes a devoted, creditable golf game and active participation in military retiree activities.)

So, whatever the background, with these watercolors in this *Assembly*, the pleasure formerly enjoyed only by his close friends can now be appreciated by all USMA graduates, and we can add another adjective to describe this West Pointer—"modest."

Colonel W. E. Showalter
Scribe 1939

Noel (1983)

Minnesota Winter

Carmel Mission, California (1985)

Old Church in Carcelón, Spain

Untitled (1988)

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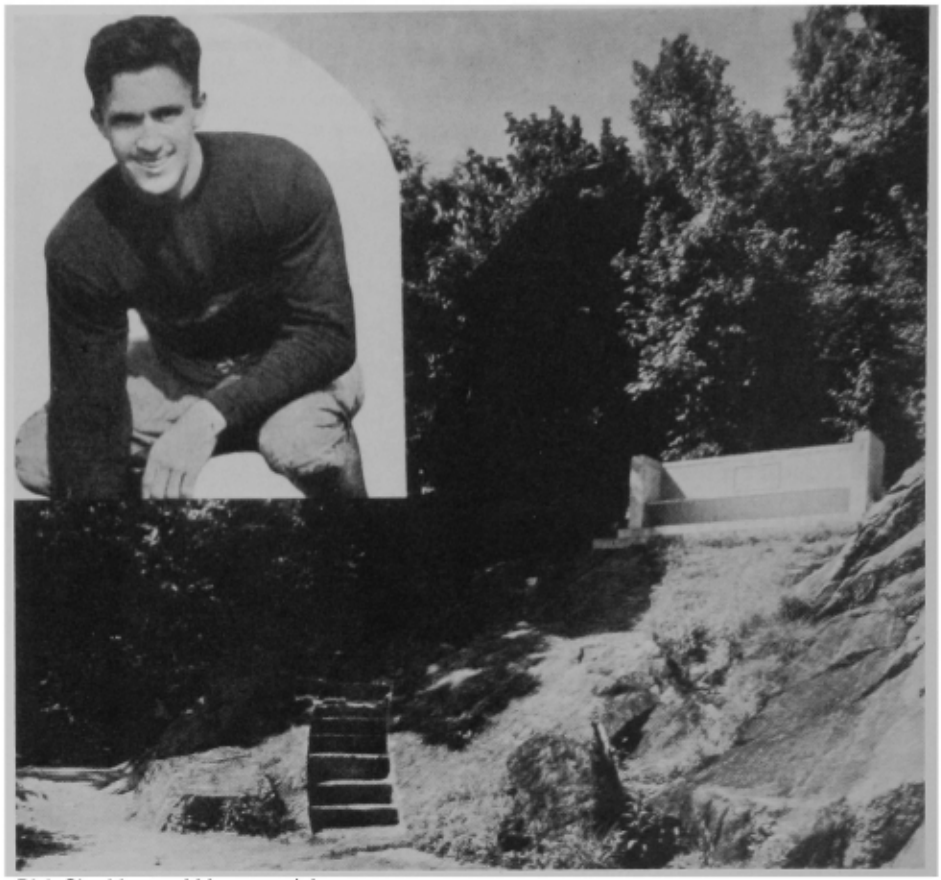
The Richard Brinsley Sheridan Memorial on Flirtation Walk

by
MG Herbert G. Sparrow, Ret.
Class of 1933



Dick Sheridan and his memorial

Memorials have a way of fading into the past, and it is only right that they should. We cannot live our busy lives with a constant conscious awareness of our predecessors' accomplishments, impressive though they may be. The solution, then, is to accord to the past its proper recognition—at least, to know what has gone before—and perhaps to be strengthened in our resolve, from time to time, by that knowledge. "Grip hands, though it be from the shadows," we say.

This is the story of just one of West Point's many monuments.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan won his appointment to West Point from the Regular Army, entering on 1 July 1929 with the Class of 1933. Before enlisting he had attended the Richmond Academy at Augusta, Georgia, where he was class president, lieutenant colonel of the ROTC battalion, treasurer of the Student Council and a letterman in both football and basketball.

At West Point he distinguished himself from the outset, both academically (he stood No 2 or 3 in a class of just under 400), and personally, being elected class president for our second class year. Despite his small size he made the football A-squad as an aggressive, highly intelligent 145-lb end.

"Dick Sheridan was a bright flame too soon snuffed out," wrote his classmate Jack Rudolph, "it happened with shattering suddenness."

"Early in the 4th quarter of a dull 1931 game against Yale (24 Oct), the latter's Bob Parker returned a kickoff 88 yards to tie the score. Army again kicked off. This time Dick Sheridan, who had been wiped out on the previous play, led the first wave of attackers downfield. At the Yale 22-yard line he launched himself in a head-long, diving tackle at the oncoming ball carrier. The runner's knee caught him squarely on the forehead with a crack that could be heard distinctly in the stands. Both men went down.

"Dick never got up. Two days later, less than three hours after his mother had won a dramatic 1,000 mile race to her stricken son's bedside, he died of a broken neck."

To the Corps, checked in mid-cheering in the stands, and to his fellow players on the team, it was clear that he had been gravely hurt. Over the next two days we were kept posted on Dick's condition. At supper Monday night the Commandant of Cadets (then Lieutenant Colonel, later General) Richardson came to the Mess Hall and broke the tragic news, adding the hope that we would continue to feel the spirit of Dick Sheridan among us. There was no more to say.

The Army coach, (then) Major Ralph Sasse, called the football squads together. "I remember that meeting well," says '33's Bill Quinn (Lieutenant General, Ret). "We met in the wrestling room of the old gym and Sasse, speaking about the rest of the season, asked, 'Well, boys, what do we want to do?' Someone replied, 'I think Dick would say, "Go ahead—get on with the game!" '"

That was the consensus, not only among the team but throughout the Corps. And so the Academy, believing that this was what Sheridan would have wanted, continued to play out its 1931 football schedule. Understandably, both the Corps and the team passed through a siege of deep gloom. Finally, before the Notre Dame game, Coach Sasse spoke to the team again: "Let's win this one for Dick Sheridan!" The team came through, beating Notre Dame for the first time in many years—and then went on to beat Navy.

When the Commandant left us that dreary Monday evening, the Class of 1933 remained in the Mess Hall to consider what measures we should take. In the absence of our vice president, Johnny Shinkle (now Major General, Ret.), it fell to me as class secretary to chair the meeting. After dealing with such matters as condolence telegrams to Sheridan's parents, flowers for the funeral, etc., sixteen classmates who knew him well were named to a provisional committee, from which five would later be chosen to select some permanent and fitting memorial.

Suggestions were solicited from the Corps at large. When it was clear that the other classes wanted to participate, I met with each of them to explain what we hoped to do. At the Commandant's direction we asked how much each cadet would be willing to contribute. A figure of five dollars each was reached, though many would have pledged more. That gave us, in round numbers, $6,000. Selection of a suitable memorial involved repeated meetings of the Sheridan Memorial Committee (which I chaired), letters to sculptors and contractors, memoranda to the Commandant, etc. It was agreed that the memorial must be truly a work of love—i.e., built with the goodwill and unanimous consent of all con-

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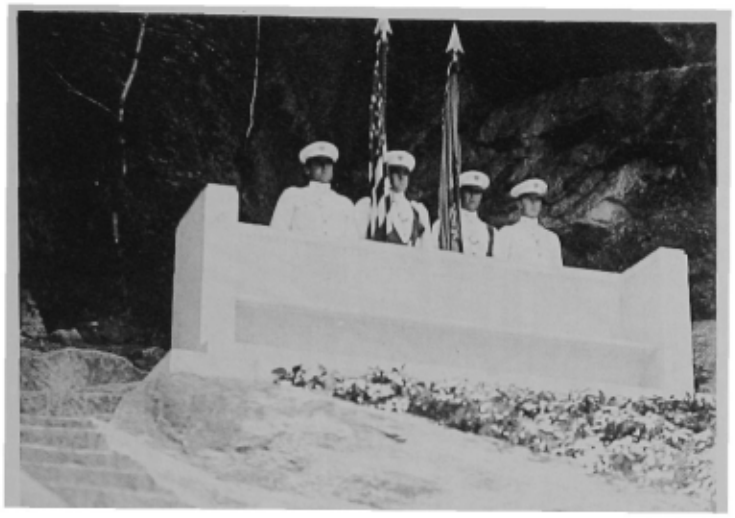
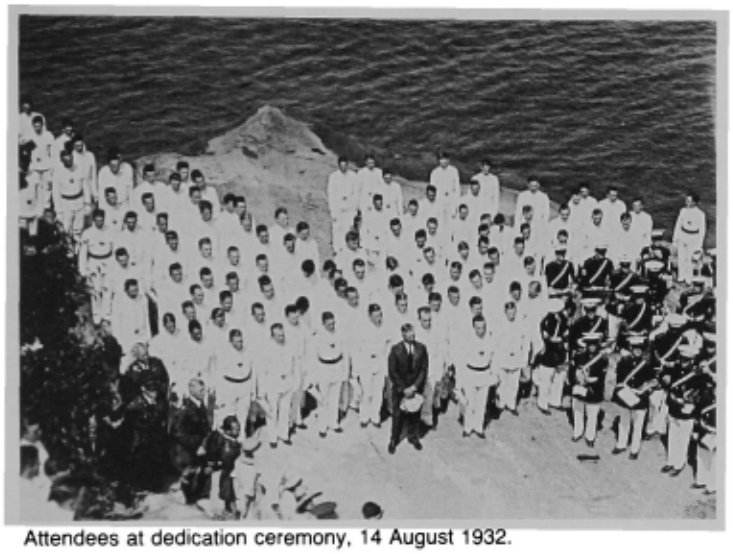
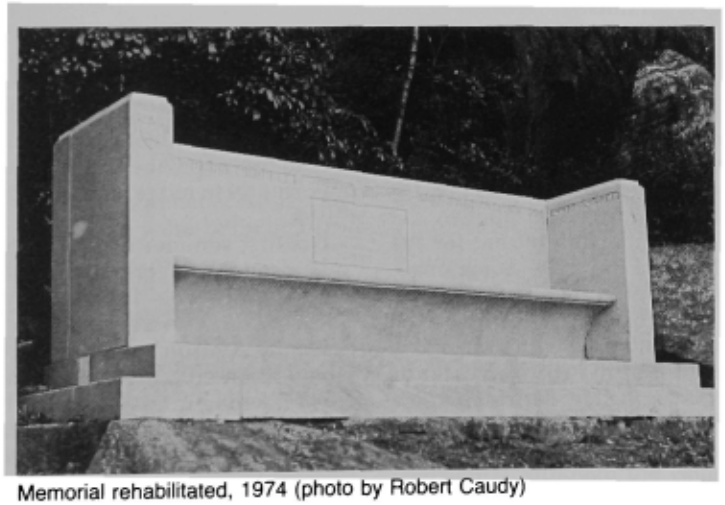


Color guard at memorial dedication ceremony



Attendees at dedication ceremony, 14 August 1932.



Memorial rehabilitated, 1974 (photo by Robert Caudy)

cerned. "It is to be erected by the Corps of today, for the Corps of tomorrow, in honor of a cadet of outstandingly noble character, in whose loss the Corps feels the deepest sense of personal grief."

Many ideas were considered, ranging from a drinking fountain to a statue. The final selection was an "exedra," a marble bench with a solid back, suitably inscribed. (The concept and design originated with my mother, Louise K. Sparrow, a sculptor who submitted her plan in competition with others; to avoid any appearance of nepotism, I disqualified myself from the committee vote.) This selection was acceptable to the football team, to all classes, to the Superintendent, and to the Sheridan family.

Choice of site was a challenging problem. Locations considered ranged from Trophy Point to the Lusk Reservoir area. The site approved by the Superintendent, Major General William R. Smith, was on Flirtation Walk, where the memorial now stands.

The procedures described above took months to accomplish. We had hoped to dedicate the memorial by Memorial Day, while the (then) first class was still with us, but this was not to be. Approval of the design and site was not secured until April; only then could the contractor finalize the contract and begin carving the silver gray Georgia marble blocks (from Sheridan's home state). The cost totalled $2550, which worked out to be about $2.60 per cadet.*

Site preparation and cutting the curving stairway into the hard granite base took longer than expected; it was mid-August before the dedication could be held. By then the former 1st class had departed and the former yearlings were on furlough.

Finally the day arrived: 14 August 1932. The simple, clean-cut memorial gleamed in the afternoon sun. Inscribed upon it, besides Dick's name and dates of birth and death, were the words: LIFE IS THE GREATEST OF ALL GAMES. PLAY IT WITH COURAGE, WISDOM AND LOYALTY. On the projecting arms were the crests of the Military Academy and of the Class of 1933.

The area about the memorial was filled to capacity. Present were Mrs. Sheridan and her niece, the Superintendent and Commandant of Cadets, the two chaplains, Major Sasse and his assistants, members of the 1931 A, B, and C football squads, the Cadet Choir, representatives from all companies and the USMA Band.

Following remarks by the Superintendent, the chairman of the Sheridan Memorial Committee made the dedication address, closing with these words:

"If a tradition is to be established here, let it be this: that the story not only of Cadet Sheridan's death, but of his splendid life, be kept alive.

"The Corps of today has given his name such immortality as lies within its power—let the Corps of tomorrow be familiar with the idealism by which his life was guided.

"And now, may this memorial endure here as the memory of Richard Brinsley Sheridan shall endure in the hearts of all who knew him—in honor, in dignity, and in reverence."

**Note.* The Class of '33, assuming complete responsibility for the Sheridan Memorial, had it renovated and restored in 1973 at a cost of $2400, virtually what it cost to build in the first place. It is now in a fully funded "perpetual maintenance" status, under the Association of Graduates' consolidated investment fund.

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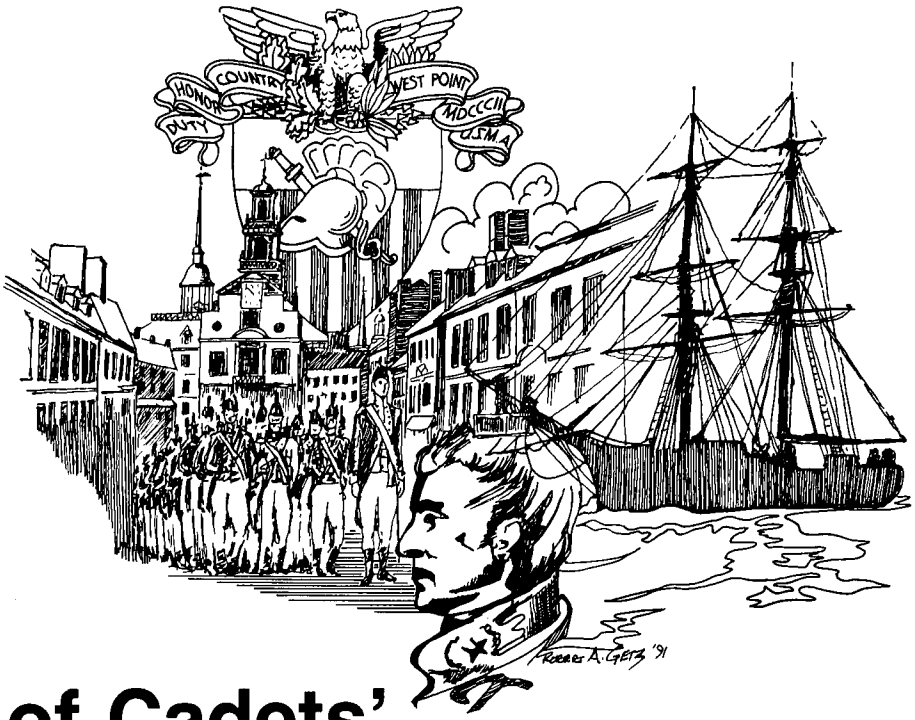

The Corps of Cadets' 1821 March to Boston

A Lesson for the 1990's

by Warren Howe

During the summer of 1821 the Corps of Cadets went "on the road," accomplishing a march of more than 200 miles to Boston, Providence and New London. What brought about such an ambitious adventure and what did it seek to achieve? The following story reveals some answers within the context of a most interesting period of our country's history.

The United States in 1821 was a society undergoing dramatic transformation from a provincial agrarian union of just under 10 million people to a complex industrial nation with a population that would triple during the next forty years and a geography that during the same period would span the continent through forces some called "manifest destiny." Napoleon Bonaparte, symbol of failed European hopes for an empire in the Western hemisphere, died in May of that year, having been exiled on the remote South Atlantic island of St. Helena. It was his sale of the vast Louisiana Territory to the United States in 1803 which made such expansion possible. And the Missouri Compromise of 1820, brought on by rapid western population growth, propelled the slavery issue into a national debate that would eventually bring civil war.

Amid these changing times the Military Academy was also undergoing dramatic transformation due in part to concern by the states over the concept of a federal Regular Army. The idea of "citizen soldier" and self-taught generals as sufficient defense was a national trait and persisted through much of the 19th century according to historian Samuel Eliot Morison.

The war with Britain (1812–14) caused a necessary enhancement of the regular force and of West Point, since 1802 the Nation's academy for the education and training of Regular Army officers. Congressional authorization was received to increase the academic staff. In addition, enrollment was increased to an authorized 250 cadets, entrance requirements were specified, the beginnings of a professional band were designated (four musicians and a teacher of music) and the Company of Bombardiers, Sappers and Miners was formed within the Corps of Engineers, administrators of the Academy.

But the end of the war saw a renewed call for deemphasis of the Regular Army and encouraged those who challenged the existence of the Academy. By 1820 this opposition was sufficient to support a resolution in the House of Representatives which proposed to abolish the Academy and end "this retreat for the pampered sons of the rich." Some opposition was prompted by a lack of structure and discipline in the life of the cadets, issues which brought a change of superintendents in 1817. Sylvanus Thayer replaced Alden Partridge and a protest by Partridge and certain cadets did nothing to enhance the Academy's public image.

Within this climate Superintendent Thayer proposed to rejuvenate the Academy and win public acceptance through a broad-based restructuring of the cadet curriculum and discipline code. Thayer's policies affected the band as well. Shortly after Thayer became superintendent the band's drum major, Silas Robinson, an original member of Partridge's Vermont militia unit who had come to West Point in 1813 to begin the nucleus of the new band, was no longer listed as such. The reason is uncertain but it may reflect Robinson's continuing loyalty to Partridge and Thayer's uneasiness with Partridge supporters in positions of authority.

Thayer would eventually dismiss Robinson's company, the Bombardiers, Sappers and Miners, part of the Corps of Engineers that staffed and administered West Point. The company had been accused of rowdy behavior; Thayer complained that they were "composed of fugitives from justice and the refuse of society."

In a creative attempt to stimulate public opinion for the continuation of the Academy, Superintendent Thayer planned summer marches for the Corps of Cadets which would bring the Academy to the populace, allowing them the opportunity to judge the Corps for themselves.

The first summer march in 1819 went to Hudson, New York up the valley from West Point. The following year the Corps traveled to Philadelphia, passing down the Hudson by steamboat to Staten Island, then crossing New Jersey to the city, marching in easy stages. The Corps put on an appearance at Philadelphia which thrilled the admiring citizenry to such a degree that Thayer ordered an even more elaborate expedition the next year—to Boston.

Puritan New England was a prime route for a federal military institution, such as the Academy, to conduct a public relations exercise. During the 1812 War the region was solidly opposed to the conflict, and New England federalist governors had refused to place state militias under War Department control for fear they would be marched off to

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Canada. And when the war ended, the Massachusetts legislature rejected a vote of thanks to a Naval hero on the grounds that such an act was not becoming to a moral and religious people.

The "march" actually began as an overnight steamboat voyage to Albany for the band and over 200 cadets (Academy roles show 251 cadets enrolled in July 1821). They departed the West Point dock on Friday evening 20 July. The next day the cadets were welcomed at a special reception. There followed establishment of camp and visits to the city's points of interest throughout the weekend. On Monday evening the band performed for a large audience at the capitol, and a cadet committee officially thanked the citizens for their hospitality. Fortunately, an account of the events of the Albany visit and the entire remaining journey was kept by a participant, Cadet John H. B. Latrobe, whose journal was published following return to West Point. Latrobe mentions the kindness, hospitality and regard bestowed upon the cadets by the populace. Apparently Thayer's objectives were being realized at the outset.

Early the next morning (Tuesday, 24 July) a ferry transported the Corps across the Hudson and the real march began—in a cold rain. Following what is today U.S. Route 20, the Old Post Road, the party set out for Boston, approximately 160 miles away; they would complete the march on 7 August.

Local newspapers recorded the events of the march as the participants passed through numerous villages and growing communities, such as Springfield and Worcester. Stanley Joseph, writing in the January 1990 issue of *Assembly*, prepared an interesting and valuable account of the cadets' visit to New Lebanon, New York and the Shaker Village, based upon official records as well as local sources.

The Boston newspapers covered the march in detail even before the Corps arrived in that city. Some reviews were critical of public reaction. Mr. Nathan Hale, editor of the *Boston Daily Advertiser* and a descendant of the Revolutionary War hero, believed the cadets were producing a false character impression, being received and treated like "mere military boys" sent out for show to receive compliments and dinners. In fact, he wrote, they are a body of students devoted to intellectual discipline more severe than military discipline. His criticism probably had merit as evidenced by the reactions of villagers along the route. Everywhere people saw young cadets in military dress devoid of academic accouterments and experiencing the habits of camp.

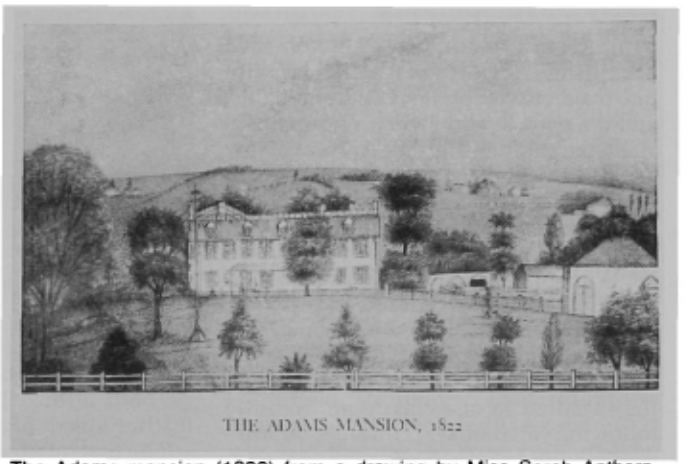
Circumstances returned to an academic climate briefly once the march arrived in Boston where on Friday, 11 August the cadets visited Harvard College by invitation of the school's government. There they were treated to a formal academic procession and visited the Philosophical Chamber and Apparatus, Mineralogical Collection, Library, Chemical Laboratory, Anatomical Room and other parts of the nation's older academic institution.

Not to ignore totally their military image, the cadets, following their tour, went through a "regular and full drill" in the college yard for a large crowd of spectators. Although the cadets had established their camp on Boston Common, a central focus of the city's life, camp routine remained traditional. Reveille was beat each day at 4:00 am followed by breakfast and a parade at 8:00 am and again at sundown. At 9:30 pm tattoo was beat and lights were extinguished.

A highlight of the Boston visit occurred on Tuesday, 14 August when the Corps marched to nearby Quincy to visit 85-year-old former President, John Adams. During his presidency (1797–1801) Adams had given little support to a Congressional authorization to raise the Regular Army to a strength of 10,000 volunteers. The authorization had come during a perceived threat of war with France. Adams based his objections primarily on the expense and his desire to keep America neutral from European conflicts. One permanent benefit to West Point which grew from this authorization, however, was the formation of a school there for gunners and sappers. And on his last day in office President Adams had appointed the first faculty of the Military Academy.

In his talk to the cadets, Adams emphasized that true distinction could be achieved in the military as well as in other professions only if it arose from wisdom and benevolence. There is no true glory, he stated, unless it comes from equity and humanity with the constant observance of prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude.

Northeast view of the several halls of Harvard College (1823) by Alvan Fisher. Plate XXXVII in Hamilton V. Bail, *Views of Harvard, A Pictorial Record to 1860*, Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1949.



The Adams mansion (1822) from a drawing by Miss Sarah Apthorp. Samuel F. Bemis, *John Quincy Adams and the Union*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1956, opp. p. 185.

John Adams, one of the nation's ablest Presidents, had a reputation for independent thought which first received wide attention during his successful defense of British soldiers accused in the "Boston Massacre" of 1770. His advice to the cadets, whom he termed "a fine collection of future defenders of the country," was undoubtedly respected. Adams' realism may have provided the marchers from New York a needed sobering after days of being feted by Boston citizens, whom the New York *Commercial Advertiser* termed "in a state of hallucination." The *Advertiser*'s remarks did not go unchallenged by Mr. Hale and are probably indicative of an inter-city rivalry that continues to this day.

On Saturday morning, 18 August, the cadets broke camp at Bunker Hill, where they had been for two days, and began a

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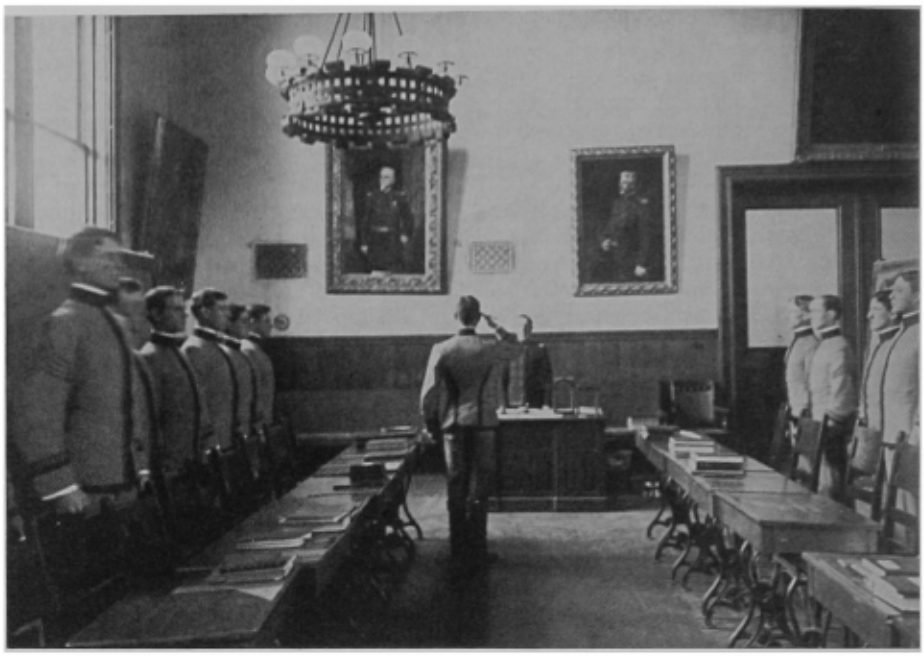
Engineering and West Point: The Early Years

by Colonel Gordon W. Arbogast (Ret), USMA 1963

West Pointers have long been aware that the Academy was an early bastion of engineering in the country. Plebes are taught that West Point was founded as an engineering school, but there is little emphasis on the significance of this fact in American history. In fact, the contribution made by West Point to the nation in the discipline of engineering is often greatly underestimated. The purpose of this article is to illustrate the role that West Point and its early engineering graduates had on the nation.



Section marcher reporting, Department of Civil and Military Engineering, Oct 1903.

Early Developments

An Act of Congress on 16 March 1802 established a "Corps of Engineers" with one major, two captains, two lieutenants, and ten cadets who "when so organized shall be stationed at West Point, New York and shall constitute a military academy." The first subjects taught were mathematics, natural philosophy (science), civil engineering and tactics. Major Williams, a grandnephew of Benjamin Franklin, was ordered to report to West Point in early 1802 to become the first superintendent for the twelve cadets. Between the hours of 0800–1200 they studied in one classroom from the following textbooks: Hutton's *Mathematics*, Vauban's *Fortifications*, Scheel's *Artillery*, and Enfield's *Natural Philosophy*. Surveying was done in the field.

Early teachers and professors were drawn primarily from France and England, as were the books cited above. For example, a Mr. George Baron had been a "fellow-teacher" at the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, England. One of the first graduates, Cadet Swift, mentioned that "Professor Baron furnished me with a copy of Hutton's *Mathematics* and gave me a specimen of his mode of teaching at the blackboard." The blackboard became a major teaching aid at West Point, and its use spread throughout the United States in the 19th Century, both in the elementary schools and institutions of higher learning.

The first quarter of the century was the time during which the Academy established its form. By 1812 permanent professors were appointed and formal departments established. Although other colleges had been established prior to 1802, USMA remained the only institute of higher learning that taught engineering in this period. In 1825 Rensselaer Polytechnic became the second and the first civilian engineering school in the country. The first class of civil engineers, four men, graduated in 1835. Many of Rensselaer's textbooks originated at West Point, and Amos Eaton, Rensselaer's first engineering teacher, had lectured at West Point in 1822. Rensselaer was followed by the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale and the Lawrence Scientific School at Harvard, both in 1847. Henry L. Eustis (USMA 1842) opened the engineering department at Harvard in 1849. William A. Norton (USMA 1831) filled the first chair in civil engineering at Yale in 1852 and held it for thirty-one years. The three civilian schools cited were the major civilian centers of engineering education in the United States prior to the Civil War. As engineering increased in importance, so did the schools. By 1870 there were nineteen technical schools, of which more than ten had direct West Point pedagogical ties. By the close of the century more than forty-five schools were granting degrees in engineering.

The reason that West Point had such impact on the educational scene was due in major part to the arrival in 1817 of Sylvanus Thayer. Thayer set up the main structure of the Academy that exists to the present day. He established discipline and promoted advanced techniques of instruction which were revolutionary in his day. As an early graduate himself, Thayer had studied abroad in France and brought back many of the modern books and ideas from that progressive country. His reforms included small sections for recitation in class each day, a grade for each recitation, class standings determined from a cadet's marks, demerits, a graduated series of punishments for transgressions and an opportunity to submit in writing an explanation before the imposition of punishment. By 1820 the curriculum had evolved to include the following subjects with the indicated assigned weights: Engineering (20%); Natural

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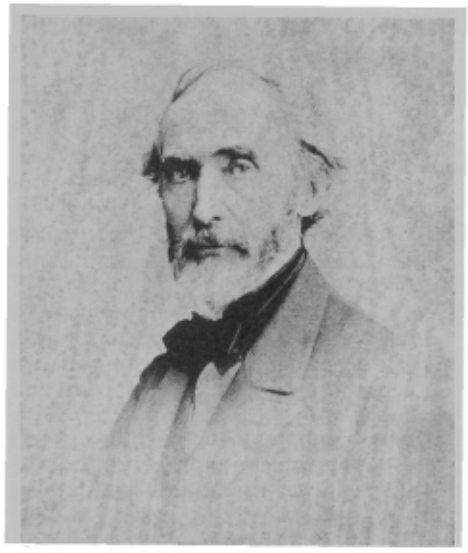
Board recitation, Department of Civil and Military Engineering, Oct 1903.

Philosophy (20%); Mathematics (20%); Drawing (10%); French (5%); Tactics (10%); Geography and History (10%) and a small block on conduct. Thayer molded the Academy into a first class institution of higher learning. His reforms have stood the test of time, and he aptly deserves the title of "Father of the Military Academy."

Evolution of USMA Engineering

A lecturer of fortifications was first authorized in 1802. This was followed by the professorships of Engineering, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. Captain Alden Partridge was named the first professor of Engineering on 1 September 1813. Partridge had graduated from West Point in 1806 and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers. Much of the time that he was professor of Engineering he was also the acting superintendent. In fact, it was mandated by law until 1866 that the superintendent had to be an Engineer officer. At the time of Partridge's service, engineering was very rudimentary. Cadet (later General) Cullum recorded that most cadets in engineering never got beyond the definitions in (now) Colonel William's 50-page primer, the only engineering textbook.

Partridge was succeeded in 1817 by Professor Claude Crozet, who had served in the French Army under Napoleon and had been educated at the Polytechnic School in France. In the confused "post-Napoleonic" period in France, Crozet was willing to come to America at Thayer's request. Crozet introduced descriptive geometry as a necessary prerequisite to the study of engineering. He made much use of the blackboard and was the conduit for transferring many of the engineering techniques currently taught at the Polytechnic School. For example, the French engineering classic, *A Treatise on the Science of War and Fortification*, by Colonel de Vernon of the Polytechnic School was introduced in 1818. Crozet resigned in 1823 to bring engineering to the Virginia Military Institute. David B. Douglass assumed the head of Engineering and continued to use French texts and to improve the course. When he retired in 1831, the USMA Board of Visitors found the Academy to be the only satisfactory educational and training center for civil engineers needed by the government and private business.



Professor Dennis H. Mahan, Class of 1824.

The next major upgrade of the engineering curriculum occurred in 1832 when Professor Dennis H. Mahan became the professor of Civil and Military Engineering. The number one graduate of the Class of 1824, Mahan had spent four years studying in Europe, to include one year as a student of the military school of application for engineers and artillerists at Metz, France. His impact on engineering at USMA was profound and long lasting. Upon returning from France he added substantially to the course in Civil Engineering and prepared a complete set of new textbooks in English. Engineering instruction now included such important topics as the properties and use of materials for construction; the art of construction for buildings, including decorative architecture; the design and construction of roads, bridges, canals and railroads; the principles controlling navigation of rivers; and lastly, the improvement of natural harbors. Mahan lectured from notes gathered in France, England and Italy, and he published a complete set of lithographic engineering texts; e.g., "Notes on Architecture and Stone Cutting," "Notes on Machines," etc. His most important work, "Course of Civil Engineering," was a landmark work that found widespread use in America and was reproduced in several languages. Mahan systematized the study and practise of civil engineering in the United States. An avid proponent of the new ideas of Clausewitz, he was a proponent of mobility as a key to success on the battlefield. He died in 1871 still at the head of the Engineering Department. It was said that all 350 West Pointers who had become general officers during the Civil War had been deeply influenced by his thinking. Another man also affected was his son, Alfred Thayer Mahan. He went on to become the leading naval strategist of his day with his classic *The Influence of Sea Power Upon Modern History*.

Mahan was succeeded by Professors Junius B. Wheeler (1871–84) and James Mercur (1884–96). The course and method of instruction in engineering established by Mahan remained essentially unchanged. Mahan's textbooks were revised and new material added; e.g., bridge trusses and riveted and pinned joints. It was during this time that the number of West Point engineers began to decrease. Up to around 1850 most practicing engineers had received their preparation at USMA. By 1862 some two-thousand cadets had graduated with 230 entering the Corps of Engineers and another 200 becoming practicing civil engineers. They were the most renowned civil engineers of their time. By

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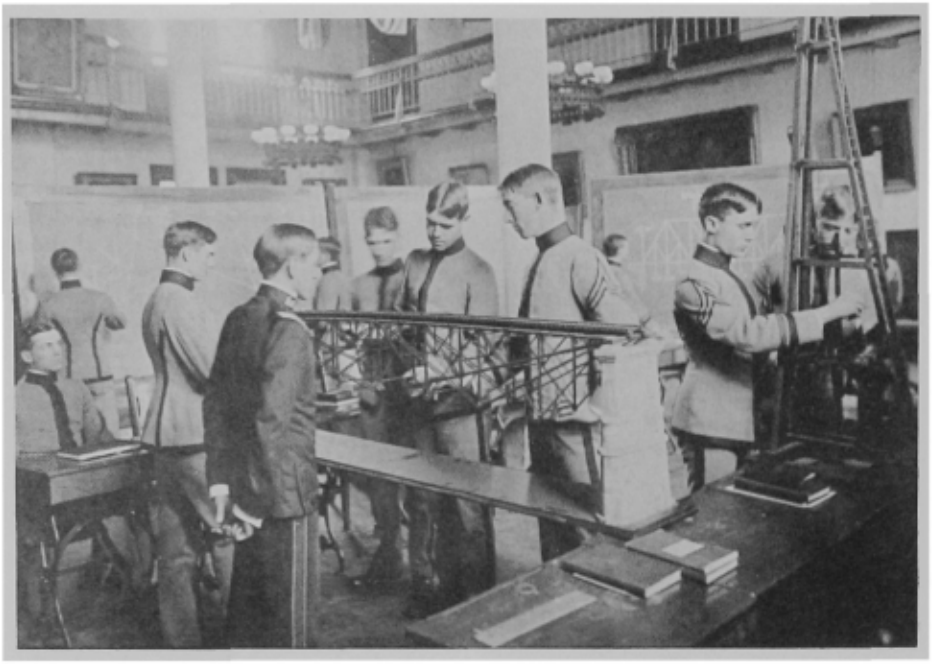

Cadets working with models, Department of Civil and Military Engineering, Class of 1904.

contrast, between 1880 and 1888 only two percent of the graduates were admitted to the Corps of Engineers. This was because of the large increase in other engineering schools and the demand for Army officers in other branches, e.g., Cavalry.

The twentieth century witnessed a decided shift in the focus of USMA. As the United States became involved in two world wars, it became readily apparent that success in global warfare required an emphasis on large scale logistics, leadership and management. Weapons increased in sophistication, and the Department of Ordnance, founded in 1857, continued to increase in importance as it taught mechanical and automotive engineering. In 1942 the Department of Civil and Military Engineering was redesignated the Department of Military Art and Engineering. This change formalized the importance of the study of military history in the West Point curriculum. In 1968 it was judged that this subject was important enough to require a separate department, the Department of History. The Civil Engineering portion of the old department was merged with the Ordnance Department to form the new Engineering Department. The first management and operations research courses had been introduced in the Ordnance Department and under the Engineering Department's new head, Colonel Charles Schilling, more were added. Colonel Schilling also pioneered the field of weapons engineering.

Impact of USMA Engineering Graduates

The above has highlighted the development of engineering education at USMA, with emphasis on the 19th century. The dominance in engineering education by USMA in the 1800s was also accompanied by the distinguished achievements of its graduates. During the great westward movement and the "age of improvement," West Point graduates led the way in exploration, railroad construction, municipal engineering, structures, and river and harbor engineering.

Benjamin L. E. Bonneville, Class of 1815.

Maps were compiled in large part from the routes followed by graduates through previously unknown and hostile lands west of the Mississippi. For example, Captain B. L. E. Bonneville (USMA 1815), at his own expense and while on a leave of absence, investigated the topography and resources of the Far West. In 1832 he proceeded up the Platte in Wyoming and then explored the Great Salt Lake and Green, Snake and Salmon River territories. Subsequently, he explored the headwaters of the Yellowstone, the Big Horn, the Wind River and the Columbia River. The results were valuable maps which first correctly illustrated the hydrography of the region west of the Rockies. The Bonneville Salt Flats were named after him. He survived many "hair-raising" adventures amid the perils of Indian warfare, flood, cold and hunger. Other explorers on similar missions, such as W. H. Warner (USMA 1836) and M. P. Harrison (USMA 1847), were killed by hostile Indians.

In railroading, engineering graduates were also at the forefront during this period. The railroad had been initiated in England with the successful opening of the Stockton and Darlington line in 1825. Railroad fever hit the U.S. hard shortly thereafter. At that time the only men qualified by education were graduates of USMA, or their associates in the Army. The government deemed the building of railroads to be so important that it lent engineering officers to industry for the purpose of constructing the rail lines. The Baltimore & Ohio was the earliest important railroad enterprise undertaken. S. H. Long, William Howard and William Gibbs McNeill (USMA 1812), all Engineering officers, were chosen as a board to select a proper route to Ohio. Engaged in the construction were George W. Whistler (USMA 1819), Joshua Barney (USMA 1820), Issac Trimble (USMA 1822) and many other graduates. McNeill and Whistler became giants in the fledgling railroad industry. After visiting England to gather more information, they embarked on an impressive list of new railroads; i.e., the Baltimore & Susquehanna, the Erie, Boston & Providence, the Western of Massachusetts and many other railroads scattered from New England to Florida. At Lowell, Massachusetts in 1836 Whistler personally designed and constructed the best locomotives of the day. When the Russian government decided to build a line from St. Petersburg to Moscow, it contracted Whistler to be the primary consultant for the project. Many other graduates were prominent in railroading—at least 49 were chief engineers and 22 were presidents of railroads in the 19th century.

In municipal engineering, George S. Greene (USMA 1823) designed the Croton water supply system for New York City. He subsequently was the chief engineer of public works in Washington, DC. In that position he devised a sewage system for the city. Egbert L. Viele (USMA 1847) was the engineer-in-chief of Central Park in New York City and Prospect Park in Brooklyn. William Ludlow (USMA 1864) reorganized the Philadelphia Water Department from 1883–86.

In structures, Montgomery C. Meigs

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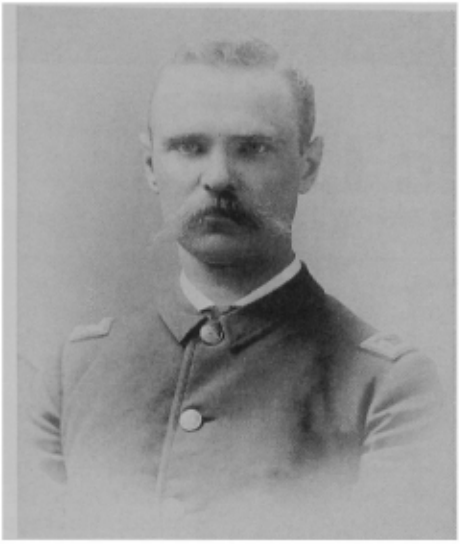
(USMA 1836) was one of the greatest builders and organizers of his generation. He located in the 1850s a system of water supply for Washington DC. At the time he was much criticized for building on such a large scale. Meigs engineered the ambitious Washington Aqueduct—which crosses two deep ravines, one by way of the Cabin John Bridge. This bridge was for nearly 50 years the maximum span for masonry arches (228 feet). Later he teamed up with the great architect Thomas W. Walter to construct the wings and dome of the Capitol in Washington DC. Subsequently, he was the first to turn stone columns on a lathe, which led directly to the practicality of building the Washington monument. Another graduate, Lincoln Casey (USMA 1852), completed the work and went on to construct the State, War and Navy Department buildings, as well as the Library of Congress. Other graduates were very prominent in the construction of most of the nation's lighthouses.

Rivers and harbors remain a mission of the Corps of Engineers to this day. The work of USMA engineering graduates in improving coastal harbors by dredging, improving the use of rivers and installing locks and canals is legendary. Major accomplishments included improving the depth of such rivers as the Hudson and James. Humphreys (USMA 1831) and Abbot (USMA 1854) installed the locks and hydraulics on the Mississippi River. Other graduates did the same on many other important rivers such as the Columbia. Navigation on the Great Lakes was greatly improved.

One of the greatest engineers of the latter 19th century was Hiram Chittenden (USMA 1884). He built many of the roads in Yellowstone Park and did important lock and canal work on several western rivers. However, he is best remembered for his novel concept of reclamation of land through irrigation. This was an invaluable idea that paid great dividends in recapturing much of the arid land in the West.

20th Century Engineers

Engineering continued to be important in the West Point curriculum in the 20th century, and graduates continued to make important contributions to major engineering projects in the nation. A well-known example is the Panama Canal. George Goethals was the West Pointer who took over this project after several earlier attempts had failed. In 1907 it was completed under his superb leadership and technical supervision. Another graduate, Robert Wood (USMA 1900) helped Goethals solve the massive logistics problems that accompanied the Panama Canal project. He later went on to establish Sears and Roebuck as a major corporation.



George W. Goethals, Class of 1880.

General Douglas MacArthur's career coincided with changes that were affecting engineering graduates in the early 20th century. As the United States began to loom on the international scene as a world power, graduates who were engineering oriented became more and more involved in different types of technical problems. Certainly the movement of large numbers of men and material to Europe in 1917 was a precursor of the type of challenge that would be faced by other engineers from the Long Gray Line who would follow MacArthur and his contemporaries. This type of engineering might be called strategic engineering. As superintendent of the Military Academy in 1919, MacArthur recognized this trend and began to broaden the curriculum so that graduates would have the educational fundamentals to meet this new challenge. MacArthur became directly involved in nation building later in Japan, as were other graduates in Europe and in Vietnam. Another factor that influenced the role that graduates would play in the 20th century was the tremendous boom in engineering at other universities and colleges. While there had been a paucity of engineering schools in the 19th century, the reverse became true in the 20th century.

Another type of engineering that came into prominence in the second half of the century is systems engineering. As early as World War II, the beginnings of systems engineering began to appear in undertakings such as the Manhattan Project under Leslie Groves (USMA 1918). As weapons systems became more and more complex in the postwar period, systems engineering developed rapidly as an important part of program management. As Frank Borman (USMA 1950) and other graduates helped to pioneer the space age, systems engineering continued to grow in importance. This was recognized in the West Point curriculum when a formal major in systems engineering was integrated into the curriculum in 1987. In 1989 a new Department of Systems Engineering was formed, and one of the oldest integrated departments of engineering in the country was deactivated. The other more traditional engineering disciplines were moved into separate departments. Today, the Academy offers a variety of ABET (Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology) engineering programs, to include civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering and engineering management.

Summary

In summary, USMA can affirm that over the years it has played a vital role in the engineering history of the nation. Not only was West Point the first engineering school in the country, but it was the only one for a full quarter of a century. During that time and during the rest of the 19th century, its graduates had a profound national impact through a series of major engineering achievements. The curriculum at West Point evolved based on the nation's needs, with civil engineering dominating the early years. However, vital contributions were also made in mechanical, electrical, nuclear, and later systems engineering. USMA has attempted to keep abreast of the latest developments in engineering and has recently completely reorganized its engineering structure to strengthen its engineering curriculum. As the 21st century approaches West Point can take pride in its past achievements and look forward to future exciting challenges and accomplishments in engineering.

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Academic Limits

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

MAINTAINING THE LINE: WEST POINT AND THE ARMY

During a recently completed conference held here at West Point, I had the opportunity to talk to several senior graduates of the Military Academy about the history of the Army's education systems and the flaws that developed in the system between World War I and World War II. While it may be true that some senior officers like George Marshall kept their fingers on the pulse of the Army and despite many Army field manuals having been written by service schools, many believe that it was the inability of the faculty at these institutions to keep in touch with the realities of the Army in the field which subsequently rendered them unable to be of any assistance to that Army as it discovered problems and sought to find solutions. These doubters contend that the Army in the field lost faith in the schoolhouse. Over the past decade the faculty of the Military Academy, with the help of Department of the Army, several major commands and the strong support of three superintendents, has made a determined effort to increase the contact between West Point and the Army away from West Point.

In establishing these linkages, the Army in the field is given the benefit of the great talent that exists among the faculty members at West Point, and I include as the faculty both the tenured members and the bright, hard-charging officers who spend three or four years here. West Point can also provide a very valuable link between the Army in the field and the civilian academic community. The conduct of applications research and quick reaction problem-solving provides, for both the faculty and the cadets in the classroom, the opportunity to deal with real world problems and bring academic relevance to its highest level. Today, Military Academy faculty members are truly in the middle of activities of the United States Army, both at the headquarters level and in the field, and are working to ensure that, as the Army moves through the turbulent period ahead, West Point is not only staying in touch but is making a contribution to the well-being of this Army.

Over the last six years, specific agreements between Department of the Army and the Military Academy established centers of excellence in Economic and Manpower Analysis, Artificial Intelligence, Photonics, and Operations Research. Less structured centers have developed in digital mapping, chemical engineering, acoustics, command and control, national strategy and organizational behavior through direct contact between academic departments and major command and field agencies. Largely funded by their sponsors, these centers take on problems of interest to the Department of the Army Staff and to the field agencies. The only proviso is a clear tie between the academic expertise of the center (and thus a tie to the classroom) and the work proposed by the sponsor. The list of successful projects ranges from analysis of major Army personnel data bases through development of models to handle Desert Shield/Storm transportation programming, writing of software, and the support of terrain analyses by troops in the desert, to support of "build-down" analyses.

The faculty is also active in providing high quality instruction in areas of USMA expertise to the Army. Each year for TRADOC, the Department of History conducts a four-week summer workshop to provide a solid background in military history for about thirty civilian history professors from universities throughout the country. They go back to their own schools and become spokespersons for the discipline and strong supporters of both West Point and the ROTC program. At the same time History Department officers are also in the field leading staff rides in Europe for units such as USAREUR Headquarters, V Corps Headquarters staff and the 3rd Infantry Division staff. Each year the Artificial Intelligence Center conducts a Senior Officer Seminar for over thirty general officers, introducing them to the field of artificial intelligence and providing them a background that will assist these decision makers in carrying out their missions. For a number of years the Department of English conducted Effective Writing Seminars at installations throughout the country. (This project has now been absorbed within TRADOC.) Departments and faculty members are also active in sponsoring and facilitating conferences at West Point. These support the needs of the Academy by bringing to West Point key conferees who are able to interact with cadets and faculty. This year both the Military Operations Research Society and the Army's Senior Leadership in Environmental Affairs will gather at West Point. Annually, the Social Sciences Department brings to West Point 50 key military and civilian leaders for a three-day Senior Conference on a topic of interest to Department of the Army.

Individual faculty members serve as consultants for Department of the Army agencies on numerous critical tasks. As has been mentioned in other places in *Assembly*, seventeen faculty members were pulled off the platform in January and sent to Desert Storm to serve in a variety of important headquarters and combat unit assignments ranging from command of the Joint Imagery Processing Center to service as an assistant S-3 in a combat brigade. During Desert Shield, the Department of the Army asked on several occasions for quick comments on developing logistics and political-military issues and, on one occasion, a team from Department of the Army came to West Point to meet for three days in a multi-discipline environment to solve a sensitive and classified problem being faced by the Army.

I recognize that I have only shown you the tip of this iceberg. In subsequent issues of *Assembly*, I'll ask these centers of excellence to describe their efforts in detail. I want you to know, that while the faculty in the classroom is of the same high quality that it has always been, today these same faculty members are active in helping, and being part of, the Army of the future. In so doing, they also provide for cadets a most impressive bridge between the theory of the classroom and the excitement of the Army in the field.

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Scholarship

by Captain Thomas R. Sole, Department of Social Sciences, USMA

Scholarship winners of the Class of 1991 with Brigadier General Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., USMA Dean: from left, Thomas F. Pettit and James Chien Ku, both East-West Center Fellowship recipients; Thomas V. Traczyk, Hertz Fellowship recipient; and Richard O. Burney, Marshall Scholarship recipient. (photo by Vince Warner/AVIT); courtesy of *Pointer View*

A historical source of "leaders of character," West Point is special to America. President George Bush recognized this special quality when he delivered the commencement address at the graduation ceremony for the Class of 1991. Although the Military Academy has cherished fundamental values and produced leaders of character for America over the course of two centuries, on-going cadet successes in national and international scholarship competitions validate West Point's continuing special quality today.

Scholarship competition illuminates excellence in the Military Academy's academic program, as well as West Point's success in producing leaders of character for the nation. Each year cadets compete for Rhodes, Marshall, Hertz, Truman, National Science Foundation, and East-West Center scholarships. In addition to seeking academically strong students, scholarship committees look for what Cecil Rhodes described as "the best [people] for the world's fight." These scholarships are awarded to leaders who are willing and capable of leading our nation into the future.

West Point cadets have competed successfully for scholarships since 1923, when they first competed for the Rhodes scholarship. The number and types of scholarships have grown over time as society has recognized the value of leadership. Correspondingly, USMA increased the number of scholarships for which cadets compete. Hertz fellowships, National Science Foundation grants, and Olmsted scholarships were all added. Cadets began to compete for Marshall scholarships in 1983. Ten cadets have won Marshall scholarships since then. West Point leads the other service academies, as well as most universities and colleges, with the remarkable success of its graduates in earning scholarships.

This year marks another milestone as USMA cadets competed for East-West Center and Truman scholarships for the first time. Two cadets earned East-West Center grants to study Asian affairs. Although no cadet won a Truman scholarship this first year, we are optimistic for the future.

The Class of 1991 produced four scholarship winners. 2nd Lieutenant Richard O. Burney, an alumnus of Company A-4 and former commander of the 4th Regiment USCC, is the Academy's newest Marshall scholar. After attending the Army's Pathfinder School, he will go to Great Britain to study for two years at Oxford University.

West Pointers are not strangers at Oxford. 2nd Lieutenants Carolyn A. Ford and Jennie M. Koch, both Rhodes Scholars from the Class of 1990, plus 2nd Lieutenants Edward P. Hoyt and Michael J. Thorson, Marshall scholars from the same class, have been studying there for the past year. Four members of the Class of 1989 also just completed their studies in Great Britain as Rhodes and Marshall scholars. To place this success in context, only 32 Rhodes and 40 Marshall scholarships are given each year in the United States. It is an honor for a college or university to be represented by even a single scholar in a given year.

The Rhodes scholarship is perhaps the best known of all these scholarships. The Military Academy has done exceptionally well in this competition. Sixty-six USMA graduates have become Rhodes scholars. Award recipients include graduates such as George Lincoln, Bernard Rogers, Wesley Posvar, Peter Dawkins, and Howard Graves (the new Superintendent of the Military Acade-

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The COM Reports

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

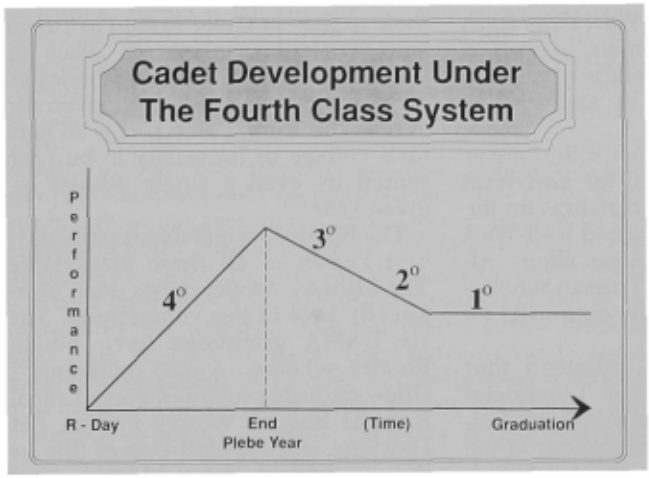
I write this article at a time when the pace of life has slowed down a bit, if only temporarily. Already the yearlings have returned for "the best summer of their lives" at Camp Buckner, and the cadre for Beast is anticipating the New Cadets' arrival. As these events mark the beginning of a new year at the Academy and we are ending the first full year under the Cadet Leader Development System (CLDS), I thought I would take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date with where we are with the system.

Let me begin by putting CLDS in perspective. CLDS is evolutionary; it was never meant to be revolutionary. When we first began to study the Fourth Class System several years ago, we recognized that we did a great job ensuring that the fourth class knew what was expected of them and enforcing these expectations. We were not as diligent, however, in making the upperclasses aware of what was expected of them, though there was a general understanding of what was required of each class. We have benefited from past experience and have now codified much of that process to provide an organizing framework for the progressive leader development of cadets over four years. The West Point experience is not easier because we have eliminated the demeaning aspects of the Fourth Class System, but rather it is tougher because we have made it more demanding by articulating and enforcing standards for all cadets. Those who say that we have eliminated the plebe system should know that not only do we still have the Fourth Class System, but also we now have a Third Class System, a Second Class System and a First Class System. The result is that CLDS has become more of a change for the upperclasses than for the fourth class. You will still find most of the "old Fourth Class System" in the CLDS manual in the form of an Annex (followed by three other Annexes that explain the responsibilities and tasks of the other three classes).

The two graphs accompanying this article show why we feel that CLDS is a better system. Neither of these graphs are based on hard data, but on personal observation and experience (yours, as well as mine). In Figure 1, you will see that the performance of the fourth class usually increased over time, up to the point when they pinned on yearling brass. At this juncture in cadet development, with the enforcement of standards by other cadets slackening and the sensing of having "made it" increasing, performance tended to drop. This trend usually continued until first class year, when it leveled as the class assumed leadership of the Corps. Figure 2 shows our belief that the performance of a cadet will tend to increase over time under CLDS. We feel this is attributable to the expectations and responsibilities that have been clearly articulated and enforced; enforcement is and will be essential. You expect no less.

The key to any change is education, and with CLDS this has been no exception. I began the academic year by personally briefing each class. The briefings were then followed up with small group discussions conducted by members of the Brigade Tactical Department. The Brigade Tactical Officer and I also briefed every department of the staff and faculty. We sent letter reports to members of all key groups associated with the Academy, several of us wrote articles in the *Assembly*, and we fielded questions at the different Founders Day celebrations. We wanted to make sure that you had the correct information about CLDS, and that rumors were not your source. There is a general acceptance of what CLDS actually is and what it is accomplishing. Granted, a number still react to the rumors and the perception of "big changes," but those opinions usually shift once given the correct information.

You might be interested to learn of some of the complaints that we heard during the first semester. As you would suspect, there has been the vocal minority in the Corps claiming that "They've done away with the plebe system;" that "They've taken away our leadership tools;" that "The plebes aren't afraid of us;" that "The TACs are protecting the plebes;" that "The plebes know the rules better than we do;" that "We can't discipline the plebes;" and asking "What's wrong with the old system?" among other things. They were and are only a minority, but it highlights the problem of misinformation. We will continue to educate the cadets, inform the staff and



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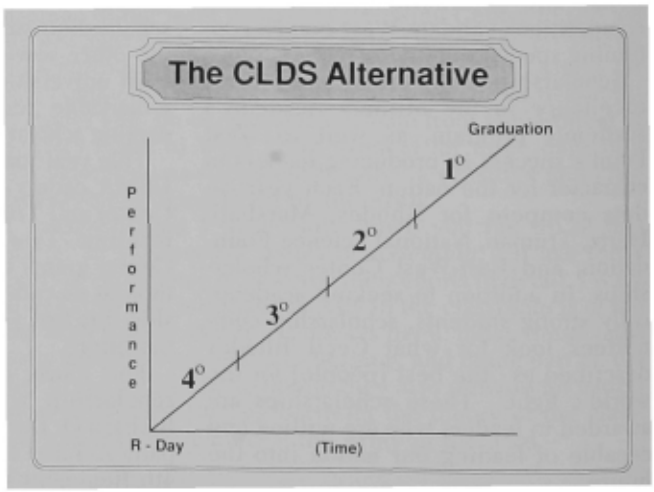

Figure 2

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faculty, and keep all of you posted.

As I mentioned in my last article, the first class was exceptional in its acceptance and implementation of CLDS. The leaders grasped early in the process that their responsibility was to support and enforce the policy. By comparison, the second class was uneven in its acceptance. I attribute much of this to the mood that tends to affect those just beginning the last half of a four-year challenge; it passes with the year, and so it did this time also. The second semester saw the cows become much more comfortable with CLDS, and I continue to be impressed as they assume the leadership of the Corps.

In summary, our progress is ahead of expectations. Cadets are beginning to understand the value of a four class development concept, and many have expressed interest in improving the document that defines and clarifies their roles, responsibilities and expectations. I have to add that plebe year remains tough and stressful, designed to teach self-discipline, subordination and selflessness. The remaining three years of experience build on that vital foundation. Each year the development process actually intensifies in a different way, as each cadet assumes a leadership role both in a specific position and by being a member of a particular class. As we have defined and codified the requirements, expectations and standards for each class, each cadet continues to develop while meeting appropriate challenges throughout the four years. We are confident that our graduating cadets will become better leaders sooner. Let me close by sharing with you a concise distillation of CLDS (at right) that reflects the past year's experience and context:

Cadet Leader Development System

The Need

- Purpose of West Point is to develop leaders of character.
- Several studies questioned the developmental merit of the Fourth Class System.
- Major concerns about the Fourth Class System:
  - Great benefit to Plebes; troublesome disservice to upperclass.
  - Focused disproportionate and dysfunctional attention on Plebes.
  - Implicitly fostered unprofessional and sophomoric interpersonal styles inconsistent with leaders of character.

The Solution

- Expand the definition, the discipline, and the demand of Fourth Class year to the three upperclass years as well.
- Endorse leadership styles that will facilitate success in the Active Army.
- Adopt and publish a Cadet Leader Development System (CLDS).

Key Characteristics (of CLDS)

- Four-year developmental framework with Fourth Class System embedded.
- Codifies much of what has been done in past, but not formalized.
- Defines responsibilities and objectives for each year.
- Delineates leadership dimensions against which behavior is evaluated.
- Establishes principles of leader subordinate relationships.
- Progressive accountability across all four years.
- Prohibition against demeaning and unprofessional leadership styles.

The Result

- The West Point Experience is now even more demanding.
- Plebe year hasn't been eliminated; it remains a rigorous and stressful challenge.
- More has changed for the upperclass than for the Fourth Class.

The Corps of Cadets' 1821 March to Boston *(Continued from page 27)*

march to Providence, Rhode Island where the city council had yet another reception planned. From Providence the journey continued south to New London, Connecticut; from there they proceeded by steamboat to New York and a return to West Point.

Today the nation's defense structure faces adjustments consequent to the end of the Cold War, a 20th-century challenge comparable to the post-1812 period, albeit on a much larger scale. Issues relating to the reduction of the Regular Army and its possible effect on the Military Academy are essentially the same as they were in Thayer's time. In the face of such change today, the story of Superintendent Thayer's decision to present to the public an accurate Academy image through cadet summer marches, and the success these had in achieving popular support for a national military academy, are reminders that public approval is an essential ingredient of effective government policy.

In planning for the 1990's the Academy fortunately has had the advantage of historical awareness, which may not always provide answers but continues to remind us of important questions that ought to be considered—certainly questions of popular support.

The drummers of today's USMA Band regularly play a beat during parades and formations known as "The Road to Boston." The beat has been used for years. Its precise origin is uncertain but could very well have been a creation of Silas Robinson during his journey through central Massachusetts in the summer of 1821. As he walked and played, Robinson may have reflected on the departure of Alden Partridge and other changes he had witnessed at West Point since his arrival in 1813, unaware that he would send a message to the next century.

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The DIA Reports

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

BEAT NAVY!

While on my recent round of Founders Day speeches, I was asked by several of you about the financial condition of the intercollegiate athletic program. What follows is a brief overview of our current financial status.

At West Point, our department is commonly called by its initials, "ODIA," short for Office of the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; however, we have another name with which many of you are familiar—the Army Athletic Association, or more commonly, AAA.

The AAA is in fact a government non-appropriated fund (NAF) entity and is the financial arm of our athletic department. While we must follow NAF regulations, those regulations coupled with a special Army Regulation (AR 210-3) provide flexibility to run our non-profit business similar to the athletic departments at other universities. We may sell tickets to our contests, operate gift shops and concessions, enter into contracts with other schools for conducting contests (and sharing revenues), negotiate and contract with media for television and broadcast rights, solicit donations and conduct other business-type operations.

Comparable to most other Division I intercollegiate athletic programs at major universities, ours requires a great amount of money for coaches' and administrators' salaries, supplies and equipment, maintenance of facilities, team travel, officiating, recruiting and many other expenses. (One cost that some other athletic departments have that we do not is for athletic scholarships.) The final result is that over 12 million dollars of operating funds per year are required to resource our broad-based 27-sport program. The price tag has risen dramatically since 1981, when our annual budget was less than 4 million dollars. The increased costs can be attributed to higher salaries, more expensive goods and expanded services; however, you can be assured that we continue to try to get the most for our (and your) money. At the same time we strive to provide a quality experience (coaching, equipment, travel, facilities) for our cadet-athletes.

Where do we get the money to pay the salaries and other expenses? Over the past eight years, we have been fortunate that revenues have been equal to or more than expenses. The three bowl games (1984, 1985, 1988) were a major factor in helping us to stay in the black through the Eighties. In FY 1989 and 1990, we broke about even, and that was after we put about $300,000 a year (an expense) into a reserve account for future capital improvements. More on our assets and capital plan later.

Of approximately $12,000,000 in revenue, about 20% ($2,500,000) comes from the government's appropriated funds. Most of that money is for the salaries of 60 of our 160 departmental personnel. The 60 include administrators like me, and a few of our coaches. A small amount of appropriated money goes for official travel and some athletic equipment. The appropriated money is justified by the fact that cadet athletic and physical development, through the intercollegiate athletic department, supports the overall mission and purpose of USMA.

We "earn" the remainder of our income through football ticket sales and guarantees when we play at other schools (about 40% of our total income), gift shop profits, rights fees for TV appearances, donations, summer camp profits, licensing agreements, association membership dues, cadet athletic fees, concessions, interest income and other miscellaneous income.

On our balance sheet, we show some material assets (18 sets of quarters on post, depreciable high-cost equipment and certain athletic facilities). We currently have about $1,000,000 in our reserve fund which is used for capital improvements. The high-cost project on the horizon is replacing the 8-year-old artificial turf at Michie Stadium. This will take another big bite out of our reserve fund, which has decreased from about $3.5 million in 1987 because of capital improvements, mostly to our football program (new coaches' offices, videotape equipment, weight room expansions, and the Howze Field sprinkler system).

We continue to seek other sources of income while fine-tuning those we now have. We have raised ticket prices, have received additional TV income, and have increased our income through initiatives such as licensing, expanding gift shop operations, expanding summer camp attendance, and instituting a commercial sponsorship program—this all done to keep pace with rising expenses. We are monitoring the commercial sponsorship program very closely to prevent the appearance of excess commercialization. So that we do not have to rely so heavily on the commercial aspects of raising money, we plan to seek more appropriated funds based on the contribution the intercollegiate athletic program makes to USMA's physical development program. Over 1,100 cadets, about a fourth of the Corps, are on an intercollegiate varsity or junior varsity team.

One source of income has not increased significantly over the past four or five years. That is the category of donations. Many of you already donate to the athletic program through the West Point Fund or the A Club, or both. Some of you take advantage of the benefits of preferred seating and parking at football games, but most of you contribute because you value the importance of intercollegiate athletics to your Alma Mater.

Recently, I increased my donation to the West Point Fund for our 27 intercollegiate teams. Based on our needs and our mission, I hope that you will do the same. If you have not made a donation, please consider making an annual one through the West Point Fund. You may make a credit card donation by calling the West Point Fund at 914-446-7177 or by calling our A Club office at (914) 938-2322 or 938-4444. You have my assurance that your money will be used wisely. It will be an investment in our future—young men and women who will become tomorrow's leaders.

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USMA FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE
1991

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
FOOTBALL			
Sept	14	Colgate	1:00
	21	North Carolina	1:00
	28	Harvard	1:00
Oct	5	Rutgers (A)	12:00
	12	The Citadel (Homecoming)	1:00
	19	Louisville (A)	4:00
	26	Boston College	1:00
Nov	2	Vanderbilt	1:00
	9	Air Force (A)	12:00
	16	Akron	1:00
Dec	7	Navy (A)	1:30
150 LB FOOTBALL			
Sept	27	Cornell	7:30
Oct	4	SUNY-Albany	7:30
	11	Pennsylvania	7:30
	19	Princeton (A)	12:00
	25	Cornell (A)	7:30
Nov	8	Navy	7:30
MEN'S SOCCER			
Sept	10	Manhattan	7:30
	13	New Hampshire (A)	2:00
	17	Adelphi (A)	4:00
	21	Lafayette	7:30
	28	Fordham (A)	11:00 AM
Oct	5	Bucknell	7:30
	8	Hartwick	7:30
	12	Lehigh (A)	11:00 AM
	15	Colgate (A)	3:30
	18	UCLA Tournament (A)	8:00
	20	C.S. Fullerton (A)	12:00
	25	Navy (A)	5:30
	29	Iona	7:30
Nov	2	Holy Cross	4:30
	5	Syracuse	7:30
	9–10	Patriot League Tournament	TBA
WOMEN'S SOCCER			
Sept	11	St. John's	4:00
	14	Rhode Island	5:00
	16	Carleton	4:00
	19	Iona (A)	2:30
	21	Lafayette (A)	1:00
	25	Stony Brook (A)	3:00
	27	Buffalo	4:00
	28	Canisius	7:30
Oct	5	Bucknell (A)	11:00 AM
	8	Columbia	4:00
	11	James Madison (A)	3:30
	13	Texas A&M (A)	11:00 AM
	15	Colgate	4:00
	16	Lehigh	4:00
	19	St. Bonaventure	1:00
	23	Holy Cross (A)	3:30
	26	LaSalle (A)	2:00
	28	Manhattan	3:00
	30	Monmouth	3:00
Nov	2–3	Patriot League Tournament	TBA
BASEBALL			
Sept	15	Iona (2)	1:00
	18	Brooklyn	3:30
	22	Long Island (2)	1:00
	25	St Francis	3:30
	29	Monmouth (2)	1:00
Oct	5	Ithaca (2)	1:00
	13	Siena (2)	1:00
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY			
Sept	7	Fairfield Invitational (A)	11:30 AM
	13	Cornell, Syracuse, E. Stroudsburg	4:00
	27	Manhattan w/Lafayette (A)	3:30
Oct	4	St. John's	4:00
	18	Navy	4:00
Nov	1	HEPS: Van Cortlandt Park (A)	12:00
	16	IC4A's: Bethlehem, PA (A)	TBA
	25	NCAA's (A)	TBA

Date		Opponent	Time—PM
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY			
Sept	7	Fairfield Invitational (A)	10:30 AM
	13	Cornell, Syracuse, E. Stroudsburg	4:45
	27	Manhattan (A)	4:00
Oct	4	St. John's	4:45
	18	Navy	4:45
Nov	1	HEPS: Van Cortlandt Park (A)	12:00
	16	ECAC's: Bethlehem, PA (A)	TBA
	25	NCAA's (A)	TBA
MEN'S TENNIS			
Sept	18	St. John's (A)	3:30
	27–29	Notre Dame Tournament (A)	9:00 AM
Oct	4–5	West Point Invite	9:00 AM
	8	Monmouth	3:30
	11–13	ECAC: Princeton (A)	9:00 AM
	18–20	Georgia Tech Invite (A)	9:00 AM
Nov	15–16	ITCA: Princeton (A)	9:00 AM
WOMEN'S TENNIS			
Sept	7	Lafayette (A)	1:00
	8	Lehigh (A)	11:00 AM
	10	Monmouth (A)	3:30
	12	Manhattan	4:00
	14	Bucknell	9:00 AM
	15	Colgate	1:00
	17	Rutgers (A)	3:00
	21	Holy Cross (A)	11:00 AM
	22	Providence (A)	10:00 AM
	26	Villanova (A)	3:00
	27–29	Eastern Intercollegiates (A)	9:00 AM
Oct	2	Fordham	3:30
	3	Marist	3:00
	8	Hofstra	3:00
	9	Fairleigh Dickinson	3:00
	12–13	Patriot League Championships (A)	9:00 AM
	18–20	Old Dominion Invitational (A)	9:00 AM
Nov	1–3	Rolex Eastern Regionals (A)	8:00 AM
SOFTBALL			
Sept	7	Bridgeport (2)	1:00
	14	Bloomsburg (2)	6:00
	21	Seton Hall (2)	6:00
	28	Hartford (2)	6:00
Oct	5	Central Connecticut (2)	1:00
	12	Adelphi (2)	6:00
	19	East Stroudsburg (2)	1:00
	26	Hofstra (2)	6:00
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL			
Sept	6–7	Hartford Tournament (A)	4:00/11:00 AM
	13–14	Penn State Classic (A)	6:00
	17	Fairfield	7:00
	20–21	Houston Tournament (A)	6:00
	28	Lehigh w/Lafayette (A)	1:00/3:00
Oct	1	Iona	7:00
	4–5	J.H. Oakes Classic	6:00/10:00 AM
	8	Manhattan	7:00
	11	Marist	7:00
	17	Northeastern (A)	7:30
	19	Colgate w/Holy Cross (A)	11:00 AM/1:00
	23	Seton Hall (A)	7:30
	25	Navy	6:30
	26	Fordham w/Bucknell (A)	2:00/4:00
	29	Columbia (A)	7:00
Nov	1–2	Navy Tournament (A)	6:00/9:00 AM
	9–10	Patriot League Championship	9:00 AM
	15–16	Connecticut Tournament (A)	5:30
GOLF			
Sept	13–14	West Point Invite	8:00 AM
Oct	4–6	Air Force Tournament (A)	8:00 AM
	11–12	Campbell University Invite (A)	8:00 AM
	19–20	McLaughlin Tournament (A)	8:00 AM

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USMA TO HONOR COACH BOB KNIGHT

Coach Bob Knight, a recent inductee into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Army head basketball coach from 1966–71, will be honored during weekend activities at West Point, 1–2 November 1991.

Bob Knight's record at West Point, 102-50, included six wins and no losses against Navy and four trips to the NIT. At Indiana since 1971, Coach Knight has achieved a winning percentage of .750 and three NCAA championships. In addition, Coach Knight guided the USA Olympic Basketball Team to victory in 1984.

Planning for the weekend events is in progress; for more information, call the Army Basketball Office at 914-938-2419/4301.

Mike Krzyzewski '69 (now head basketball coach at Duke University) with Army basketball coach Bobby Knight, late 1960's.

BOOSTER QUIZ

T F 1. USMA boosters are prohibited from making in-person, on- or off-campus *recruiting contacts*, or written or telephonic communications with a prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians).

T F 2. A West Point friend is considered a booster *only* if he or she has made financial contributions to the athletic department.

T F 3. USMA is *not* held responsible by the NCAA for the acts of boosters and booster support groups.

T F 4. Boosters are prohibited from *any* contact with prospects.

T F 5. A recruit may *not* call a booster.

T F 6. A booster *may* play a "pick-up" basketball game with a prospect.

T F 7. A booster *may* engage in evaluation activities on behalf of USMA.

T F 8. It is permissible for a booster to provide to a cadet athlete or friend any benefit or special arrangement.

T F 9. It is permissible for a booster club to finance a banquet for an institution's athletics teams.

T F 10. Army is the heavy favorite to BEAT NAVY in football on 7 December 1991 in Veteran's Stadium, Philadelphia.

Answers: see page 47.

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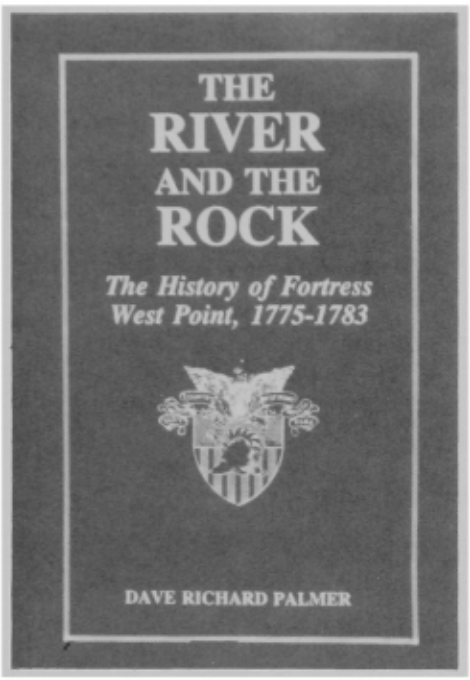
Book Reviews

THE RIVER AND THE ROCK: THE HISTORY OF FORTRESS WEST POINT, 1775–1783, Second Edition

By DAVE RICHARD PALMER. *Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy, with Hippocrene Books, New York, NY, 1991. 395 pages.*



Articles in such medical journals as *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, *LANCET*, and *New England Journal of Medicine* are invariably written by MDs. Similarly, articles in legal journals typified by *ABA Journal*, the journal of the American Bar Association, are nearly always written by lawyers. Indeed, authorship by the practitioners themselves is the rule in the literature of all the traditional professional groups save one—the military. Go to any one of the prominent defense affairs journals—*International Security*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Orbis*, *Strategic Review*, for example—and one rarely finds a contribution by a uniformed professional. Instead, the bylines are monopolized by the likes of Sam Huntington, Edward Luttwak, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and their less-famous colleagues in the civilian defense community.

To be sure, military professionals carry on a lively discourse among themselves in the confined ambits of their own branch and school journals, generally on technical/tactical/operational themes. But so far as speaking out to a wider audience on strategic affairs and national and international security issues is concerned, those who by calling, training, and professional specialization should be expected to opine most authoritatively have essentially abdicated their responsibility to civilian academics, journalists and dilettantes. Yes, the Navy can point with pride to its Alfred Thayer Mahan (1840–1914) and the Army to its Emory Upton (1839–1881) and Maxwell Taylor (1901–1987), but the pitiful infrequency of such figures makes my point.

There are, however, strong and heartening signs that the season is changing for the better. Propelled mainly by the far more extensive opportunities for graduate education available for Army officers over the last 20 years and by a progressively more enlightened attitude toward professional publication on the part of the Army's top leadership, officers today are showing signs at last of becoming the chief expositors of their own craft. The publishing credits of General John R. Galvin, present SACEUR, include three estimable books plus scores of influential articles. Colonel A. J. Bacevich has produced books on the Pentomic era, El Salvador, and soldier-diplomat Frank Ross McCoy, and a rapidly growing bibliography of widely noticed journal pieces on professional themes. Other examples of officers who in recent years have published to good effect while on active duty come easily to mind.

Of course, it has never been unusual for senior retired officers to publish memoirs, reminiscences, and firsthand accounts of their participation in the nation's wars. While such works have indubitable historical value, they are often one-shot affairs written as much to protect and advance the authors' reputations as to contribute to the nation's strategic dialogue. The type of professional writing so sorely lacking, however, at least until recently, is that by serving officers published over the course of their active careers. Such authors deserve special credit because writing competes with demanding military duties for precious time; such authors deserve special credibility because they are operationally current and deeply immersed in the security affairs they seek to shape.

Certainly one of the most illustrious uniformed authors to date is Lieutenant General Dave Richard Palmer, newly retired from his position as West Point's 53rd superintendent. In addition to the work under review, *The River and the Rock*, General Palmer has authored *The Way of the Fox: American Strategy in the War for America, 1775–1883* (1975), *Summons of the Trumpet: U.S.-Vietnam in Perspective* (1978), and *Early American Wars and Institutions* (1986)—all published while he was on active duty. Of course, being a prolific author is not in itself enough. We want our uniformed authors in addition to be influential, that is, to leave the impress of their ideas on the nation's politico-military sensibility. General Palmer's books have been favorably reviewed and widely noticed.

The River and the Rock has now been reissued in a second edition, as splendidly handsome as the first appearing in 1969. The text of the new edition is identical to that of the first except for the addition of a second preface by General Palmer and the addition of a foreword by Lincoln Diamant. In lieu of the Greenwood Publishing Corporation, which issued the earlier edition, the Association of Graduates in cooperation with Hippocrene Books has the honors this time around. General Palmer credits Dr. George Blagowidow, President of Hippocrene, with generously underwriting the entire project. Rights, title, and copyright of *The River and the Rock* were transferred in 1986 to the West Point Fund administered by the Association. Purchasers of the new edition will thus have the added inducement of knowing the royalties they help generate will go to an extraordinarily worthy cause. This edition represents the Association's inaugural venture in a series of Academy-associated works to be published. A better choice to begin the series could hardly have been found.

For those who have not yet made the

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book's acquaintance, *The River and the Rock* is the history of West Point on the Hudson—as a topographical feature, as a strategic terrain mass, and as the location of a critical fortress complex—during the Revolutionary War. Though a brief epilogue is provided tracing the conception of a national military academy at Fortress West Point and its establishment finally in 1802, the book properly speaking is not about the United States Military Academy but rather about the paramount strategic role of the site itself during our War for Independence, a role that imbued the location with unmatchable symbolic significance for a future academy. As General Palmer fittingly observes in the closing line of the book, "the fortress had secured the colonies; the academy would protect the nation."

George Washington recognized the essentiality of the Hudson River both in British efforts to maintain contact between their forces in Canada and those to the south, and in Patriot efforts to maintain communications and a logistical conduit between the northeast and mid-Atlantic. Accordingly he insisted that Patriot forces retain control of the waterway. The highlands area around West Point became key to such control because it commanded the river at a critical bend, offering an excellent site for a chokepoint. Against this backdrop, General Palmer recounts the construction of the extensive system of mutually supporting forts and redoubts, Baron von Steuben's invaluable role in drilling and training the ragtag soldiery, the hardships and privations of those soldiers during the brutal winters, the engineering feat of obstructing the river with the great iron link chain, and the tragic descent into treason by the otherwise splendid soldier Benedict Arnold, who would have betrayed West Point to the British.

Of course, these stories have been told before. General Palmer's singular contribution lies in the narrative unity achieved by the focus on West Point's strategic significance and by some of the most satisfyingly readable prose yet penned by an historian. This latter comment deserves elaboration.

There has long been a schism between professional historians—generally history scholars from academe—and what might be called the popular historians—the Barbara Tuchmans, William Manchesters and Cornelius Ryans who, though lacking formal scholarly credentials, have a great talent for recounting history in an engaging way and as a consequence attract a wide following. Rather than going to primary sources and rooting out history the hard way, or so it is charged, the popularizers go instead to secondary sources, the product of the "real" historians, who sorely resent what they regard as the parasitic exploitation of their scholarly labors. I once asked a well-known scholar friend of mine who was inveighing against the best-seller status of William Manchester's *American Caesar*, a biography of Douglas MacArthur, why he himself didn't write in a similarly felicitous way. He sputtered something about refusing to pander to the common herd.

With much the same attitude, one dyspeptic reviewer of General Palmer's book recoils at hearing British ministers described as "chuckleheaded," or liquor called "booze," or the nighttime activities of lecherous British generals described as "breaking bedroom barricades." But such criticisms are sadly off the mark. They lend validity to T. S. Hamerow's charge before the American Historical Association in 1988:

> Historians have ceased to write for ordinary readers and begun to write for other historians. . . . History has become more detached, more aloof from the interests of the community that once looked to it for direction and guidance. It has largely ceased to be part of popular culture.

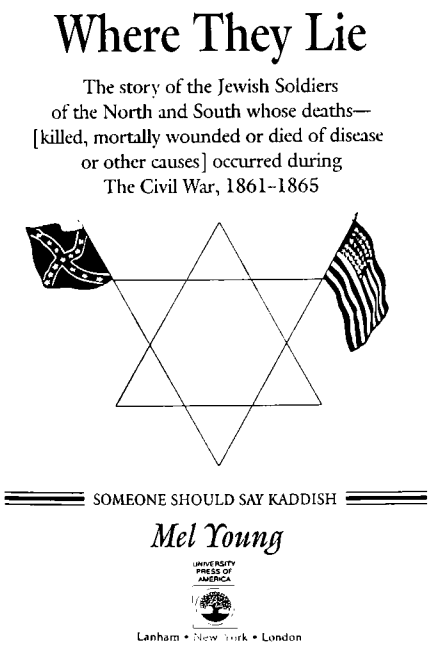
Common sense would suggest that the wisest course for a historian is to reconcile the approaches of the professional and the popularizer—to combine impeccable historical accuracy and soundness of interpretation with a prose style that is both lucid and a delight to read. General Palmer has done precisely that. Within this beautifully bound volume, monumental research goes hand-in-hand with colorful, lively prose and a quick-paced narrative flow. Added to these welcome features are apt sketches, illustrations, and maps (the latter courtesy of Edward J. Krasnoborski) that lend a rich visual dimension to the verbal tapestry. The result is history presented as it ideally should be, about a subject that resonates with interest not only for Academy graduates but indeed for all citizens who revel in this nation's past and who take the word patriotism seriously.

reviewed by Lloyd J. Matthews,
Colonel, USA, Retired,
Editor, *Parameters*

WHERE THEY LIE, The Story of the Jewish Soldiers of the North and South Whose Deaths—[Killed, Mortally Wounded or Died of Disease or Other Causes] Occurred During the Civil War, 1861–1865.

By MEL YOUNG. *University Press of America, Lanham, MD, 1991. 297 pages.*

This book by Mel Young, USMA Class of 1952, fills an important niche in both Civil War and American Jewish history. It is a valuable collection of primary sources which is indispensable for those seriously interested in the Civil War or in Jewish Americana and would interest all enthusiasts of military history. His book is filled with accounts of heroism and honor as well as poignant vignettes in the lives of individuals and families.



About 8,000 Jewish soldiers fought in the war, over 80% in the Union Army, and seven were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. And yet 95 years ago a group of Jewish Civil War veterans, the precursors of the Jewish War Veterans, were forced to refute the widespread anti-Semitic claim that no Jews served in the war.

In this book Young provides a thorough description of the contributions of nearly 600 Jewish soldiers who died in the Civil War, along with relevant information about the heroic exploits of some who did not die. He spent over a decade researching old books, newspapers and historical records, and communicating with descendants, librarians and archivists. Young meticulously documents all fatalities in as much historical detail as possible and attempts to place each death in the larger context of the war. He traces the war dead chronologically throughout all the campaigns, focusing on the major battles, and includes the victims of the prison camps.

Young's interest was sparked after reading about an unsuccessful effort in 1867 to honor Jewish war dead in Chattanooga. After discovering the names of about 20 Jewish soldiers who fell in the

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area, he broadened the scope of his research.

In the *Prologue*, Young alludes to an epitaph he cites (p. 271): "In memory of our dear son . . . a victim at 18 years to the horrors of war, . . . he fills an unknown grave. . . . Someone should say Kaddish" (the Jewish memorial prayer). Young has truly said Kaddish in his own way by reverently retelling the often forgotten stories of the Jews who died fighting for the North and South.

Reviewed by Chaplain (Captain) Dennis Beck-Berman, Jewish Cadet Chaplain, USMA

A RIVER SWIFT AND DEADLY—"A Critique"

By BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH F. ZITZMAN, RET. *Class of 1932, USMA*

In the May issue of *Assembly* there was a review of Lee Carraway Smith's book, *A River Swift and Deadly*, by Colonel Fred L. Walker, USMA 1936.

Before starting this critique of the book and the review, I shall give my own qualifications for the task.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941, I was ordered into the field as part of the cadre which reactivated the World War I 77th Infantry Division, starting from scratch with draftees. I was the division signal officer during the year with the 77th, going from captain to lieutenant colonel.

It was coincidence that just as the 77th completed its full cycle of training in March 1943, I was ordered to North Africa as an individual, going to the planning group which became HQ Fifteenth Army Group, a combined British-American headquarters in Algiers.

The 36th Infantry Division arrived in the Algiers area the next month. Fighting was still going on in Tunisia and the 36th was alerted to move there but before the time came to execute, the Allied armies had captured what was left of the Afrika Corps. The 36th was disappointed that they did not participate in the original combat landings in North Africa and was again disappointed when the action terminated just as they were about to enter the fray in Tunisia.

Concerning the war in Italy, Fifth Army was opposed by a tough, experienced, determined combat entity all the way from Salerno to the Alps and the enemy support operations were equally effective. For example, there was a rail line extending from Naples to Milan which the Germans destroyed as they were forced back. A locomotive towed a flat car which was equipped with a massive anchor on the rear. As the flat car was towed it broke every railroad tie along the way. Every few hundred yards a dynamite charge was fed into a tube on either side of the flat car and after the car had passed the charge exploded, blowing out a piece of the rail. We got some use out of it as a roadway but only after our engineers removed all of the broken rails and ties. Also, the high tension electric power lines that extended the length of the peninsula on towers 100 feet high were destroyed by dynamiting the base of every single tower.

And the thoroughness of the German effort to delay the superior Allied forces was just as determined until the war in Italy ended.

In June 1943 the 36th Division got its first combat experience with an attack on Salerno from its base in North Africa. While they were afloat the news was broadcast that Mussolini had been deposed and that Italy was now on the side of the Allies. The men of the 36th thought that they had missed the action once again but the fighting to secure Salerno was severe and casualties heavy. After the Germans withdrew from Naples, the 36th Division was placed in reserve by Fifth Army. Casualties were replaced and units were given intensive training.

After that, General Keyes took command of II Corps (and I became his signal officer) near Naples. I met the individuals of the 36th Division staff shortly after I took my II Corps job. The signal officer seemed old for his position and not very assertive. General Walker's older son, Fred L. Walker, Jr, USMA 1936, was the division G-3 and his younger son was his father's aide. I thought that General Walker's own requirements would have been met better had he selected top quality officers whose first 20 years of life had been spent outside of his own household. We made three river crossings, at least one of which was under observed artillery fire, before we got to the Rapido.

Now, my critique of the book and my observations based upon my presence in the 36th Division zone during its effort to establish a bridgehead over the Rapido River.

One of the main objectives of the Rapido crossing was to draw German reserves from opposition to the amphibious landings at Anzio and this was accomplished. If the German high command in Italy did not hold on to the Rapido/Cassino position, the 1st Armored Division could attack and block the less mobile German forces from escaping north through the Frosinone defile, resulting in their destruction. Thus it would shorten the war in Italy.

The first assault elements of the 141st Infantry attacked across the Rapido River at 2100 hours on 20 January and the fighting was severe. By 0400, 21 January one bridge was installed across the river and two other companies of the 141st Regiment were rushed over. At 0515 the assistant division commander ordered the troops across the river to dig in and the remainder in the assault force to report to their assembly areas prepared to cross before daybreak. Part of the 143rd Infantry got across the river but under heavy fire was forced back over the Rapido and no bridgehead was established in its zone.

General Keyes conferred with General Walker at 1000 hours on 21 January. After this conference General Walker ordered the attack to be resumed at once. He set the hour at 1400 but it was 1600 before either regiment could get moving. Under cover of smoke from a Fifth Army chemical unit attached to the 36th Division, the 3rd Battalion of the 143rd got across in rubber boats and on a foot bridge which they installed.

On the morning of 22 January the II Corps chief of staff, John Willems, called me and said that General Keyes had no communication whatever with 36th Division fighting troops. I knew that the telephone lines were all in order down to the regiments so I got in my jeep and went forward. I stopped first at the 36th Division CP, then the 141st Regimental CP. Neither had a forward CP and I don't recall seeing a battallion CP as we drove to the river. I left my jeep and driver under cover a few yards from the river bank and looked for someone to tell me where the nearest crossing was. (There was heavy smoke all along the bank and extending inland on the other side where the bridgehead was to be established.)

I walked along the bank looking for a soldier but did not see one until I looked into a sort of large natural cave on the river bank. About 8 or 9 soldiers of the 143rd were sitting inside of it, all with their rifles and ammo. I asked for one of them to lead me to the nearest crossing but there wasn't a movement or a sound. I repeated it while turning over in my mind just what I would do if they refused. Fortunately one of them said, "I'll show you, sir," and he did and then went back to safety.

I crossed the foot bridge and cautiously went forward. (Smoke limited the visibility to about 20 yards.) I saw two or three dead American soldiers but no sign of life, friendly or enemy. I don't recall hearing any rifle fire unless it was at a very great distance.

In short, there was no sign of action anywhere. After I had gone about 300 yards inland with no visibility and no signs of action I returned across the same foot bridge and found my jeep and driver where I had left them.

At that moment General Keyes and his aide, a captain, drove up in the general's jeep. I reported what I had seen (noth-

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Bulletin Board

Goodpaster '39 to Receive George Catlett Marshall Medal

The Association of the United States Army has selected General Andrew J. Goodpaster, U.S. Army Retired, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, to receive its highest award, the George Catlett Marshall Medal for distinguished public service. General Goodpaster now serves as the chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United States.

This medal, ". . . for selfless and outstanding service to the United States of America," will be presented at the George Catlett Marshall Memorial Dinner, during the closing hours of the Association's 37th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 16 October at the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

The Association's Council of Trustees has selected General Goodpaster to receive the medal for his worldwide accomplishments as an Army officer, foreign policy expert, diplomat, educator, military strategist, author, scholar, statesman and presidential advisor.

Born in Granite City, Illinois, General Goodpaster graduated from the US Military Academy in 1939. Later in his military career he attended Princeton University, where he earned an MSE in engineering, and a PhD in international relations.

An exceptional soldier-statesman in the mold of General Marshall, General Goodpaster served as staff secretary to President Eisenhower; assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and director of the Joint Staff; commandant, National War College; deputy commander, US Forces in Vietnam; and as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, from 1969 until he retired from the Army in 1974.

Upon retirement he became a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for scholars and later professor of Government and International Studies at The Citadel until 1977 when President Jimmy Carter recalled him to active duty to serve, in the grade of lieutenant general, as the 51st Superintendent of the US Military Academy until 1981.

Following his second retirement, Goodpaster served as the president of the Institute for Defense Analysis from 1983–85; and chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission, 1986–90.

Author of *For Common Defense*, this year's Marshall Medal recipient has also been awarded the Medal of Freedom, the White Burkett Millar Award (University of Virginia), the James Madison Award (Princeton University) and the Ben Castle Award (West Point Society of Washington, DC).

AUSA, with more than 140,000 members, is the professional association of the Army, representing both active and reserve component members of all ranks, as well as many civilians interested in the Army and in national defense.

Former recipients of the Marshall Medal include General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, Honorable Harry S. Truman, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., General Maxwell D. Taylor, General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Honorable Henry A. Kissinger, Lieutenant General James H. Gavin, Ambassador Paul H. Nitze and General John W. Vessey, Jr.

Founders Day Speaker Requests

In March of each year the Superintendent, Commandant, Dean, the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and selected other USMA personnel speak at many Founders Day gatherings throughout the United States. The continental United States has been divided into four geographical areas with the four principal USMA speakers rotating annually among areas so as to cover each area every four years. Unfortunately, time constraints will preclude USMA from fulfilling all of the anticipated requests, and some societies and installations will have to obtain speakers from other sources.

Requests for a USMA speaker should be received by the Alumni Affairs Office during early fall and no later than *1 October*. Itineraries are normally finalized by mid-November. To request a speaker or for further information, please call the Alumni Affairs Office at West Point, LTC Fishburne (Ret), (914) 938-3700/3024.

Olejniczak '61 To Take Over Publications on 1 September

The Association of Graduates announces the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Julian M. Olejniczak (Ret.), Class of 1961, as the Associate Vice President for Publications, effective 1 September 1991, following the retirement of Colonel Paul W. Child, Jr. (Ret.), Class of 1952. Colonel Olejniczak, a corporate attorney and management consultant, joins the Association from the Nashville office of the law firm of (Senator Howard H.) Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf. His military career included tours with the Department of English, USMA, and the Department of Tactics, CGSC; command of the 4th Arctic Light Infantry Battalion, 9th U.S. Infantry (Manchu) in Alaska; and combat tours with the Vietnamese Rangers and with Special Forces. His awards include the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge. Foreign awards include the Vietnamese Ranger Badge, Long Range Patrol Badge and Gallantry Cross with Palm.

Colonel Olejniczak holds a Juris Doctor degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and has done graduate work in Economics. Recent publications experience includes positions as editor-in-chief of *Mere Dictum*, a law school newspaper, and as director and senior editor of the North Carolina Lawyers Research Ser-

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vice, Inc, a wholly student-run research service. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the national business honor society, and the James E. & Carolyn B. Davis Society, a Carolina law honor society.

Colonel Olejniczak is the husband of Sylvia Graham, a multi-major graduate of Carolina with graduate work in counselling at the University of Virginia. A corporate fine arts broker and outplacement consultant, Sylvia has worked in law placement at the UNC School of Law, as technical editor for the American Chemical Society in Washington, DC and as an early contract researcher for NASA. Her father, the late Captain Seavy Highsmith Graham (US Navy, Ret.), was a survivor of Pearl Harbor (USS Nevada).

The Olejniczaks have four children: Kimberly, an art consultant currently involved in Atlanta's sponsorship of the summer Olympic games; Julian, Jr., who died in 1984; Julie Ann, an aspiring pre-med student and senior at the Canterbury School; and Edward ("Sandy"), a sophomore at Storm King School.

Appreciates 90-Year Book

Mr. Denis F. Mullane
President, AOG

Dear Denis:

Thank you and the Association of Graduates for the handsome West Point album you sent to me at the time of my 90th birthday. Your letter, the pictures of those wonderful old buildings, together with the recitation of my service assignments made me forget momentarily that at ninety it is more difficult to walk, to hear, to see and to eat than it was when I trudged up that long hill from the station to make my first contact with the Army. But it is not difficult to recall what West Point did for me. It made my life an interesting and, I hope, a useful one.

West Point made it possible for me to travel from the Hudson Valley to the Philippines, to Africa, Italy and Turkey, and to meet with high-ranking civil and military officials. It permitted me to take a small part in trying to right some of the world's wrongs. Were I twenty and again offered the opportunity to enter those gray walls, I would unhesitatingly jump at the chance. Those three words of Duty, Honor and Country have lost none of their luster during the last seventy years.

Again, thank you for the album. It is a beautiful piece of work and I shall cherish it along with my most valued possessions.

Sincerely,
Lawrence R. Dewey
Major General, USA, Ret.
Class of 1924

Mahan '70 Named Military Rugby Coach of the Year

Lieutenant Colonel Michael W. Mahan (Ret) '70 has been named Combined Services Coach of the Year for 1991–92 by the United States of America Rugby Football Union.

In a 23 May letter to LTC Mahan, Colonel Richard D. Battock (USAF, Ret), chairman of the Combined Services Committee, stated, in part, "Your work with Army rugby has been exemplary. Through your efforts, the numerous cadets that you coached will demonstrate the positive effect on their professional military lives that you have engendered. You have been a superb role model, and I only hope that you will continue to be involved in military rugby."

Under Mahan's coaching the Army Rugby Team posted an 18-1 season, winning the Eastern United States Championship. The team completed its season as the National Collegiate runner-up, the second best of 392 college rugby teams.

LTC Mahan, who joined the staff of the Association of Graduates in June 1991, is director of Reunion Giving, Development Directorate of the Association of Graduates.

AOG Seeks Major Giving Officer

The Association of Graduates has authorized an additional position in its Development Directorate to increase major giving to West Point. Major gifts are defined as those of $100,000 or more from individuals. The incumbent will assist in the identification of such potential donors, their cultivation, solicitation and recognition. The incumbent will work for the Director of Major Giving and receive guidance from both the Major Giving Subcommittee and the West Point Fund Committee.

The AOG offers an excellent compensation plan plus the many benefits of being an integral part of the West Point community. Because of the nature of the position, a USMA graduate who graduated from the Academy in the 1962–71 time period would be highly desirable. The position is expected to be filled this fall.

Letters of application should be addressed to the President, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, New York 10996, and should include a one-page resume and any specific compensation requirements. Applications should be submitted by 1 October 1991. Additional information regarding the nature of the position and its requirements may be obtained by writing to Colonel Thomas B. Russell, USA Retired, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996 or calling 914-446-3028.

Memorial Will Honor Ramsay '64

On 5 March 1991, Mayor Raymond L. Flynn announced a $10,000 grant from the city of Boston trust office to develop the design for a memorial honoring a decorated Vietnam War fighter pilot from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Captain David L. Ramsay, a graduate of English High School, went on to West Point (Class of 1964) where he became a star athlete. He was killed in action when his F-4 Phantom jet was shot down near Danang in 1970.

The memorial, scheduled to be constructed in Ramsay Park, between Washington Street and Shawmut Avenue in Roxbury, will honor all of Boston's African-American Veterans, Flynn said. He added, "From Peter Salem shouldering his musket at Bunker Hill to the Buffalo soldiers of the Great Plains and now in the Persian Gulf, the sacrifice and gallantry of black Americans is legendary."

The grant was awarded by the Edward Ingersoll Browne public trust fund.

West Point Officers Club Membership

The Superintendent, United States Military Academy, has recently approved temporary club memberships for USMA alumni and military retirees who visit the Academy. These temporary memberships are effective for up to a maximum of seven days and may be obtained at the Officers Club.

Several years ago the Superintendent also approved a change to club policy regarding honorary memberships to allow USMA graduates to subscribe for

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honorary, dues-paying memberships to the West Point Officers Club. If you have become a member since that time, you have enjoyed the many benefits of club membership: issuance of a free VISA membership card, ten-percent discount on all meals at the Officers Club, Community Club and Hotel Thayer, use of club catering, free check cashing, as well as the added advantage of reciprocal use of all US military clubs throughout the United States and the world.

It is hoped that you will take advantage of these opportunities to use the West Point Officers Club during your visits to West Point in the coming months.

An Updated "The Song of the Cavalier"

Inspired by Desert Storm and the old English poem "The Song of the Cavalier" by Motherwell, Ollie Haywood (Class of 1936) composed the following poem:

Call to Arms

To arms! To arms! West Pointers, all
Don battle gear amain,
For duty, honor, country call
Us to the field again.
The politicians had their say,
Sought every compromise.
The peaceniks squeach: Delay, delay,
Concession's always wise.
Forget the newhawks' moans each night;
Ignore the peaceniks' cry.
Our duty is like men to fight
And hero-like to die!

The original by William Motherwell (1798–1835):

The Song of the Cavalier

Then mounte! then mounte! brave gallants, all,
And don your helmes amaine:
Death's couriers, Fame and Honour, call
Us to the field againe.
No shrewish feares shall fill our eye
When the sword-hilt's in our hand;
Heart-whole we'll part and no whit sighe
For the fayrest of the land;
Let piping swaine, and craven wight,
Thus weepe and puling crye,
Our business is like men to fight,
And hero-like to die!

Ollie explains that "amaine" was an old English word no longer in our vocabulary, but "amain" is in the dictionary and means "at full speed, in great haste."

Nation's Youth Support Desert Storm with Record Selective Service Registration

According to Brigadier General Samuel K. Lessey, Jr. (USAF Ret.) '45, Director of the Selective Service System from 18 December 1987 through 7 March 1991, the nation's draft age youth overwhelmingly supported the Gulf War by substantially increasing the already high rate of compliance with registration requirements.

Ms. Barbi Richardson, Public Affairs Office of the Selective Service System, reports that, prior to the invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi forces, the twelve-month weekly average for registrations was 28,191. One week after the invasion the number jumped 29 percent to 36,485. Two weeks later it jumped 67 percent to 47,049 before leveling off at 7–17 percent above normal for the remainder of the year.

With the start of the air war, registrations for the week of 15 January were 45 percent above average. A week later the figures peaked at 64,219 or 128 percent above average. Increases then tapered off in the following weeks to 55 percent, 37 percent, 26 percent and 20 percent above the norm. Six weeks into the conflict the numbers were only slightly above normal (5 percent).

General Lessey opined that many were late registrants, but many more were early and on-time registrants, motivated by patriotism. According to Ms. Richardson, "We had quite a few phone calls from men *wanting* to be drafted. We, of course, referred them to their nearest recruiter." The most difficult problem for the Selective Service during the war? According to the director, convincing callers that there was no draft planned or contemplated.

Association Sponsors Trip to Scandinavia

Twenty-six graduates, wives and friends enjoyed a 14-day excursion to the Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland (19 June to 2 July); 13 continued on for the Leningrad extension. In Denmark the party visited among other sights the Little Mermaid, Tivoli Gardens, Roskilde and "Hamlet's" castle at Elsinore. They then sailed from Copenhagen to Oslo and later continued on to Ulvik through spectacular fjord scenery. A train ride took them on to Bergen, a thousand-year-old city with medieval charm. The group next flew to Stockholm, the "Venice of the North," and visited such sites as Drottningholm Palace and the *Wasa*, a 350-year-old ship resurrected from the bottom of the sea. An overnight cruise aboard a Silja Line luxury ship brought the group to Helsinki for a day of sightseeing. Here part of the group departed to spend three days viewing the museums and historical sites of Leningrad. The remainder of the party returned to Stockholm aboard the ship and departed for home. Those participating in this most enjoyable and enlightening excursion included Polly Albritton (W-'51), Cleo Ford (W-'49), Pat and John Frazier ('37), Marion and Lee Fritter ('40), Helen and Herman Gilster ('53), Jane and Bill Glasgow (June '43), Skip and George Hoge ('45), Caroline and John MacWherter ('45), Anne and Pop Metz ('37), Joy Mitchell, Edie Osmanski (W'35), Betty and Ralph Robert, Germaine and Dick Trabert ('58), Agnes and Wayne Yeoman ('46) and Judy and Paul Child ('52).

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b. For specific events included in airline agreements, Omni Travel's ticket prices are lower than any other source on those airlines.
c. Should one of Omni Travel's "superstars" make an error, we guarantee an immediate resolution.
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e. All ticket sales result in a donation to the West Point Fund of at least ten (10) percent of Omni Travel's commission.

Members of classes attending reunions at USMA this fall should call for reservations as soon as possible. Also it is not too early to book tickets for the Army/Air Force and Army/Navy games.

Best wishes in your travels,

Chuck Russell
USMA Cl of '56
Owner

Scoutmasters Council to Celebrate 30th Anniversary West Point Camporee in 1992—Anecdotes and Memorabilia Sought on Early Camporees

Next spring the Cadet Scoutmasters Council will host the 30th Anniversary West Point Scout Camporee.

I have recently published an article tracing the history of memorabilia associated with the camporees: J. Steiner, "West Point Camporee and Memorabilia," 26 *Scout Memorabilia*, No. 3 [(May 1991)], pp. 1–9. Unfortunately, most of what is known survives only by word-of-mouth.

I am interested in updating the article prior to the 30th anniversary camporee. To that end, I request information from USMA graduates concerning, but not limited to, the following:

1. list of cadet officers of the Scoutmasters Council for each year since the beginning of the camporee, in 1963;
2. name of the cadet or other individual that created the design for each particular camporee;
3. story behind camporee patch design for each particular year;
4. story behind procurement of any odd memorabilia, such as imprinted coffee mugs, backpatches, decals, pillows, T-shirts and jackets; and
5. humorous events occurring in planning or execution of camporee.

I am also interested in obtaining a 1963 West Point Camporee patch, the first known item of individual memorabilia, as well as the patches and memorabilia from other camporees to complete a collection to donate to the Lawrence L. Lee Scout Museum.

Any help graduates can provide would be most appreciated. Any donation of camporee items will be made in the name of the donor to the L. Lee Scout Museum. Those with information and/or memorabilia are asked to contact:

R. James Steiner, Esquire, USMA '78
c/o Orr & Reno, P.A.
One Eagle Square, P.O. Box 709
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-2381

The River and the Rock

This venture of the Association of Graduates into publishing has been an unqualified success. The second edition of Lieutenant General Dave Palmer's classic history of West Point at the time of the Revolution has sold, and continues to sell, at a brisk pace. The book will remain available at the discounted price of $49.95 (a twenty-dollar savings) through 31 December 1991. A large number of sales to date have been gift sales, with the book's strikingly handsome black, gold, and gray binding probably contributing to its appeal as a gift item. With stocks depleting more quickly than anticipated, a decision will soon have to be made concerning the economic feasibility of a second printing.

The Illustrated History of West Point

We eagerly await the publication in late September of *The Illustrated History*, the Class of 1940's fiftieth-anniversary gift to the Academy. The book will fill a yawning need—there are just no other complete histories of the Academy to be found today, a strange state of affairs. Written by an established historian long familiar with West Point, the book will concentrate on the Academy's buildings, fortifications, and monuments but will also examine the contributions of key figures in the development of West Point over the years and on significant events and turning points. *The Illustrated History* will continue to be offered at the discounted price of $50.00 through 31 December 1991.

Association Presents Resolution to Coach Young

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Association of Graduates President, Denis Mullane, presented a Resolution of the Board of Trustees to retiring Coach Jim Young for his eight successful years at the helm of Army football at the Board of Trustees meeting, 24 May 1991.

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ANSWERS to BOOSTER QUIZ (page 39)

1. True.

2. False. A "booster" (i.e., representative of the institution's athletics interests) is any individual who is a member of the institution's athletics booster club, has made donations to the booster club or to the athletics department, is involved in any manner in recruiting prospects or in providing benefits (e.g., summer jobs) to enrolled student-athletes, or is otherwise involved in promoting the institution's athletics program.

3. False. West Point *is* held responsible for the acts of boosters and booster support groups. Boosters are governed by the same NCAA and institutional rules and regulations as those placed upon all institutional athletic staff members.

4. False. Common Sense: the NCAA has determined that contact was not intended to relate to an unavoidable incidental contact with a prospect by a booster, it being understood that such a contact (a) is not prearranged by the representative or an athletics department staff member; (b) does not take place on the grounds of the prospect's educational institution or at the sites of organized practice or competition involving the prospect or the prospect's team; (c) is not for the purpose of recruitment of the prospective student-athlete, and (d) involves only *normal civility*.

5. False. A booster may have a telephone conversation with a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call. The telephone call may not be prearranged by an institutional staff member, and the booster is not permitted to have a recruiting conversation with the prospect but may *exhibit normal civility*. The booster must refer any questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff.

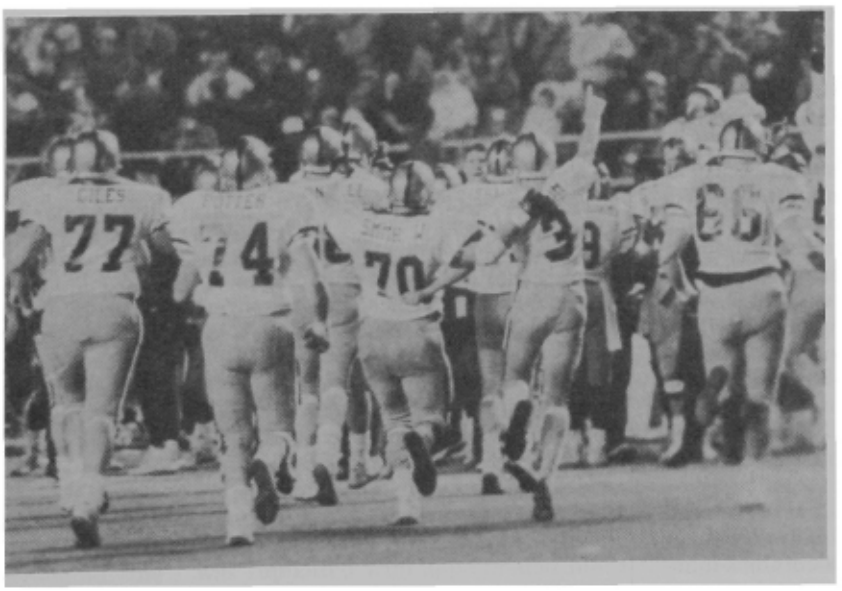
6. True. . . . provided there is no attempt to recruit the prospect and the game is not prearranged by a member of the athletics department staff.

7. True. Qualified: the legislation does not preclude a booster from viewing a prospect's contest on the booster's initiative, subject to the understanding that the booster may not contact the prospect. However, the booster is prohibited from contacting the prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect, as well as from visiting the prospect's educational institution to pick up film or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospect's academic or athletic ability.

8. False. The NCAA considers these special arrangements as an "extra benefit," and they are specifically prohibited. Examples of special arrangements or extra benefits include, but are not limited to, a special discount payment arrangement, or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing) or services (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning, tailoring); a loan of money in any amount; a guarantee of bond; the use of an automobile; the purchase of meals or services at commercial establishments; transportation to or from a summer job; a benefit connected with off-campus housing (e.g., individual television sets or stereo equipment, specialized recreational facilities, room furnishings or appointments of extra quality or quantity); signing or cosigning a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan; selling or giving a student-athlete tickets to an athletics, institution or community event; the use of personal properties (e.g., boats, summer homes, car stereos), and providing Christmas or birthday gifts.

9. True. An institution's booster club may finance an intercollegiate team's transportation expenses to a recognition banquet that occurs prior to or during the season, provided all expenses are paid through the institution's athletics department, the location of the event is not more than 100 miles from the campus and no tangible award is provided to members of the team.

10. TRUE, TRUE, TRUE.



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Fifth Annual West Point Societies Presidents Conference

On 22 April 1991, 57 officers representing 53 West Point societies met at West Point for the Fifth Annual West Point Societies Presidents Conference, sponsored by the Association's West Point Societies Program.

Conferees and their families arrived at the Hotel Thayer on Sunday, the day prior to the conference. That evening Denis F. Mullane '52, president of the Association of Graduates, welcomed the delegates during the "get acquainted" cocktail hour. In his brief remarks following his welcome, Mullane talked about the issue of career advisory assistance for graduates entering the civil sector. Observing that the conferees would later consider this issue, Mullane expressed his view that the AOG may have to review its recently adopted policy and expand its role in career advisory assistance. Mullane also informed the conferees that the AOG has established an Academy Affairs Committee to serve as a sounding board for the superintendent and to render timely advice and counsel as appropriate.

While the conferees met for a full day's work on Monday, the Association hosted an equally full day of activities for their families. Escorted by Mrs. Betsey Snodgrass (wife of John Snodgrass '56), 26 family members toured the Boscobel Restoration, a Federal Period Hudson River estate; lunched at the Bird and the Bottle Inn in Garrison; and shopped at the Woodbury Common factory outlets complex in Central Valley.

The business agenda was conducted in two sessions on Monday. Shy Meyer '51, chairman of the AOG West Point Societies Committee, chaired the conference. In his welcome and opening remarks, Meyer outlined the objectives of the conference and reviewed the agenda, which was divided into briefing presentations and discussions of issues. Briefings by the Superintendent, Dean, ODIA (Coach Sutton), the Associate Director of Admissions and the Commandant were presented to bring the conferees up to date on the current status of Academy plans, programs and activities. The discussion issues included the society related AOG Long Range Planning Resolutions, a concept for an Alumni House at West Point, AOG fund-raising programs, Bicentennial planning and society concerns.

Meyer then welcomed and introduced the Superintendent, LTG Dave R. Palmer '56, who briefed the presidents on a number of topics. Observing that in recent months he is usually introduced as General Schwarzkopf's classmate, Palmer commented on the participation of Academy graduates in Operation Desert Storm. Palmer observed that the war has had a sobering impact upon cadets, most of whom have friends who served in the desert. Of the last three graduating classes, fully 50% were deployed to Saudi Arabia. Cadets have reacted with a heightened sense of pride in their prospective profession. Palmer then updated the conferees on the legislation requiring a reduction in the Corps of Cadets, from 4400 to about 4000. Palmer explained that current legislation imposes an accession, rather than an end strength, reduction. Without modification, the Corps could fall in strength to about 3200 in four years. As the intent of Congress is to reduce the Corps to 4000, corrective legislation is anticipated this session of Congress. The other issue, the six-year service obligation, appears fixed for the present. The Academy and the Army continue to support a four and four proposal—four years' active service followed by four years in a Reserve component.

The Superintendent concluded his remarks by observing that a decade ago there was much concern—no more heroes! Desert Storm has dispelled that contention. The heroes have been there—all along—at every level. West Point graduates have been serving and preparing, and when the nation called, they were there. And so it will be in the future.

Meyer then followed, introducing one of the major discussion topics of the conference, the AOG Long Range Planning initiatives having direct societal impact and involvement. The first AOG resolution proposes that the AOG and the societies establish a closer relation-

Attendees

Ralph W. Adams '65
Silicon Valley
Darcy G. Anderson '78
N. Texas
Monte R. Anderson '68
Indiana
William L. Anderson '55
Monticello
Thomas E. Anthony '64
Cleveland
Lloyd T. Asbury '63
N. Florida
Roger P. Balog '69
Greater Houston
Paul A. Baltes, Jr. '62
S. Arizona
Steven P. Best '76
Chicago
Thomas W. Bowen '48
W. New York
John A. Capelli '80
Cincinnati
John S. Coates, Jr. '83
Kentucky
William H. Correia '66
Orange County
William Curry, Jr. '50
Lee-Grant
Frederick R. Dent, III '56
N.W. Florida
John G. Driskill '52
N. Texas
Philip A. Farris '46
District of Columbia
Edward M. Flanagan Jun '43
Beaufort
Craig A. Hagan '60
Hampton Roads
Arthur E. Hansen '46
Capital District (NY)
Dennis E. Hawker '65
Phoenix
Kermit Henninger '58
New England
Robert B. Henry '55
The Triangle
Howell L. Hodgskin, Jr. '52
C. New York
Frank B. Horton '62
Omaha
Joseph E. Hunt, III '78
E. Oklahoma
Wesley G. Jones '52
S. Texas
William G. Kosco '62
C. Pennsylvania
Lloyd R. Leavitt, Jr. '50
Los Angeles
Everett D. Lucas '67
New Jersey
Wallace C. Magathan Jun '43
Charleston
Thomas G. McCunniff '45
Hilton Head Island
Stephen R. Metcalf '69
New York
Craig S. Mitchell X'62
New England
Paul F. Mlakar '66
Mississippi
John E. Murphy '57
Denver
Wayne B. Nicoll '57
New Hampshire
John B. Oblinger '53
El Paso
Randall M. Pais '67
Greater Houston
William E. Robinson '68
Chattanooga-Tri-State
Charles R. Russell '56
Atlanta
William R. Sipes, Jr. '76
S. Florida
Larry D. Smith, '62
N. California/Nevada
M. Dale Smith '69
C. Oklahoma
Michael C. Strathearn '75
Connecticut
Thomas M. Sullivan '80
Connecticut
Leslie Szabolcsi '78
Atlanta
William C. Taylor '70
Annapolis
Julius O. Thomas, Jr. '54
SW Florida
Edward L. Trobaugh '55
Puget Sound
Roderic B. Vitty '55
Philadelphia
Robert L. Wetzel '52
Ft. Benning/Columbus
Joseph J. Wheeler '69
San Diego
James R. Wildey '58
W. Michigan
Edward L. Winthrop '45
Kansas City
Howard G. Wold '56
Michigan
Lucius F. Wright, Jr. Jun '43
Mid-South (TN)

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ship by entering into a "contractual" affiliation. Each society and the AOG would agree to work more closely and to mutually support each other to achieve our common objective—improving support of the Academy. The use of the term "contractual" raised concern among a number of delegates. Lucius Wright Jun '43, Mid-South Society, observed that more structure may scare members. Fly Flanagan Jan '43, Beaufort Society, asked why the current relationship needed improvement. Jay McCann '61 of the AOG Societies Committee explained that, as the Army scales down in the coming decade and as appropriated funding and other support for our Academy and our fellow graduates diminish, more and more assistance will be required of the AOG and the societies. McCann commented that the purpose of the affiliation concept is to bring the West Point graduate family together while preserving essential societal autonomy. Art Hansen '46, Capitol District Society (Albany), suggested that the term "contractual" not be used. Bill Taylor '70, Annapolis Society, recommended "Memo of Understanding." The consensus of the conferees was that while a closer relationship will be required, the mechanism for achieving that end needs to be one the societies can live with.

The next discussion issue involved AOG actions to improve communications. John Snodgrass '56, AOG Associate Vice-President, West Point Societies Program, updated the conferees on the on-going AOG actions to improve communications with the societies. The AOG will encourage and cooperate with the Academy in producing and distributing VCR tapes about West Point activities and events. As a separate action, the AOG is implementing a FAX Broadcast System with interested societies. The AOG is also investigating the establishment of an Electronic Bulletin Board System. Most representatives welcomed these initiatives. Wally Magathan Jun '43, Charleston Society, stated, however, that for his and other small societies communicating with the AOG is not the problem. Getting what he receives from the AOG out to the members—that's the real problem!

Snodgrass next described two proposed AOG recognition/award programs. The first is an AOG program to encourage and assist those societies considering establishing local achievement award programs. The second is a proposed AOG program to recognize younger society member contributions to their societies and to West Point. The conferees expressed interest in both proposals.

The next agenda topic concerned the issue of career advisory services for graduates. The recently adopted AOG Career Advisory Services Program was described. This program is twofold: the AOG will provide advice and information and will refer interested graduates to the appropriate West Point society for local assistance. The West Point societies will be encouraged to establish career advisory programs designed to focus on job search techniques, networking and related activities. The majority of the delegates support the society-orientation of the AOG program. Steve Metcalf '69, New York Society, indicated that while his society and most of the others that have programs strongly support the decentralized, society-oriented approach, his society and others are having second thoughts. The need for help is increasing rapidly to the point that an effective program may exceed the capabilities of the societies. Corky Henninger '58, New England Society, stated that his society supports the AOG program. Henninger continued, saying that many grads entering the civilian job market are naive and do not know where to start. The societies need help. Greg Wold '56, Michigan Society, commented that the society directory can be of great help, particularly those rosters that are cross-referenced to civilian occupations. Les Szabolcsi '78, Atlanta Society, commented that Atlanta has struggled with these programs and has now redirected its efforts towards less planning/organizing and more assisting—through job search seminars and help in networking.

Shy Meyer '51, Conference Chairman, welcomes the conferees.

Bill Raiford '52, Chairman of the Bicentennial Steering Group, then followed, presenting the conferees an update on the planning for the Academy's Bicentennial celebration. Raiford reiterated the goal of the Bicentennial—to "observe the 200th anniversary of the founding of USMA by celebrating its contribution to our nation and to the people of the world." Raiford then described the major events being planned for Academic Year 2001–2002.

Dan Evans '64, the West Point Society Committee representative to the Steering Group, announced that a goal of 100% participation by the societies had been established and requested that each society appoint a point of contact. Raiford then concluded the Bicentennial update by recalling that the 1952 Sesquicentennial was supported with appropriated funds. The Bicentennial, however, has no appropriated funding. Private fiscal support will be required. The AOG has committed $10,000 as a start.

Geoff Louis '64, USMA Associate Director of Admissions, then followed and presented the conferees a profile of the entering Class of 1995. Louis commented that the quality of the entering class is even better than the excellent classes admitted in recent years, although the total number of applications for appointments was down. Louis was asked to comment upon the impact of the Gulf War on overall recruitment. He responded that efforts are ongoing to assess this impact, but it is too early to discern the implications. Louis concluded by listing the major admissions challenges: the reduced size of the Corps, the decreasing national pool of qualified students and the increase in the active service obligation.

Following the luncheon, Al Vanderbush '61, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, reviewed the athletic program and then introduced Bob Sutton, Jim Young's successor and the 31st Army football coach. Sutton outlined his approach to the challenge of coaching Army football—that players are cadets first and athletes second. He indicated that in no way did he view this orientation as a disadvantage. Cadets bring to Army football a higher level of dedication, character and desire. He then outlined his immediate task—to fill the gaps caused by graduation. Coach Sutton said he was pleased with the progress made during spring practice and looks forward to a challenging schedule in the fall.

Brigadier General Gerald E. Galloway '57, Dean of the Academic Board, followed, presenting the conferees a comprehensive report on the Academy's academic program. He cited the goals of the program: to inspire and instill

—creativity
—intellectual curiosity
—engineering thought
—understanding of people
—moral awareness
—cultural perspective
—science and math fundamentals
—historical mindedness
—communications expertise
—educational commitment

Galloway then went on to describe

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graduation requirements, the cadet daily academic schedule, courses of instruction, the summer enrichment concept, the majors program, fields of study and the qualifications and organization of the faculty. Galloway concluded his presentation by citing the quality of our entering cadet classes and praising the academic achievements of our graduating cadets.

The Dean was followed by Bob Strati '55, AOG Vice-President for Development. Strati described the recently adopted AOG Development goal of raising $100 million over the next ten years, and the phased AOG staff expansion necessary to accomplish this fund-raising goal. Strati outlined the major gift process and how the societies might contribute to the identification and cultivation of potential individual and corporate donors.

The next agenda item was the report of the Parents Club Coordinator, Ms. Eileen Herrick. After introducing her successor, Ms. Nancy Webster, Ms. Herrick briefed the conferees on the proposed national parents club umbrella organization. Ms. Herrick concluded with a brief review of the purpose and activities of typical parents clubs and cited examples of the successful cooperation between West Point societies and parents clubs in their mutual support of local admissions activities.

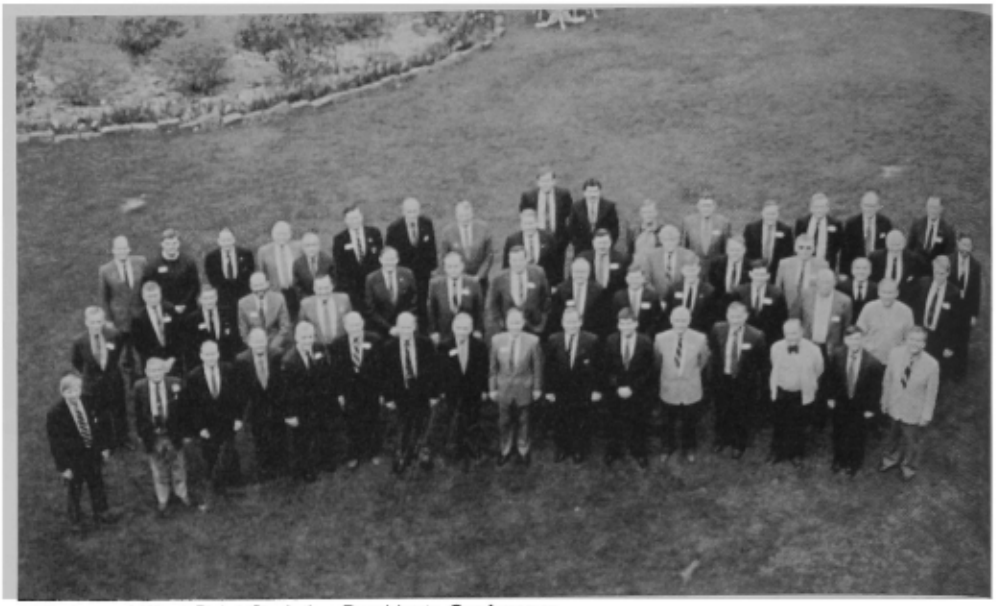
The next agenda items were presentations by the Atlanta and Greater Houston Societies.

Les Szabolcsi '78, Atlanta Society, briefed his society's community service program. The Atlanta Society is actively supporting "Project Upward Bound," a program to assist homeless veterans to become productive members of the community. Szabolcsi indicated that this effort is one of support—providing on a volunteer basis certain badly needed skills, which can materially help ongoing programs.

Randy Pais '67, Greater Houston Society, followed, describing his society's highly successful admissions support program. Pais listed the many ways his society assists. Its programs include participation in and support of the following activities:

—college nights
—Academy nights
—bi-invitation meetings
—school recognition programs
—individual (student) recognition programs
—congressional nomination panels
—cadet support
—candidate referrals
—candidate picnics

Following the society presentations, Rod Vitty '55, Philadelphia Society, asked to speak concerning representation on the AOG Board of Trustees. Vitty observed that during his 30 years as a society member no Philadelphia Society nominee for the position of AOG Trustee had been selected. Moreover, a lot of repeat names seems to come up each year. A number of other society representatives concurred that the perception exists that the AOG Board of Trustees is a self-perpetuating entity. Shy Meyer noted these observations and stated that he would present this matter to the AOG Executive Committee at its next meeting.



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Meyer concluded the conference working session with a short presentation of his views as to how the AOG and the societies can measure their success. As to the AOG, Meyer observed that while progress is being made there remains a lot of work to be done. The AOG Societies Program must improve its roster support of the societies. The program must improve information flow to the societies. If the societies are to take advantage of cadet activities and athletic contests in their areas, the societies must have accurate and timely advance notice. Finally, the AOG and the Academy should upgrade the treatment and services provided to visiting alumni.

Meyer briefly outlined a concept to establish an alumni house at New South Post. This activity would serve as a focal point for visiting alumni where information, schedules, parking passes, maps, telephonic services, special tours and other related activities could be provided. Meyer asked that attendees consider the usefulness of the concept and give him their reactions, suggestions and recommendations. Meyer thanked the conferees for coming and complimented them on their contributions to the outstanding success of the conference.

In the evening, the delegates, their families and invited guests from the Association and the Military Academy joined for the President's Dinner at the Hotel Thayer. Entertainment was provided by the "Headliners," a cadet group from the Glee Club, who pleased their audience with songs and humor, liberally sprinkled with observations about old grads in general and West Point in particular. Following dinner the conferees and guests were honored by an address by the Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General David A. Bramlett '64. In his remarks Bramlett outlined the development of a "four class system" known as the Cadet Leader Development System. This new program is an integrated leader development program for all four classes and incorporates most of those special disciplinary regulations formerly known as the "Fourth Class System." Bramlett explained that while there have been changes in some of the specifics, the "Plebe System" is alive and well. What has happened is that each class has a carefully structured set of leader or follower goals, requirements and practices, coordinated and integrated to provide a logical progression in leadership training opportunities and responsibilities. Plebes learn how to follow; yearlings, the leadership skills required of team leaders; cows, the duties and responsibilities of non-commissioned officers; and firsties, the duties and leader requirements of officers. Bramlett concluded by saying that the implementation of the Cadet Leadership Development System has not been easy. Cadet concepts of hallowed traditions—in reality practices often less than four years old, are difficult to change. The Cadet Leader Development System is in place, and cadets are emerging from the process having assimilated leadership skills fully applicable to those challenges they will face in the Active Army.

With the conclusion of the President's Dinner, another highly successful West Point Society Presidents Conference came to a close.

submitted by
Colonel John Snodgrass '56
Associate Vice-President
West Point Societies Program

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News from the Societies

LOS ANGELES

AOG Pres **Denis Mullane** '52 presented the keynote address at the WPS of Los Angeles FD brunch on 7 Apr. His comments on the many activities of the AOG and the Academy administration were well received, as were the speeches by the oldest grad, **Fred Marlowe** '19, and the youngest grad, **Tom Malloy** '86.

At the gathering, new officers elected for the forthcoming year were **Dick Leavitt** '50, pres; **Dan Allemeir** '71 VP, and **JJ Smith** '40, treas and CFO. Newly elected board members were **Luis Caldera** '78, **David Fowler** '74, **Charles Tennant** '59, **Frederick Kohler** '57 and **Irwin Steinberg** '50.

On 7 May WPSLA's golfers raised their combat record against Navy to 6 wins and 4 losses by blasting the Middies at March Air Force Base by a score of 39 1/2 to 29 1/2. New match in the semi-annual series is scheduled for 17 Sep at Los Alamitos.

Nick Kuzemka '63, the society's new activities chairman, reports a full schedule of events planned for the year, including three nights at the Hollywood Bowl during the summer months and support of the Army soccer team's appearance at UCLA in Oct.

—I. I. Steinberg '50

SAN FRANCISCO

On Sat, 16 Mar, some 250 grads and friends of WP gathered at the Presidio of SF Officers Club to celebrate FD 91. LTG **Robert G. Gard, Jr.** (Ret) '50 was the guest speaker. His penetrating analysis of the Persian Gulf situation and its effect upon the Nation, the Army and USMA was appreciated by all. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Mrs. Mary Paul in appreciation for her 33 years of service to the WPS of SF Bay Area as its permanent secretary. Mrs. Paul remains the mainstay of our soc and plans to continue in her position for the foreseeable future. She is pictured (above right) with longtime friends and associates from the Class of '32. Special thanks go to **Palmer** '23, the oldest grad, **Billelo** '90, the youngest grad, and to **Ferguson** '73 and his committee for making the FD in SF a resounding success.

—Jack Hug '60

Front row seated (L to R): Anne Cochran, Kay Slade, Lynn Childs and Hap Fraser; standing: Mary Paul (Sec WPS of SF for over 30 years); back row (L to R): Vivian Kunzig, Reina Bowen, Dottie Lankenau, Todd Slade, Bill Kunzig and Bill Fraser

D.C.

Befitting the occasion, the WPS of DC celebrated FD 91 with pageantry and traditional camaraderie on 16 Mar at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel, Alexandria, VA. More than 550 grads and their spouses and guests assembled in the hotel's grand ballroom, festooned in black, gold and gray, to pay tribute to the 189th anniversary of USMA.

Festivities commenced at 6:30 pm as formally attired celebrants gathered in the reception area for cocktails. Just before dinner, in a good natured gesture, three stalwart LTs of the 3rd US Inf (The Old Guard), **Goldsmith, Galitano** and **Miller** of the Class of '89, "called the minutes," a token reminder of cadet life that merited chuckles all around.

Following dinner, the US Army Chorus entertained with a variety of songs, some patriotic, others reminiscent of cadet days. Their stirring performance brought the audience to its feet for a standing ovation. In keeping with tradition, the youngest grad present, LT **Kyle P Delaney** '89, provided comments on the Corps of Cadets.

A highlight of the evening was presentation of the Castle Memorial Award to GEN **Clyde E. Eddelman** '24—an award presented annually by the WPS of DC to a USMA grad whose distinguished service has exemplified the ideals of WP in either a military or a civilian capacity. In making the presentation, LTG **Willard W. Scott, Jr.** '48, society pres, cited GEN Eddelman for "38 years of service in a wide range of assignments" and such achievements as "planning 12 campaigns and landing operations as the Sixth Army G-3 during WW II." Gen Scott also pointed out that GEN Eddelman "was the architect of Armed Forces joint programs which the Joint Chiefs of Staff considered especially important at this time." His public service included the position of Pres of the AOG and 20 years of dedicated work with the Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Assoc.

The guest of honor, BG **David A. Bramlett** '64, Com of Cadets, presented a "status of the Corps." He made it clear that the Corps of Cadets was intensely serious about the Persian Gulf War, saying the first class wanted to graduate early to serve in combat. He pointed that 38 percent of the Class of '90 and 50 percent of the Class of '89 fought in the war. He paid special tribute to three members of the Long Gray Line who gave their lives in the Gulf War—**Tommie Bates** '86, **Donaldson Tillar** '88 and **Kathleen Sherry** '89.

Gen **Bramlett** acknowledged that both the plebe system and academics have undergone changes, but the differences, he pointed out, have not altered the finished product of WP. In conclusion the Com repeated his assurances that the "young men and women of the Corps understand their responsibilities, and WP continues to fulfill its charter."

The society announced the appointment of COL **Charles Rufus Smith, Jr.** (Ret) '50 as executive director. He replaces BG **Michael J L Green** (Ret) '41 who has served in this capacity since 81. On behalf of all members of the WPS of DC, the Board of Governors thanks Mike for the outstanding job he has done over the years. Gen **Scott** expressed our gratitude to Mike publicly at the 22 May luncheon and presented him a WP plaque.

Our 22 May spring luncheon at the Ft Myer Officers Club featured the Honorable **James R. Locher III** '68, Asst Sec of Def for Special Opns and Low Intensity Conflict, as guest speaker. With the breakup of the Warsaw Pact, Mr. Locher pointed to low intensity conflict as the type in which US Forces are most likely to be engaged in the future. He said: "Those who wish to challenge the US will do so indirectly by threatening American lives, indirect aggression, sub-

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version and sabotage." In his view, the US is not comfortable fighting low intensity conflicts—"as a nation" he said, "we don't understand low intensity conflict." He concluded his remarks by saying, "low intensity conflict must be added to the list of our military services' missions."

On 12 Mar COL **Edmund DeTreville Ellis** '15, a member of our society, celebrated his 101st birthday. He is the oldest living grad of USMA and was featured in the cover story of the May issue of ASSEMBLY. On the occasion, Gen **Scott** brought COL Ellis a gift from the Association of Graduates—a cadet bathrobe, which he later said, "I am proudly wearing." An extraordinary man, COL Ellis exudes the essence of life's fullness and personifies every distinct virtue of being a West Pointer.

—Phil Farris '46

SOUTH FLORIDA

The WPS of S FL held its spring outing on Sunday 19 May in Key Biscayne. Approximately 20 graduates (ranging from '45 to '87) and their families and friends gathered for a relaxing afternoon of food, fun and sun. The outing was another important step in the new life of the society, which is trying to bring together grads and friends of the Academy while at the same time raising awareness of the Academy and its mission throughout S FL.

The gathering closed with a briefing from Soc Pres **Bill Sipes** '76 who updated all on the latest goings on at the Academy based on his attendance at the Society Presidents gathering at WP in Apr.

Future plans for the soc include the creation of a career advisory bureau for grads leaving the military and relocating to the area, as well as social outings in the summer and fall. Should any grad be interested in joining or finding out more about the soc and its activities, please contact **Bill Sipes** at (305) 591-6167.

—Dan Carlo '87

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

The WPS of Hilton Head Island met on 4 Apr and the current officers were reelected as follows:

Pres—**Thomas G. McCunniff** '45
VP—**George B. Moore** '41
Sec/Treas—**Joseph A. Eagers, Jr.** '49

Other Board of Governor Members:
Arthur E. Brown '53 (new)
Henry E. McCracken, Jr. '59 (new)
Carl F. Hattler '56

A photo taken at the FD dinner at Hilton Head on 16 Mar is above right. The guest speaker was GEN **Edward C Meyer** '51, former Army Chief of Staff, currently Chairman, WP Societies Committee.

—Joe Eagers '49

L to R: Tom McCunniff, GEN Meyer and Mrs. Meyer (sister of Tom McCunniff)

INDIANA

"Gloom Period" at West Point has nothing on Central IN in Feb. Old grads here have two things to look forward to—their favorite basketball team's slot in post season play and our annual FD celebration.

Thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of **Karl Jacobs** '67 and **Monte Anderson** '68, this year's celebration was a resounding success. Society president **Paul DeCoursey** '68 served as master-of-ceremonies for the gathering of nearly 150 people at the Ft. Benjamin Harrison Officers Club. Paul (and/or his ghost writers) had the audience in stitches relating stories about memorable times at USMA.

COL **Hubert Strange** (Ret) '38 delivered the oldest grad message to the assembly. 2LT **Joseph Mack** '90 told the crowd about his unusually close relationship with our guest speaker, BG **David A. Bramlett** '64, Commandant of Cadets. It appears that 2LT Mack likes West Point so much that he spent an additional seven months at USMA before he graduated in Dec of last year. His sense of humor, speaking skills and personality reflect well on the quality of our recent grads.

We used this occasion to nominate and elect new board members. **Paul DeCoursey** '68 remains as pres, **Karl Jacobs** '67 replaces **Bob Dalrymple** '49 as VP, **Ken Hughes** '69 replaces **John Joyce** '70 as treas, **Monte Anderson** '68 replaces **Bob Fitzgibbon** '64 as Admissions Coordinator and **Tom Pyrz** '71 remains our community affairs officer. Many thanks go to our outgoing board of directors for the excellent efforts over the last three years.

The WPS of Indiana extends its heartiest best wishes for success to the Class of '91. We also wish to congratulate and thank the heroes in all the branches of service who carried the flag so wonderfully during Operation Desert Storm.

—Tom Pyrz '71

MID SOUTH

Memphis, TN—

This society celebrated FD and its 10th Anniversary of continuous organization at the Racquet Club of Memphis on Sat 9 Mar. Twenty-three members and their spouses gathered with six Parents Club members and seven guests to celebrate both occasions.

Before dinner toasts were made by **John Graf** '40 to the Commander-in-Chief **Bill Wix** '55 to the Army, **Paul Hamm** '73 to the Corps and **John Snyder** '73 to the ladies.

After dinner, Pres **Luke Wright** Jun '43 summarized a very active year for the society. **Marvin Jacobs** '40 then addressed the gathering as the oldest grad and **Rand Ballard** '77 spoke as the youngest grad.

Luke Wright then introduced our speaker, LTG **Bill Reno,** DCSPER, Hqs Dept of the Army. He pointed out that Bill, while stationed in Memphis as the Dist Engr in 81, had been the organizer and first pres of this society in its present configuration.

Gen **Reno** entertained us with a touch of nostalgia and then a serious talk about the problems and satisfactions in his present position. Two items which stick in my mind are: only 40% of the officer corps saw action in Operation Desert Storm, and the troops who participated in Desert Storm were those in the TOE units who just happened to be assigned at the time orders were received. Gen Reno also pointed out that many officers volunteered for assignment to the Mid East, including several retirees, but none of these requests could be accommodated.

Following Gen **Reno**'s talk, John Howard of the Memphis Dist Engr Office, Gen Reno's old trouble shooter, presented a few humorous remarks and a very informal picture of "Col" Reno from days gone by. On behalf of the society, **Luke Wright** then presented a plaque awarding a Life Membership in the WPS of the Mid-South to Gen Reno.

—Luke Wright Jun '43

Photo: LTG Bill Reno

NEW ENGLAND

The New England Soc held its Annual

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Business Meeting on 8 May. Our featured speaker was Charles Rourke (USNA '54), the pres of the regional Annapolis Alumni Group. He discussed the activities of their chapter but was especially enthusiastic about the recent decision of the Annapolis Trustees to establish a National Career Advisory Service. He emphasized the need for all service academies to provide assistance to their alumni in transitioning to civilian life, be it because of retirement or voluntary separation. Rourke said that this was especially important given the dramatic upcoming reductions in the officer strength of all services. He was quick to point out that all Ivy League schools keep detailed track of their grads and provide sophisticated database listings of civilian job opportunities for the benefit of their alumni.

Several WP societies across the country have already established CAS that have been operating successfully for many years. The New England Soc is one of those. The USNA alumni will start at the national level because no regional advisory services have been established. Rourke challenged his alumni society members to establish a regional group and asked them to "network" with our WPS, with the Army taking the lead as the senior service and as a society with a working advisory service. We hosted, just a few weeks prior, the First Annual WPS of New England Networking Night. We invited Annapolis grads, and the event drew over 100 attendees, half of whom were USNA alumni.

Following the speaker, a new slate of officers was unanimously approved by the New England Soc. The annual picnic in Jun was graciously hosted once again by MG **Patton** (Ret) '46 and his wife Joanne.

—James Wiegel '76

NEW JERSEY

The WPSNJ celebrated the 189th birthday of our "Rockbound Highland Home" on 16 Mar at the Ft Monmouth Officers Club. After a Benny Havens hour, almost 200 grads, spouses, children and friends of WP assembled to celebrate 100 years of Army football. After greetings from the Pres, **Everett Lucas** '67, the oldest grad, **W. Preston Corderman** '26, and the youngest grad, **Scott Franks** '90, entertained the crowd with their 76-year span of views on WP. 2LT Franks, with his 3 months time in service, definitely has a head start as a stand-up comedian keeping all in stitches with his view from the "trenches."

In keeping with the theme of the evening, the soc annual Crow Cake was served by former football player **Bill Yost** '61 to the local USNA rep Bob Vogt '59 in commemoration of Army's victory over Navy in Philadelphia last year. The AAA graciously provided 2 sets of tickets to this year's game that were raffled off, along with football memorabilia donated by Don Nathan of Madison NJ, an enthusiastic WP supporter.

In support of Desert Storm grads, the soc also had as its invited guests **Kate Gollsneider**, wife of CPT **Brian Gollsneider** '85, and **June Klotz**, wife of 1LT **James Klotz** '87, both of whom are currently in the Gulf. For the third year running, the class of '78 mustered the largest group, with 12 participants.

The soc at its Apr meeting elected new officers:

Lee Hewitt '65 Pres
Judd Schulke '46 VP
Don Buckner '57 Secy
Dick Strohm '50 Treas

91 promises to be a good year for the soc.

In May, the soc presented the Coolidge Award to the USMAPS grad with the highest academic average.

On 6 Jun, the soc hosted its annual New Cadet Social at USMAPS, inviting all NJ future cadets and their parents for a final get together in a "less stressful" environment than R-day.

The soc is making plans for a party at the Meadowlands on 5 Oct to celebrate a victory over Rutgers.

Finally, FD 92 has been scheduled for 21 Mar at the Ft Monmouth Officers Club. Mark your calendars! That's all from the Shore. Beat Navy!

—Tony Smith '78

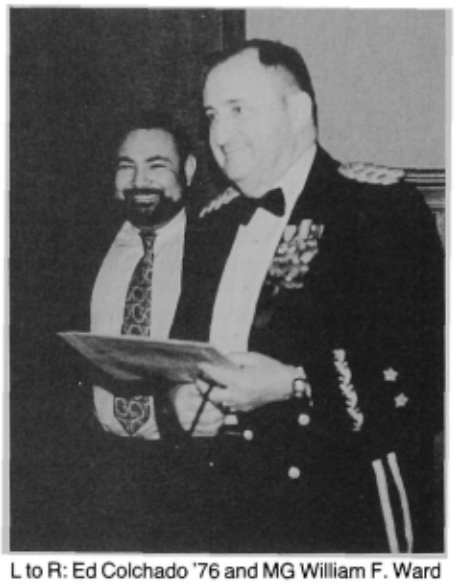
CAPITAL DISTRICT, NY

Albany, NY . . . After a period of inactivity, the Capital District Society was reorganized in 90 and has 55 members as of early 91.

The following officers were elected to revitalize the society: pres—**Art Hansen** '46; 1st VP—**Bob Pointer** '58; 2nd VP—**Barry Hartman** '64; secy—**Fred Pineau** '73; treas—**Jim Trainor** '81. Pres of the Board of Directors is LTG **Dave Traub** '28. The officers and board of directors hold meetings at the Watervliet Arsenal on the second Wed of each month.

The society kicked off its activities with a pep rally at the Arsenal prior to Army-Navy Game. We were led in cheers by several outstanding, exuberant cheerleaders who drove up from WP for the event. As with all of the society's activities, local Naval Academy grads and the very active WPPC were invited. The Navy participated in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

The FD dinner was held on 15 Mar at the prestigious Ft. Orange Club in Albany. USMA Catholic Chaplain John Drummond led the invocation and benediction, oldest grad **Dave Traub** '28 gave his usual sparkling remarks and MG **William Ward, Jr.** '50, Chief of Army Reserves, was the main speaker. His account of the use of the Reserves in the Gulf War was timely and very informative.



L to R: Ed Colchado '76 and MG William F. Ward '50

The society also participated in the annual NYS WP Day on 15 May in Albany. Governor Cuomo and the state legislature honored the Military Academy at a ceremony attended by the "Supe," LTG Dave Palmer.

A joint picnic in Jun at the Watervliet Arsenal with the WPPC concluded the year's activities to date. A highlight of the picnic was a tour of the facility arranged by **Mike Neuman** '67, Arsenal commander.

In addition to social activities, the society is also exploring ways in which it may be of service to WP.

Please join your alumni association by contacting **Art Hansen** by phone at (518) 458-7340 or by letter to the West Point Society of the Capital District, Box 1381, Clifton Park, New York 12065.

—Larry Klima '45

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia WPS has initiated an award program to recognize student and adult leaders within the greater DE Valley regional community. A custom designed certificate, combining graphic images of both WP and Philadelphia printed in black and gold adorn a light grey parchment stock. The Outstanding Leader Award is to be given to exceptional young high school leaders and to adult leaders who serve the community in support of youth programs, announced **Rod Vitty** '55, pres of the WPS of Philadelphia.

The criteria for consideration for the Outstanding Leader Award include high school students in the 10th and 11th grades who demonstrate academic proficiency by virtue of appointment to Honor Rolls and National Honor societ-

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ies as well as significant contributions to athletics as demonstrated by the award of varsity letters. Other criteria include achieving Eagle Scout rank and/or Gold Awards in Scouting and being elected to officer positions in school activity clubs or religious organizations.

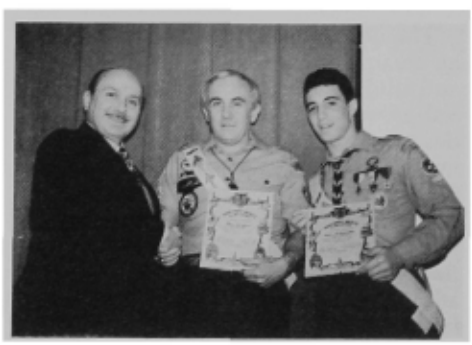
Adult awards are made at the discretion of the awards committee to recognize those individuals in volunteer positions who have demonstrated positive and significant influences in the development of the youth of the community.

"The goal of the Award program is to create a lasting, positive impression of the ideals and traditions of WP, its graduates and the civilian leadership roles performed by graduates, as well as to spotlight the high standards expected of candidates. In addition, the program will stimulate interest in the opportunities available to young men and women at USMA," said Shane Olshansky ex-'61, Award Committee Chairman.

The Award Committee contacts appropriate organizations by phone or mail to establish a source of candidates. The awards are intended to be presented at organized functions, such as Eagle Scout Courts of Honor or school assemblies. A member of either the WPS or the parents club organization attends the ceremony and presents the Outstanding Leader Award after highlighting the significant achievements of the recipient.

Although the prime purpose of the award is to recognize and salute the talented young leaders of our community, the program also provides favorable publicity at the local level and serves to identify Academy prospects in the 10th and 11th grades.

Any questions on the program can be addressed to the WPS of Philadelphia, c/o I. Shane Olshansky, Award Committee Chairman, 3872 Conshohocken Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131; (215) 879-3027.

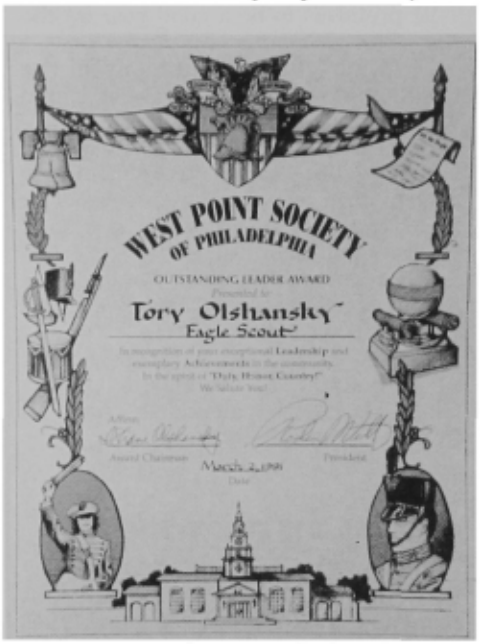


Left to Right: I. Shane Olshansky ex-'61, Award Committee Chairman, congratulates Dave Gingras, OA Advisor, Valley Forge Council, BSA as Adult Leadership Award Winner and Eagle Scout Tory Olshansky, Youth Award recipient.

Dave Gingras earned his Eagle Scout rank as a youth and the Silver Beaver as an adult volunteer. As an advisor to an Order of the Arrow Lodge, he has assisted the youth leadership in steering a 1200-man organization to achieve National Honor Lodge. He also serves as a member of the NY National Guard. He practices as a financial planner for Equitable Life. He is a son of USMA '45.

Tory Olshansky is a 10th grade student-athlete at the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia. As a 9th and 10th grader he earned varsity letters in football, wrestling, and track. In addition, he is an Eagle Scout, treas of the Delmont Lodge, Order of the Arrow and VP of his Temple Youth. He received high academic honors (3.67). He is a son of USMA X-'61.

—Joseph Barkley '65



Outstanding Leader Award certificate instituted by the WPS of Philadelphia.

PHOENIX

The WPS of Phoenix hosted a social hour on Thurs, 25 Apr honoring prospective cadets including some who were already accepted by USMA. The event was held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, a new and excellent location for our society activities. Seven candidates, 10 parents and 24 grads and spouses attended. The program was outstanding, the best hosting of candidates that I have attended. The program was organized by **Dennis Hawker** '65 and **Tom Rader** '81 and featured a 20-minute slide presentation by Bill Lewis, retired associate professor of phys ed and honorary member of several classes. Bill has a wealth of slides of WP and his selection for candidates and their parents was excellent. Bill also brought with him printed material that was available for candidates and parents. There was a good mingling of candidates, parents, grads and spouses, lots of smiles on happy faces indicating a successful gathering.

On Wed, 1 May we met jointly with the USNA society for breakfast at the Waterin' Hole Chuckwagon N' Saloon. After a 30-minute social hour with coffee, juices and champagne, a buffet breakfast was served. You may remember that the Navy lives high off the hog. After breakfast U.S. Senator John McCain spoke to us covering military subjects including Desert Storm, the revolt by the Kurds, the academies and the Board of Visitors.

You probably know that John is a USNA grad. Because the meeting was closed, he spoke about several past activities that bother him. His remarks were valid and well received. After a few questions, the meeting was adjourned. A few AF Academy grads were also present.

The Board of Governors of the Phoenix Society met on Mon 13 May at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. **Dennis Hawker** '65 the new pres, reported on the AOG meeting at WP and read a thank you letter from the parents club. **Tom Rader** '81 gave the treasurer's report. The purpose of the meeting was to start planning for the 91–92 season. Specific activities on the calendar are Army–Navy Game (Dec), tour of Luke AFB (Feb), FD (Mar), meeting the candidates (Apr) and golf (May).

On Mon 20 May the society helped celebrate Armed Forces Day with a little friendly competition among the academies during a golf match at Pointe South Mountain. **Dennis Hawker** made the arrangements. Additionally, a luncheon was served at the Sports Pavilion for golfers, non-golfers and guests. I will include comments on the success of this event in the next ASSEMBLY.

—Rog Neumeister '41

PUGET SOUND

Our Spring Quarterly Luncheon, held on 25 Apr at the Seattle College Club, was arranged by **Andy Maron** '67, chairman of our Civilian Career Advisory Board. **Dick Gates** '60, also a Board member and our VP, was the MC. He arranged for **Dr. William J. Reynolds** '64 (COL, USA, Ret), the recent acting head of the Dept of Geography and Environmental Engineering at USMA, to bring us up to date on the organization and curriculum of the Academy.

A Board of Governors meeting was held following the luncheon. **MG Ed Trobaugh** '55, pres, reported on the Soc Pres meeting he had attended the week before at the AOG. Greater emphasis is being given to assisting graduates in making the transition to a civilian career upon completion of active duty.

This year's activities that were decided upon at the board meeting are:

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—Accepted Candidates Luncheon on 8 Jun at the Ft Lewis Officers Club.
—A family picnic in Aug at American Lake, Ft Lewis.
—The Joint Service Academy Dinner this fall.
—Army-Navy Game gathering on 7 Dec—Pearl Harbor Day!
—Founders Day banquet in Mar 92.
—Quarterly business luncheons tentatively scheduled for this Jul and Oct and for Jan and Apr of next year.

New arrivals in the Puget Sound Area should contact COL **Charles N. Howze** (Ret) '31, secy, at (206) 557-0468 for additional information concerning these and other soc activities.

Andy Maron '67 has been elected to the Winslow City Council. The town has recently been expanded to encompass all of Bainbridge Island. We offer our congratulations and wish him well.

Our congratulations and thanks go out to all of the service men and women who served our country in DESERT STORM! They have made military history. It is too bad that our offensive in Iraq was halted, thus allowing the encircled enemy to escape with their arms and equipment. Obviously this was not a military decision!

—Win Curley '41

GREATER HOUSTON

Greetings to our fellow members of the Long Gray Line from the Lone Star State and the WPS of Greater Houston. During May the society had the pleasure and privilege of acting as host to the WP Rugby Team for the national championship in Houston. During their stay we provided hotel accommodations and held a reception for the coaches and cadets. During the tournament **Dr. Tom Parr** '67 served as the "on call medical doctor", while **Bill York** '81, **Randy Pais** '67 and **Joe Cantu** '80 acted as trip coordinators and finance chairmen.

On 17 May the society had its first "WPS Golf Scramble Outing" at the Weston Lakes Country Club. The tournament and luncheon which followed were sponsored by **Joe Cantu**. Prizes were awarded to **Ted Bennett** '70 for the longest drive, **Bob Wayne** '46 for the closest to the pin and the low team score went to **Bob Pine** '45, **Bob Wayne** '46, **Joe Higgins** and **Jeff Manley** '78.

Two of the newest members of the society are **Rohlf "Buck" Shaffer** '61 and **Shawn Weidmann** '85. Buck and wife Peggy are residents of Kingwood and have three married daughters and two grandchildren. Shawn, who lives in Katy, TX with wife Maria and son Colin, is an engineer with M. W. Kellogg. Shawn has been designated a Military Academy liaison officer and will work for the Admissions Office with our other Houston MALO's. We have had great success with our efforts in this area and are glad to have Shawn working with us.

On 8 Jun the society held its "New Cadet Picnic" for those young men and women receiving appointments, prep school offers and AOG scholarships. The picnic was held at the Woodlands and honored approximately 30 future "Long Gray Liners."

Two of the society's astronauts are scheduled for launching shortly. **Jim Adamson** '69 is scheduled for a lift off on STS-43 on 25 Jul, and **Sam Gemar** '79 is scheduled for a lift off on STS-48 on 12 Sep. We wish them "God speed."

The society's Jun luncheon was held jointly with the US Merchant Marine Academy. Our speaker was CPT Warren G. Leback USMMA '44, who gave an excellent talk. One of the youngest of Houston's favorite sons, LT **F. Lee "Doug" Duggan** '90 of the Big Red One, has returned from Desert Storm for a short vacation before returning to Ft. Riley. Doug's father, Judge Lee Duggan, is a past president of the Houston Parents Club.

Salvatore "Sal" Manzo '39 continues to serve the City of Houston. He is currently director of Business Development and Financing with the Greater Houston partnership, serves as an independent general partner of Equus Capital Partners, L.P. and is a director of our Houston Society. As a writer he has just had an article entitled "Business Plans: Do or Die" published in the May issue of *DBA Magazine*.

Our society meets at noon every 2d Thursday at Brennans in Houston with **Roger Balog** '69, the pres, in command. We normally have a cadre of about thirty, an excellent and provocative speaker and LOTS OF CAMARADERIE. We welcome any grads in the area to join us. BEAT NAVY!

—Robert E. Lee '45

SOUTH TEXAS

The Cadet Parents Club hosted a picnic at the USAA picnic area on Sat, 8 Jun to honor new cadets entering the Academy from this region as part of the Class of '95. The affair was well attended by parents, potential new cadets, those selected for the USMA Prep School and cadets home on leave. Of many spontaneous speakers, the highlight was a cadet's father who explained in detail why WP provided the best undergraduate education in the country.

On Fri, 14 Jun, the S TX Society held a luncheon at Los Patios, an impressive site composed of three indoor-outdoor restaurants in a tropical country setting on the manicured banks of Salado Creek.

The remainder of this article will partially explain why we have six hundred or so members in the WPSSTX:

Our area contains approximately 52,000 square miles, stretching from north of Austin south some 350 miles to the Rio Grande border. The heart of this area is San Antonio, chosen nationally several times in the past decade as "an All-American city."

San Antonio is a primary tourist destination in the state of TX. Of perhaps more importance to us is the fact that the community is highly supportive of the military and calls itself "a military city." The metropolitan complex has a population close to one million and is the home of one major Army post and four Air Force bases:

Ft Sam Houston houses the Fifth US Army with its offices in the exterior walls of the historic quadrangle which resembles an old cavalry fort. The dominant tower in the center once served as a jail for the famous Indian leader Geronimo. Presently Ft Sam acts as the heart of the Army's medical efforts carried out by the Health Svcs Cmd, a training stop for almost all medical personnel in both the active Army and the Reserve Forces. Brooke General Hospital dominates the skyline and includes the most advanced burn treatment unit in the world. A few hundred yards away from Brooke, however, bulldozers already have started work on the site for a new hospital.

Lackland AFB is the Air Force's premier basic training facility, with monolithic and futuristic recruit barracks spread well apart on a vast plain. Lackland also houses a large general hospital, Wilford Hall, in an impressive skyscraper. The smaller Brooks AFB houses the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, so Lackland and Brooks together constitute the AF medical equivalent of Ft Sam Houston.

Kelly AFB, adjacent to Lackland, contains giant runways and the sprawling San Antonio Air Logistics Cntr, a major aircraft maintenance organization that provides employment to many San Antonians. The fourth AF base, just outside the city limits, is Randolph. Famous during WWII for the training of Air Cadets, it continues to serve as a hub for training USAF pilots.

—Wes Jones '52

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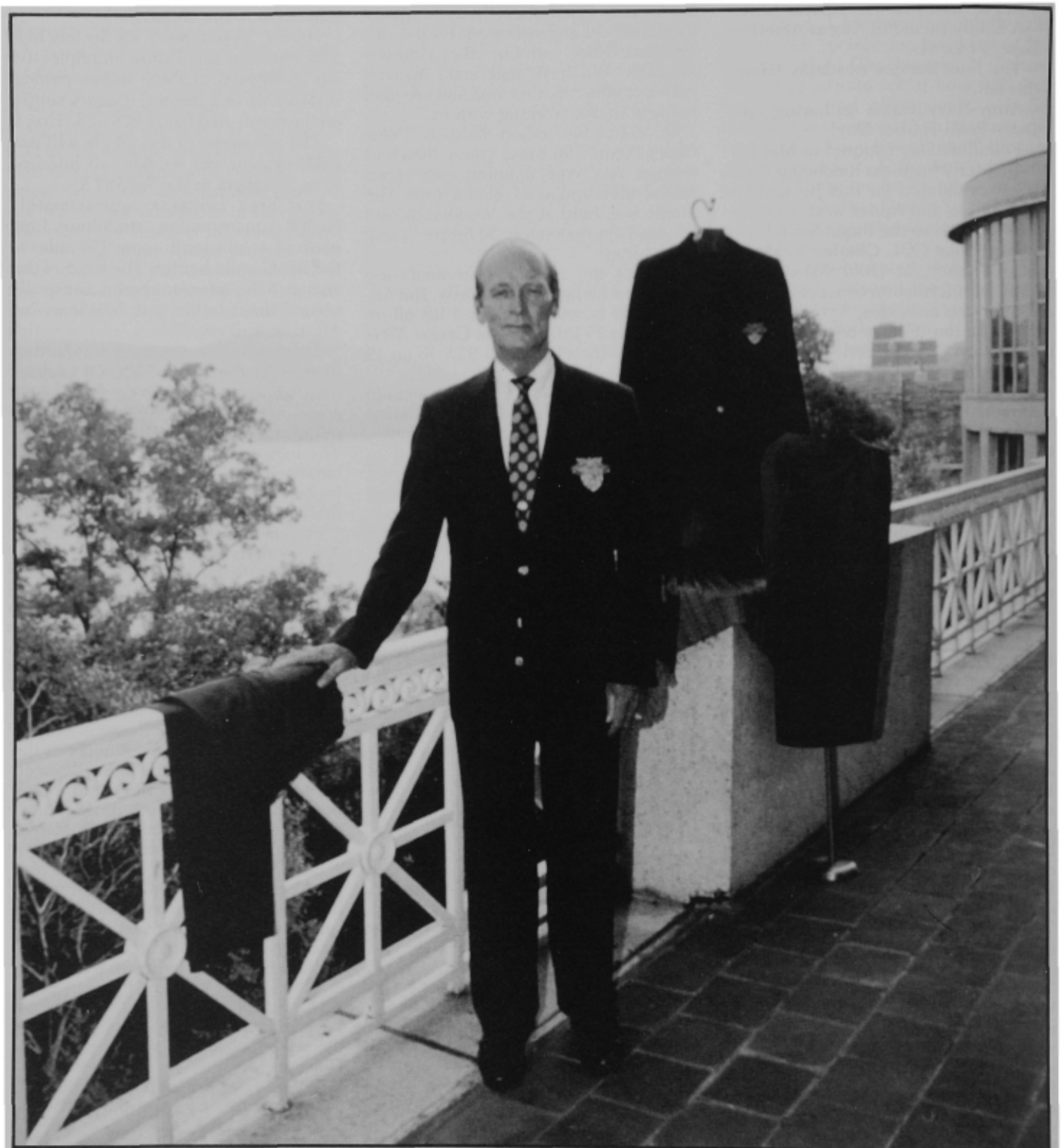

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Grant Aid: Business Help for West Point

This year corporations, foundations, and local businesses provided 41% of the contributions to the West Point Fund. Table 1 compares donations received during this fiscal year (1 April 1990–31 March 1991) with support given during the past two years.

West Point received a total of $1,909,276 from these sources. While there was a decrease of $44,482 from last year's total of $1,953,758, this modest 2.3% decline is considered good news in view of the current recession. Gifts from corporations and foundations significantly enhanced the quality of the West Point experience.

MATCHING GIFTS: Over 1,000 companies match their employees' contributions to educational institutions. This year 665 of our graduates and friends took advantage of this program, resulting in an additional $169,130 to the West Point Fund. Table 2 recognizes those companies that contributed to the Military Academy's margin of excellence.

The Association of Graduates has a computer system with the ability to track graduates who work for companies which match donations. This information is included in the annual appeal to remind the individual of the program's availability. When the donor returns a contribution to West Point along with the corporation's qualifying form, the AOG will validate it and return it to the company. Some companies have programs which will match up to four times the original donations.

GRANTS: FY'91 was another great year for grants due in large part to several corporations and foundations. AT&T Foundation provided computer equipment again this year for academic computing. The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science received grants of equipment and software from Viewlogic Systems, Inc. and Hewlett-Packard. The Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering received software from Synercom Technology, Inc. The John M. Olin Foundation provided a grant for the Olin Lecture Series in National Security Studies. Table 3 lists the grants for this fiscal year.

LOCAL BUSINESSES: Continuing a program that began three years ago, once again 339 local businesses were solicited. Table 4 lists those regional businesses that are helping West Point.

Corporations and foundations play a large role in supporting West Point and its programs. This is accomplished through graduates and friends who help the Association of Graduates obtain support from these sources. If you can assist, call Colonel Robert Strati(Ret) at 914-446-5773 or Lieutenant Colonel Charles Shaw (Ret) at 914-446-7177.

Table 1
Total Corporation Foundation Support Comparison

Matching Gifts	No. of Gifts	Amount Received
FY'89	666	$ 148,423
FY'90	675	$ 155,431
FY'91	665	$ 169,130
Grants		
FY'89	24	$1,412,081
FY'90	18	$1,792,222
FY'91	14	$1,734,246
Local Businesses		
FY'89	31	$ 5,670
FY'90	41	$ 6,105
FY'91	41	$ 5,900

Table 2
Matching Gift Program Contributions of $1,000 or More

Corporation/Foundation Name	No. of Gifts	Amount Received
AT&T Foundation	13	$ 1,755
Boeing Company	10	$ 1,200
Boston Edison Foundation	1	$ 1,000
Burson-Marteller	1	$ 1,000
Certainteed Corporation	2	$ 2,800
CIGNA Corporation	8	$ 1,560
Corning Glass Works Foundation	5	$ 1,585
Dun & Bradstreet Corporation	3	$ 1,300
Empire City Subway Company	1	$ 1,500
Equitable Life Assurance Soc.	2	$ 2,354
Exxon Education Foundation	17	$10,200
Firestone Tire & Rubber Company	3	$ 2,100
First Interstate Bank of WA	1	$ 1,000
FMC Corporation	12	$ 3,735
Ford Motor Company	20	$ 4,519
General Dynamics Corporation	13	$ 3,400
General Electric Foundation	15	$ 3,005
General Motors Corporation	6	$ 2,100
Grace Foundation, Inc.	5	$ 2,175
GTE Corporation	10	$ 3,600
John Hancock Mutual Life Ins.	1	$ 1,000
IBM Corporation	48	$15,568
ITT Corporation	3	$ 2,200
James River Corporation	2	$ 2,500
Martin Marietta Corporation	18	$ 3,770
McDonnell Douglas Foundation	3	$ 2,700
Merrill Lynch & Company	8	$ 1,200
MITRE Corporation	7	$ 4,200
Mobil Foundation, Inc.	9	$ 2,350
Morrison-Knudsen, Inc.	6	$ 1,300
Outboard Marine Corporation	1	$ 5,000
Pfizer, Inc.	7	$ 1,700
Philip Morris, Inc.	1	$ 1,000
Phillips Petroleum Fdn, Inc.	5	$ 2,200
Procter & Gamble Fund	14	$ 2,417
Puget Sound Power & Light Company	2	$ 1,000
Reader's Digest Foundation, Inc.	3	$ 1,400
Security Pacific Foundation	5	$ 1,415
Sun Company, Inc.	3	$ 2,600
Technical Operations, Inc.	1	$ 1,000
Teledyne Industries, Inc.	5	$ 1,170
Texaco Philanthropic Foundation	5	$ 3,600
Thiokol Corporation	3	$ 2,500
Transco Energy Company	3	$ 3,750
TRW Foundation	10	$ 2,040
United Technologies Corporation	11	$ 1,400
USAA	7	$ 1,625

Table 3
FY '91 Grants
Contributions of $1,000 or More

Corporation/Foundation Name	Amount Received	Purpose
AT&T Foundation	$555,580	Cadet Education & FDRF*
Viewlogic	536,200	Cadet Education & FDRF*
John M. Olin Foundation	170,000	Olin Lecture Series
Synercom Technology	150,000	Cadet Education & FDRF*
Hewlett-Packard Company	113,600	Cadet Education & FDRF*
USAA	86,500	Equestrian Endowment & Flight Project
Lifefitness, Inc.	58,093	Class of 1962 Gym Project
DUSA, West Point Chapter	34,000	WPF Accounts
United Technologies Corporation	10,000	Cadet Education
University Microfilms	8,319	FDRF (Faulkner Concordance)
Raytheon Company	5,000	Cadet Education
Tektronix, Inc.	3,003	Cadet Education & FDRF*
Robert E. Wood Foundation	3,000	Cadet Education
Pfizer, Inc.	1,500	Debate Team Endowment

*FDRF Faculty Development & Research Fund

Table 4
Donations of $100 or More From West Point Area Businesses

Local Businesses	Amount Received		
Armed Forces Co-Operative Ins.	$1,000	Charles B. Merrill Supplies	$ 100
Army National Bank	$ 200	News of the Highlands, Inc.	$ 600
B C & M Pontiac, Inc.	$ 100	Palisades Motel	$ 100
Fairway Testing Co., Inc.	$ 150	Phil & Neal's Restaurant	$ 100
Geis Auto Mall	$ 100	P & P Quick Copying	$ 100
Highland Falls Federal Savings	$ 100	Prim-Con Construction Corporation	$ 100
Hindley Chevrolet, Inc.	$ 100	Ramada Inn of Newburgh	$ 100
Wm. F. Hogan Funeral Home	$ 100	Schade's Restaurant	$ 250
Julian Engraving	$ 100	Suffern Executive Park Hotel	$ 250
Roy C. Knapp & Sons	$ 100	Uncle Chu's Chinese Restaurant	$ 100
Kopald & Kopald	$ 100	USAA	$ 100
L. G. Balfour Company, Inc.	$ 100	Vasily's Souvenir Shop	$ 100
G. A. Logan & Sons, Inc.	$1,000	West Point Federal Credit Union	$ 250
Marine Midland Bank	$ 100	West Point Tours, Inc.	$ 100

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Annual Giving Program Donors

This article salutes all donors to our recently completed Annual Giving Program for the period 1 April 1990–31 March 1991. A more comprehensive report on other aspects of the West Point Fund program will appear in the November 1991 issue of this magazine. For this recently completed fiscal year (1 Apr 90–31 Mar 91), there were 11,001 donations by 8,403 individual, corporate, and foundation donors totaling $3,910,552. These donations support a wide variety of programs and projects which enhance the cadet experience and the Military Academy. Additionally, they assist the Association of Graduates in its effort to further the mission of West Point. A four year comparison reflecting contributions to the West Point Fund (all categories except planned giving) is shown at Table 1.

Table 1
Annual Giving Program Comparison

	No. of Donations	Dollars Received
1991	11,001	$3,910,552
1990	11,109	$3,710,684
1989	11,556	$3,326,229
1988	11,282	$2,204,261

Table 2 details FY '91 giving activity by category of donor. These data reflect a participation rate of 19.5% of all graduates solicited.

Table 3 reflects levels of giving for FY '91. The mean value of all donor giving in FY '91 was $465.37, compared to $418.06 in FY '90.

Table 4 is a listing of individual donors of $250 or more during this past year. Included are five donors who initiated life income plans. (Corporation and Foundation donors are shown in the accompanying article.) A special thanks is extended to these individuals and to all individuals who contributed to the West Point Fund this past year. Your confidence in the program of the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates is greatly appreciated.

Table 2
FY '91 *Category of Givers*

	No. of Donors	Dollars Received
Graduates	6,243	$1,655,734
Widows	378	$ 41,038
Parents	742	$ 65,675
Friends	709	$ 149,432
Corporations/ Foundations	96	$1,829,543
Matching Company Gifts	235	$ 169,130
Total	8,403	$3,910,552

Table 3
Frequency of Level of Giving
FY '91

	No. of Donors	Dollars Received
Under $25	751	$ 10,749
$25–$49	1,442	$ 38,782
$50–$99	2,485	$ 131,964
$100–$249	2,685	$ 341,098
$250–$499	424	$ 128,423
$500–$999	309	$ 172,876
$1,000–$4,999	250	$ 416,667
$5,000–Over	57	$2,669,993
Total	8,403	$3,910,552

Table 4
Individual Donors of $250 or More
 # Initiated Life Income Plan, ! Bequest Received, + matching gift applied to total, *1,000–$4,999, **$5,000–$9,999, *$10,000–Above**

Jun 1918
Mrs. Lucius D. Clay
!Robert T. Foster*
Ernest W. Gruhn
Mrs. William Weston*
Nov 1918
Edwin B. Fitzpatrick**
Robert A. Schow***
!Mrs. Francis B. Valentine***
1919
Syril E. Faine
1920
William C. Coe*
1922
Ferdinand Kramer*
William S. Lawton
Myron Leedy
!Mark McClure **
Mrs. Maxwell D. Taylor*
Hilbert M. Wittkop***
1923
Mrs. Eugene Harrison
!Frederick T. Manross**
Mrs. Raymond Stone
Mrs. Frank E. Wilder
1924
Clyde D. Eddleman
Robert C. S. Finlay*
Walter D. Merrill
Charles D. Palmer
1925
Mrs. Harry W. Crandall
Mrs. Finis E. Dunaway
John H. McCormick*
1926
!Paul J. Black
#William J. Deyo***
1927
#Raymond E. Bell***
Mrs. Jeremiah P. Holland
Harold S. Isaacson
George E. Martin
Alex N. Williams
1928
+Howard G. Bunker
Luke W. Finlay*
August W. Kissner
Walter Simon*
Duncan S. Somerville*
David W. Traub*
1929
!Mrs. Indel L. Caraway***
Mrs. Robert E. Chandler
Daniel C. Doubleday
Thomas J. Dubose*
John E. Kirkpatrick***
Mrs. Robert G. H. Meyer
!Mrs. William L. Nave*
Samuel F. Silver
+Paul W. Thompson*
Mrs. Edwin M. Van Bibber*
1930
!Mrs. Truman W. Carrithers*
John S. Guthrie
Daniel R. Taylor
1931
John J. Davis*
Mrs. Leonard D. Henry
Richard H. Lane
Kenneth A. McCrimmon***
Theodore W. Parker
Mrs. Tom V. Stayton
Mrs. John B. Sullivan*
William R. Woodward
1932
Mrs. Byram A. Bunch
Daniel S. Campbell
James W. Coutts
David P. Schorr
Frederick R. Young
1933
Joseph E. Bastion
James O. Boswell*
Graydon C. Essman
William J. Given**
Rodney C. Gott*
John T. Honeycutt
Oren E. Hurlbut
+Richard D. Meyer*
Royal Reynolds
Waldemar J. Thinnes
Frank J. Zeller*
1934
#Austin W. Betts***
Kenneth A. Cunin
Mrs. William J. Himes*
Robert C. Kyser*
Walter J. Renfroe
Curtis D. Sluman
Paul L. Turner
1935
!James D. Alger***
Willis F. Chapman
1936
Chester V. Clifton
Gilbert M. Dorland
Oliver G. Haywood*
William W. Jones
James E. Landrum*
William D. Milne
Howard P. Persons*
Frank E. Shea*
+William C. Westmoreland*
1937
Frank W. Andrews
Charles G. Dannelly*
James H. Drum
Mrs. Meyer A. Edwards*
Richard W. Fellows
Mrs. Joseph G. Focht
+Richard H. Hackford
Chester L. Johnson
Rene Lopez-Duprey*
Leroy Lutes
Charles S. O'Malley
Augustin M. Prentiss
John D. Stevenson
John H. Van Vliet
1938
Ferdinand J. Chesarek
Ole W. Danielson*
Tracy B. Harrington
Charles L. Jackson
John R. Jannarone
Lloyd E. Johnson*
Walter E. Lotz*
John B. Pattison
Douglas C. Polhamus
Merton Singer
Ben Sternberg
+Hugh D. Wallace
1939
Milton B. Adams
John E. Beier**
Carl A. Buechner
Richard D. Curtin
Michael S. Davison
John W. Dobson
Andrew J. Goodpaster*
Sal E. Manzo
Ernest B. Maxwell
John L. McCoy
John H. Meyer
Robert J. Rogers*
John S. Samuel
Philip R. Seaver
Joel F. Thomason*
James W. Wilson
George W. R. Zethren
1940
Donald H. Baumer
James B. Bonham
George F. Dixon
Kermit R. Dyke
Edward A. Flanders
Harry A. French
Alan E. Gee
Gilford D. Green
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Manley C. Perry
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Harry C. Harvey
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James A. Vivian
John H. Westenhoff
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1944

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Mrs. Robert W. Conant
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Walter A. Guild
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Walter R. Harris
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Joseph Carlton Petrone
Joseph R. Shelton
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Robert R. Wessels
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1945

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+William J. Bowen*
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Earl D. Bruton
Harold E. Curry*
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Vergil C. Givens
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J. Robert Harman
Randolph C. Heard
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!Richard I. Kothrade*
+John B. MacWherter
Nikitas C. Manitsas
+Edward J. Mason*
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#Col & Mrs. Veron W. Pinkey***
E. Norwood Robinson*
!Mrs. Rayburn L. Smith***

1946

Grover W. Asmus
Hale Baugh
+William C. Bishop*
David W. Brillhart
John C. Burney*
Corbin J. Davis
John F. Donahue
Gerald S. Epstein***
+Francis G. Gosling
Frederick L. Hafer
+James K. Hoey
James D. Hughes*
+Arthur W. Jank
+Joseph A. Jansen
Jack W. Kopald
Robert E. Kren*
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Benjamin R. McBride
John C. McWhorter
John E. Molchan
Arthur R. Moore
Leon B. Musser
Roger H. Nye*
George C. Silides
Roy G. Simkins
Oliver D. Street
Elbert M. Stringer*
Robert K. Swab
Max M. Ulrich
Joe H. Warren
+Marvin S. Weinstein
Robert M. Williams*

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Bernard W. Abrams**
Forest W. Crowe*
Robert B. Griffith
Graham G. Kent**
Thomas V. Monahan
+John Novomesky
Thomas E. Rogers**
Stewart M. Vockel*
Meade D. Wildrick

1948

Reuben L. Anderson
+Joel D. Aron***
Russell C. Ball*
Raymond O. Barton*
Thomas R. Clark*
Benjamin W. Eakins
Eugene P. Forrester
Mrs. John B. Hughes
Samuel F. Hurt*
+Gaylord MacCartney
John C. Pickering
Evan W. Rosencrans
William Y. Smith*
Donald B. Swenholt
+Stanley E. Thevenet*
James G. Tuthill*
John K. Withers*
+Charles A. Wurster**

1949

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Charles E. Cheever
Leon L. De Correvont
Ralph E. Dougherty
Robert B. Ennis
+Alfred E. Fagg
Jack D. Finley*
Jack W. Gillette
Albert H. Goering*
John A. Hammack*
James V. Hartinger
John H. Hastings
+Edward B. Howard
Donald R. Keith*
+Charles W. Kessler
Kenneth A. Main
Robert L. Makinney
Edwin S. Marks*
+Robert T. Marsh**
+James M. Neil
Robert M. Pfeiffer
John L. Rust
Henry B. Sheets*
Wayne C. Smith*
+Joseph J. Thompson

1950

John J. Baughan
+Frank Borman**
David H. Cameron
+Albert B. Crawford
William D. Davis
I. Robert Ehrlich
+William R. Henn
Morris J. Herbert
+John G. Jones*
Robert T. Luckese*
Kenneth L. Moll
+Blair A. Ross*
Allan P. Scholl
Sidney R. Steele
Thomas H. Tullidge*
Jerome N. Waldor
Jack R. Wheatley**

1951

Peyton E. Cook
Anthony J. Delano*
Samuel T. Dickens
Lee E. Duke
Charles B. Ewing**
Harry A. Jackson
Alan A. Lichtenberg**
Thomas H. McMullen
+Edward C. Meyer**
Fred R. Miller
Ernest D. Peixotto
+George P. Psihas*
+Roscoe Robinson*
+Herbert Roth**
William W. Schooley*
Howard M. Steele
Absalom T. Webber, Jr

1952

John L. Baldner
Robert M. Blaik***
Thomas F. Cole
Thomas E. Courant
Joseph A. Hannan
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The Class Giving Directorate was established in the Development Office of the AOG in 1991 as part of a long-range plan approved by the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates. The plan foresees the need for private funding to continue and, most probably, accelerate in the future. Class Giving was determined to be an area where increased fund-raising emphasis might find relatively rapid success.

The Class Giving staff seeks to match class giving potential with Military Academy and Association of Graduates' approved requirements for private funds, thereby sustaining a margin of excellence for the Military Academy, the Corps of Cadets and their programs. The staff receives project definition from the Military Academy Director of Academy Advancement, coordinates with the class officers to insure that the opportunities for class giving are understood, assists the class in selecting a project, provides consultative and administrative help in support of class fund-raising efforts, and assists the class in executing its gift.

The Class Giving Directorate is staffed by a director and an administrative assistant.

Lieutenant Colonel **Michael W. Mahan**, USA (Ret), Class of 1970, joined the Association staff in April as the director of Class Giving. Colonel Mahan's military career included infantry assignments in Europe and the United States. He also spent two tours of duty on the USMA faculty as an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and as the cadet rugby coach. Colonel Mahan has a master's degree in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He, his wife Dottie and son Matt will reside in Cornwall, NY.

Miss **Sandra Servedio**, a life-long resident of nearby Fort Montgomery was appointed administrative assistant in April. Miss Servedio served as an assistant for Annual Giving in the Development Department since November 1989 prior to accepting her current position. She earned an associate's degree in marketing and management from the Berkeley Business College in White Plains, NY in 1988 and is currently attending Rockland County Community College in Suffern, NY.

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Years of Affirmation and Change at USMA: 1986–1991

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

Editor's Note: readers of Assembly *have been kept informed over the past several years of the initiatives and new programs at USMA as they evolved. These have been discussed in the letters of the Superintendent; the reports of the Dean, Commandant, and DIA; and in a number of feature articles. However, this review by Colonel Donnithorne provides an excellent, comprehensive summary of the recent changes at USMA and the rationale for them.*

The change of Superintendents at West Point in July 1991 provided an opportunity for alumni to reflect upon the changes made in their alma mater in recent years. The decade of the 1980s brought a period of calm to the Military Academy and an opportunity to plan for its third century. The theme for those years of future planning was stated at the beginning by the Superintendent, LTG Dave R. Palmer, who said,

> "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."

To understand why the leaders at West Point initiated review and change in the mid-1980s, one must understand something of what West Point had been through in the preceding two or three decades. Those years had brought major trauma for both the nation in general and USMA in particular. In the nation, the Vietnam War and its broad, anti-military sentiments had created a hostile environment for the Academy—and for its current and prospective students, as well as for its graduates. The nation's rising sense of litigiousness contributed to pressures on the Honor System to protect due process rights of accused cadets, and it led to a successful court challenge of the Academy's requirement that cadets attend chapel services. The national domestic scene was poisoned by racial upheaval, drug abuse, and violence. Internally, the size of the Corps of

Cadets had nearly doubled. In accommodating the increase, the fundamental design of the dormitory facilities shifted in character, changing the sociological patterns of cadets. Further changing those patterns, women cadets were assimilated into the Corps of Cadets for the first time. Finally, a major honor scandal erupted in the midst of a pervasive breakdown of morale in the Corps of Cadets.

The latter crisis was the final blow of an era which General Palmer often described as the storm that nearly sank the ship called West Point. To continue his metaphor, one could say that the ship did not sink, but it came through the storm badly in need of repairs. These sizable tasks—saving and repairing the ship—fell to Generals Andrew Goodpaster (1977–81) and Willard Scott (1981–86). Their successful efforts prepared the ship to set sail once again. But, on what course? Given the tranquil seas in which General Palmer found the ship when he arrived, he saw an opportunity to chart the ship's future course.

General Palmer's initial efforts were relatively informal attempts to ask and answer fundamental questions. These questions, though simple in form, were profound in substance:

Why does America have USMA?

What does USMA do to fulfill its purpose?

How does USMA accomplish its mission?

Answers to these questions were to form the nucleus of the Academy's strategic guidance for the future; however, the process of developing the strategic guidance was eventually recognized as only Stage One of the three major stages which would comprise the entire project. Stage Two consisted of performing several major introspective self-studies based upon the strategic guidance developed in Stage One. Stage Three consisted of efforts to implement the changes decided upon during Stage Two.

Stage One—The Strategic Guidance

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

The keystone of the strategic guidance was the answer to the first question above, "Why West Point?" To answer the question, USMA leaders had to begin by asking why America founded West Point nearly two centuries ago and why it continues to sustain it. The founders of West Point were clearly concerned about external threats to the nation's well-being, but they were likewise concerned by the internal threats posed by standing armies. One concludes, with some surprise, that the United States President and Congress did *not* found West Point primarily to promote military power in the United States as much as to *protect* the nation from the dangers of placing military power in unreliable hands. And, it seems, almost two centuries later, that this is still the nation's expectation. What the nation wants West Point to do is summarized in USMA's Statement of Purpose—"to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense."

Adopted in 1987, the purpose statement answered the question, "Why does America have West Point?" That answer is unchanging over time; it spans all of the Academy's varied history. What does change is *what* the Academy does to fulfill its purpose. This is the question of mission, and it can change. The Academy has operated in a wide variety of ways, including 2-year and 5-year programs. It had for a time the mission of

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commissioning officers in both the Army and Air Force. A revised mission statement was approved and signed by the Army's Chief of Staff, General John Wickham, in May 1987.

Having considered why West Point exists and what it does to fulfill its purpose, it was equally important to look outside to the future needs of the Army and the nation. To capture those implications, USMA's leaders formulated a concept paper titled *The Army Leader of the 21st Century*. The paper was organized into three categories—what leaders must *be*, *know*, and *do*. What leaders must *be* addresses character—having the judgment to know what ought to be done and the courage to do it. What leaders must *know* has two sub-elements: leaders must know the physical world because of the technological sophistication of future weaponry; and they must *know* human nature because it will still be humans, not machines, that they will lead. What leaders must *do* is multifaceted, beginning with the need to balance accomplishing the mission with meeting the needs of subordinates.

In its final form, the strategic guidance consisted of nine, one-page, concept papers which together described how the Academy fulfills its purpose and achieves its mission, serving the Army's needs through three identifiable developmental programs of activities—academic, military, and physical—each encompassing moral development. (For the text of the Strategic Guidance, see *Assembly*, Nov 90).

Stage Two—Introspective Self-studies

The strategic guidance took about a year to complete. The next stage required another two years to complete. In Stage Two, USMA undertook a large number of introspective self-study projects. The objective in every case was to reaffirm those strengths of the institution which appeared to be taking USMA in the desired direction and to correct the weaknesses which were not. The outcomes of many of these studies comprise the remainder of this report.

The centerpiece study of the many Stage Two efforts began in the fall of 1987 when USMA began preparing for an impending decennial accreditation visit in 1989 by its accrediting agency. The accrediting body required a self-study prior to the visit, so USMA formed a steering committee under the leadership of Colonel Jim Golden, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, to plan and execute the self-study. As it was organized, the Academy had just completed its initial version of the strategic guidance, described above. The timing was perfect to shape the impending institutional self-study into a thorough, top-to-bottom, institutional assessment, using the strategic guidance as

the measure of whether or not the Academy was on course.

The steering committee organized eight subcommittees to consider issues within the following categories: leader development program coordination, cadet life, academic program, military program, physical program, faculty and teaching, the master's degree program, and outcomes assessment. The final report addressed the strengths and weaknesses within each area. The strengths were aspects of the Academy to be consolidated and reaffirmed; the weaknesses were aspects for further study and reform.

At the conclusion of the accreditation visit, the team leader, Dr. Richard Richardson, said the Academy's self-study was the best in terms of its openness, collegiality, and candidness that he had seen in almost 20 years of conducting such visits. The Academy's accreditation was renewed as expected, but the greater good was the reaffirmation of the Academy's numerous strengths and the initiation of changes to overcome its weaknesses.

The group of studies discussed next affected more than one cadet developmental program.

Office of Leader Development Integration

The strategic guidance reaffirmed that the cadet experience consists of three separate and identifiable "programs" of activities—academic, military, and physical—and that each of these programs has separate program proponents, or managers. But, from this reaffirmation, new questions emerged. Who is responsible for making sure the three programs fit together in a coherent way, that they are "integrated?" How should that responsibility be fulfilled? These were the questions posed to a committee headed by then-Colonel Howard Prince in 1987.

The Prince committee, after wrestling with a variety of organizational alternatives for managing leader development at USMA, reaffirmed that *all* cadet programs and activities are intended ultimately to contribute to one objective—leader development. Thus, no single position subordinate to the Superintendent can encompass responsibility for leader development at USMA—not the Commandant, nor the Dean, nor any new organizational entity that the Prince committee could recommend.

The committee finally concluded the best response would be a small office with a tenured head to provide the Superintendent direct staff assistance on the issues of program integration. Such an office was formed in the spring of 1988, named the Office of Leader Development Integration (O/LDI), with Colonel Will Wilson as acting director. The permanent director, Colonel H. Steven Hammond, began his duties in 1989.

The first action presented to Colonel Wilson was an ideal issue to illustrate the need for program integration—redesigning the cadet experience.

Redesign of the Cadet Experience (Enrichment)

One of the glaring weaknesses identified during the accreditation self-study was the accumulation of excessive demands upon cadets, demands which exceeded the ability of cadets to complete them at the level of quality capable. The study determined that the Academy expected more than 80 hours of duty time per week. Because cadets cannot spend that much time on duty requirements, they must curtail their performance somewhere else. The area in which they had typically done so was the academic program. Excessive demands on cadets was not a new problem—criticisms of this kind had been directed at the Academy frequently during the past 30 years and, in fact, were traceable back 160 years.

In the spring of 1989, faced with the conclusions of the institution's own self-study, the Superintendent declared that it was time to solve the problem. He organized a task force headed by the acting O/LDI, Colonel Will Wilson, to develop a fresh design of the cadet experience, one in which the demands upon cadets would be reorganized so as to balance quality among all three programs. In the new model the level of quality in the physical and military programs would be maintained, and that of the academic program would be enhanced.

The initial approach in redesigning the cadet experience was to define within each program the activities mandatory for graduation. These would constitute the "baseline" cadet experience. In each

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program the future baseline would be less than had been required previously.

Project Enrichment also reorganized the typical cadet year. A two-week block of time, called an intersession, was inserted between the two academic terms each year; thus, the first two weeks after Christmas leave were designated a Military Intersession and included concentrated instruction in military science and physical education. Graduation exercises were shifted to a later date in May or early June. In addition, the 3rd and 4th summers of the typical cadet experience were enhanced by adding periods approximately three weeks in length for elected "enrichment" activities—learning activities supplementary to the baseline requirements. Cadets are required to engage in a summer enrichment activity but free to choose which one.

The results of the enrichment review in the **academic program** were as follows: the core curriculum was retained intact while the study-in-depth component was reduced, resulting in a baseline of 40 academic courses (31 core courses plus 9 electives, totalling 124 credit hours) required for graduation. The military science courses, which previously added to the load during the academic year, were moved into the intersession, resulting in a total load during the academic year of not more than 5 courses per term, unless the cadet elects more. Cadets choosing to major in a discipline complete additional electives and carry a course load of 6 in some terms. Some academic courses are offered in the summer as enrichment opportunities for all cadets, rather than only for cadets who fail earlier course work.

The results of the enrichment review of the **military program** were as follows: the creation of military science electives; intensive focus on military science during the intersession; enhanced credit for military training programs; use of academic instructors in military training, both during intersession and the summer; validation of some requirements for cadets with prior service; the expansion of opportunities to gain military experiences; revision of cadet pass and leave policies to resemble Army policies; revision of mentoring and counseling requirements.

The results of the enrichment review of the **physical program** were as follows: choices of enriched electives for cadets who want to pursue greater development in this area; reduction in number of upperclass courses required; shift of physical testing into summer and intersession; elimination of some testing requirements; shift of some Fourth Class instruction into the summer or intersession period; adoption of some optional intramural sports; credit for intramurals given for participation on club competitive teams; and, opportunities for cadets to gain experiences in Army programs beyond West Point, such as at the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School.

The success of enrichment in reducing the demands upon cadet time and enabling a higher quality of achievement in the academic program remains to be proven over time (the early evidence has been positive), but its potential was advanced substantially.

Academy Schedule

Another attack on the problem of cadets being over-committed was a study of the Academy schedule during the fall of 1986. Cadet time is the coin of the realm at USMA; it is the institution's single scarcest commodity. To help protect cadets from predators, the committee sought a means, NOT to restrict cadets' actions, but rather to impose limits upon those in "green suits" who have authority to require cadets to do things.

An ad hoc committee developed an Academy Schedule to be followed during academic terms. Each block of time available during the typical week is designated by who can demand cadets' time during that block. If the time block is not used by the authorized official, it reverts back to the cadets and to no one else. The Academy Schedule reinstates "lights out" after evening study hours and a mandatory breakfast formation. Saturday morning activities are treated in two ways: on some Saturdays, scheduled activities by the Dean or Commandant are mandatory; while on other Saturdays, the activities are optional and can be made up during the subsequent week.

During the redesign of the cadet experience, making supper optional was considered a means of enabling cadets to get long blocks of uninterrupted study time when needed. Optional supper was tested during AY1989–90 and subsequently adopted. It has proven to be immensely popular with the cadets, and it was recently enhanced by the provision of a drop-in, carry-away sandwich bar which cadets may visit during optional supper hours.

Honor Code and System

During the year 1988–89, USMA focused special attention upon the Honor Code and Honor System, not because of any visible problems but because it had been 12 years since the last intensive review. Three independent review panels were put to work simultaneously. An external group, formally known as the Chief of Staff's Special Commission on the Honor Code and Honor System, included both distinguished Army officers and distinguished civilians from public and private sectors. At the same time, two other committees studied the Code and System: the Cadet Honor Committee and an ad hoc committee of officers and cadets, known as the Honor Actions Committee. By trading ideas throughout the year, each group caused the others to sharpen their thinking.

The commission concluded that the Code "represents a standard of ethical behavior that functions effectively for cadets, to which all American professionals can aspire, and which all citizens should appreciate as a national asset." It is, they said, "an exemplar for all public service." In its final report, the Chief of Staff's Special Commission offered a total of 25 recommendations. As of this report, 22 of the 25 recommendations have been implemented completely and one partially.

The changes served to strengthen the System and cadet support for it, to simplify and streamline procedures, and to strengthen adherence to the non-toleration tenet of the Code. A thrust underlying the changes was emphasis upon the spirit of honorable living—more than the form. Specific changes were described in *Assembly* (October 89).

Graduate-level Academic Program in Leader Development

As USMA's long-standing emphasis upon leader development was formally articulated in the late 1980s, it became clear that the role of the Tactical Officers (Tacs, for short) is that of leader developers. They are the front-line, face-to-face advisors for and administrators of the cadets' development as leaders. They are selected on the basis of successful past performance as company commanders, and while that experience is pertinent, it is not a complete preparation for duties as leader developers.

Graduate preparation of Tacs was not new at USMA, having been initiated in the late 1960s. The new question raised in 1987 was why we expected other universities (to which we sent Tacs) to do a better job of teaching leader development than USMA, an institution committed to leader development as its purpose. The Superintendent tasked the Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership to review the question. Colonel Prince and his associates found that the graduate programs which Tacs had pursued in the past had been only partially successful, and that a graduate program at USMA promised substantial improvement.

The decision was made in the spring of 1988 to implement a test program for four officers during AY1988–89. The following year the program was expanded to 12 students, and has continued at 15 students each year since.

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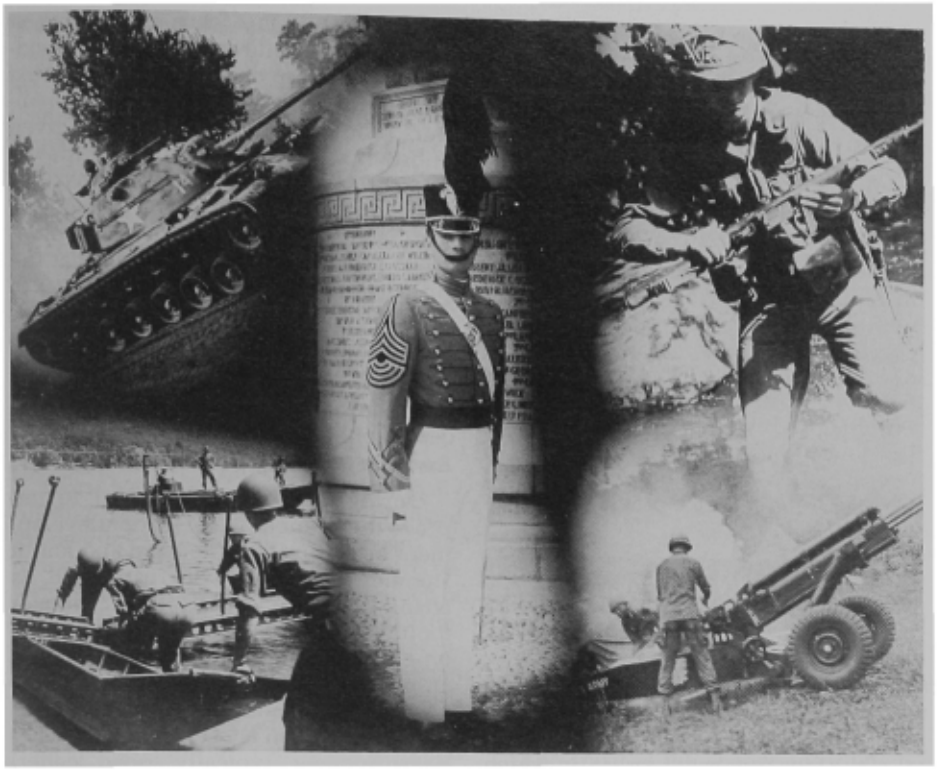

The graduate program requires two years of work. During the first year of three academic terms, the student completes 14 graduate-level academic courses for a total of 42 credit hours. In the second year, the student serves as a tactical officer and completes a supervised practicum, worth six credit hours, for a total of 48 credit hours in the program. The program is academically rigorous, attested by outside experts "to be of a very high caliber and comparable to other Master of Arts degree curricula in the United States." Authority to grant a master's degree to all who complete the program should be provided by Congress this year.

Cadet Evaluation and Order of Merit Determination

The strategic guidance describes a West Point experience of three identifiable dimensions of development—academic, military and physical. Upon review, the weights which determine order of merit for graduation were found out of balance. Academics accounted for about 77%, military development about 20%, and the physical about 3%. These weights did not reflect the amount of cadet effort expended in these programs nor the relative contribution of each program to cadet leader development. Based upon several different, reinforcing approaches, a final weighting of 55% academic, 30% military, and 15% physical was adopted.

Creation of the Performance Enhancement Center

In the fall of 1988, Army's football coach at that time, Jim Young, and one of his team's officer representatives, Colonel Lou Csoka, an experienced psychologist on the USMA staff and faculty, began a collaboration which developed into a substantial investment by the Military Academy in sports psychology.

Colonel Csoka tells the story of hearing Coach Young talking frequently to his football players about the importance of the mental aspect of the game. Csoka became interested in the means of translating the coach's good advice into meaningful practice for the players, using basic psychological frameworks. He supplemented his existing knowledge of sports psychology by further research and proposed a few ideas to the coach. As Young and Csoka worked together first with a few players, and then with more players, the effectiveness of their work was evident. Seeing that success, Colonel Csoka developed a pilot test, which led to the establishment of the Performance Enhancement Center (PEC). Ultimately the objectives for the PEC are to extend its services to all cadets, because the techniques it teaches are applicable to all people who face demanding performance situations—which certainly includes the leaders of U.S. Army units. (See *Assembly*, Nov 90, for further details.)

Admissions Reviews

In the fall of 1987, the Superintendent asked for an external review of the entire Admissions operation because of an approaching demographic decline in eligible candidates. During the winter-spring of 1988, an 11-member panel of distinguished educators gathered at USMA to "evaluate the overall organization of Admissions in terms of its efficiency, effectiveness, and planning for the future." The final report of the panel gave a strong endorsement to the focus and direction of Admissions and the quality of the personnel, but reflected great concern regarding demographics and insufficient resources.

Based on that and a subsequent study, in July 1989 the Policy Board decided to implement several actions: to establish field offices in California and Texas; to increase the use of cadets for recruitment-related activities; to expand use of PSAT searches, minority recruitment, educator visits, etc; and generally to increase the resources devoted to Admissions at the expense of other programs, in the belief that the "seed" with which USMA's developmental programs begin is vital to their success.

The Academic Program

Revision of the Engineering Curriculum

The cadet's academic program contains a core requirement of 31 courses, including the requirement to complete a series of courses in engineering—to enable cadets to gain facility with the engineering thought process. The requirement is satisfied easily by cadets whose major or field of study (FOS) is in engineering. However, those students who pursue a major/FOS in a non-engineering discipline still must satisfy the core engineering requirement.

Prior to this study, the cadets' core curriculum engineering sequences were built upon engineering science courses, the breadth of which made it difficult for cadets to develop the background to enable them to do design analysis, the primary purpose of requiring study of engineering by non-engineers. The USMA curriculum committee proposed to change the 5-course sequence to a coherent set of courses within any one of several branches of engineering. The new sequences enable cadets to gain sufficient technical competence in one field to perform analysis and design, to experience fully the engineering thought process.

In the course of the review it was recognized that an emerging branch of engineering—systems engineering—would be especially useful in meeting the objectives by non-engineers. Up to this point, systems engineering had been taught within the Engineering Department as decision theory. As a result, the change in the engineering curriculum became inter-related with a proposal to add systems engineering to the Academy's offerings. Now the core re-

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quirement for non-engineers is to complete any one of seven sequences, each consisting of five courses in one of the branches of engineering.

The addition of systems engineering raised the question of which department would teach it. The answer could have been one of several existing departments or a new department. By raising the possibility of a new academic department, two other organizational questions were opened.

Departmental Reorganization

With adoption of majors, the organization of the departments which taught engineering and engineering sciences was no longer as functional as before. In addition, the time had come to recognize the emergence of computer science as a field unto itself. In addition, given the growth of the geography program and a new program in environmental engineering, as well as some efforts nationwide to group computer engineering and computer science, a new arrangement of academic departments emerged.

When the dust settled, the number of departments stayed the same by creating two new marriages while breaking apart two old ones. The geography element of G&CS became the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering; the computer science element joined the former Department of Electrical Engineering to become the new Department of Electrial Engineering & Computer Science; the systems engineering element of the former Department of Engineering became the new Department of Systems Engineering; and the civil engineering element of the former Department of Engineering joined the former Department of Mechanics to become the new Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering.

Historical Mindedness

During 1988, a select panel, headed by Brigadier General William A. Stofft (Chief of Military History) assessed the teaching of history at USMA and the degree to which "historical mindedness" was evident in the activities of the Military Academy. USMA offered its own definition of what historical mindedness means: "A characteristic of thought that enables one to view an idea in the context of human experience and to judge its applicability under current or anticipated conditions."

The panel members concluded that "significantly more is being done to instill historical mindedness than we imagined." The report offered especially strong praise for the Department of History and its contributions, such as the ROTC workshop, described as "a national treasure." It cited the Departments of Foreign Languages, Social Sciences, Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, English, and Law as effective contributors, in addition to special programs such as varied lecture series, SCUSA, etc.

Faculty Appointments and Retention

Several policy initiatives were undertaken to improve the faculty's currency with the Army, including the following: curtailment of extensions of normal tours of duty and repeat tours of duty by faculty; formalized policies requiring all Professors, USMA, to undergo a board-level performance review every five years; and, renewed emphasis on the Dean's "re-greening" program for tenured faculty.

Military Program

The Four-year Model of Development

During academic year 1987–88, the Commandant's Office developed a model of the four-year cadet career, in which the first two years are primarily developmental, the next 1 and 1/2 are principally evaluative, and the last 1/2 year is transitional. A formal program was developed, providing checkpoints for cadets toward the end of their second year, third year, and 7th semester. Cadets are evaluated at each checkpoint on a whole-person, comprehensive basis. Those found lacking are designated as cadets of concern for whom a subsequent intensive developmental effort is offered. The last checkpoint is a "go/no go" certification; "go" means that the cadet is assured of graduating on time so long as he or she does not "self-destruct" during the final transition period (with those few who do being delayed in graduating or separated). Cadets who receive a final "no-go" are confirmed by a Certification Review Board and by the USMA Academic Board, then identified to Department of Army as cadets who are not expected to graduate the following May.

Summer Training Initiatives

In the summer of 1987, the Commandant's staff reviewed the purpose of Cadet Field Training and concluded that its principal goals were: (1) to provide a leader development experience for the upperclass cadets; (2) to give third class cadets a cohesion experience, to find out that the Army's fun, to get to know each other, to play as well as work, and to develop class unity; (3) to familiarize yearlings with the branches of the Army; and (4) to develop military qualification skills to a level required for commissioning.

As a result, the focus of training at Buckner was redirected toward providing a leadership opportunity for the first class (and later second class) cadre members. The upperclass cadets were given substantially increased opportunities to present instruction, accepting that any diminution in quality of training was justified by the gain in their development as leaders. The principle that the primary purpose of summer training is to provide a leader development experience to the upperclass cadre was subsequently extended also to the training in Cadet Basic Training (Beast Barracks).

Summer Training Sequence

During AY1987–88, in order to improve the sequencing of leader development opportunities, the third and fourth summers of training were rearranged. As changed, every cadet's third summer includes a non-commissioned-officer-type experience; and the fourth summer, an officer-type experience. The change was accomplished by sending second class cadets to an NCO position either at Beast/Buckner (typically squad leader) or in Drill Cadet Leader Training (joining NCOs in an Army basic training cadre). First class cadets are sent to an officer position either at Beast/Buckner or in Cadet Troop Training (serving as a platoon leader in an active Army unit). Assignment of cadets is coordinated so that each cadet in his third and fourth summers serves once on a West Point cadre detail and once with the Army away from West Point. These changes make the summer training assignments consistent with the leadership duties each cadet performs during the following academic year, thus providing a coherent progression of leadership responsibilities for each cadet.

In their details as NCOs or officers on the cadre at Beast and Buckner, first and second class cadets are given a much increased role in conducting the training of the third and fourth classes. Previously, training was conducted primarily by members of the Army units which assisted USMA with the summer training. The cadet leaders were missing an opportunity to exercise an important leader responsibility, that of training one's subordinates. Cadets now conduct all of the training which safety and their own expertise allow. At Buckner, cadet leaders are assisted in the preparation and evaluation phases by officers from the staff and faculty who serve as platoon trainers.

The employment of large numbers of the staff and faculty in military training in the summer furthers the goals of the Academy's Officer Professional Development program, which maintains the military currency of both rotating and permanent faculty members.

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Cadet Ranks & Companies

To support the year-by-year sequence of leader developmental tasks for each cadet, assignment of cadet rank was altered to correspond directly to the cadet's progress. The fourth class learn to be followers and have the cadet rank of private. The third class are all promoted to corporal after completing Camp Buckner, and they serve as team leaders sometime during their third class academic year. The second class are promoted to sergeant at the beginning of their third summer, and the first class become officers at the beginning of their fourth summer (with a few minor exceptions on the Beast cadre).

Organization of the cadet company during the academic year was changed to parallel the changes in rank and sequential development. Squads were reorganized so that the senior member of the squad would be the cadet sergeant (second class) squad leader. Squads include third class cadets (as either team leaders or squad members) and fourth class cadets (as squad members). The first and second class cadets not assigned to line platoons as platoon leaders, platoon sergeants, or squad leaders are assigned to a headquarters platoon.

Accountability for Self-discipline

As cadets progress through the 4-year experience, they are required to engage numerous challenges, including the twice-yearly Army Physical Fitness Test. During the first class year, the physical activity requirements imposed upon "firsties" are reduced, while the responsbility for meeting the fitness standards remains constant. Without institutional prodding to keep them in good condition, they must rely upon their own self-discipline. Most are able to do so, but a few in the past have failed the APFT in their final semester, though they had proven themselves capable of passing earlier tests. During AY1987–88, the policy was adopted that cadets who fail the APFT in their final semester (without medical or other mitigating circumstances) will not graduate on time with their class, but instead will undergo additional fitness training and graduate late—assuming they eventually pass the test. Each year since, a few unbelievers among the graduating class test the rule and find it unbending.

Changes in Cadet Privileges

As a result of discussions with recent graduates of USMA on active duty, concerns arose about the preparation of cadets to cope with the freedom and responsibilities experienced in their first assignments. It became apparent that cadets need a period of transition to the

officer lifestyle before graduation. As a result, several changes were made; one was in cadet privileges.

The spirit of the change in privileges was to have cadets learn to perform in a disciplined environment by submitting to the demands of a Spartan lifestyle, but to develop self-discipline as well by being treated more like officers during their final year. As a result, the privileges (and responsibilities) for the first class cadets were increased, while the privileges for the underclasses were reduced. The first class privileges enable them to function much like officers, free to come and go when they have no duties to perform. In contrast, the three underclasses have a rigidly graduated set of privileges by class, and they live what is intentionally a uniformly Spartan lifestyle.

The cadet leave and pass policy was revised. Leaves are distinguished from passes as follows: a leave is a cadet entitlement (barring severe indiscipline), and there are four leaves authorized per year (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring, and Summer). Passes, in contrast, are a privilege earned by performance of duty. The number of passes automatically authorized for underclass cadets was reduced, while the number of passes they can earn for meritorious performance of duty increased.

Separate First Class Rooms

To further the transition to officership of first class cadets, a new plan was tested in the late spring of 1987, that of housing firsties in barracks apart from their underclass subordinates, while they continue to perform all chain of command duties required. The revised living arrangement mirrored in part the circumstances of an officer who lives in a BOQ rather than in the barracks with the soldiers.

Based on two years of pilot tests, using first one battalion and then one regiment, the housing policy for the first class was implemented Corps-wide during AY1989-90. In a subsequent revision of the policy, the first class barracks, while remaining intact, were moved to locations contiguous with their underclass company area.

Limited experience with a few graduated classes appears to confirm that the several "transition-to-officership" changes have worked as hoped: cadet offenses increased, but lieutenant offenses decreased.

Fourth Class Military Mentor Program

The Fourth Class Military program (or Mentor Program, for short) had its origins in the Plebe Pop program which began in 1947. That program was terminated in the early 1960s allegedly due to abuses of the program. Later, in 1969, a "Sponsor Program" was initiated. While the former program focused on the plebes, the latter focused on the upperclasses, providing an opportunity for families to sponsor cadets for the cadets' last three years. Though initially sponsors were military members of the staff and faculty, sponsorship was gradually expanded to permit civilians residing off-post to participate as well.

By 1986, the sponsor program was riddled with abuses and threatened with the fate of the Plebe Pops before it. Rather than terminate the program, the decision was made to restructure it to eliminate the abuses. The new program was designed primarily to support the fourth class cadets' socialization into the Army way of life (especially that of military families), and to provide them a "decompression" time in an environment where they might also learn social poise and etiquette. It was also intended to enable staff and faculty to better appreciate cadet life and to enhance the cohesion between cadets and military members of the staff and faculty.

Review of the Cadet Discipline System

Over the past twenty years, several study groups have examined the Cadet Discipline System (the set of rules by which violations of the *Blue Book* are administered). Two reviews during 1989 suggested changes to the Discipline System, primarily to simplify the system and create a link between conduct and leader development. The number of offenses was reduced, and reworded to direct cadet attention towards the spirit of regulations rather than the letter. The Report of Deficiency (Form 2–1) was redesigned to reflect the connection between

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conduct and leadership. The new form provides space to comment on the individual's leader dimensions. In addition, the form was designed to be used equally for meritorious behavior as well as violations.

Military Art and Science Field of Study

Fields of study are the disciplines within which cadets may concentrate their elective courses in the academic program. The newest field of study to be offered is Military Art and Science. It incorporates courses taught by the Department of Military Instruction as well as several other departments. The instructors for those courses are drawn principally from graduates of the Masters Degree Program in Military Art and Science at Fort Leavenworth. Not only may cadets elect a military science field of study, but also cadets pursuing other fields of study may take elective courses in military science as free electives during the academic year.

Fourth Class System and the Cadet Leader Development System

From the Institutional Self-study there emerged considerable concern that the Fourth Class System as practiced did not support the Academy's leader development goals as fully as it should. Two different subcommittees of the self-study commented negatively on the Fourth Class System.

To consider their objections, USMA undertook an intensive study of the Fourth Class System during AY1989–90, using three separate committees, one of cadets, one of staff and faculty members, and one of alumni. The latter committee consisted of trustees of the Association of Graduates, USMA, and was chaired by General Sam Walker, a former USMA Commandant and VMI Superintendent. The purpose of the reviews was to assure that the system helped USMA meet its leader development goals for upperclass cadets as well as plebes and that it helped mold the attributes of leadership expected in today's Army. (The results were reported in *Assembly*, Nov 90).

All three committees met throughout the year and delivered reports to the Superintendent in the late spring of 1990. 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, concluded that the system was fatally flawed and urged substantial modifications. The third report, that of the cadet committee, fell between the extremes of the other two. One proposal, originating in the staff and faculty committee but supported in all three reports, was a Cadet Leader Development System (CLDS) to address in parallel form the elements comprising the leader development experience for all four classes, not just for plebes. CLDS became known as the "four-class system" and subsumed within its larger framework the former Fourth Class System. By formalizing a four-year system, attention was directed to the development of the upperclasses as well as to plebes.

After receiving the three committee reports, the USMA Policy Board made the final decisions, which reflected primarily the conservative position of the alumni committee, including the following: recognition of the purpose of the system, adoption of CLDS, retention within CLDS of certain traditional requirements for fourth class cadets, and adjustment of the date for Recognition to a point in the spring.

Reassignment of Cadets Among Companies (Scrambling)

"Scrambling" is a slang term for reassigning randomly all cadets of one class from their original cadet company to another company—a "fruit basket turnover." Though the practice began in the 1960s, it was dropped when the Army adopted the cohort system of unit training (keeping soldiers together throughout their training and into their first Army unit).

A strong argument for a return to scrambling arose from the discussions of the Fourth Class System during AY1989–90. As the staff and faculty committee formulated its proposal of a four-class system, it found that the goals of that system would be enhanced by scrambling. The four-class system seeks to foster a military leader-subordinate relationship between each of the cadet classes, with each conducted in a constructive manner that advances the leader development of both members. By one scramble of a cadet class between its third and second class year, the relationships among all classes in a company at the beginning of the year are uncomplicated by former, long-standing friendships. Based on the advantages to be gained in implementing the Cadet Leader Development System, the decision was made in March 1990 to adopt scrambling for the rising second class in the summer of 1990.

Physical Program

Study of Competitive Athletics

During AY1986–87, a USMA committee under then-Colonel John Costa, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, studied competitive athletics at West Point. USMA needed a coherent basis for deciding whether a sport should be played at all and at what level (intramural, club, intercollegiate). To provide a basis for decision-making, then-Lieutenant Colonel Tom Fagan proposed a procedure to evaluate contending sports alternatives by a weighted comparison of ways in which they serve USMA's developmental purposes (such as teamwork, military application, etc.). This analysis became a prime mission of the Costa committee.

Among their conclusions was one mild surprise. Rather than supporting too many sports, they concluded that the variety and the richness of the broad spectrum of sports at USMA was a significant strength of the institution, one which allowed a relatively large student body with widely varying sports interests to be able to satisfy those interests. Because of its affirmation of the breadth of sports at USMA, the Costa study led to some decisions *not* to change the status quo for several sports.

Initiation of Master Fitness Trainer Program

In 1987, Colonel Jim Anderson, the Master of the Sword (and Head, Department of Physical Education), formulated a proposal to certify cadets as Army Master Fitness Trainers (MFT). His proposal had its genesis in his observations that graduates of USMA were well-prepared to maintain their own fitness, but not as well-prepared to sustain that of their subordinates through unit fitness programs.

By his contacts with the Soldier Fitness Support Center (SFSC) at Fort Ben Harrison, he determined that the physical program for cadets at West Point already included most of the components of the Army Master Fitness Trainers course. With only modest adjustments—amending some classroom instruction received by cadets and the administration of a Comprehensive Review Examination—cadets could have the opportunity to qualify as MFTs before graduation.

The MFT training was implemented in AY1987–88 for the Class of 1990, and that class eventually graduated 779 MFT-qualified men and women (82.5% of the class).

Team Contact/Collision Sport Requirement

In 1987, USMA adopted the policy that each cadet must, as a graduation requirement, participate in one season of a team-contact or team-collision sport (TCC). The change was based on the Academy's purpose and mission. The preparation of cadets to be leaders of teams in which danger of personal harm is present can be enhanced by their participation in sports which foreshadow these conditions. The current TCC sports in-

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clude football, basketball, rugby, flickerball, team handball, lacrosse, water polo, soccer, volleyball and area hockey.

Changes to Intramural Sports

Several changes to the intramural sports program were initiated. In 1987, the number of seasons was changed from three to four, aligning the seasons with the academic terms instead of with the intercollegiate sports seasons. Cadets are required, as before, to participate in two seasons per year.

The sports available to cadets in the intramural sports program were changed. The principle guiding the selection of sports was to adopt those which combined high degrees of teamwork, contact or collision, personal conditioning, carry-over to Army applications, and efficient use of facilities. Retained sports were football, basketball, soccer, wrestling, boxing, racquetball, swimming, cross country, and softball. Added were team handball, 3/3 basketball, 5'10" and under basketball, area hockey, and wallyball.

Changes to Intercollegiate Sports

Several important developments occurred in the West Point intercollegiate athletic program.

USMA accepted an invitation to join a newly-formed athletic league, the Patriot League, formed out of like-minded schools, several from the old Colonial League, who share similar academic and admissions standards and who are committed to running their athletic programs as part of a total educational environment. The league hosts 22 sports at the NCAA Division I level. USMA participates in 18 of those sports, except football (in which it continues to compete as an independent in Division IA), baseball, women's lacrosse, and field hockey, in which USMA has no team. As part of joining the league, USMA's sports for women were upgraded to Division I.

USMA's hockey team disaffiliated from its former league (the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, Division I) to become an independent team.

In recent years, USMA imposed certain limits on the time demands its intercollegiate teams could make upon their members. Daily practices are limited as to starting and ending times. Practices or contests on Sundays are disallowed for off-season teams. The numbers of in-season competitions for all teams are restricted. Much of the intercollegiate sports scene is becoming so competitive that year-round training for sports is commonplace, and much more is being expected of athletes than was true only a few years ago. USMA has been cooperating with other colleges at the NCAA level to impose limitations on all colleges to reduce these impositions upon student-athletes.

Future Planning of USMA's Physical Facilities

A high pace of activity and change in West Point's physical plant marked the decade of the '80s. The two prior decades had been dominated by the construction which supported the expansion of the Corps of Cadets from 2500 to 4400 cadets. That active pace continued in the '80s; the early years were dominated by the acquisition of the property of the former Ladycliff College and the subsequent expansion and modernization of academic facilities it made possible. In the latter years of the '80s, the academic modernization continued, but was joined by new efforts to rationalize the planning of facilities at USMA in supprt of the Academy's program planning for its third century. A list of the measures taken during these years follows:

- Continuation of academic facilities modernization,
- Revitalization of facilities master planning efforts,
- Revisions to the central cadet area parking rules and traffic flow (to include revised parking for football games),
- Plans to expand the Hotel Thayer,
- Efforts to infuse large amounts of money into renewal and replacement of the Academy's utilities infrastructure,
- Plans to expand family housing capacity at West Point in place of facilities no longer available at STAS,
- Revitalization of Constitution Island,
- Development of a policy for donated gifts and a "gift book" to provide a consistent list of needs from USMA to the AOG,
- Development of a policy for naming major sports facilities and plans for several new memorials,
- Development of final plans for the Ladycliff property, renaming it Pershing Center, dedicating its entrance gate to General Abrams, providing a consolidated gift facility, and providing a memorialization of USMA's contributions to the nation's wars in the 20th century.

Governance

During the latter part of the 1980s and early 1990s, USMA's organization and manpower were altered in several ways in response to both internal planning and external influences. The membership and operation of the Policy Board were modified, giving it a strengthened role as USMA's senior decision-making forum. In addition, during the spring of 1988, a major review of the Academy's organization and staffing was conducted, resulting in several revisions. In 1990, a manpower reduction across most organizations at USMA was developed internally and accepted by Department of Army in lieu of a DA-imposed manpower decrement.

Stage Three—Implementation

To implement all the changes decided upon during Stage Two, discussed above, was surely the most difficult challenge of all. It was one that would continue over several years, requiring more time than either previous stage, and one that would require extra energy input. Implementation began as early as 1987; by the summer of 1990, virtually all changes were in place and the Academy's principal focus was implementation. The Superintendent supplemented his staff temporarily with an executive for Academy Initiatives to facilitate the implementation process; and, in 1991, he organized a new major activity director on the USMA staff, the Director of Academy Advancement, to facilitate implementation of key Academy initiatives, to sustain active long-range planning, and to coordinate the linkage of future initiatives with external sources of support.

Conclusion

The time of calm, which had permitted the several years of affirmation and change described here, drew to a close in the early 1990s. A number of issues in which the Academy found itself embroiled—downsizing the Army and the Military Academy, extending the active duty service obligation, investigating the service academies' costs, and others—were the signal that the window of opportunity was closing. From the beginning, the possibility that the window would close abruptly had imposed urgency on the entire process. That urgency proved necessary by the end.

Though the changes made during the planning process may seem to be many in number, it is important to keep in mind two aspects of the process: first, the process was a coherent one, guided from the beginning by an intent to bring West Point's strengths as a leader development institution to bear upon meeting the Army's future needs; second, the outcomes of the process were principally affirmations of what was good and strong at West Point. That much more about West Point was affirmed and kept the same than was changed should be a source of pride to its alumni. That the Military Academy is well-situated to serve the Army's need for leaders in the next century should be a source of reassurance to the nation.

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Report from the Classes

'15

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Lucy Fox died 21 Apr 91. COL Henry Cochran, son of our **John Henry Cochran**, died 30 Apr 91. The Cl extends its sympathy to the families.

Wilbur E Showalter '39 recently wrote me that he had received a ltr from Joseph A McChristian '39, stating in part that he & Dempsie, in Mar, attended the 99th birthday of **James A Van Fleet**, Dempsie's father, who is probably the oldest living American who can claim that his grandfather fought in our Revolutionary War.

Henry B Sayler Jr, Jan '43, son of our **Henry B Sayler**, wrote to me on 30 Apr 91 that he & his wife remain in St Petersburg, FL, with 10 grandchildren in FL and GA. His brother Jack '49 still lives in Savannah, GA. His daughter Betty is still with CNN in Wash, DC. His sister Dale is also in Savannah. His oldest grandson, Pierce Hammond, graduated from WP in Jun 91.

Satchie Naiden leads a very quiet but pleasant life in Troy, AL. **Bruce Eloise Lorch** wrote a long ltr to me in which she gave news about her large family and about her garden. Her late husband, our classmate, once taught at KY Mil Acad. **Ida Ryder** fell in Feb, broke both wrists, spent a wk in the hosp and is now in a nursing home. She is comfortable and is doing very well. Her daughter Louise King, 923 Jacinto Ave, Venice, FL 33595, visits her daily.

New address: **Marianne Wallington**, 72 Matthew Dr, Brunswick, ME 04011. **Marguerite Gilkeson** recently visited family for a mo in Jasper, AL. **Mary Tate** sent best wishes to '15. She feels quite well and takes a walk ea day, weather permitting.

'16

Apr '17

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Aug '17

Jun '18

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Today is the 12th day of Jun 91. Seventy-three yrs ago, 137 second classmen graduated to go off to WWI. There should have been a transport at the S Dock. A col, who had been on GEN Pershing's staff, told me that my whole cl had been requested by GHQ, AEF, of the War Dept. Instead, we took courses at our branch svc schs. Inf was my choice, so I went to Ft Sill where I was retained as an instructor. I moved with the sch to Columbus, GA, in Sep 18.

There are only 3 of us left. I am the oldest (94 yrs old on 17 May). **Mike Grenata** will be 94 in Sep. **Bud Miley** will be 94 in Dec. Bud has 8 great-grandchildren. I have none—only 3 grandsons.

For the 3 of us, it is SLOW SPEED AHEAD for 100. All 3 of us still have our wives. I have noted that the Cl crest on my ring shows signs of much wear, but no wear shows on the Acad crest. That can only mean that WP will go on forever. My Cl of '19 has the same pairs of digits as those of this yr's cl.

Nov '18

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It is with great sadness that I must rep to you that we have lost another of our classmates. **Bobby Schow** died on 18 Apr after a long illness. He has been cremated and will be interred at a later date at WP. This reduces the no of living classmates to 12.

As usual, I have had ltrs from our two faithful and oldest living classmates, **Art Pulsifer** and **Chief Brimmer**. Art is still going strong; he says his legs tell him he should go to a wheelchair, but his bullheadedness tells him that if he does, he'll never get out! He has done 3 yrs without any infection in his legs, and he is considering if he can undergo a long oper on his hip and knee to restore them to better working condition. Chief Brimmer is a bit concerned as the pres of a small fishing club whether the muddy roads out there in WY will allow the fish to get into the ponds. His daughter Jackie and her two daughters were back at WP for the 100th anniv of the graduation of their grandfather and great-grandfather, Gen Andrew Hero, Class of 1891.

Nov '18: Ernest Hinds II Jun '43, Ernest (Nick) Hinds III '72 and his son John Nicholas Hinds 2012?, visit John H Hinds in Clermont, FL for a 4-generation pic of the Hinds men

Enclosed is a photo of our classmate **Johnny Hinds** and his son, grandson and great-grandson—a four-generation pic. His son Ernest Jun '43 lives here in San Ant and his grandson is a graduate of '72. The hope is that the great-grandson will be Cl of 2012! Another snapshot is enclosed of Johnny taking a good look at his great-grandson and the latter doing the same.

In late Apr I had a pleasant telcon with **Margie Lee** who seems to be getting along fine. I have had several telcons with **Lucy Bowman** and with **Wannie**. As I believe you all recall, they live at the Fairfax near Ft Belvoir. We discussed our various ailments but, as Wannie says, really at our ages we can just say we have "age."

Your scribe has had a few physical difficulties—partly something known as

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Nov '18: John Hamilton Hinds and his great-grandson meet for the first time. Each seems somewhat in awe of the other

carpal tunnel syndrome, a difficulty of the hand. I've had an oper which was declared successful and now have almost full use, thanks to med science. Normally, I am told, only women develop this malady after their menopause. From this, I would infer that I have passed *my* menopause!

I have had telcons frequently with our other Class widows here in San Ant. **Lella Dunkenberg** visits **Peg Smith** and **Janie Knudsen** quite often at the nursing home. Both are getting along quite well.

A no of times I have mentioned in this col that tel calls are most welcome, and I encourage classmates and widows to do so more frequently. Recently, Bill Powers '32, who was an asst of mine at one time, called me and I appreciated it so much. I passed on Bill's comments to Ken Zitzman '32 who lives here in San Ant.

'19

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The Apr 91 centennial celebration of the graduation of the Class of 1891, as anticipated in the Mar 91 notes, seems to have been a resounding success. I'm told that more than 165 descendants of about half of the 65 1891 grads attended. Four of the 6 '19 mbrs who were sons of 1891 were represented. **Alex Bennet**, who is holding his own but unable to travel, was represented by his son Peter W Bennet of San Ant and daughter Mrs Betty Roby of Clarksvillle, MD. The **John D Armstrong** family was represented by John L Armstrong '46. Mark H Armstrong '81, a 3rd-generation descendant of 1891, was prevented from attending by TDY. John A Ely '42, half-brother to **Louis B Ely**, led a gp of 13 to honor his father. The Sorley family descendants numbered 16 and included 3 generations. **Conchita Sorley** and **Stone Sorley**'s surviving sister, Mrs Beth Lyn, headed the list.

On Mon, 29 Apr the guests, about half of whom had never been to WP before, enjoyed a tour, the highlight of which was a stop at the Library. An impressive display there included a gp photo of the Class of 1891 and an individual photo of ea grad. Memorabilia and history of the Class were on view as well as a bio of ea grad and his USMA record, which included such details as the no of demerits he accumulated there! Other memorable events included a reception and tour of the Supe's residence and dinner in the Cadet Mess Hall. John Ely '42, who was one of the three first-generation descendants attending, was designated pres of the Class of 1891 for the occasion. He was to have taken the review which had to be cancelled, just as it was starting, due to rain. The memorial svc was moved indoors, and there John read the name of ea of the 1891 grads. Everyone agreed that it had been a memorable occasion and praised the volunteers who keep the tradition alive.

Gladys Ely was undergoing eye surgery and unable to attend the centennial celebration. Fully recovered by Jun, she was planning a trip to Hanover, NH for a two-wk visit with the family of her stepson (Louis Ely Jr). Two grandchildren live in NH and VT. A third lives in England. **Conchita Sorley** has moved to a different apt at Knollwood—#343—and her new tel no is (202) 541-0343. Please make the change on your Cl list.

Adna & Viv Hamilton say they both feel so much better than they have for several yrs that it seems a miracle. As anticipated in the Jul notes, Viv's family reunion took place in May as planned. Among other activities they enjoyed an excellent dinner in the elegant dining rm of AF Vil II where Viv had a part in designing the lighting. The party of 9 visitors included a surprise—Viv's grown-up grand-niece, Malinn Saxe of Houston, whom she had not seen since she was 12 yrs old. **John Hardin** is holding his own, enjoying his home and its surroundings and his pet cat Georgee. **Mike Smith** says he lacks for nothing. He has plenty of help, but can get around and take care of himself. Though he will be 95 in Nov, he has no plans to celebrate that event.

Phil & Irma Lauben are happy that her son, CW04 Kent Gallagher, returned safely from Desert Storm to his duty station in Stuttgart and that Phil's granddaughter, Melanie Lauben, will begin her first cl yr at USMA after summer trng in both Israel and Ger. **Bill Regan** is fine. He walks regularly, both for exercise and to enjoy the lush New England landscape around his CT home.

George & Connie Dillaway rep everything the same healthwise, but they are moving. Their new address: 1135 Rachel Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Tel still to be installed. **Fred & Lynne Marlow** rep their normal life and activities continue. In the last issue I promised **Emily McNamee**'s latest address, which is Madonna Manor, Apt 13, 1335 Byron Dr, Salinas, CA 93901; tel (408) 757-7567. She is very happy there and vows she will never move again. Wanna bet? Two of her sons, Michael and Lee, will visit and honor her birthday in Jun 91.

Doris McAllister, who is still recovering from hip surgery at Studio City Convalescent Hosp, enjoys frequent visits from her family mbrs who reside in the LA areas as well as from daughter Sandy who comes from her home in Littleton, CO. Sandy is married to Thomas M Crawford Jr '49. His mother, **Anne Crawford**, was awarded a 60-yr mbrship pin in Girl Scouting on 20 Apr 91 at a luncheon ceremony in Phoenix. Her lifelong involvement in Scouting activities was rep in Nov 90 Cl notes. Some of her Brownie Troop of 89 are shown with her in the accompanying photo.

1919: Anne Crawford with some members of her Brownie Troop

Mary Bassett enjoyed two wknd trips in May and Jun: the first to CT to attend the grad of her son, Robert Bassett '69, from the U of Bridgeport Sch of Law, and the second to Albuquerque to attend the 50th wedding anniv party of a cousin.

'19 suffered several losses which I must sorrowfully rep: **Emma Ovenshine** died on 2 Apr 91. A memorial svc will be held at a future date. I was unable to speak with **Dick**, who resides in a health care ctr in Alexandria. Friends who desire further info may contact their daughter, Mrs Virginia Ovenshine Moore, at 3570 Wooddale Ct, Birmingham, MI 48010; tel (313) 644-2146.

Elizabeth Dunham died on 28 May 91 at age 90. On 3 Jun a graveside memorial svc was held in Arlington Natl Cemetery where she was laid to rest beside her husband, **William H Dunham Jr**; her son, Robert Dunham '46, who was killed in Korea while he was carrying wounded soldiers from a mine field; and her daughter-in-law, Judy Dunham, wife of William H Dunham III. **Katharine Flory** and **Nancy Echols**, who is much improved after a bad winter, attended the svcs.

COL **Donald H Nelson** succumbed after a long illness at Vancouver Veterans Nursing Facility in Vancouver, WA on 23 Oct 90. A private mil graveside svc was held at Willamette Natl Cemetery in

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Portland, OR. Don was always loyal to WP and lived by its ideals. He was devoted to his country and served it well for 30 yrs. His many friends who were so attentive during the yrs of his illness will remember his courage and good humor.

COL **Harrison HD Heiberg** died surrounded by his family at his home in Greenville, SC on 20 Apr 91. A funeral svc with communion was held on 22 Apr. Many of his family and friends were also able to attend the graveside svc at WP Cemetery, where he was buried with full mil honors on 25 Apr. Hei's accomplishments on behalf of his Class are well-known and appreciated. Not the least was his willingness to take over scribe duties at a difficult time, and he continued to provide complete and interesting items to the '19 Class notes through his successor. He and **Les Flory** also organized and attended the 70th Reunion. He will be sorely missed by his surviving classmates, his many friends and, of course, his family, to whom he was devoted.

On behalf of the Class of '19, I extend heartfelt sympathy to the families of these longtime, loyal Army wives and to **Paula** and **Ann** for the loss of their mates, who have joined the Long Gray Line.

'20

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With great sadness I rep that **Mac McQuarrie** died of natural causes at his home in Lecanto, FL on 16 May 91. He would have been 95 on 6 Jun. His wife **Ruth** died 6 mos before on 14 Dec 90 after 68 yrs of marriage. Memorial svcs were held for them on 19 May in Lecanto's First Presbyterian Church and on 7 Jun in the Old Chapel, Ft Myer, VA. The entire family, some 40 with in-laws down to the youngest of 14 great-grandchildren, plus some 20 friends were assembled there from FL, TX and VA. The detailed logistics of travel, shelter, food, etc, down to the placing of a single rose on the coffin by each of the 11 grandchildren, were all "master-minded" by devoted daughter-in-law Roseanne Sprinkle (COL Sprinkle, Ft Riley, Cav Sch 18) McQuarrie '45 Broughton '45.

Mac was buried with full mil honors in double interment with **Ruth** at the grave of their eldest son, BG Claude M Jr '45, in Arlington Natl Cem. Honorary pallbearers were **Rehm, Samouce**, 5 grandsons including MAJ Claud M III '72 and COL John Schnittker, Mac's aide-de-camp in KW. Also attending from '20 were **Kay Burns, Anne Farrell Moore, Anne Holle** and Jean **Hine** Ives with husband Bob '45.

Mac became leader of the Cl in our early days as cadets. After only 4 1/2 mos

1920: At McQuarrie's funeral: Jean Hine Ives, Anne Holle, Rehm, Anne Farrell Moore, Samouce and Kay Burns

1920: Rehm and Samouce

as plebes, on 1 Nov 18 (11 days before WWI ended), the two remaining upper classes were grad, leaving us the only class in cadet gray. A horde of new men were admitted the same day, many already in the Army and some with battle experience. They were clothed as GI's except for a broad orange band on the campaign hat—the Orioles who later became the Cl of '21–'22. They, as well as we, were to be rapidly trained and graduated early, perhaps within one yr, had the war continued. Mac was our very first First Cpt, USCC in those turbulent times. He served with great distinction in WWII as CS & CO Regts Americal Div T-P 43–45 (2SS-3LM-2BSM-Am-CR) and in KW as Asst CG 7 Div and 8 Div 51–52.

At alumni activities in May 90 he was oldest grad at our 70th reunion.

Surviving are sons Tom and Bob (ex-'52), daughter JoAnne M Call, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them and their loved ones.

Small World Dept: **Herbie Pierce** resigned in 23. After acquiring CE degree at MIT, he spent yrs planning and constructing highways, railways and pipelines in Cuba, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela and Columbia. By his first wife in Panama, he had 3 children: Olivia, Beatrice (Betty) and Edward, born in 29, 30 and 33. When she died he had two children by his next wife—Mirna and Edith born in 41 and 43. In 43, before Edith was born, Herbie rejoined the Army and was sent to the China-Burma Theater. He died in Walter Reed 30 Oct 45, one mo after returning to US. The two sets of children did not know ea other until a 2 Sep 90 inquiry to me by Mirna (Dr Mirna Pierce de Perez-Venero, wife of Dr Alex de Perez-Venero, Panama's UN Rep in Vienna, Austria). I found Herbie's grave and his parents' home (now a sch) in Falls Church, VA and some vague leads on possible locations of Mirna's older siblings. Mirna "went to town" with this and succeeded in finding and visiting Olivia and Betty in CA and Edward in TX (the US is such a small country!). Moreover, she discovered that her husband's sister had lived for 16 yrs near Mirna's half-sister Olivia in Long Beach, and his half-sister Carolina had lived near Mirna's half-sister Betty in San Fran. Rejoiced and exhilarated, Mirna visited Elton and me before returning to Vienna. A mini-reunion was planned for Jun with Mirna's half-sisters Olivia of Palo Alto and Betty of San Fran, Mirna's sister Edith of Palm Springs, CA and Mirna's daughter Lynda of Hoboken, NJ. They are all one happy family now. Mirna's son Marc, an outstanding first classman at WP, sent his father an early Father's Day card explaining that on this Father's Day he was going to be occupied with other things, like worrying whether his chute would open at abn trng in Ft Benning, GA.

Helen **Samouce** Inglis '16 Woodward '16 visited **Duke** & **Elton** 15–22 May from Santa Rosa, CA to attend the 65th reunion of her '26 Cl, Randolph Macon Women's Col, Lynchburg, VA. This is her first visit in 6 yrs after prolonged recovery from 5 opns replacing both knees. She went on to visit niece Ann & Tom Russell '59 in Cornwall, NY and daughter Barbie & Sandy McAusland in Seattle before returning home. Her husband, BG Woody Woodward (Ret) '16, will be 100 on 8 Aug. He remains active with his motorized wheelchair in the nursing care section of their ret home. For exercise he walks with a walker outdoors. Constantly with him, Helen can talk satisfactorily to him only by tel as he is deaf as a post.

Anne Holle still visits WRAMC for therapy on the terrible burn received on her right hand in Jun 90 (4 fingers lost and thumb damaged). After gradually teaching her left hand to write, type and even play the organ and piano, she has been able to earn a license to drive her car again!

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'21-'22

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Another classmate has joined the 90 Club. On 4 Jul **Harry Marsh** celebrated his 90th birthday. Congratulations, Harry, and here's hoping to see you at our 70th Reunion next May. As a matter of fact, I hope that I will be able to make the 70th. I have a pinched nerve at my spine that makes it difficult for me to stand up and walk.

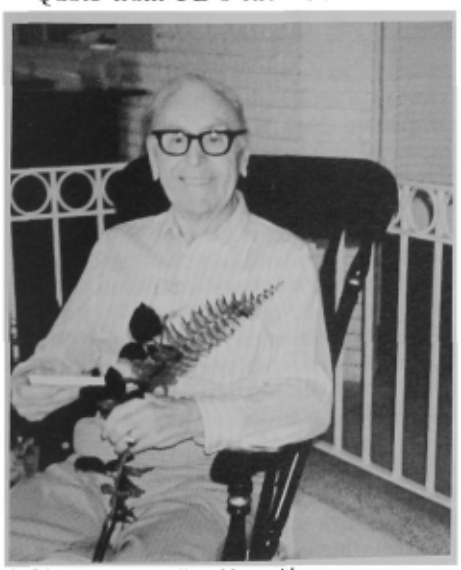
When I sent out the Class roster I added a note asking "Watcha doin these days?" I received two replies. **Morris Marcus** called me on the phone and **Cort Schuyler** sent me a ltr. Morris keeps busy visiting his friends, and they in turn visit him. His daughter keeps in constant touch with him. His grandchildren in Salt Lake City come to see him too. I know how it is being a widower—life "ain't easy."

"PD" Lynch had a conversation with **Janet Taylor**. The Taylors are rolling along. Bob is in an extended care unit while Janet has an apt close by. Bob uses two canes while walking—he refuses to use a walker. On a typical day Bob shows up at Janet's apt after lunch, and they have a talk and watch TV until dinner time. They are in the Rennaissance Ret Comm in NW Austin where there are lots of activities and entertainment, but Janet spends her time looking after Bob. Tel no is (512) 343-7410.

PD's wife **Peggy** is chm of the Poetry Soc of TX. They are both continuing as editors for the Yearbook. Also, they have monthly programs in Austin on the first Sat of ea mo called Poetry in the Arts.

The review of **PD**'s book, *Views of an Early Bird*, in *ASSEMBLY* generated a lot in inquiries. He is still working on a list of about 500 prospects.

Quote from **PD**'s ltr: "Our health is generally OK. I am thankful and try to steer the middle ground."



1921–22: your scribe, Harry Haas

Elsewhere in these notes is a pic of me taken last Apr. How about sending me a pic of you? We would all like to know what you look like now!

The Cl roster I sent to **Marion Gibson** was returned with a note on it: "Forwarding address—expired." If anyone has any info about Marion, write me.

'23

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Lyle & Louise Rosenberg recently returned from a 3-wk cruise of the Caribbean, Panama and W Coast Mex resorts. Louise is confined to a wheelchair but is still active. Lyle plays golf at least twice a wk with **Bill Craigie**. Bill shot his age, twice in Apr (**McGehee** take note!). Bill reps that **Moe Cavender** is in great shape. **Robby Robinson**'s physical condition is not good.

A short note from **Jack White**, written in the midst of spring planting. He has 5 acres, principally in flowers, which he donates to the Brockport churches.

At the PSF Founders Day dinner, **Pinky Palmer** was accompanied by his son, Hunter '52, who comes from Asheville, NC yearly to attend the event. Pinky was the oldest living grad and credits the success of his talk to its brevity. He has curtailed his activities to occasional walks and is catching up on his reading. **Ray Pierce** remains in the Sequoia Health Ctr.

Sally **Harmony** Sullivan's daughter, Carol, graduated from Santa Clara U in Jun. Several times ea wk she enjoyed lunches with her uncle, a mbr of the faculty. In late Mar, Sally was looking forward to 15 Apr when Tom, her CPA husband, would have more normal working hours.

Mary **Garrecht** Lutwig, an OR St U bus grad, was busy assisting friends in preparation of IRS reps. She maintains contact with Marjorie Fitzsimmons Bunn, who continues her teaching in the San Jose City sch sys. **Marge Rich** in late Apr spent a wk with Mrs Norstad in Tubac, AZ, where she enjoyed the desert spring foliage. She was unable to contact Marian Hayden Gibson in AF Vil. Dr. Andy **Gjelsteen** '77 is happy to have a definite asgmt to the Ft Ord Hosp, Emergency Clinic. From personal observations, he won't lack for patients on payday and Sat nights!

Judson McGehee had moved up the mtn early this yr. Until Oct, his address is 6465 Divide Dr, Salida, CO 81201, where he expects to play some golf and take advantage of the hot springs pool. **Lee Shafer** kindly forwarded **Luella Magruder**'s obituary. She died 12 Apr at WRAH. Funeral svcs held at Ft Myer Chapel were attended by the **Smiths**, the Shafers and Lee's daughter, Sarah.

The **Phil Sweanys** made a timely visit to **Ken & Lora** in early Apr by getting the outdoors in order after the winter damage. The **Howards** continue to enjoy "country club living" in Tequesta, FL. Edna had a tough year but is recovering nicely. Ed has dropped golf.

Info that became available after the last deadline indicates that **"PD" Weikert** was very active following ret. In 53 he became the CEO of the Wash DC off of United Aircraft; in 64 he was active in 9 orgs, including the American Legion, Mil Order of World War, Ret Offs Assoc and WP Soc.

'24

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Ken Strother, who is a former pres of the now-defunct Santa Monica Philharmonic Artists Assoc, sends us the following acct of his and his family's activities during the past yr (which is Ken's 90th). They were visited in Mar by daughter Jo & Don Nichol and by brother Dean '31 & Elsie. They were visited in May by granddaughter Anne Nicol (she works for the USAA in Norfolk, VA) and by grandson Robert Nicol & Shelly (from Richmond) with daughter Julie, age 15 mos. Julie is beautiful (she looks like Ken), smart (like her grandmother who was Phi Beta at Middlebury), energetic (like Melba) and happy (like her father). Any doubts about this evaluation should be expressed to Melba.

1924: GEN Clyde D Eddleman accepts the Castle Memorial Award from the WPS of DC at the annual Founders Day celebration on 16 Mar at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel, Alexandria, VA. The award is presented every yr to the USMA grad whose distinguished svc has exemplified the ideals of WP in either a mil or civ capacity. (Photo by Phil Farris '46)

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'25

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We regret to rep the death of **Bee Holland-Helmick**, former widow of our deceased classmate **John Francis Holland**. Bee died in Mystic, CT of pneumonia on 9 Apr 91. After a funeral service at Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly on 10 Apr, she was buried at WP on 11 Apr. She was 92.

Bee was senior cadet hostess at WP from 57 until she ret in 68. An accomplished musician and an authority on mil etiquette and marriage, she referred to the cadets who passed through the Acad while she was cadet hostess as her "2400 sons." She is survived by daughter Ruth Holland Walsh of Mystic, CT, sons James R. Holland of Ravena, NY, and John Francis Holland Jr of Birmingham, MI, 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. I would like to express the heartfelt condolences of our Cl family to her survivors.

Incidentally, John Jr ex-'58 was a competitor in the Modern Pentathlon, an Olympic event. He did not compete in the Olympics, but was a mbr of the USA World Tour in the 50's between Olympic Games yrs.

After collecting Cl dues through yr 90, the Cl Fund amounted to $2,093 and further collection of dues was cancelled. The fund was too small for any major project and, after considerable thought, it was decided that the fund would do us and the Acad the most good if it were donated to the AOG. That is now being accomplished.

Red Newman has had a pacemaker installed. Last Aug his heart stopped on 3 separate occasions, resulting ea time in a fall and blow to his head. Since receiving the pacemaker, no more falls. But, he says, his memory is not what it used to be. I think all of us have that affliction, Red, so don't blame it necessarily on the falls.

In an interesting ltr, **Red** tells how he happens to be living in Sarasota, FL. Seems that in the fall of 1920 Red was in Clemson Col and a mbr of the col swimming tm. **Mike DeArmand** had entered WP with the Class of '24, been turned back, entered GA Tech, went to Clemson College as a mbr of the GA Tech swimming tm and swam against Red. In this, one of Red's many athletic contests, he lost, for swimming against Mike DeArmand was somewhat like swimming against a dolphin. Both contestants went on to WP and grad with the Cl of '25. Many yrs later, Red was stationed at Ft Campbell and Mike passed through. Red asked Mike where he was going to live after ret. Mike replied, Sarasota, FL, and then explained why. And that convinced Red to ret in Sarasota. He says Mike & **Eloine** are doing fine.

Quoted below are excerpts from **Frank Steer**'s speech as the oldest grad (he's 90) at the Founders Day dinner at Schofield Bks, HI on 20 Apr 91. At the conclusion of his talk, he received a standing ovation.

"Greetings, Gen Gordon, ladies and gentlemen (I believe USMA grads were officially designated gentlemen by an Act of Congress). This is the 14th time I have been the oldest grad, but I am not complaining—it's better than being in the obituary col.

"Tonight, my message is 'take care of your body.' Friends frequently ask, 'What do you do to stay so healthy and strong?' I don't abuse my vital organs and my body. Perhaps the Lord and my parents may have given me the right genes.

"I don't run marathons, jog or do aerobics. The running and jogging put much stress of the joints of one's ankles and the metatarsal bones of the feet. The aerobics and jogging put much stress on the bladder, kidneys, liver and stomach. Some of these body parts are actually displaced from their normal positions resulting in 'bouncing bladders,' etc. Also, the heart can't take excessive stress and will wear out if abused. When it wears out, you are long gone.

"Next, I have never smoked tobacco or grass in my life and try to avoid areas where smoking is permitted, and where air is polluted. Result,. . . healthy lungs.

"I don't drink alcoholic beverages excessively. I limit myself to a beer with lunch and a glass of rosé with dinner. On special occasions, I might have two. Rosé is only 9.5% alcohol. Other wines, esp fortified, can run to 20%. This practice keeps my plumbing flushed out and does not abuse my kidneys, liver, etc.

"I don't do any exercise as a special part of my day. But I do a lot of walking, lifting and carrying armloads of laundry and household supplies. Also, the dogs require occasional walking.

"My household consists of myself, spouse, three daughters, one granddaughter, seven Afghan hounds and a Ger Shepherd. I also have one great-granddaughter, Bianca Buck, who lives with her mother Malia and her grandfather, Mike Buck. She is 14 mos of age and is a TV star who sits on the beach during Mike Buck's commercial about Paradise Resorts, which airs several times daily on the 3 major networks.

"I was forced to take a 4-mo course in mess mgt in 27. Thereafter, I was mess off in addition to other duties for 14 yrs. Naturally, I learned a lot about diets and balanced meals. I am the ch cook and bottle washer in our household; consequently, I can eat what is good for a healthy body.

"Finally, I learned a long time ago that blowing my top when things went wrong only made matters worse. I gradually trained myself to keep cool when things went wrong. Keeping cool eliminated most of the mental and emotional stress from my lifestyle.

"Most of you will probably think I am stupid, but that is not the case. I enjoy living and what I do, and that is why I stay happy, healthy and strong."

Haydon Grubbs rep that he & **Sue** are in good health. His vegetable garden is already producing green spring onions, carrots and radishes and the corn, beets and turnips are coming along nicely. He recently received a nice ltr from **Little Jo Cannon** in San Fran, CA, a widow of our deceased classmate **Joe Cannon**. It would be nice if more widows, children and grandchildren would check in. For instance, I and I'm sure many other classmates are wondering where our Cl godson, our Cl grandson and our Cl granddaughter are, what they are doing, and how life is treating them.

I have recently received notes from **George Peploe, Russ Finn, Red Long** and Dr Alfred Young, **John Beatty**'s uncle. Pep & **Maurice** are fine. Pep says that in rep the arrival of a great-granddaughter last yr, his typewriter got carried away and typed too many greats. Therefore, his great-granddaughter is just that, a *great* granddaughter. Russ Finn & **Peg** are well. Red Long says that all is going well with him and his family. But due to poor eyesight, **Frances** was typing his ltr for him. Dr Young rep that since his last rep, Beatty had to go into the hosp for a few days because of bleeding in the colon area. The dr feels that he has corrected the situation and Beatty is now back in the nursing home. However, there is no change in his mental condition.

Greetings and best wishes to all.

'26

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Despite malevolent bad fortune thinning down the numbers of those intending to take part in our 65th Reunion, 21 of the Cl contingent gathered together in the Hotel Thayer on the eve of 26 May for the obligatory "happy hour" followed by a formal dinner in our Cl room. A short roster of those able to make the trip: **Jimmy & Marcy Burwell, Red & Virginia Corderman, Bill & Rosy Mills** (together with two daughters and son-in-law), **Rod & Katherine Smith, Hal Forde, Mimi Broadhurst** and a granddaughter, **Ruth Condon** and daughter, **Effie Doyle, Carleen Sims, Earl (Skinny) Ringler** and son, and **Ben Thurston.** And fortunately, all appeared sound and healthy. To spur us on, to satisfy our merest whims and to act as dogbodies,

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the Supe assigned the Class two aides, CPTs Rowlette and Wagner, as well as two new buses which moved us around as we asked. Must say that the aides were top quality offs, really dedicated to making this a pleasant and happy occasion for us.

Everyone made it to the buffet-style hotel breakfast even though a thriving McDonald's served one only a few yds from the hotel—the formal, white-linen ambiance seemed more attractive. Next some running about, private sightseeing escorted by the aides and the investigation of various places, sights and the like. Whatever you wanted to see or to explore was opened to you. Then shortly before noon we embussed for the South Dock where the smaller of several sightseeing boats, complemented with an affable crew and a tasty and filling buffet, waited for us. Our route took us to Bannerman's Isl, a gloomy sort of place which once allegedly housed immense stores of mil junk in a Gothic-style castle. And Dick's Folly, that immense white pile on the East bank, is still prominent. Meanwhile, as we chugged up and down the river, the nautically minded were invited to steer the boat while the remainder renewed acquaintances and traded gossip and reminiscences. We had two hrs of a thoroughly happy trip before we piled into a bus again to be conducted on a most interesting and instructive tour of WP by the Dean of Cadets, BG Galloway, son of Jerry Galloway '25, whom we all knew from our cadet days. The Dean was a most capable guide—enthusiastic about the new WP—and knew his subject thoroughly. This was one of the better occasions of the reunion. En route he explained how acquisition of the old Ladycliff Col in Highland Falls opened the way to moving most noncadet activities from the central or core area to make rm for those more germane to the cadets' needs. Incidentally, the former col houses the Visitors Ctr, an attraction which does an enormous business with the tourists who have made WP the no 2 attraction in NY, replacing Niagara Falls. As the Dean explained: people don't marry now, or if they do, they don't go on honeymoons. Anyway, the AAA benefits richly from this activity. Near the midpoint of this tour our bus slowed down as it passed our Cl tree so that we might all see how well it flourished. Now after this instructive and entertaining trip a few good hrs remained, so the aides made themselves available for future exploration. Next came an alumni dinner/dance in Wash Hall, the tables staffed by cadets who handled our questions and comments as if they had been doing that sort of thing often. It was amusing to learn that the former brittle table china had long ago been replaced by ware which would not break. These cadets had never heard of the happy custom of smashing china immediately before graduation. So back to the Thayer at the end of an unexpected storm.

Next morn the actors in this day's events (alumni of '26, '31, '36 and '41) assembled by cl near the old East Academic Bldg while the rest of our contingent were bussed to the West-facing stands to watch the marchby. As we waited for the show to open we were treated to an amusing sight: a plt of first-classmen walking off punishment tours in a bks quadrangle. According to the Com, who was chatting with us, they would not be allowed to graduate until they had paid to the last min their assessed punishments. Some would walk 12 hrs this day and a few would walk as many the next day. Meanwhile, **Rod Smith**, as the oldest grad present, moved up beside the Supe and Com, outaging **Jimmy Burwell** by 10 days. **Dick Mayo**, who withdrew late in May, would have been eldest of us all, had he come.

So now began the long march (at least it seemed long to us) to the Thayer monument near the spot where the Sedgwick monument once stood. We noted that the mortal frailty of us old grads was recognized. Our aides carried a folding chair and generous slugs of pop and cold water. It was hot and humid; **Rod Smith** was sweating through his wool jacket; the '31 grads had 3–4 golf carts holding 4 hot bodies ea and all filled. So on arriving at the Thayer monument, songs by the cadet choir, prayers and a wreath positioned by Rod Smith honored Father Thayer, and we all moved off to the reviewing line, our positions marked by guidons. With speed we had not expected, the 4400-body Corps now moved onto the Plain and then passed in review before the Supe and alumni. And here we were livened by a great and ennobling sight: the marching Corps with a background of the Cadet Chapel soaring above the Plain and bks complex. Perhaps deliberately for obvious reasons the Corps now marches by not in a col of plt lines such as we knew but in co columns, ea such col 8 cadets wide and about 15 cadets deep. Their short, 8-cadet lines were occasionally ragged, and cadets were too often out-of-step as contrasted to the drill we knew 65 yrs ago. So the review ended with élan, our '26 group united, and we set off across the Plain to Wash Hall for the alumni luncheon. There we were treated to short but still striking talks, by Gen Palmer, Denis Mullane '52, Pres of AOG, and by Buzz Aldrin '51 of moon-landing fame, who was honored in a large portrait. More incidental sightseeing followed that afternoon, and a formal dinner for our gp in the hotel closed out the show. Those who had known other reunions named this as one of the best. Here it's appropriate to thank our aides, CPTs Robert Rowlette Jr and Christopher Wagner & their wives for superb, unstinted support. And esp we owe so much to **Vald Heiberg**, who made so many of the arrangements and who set up so much of the program. A grand salaam to you, Vald, from we who were fortunate enough to make the trip and who missed acutely your presence. It is also fitting here to offer **Doc Jones**' message, his faulty body having deprived him of the trip he had planned: "Greetings to the Cl of '26, wives, and widows. **Betty** & I had definitely planned to be with you on this auspicous occasion. However, my physical condition did not warrant our being with you in person, so we will have to settle with next best—we will be there in spirit."

A blithe note from **Ted Peck** tells that she gets around nicely with the use of a cane. Ted no longer goes to market because her son & daughter-in-law, who live in Macon, come up and do it for her. She dines with friends every night. Ted claims she would have come to the reunion had her condition permitted. She & **Marvin** made every one they could. Keep up the good work, Ted.

Received a photo of a handsome, smiling **Bill Deyo** at a Founders Day spree with his cousin, Miss Judy Pfaffenbach, beside him. Bill claims he's in good shape and enjoying life in FL.

As **Hal Doud** began to cross a street in his home town, Fullerton, CA, walking within a pedestrian lane and with the green light, a car tore around the corner, ran the red light and knocked him down, smashing his face. A witness got the license of the operator, a mere kid 11 yrs younger than his victim and charged with a long string of traffic violations. A plastic surgeon and asst spent a whole afternoon putting Hal's face right. Then, with recovery going well, he fell in his home and twisted an ankle painfully. Hal now fears he's accident-prone. Surely not, Hal, and *Güte Besserubg, schnell*!

Rita Correll writes that her mother, **Margarita Calhoun, Tyler**'s widow, died 2 May and was buried beside him in the WP Cemetery. Present at the funeral were Rita, her sister, her aunt (widow of Kerwin Malone, AF), Tyler's nephew Walter Winton '42 and his grandson in '91. The Cl offers condolences and sympathy to the Calhoun family and collaterals.

A hurried note from **Marje Brady** says that she is off to England to join a British group touring Tuscany. No doubt we'll have some details when widely-traveled Marje returns. In the meantime, a great trip to you, Marje.

Via phone **Charlotte Matthias** rep that she is still living in her Steilacoom, WA home and intends to stay there as long as she can do for herself. She'll trip down to San Ant this summer for a short visit.

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Charlotte regrets being unable to make the reunion and sends love and regards to all her many friends.

In a concise ltr which got right to the point, **Vald Heiberg** covered the part our Class played in rewarding cadet excellence. Here's what he wrote: "at the Awards Convocation, held in Eisenhower Hall on 31 May, **Rod Smith** presented the Rodney Smith Memorial Award (in honor of his son who was killed in Vietnam) to Cadet Todd Pendleton. Vald Heiberg's son Bill presented the Class of '26 Award to Cadet Richard Burney for standing first in Applied Science and Engring. **Red Reeder**'s son, Russell, presented the Red Reeder Award to Cadet Michael Tripp, the outstanding player on the basketball team."

Every yr, as usual, the solemn ceremony honoring Father Thayer and selected alumni alike contains a mordant, ironic sort of *tableau vivant*, its meaning unnoted by either actors or spectators. Thus from your place on the reviewing bleachers look westward toward the Plain and see the fresh, hopeful cadet faces, unmarked and eager, the very beginning of the Long Gray Line. And for its end, watch the old grads tottering toward their post beside the Supe. Take note that theirs are the very same faces that you saw on the Plain, now altered in a few moments by the sorcery of time and circumstance, sadly diminished in numbers and arranged in a row like grotesque Easter Isl monuments, antique, stiff, eroded and visibly crumbling before your eyes. You have caught in one glance the Alpha and Omega of the Long Gray Line.

'27

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The response to my ltr of last Dec has far exceeded expectations, for which I am very thankful to all who responded. My number-one helper, **Art Roth**, inspired by the fine pic of our present oldest living graduate, COL E.D. Ellis '15, undertook some research on the ages of our classmates. In the last *Register*, he found the roster of graduates who have attained the age of 90 (pg 1029). No one from '27 was listed, but knowing that **Jesse Dressler** was the oldest living mbr of our Cl, he discovered that Jesse would join the famed 90 roster on this yr's 12 Nov. Others are not far behind. Six are due next year—**Trapnell** is no 6. Our youngest, **Nelson Fooks**, will be 90 on the last day of May 96.

A ltr from **Bob Aloe** tells of a tour to Lake Tahoe with **Nat**. Their son & his wife joined them for two days. Just after they left the snows started, and they were lucky to get out in time. He included a photo of himself and COL James Paul Jennings (x-'27), USAF Ret. Jennings had been his roommate in our 1923 Beast Bks!!

Mac Miller writes about the upcoming 65th Reunion of our Class next yr. He talks about it with **Trapnell** on the phone frequently. Trap & **Betty** are well settled in the ret ctr at Belvoir Woods. Trap is well and is playing golf now that the weather has warmed up. Mac is also playing golf. Trap's regular playing partner is 93-yr-old George Rehm '20, who usually beats him by 2 or 3 strokes a round! George expects his LTC of Armor son to move to the Pentagon after 4 yrs at the Army Tng Ctr in CA's Mojave Desert.

Ben Whitehouse writes from Natick, MA, where he lives near his daughter and family, that he was determined to be active and not accept ret as a way of life. He found employment with the Raytheon Missile Div until 67, when they told him that he was too old. Ben was not willing to quit, and in 69 he found that Babson Reports could use his svcs. He thought it would last 2 or 3 yrs. When it reached 21 yrs, he gave up and ret.

The remaining copies of the *Cadet Chapel Book* sponsored by '27 have been donated to the Chapel Altar Guild and to the AOG. The decision to take this step was based on the fact that sales of the book since the initial prepublication campaign have been slow. Our only outlets were the AOG Gift Shop and the WP Museum Gift Shop operated by the Daughters of the US Army. Our Class comm (**Davidson, McManus, Roth** and your scribe) and the author, George Pappas '44, felt that donating the remaining copies complied with our intent in publishing the book: future sales will benefit the Chapel and the AOG and thus serve the best interests of the Chapel and the Academy. This decision was concurred with by **Mac Miller** and **Trap Trapnell**. A few books have been retained for Cl use and can be obtained by writing to Tom McManus.

It was also decided by our comm and concurred with by **Mac** and **Trap** that the Class Fund should be closed by turning it over to the AOG with the specific allocation to spt activities of the gp planning the USMA Bicentennial observance. It is fitting that the fund be used for this purpose, for that observance will also be a commemoration of the 75th anniv of our '27 graduation.

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Dave Traub wrote that he received notice from the AOG that our classmate **Raphael B Ezekiel** died on 11 Apr in Cleveland, OH and was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Dave telephoned Zeke's next of kin, son William, to extend the condolences of the Cl.

Also had a brief note from **Aug Kissner,** who enclosed a newspaper obituary about **George F Smith**. He passed away after a heart attack on 24 Apr. "Pooh" was at one time the mayor-commissioner of N Redington Beach for nearly 12 yrs, culminating in 87. He was buried in Serenity Gardens Memorial Park, Largo, FL. His survivors include **Wilhelmina**; two daughters, Suzzane T Whitcombe of Ft Wayne and Charlotte O Seip of Las Vegas; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Our sympathy goes to them all.

While vacationing from San Ant where she lives, **Ruth Butchers** flew out to St Louis to see her brother on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Then she stopped over here to visit her daughter & son-in-law, Barbara & Don Beaman, who live in the Queens Lake part of Williamsburg. We spent a very delightful evening with Ruth and the Beamans before she went back to TX.

If anyone on the W Coast has any news I sure would like to hear it! So far have reps from DC, TX and FL areas only!

'29

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Hope the old adage "variety is the spice of life" is applicable to these notes. They were started in Belleville, IL where we visited Jean & David Riggs; continued in the DC area where I visited Bill & Joan and sought some help for my hearing aids at Walter Reed; resumed in Belleville and completed (such as they are) back at Pinecrest.

Pat & Betty O'Hara have taken off for England and Wales. Because they had flown out to CA so frequently to check on their new grandson, they had enough pts to swap their coach seats for first class. On his return Pat is scheduled for knee surgery (arthroscopic variety), so he could be chipper by the time you read this. **Paul & Josette Thompson** are in France for about a mo after visiting the "Assault Trng Ctr" in England. **Paul Steinbeck** was in IL to help his sister celebrate her 87th birthday. On his way back to FL he will stop to see his younger son John in the DC area, where he was transferred by the C of E on the completion of the Ft Drum projects. **Dutch Kraus** rep that after 3 yrs both he and **Hank** are well and off on a cruise along the Mexican Riviera. **Jackie Nichols** and **Slim Vittrup** are organizing a '29 luncheon—the first in a long while. The last attempt was deferred as **Marshall Stubb**'s svcs at Arlington ended on the same date. My invitation was waiting for

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me when I got back to Largo, but, much as I'd like to be there on 17 Jun, I'll have to pass. A couple of days after it **Ken & Jackie** will take two of their grandchildren on a cruise up the Miss on the *Mississippi Queen* to celebrate Nichols Thompson & KD Nichols III's graduation from HS. I'm not sure of their itinerary except for New Orleans and Natchez. Should have more details about the Cl luncheon in the next batch of Cl notes. It's starting with libations at Slim's apt followed by a sit-down luncheon in the private dining rm of the Fairfax.

Phone contact was all I could make with several but enjoyed talking to them. **Bill & Nell Thompson** are much the same as usual. **Alice Nesbitt** is planning on being at the luncheon and is expecting to bring several from Knollwood (which we knew as Army Distaff Hall) including **Emma Rasmussen, Lola Keyes, Lee Meyer** and **Charlotte Samuels**. Emma was the only one I could reach, but I was pleased to see that she is pretty well recuperated from her hip opn. **Molly Winn** has just moved in and is still in the process of moving some of her things from Leesburg. The house has been designated as an "historic site," but the recipients are finding the slow real estate market is holding up Molly's closing. Enjoyed my lunch (as Emma's guest) with Molly and Fran Gates Mueller, who was jr cdt hostess while many '29 sons were cdts. Knollwood is undergoing extensive renovation to provide larger apts for couples and to remove those ceilings containing asbestos. Looked for the '29 plaque for **Jupe Lindsey** but couldn't find it before I had to leave for WR and hearing tests. Even though I don't hear very well with the aids, it's better than none. They told me to have a bit more hearing loss and come back next yr—they might be able to do something. **Grace Woods** is another resident but rather inactive. Tried to reach **Leni Perkins, Ida Milwitt** and the **Hubards** but missed. **Sis Conley** rep that **Tom** was home after a wk in the hosp and was holding his own, but they couldn't make the luncheon. **Marion Parr's** comments were much the same: home from the hosp, holding her own and luncheon questionable. Can't remember who told me that **Mary Lynch** came down from CT for a few days and is considering a ret ctr. Rep a particularly good time at our 60th Reunion. **Margaretta Ghormley** and I had a hard time hearing ea other on the phone, but she plans to be on deck for the luncheon. Other pleasant lunches were with **Mary Jo Connor** at the Ft Myer Club, which is being renovated, and with **Fenn Sykes**. She seems to be fine and quite active. Daddy is still doing a lot of volunteer work, but it takes him a bit longer to get between appts.

Friday I met **Dee Dee Armstrong** for a nice lunch at the Fairfax, which was quite enjoyable and gave me another comparison with Pinecrest. Haven't seen the Army Ret Comm in San Ant but am inclined to think that these 3 are tops, based on very limited observations. On the way to see **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss** said hello to "Red" Reeder '26 and "Little Danny Sundt" (both Dannys were in "I" Co first cl yr.)

The **Strausses** are enjoying their return to the Fairfax much more than their initial stay. Didn't get to see **"Red" Calloway** in the Health Ctr. **Dee Dee** demonstrated her sporty new Honda (a gift from her son) with lots of buttons, stick on the floor, etc, by taking me out to Ft Belvoir so we could see **Slim Vittrup** in Dewitt Army Hosp. On Memorial Day he got a crook in his back which floored him. It was improving so he should be out of the hosp before I get back to FL. Dee Dee is her same vivacious self and was very pleased to learn that the lovely, large home she & **Army** built adjacent to the campus and sold to the sch when she came to the Fairfax now has a plaque designating it as the "**Armstrong** House." With all the contributions that they made to the McCauley Sch and the community, it is most fitting.

A mtg of the Army Ret Residence Foundation was held the end of May to consider the request of the AF Ret Foundation to join the Army on a one-to-one basis. Marriott can no longer go ahead with a similar project planned for the AF called Falcon's Landing to be built near Andrews AFB. Several AF already are in residence and others are eligible. As the Fairfax is now open to all commissioned offs and surviving spouses of *all* Armed Forces, the Army Foundation members, after considerable discussion, rejected the request by a margin of two votes. The AFROC is going to investigate other possibilities similar to the AF Vil W in CA, Liberty Heights in CO and Fleet Landing in FL.

Jean came down from near Scott AFB in May and did a lot of things I'd not taken care of; she took Dorothy home with her for a visit. It has done Dot a lot of good and she is appreciably stronger and more mobile. After she left, Harvey & **Marion McDonald** Sheppard came over, and we had a very pleasant time. They like the Mayflower in Winter Park very much but miss **Bob & Mary Cook**, who lived there too. They should be returning from an Inland Waterway cruise to AK with a few extra days in Vancouver and Victoria, BC and Seattle. After a short time home which included a visit by Randy, her younger son & wife, the Sheppards headed for San Ant and Ft Sam. They were to see the **Bassetts**, Swaffords, Harbolds and Maudie Twining, among others. Hoped to have dinner at Mexican Riverside restaurant and see Bishop Jones who was Rector of St Marks Church when Marion was confirmed. Harvey is one of the exhibitors at the Confederate Stamp Alliance, and they will attend a "Formal Southern Supper" before returning home to the Mayflower. **Tommy & Rose DeBose** are also in Winter Park but not in the Mayflower. Tommy has pretty well decided against hip surgery. Rose has recuperated well from her surgery, which was rather closely followed by Gwynne's wedding. **Jean Gavin** is also in Winter Park but may have gone up to Ft Bragg for the dedication of the new admin HQ of the 82d Abn Div.

Johnny Theimer reps **Ducky & Martha Hail** had a fine time on Oahu and Kaui but had to get a map to show daughters Linda and Carolyn where they used to live on Schofield Bks, which has changed dramatically since he cmded "A" Co of the 35th Inf.

Other reps from **Bonnie Mackintosh** that she had talked to **Lon Quill** in Hilton Head, and she sounded fine.

There is a very fine article in the 27 May issue of the *US News and World Report* (p 38) on GEN Schwarzkopf's talks to the Corps of Cadets.

We are very pleased about one of the unpublicized but very important keys to the success of Desert Shield and Desert Storm called "Joint Operational Planning and Execution Systems" (JOPES). Our son-in-law, David Riggs, played a big part in developing and implementing JOPES.

Celie Rank relayed a msg from **Judy Lindsey** that she hadn't been too chipper but was OK now. Celie is very busy with Jehovah's Witnesses. Is thinking of going back to England with her sister. Last yr they had a 12-day cruise from Venice to Nice with sightseeing in Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia and France. **Thelma Russell** now lives near her daughter Joan and is a great-grandmother.

We are still encountering unreported deaths of classmates and widows, this time of **Martha Keirn** in Jun 90, **Gertrude McKee** in Nov 90, and **Bill Shimonek** on 28 Feb 91. Please, if anyone knows of a classmate or widow's death, please (again) drop me a card telling me even if you think someone else already has.

Here are some additional corrections to your 1 Apr 91 Roster: **Tom Conley**'s phone is (301) 622-0907; **Bill Shimoneck** died 28 Feb 91; **Dee Dee Armstrong**'s phone is (703) 799-3821; **Martha Hughes** died 12 Apr 91; **Desiree Huglin** is on Old Hickory (NOT Orchard) Blvd #186, phone (615) 622-2572; **Martha Keirn** died in Jun 90 and is buried at WP beside **Don**; **Gertrude McKee** died in Nov 90, buried at Arlington beside **Bozo**. Other changes: there should be a "k" in **Mackintosh** and drop the Jr. The address shown is her daughter's, but she's usually at 210 Walnut Blvd, #15 Woodmere

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Pointe, Petersburg, VA 23805; **Lee Meyer**'s phone is (202) 541-0232; **Ida Milwit**'s phone is (301) 598-4482; **Alice Nesbitt**'s is (301) 654-4334; **Thelmas Russell** lives at 101 Turtle Creek, Apt 3, Charlottesville, VA 22091; **Chris Shimonek** should be transferred to the Widows; **Martha Smith**'s phone is (202) 965-9541; **Molly Winn** is in Apt 464, and her phone is (202) 541-0464. In the Geographical section, move Thelma Russell from GA to VA; Molly Winn from VA to DC; and delete Martha Kiern from MD and Gertrude McKee from TX.

An item or two of incidental intelligence (not the artificial variety): while driving on Scott AFB crossed **Losey** Ave named for our classmate **Bob** who was the first off fatality before we got into WWII. Some interesting statistics were compiled by the AOG and published as *Brief Historical and Vital Statistics of USMA Graduates, 1802–1933*. It was a pamphlet of 32 3" × 4–1/2" pp which reminded me of the *Holderman Julius Classics*, although they were considerably thicker. It included sr surviving grads starting with the Class of 1864 (birthdate 26 Dec 1841) through 1876. (I'm afraid few, if any, reached 100 as two of our oldest have this yr).

As of 1 Mar 32 there were 9,323 grads of whom 5,840 were living, with 4,135 on the active list and 965 in civil life. They listed 62 classifications of those in civil life running from Pres of the US through cabinet secretaries, business execs, bishops, artists, farmers and planters, non-mil engrs and concluded, "no institution, however liberal, can show a more plastic conformity to varied conditions and requirements—it is a convincing refutation of the assertion that a mil education is unfit for civil functions and occupations." Also, including the Class of '32, there were 9,585 grads out of the 17,980 cadets who entered—a 51.85% avg. Another comparison (I hope it isn't odious) but on 13 Jun 29 West Point graduated 299; Columbia U graduated more in 29 than WP had graduated since 1802.

The aforementioned booklet also rep that *Who's Who in America* in 1928–29 edition listed distinguished people from 506 cols and univs. The avg age at the time of selection was just over 50 yrs, and few who graduated after WWI are included.

Only the 72 top schools were tabulated, and, unfortunately, some of the more important institutions with 90 or more representatives did not supply adequate data for the survey. Even so, 235 grads were listed, which was 4.35% of the living grads. Of the 72 institutions listed, with more than 90 representatives, only 3 were above 6.6%; 2 were between 5 and 6%; WP was 1 of 8 between 4 and 5% and 10th overall; USNA was 25th at 2.14% (22 between 2 and 3%); another 22 between 1 and 2% and the remaining 14 over .34%.

Tried to contact Bill Deyo '26 to get some info on their 65th Reunion but didn't make connections.

Hope you all had a safe and sane 4th of Jul watching the fireworks and taking pride in our Armed Forces. Also, that you are relaxing over Labor Day while reading these notes.

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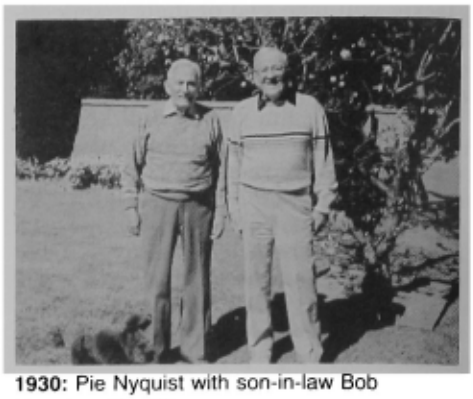
As rep in the last *ASSEMBLY*, **Bill Harris** seemed to have recovered from his 7 Apr heart attack by mid Apr. However, on 22 Apr he had another attack and died in Leland Memorial Hosp in Riverdale, MD. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery 25 Apr. Svcs were held in the Old Chapel at Ft Myer, followed by traditional graveside ceremonies. Classmates attending included **Andy O'Meara, Millard & Anne Lewis, Bill Carter, Pete King, Max & Amelia Janairo, Herb & Site Mitchell, Ned Moore, Charlotte Brisach** and **Ben Beasley.** Bill's close friend "Curley" Wilson was there, as well as 8 of Bill's family mbrs. They included CPT & Mrs David Aisles USN, Mr & Mrs Mosquera and family, LTC "Jack" Bray Jr '56, and Eillen Moritzen.

Bill Harris served in Panama and at the War Dept during WWII. He transferred to the AG in 47 and later attended the Armed Forces Staff Col, and was AG at SHAPE under **Larry Norstad**. From 61 to 65 Bill was ch of Mil Hist, his last asgmt. After his ret Bill was ch of security for the Natl Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD. Bill & **Nancy** were a devout couple, completely devoted to ea other. Those who knew them well will never forget them.

Bernice Nyquist called me 3 May 91 to say **Pie** had died in Tuscon 2 May. Pie attended the Inf Sch at Benning, then was detailed to the Army Air Corps in 39. In 41 he and COL Albro laid the groundwork for what later became Davis Monthan AFB. During the war Pie served at Guam with the Army Strategic AF. He later attended the Air War Col, the Industrial Col and the Advanced Mgt Prog at Harvard. His last active duty was as vice deputy com of the Air War Col in Montgomery. After ret he had a very successful career as a math teacher in Northern VA public schs. Pie belonged to numerous orgs and was a 32nd Degree Mason. A memorial svc for him was held at Northminister Presbyterian Church. Inurnment is planned at Arlington Cemetery. Pie is survived by his wife, three daughters, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The pic nearby, sent in by Bernice, shows Pie at 85 in Mar 90 on his back patio with a son-in-law, Bob Manning. Pie was one of my most faithful correspondents; he will be sorely missed.



1930: Pie Nyquist with son-in-law Bob Manning, Mar 90

Bob Cron wrote an interesting and welcome ltr on 2 May 91. He suffered a temporary heart stoppage recently and is recovering at Walnut Creek Health Care Manor. He wrote that **Elnora** has been a tower of strength through his ordeal, although she takes medicine daily for a heart problem of her own. Bob is on physiotherapy to learn to walk again and is making good progress. Nevertheless, he & Elnora are "putting their house in order," revising their wills to living trusts, finishing their autobios, etc.

Bob also rep that **Bob Lancefield** had died recently, presumably in Walnut Creek, but he did not have details. I hope someone out on the Coast can fill me in on our JAG classmate. My sincere thanks to Bob & Elnora. Keep up the good fight; get well; and get back home soon!

Bob Porter sent out invitations in Apr for a lunch at his home on Middle River Farm near Hood, VA on 14 May. His rhododendrons, some 1000 or more, are in bloom at this time in the spring and are spectacular indeed. Those who undertook the trip, all from the DC area, included **Andy & Ellen O'Meara, Bill Carter, Millard & Anne Lewis, Pat Dodge, Libby Curtis** and **Ben & Mary Beasley**. The farm includes some 70 acres, more or less, of rolling and largely wooded hills just below the Blue Ridge,

1930: Libby, Bob Porter, Millard & Anne, Pat, Mary, Ellen, Andy and Bill at Middle River Farm

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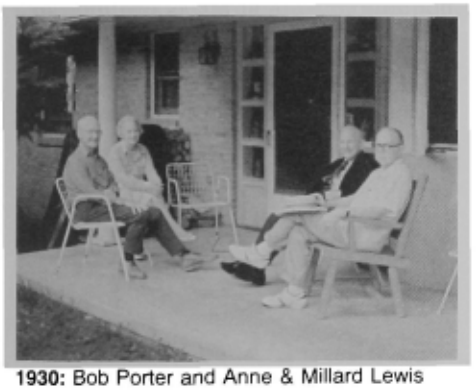
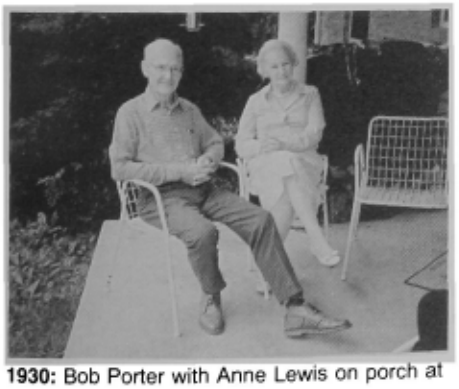
which is clearly visible from many vantage pts. The house Bob built is very comfortable and is still being enlarged. A delicious lunch of southern fried chicken was followed by a strawberry shortcake dessert, made with berries from Bob's large kitchen garden. His guests were given a car ride along trails through the rhodo planted area. He plants some 200 additional shrubs ea yr. Those of us lucky enough to be there are most grateful for Bob's warm hospitality.

1930: Ben and Bob Porter host at Middle River Farm, 14 May 91



1930: Bob Porter and Anne & Millard Lewis with Bill Carter at Middle River Farm

The first three pics nearby were sent in by **Libby Curtis** and the next two by **Bill Carter**. My special thanks to them and to our host.



1930: Bob Porter with Anne Lewis on porch at Middle River Farm

Sid Wooten wrote on 5 Jun from Nantucket where he & **Mary** are at their summer place. Both are, as he said, "hanging in there." Sid wrote that Jennifer Wehle Krasinski called him recently at home. She is one of **Phil & Eloise**

1930: Libby Curtis with Ben & Mary Beasley on porch at Middle River Farm

Wehle's daughters and was spending a few days on the Isl, looking for a cottage. Sid was impressed with Jennifer and her family. Husband Leon heads the legal section of a div of ITT. Their son, Brendon, is a yearling and was on a 3-wk furlough from USMA. Sid roomed with **Fergie** and Phil at USMA, so he gave them a tour of the Isl and hopes they will someday join the community. Sid particularly enjoyed talking with them about Phil and about life at USMA today. Mr & Mrs Leon Krasinski live at 300 Morris Ave, Mountain Lake, NJ 07046. Our sincere thanks, Sid, for your most welcome ltr.

On 8 Jun **Julia Miller** called me at home to tell me about her visit to TX. She went first to San Ant where she stayed with her longtime close friend, **Winnie Kilborn**. While there she saw **Ralph & Martha Swofford**. Martha is doing well, but Ralph still has some trouble walking distances. Julia found a host of friends in AF Vil. She then proceeded to Austin where she saw **Chris & Florence Clarke**. She was particularly pleased to find them both enjoying fine health and most hospitable.

Julia then drove to Dallas for a very nice visit with a grandson at SMU. While in Dallas she spent two nights with **Johnny & Darlene Murrell** and their son and was completely delighted with their company and their hospitality. She said Johnny is holding his own.

Julia called me from her daughter's home in Springfield, VA where she is visiting. Her daughter is the wife of COL Tobin, USA (Ret). She sells real estate for Long and Foster in the Northern VA area. For her the recession is definitely over. Her sales in Apr and in May were ea over a mil dollars, and Jun looked just as promising. Our sincere thanks to Julia for her call and best wishes to her and her splendid family.

Have a good summer and remember to write to your scribe and tell me all about it.

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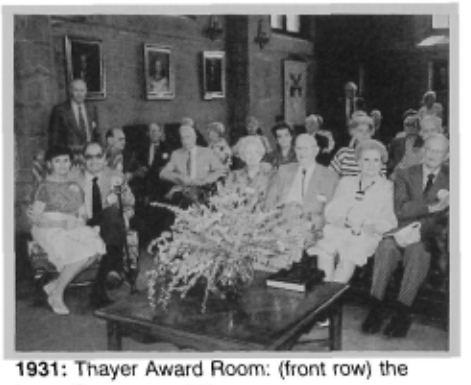
Reps reaching me acclaim the 60th Reunion an all-time success. Apparently our Cl has by now had much experience at this "return to the scene of our memories of those really great times we had at this truly beautiful spot that we didn't always fully appreciate at the time."



1931: Thayer Award Room: (front row) the Lees, Coopers and Hermans

Statistics for this reunion show that 42 classmates were there, with 34 wives and widows and 24 heirs, including the cadet grandsons of **Howard & Pat Hunter** and of **Chet & Virginia Ott**; this makes for a total of 100. It matches precisely the 100 participants we had in attendance on the 55th occasion. That, we must say, is maintaining quite a record for a bunch of octogenarians. Had not our **Warren Hoover** answered the Last Roll Call on 17 May and had not I cancelled my reservations because of the sudden grave illness of my **Betty**, we would have broken that record. The 42 classmates who turned out for the 60th represent a significant part, indeed, of the 102 of us living and 14% of our 11 Jun 31 roster.

1931: Tyler, Lane, McBride, Howze and Harrison

At the memorial svcs, **C² Smith** read the names of those we lost since the 55th Reunion. There were 38, plus **Doc Welch**. The graves of our classmates buried at WP were decorated; the pic (next page) is of **Jack Daley**'s final resting place.

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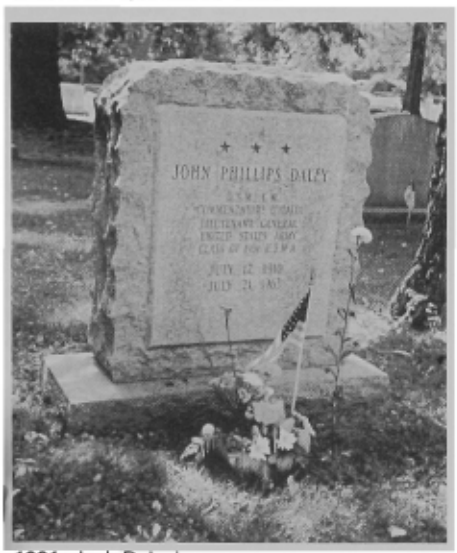
1931: Dick & Pris Jewett and McCrimmon

1931: PO Ward and C² Smith



1931: Jack Daley's grave

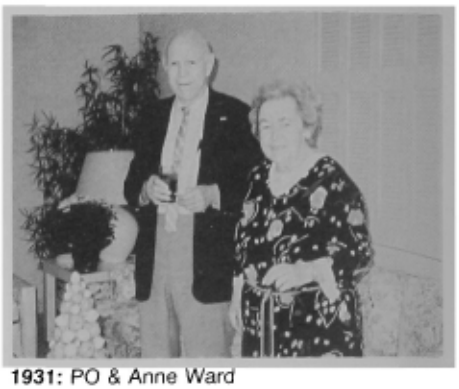
Betty Frederick and two of her & **Freddy**'s sons dedicated our memorial plaque at the entrance to the Thayer Award Room honoring 14 members of our Class who lost their lives in our wars abroad. Freddy was killed in action on 29 Oct 43 near Roccaromana, Italy as he was conducting a personal reconnaissance with a couple of men from his bn. His final resting place is in the US Mil Cemetery in Anzio.

Mac & Georgia McBride, who ably wrote the script and organized and orchestrated every detail of this reunion, were joined by **Charlie & Tommy Howze** to provide expedited smooth registration svcs for the reunioneers as they filtered in. And I hear that **Bob Eaton, Ted Parker** and **Dan Callahan** conducted the no-nonsense Class meeting with astute application of all the norms for effective handling of all issues presented, and no foofaraw. **Klemm Boyd** provided gracious and efficient Cl VI svcs in the amply-stocked hospitality suite. In spite of the sweltering pre-summer heat wave that hit the area during the 3 days of celebration, not a single programmed event was missed by our most handicapped: **Gordon Blake, Bill Dick, Charlie Howze, Bob Lee, Jake Smart, Willie Wilroy, Cornie & Lottie Lichirie, Ruth Lawson, Anne Ward** and **Brigid Ayers. Ozzie Tyler**'s "Sonnet to the 60th," appearing earlier in this ed of *ASSEMBLY*, was read at the dinner dance on 28 May. A feature that eve was the gala performance of Latin dances by **Fletcher & Anne Cole**. At times they were joined by their daughter. The Cl aides anticipated all potential problems with faultless precision and even provided very much welcomed water for our old folks at the dripping hot Alumni Review.

1931: Boyd, Betty Frederick, Marian Hockenberry, Betty Hall, McBride and Lucy Troxel

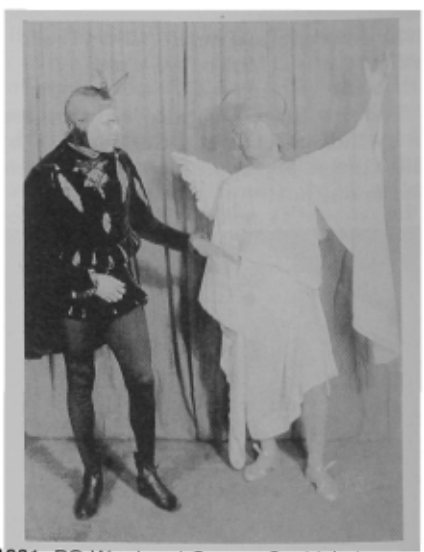
1931: Klemm Boyd's daughter Barbara Beatty, Speidel, Tommie Speidel, Pat Harrison, Betty Howard, Harrison, Boyd, McBride and Wilma Davis

But it was a grand spring day on 25 Apr when the Mid-Atlantic gp foregathered to enjoy the annual hospitable Gibson Isl, MD gala provided by **Klemm Boyd**. This party was a huge success, too. The 27 participants on this convivial occasion, in addition to Klemm and his delightful daughter, Barbara Beatty, were **Andy & Dee Adams, John & Wilma Davis, Bill & Fran Dick, Bob & Jo Kathryn Eaton, Betty Frederick, Betty Hall, Dick & Pat Harrison, Virginia Hightower, Marion Hockenberry, Warren & Margot Hoover, Betty Howard, Don & Virginia Little, Mac & Georgia McBride, George & Tommie Speidel, Lucy Troxel, PO & Anne Ward,** and **Marian Wertz.** A few nearby snapshots will serve to mark the good cheer of the day. **Jim & Kelley Corbett** had intended to join the crowd but had to cancel. Jim, not able to walk at all, is confined to a wheelchair. Almost two yrs ago he had a serious non-malignant major opn followed by the amputation of his left leg because of an infection from a foot injury.



1931: PO & Anne Ward

Our erstwhile actor of Hundreth Night fame, **Peter Otey Ward**, continues to astound us. He has now been honored as the Business Person of the Yr by the Chamber of Commerce in Louisa County, VA, where he continues to work. Nice going, PO.



1931: PO Ward and George Speidel at Hundredth Night Show, 31

In our last col you read that the JAG Sch at Charlottesville dedicated its auditorium on Law Day, 1 Mar 91, to **Ted Decker**. At the time, the accolade paid to Ted and recited in the dedication program was not at hand, but later **Suzanne**, who was present at the ceremony, sent

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me a copy. Few of us knew that the *1948 Manual for Courts-Martial* and its 51 revision were the result of Ted's handiwork. It was through his efforts that the Army leased facilities on the central grounds of the U of VA for the sch where he served as its first com and then secured its accreditation by the American Bar Assoc, which proceeded to place it on the list of approved law schs. On Law Day in 61, Georgetown U Law Ctr recognized Ted as the "Outstanding Alumnus of 61." The U of KS and the Alumni Assoc of the U of MO also awarded him high honors. In ret, Ted's interest in providing legal svcs to the indigent led to his assoc with the Ford Foundation's public defender project. And as a partner in Decker, Woodward and Assoc, he assisted state govts in developing programs for public defender svcs. One further note: Suzanne's 60th Reunion directory address, like that of many, many of us, is a life-care ctr. Also of interest: **Ernie & Nancy Easterbrook**'s son John '62 is Ted's godson. Not many of us realize that our Class spawned 4 chiefs of branch, which just could be a record. We have, besides Ted Decker at the JAG, **Bill Cassidy** as Ch of Engrs, **Paul Mayo** as Ch of Finance, and **Earle Cook** as Ch Signal Off.

1931: Malloy, Gordon and Miller

The pic of **Malloy, Gordon** and **Miller** was snapped during our second class furlough in 29 on Bankhead Isl, Lake McGregor, Quebec, Canada as they spent the summer with our football trainer, Frank Wandell, and the line coach, Fats Ellinger '25. In the May 91 Cl col, I passed on to you an incorrectly rep date, 31 Dec 90, of **Helen Irvine**'s fatal auto accident. **Virginia Diestel**, who was living on and off in Helen's apt when she was visiting **Chet** at Letterman, has given me the correct date when Helen died, 22 Dec, the Sat before Christmas. How strange it is, as Virginia puts it, that her ltr to me found use for an unmailed envelope addressed to me by Chet!—perhaps to contain a note saying that he wouldn't make the reunion. Info reached us very late that **John Brady**, who collected tenths only when emergency demanded, but who displayed sharp attack work on the lacrosse field, a great good friend and combat soldier, died in the Holy Cross Hosp in Ft Lauderdale, FL on 9 Dec 90. He had heart trouble and cancer. His ashes are to be entombed with his Cl ring in the columbarium in Arlington sometime in the middle of Jun. One of the most outgoing, generous, even-dispositioned all-around gentlemen in our Cl, **Warren Hoover**, answered the last call at Walter Reed on 17 May after a heart attack a few days before. Less than a mo earlier, he, with **Margot**, was among the revelers at the Gibson Isl roundup. And he was all set and planning to celebrate our 60th Reunion. His burial was at Arlington on 23 May. Some 200 attended the svcs. Classmates, wives and widows paying their last respects with Margot and family were **Andy & Dee Adams, Klemm Boyd, Chickie Buck, John & Wilma Davis, Bill & Fran Dick, Bob & Jo Eaton, Betty Frederick, Betty Hall, Virginia Hightower, Marion Hockenberry, Betty Howard, Don Little, Mac & Georgia McBride, Pass & Marion Pasarella, Marian Wertz** and **Curly & Marion Wilson**.

Hotspur Lash has written me that **Margaret**, his OAO even before our plebe yr, died in a hosp in Melbourne, FL on 2 May from complications from a brain tumor. She had been failing for a yr or so. Her ashes are to be buried this summer at WP.

Dave Hutchinson's widow, Mrs Cecile E Coe, having lost her second husband, has assumed the name **Jean Hutchinson** Coe and has moved to 1722 Tiffany Dr, Racine, WI 53402. Other changes of address: Mrs **James C Blanning (Virginia)**, 445 Moonbeam Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80916; tel (719) 391-0926; the **Howzes**, 4049 Providence Pt Dr, SE, Issaquah, WA 98207; tel (206) 557-0468; **Mrs John P Daley (Kay)**, 311 Nottingham W, #136, San Ant, TX 78209; the **Carlmarks**' tel no is (808) 949-0936; the **Skidmores**, The Inlets, 215 Carriage House Lane, Nakomis, FL 34275; **Steinbachs**, Pacific Regent La Jolla, 3880 Noble Dr, Apt 1601, San Diego, CA 92122.

You will remember that **Warren Hoover** was the Cl treas. Your annual $25 tax-deductible dues, payable to Cl Fund, '31 USMA, should be sent to **Klemm Boyd** (elected treas to succeed Warren), St Giles Rd, Gibson Isl, MD 21056.

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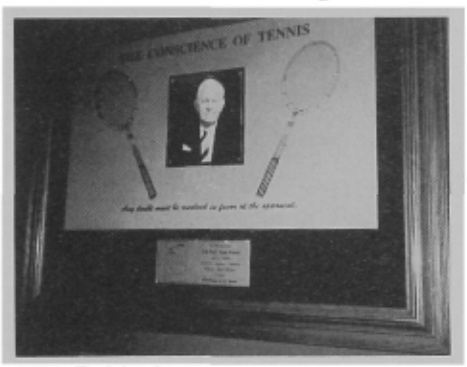
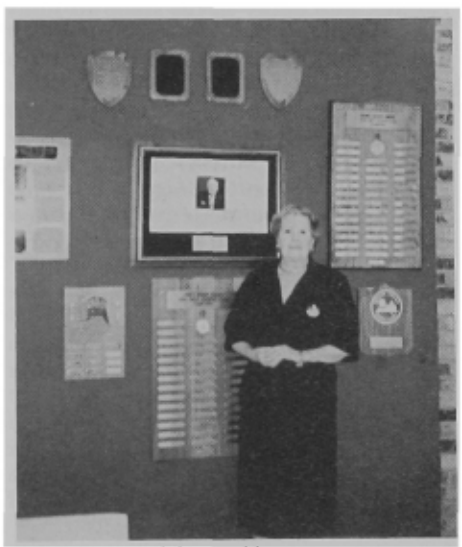
OLD SOLDIERS (AND GOOD ATHLETES) NEVER DIE. **Chris Dreyer** sent me a copy of the natl *Sr Tennis Newsltr* with the following passage in it: "We thank Ellis Williamson for sending us a pic taken at the Natl Clay Championships at the A-N Club near Wash, DC. It was a plaque honoring COL **Nick Powel**, a many-time natl champion who is best-known for his publication, *The Code*, which should be read and used by all players, as it has been the US Tennis Assoc's off policy for many yrs for all non-official matches. . . . 'Any doubt must be resolved in favor of the opponent.'. . . In describing the kind of person Powel was, the plaque says 'Aviator, author, arbiter, player, rule maker, friend and custodian of the game.' "



1932: Ernie's plaque



1932: Sally and the trophies

Sally Powel attended the dedication in the Tennis House of the Country Club in Arlington (see pic). It was at the big annual party of the tennis club, with hundreds present at the ceremony. (And remember, when we were cadets **Ernie** was the regular first baseman on the baseball team and played tennis only in his spare time.)

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Ernie's will left the proceeds of his estate to **Sally** as long as she lives, and after she is gone the whole bundle—and it's a BIG bundle—will to go USMA in honor of Ernie's mother, the late Lelie Dent Powel.

Meanwhile, **Chris** has moved up to the 85-yr-old Super-Srs and when he last wrote he was in Boise, ID competing in the Super-Srs Natl Indoor Tournament.

FINAL FAREWELLS. **Archie Lyon** phoned to give me the sad news about **Maddy Garland**. **Lillian** had phoned Archie to say that Maddy had just passed on after a long illness. No further news except that interment at Arlington was planned for 28 Jun.

Maddy was a good guy with a good record: Eighth AF European Theater in WWII, Air War Col, Natl War Col and 2 Legions of Merit before ret as a BG.

1932: Titter & Tuffy Horner

Willis H, son of our late **Wallace H Brucker**, who runs Ft Belvoir, told **Ann** of the sudden death of classmate **Tuffy Horner**, peacefully in his sleep in Jun. Ann told me, and **Ruth McCawley** came through with the above pic.

Tuffy had an active 30-yr record: CO of an FA bn in Iceland at the beginning of WWII, then Div Arty Exec in the European Theater (LM-AM) 43–45, Army Field Forces Bd at Ft Bragg, NWC and qualified as a paratrooper when the Army needed more in the sr ranks. Tuffy finished his active career as Ch of the JCS Historical Section.

1932: Amy & Charlie Carrell

I rep the passing of **Charlie Carrell** in the last issue but until recently did not get this good pic taken in their home right after Charlie had won one of his many golf tournaments.

The sympathy of all of our Cl goes to **Sally Powel, Lillian Garland, Titter Horner** and **Amy Carrell**. Keep close to '32, ladies, and come to our big 60th in May.

I received an invitation from the CG of the Lowry Tech Trng Ctr to attend the dedication ceremony of the Lowry AFB Library in honor of MG **Eugene P Mussett** and the reception immediately following the ceremony. I couldn't make it, but a female voice in Protocol said she would send me all info and photo after the event.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. As a prize for winning second place in my Boy Scout troop the scoutmaster took me and another peanut to WP to spend the day. I was hooked, and, after entering competition via my congressman, a senator and the Natl Guard, I made it in 28. **Cliff & Virginia Bielefield**'s grandson, Kyle Winkler, visited WP during a giant jamboree with 2–3000 scouts during 3 days of rugged scouting/duty overseen by cadets assigned to ea gp to put the young scouts through their paces.

YOU TOO CAN BE A HERO. Recently I received a ltr from someone I don't know which said, "Please be advised that I have become the proud owner of several books which had belonged to you. I was a successful bidder in the Feb 91 Friends of the WP Library silent auction.

"I have added *To Bizerte with the II Corps* and 6 issues of the *Official Register of Officers and Cadets, USMA* (1938–46). All of these make a fine addition to my mil book collection and, more specifically, books on that outstanding place—WP. WP, in my opinion, is the 'real Army.' "

Who, me?

Along with **Tom Darcy, Eddie Farnsworth** and others of our time I signed up with Friends of the WP Library when it was started a few yrs back. When it became time for **Pat** & my last final move to the above address I decided it was time to reduce the bulk but did not want to throw away old treasures. I sent the list of my pubs to Friends and they were delighted to get them. I shipped them all to them, and they said that they would hold and put them up for silent auction (whatever that is).

So now this good guy in upstate NY, no of Schenectady, who is not a grad but knows the value of WP, has them and is putting them to good use. He's happy, I'm happy and our Alma Mater is happy.

Join Friends of the WP Library and give it a go.

ONLY YESTERDAY. The cover photo of the *ASSEMBLY* I have just received is of DeTrevelle Ellis '15, our oldest grad, 101. He is also his class scribe and on one or two occasions has corresponded with me on the travails of our respective jobs as scribes. Our local oldest grad is CH Chorpening, Nov '18, who phoned me as I was writing this to say he had just received a phone call from **Bill Powers** for a social chat. Bill told him to please pass regards to **Ken & Pat Zitzman.**

Further talk with Chorp revealed that when he was ch of Civil Works nationwide in the Off of the Chief of Engrs, he had appointed **Bill** as district engr of the Norfolk VA District. It was a big job in those days. Bill built an important dam, and they both shared the opening speechifying. Only yesterday.

THE NEW CLASS DIRECTORY calls for high marks for **Archie Lyon** and his Wash coterie. His accompanying newsltr is the only pub that reaches all of our remaining classmates and widows. Like all else, the directory is subject to change and **Steve Mellnik** phoned me to say that his phone no is now (915) 584-2544.

Also, make the following changes/corrections to your copy:

Bielefeld (spelling) and add **Virginia**; **Jamison**, 9002 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, WE202; Mrs **Aaron M Lazar**; **George Mather**, Penick Memorial Home, tel (919) 692-0215; **Betty Whalen**, 5400 Vantage Point Rd, Apt 611, Columbia, MD 21044, tel (301) 992-1216; Mrs **Torgils Wold**; L/C **Eldon F Ziegler**, USA, **Betty**.

Steve Mellnik also included his latest news: his trip with **Nonni** to the Hawaiian Isl in Apr and the fact that he keeps in condition by swimming 1/2 mi a day at Ft Bliss. He & Nonni will be at our 60th in May.

Steve also brought me up-to-date on **Bill Massello**, who cmded an FA bn on Corregidor in 42 and pulled the lanyard on the FA piece to fire the last shot from Corregidor in WWII before Bill blew out its breech.

Bill has recovered well from the opn which removed a brain tumor a yr ago and attended the recent Founders Day dinner at Ft Bliss as well as other WP functions. In Apr **Olga** suffered a stroke which immobilized her right side, but, after some therapy, the prognosis is quite good now.

WORLD AFFAIRS. **Todd & Kay Slade** went from their home no of the Bay to attend a World Affairs Council Seminar in a conf ctr about a mi from **Chris & Phyl Dreyer**'s home in Pebble Beach, CA. At the end of the 3-day affair they got together at the Dreyers' to go into the more complex philosophy of '32 before going out to lunch together. Phyl took the pic on the next page.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS. **Bill** & **Vivian Kunzig** spent a few days in San Ant visiting Viv's sister, and they took **Pat** & me to a good leisurely dinner at the Barn Door (see pic next page). We had lots of time for a long talk and to catch up on the lastest news.

They also gave me this excellent pic showing almost all of the SF Bay Area '32'ers.

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1932: The San Francisco mob: (rear row) Viv Kunzig, Reina Bowen, Dottie Lankenau, Todd Slade, Bill Kunzig, Bill Fraser, (front row) Anne Cochran, Kay Slade, Mary Paul, Lynn Childs and Hap Fraser

1932: Kay Slade between Chris Dreyer and Todd

1932: Bill Kunzig between Pat Zitzman and Vivian Kunzig

Present were **Viv Kunzig, Reina Bowen, Dottie Lankenau, Todd Slade, Bill Kunzig, Bill Fraser, Anne Cochran, Kay Slade, Mary Paul, Lynn Childs** and **Hap Fraser**.

The gal in the ctr holding the plaque is Mary Paul, secy of the Presidio Off Club, who has been made an honorary member of the Bay Area '32'ers. She is a real dynamo and has done a lot for our gp out there. **Chris & Phyl Dreyer** were not in this pic because they were in FL to visit their son and for Chris to play in—that's right—a sr tennis tournament. They did take in the Founders Day dinner down there.

1932: Lou & Margo Truman and LaTrelle & Pop Duncan

AT RANDOM IN QUONDAM. **Pop Duncan** wrote about the 40th anniv dinner of the Atl Breakfast Club. He said that, in a way, it was also an anniv for the Trumans and Duncans because over the last 40 yrs they have been photographed together at the dinners at intervals of about 10 yrs (see pic). From the looks of those two little peachcakes with **Lou** and Pop, this one could have been any pic taken over the past 40 yrs.

OUR 60TH! It's coming up soon and **Archie Lyon** will need to know how many want to ride the '32 bus from Wash DC to WP and back. He needs a certain minimum so let him know soonest. **Pat** & I are flying into Wash this yr, shall spend a day or two at the Ft Belvoir guest house and go to WP and back with the mob. It's easier and more congenial than flying to NYC and renting a car to get to WP.

'33

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Every once in awhile, it seems, somebody reads these notes. "Your remarks about obits in the last *ASSEMBLY*," writes **Cal Smith**, "made me decide to save a classmate, family member or dear friend a lot of trouble by sending a draft of mine to the AOG Dir of Pubs." You've made our day, Cal! Don't forget to send a photo, too. . . .

Another up-front item: 'Couple of wks ago **Hap & Molly Tubbs** called to say Hap had lost his ring. Casting about for a replacement, they learned that Tiffany no longer has the die and would charge $3,250 to make a new ring. What to do? Well, **Sparrow** called **Lincoln**, who called **Carver**, who called **Flo Cahill**. Result: **Ed**'s ring was in the mail to Hap two days later. Howzat for dynamic response? (This is the 4th known such instance in which a '33 widow has come to the rescue of a classmate in distress.) Oh, by the way, **Bill Quinn** says he needs a ring, too. . . . Attention widowers: Can anyone replace **Dorothy Doleman**'s miniature (which was stolen)?

Sheridan Memorial. The Cl of '32, '33, '34 and '35 will never forget that shocking moment in the Yale game at New Haven, 24 Oct 31—but by now few other grads have it in their consciousness, any more than we were aware of the cadet for whom Battery Byrne was named. An article on the Sheridan Memorial is included in this *ASSEMBLY;* and subsequently in *The Pointer*, we hope.

The Class has lost two of our widows since our last rep:

- On 20 Mar 91 **Margaret Klanderman**, widow of **Russ Klanderman**, died in Lenox, MA. Graveside svcs were held at Arlington Natl Cemetery. She is survived by daughter Mary-Jo Flynn of Lenox, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
- On 7 May **Millicent Scott Hain**, widow of **Bob Hain**, died in Honolulu. She

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is survived by son Scott R, daughter Gwendolyn S, and a granddaughter.

To the **Klanderman** and **Hain** families we extend our deep sympathy and the hope that you will stay in touch with the Class.

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From **Wally Andrews**, more fall-out from his Christmas reunion with **Ed Raff** on Bora Bora: a copy of Ed's fine book, *We Jumped to Fight*, covering his WWII svc in cmd of the 2d Bn, 503d Parachute Inf in Tunisia—an acct your scribe found well worth reading. Copies may be obtained for $8.50 from *Static Line* editor Don Lassen, Box 87518, College Park, GA 30337.

"If you still have your Apr *National Geographic*," sez **El Conway**, "look under the 'Geographica' section. At bottom of pg 3 is a pic of the 169 residents of Eagle, AK; our Meg, husband David and baby Daniel are at the extreme left."

Responding to our call for Desert Shield/Storm pics, **Bob Cyr** has sent "two of my son (MSG) Joe on site." In

1933: MSG Joe Cyr in Desert Storm

the first photo (with Joe seated on cot), the caption reads, "This was one of our remote Special Forces camps. We had just been issued new radios to enable us to communicate with the USAF A-10s, F-15s and F-16s in order to provide close spt to the multi-natl (Arab) forces we were supporting on the ground." The caption on the second photo (Joe with his hand up) reads, "This was in the Syrian camp just before the war. I'm checking out my jr commo man on his radio procedures for calling in close air spt (my hand is up to block the sun). The A-10s (Thunderbolts) were attacking targets from out of the sun." Very impressive!

"We're just back," writes **Bill Fletter**, "from 3 wks in Ger to visit **Irm's** sister & husband on their 60th—a festive affair! Most newsworthy part of trip was 3 days in E Ger. The whole area is run down. In the cities many houses are deserted shells—broken windows, smashed doors—the smell of brown coal smoke throughout. In Rostok a trucking co lost its contract to distribute milk from the local dairy, meat from the packing plant, because people thought it better to have milk and meat from the Western zone.

1933: "They're coming right out of the sun!"

"350,000 Soviet troops still there, pending construction of bks in Russia by the Germans to accommodate them! Meanwhile, these troops pollute their campsites and sell anything they can lay hands on, including uniforms, rifles, grenades, etc.

"The Germans have a tough problem on their hands, to get their E Zone up to speed. . . ." Fascinating ltr, here condensed. Thanks!

"**Pat** & I are in our new house," writes **Rita Guiney** (at the end of Apr), "but much still to unpack and to discard—we just saved too many things. The streets of Hershey are lined with beautiful blossoming trees."

"We got home 6 May after 3 wks on the Mainland," rep **Duncan Hallock**. "It's great to be back. In FL we saw our first great-grandson, then went on to an ITT reunion on Palm Coast, and from there to the wedding of Barbara's younger son in Greenville, SC and 3 days of golf at Pinehurst. En route back we had a fine visit with Bruce in SFO. In case someone wants it, **Scott Hain** is at 72 Lawai, Hon 96825; tel (808) 395-7837."

Much help (as often) from the **Hurlbuts**—in early May "**Polly** & I met with **Red & Sue White** and **Jane (Beeler)** & Milton **Greenfield** in St Louis for the 60th anniv of the 3 girls' graduation from Mary Institute. We enjoyed touring the scenes of our former crimes—clearly the Class of '33 benefited enormously from Mary Institute!

"Later in the mo we attended the wedding of **Jesse Hawkins'** eldest grandchild, Karen Fulton Block, to Steven Wilkinson on 25 May in Wheeling, WV. We were houseguests of Jesse's widow, **Carolyn Hawkins** Jennings. It was a memorable occasion—the bride cut the wedding cake with her grandfather's saber, so the Class of '33 was very much present. Incidentally, I know that the first time Jesse drew that saber from its scabbard was at **Harry Burkhalter's** wedding. . . .

"Our eldest daughter Susan says she's 'back in the Army again.' She & LTC Ed Speare are moving out to Riley, where Ed will be G-1, 1st Inf Div."

From **Dorothy Johnson** we have a clipping re her & **Johnny**'s son, Bob:

1933: '33'ers in calm waters: the Elys, Hurlbuts, Whipples and Senters aboard Hurly's son-in-law Carl Moritz' (USNA '62) boat

" 'Wasps' Johnson Honored By ODAC (Old Dominion Athletic Conference).' Emory & Henry's Bob Johnson was named ODAC Coach of the Yr. With a sr nucleus and strong defense, Johnson steered the Wasps to a 24–4 record and runner-up finish in the ODAC tournament. The 24 wins broke the record for wins in a single season at E & H and represented the fourth consecutive 20-win season. . . . " Congratulations, Bob!

In the merrie mo of Jun, **Gracie & Harry King** make their annual hegira to "King's Ransom," their aptly named "cottage" on Bailey Isl, ME. Gracie sent a clip of claimants' comments collected by Met Life Ins Co, the first of which reads, "The pedestrian had no idea which way to turn, so I ran over him." Another: "I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment." Nice going, Gracie!

1933: '33'ers mix it up at the Fairfax: Carol Speiser, Marian Haneke, Bert & June Sparrow and Bill Haneke '36

Ivan Parr tells us he's worked as a volunteer 2 days a wk in the hosp pharmacy at Carswell AFB for over 12 yrs, and a like period at the Exchange. A fine example of what a retiree can do. . . . He rep also that **Stan Hoebeke** has had a rough time in recent mos.

In a recent chat with **Jim & Joey Polk** we learned that the former's recovery continues, but at a slow pace. Jimmy rep that the people at Ft Bliss could not have been more supportive, and Joey spoke of

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their joy (pun intentional) in their beautiful surroundings. We're all pulling for you, Jimmy!

"**Bimbi Downing** and I are having lunch in Annapolis tomorrow," sez **Janie Pope**, "and I am making a ceramic drop at the Sign of the Whale. [This to the uninitiated translates as follows: Janie has now gained wide recognition for the excellence of her piquant figurines, which she models, paints and bakes in her own (ceramic) kiln. Her work is now sold at a limited no of selected stores. Thus in this "ceramic drop" we can assume no crockery was broken.] Like the Kings, Janie is winging north for the summer—in her case to Cape Cod: 12 Chase Ave, West Dennis, MA 20670; tel (508) 394-5958.

"After all these yrs," writes **Roy Reynolds**, "I finally won a USTA Gold Ball by winning the Natl Indoor 80 Doubles Tennis Championship held at Boise, ID. My partner played well, but if I'd had **Ted Schull** as partner the win would have been even more decisive." Hearty congrats, Roy—we all stand taller!

Cal Smith rep that he & **Ruth** are doing well after bouts with viral pneumonia and a hernia, respectively. "However, it had an adverse effect upon my golf game—my new sobriquet is 'Easy Pickens.' Tell **Bill Ely** and **Oscar Senter** I need strokes! [I hear a chuckle from above, Cal—sounds like **Phil Pope**. . . .)] P.S. Have gotten involved slightly in a movie called *Desert Storm*, to be shown in Aug (suggested getting knowledgeable mil advisors from all svcs, and appropriate contacts). Should be a good movie."

1933: Animation: Peggy Whipple

In thanking **Flo Cahill** for the ring, **Hap Tubbs** wrote, "I'm having my name engraved alongside **Ed**'s, so that in future this ring will have a double significance. It would seem appropriate that in my will I leave the ring to the WP Ring Bank for future disposition, feeling sure you would approve such a step." [Ed: re is to the arrangements made by Torgerson '46 per a recent issue of *ASSEMBLY*.]

We're indebted to our distinguished fellow scribe Ken Zitzman on two counts: for recommending publication of "Mil vs Media" (Jul *ASSEMBLY*); and to his wife Pat for photos of **Peggy & Sim Whipple** at a party given for them by the Jim Donnells. "The Whipples and offspring had had a family reunion at 'the ranch' (2 hrs S of San Ant) and were in town only briefly," writes Pat, "so we had a chance to meet Reyna, the new daughter-in-law, son Ben and daughter Pepita."

1933: Skepticism: Sim Whipple (with Carver in background)

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60th Reunion, at end of May 93, is now less than 2 yrs away. Time to get in trng! We're beginning to think about it—Thayer priorities, etc.

1933: Otto's grandson, Robert W Otto, recipient of Class of '33 grad gift

Class Gift to Grandson. On 31 May **Steve Fuqua** presented our Class Gift (a framed engraving of a winter scene at WP) to Robert W. Otto '91, son of (CPT, Ret) (Dr) William S. Otto '66 and grandson of our **Sam Otto**. Ceremony was held in Eisenhower Hall, not far from the Cl of '33 Memorial Terrace, with many family members present.

'34

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The following ltr from **Rita Kyser** brings me up with a start, causing me to begin this col, which has become an ode to old age. Rita's stationery is white with heavy black lines to guide the writer. Please copy their new address: Brandon Wilde 2225, 4275 Owens Rd, Evans, GA 30809. Her writing is a tribute to a great lady. Rita said first, "old age is not for sissies." She had sent **Muff** some pics from the San Ant mini-reunion, and this ltr acknowledges Muff's thank-you note. Read on.

"What a pleasant surprise. Enjoyed hearing from you. So very sorry to hear about your physical problems, but glad you are in there trying to overcome any handicaps. We have to keep trying. Our health has been on a downward trend since 1988 and seems to have finally leveled off. **Bob** has lost his short-term memory and at times is quite feeble. He is in a Personal Care section of Brandon Wilde (the adult life care comm). I'm in an apt in the same Brandon Wilde. I'm diabetic, confined to a wheelchair and walker, and had two cancer surgeries last yr. My vision is almost all gone. I can read large print in black. As I said, hanging in there, but I seldom write. It's just too hard. It's take care of yourselves and continue trying—one day at a time. Sorry we won't be with you at this mini-reunion. We would have loved to attend—but we can't. Bob joins in good thoughts to all." Won't you please respond to that beautiful ltr? Or call: their new phone no is (440) 863-0688.

Life lingers. My ego tells me I am in good shape compared to. . . read on. En route to deliver the eulogy at the memorial svc of Sheelah Dorr, widow of longtime friends in the AF in DC, we visited the Fairfax as guests of **Frances & Si Gilman**. Frances is among the bravest of the brave. No heroics, you understand—just boosting Si around his slipped memory. Her indefatigable ingenuity keeps him in coat and tie, his morale up and his interest in things from dwindling.

1934: Johnny & Francie Stevens at the Fairfax Costume Ball

Frances & Johnny Stevens were at home. What beautiful condos they all have, handsomely furnished for gracious living! But I am with **Muff**: no ret comm until I can not hack the G.A.P. in the big arena. The eulogy for a beloved and loving agnostic went off well, despite my sharing the altar with an RC priest, who thanked me for my appropriate quotes from Bob Ingersoll, "the great agnostic" and American 19th-century philosopher and industrialist.

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At the Fairfax I met Red Reeder walking to the health ctr for gentle therapy for old bones. Red is totally deaf and, without his hearing aid, he talked and I listened. No memory loss there—he reviewed lots of Jabo and Stacy Gooch and WP 40 and 50 yrs ago.

Diane deVault Fajardo dropped this in the mail from the Hotel Thayer at the recent graduation. All Filipino cadets are her protegés, and she assumes personal responsibility for their personal and social welfare. Diane writes: "I am bitterly disappointed I can't make it to the mini-reunion. At 83 I can operate fine at the Thayer and my heart is happy among the surrounding memories. I'll miss the company of the gracious wives and the gentle conversation of the men of '34. Encl is a donation to the Cl Fund (duly transmitted to **Ken Cunin** via **Cy Betts**) in continuation of **Tirso G**'s Cl dues. I'll always be the American widow of TG and the mother of the Cl Godson but for **Tammy & Esquared Weber** beating us out by a dab. At my jewelry store in St Thomas appeared Jane & Bill Glasgow, Jun '43. Bill engrd the new Thayer Gate, his cl's 45-yr gift to WP. Why can't the Cl of '34 build another gate at an appropriate entrance to WP? I would like to be the first to donate a bundle. This yr I gave the annual sabre to the graduating Filipino cadet, only this yr I did it differently: at my request the Com permitted the cadet to carry and drill with the sabre during the last semester, so that it would be more meaningful in the future when he displayed it on the wall of his home or off. For each graduating class I carry out TG's wishes of long ago. **Mary Baker** (Mrs **James O**), my pal here at WP, and I look forward to the Class 60th Reunion here. I must close, for here comes the femme I am chaperoning for the first classmen. Mabuhay to all. P.S. I sat on the railing outside Grant Hall in the rain being recognized by grads of '36, recalling 55 and more yrs ago when, under like conditions, cadets used to go for Rainerators."

Ruth & Ralph Bucknam write from their home in Halesite, Long Isl. (Ralph could have told us, but I found out on my own, the town is named for Nathan Hale, American patriot and martyr who was executed there 22 Sep 1776 as a spy. Halesite, 30 mi from Manhattan, is in an area rich in Revolutionary War hist and whaling traditions. There were sailors in town speaking the languages of so many different countries that the main drag was called Bedlam St. . . .) Ralph types: "I play viola with the Symphony Orchestra of CW Post U on an instrument I made myself. This viola is my own design based on a form of mathematics known as Bessel Functions. In 78 I pub the treatise *The Impartial Eye, A New Approach to Math and Physics*. My patent application is now before the US Court of Appeals and, if I am successful and it goes to the Supreme Court, it will be the first new computer device, I guess, since chips. In the 50th Yrbk, you see the Irish harp I made for Ruth. She plays in orchestras and is studying under the head of the Harp Dept at Rochester Sch of Music."

1934: Harry & Eddrea Hillyard celebrating Eddrea's *39th* birthday, Jun 90

Two beautiful widows (BW) who have signed up for the reunion have sent info, some "not intended for pub" but it is too good to keep. **Georgia Mullen**, BW of **Bill Mullen** who died in 78, had two sons in Desert Storm: BG William J. Mullen III of The Big Red One, and LTC James E Mullen. We look forward to your critiques of the war. She has another son in the svc and one in civ practice.

Rhoda Metraux, BW of **Art Proctor** who died in 35, admits, "the ranks are thinning rapidly in my class, Vassar '34. It must be difficult writing (and reading) about classmates & spouses meeting in that other 'helufa reunion.' I shall miss esp **Johnny Franklin**, my tie to Art and the other polo players, and **Jim Harris** (obit in 35) who always sat beside me at polo games. My son Daniel, who teaches at Mary Baldwin Col, Staunton, VA, visits me at Hazen Rd Schoolhouse, Craftbury, VT, and drives grandson David and me to Montreal for big league baseball. Art & I had planned our next station, the Philippines, and return via Russia and Europe by train. It was a brave dream. In 36 I returned to NYC and Greenwich Vil, working at the Oxford U Press. Without any promise of becoming a major editor, in 40 I went to the Yale Grad Sch to become an anthropologist- . . . the kind, as I've often explained, who works with people who are alive and kicking, whether in far-away places or nearer home. . . and I've done both over the past 59 yrs. I married Alfred Metraux, an anthropologist, too, of course, and we went to Haiti to begin my fieldwork. During WWII I did wartime research with Alfred in Wash at the Smithsonian, the last two yrs in OSS. Later I was researching the French, Chinese and German. Then to Montserrat, a small lovely Caribbean Isl, then to a people in Papua, New Guinea. In between, I collaborated with Margaret Mead for 17 yrs, writing a regular col in *Redbook* Mag. The Amer Museum of Natural Hist in NY was my working home, and I am still an active research assoc at that museum. I truly enjoy living today in this small VT comm, a wholly different life in a very different world than Art & I, and Jim too, fashioned. Yet it draws me strongly even now to all of you, advancing as we must in that Long Gray Line, but with the happy chance of meeting soon to join hands. . . even to dance." Another anthropology student, Ginger Kingston, daughter of scribe, sent to me that large-volume autobiography by Margaret Mead which throughout has pp of pics of Rhoda and items devoted to their extensive collaboration.

You still have time to join the reunion in Williamsburg. You may stay wherever you may wish. You may participate in any and every event, but let a member of the comm know ASAP of your accommodations and which events you want to attend. If you need help, Team VA is at your call: **Diefendorf, Bill Moorman, Ward** and **Blair**.

OP Robinson was decorated in Mindanao and the same yr, 45, died in Japan. OP's sister Gale (Mrs Gary Hall '32) is a constant friend of our Class. Gale & Gary were planning to attend the reunion, but she writes, "we will be unable to. . . . In addition to other health problems within our family, Gary has developed diabetes and this is the second anniv of my bypass surgery, which was followed by a pacemaker. The encl, 'Life Begins at 80,' may interest you." Thank you, Gale & Gary, for your long-term spt. It's like you say: at 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 they forgive you for anything. Lucky us!

For an exhilarating recital of successful and successive careers in govt (the Depts of Def and Transportation), read the recent autobiography by Ben Davis '36. I did, and I found interesting every pg of the carefully logged acct of the lives of Ben & his beautiful wife Agatha, whom he dated at WP. They married soon after grad. **Jim Snee** reps from Melbourne, FL (he & **Louise** had just returned from an AOG Caribbean cruise with **Nancy & Moon Northam**) that Ben was a plebe in Jim's sqd, "M" Co. Jim said Ben was the best plebe he knew and was always in a brace, and for that reason was not braced or corrected, but left alone. If in silence, it was unintentional. Jim recalled Ben tutored his classmates during fall exams and for Christmas turnout writs. Ben's book is also an acct of the devotion of Agatha in their daily activities and reconnaissance. Their book is full of the daily grind required to succeed, whether you are of a minority or the majority. Read it and be proud of what another WP'er accomplished.

Jim has emphysema and also suffers

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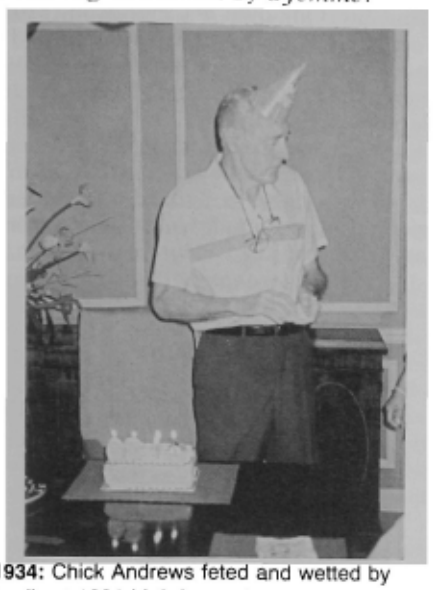
from capillary bleeding of a degenerative left eye. Those ailments, although serious, have not kept him from active direction of the Horse Cav Assoc and staging the natl mtg in Ocala. He is also a dir of their museum at Ft Riley. Jim is still active with horses in a multi-bil-dollar org that is run by a *femme*!



1934: Chick Andrews feted and wetted by family at 1991 birthday party

When you have read this card from **Chick Andrews**, you'll know why we voted him into "the club." "What bums you must think us for not answering the Team VA announcement of the mini! A poignant tale of ineptitude. When it came, I carefully laid it aside on my cluttered desk, intending to give you all a reasonably prompt reply. I thought of it a coupla times, but with my deteriorating memory and my inability to find it, I assumed that I had answered it. Then, about the time **Cy Betts**' reminder ltr came, I was researching something else and found the original invitation in a Mutual of Omaha envelope with other contents. To lift the horrible veil of suspense, the Andrews do not plan to attend. . . . Are you indifferent, mister?" That came with love and best wishes from both **Jenny** & Chick, whom we'll miss with love and best wishes.

A jot from **Moon Northam**: "**Nancy** just

1934: Yarbrough, Snee, Northam and Hillyard whooping it up in FL

reminded me that I had to get this off. We're looking forward to the big mini. The **Corrigans** are here in Winter Park checking on their condo. We're all going out to lunch at the 64th Aero Sqdn Restaurant, a chain of eateries across FL replete with WWI and WWII decor and memorabilia."

Johnny Stevens, who rides herd on all of N VA, rep that **Anne & Bill Kerns** were finally en route to Europe and return circumnavigating S America. In case you missed the pic of the Kerns in Saudi Arabia, they were sons Bill and Jack and son-in-law Bob Candido. It's too hard deciphering from pic captions so let me just state that the Kerns and Candidos, both husbands & wives, are either stationed in Ger or employed by US there, and they are either deployed to Desert Storm or remaining in Ger to perform mobilization logistics duties.

As we go to press, **Helen Routh Bentley** is rep home from a double mastectomy, being cared for by daughter Helen and "at home to callers." **Johnny Stevens** is in hosp at Ft Belvoir with cellulitis, an infection in his foot. It's very uncomfortable and dangerous. We pray for them both and their families. "Get Well" cards are in order.

Frankie & Dudley Wilmeth sent several historical documents pub by the Assoc for the Preservation of VA Antiquities, which they had collected on visits to the Williamsburg area. Copies of this and other interesting and useful info will be sent to reunionites before Nov. Dud also included 4 pp of puns, some professional and others just as entertaining. What he wrote went something like this: "Since I can not give you the answer you want, the next best thing is to give you the answer you do not want—immediately. We have been to Williamsburg twice. Jamestown, Yorktown, Ft Monroe, VA Beach. Both visits were full of classmates. There are so many places we have not been—we do not return to places we have seen with the exception of WP. That's why we are not coming to the mini-reunion. But. . . we will be at the 60th!"

From WP we received an engraved invitation to graduation. It was from John B Richardson IV, AR, Cdt LT, Cl of '91 via Hon Supe, or vice versa. The accompanying ltr follows: "Dear COL **Blair**: My grandfather, 'BJ' **Richardson**, asked me to write to you and thank you for the good wishes of 4 yrs ago. You mentioned me in your Class notes on my acceptance to WP in 87. It went something like this: 'Good luck, esp if he tries to follow in BJ's footsteps!' Well, it has been a tough 4 yrs, and I am counting the days until grad. I have had my run-in with the Dean, but survived. My Cl rank is 822 of 980. As you know, my grandfather was the Goat as was his father, and I had a great-grandfather who was 3 from the goat and his son was 5 from the bottom of his class. So I guess that makes me the smartest mbr of the family. . . A-ha!" JBR IV you are smarter than a whole lot of people. To have graduated 158 from the bottom of 34, you would have been in the upper half of the cl. Cl scribe was 145 from the bottom. Of 95% of what the Class of '91 knows, the world was not aware in 34. Yet we have the same Duty, Honor, Country, the same Alma Mater, hearts of courage, altar of duty. . . . all that we are, we likewise owe to WP, keeper of past glories, producer of heroes and source of the passion of war. How little we know at grad! Engr and Goat—we all start at square one and join proudly the Long Gray Line of Custer (Goat), MacArthur (Engr), "BJ" Richardson (Goat) and **"Bill" Tank** (Engr), and the 48,713 goats and engrs who had grad from Alma Mater before John Buchanan Richardson IV. **Craig Smyser** was grad no 10,000!

A pilgrimage known as "Run for the Wall" started from San Diego for DC on 15 May. It was Vietnam vets, mostly riding motorcycles. Some, like **Pete Ward**'s son, Nat, will be driving or riding. Nat, with his artificial legs and other Vietnam wounds, will be driving the maintenance and supply truck for San Diego gp. Nat joined **Evelyn**, Pete and us for an auction and social event to benefit the VA Symphony, of which Muff is a perennial off. Nat is handsome, personable and practices criminal law in San Diego. Nat is a brilliant conversationalist and a wow at any gathering. The auction raised thousands of bucks supplemented by Evelyn's bid and purchase of an elegant couturier-original summer gown. Daughter Chartley joined Nat at the Wards' for a wk. 30,000 Vietnam vets in the motorcade paraded around the Pentagon and the Capitol after being led by Nat through Lexington and VMI, his alma mater, another great mil acad.

Muff & I were recently honored by the Parents Club of the WP Soc of Hampton Rds for our work and interest in organizing and supporting them. Membership in the club now boasts of 7 sets of parents of the Cl of '94, 6 of '95. We have a set of '93 parents. This club is active in sharing experiences in successfully parenting plebes and accolades for the Mil Acad. The Supe and Com exchange intelligence with parents clubs, receiving as much poop as they give for making WP a better place.

'35

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From here the news reflects the sad/depressed tone of the May *ASSEMBLY*—the LRC of a classmate. This time he was **Bob "Moose" Stillman**, whose

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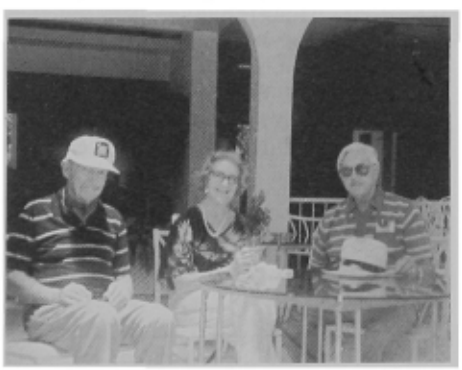
demise occured 22 May, quietly at home in his sleep; his stout heart finally failed him. The past few yrs Bob showed noticeable physical decline that was more recently accompanied by slow and labored mental reaction. From his characteristic affability he developed a "quiet man" posture, tending more toward becoming an observer than a participant. **Al Shower** and I visited Bob & **Noopie** in Mar and felt rewarded when we detected a glint of recognition from him. Graveside interment svcs were conducted at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem w/full mil honors on 25 May. Class honorary pallbearers: **Sal Armogida, Ed Ferris, Ralph Haines, Downs Ingram, Bill Lapsley, Jack Rhoades, George Ruhlen** and **Sid Spring**. Ralph delivered a eulogy that was truly devotional, tracing Bob's illustrious career from its inception, enlivening our hearts and memories of the camaraderie that we had shared. Our distaff attendees: **Doreen Armogida, Marie Ferris, Sally Haines, Ruth Hawkins, June Ingram, Laura Riemenschneider, Mim Ruhlen, Leah Rhoades, Jackie Spring** and **Ella Wallace**. In addition to Noopie, Bob leaves daughter & son-in- law Sharon & Larry Cotton USAFA '59, and brother & sister-in-law Eph & Dottie Graham USMA '37, all of San Ant.

So, for the second time in 4 mos the Class here lost a revered member; the plaintive notes of "taps" from **Bud Russ**' rites almost hung in the air during the svcs. We, as a family, lost a sincere friend—the **Stillmans** were part of the "magnet" that drew us here in 75. As CG, Lackland AFB in 58, they "adopted" (professionally speaking) our eldest, Michael, as he entered the AF as a fledgling air cadet; they were a positive influence in his subsequent AF career. **Noopie** is doing magnificently well and would welcome hearing from the Cl.

On the mini front, past and planned, **Harry & Edith Lewis** handled an enjoyable 7-day cruise through the Caribbean 25 May-1 Jun, accompanied by **George & Meg Eckhardt, Stu & Helen Fries** and **Bill & Ellie Howell**.

They had a long stopover in Cancun,

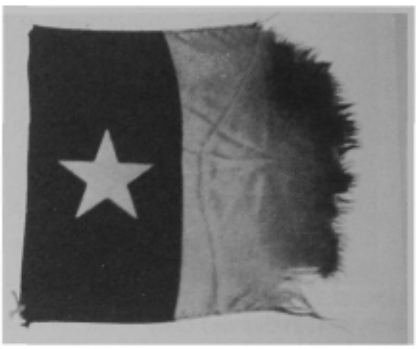


1935: Stu & Helen Fries and Harry Lewis ashore in Cozumel off cruiseship *Costa Riviera*

the "target" of our 92 Mini, and expressed full concurrence with the selection. **Bud Schlanser** reps plans moving well for 92 Mini; date mid-Oct; it will be professionally conducted by Travel Agency headed by WP alumnus. Full details will be out from Cl HQ this fall. A refreshing rep from **Stan & Bobbie Johnson** gave update on them, personally, and of classmates in their area. They survived quake 89 with small damage/discomfort, but not so their town of Watsonville—left with veritable "Beirut" status. They enjoy significant good health and both are "pillars" of the local hosp in volunteer work but take time out for AK visits ea summer. A visit with **Carl Isham** revealed disturbing news that **Gina** had sustained a near-fatal bout with pneumonia and was confined to a rehab ctr but anticipated release soon. Talks with **Jack & Katherine Sherden** produced info that Jack's still recuperating from 89 hospitalization (previously rep) and she's on the mend from a painful neck injury sustained on a comm A/C after hitting "pocket." They called the **Moores** and got a positive rep on the health/moral status of **Deke & Dottie**, with the qualification that activities, principally sailing in Monterey Bay, have become limited. **Ray & Mary Firehock** spent a mo in CA to incl a wk at an Elderhostel, Carmel, a visit with **Francie & Autrey Maroun** in Pebble Beach and rest time with son Robert '68.

1935: Mary Firehock, Autrey & Francie Maroun and Ray Firehock on visit to Monterey Aquarium

A recent AOG request for a scribe-survey of grad sons' participation in Desert Storm produced what info was available in the May issue on **Walt & Margaret Bryde**'s son, Walt Jr. We have since delved further into the participation of all offspring, in the belief that they also merit recognition. **John & Louise Alfrey**'s grandson, LT John Payne, USAFA '88, served 6 mos in the Gulf theater as a co-pilot KC-135 tanker, averaging 2 missions per day, ea several hrs' duration. One such was photographed by CBS reporter from the cockpit, extracts of which appeared on both CBS and CNN News. The Alfreys have 3 other grandsons scattered between CIA, Clemson U and an OH equestrian trainer. **Bernie & Harriet Waterman**'s grandson, Jim Broadus (The Citadel), CPT, FA, served as a fire dir off, 212 FA Bde in spt 24th Inf Div, which was involved in much of the heavy ground action. **Bob Tucker**'s son, Charles, LT, USNR, served in the Gulf for several mos with a Navy cargo-handling bn. Our own #1 grandson, Mike Ferris Jr, CPT, USA (TX A&M), cmded a co of Abrams tanks of the 1st Armd Div and was involved in the double encirclement of Kuwait City's rt-flank defenses. An interesting aside—his dad sent him a TX flag with admonition "don't display combatwise;" so, admonishment rejected—flag was flown on tank antennae, with resulting accompanying pic.



1935: Remnants of TX flag flown on antenna of M-1 tank of CPT MP Ferris Jr in two-day battle with Republican Guard, Opn Desert Storm

Notes from the "Recovery Rm:" **Dottie Wheeler** was confined to the Health Care Ctr, the Fairfax, for widely fluctuating blood pressure. She was approaching stabilization as we went to press and trust "full duty" status now. **Bob Tucker** rep his prostate cancer in remission and we're hopeful such continues. (I'll hold hands with you on that one!)

Bob & Helen McDonald, always peripatetic in their RV, took a giant step, abandoned El Paso and made "move X" (their description) to a comm in Sierra Vista, AZ, 70 mi from Tucson. They built their own hacienda near a golf course; address: 3054 Avenida de Suenos, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

Charlie & Marge Leonard toured FL early Apr and visited with **Tommy & Fern Lang**, did EPCOT and returned to the Fairfax via the outer banks. The DC gp adjourned the spring luncheon season at Bolling AFB O Club, with 35 in attendance and two guests.

Roster changes: **Exter Agnew**—1325 Branchland Dr, Apt E, Charlottesville, VA 22901; tel (804) 974-1718. A new tel for **Ishams**: (408) 647-1238.

Bob Tucker wrote to express deep appreciation for Cl condolences for the loss of **Ronnie** (May notes). He states he is well established and surrounded by 4 loving, caring children; eldest is Bob Jr USNA '69, who ret as CPT, USN and

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Navy pilot in 87. Bob's permanent address: 3800 Treyburn Dr, #211-D, Williamsburg, VA 23185. We know the Peninsular gp is happy to have him aboard.

At the welcoming ceremonies here in San Ant for Queen Elizabeth & Prince Philip, the Cl was represented by **Ella Wallace** and her mom, Mrs Bergman, and **Doreen & Sal Armogida**; Doreen is a former subject of Her Majesty.

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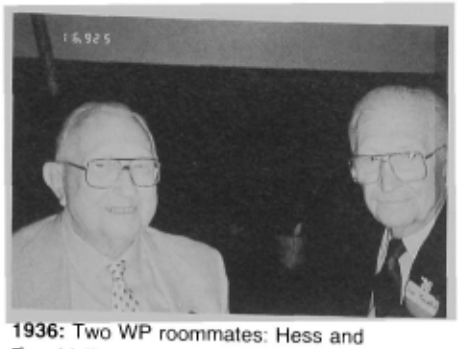
On 2 Jun **Carrol Kelly Bagby** died in L.A. from a massive stroke. He is to be buried in the mil cemetery at Riverside, CA. All of us can remember that he was so fond of his Class that he attended—with difficulty—our 50th Reunion. And shortly prior to that he had sponsored a delightful and well-remembered Class reunion—the only one we've held in Portland, OR. We remember extremely well how happy and thrilled he was that '36'ers came to his reunion.

On the last of Jun LTG Bradley **Hosmer** became the first AFA grad to take over the job as Supe. This is not only wonderful news for all **Hosmers** (we wish **Lyn** could have been there to savor her son's accomplishment), but the Class of '36 also relishes his great success. As most of you know, Brad was the #1 grad in the first AFA Cl; this means that just "36" yrs after entering the Acad he becomes its leader; he is also the first AFA grad to be "Supe" (all others have come from USMA). This writer feels that somehow, by proxy, Brad deserves to be the "fourth" Supe the Class of '36 has produced!!

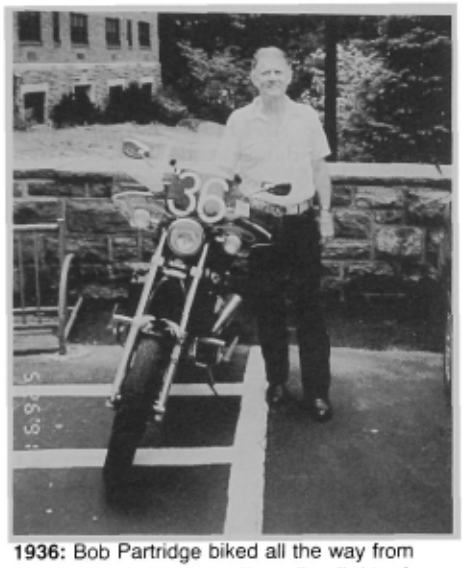
On the last wk of May, '36 held its 55th reunion at WP. Those of us who were there were filled with a feeling of being at "the font and origin" of the greatest part of our lives. Of course, reminiscing, reviewing ancient haunts and absorbing the beauties of the Point were all part of the magnificent experience. In attempting to express the euphoria of our visit to the Acad, it is necessary to admit to an oxymoronic reaction (if this is an appropriate description). Some of us experienced an "unwelcome" demeanor at WP: neither the Post nor the Thayer showed solicitous interest in visitors' sojourns.

The following were privileged to reunite for our 55th reunion: **Austins, Breaks, Catos, Chaffins, Chappelears, Dawalts, Dorlands, Duins, Estes, Finkels, Gages, Gillespies, Greenes, Grothaus, Hanekes, Hay, Haywoods, Hesses, Hiatts, Hiesters, Holtermans, Hosmer, Illig, Janof, Jones, Kellys, Kerkerings, Landrums, Layne, Lynches, McCabes, McCormicks, McElhenys, Meanys, Mileses, Millikens, Mohlere,**



1936: Two WP roommates: Hess and Twaddell

O'Briens, Oswalds, Pack, Palmers, Patridges, Punslanas, Quinns, Rogers, TC, Smiths (Steve), Stewart, Swains, Thompsons, Tiffanys, Turnages, Twaddells, Waters, Westmorelands, Williams, Yosts and **Klings**.



1936: Bob Partridge biked all the way from San Ant. He's been the "beardless" rider for 17 yrs—some kind of another '36 record

Widows included **Abrams, Beard, Combs, Curran, Joyce, Simpson, Spencer, Whipple** and **Williams.** The Class was also mindful of the visitors, who, by their coming, expressed their love and approbation of '36. The **Chappelears** brought daughter Betsy, son "Mac" & Marla. The **Dorlands** brought son Gil '59. **Hay** had Paul Whelan '45. **Hosmer** was with Aileen Foreshew. The **Millikens** had daughter Pat. The **Swains** had son Steve '70 with wife Jane. **Combs** had son "Kim." **Whipple** brought daughter Marcia with husband Jack and grandchildren. **Joyce** was accompanied by granddaughter Heather. It is also noteworthy—because they *tried* to come—to state why: the **Arnolds** were on the road up as far as NC when both got sick (food?) and decided to turn back. Within days of departure **Lucy Chiles** discovered need for immediate surgery. She's now in fine shape. **Jimmie Ripple** contracted a severe back discomfort. **Peggy Vincent**—like the Arnolds—was already "on the way" when she developed some sickness in DC and could not come farther. **Ted Clifton** was also tied to that city. We know that **T Willie Morris** was planning to come but had to send a wire apologizing for his absence. **Fergusson** sent acknowledgement that he, **McCorkle, Miller** and **Tetley** were with us in spirit and celebrated at lunch at Cypress Point, CA. Of particular interest, we thought, were a few who, for sickness or other causes, could not be at the "50th," but who showed in May. **Gillespies** and **Hanekes** were two.

1936: Bill Hay, the happiest man at the reunion because he overcame a severe stroke less than two yrs ago—and came to our 55th

An especially devoted **Bill Hay** was absent in 86 but with us in 91. And he came after being stricken less than two yrs ago with a very damaging stroke. Another gp which, in our opinion, stands out is classmates who've spent days, mos and yrs with sick spouses and at this reunion felt they just had to return to their "source," "where it all began," to their beloved friends and classmates. Such were **Illig, Janof, Layne, Pack** and **TC Rogers**. In all there were 57 classmates, 45 wives, and 9 widows. These were less than half the no at our 50th; however, this time we had a much better chance to visit.

We know of still others who would have given anything to have been with us. For these we pray that their state of health will someway improve. We know they are the stalwarts of the Class and we wish them well. Foremost among our infirm classmates are **Herb Cady, Johnny Heintges, Jim Hughes, Ben Evans** and **Larry Laurion**.

The great success of our 55th was due to—as in the past—the hard and dedicated work of **Ken Dawalt, Dave Chaffin** and **Bob Breaks** assisted by **Estes** and **Clifton**. Some of the "above and beyond" measures the comm achieved: ea lady (wife or visitor) received a beautifully engraved Towle silver jewelry box given by Ken's daughter, Karen. Her address: Mrs Karen Gould, 633 N Oakhurst Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Another very valuable and difficult-to-assemble gift was provided by **Ted Clifton**.

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1936: Mrs Judith Sibley of USMA's Library is a devoted custodian of the '36 Book, in 8 volumes—the only class history of its kind anywhere

It was an up-to-date hist of the Class accompanied by a history of world events from 36 to 91. But perhaps the biggest surprise (of pleasure) was at the Class banquet where we found our tables loaded with Chardonnay wine sent in for the occasion by the Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyard, CA. And to further enhance the gustative gratification of this event, one of the foremost connoisseurs of wines, **Howell Estes**, gave us details of **Brice Jones**' background with the AF and his subsequent devel of his own successful winery. **Elly & Bill Jones**' son Brice was a '61 grad of AFA.

We were substantially assisted by 3 intelligent and savvy aides. They were MAJ Sheryl Belz, CPT Joseph Manous and CPT Clare Jenkins.

At the bus mtg several items of interest were brought forth: **Estes** described an AF memorial to be built and placed just W of our Soldier Statue at Lusk Reservoir. This will commemorate all WP'ers who have died from any air-related activity. **Ollie Haywood**, who has been the longest and hardest driving mbr of the AOG's Acad fund raising almost since **Westy** inaugurated the Supe's Fund, told us what had been accomplished. Ollie is now ret from this duty of more than a decade. **Gage** asked everyone to take home a personal history outline and complete it. This, he said, would materially assist survivors in completing an obituary at our demises.

Phil also introduced COL Paul Child—the present editor of *ASSEMBLY*—and his successor (who takes over in Sep)—LTC Jay Olejniczak '61. The latter is a classmate of the new Supe and also of "Jeep" **Hiester** '61. Perhaps the highlight of the mtg was **Dave** Hiester's almost 45-min discussion of what has happened at the Acad since we grad. It was very interesting and informative. As **Ted Clifton**'s history suggests, the Hiesters have really been intimately assoc with WP and its surroundings almost from grad. It is doubtful if many (any?) cl has anyone with "D & D's" capabilities. This is just another of the valued assets of '36!

1936: The new and old editors of *ASSEMBLY*: Jay Olejniczak '61 (new) and Paul Child '52 (leaving)

As to the activities in which '36 engaged at the 55th, we had a ferryboat ride; saw the new Museum; attended the Alumni dinner dance at Wash Hall; participated in the Alumni exercises on the Plain and then had lunch; went to the Old Cadet Chapel for memorial svcs; assisted in the dedication of the **Abrams** Gate at the site of old Ladycliff College. **Julie Abrams** was present to receive this honor for **Abe**. And finally we enjoyed a happy dinner dance at the Thayer. Your scribe had the pleasure of sitting next to **Rose & Leon Punsalan**. They had never been to a reunion before, and we believe, after 80 yrs on Earth and 50 yrs of marriage, Leon enjoyed what he saw.

Other Class items in addition to reunion: a yr ago Jun, **Dottie Barlow** fell and broke her hip. Thereafter she was in hosp, then nursing home and finally in pleasant surroundings at 3133 Chas B Root Wynd #103, Raleigh, NC 27612. Starting in early May, **Sally Beard** did *beaucoup* traveling before reaching our 55th. She attended her own "55th" at a millionaire's hangout, an isl called "Block." Her route also included a family home built in 1694. The **Crawfords** were very sorry to miss the reunion; however, they were moving to new home: Courtland Towers #1012, 1200 N Veitch St, Arlington, VA 22201. **Caye Curran** wrote that when she saw **John Kerkering** at our reunion it was the first time since he held a sabre at her & **Bob**'s wedding. Before coming to the reunion **Lynn & Gil Dorland** attended grandson John's grad at TCU. All the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of **Walt Faiks** who attended his burial at WP cemetery in May sent their gratitude and appreciation to '36 through the **Hiesters**. These two always are present when one of us joins the Long Gray Line at the Acad. **Marian Godfray** appreciated hearing from the Class upon the 55th occasion. The latter part of Apr, **Jim Gunn** underwent a kidney opn from which he recovered successfully. May mail also brought a very long and interesting ltr from **Ollie Haywood**. He described his less than fortunate 89 which was not a good "health yr," and he also explained (as he did to us at the Point) his involvement in USMA's finance procurement. **Wil Hendrickson** appreciated the classmates' reunion msg of remembrance. **Helen Hess** wrote that many very expensive homes have been built on property where **Herb & Adele Cady** lived after WWII. It has already been mentioned how much a part of WP the **Hiesters** have always been. This happens to mystify at least this writer. Every time one attempts to reach them, they are gone somewhere—whether it's visiting in CA or picking someone up at Stewart Airport in Newburgh. **Jim Hughes**—through daughter Nancy—wrote us a reunion ltr. So did another Floridian, **Peg Klock**. At the close of Apr, **John & Dot Lynch** hosted a buffet lunch for all DC '36'ers. The **McElhenys** heard from **Liz Katz**, who was planning a trip to Ger. The **Oswalds** told us that their grandson Steve '88 & his wife/classmate Gwen were in the Gulf; this is the duplicate of the **Turnages**' situation except their grandchildren are AFA '88. Thanks to **Charlie Pack** we have a fine assortment of 55th Reunion pics. [Ed note: some of his photos used elsewhere in this issue.] **Clint True** says the drs don't give him any answers concerning his heart problem. He visited **Dorothy Sibert**; says she's still working. **Clint & Helen Nazzaro** visited in AZ in Jun. **Ben Davis** wrote us about his new book.

If our timing as to when you read these notes is somewhat accurate: "Happy Thanksgiving!"

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On the eve of 5 May, **Louise Lutes** died in Walter Reed of congestive heart failure. She had been in the hosp for two mos with a cerebral aneurysm. On 9 May the Class and many others gathered at Arlington for the graveside ceremony and interment next to their son, Roy Jr, and **Roy**'s parents. We met their son Bill, his lovely wife Linda and their two delightful daughters. Bill is with the VA off in Wash DC. A large gp from his office joined us in mourning for dear Louise. Roy has moved to the Fairfax as planned: 9120 Belvoir Woods Pwky #202, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060.

On 6 May **Fred Clarke** took **Pete Hyzer** to WRAMC where he had a partial lung removal. He is scheduled for radiation therapy and, according to **Betty Spengler**, he looked very well when she saw him after the opn. Olga has been busy disposing of their home in FL. Fred & **Isabel** Clarke are very much involved with the Fairfax community and are looking out for our people there.

While awaiting the start of svcs one Sun in May, I spotted a distinguished

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mature male making his way down the aisle and remarked to **Fran**, "He walks exactly like **Dick Klocko**." Later in the parking lot I accosted same and it was indeed Dick here on a visit with Dick Jr for the birthdays of twin grandsons and his own on the same day.

Bob Seedlock sent me a clip from the 26 Aug *London Times*, "Powell Sets British Straight." After a recent piece by their writer on linguistic affairs, stressing the psychological factors in pronouncing his first name KOH-lin vs KAH-lin, GEN Powell politely wrote the *Times* that the reason was much simpler. His parents, who had been British subjects, well knew the British KAH-lin, but in the neighborhood in Brooklyn where he grew up, the name of a famous WWII hero was very popular, CPT **Colin P Kelly Jr**. "So I grew up with my friends calling me KOH-lin and my family saying KAH-lin." Bob: "An enormous tribute to our great Colin. He's immortal!"

Trapper Drum called me 8 May from the Natl Hosp for Arthritis and Rehab, Arlington, VA where he was recovering from replacement of his original hip replacement that had worn out. After about a wk he was back home for a mo of recuperation.

Jerrie Stumpf is dusting off her brother's medals for her son, Cmdr Robert H, who was awarded the DFC and Air Medal (22 missions from the *USS Saratoga* in the spt of opns in Kuwait and Iraq). Her brother, MAJ Harry R Stroh Jan '43, 378th Ftr Sqdr, was shot down while flying a mission in spt of the 78th Div during its attack on Brest in WWII. The Div CG was their father, MG Donald A Stroh, who carried that burden to his grave. Jerrie is taking her 13-yr-old granddaughter to France for a tour of the battlefields.

On 17 May, 14 of us enjoyed the Ft McNair cuisine. **Delk Oden** had a drink with us before joining the annual AWC luncheon upstairs. **Dave Griffin** was beaming over the birth of grandson, Dave II, adding to a granddaughter by another of their 3 sons. Dave said he comes from a long line of older fathers—his grandpa was on the Ohio State football team of 1889. This led him to believe that he might be the oldest producer of grandkids. Not so. We have two born within the yr. There are even great-grandpas. The **Halls** have a 3-yr-old and **Marty Green** has one. Sorry to have to throw cold water on Dave. **Bill Amos** dropped in unexpectedly. He & **Dotty** were visiting her son Jack Jr and family in Gaithersburg and his daughter, Sara Graessle, in VA. Dotty deposited Bill at the club while she visited her old haunts at Ft McNair. She lived there a spell in one of those mansions overlooking the waterfront while Jack headed up the IADC. The **Finns**' son Jim and family were visiting from San Fran. Jim '66 had a short and unusual mil career: Army Abn, Vietnam, transferred to USAF and became a bomber pilot, resigned and got his MBA at Harvard and is now pursuing a bus career. Finn rep that **Hank Byroade**, who developed intestinal adhesions after his lung opn but not related thereto, is recuperating at home. **Bob White** gave a sitrep on **Trapper Drum**—recuperating at home. The **Wilhoyts**' oldest granddaughter grad from UVA, Charlottesville. **Fred Diercks** became custodian of **Scott Hall**'s voluminous files on our Class while they sojourn in Kennebunkport. While we are at the mini, the **Gildarts** will be in Poughkeepsie for the grad of their youngest grandson, Joel Wright, from Trinity Pauling Prep. He will enter Wittenburg Coll in OH. Bob also made a side trip to WP to conduct 55th business.

Margaret Lewis had a heart attack 24 May and was taken to the Naval Hosp in Bethesda where she had a triple bypass. She is recuperating at home and, according to **Bill**, is doing as well as can be expected. Our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

1937: Black Beret Ranger—Evelyn Laptook

On 20 Apr **Sally Taylor** attended the Awards Ceremony at the Mt Alto campus of Penn State at which her great-niece, Evelyn Laptook, took 3 prestigious awards: the AUSA Award, DA Superior Sophomore Cadet and the American Legion Scholastic Achievement. She will continue in the ROTC program at the main Penn State campus for her jr and sr yrs. The comely, smart-looking lass, who just turned 19, is Sally's sister's granddaughter.

Geo McDowell, in rep his efforts to get out the Class for NW Fun in 91, opined, "I think we will have a good crowd. It will reflect the W and SW perspective on natl and world problems in contrast to that warped, contorted, illogical drivel so characteristic of those contaminated by the waters of the Potomac. Prepare for a breath of fresh air and non-prejudiced judgments." With that colorful intro, yes we did have a wonderful 4 days and more. What a pleasant change from the 90+ degrees in Wash! Although all the preliminary poop emphasized damp conditions most likely to be encountered, the weather couldn't have been better.

1937: '37 boosters: McDowell and Ohman

The **Fraziers, Greens** and **Shives** flew the Friendly Skies of United. Upon arrival, John took charge and found us a limo to the Edgewater Hotel at a third of the advertised van fare. Leave it to John to find the best deal. The **Eriksens, Lees, Steelys** and **Travises** hosted a wonderful reunion. **Dick & Betty Fellows** and **Bill & Jean Hipps** provided relief watches for the hospitality suite. This important feature of our minis is a great idea—leisurely continental breakfast, well-stocked watering hole and bull sessions galore. In Seattle, the place to stay is the Edgewater. The Fellows and **Fitzgeralds** liked it so much they were still there when we checked out Sun. I was surprised to learn that Page Fitzgerald had contact with our Class when we were at Ft Monroe on our first class trip. She still complains that not one of us had the guts to cut in when she was dancing with our Com, COL Buckner. Her maiden name was Bucher, cousin of **Bayly Bucher Unger**. By now you have already read in the Class bulletin a rundown of this mini by Finn. I'll just add my hit-or-miss observations.

On the trip to the Triton sub-base we passed through the charming vil of Poulsbo, not much changed from the days that **John Eriksen**'s grandfather and other Scandinavian immigrants settled there. It is not surprising, therefore, that John and family ret in the Seattle area where he worked successively and successfully at Boeing and in King County real estate, and all indulged their love of hunting, fishing and RV-ing. Big John has it all and it is well-deserved. At the dinner dance the last night, we had the pleasure of meeting his 4 sons and two of their spouses. All sons are grads of U of WA, are gainfully employed in interesting careers and live nearby. The **Ingmires**' daughter Marjorie & Gen Herring were also at the dinner dance.

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1937: Seattle mini—"NW Fun in 91"

Bill & Ann Chase traveled a circuitous route to Seattle from Honolulu, stopping over at San Ant to check out the ARC and USAA Towers where Ann's sister **Lorie Spaulding** and **Sally Mercado** live. The Chases anticipate a huge increase in the rent of the leasehold upon which their condo is built. They also stopped over in L.A. to see their daughter Patty and son.

Render Denson joined us for most of the mini but deserted us for a day of fishing on the last day. We enjoyed his considerable wit while he was with us. The attractive young lady with him on occasion was his daughter, Jennifer Strauss, who lives in Seattle.

The **Hackfords** from CO Springs looked in the pink. **Dick** was his usual robust self in spite of a rare blood disorder that requires medicine and bloodletting—he manufactures too many red corpuscles or platelets. I caught **Bill Hipps** and **Dick Fellows** arguing vociferously over details of combat of long ago. The **Maliszewskis** spent a great deal of time on the dance floor, as did the **Wilhoyts** and **Hippses**. After remonstrating lovingly with Wil for climbing the long ladder down into the sub, Dolly kept him mighty busy on the dance floor. **Stu O'Malley** can still play a mean piano, with an adoring **Dorothy** looking on. **Jim Peale** was accompanied by his friend, Evelyn Franck, and seems to be doing well with his bionic knee. He is also taking golf lessons to learn how to better cope. **Charlie Stark** was on the list but didn't show, thereby disappointing many who were anxious to see our expatriate after many yrs of sequestration on his ranchero in Mexico. **Ken Wade** thought he might have cracked a rib in a fall, but it didn't slow him down much with his friend Norma.

Jack & Margaret Tolson motored to Vancouver, Lake Louise and Banff aprés mini. The **Wilhoyts** went to Vancouver and cruised to AK. The **Fraziers** went S to San Fran to visit son Doug and family. **Gus & Corinne Prentiss** returned to Bethesda right after the reunion to stage her annual ballet extravaganza. On Sat the **Shives** took the one-day catamaran trip to Victoria, which was well worth it. The **Smalleys** had taken it the day before the reunion. When we docked in Victoria after skimming up the Puget Sound past the San Juan Isles, we were met by **Bits Hallock** and her sister, who lives there. Bits had spent the first day of the reunion with us in Seattle. The Butchart Gardens, N of Victoria, were gorgeous beyond description. Victoria was jumping—crowds of people between the Empress Hotel and the docks. There was a band and entertainers. We returned to the Edgewater that night and dined on turkey sandwiches and delicious carrot cake doggy-bagged from the Salish Lodge lunch of the day before.

1937: The Wilhoyts, Frazier, Wade, Norma and Shives at Salish Lodge, Snoqualmie Falls

On Sun we were picked up by an old friend, widow of WWII Medal of Honor winner COL Orv Bloch, who served in Panama with us. She drove us to Bellingham, WA so that Fran could look over property that she and sister Jane inherited. In 1895 their grandpa, a famous Army surgeon, COL Louis Anatole LaGarde, and other offs bought a tract of land, speculating that the transcontinental RR would terminate there. It didn't! From there, Bev Bloch drove us over the spectacular Cascade Mtn passes to her beautiful home on crystal-clear Lake Che-

1937: The Sawyers, Greens, Hyzers, Peale, Compton and Stu & Dorothy on *Nordic Prince*

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lan. We looked at the apple orchards for which WA is famous and drove back the next day to SeaTac Airport.

Don't forget the co-ed luncheon the third Fri in Oct.

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During Mar **Jim Craig**, my "L" Co roommate, informed me that he is having lens replacement in his left eye due to a cataract and that he has moved to 1864 12th St, Apt 7, Riverside, CA 92507. **Cliff Riordan** was the winner of the Cherry Blossom 10-mi (age 75–79 men), 7 Apr, Wash, DC.

1938: Cliff Riordan beyond finish line at Cherry Blossom 10-Miler, Apr 91

I enjoyed lunch at Crystal City with **Cliff** and daughter Janet, 6 Apr. Janet went to Gainesville Memorial wk. She and Cliff planned to run in a 5-km race at Green Cove Springs during her visit. Does any other classmate engage in comparable physical activities that we could publicize? **Bea** & Cliff have also had daughter Rosemary with grandsons Matt and Alex Smith at home to "tear up or to rearrange the house."

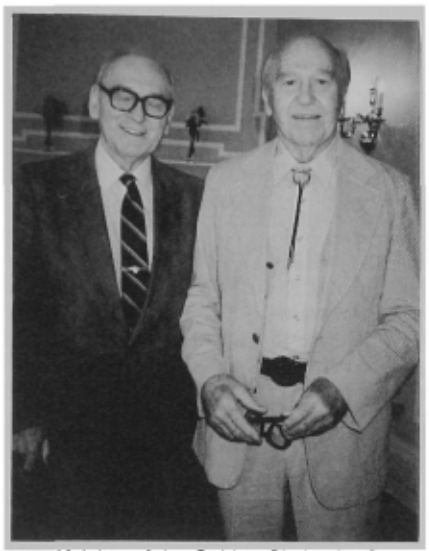
26 Apr Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Bromiley, Conell, Izenour, Lewis, Miller, Mrazek, Art Smith, Stilwell** and **Sussmann**; also by **Brown, Chavasse, Nim Collins, Davis, Trudy Hannum, Chun Cha Ryan, Bill Smith** and **Walson**. **Dick & Edie** Bromiley were accompanied by their daughter, Joan.

The **Bromileys**' daughter Lynne & MG Paul Harvey USAF and their daughter, Galyn, were also visiting in NVA that wknd, so **Dick & Edie** enjoyed a brief family reunion here before going on to NJ to visit Edie's sister. Dick informed us that they enjoyed a brief visit by the **Kincaids** recently in FL. Korean War Memorial coins are being sold during Apr and May. **Art Smith** and **Nick Chavasse** are longtime mbrs of the A-N Club in DC. In that club they share distinction as "Knights of the Golden Circle." We know of no other classmates so honored.

Mrazek conducted a brief mtg of the

1938: Joan, Dick & Edie Bromiley with Jane & Art Smith at Ft McNair, Apr 91

1938: Joe & Mary Conell with Mrazek at Ft McNair luncheon, May 91



1938: Knights of the Golden Circle: Art Smith and Nick Chavasse, Apr 91

Prog Comm for the fall mini after the lunch. 29 Apr I had telecons with **Pete & Toots Coleman**. They have lived in Huntsville 22 yrs and have children in MI, FL and OK, being centrally located for visits. Pete is fully ret and enjoys flying. During early May, **Junie & Shirley Lotz** were in NVA. Shirley visited her mother, their daughter and friends, while Junie had business appts at WRAMC.

24 May Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Bixby, Brown, Conell, Izenour, Lewis** and **Sussmann**; also attending were **Chavasse, Nim Collins, Trudy Hannum, Miller, Mary Missal, Mrazek, Schmidt, Bill Smith** and **Walson**. **Paul Davis** was in ME attending his grandson's grad. **Jane Hulse** was recovering from an auto accident. She has some aches and bruises but no broken bones. She feels forunate that there were no lasting injuries and that she has a new car. Joe Connell was in good spirits and we helped him to celebrate his 75th birthday.

Dick Stilwell was in Korea. Nim Collins plans to visit with son Kevin and family soon while they are temporarily in CA. Mary Missal moved from Apt 1226 to Apt 1220 on 17 Jun. **April Adams** is usually busy on Thurs, particularly with flower arranging. She gave demonstrations in Baltimore and Richmond recently. She is "saving bridge for later in life." After lunch Mrazek conducted a brief meeting of the Prog Comm for the fall mini.

On 19 May **Ken & Helen Skaer** visited Ken's son Fred and his daughter, Susan Proden, in NVA this wknd. Ken talked briefly with Stilwell and me while here. They returned to San Ant 21 May.

28 May from **Hugh Wallace**: "**Omar & Maria Knox** spent several days in FL recently, enjoying the interesting EPCOT Ctr at Disney World. Omar said that they are past the stage for riding roller coasters, bumper cars and the shoot-the-rapids sort of participation. Who of us isn't? **Ken & Helen Skaer** traveled to Charleston, Helen's hometown, for the wedding of Helen's granddaughter. Ken rep that Charleston has recovered from its hurricane blows and high waters and is very lovely. At a recent dinner party, a no of classmates joined in despite fiesta parades and other activities. Among those present were **George & Debbie Artman, Eveyln Hartman, Mary Kelley, Cliff & Barbara Macomber, Jo Ryan** & fiancé, Carl Houston, **Mert & Jean Singer**, Ken & Helen Skaer, Fred & Trudy Wright and hosts **Hugh & Jan Wallace**. Jo Ryan is to be married 27 May to Carl Houston in a very small private wedding. Carl entered the Army Air Corps in 42, served in Europe, returned to graduate from Auburn U as an aeronautical engr and then joined NACA (predecessor to NASA). He was recalled to duty in Korea, completed AFIT and a Vietnam tour. In USAF Sys Cmd he spent most of his career in R&D, participating, along with other significant duties, in devel and testing of Titan I, II and III."

29 May from **Bill Strand**: "**George & Debbie Artman** hosted an elegant party at Ft Sam Houston O Club on 10 Apr. Guests included the **Irvins, Skaers, Bayers, Battersons, Singers, Wallaces, Coiras, Macombers, Wrights, Mona Preuss, Evelyn Hartman, Elizabeth Sawyer, Mary Kelley, Strands, Knoxes** and **Forrest Harsh**. Mary Kelley and her friend Alice Keating celebrated San

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Ant's Centennial Fiesta at the Army Residence Comm on 18 Apr. The elaborate affair included mariachis, margaritas, cocktails and lots of delicious food served to a large and festive gp. "'38 was represented by **Kieffers**, Wallaces, Wrights, Singers, Strands, Artmans, Skaers and Mona Preuss. The occasion was also special for Mary because of family members attending. Her son Richard & Judy from Stowe, MA and her daughter Bonnie Hicks from Tuckahoe, NY arrived during the party for a surprise visit."

From **Dick Stilwell**, 5 June: "A busy mo of May! On the 6th, at the Phila Mint, the Treas of the US presided at the ceremony launching the Korean War Commemorative Silver Dollar. I had the honor of 'striking' the very first of the million to be minted. On the 12th, I delivered the commencement address at Hampden-Sydney Col, almost the last remaining all-male bastion. To my surprise, I was awarded an honorary doctorate. I proceeded to Seoul on the 20th for a whirlwind of activities to include presentation of that first silver dollar to Pres Roh Tae Woo, and intensive promotion of coin sales in Korea, with a target of 100,000. (The Samsung Gp alone purchased 30,000!) Having status as an honorary Marine, I kicked off the Leadership Symposium at Quantico on the 30th. The big news is that I am leading a gp of ret 4- stars to *North* Korea in late Jun for an unprecedented conf." Will this classmate ever truly ret?

On 26 May **Bill Smith**'s three daughters, their spouses, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter assembled in NVA from ME, CA and NC for a family celebration of his 75th birthday. They enjoyed a happy reunion and were pleased that Bill is apparently in good health. He and I play golf wkly and he walks 18 holes with no physical problems. On 4 Jun Bill went to Gatlinburg, TN, to be with **Pete & Jane Sights** for the celebration of their 50th wedding anniv. Bill was best man at their wedding, so they shared many memories. En route home he stopped in Union Grove, NC to see daughter, Shirley Le Forge & spouse at their dairy there.

From **Mrazek**, 8 June: "On the way to a family reunion at Dahlonega, GA, the Mrazeks visited **Margaret & Welby Beverley** at their new villa near Winston-Salem, NC in Bermuda Vil. Welby thought he went there to relax and play golf but was elected pres of the Vil Residents Assoc. He complains that he cannot score better than 49 since he no longer has much time to play. Margaret is kept busy with Andy, their Yorkshire Terrier, who is an offspring of Two Ten and Bengi, **Ward & Chun Cha Ryan's** dogs. The Beverleys' home, with several others, clusters around a small pond that Welby has stocked with goldfish. The Beverleys have it made!

1938: The Beverleys at home during visit by Jim & Thelma Mrazek, May 91

"The comm mailed 107 info ltrs to those who have indicated an interest in attending the mini-reunion in Williamsburg in late Oct this yr. The cmte plans another mailing at the end of summer to those who have responded to this info ltr and sent in checks. Among other info, it will include an activity preference card to be completed and returned."

These will be the last Class notes pub in *ASSEMBLY* before the mini-reunion. Let's meet there and have a good one! Meanwhile, thanks to our contributors of info and pics. Your cooperation in providing newsworthy info is appreciated.

'39

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These are the first Class notes since **Norm Farrell**'s appeal requesting bio updates, at least by birth mos. The positive results are or will be obvious—both in this issue and future ones. The Class should be proud!

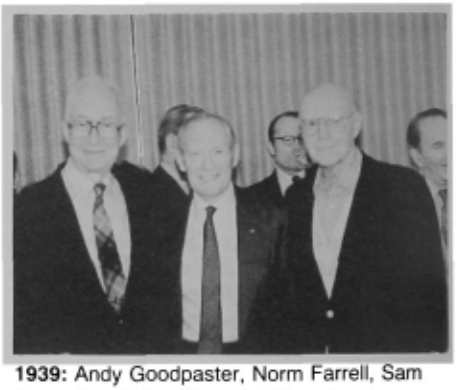
Norm has mailed the new Class Directory (1 Jun) which should be rec'd by now. In the "how humiliating dept," Norm, with **Jeannine** at WP in Apr for annual soccer game of next yr's Army team vs Alumni, asked for his playing jersey but was told "maybe next yr." Alums lost; Norm, "serves them right for keeping their strength on the bench."

Regarding **Bob Studer**'s watercolor painting on the cover of this ASSEMBLY and the related story inside, on behalf of the Class I want to express sincere appreciation to two people, in addition to Bob, who were crucial in bringing this project to fruition. These are our own **Chuck Medinnis**, who not only initiated the whole idea but also contributed significantly during its development, and COL Paul Child, Assoc VP for Pub, AOG, who recognized its merit and gave his support. This was one of Paul's last projects before his second ret. We thank him and wish him well.

7 Dec 41—**Stan Dziuban** is looking at reunion possibilities in Oahu for classmates who experienced that historic day. Due to shortage of hotel space, interested '39'ers contact Stan soonest: 21157 Twining Ave, Riverside, CA 92508; tel 714-697-2429.

Andy Goodpaster—is chm of the Atlantic Council, a distinguished gr of ex St, Def, mil and diplomatic officials. In May, Andy & **Dossy** spent a wk in the USSR where Andy led delegation for latest in 5-yr series of mtgs. Topics: US-USSR soc issues, non-proliferation of missiles, nuclear and chemical weapons, Persian Gulf lessons and Soviet political and econ reform. Now Andy says he is "going to relax!"

Coed Luncheon, Apr, Pentagon—incl 14 '39'ers (w/Sam Samuel from CO en route to bmr reunion in MA), 9 wives (including one newlywed), and 1 guest (Elizabeth Hoisington, BG Ret).



1939: Andy Goodpaster, Norm Farrell, Sam Samuel and Linc Simon at Class luncheon, Apr 91

1939: Newlyweds Bill & Shirley (True) Banning, married 23 Mar

Phil Davidson—has been lauded by WP Hist Dept for two addresses during the yr to cadets, staff and faculty (mil and civ) on revolutionary warfare, past and future. Several faculty mbrs have included his ideas and analyses in lesson plans.

Dick Wolfe—has dared to identify himself as another skier; photo taken on deck of chalet at mid-slope, Alpine Meadows, Tahoe Basin of the Sierra

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1939: (Front row seated) Steve Mancuso and PJ Long; (second row seated) Ann Mancuso, Jeannine Farrell, Rosalind Simon, Shirley & Bill Banning, Bill McCaffrey; (first row standing) Linc Simon, Jane McClellan, Nernie Thomason, Lucile Showalter, Mary McCaffrey, Bev Ewell, Elizabeth Hoisington; (rear standing) Harry McClellan, Tommy Thomason, Julian Ewell, Gene Trahan, Dossy & Andy Goodpaster, Bur Showalter, Sam Samuel and Perry Hoisington

1939: Rufe & Joyce Holloway at Founders Day 91, San Ant

1939: Terry & Johnny Olson at Founders Day 91, San Ant

Madre. Also at Founders Day dinner, Presidio, Dick & **Lorraine** enjoyed **Bo & Bonnie McCutchen, Matt & Bel Smith** and **Vern Gilbert**.

1939: Son Lawrence, Lorraine & Dick, and son Christopher Wolfe, Alpine Meadows, CA, Mar 91

1939: Ruby Atwell, BG ML Ferguson '60, Bill Atwell, Mrs. Ferguson (hidden) and CPT Abruscato '85, youngest grad at Founders Day 91, Eglin AFB

Mini-reunion, Mississippi River, Nov 91?—**Jim & Rachel Keller** have made reservations for this 22–29 Nov cruise sponsored by AOG and hope that others will join them. In Mar they spent a wk in Tucson with **Ed & Pat Smith** golfing, sightseeing and visiting with **Frankie Joe & Lydia Kobes**. They also spent a mo "browsing around ME and Nova Scotia and enjoyed it so much we plan a repeat."

Bill Atwell added that speaker was Gen Bruce Palmer, whose overcoat he held as a plebe in 31st Div, S Bks! He also rep that they enjoy good health, good friends and regular golfing in Pensacola. Bill has been pres of Homeowners Assoc and Golf Assoc and calls bingo at their club. **Ruby** is a Red Cross volunteer at Naval Hosp.

Army FB: season ticket holders **Krisman, Hunsbedt, Crandall, McCollam, Bud Newcomer** and **Hull** (and possibly **Van Harlingen**), "tail-gating" again, invite other '39'ers to join them before or after ea game in area E side of Lusk on Stewart Rd. Also, FB tickets are often available; **Speedy** Hull and **Mike** Krisman, if alerted early, will try to find seats with '39 season gp.

The **Olsons** have moved into USAA Towers. Johnny wrote that they had returned from two wks in Australia, collecting data on US Armed Forces there, 41–42, for a book thereon but would appreciate info from anyone there then. He plays golf each Fri with **Tom Davis, Sterling Johnson** and **Woode Wilson**; **Matt Bristol** joins them whenever he needs some money!

1939: Founders Day 91 luncheon, AF Vil W, Riverside: Ann Habecker, Joan Nolan, Stan Dziuban, Carl Hollstein, Jack Habecker and Joe & Kay Reynolds

Stan Dziuban spent a wk in May with granddaughters in Miami/Orlando; needed lots of stamina to keep up with 4 days, 9–9, at Disneyworld and Busch Gardens; visited the **Maslowskis**; **Monk**'s just as sharp as in WP days in spite of Parkinsons and **Elba**'s managing affairs exceptionally well. Lunched with **Len & Marcia Kaplan** on the eve of their shift to their cool Berkshire home. Stan added that he spent 4 wks in Mar/Apr

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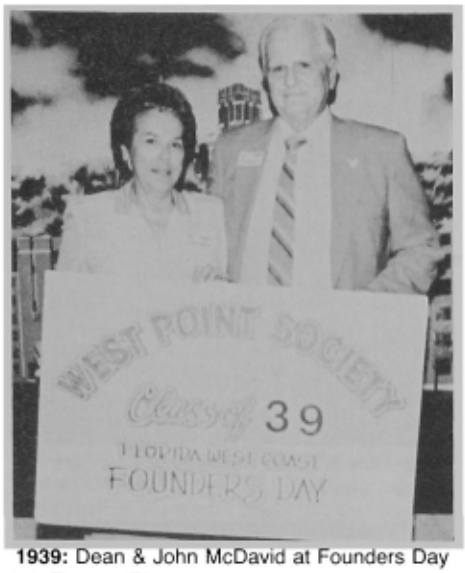
skiing in Sierra, NV, knowing that **Betty Ann** was receiving top care in Vil nursing facility.



1939: Dean & John McDavid at Founders Day 91, Tampa, FL

John & Dean McDavid traveled through West Europe and British Isles for 10 wks—"great time but tiring." The two have children in DC, Columbus, OH, Sarasota and Jacksonville and 8 *grandsons*—period! John has undertaken Boy Scouts chair to sustain enrollment and add funds in FL, having been pres in OH of J Appleseed Council and having received Distinguished Eagle Scout award. He is also trustee of estate for his daughter in Sarasota, a polio victim. All this and golf 2–3 times a wk!

Elder James' wedding—while attending his 60th HS reunion, Elder, who had lost **Erna** after 49 yrs, discovered that his pre-WP sweetheart, **Esther Gaarder**, had lost her husband of 55 yrs. Result—wedding, with several classmates & wives attending. They plan to live in Tucson except for a few summer mos in Northwood, IA.

1939: Nina & Charles Kepple, Nancy & John Maxwell, newlyweds Esther & Elder James and Lydia & Frank Kobes, Tucson, 14 Feb 91

Mini-reunion, Health Ctr?—**Joe & Dempsie McChristian** from FL and **Milt & Jean Adams** from TX bumped into ea other in Mar at the Pritikin Ctr, Santa Monica. Joe's version: "The 4 of us were almost as busy as plebes with exercises and lectures. . . . left feeling great with low cholesterol." Milt's version: ". . . being saved from excesses. The diet and lifestyle remind me of what physically active Trappist monks might be like."

Joe & Dempsie helped her father, Gen Van Fleet, celebrate his 99th birthday in Mar. "He is probably the only American who can claim that his grandfather fought in our Revolutionary War." In May they visited daughter in DC while Joe attended conference of ex-ACSIs. Then on to NYC to visit daughter and son and then to St Andrews, NB, Canada for mo or two in their cottage.

Milt & Jean Adams spent 3 wks in China, 10 days in HI and trips to E and W coasts and Mexico. Yankee son, PhD with math specialty, obviously has Jean's genes (per last sec Milt). Another son produces 30–40 limos/mo from Cads, Lincolns and Rolls Royces.

DC notes per **Kerwin** and **Davison**—**Dutch** Kerwin writes that Army CS Vuono conducted series of Persian Gulf debriefs, extremely informative, which **Mike** Davison and he were privileged to attend. Mike rep that **Art Allen, Gene Trahan** and Mike & **Helen** joined **Marshall & Liz Wallach** in a limo to watch annual VA Gold Cup in early May; that son Mike Jr is ADC, 5th Mech Div, Ft Polk; and that he, Mike Sr, is now chm of the bd, A-N Country Club but still has to stand in line for a tee time!

Sailor Byrne—wrote from NM that **Ray & Cissy Brownfield** paid **Alice** & him a visit in Mar and that Ray is still growing prize-winning grapes. Sailor, trying with other M-Co types to prepare obituary of **Roland Boughton**, asks for help from all who knew him in either A or AF careers.

Taps—**Bill George** passed away at Sequim, WA 23 Oct; burial at Sequim. **Tom Dolvin** died suddenly 16 May; burial at Arlington Natl Cemetery 23 May with full mil honors. **Mary Jane Hall, DN's** wife, died in CO on 22 May after some 10 days' hospitalization. A memorial svc was held locally, after which burial took place in Cincinnati.

By personal telecons w/**Maxine George, Cynthia Dolvin** and **DN Hall, Norm Farrell** expressed the Class's sympathy to them and their families, which these notes also extend.

ADDENDUM: **Freddie Boye**'s backswing, much shortened after a rotator cuff shoulder problem (and he's not even a pitcher), "can't hurt or help my golf game—it's beyond repair," but not so with furniture which he still repairs plus doing battle with a new computer.

Bill Dean in NC is doing well and **Geneva** manages in spite of arthritis. They enjoyed **Mac MacDowell**'s visit from TX in Apr. Bill and sons were planning on summer trip to AK.

'40

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For some mos, **John Burfening** and the other Class offs have reviewed suggestions, in response to our queries, on where mini-reunions might be encouraged during the next few yrs. We've looked for places that are centrally located; have adequate facilities and interesting tours or activities; and where a few local classmates might volunteer to handle the necessary planning and organization.

One of the earliest answers came from Memphis, where **Marv Jacobs** proposed that, with **John Graf**, he set up a mini in 92 either in Nashville or westward in the Ozarks. There were other ideas, too. For example, **Ned Flanders** suggested that, with some extra help from classmates in his area, **Doris** & he might be able to arrange a mini near them at Lake Tahoe, NV. **Don Baumer** called to say that he & **Sandy** were ready to schedule Innisbrook IV at Tarpon Springs, FL whenever they got the word. No one offered to put together a victory parade for the Class of '40 in the Big Apple. Several other locations were suggested but without assurance that local classmates would be available or willing to help plan and execute the mini. **Harm Rimmer** suggests the El Paso area; **Lee Fritter** thinks CO Springs, San Ant or Albuquerque would be good; and **Bill Shanahan** likes San Diego.

The Class offs decided to support **Marv Jacob's** offer and arranged to send him some "seed money" from the admin acct to cover his initial expenses (that means we hope to get it back!). By now, as a result, you should have received Marv's ltr asking for your indication of interest in a mini in Jun 92 in Nashville, where he's had the Opryland Hotel set aside a block of rooms and where there are ample activities to entertain us.

I talked with **Walt Winton** before putting these notes to bed in Jun; he confirms that Abrams, the publisher, is moving rapidly toward pub of *The Illustrated History of West Point*, our 50th anniv gift to WP. They still plan to ship a complimentary copy of the special prepub ed this fall to ea living grad of '40 and to ea Class widow or next-of-kin we can locate. This explains, of course, my recent flurry of ltrs and calls to you. I want to be sure I have the best address for ea of you to which UPS can deliver the book when it's ready for shipment in early Oct.

I've had a very good response to my verification ltr; probably the most surprising outcome is a large no of data changes in the Class Roster. We'll determine later if we should publish a new ed of the roster. Meanwhile, there were

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several items of news that came with your answers.

Barney & Glennie Barnard wrote that when they can sell their place in Arab, AL they plan to move to the ret comm at Sun City Ctr, FL to join **John & Elaine Pidgeon** and a host of Barnard relations in the area.

Pat & Clelia Merchant decided their country place near Scottsville, VA was getting to be too much for them, so they've moved permanently to 310 Kent Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903; tel (804) 971-2047.

Woodie & Beth Vaughan wrote that they delayed going to FL this yr to be at home for their 50th anniv on 18 Jan. "Our children hosted a formal dinner for some 30 family members—both sides of our tribes. It was a memorable night, and we cut the cake with the same sabre we used on our wedding cake (it still had crumbs)."

1940: Beth & Woodie Vaughan at their 50th wedding anniv

Toward the end of the shortened **Vaughan** trip to FL, **Dick & Eleanor Abbey** arranged a dinner for some area classmates at a local country club. In addition to the Abbeys and Vaughans, there were **Scottie & Priscilla Case, Frank & Betty Devlin, Frank & Celeste Sullivan** and **Dave & Natalie Yates**. Woodie added, "Mostly we critiqued Desert Storm and gave it a 2.9!"

Ed Haggard noted that he's been a reg structural engr in CA for 30 yrs, though he's now given up his practice.

Tom Monroe says he's been tripping over much of the country, mostly to visit relatives, particularly since, in Jan, his eldest granddaughter gave birth to a 10-lb baby boy. Tom notes that he's still unsure of the role of a great-grandfather, other than to tape lots of video shots.

Archie Knight's widow, **Bunny**, is recuperating from heart surgery and looking forward to receiving a copy of the history. She encl a copy of a very lucid, compelling ltr their son William wrote, just after Archie's death, to the reunion of the 57th Fighter Gp, which Archie had cmded before V-E Day.

PS Reinecke was among more and more classmates who are finding themselves oldest grad at Founders Day dinners. At Ft Jackson, SC, PS talked to the Columbia WP Soc about his dad and how the *Alma Mater* was written.

Con & Phyllis Murphy wrote that they realized *tempus* was *fugiting* when their grandson became a war veteran.

1940: Marv Jacobs, oldest grad at WP Soc of the Mid-South

Marv & Mary Jacobs write that they, with **John & Bettye Graf**, constitute the full mbrship of the USMA '40 Soc of the Mid-South, which has a remarkable record of perfect attendance at its wkly Thu Dinner Club (meets ea Wed). Marv and John also are active in the WP Soc of the Mid-South; Marv as treas and John as VP. They take turns at the old grad speech on Founders Day; obviously this yr was Marv's.

A note from **Wendell Sell** included the bad news that he discovered last Aug that he had a brain tumor. He added, "Radiation has apparently neutralized it, but I'm still in the recovery stage. It put a heavy burden on **Charlotte**, but she managed well. Hope to go to WP in May for the Trustees' meeting."

Alice Deems added, "I live in a 1920 vintage house in Hollywood. L.A. is the pits, but I compensate by working at our zoo 4–5 days a wk with a lot of great people (and animals). I've had a couple of visits in Carmel with the classmates there. It's a beautiful place, but I'm not quite ready to contemplate the scenery from my rocking chair."

Ann Silvasy also added a note, "Last Aug, I underwent a right hip replacement very well and recently in Apr I had my left one done. Am doing fine and should be in good shape in a few mos."

All of you have been enormously helpful in locating and rep widows or next-of-kin not listed in our current roster. For example, **Sam Goodwin** sent an address for James HP [Pitman] Kelsey, the son and next-of-kin of our **Jim Pitman**, who was killed in France in 44. And **Frank Devlin** wrote a long tale about how Montgomery C Meigs '67 came to serve as an aide at our 45th Reunion; he, of course, is the son of our own **Montgomery C Meigs**, who was killed on the Maginot Line in 44. And **Marie Donnell** took time from her other problems (see the bad news at the end of these notes) to send an address for **Jim McAfee**'s widow, **Julia**, who has been missing from our records for about 4 yrs. These are but illustrations of the help I've gotten. The end result is that I have reasonably dependable addresses for all of our 266 living classmates and have addresses for widows and next-of-kin for all but about 70 of our 183 deceased classmates.

1940: Midge & Howie Penney at Founders Day 91, Phoenix, AZ

Please don't let it stop there; give me any leads you have on the location of widows or families of classmates not listed in the back section of the Class Roster. Even such a broad statement as **Mark Klunk** made—"You don't have **John Gerald's** widow, but I've no info on her present whereabouts"—lets us know that there was a widow for us to look for. Obviously, we'll be searching for next-of-kin for mos to come. **Walt Winton**'s cmte won't want to hold up the Oct shipment of complimentary copies to classmates and known next-of-kin, so they'll hold a few copies in reserve to cover late discoveries. However, we'll want to get these remaining copies to the proper destinations as soon as we can. Please pass on any info you find.

To describe a few of these mysteries: we know **Jim Humphrey**'s widow **Jean** (Mrs Evan H Humphreys Jr) was at 9365 SW 77th Ave, #1002, Miami, FL 33156 in late 89, but the Postal Service now will say only that her forwarding order has expired; where did she go? Similarly, **HT Simpson**'s daughter, Mrs Mildred S Anders, was at 1340 Ruddy Oak Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 in 89; her fowarding time has expired, too. We also lost **Bob Dice**'s widow, **Ruth**, who left 1506 Battery Creek Rd, Beaufort, SC 29902 about 3 yrs back (**Peggy Light Zais**, who still lives in Beaufort, made a valiant effort but could find no trace). And there's **Bill Farthing**'s widow, **Molly**, who left 2716 60th St, Sacramento, CA 95817, also about 3 yrs back. Or **Al**

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Richard's widow, **Ann**, who was at 706 1st St, Ruidoso, NM 88345 until about 4 yrs ago.

I'm sorry to rep several items of bad news. First, in response to our recent verification mailing, my form ltr was returned with a very brief note from his local atty, "Please be advised that **James F Kreitzer** died in Calais, ME on 13 Apr 91." The Class offers its sympathy to Fred's son, Mr James F Kreitzer Jr, of Star Rt 635, Rt 3, Box 900, Rocky Mountain, VA 24151–9751.

We were also sorry to hear from the AOG that our former classmate, **Churchill K Wilcox**, LTC, USA Ret, died at Bedford, MA on 18 Feb. We send our condolences to Klay's widow, **Edith**, who can be reached at their home at 33 Meadow Brook Rd, Bedford, MA 01730.

In her response to the Class mailing, **Marie Donnell** said that **Al Donnell** had died of cancer on 25 Feb in Amarillo, TX. Our deep sympathy goes to Marie, who can be reached at the family ranch: Box 74, Canyon, TX 79015.

We look forward to seeing you at the Nashville mini!

'41

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PAUL SKOWRONEK CONTINUES '41'S RECORD AS A PACESETTER BY JOINING ALUMNI EXERCISES AT OUR 50TH REUNION BY PARACHUTE, AT AGE 75!

1941: Paul Skowronek, on his way into history

Tues, 28 May 91 was a very special day for 342 '41'ers, wives, families and guests. It is wonderful, at our age, to experience nostalgia combined with anticipation; the feelings were definitely there from the start. Breakfast at the Holidome was hardly over when our special gp began assembling in the lobby. Even the long bus ride up to WP did not seem to dampen the feelings. Soon we were winding our way through the labyrinth of one-way streets on the Post.

Paul Skowronek had already jump-tested his chute in a similar environment: Cessna 120, same altitude at exit, similar temp and wind conditions. It was to be his 199th jump. Final preparations involved a classmate spt gp comprising **Fox Rhynard, Jack Christensen** and your scribe. The inevitable Law of Murphy did succeed in intervening, however. Fox and Jack were to be in place with a smoke grenade and wind streamer and I was to position our professional video photographer. Alas, our buses were in a traffic gridlock behind the Library, and as he exited the aircraft precisely at 10:15 hrs, we were struggling to get to the Patton Monument.

1941: The scratch late, Skowronek support group planning their B-ache

Paul Skowronek is a world-class jumper and he landed, as planned, in front of the stands, stowed his chute, jump suit and helmet and joined the alumni formation on Jefferson Rd as casually as if he had just stepped out of a limousine.

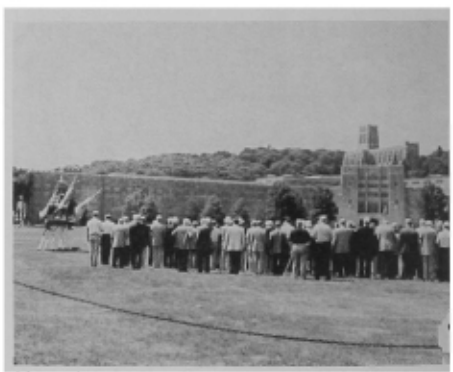
As we marched toward the Thayer Monument, we got a special shot in the arm when a substantial contingent of GAP greeted us with applause. It had been a very long time since we had heard applause in ranks; Desert Storm did good things for our profession.

1941: Tom Cleary trying to sell Ed Rowny the '41 version of Desert Storm headgear

As we marched across the Plain, where we all had paraded so long ago, there was no talking in ranks—ea seemed to be lost in his own reminiscences. Again we were applauded as the column swung past the stands where our beautiful OAO's were seated. The temperature and the humidity had to be in the mid-nineties—it was as bad as any of us could remember. Our ladies in the stands were most uncomfortable. Finally it was "column right, march" and we drove toward the Thayer Monument, filling the space between the two cadet bns on our flanks. As we sweltered and waited for the Class of '51 to move into position, we managed to feel a little less uncomfortable as we noted that the cadets in ranks were still at attention and in FD.

After the Invocation, the Cadet Glee Club, deployed on stands to our left, led us in singing the "Alma Mater." It wasn't easy to sing with lumps in our collective throats. Next, the First Cpt assisted our oldest grad present, MG C Rodney Smith '26, in laying the wreath at COL Thayer's statue. The finale was the singing of "The Corps," again led by the Glee Club. As the last note faded, there were not a few moist eyes, and the same was true in the stands about 100 yds away where our ladies also thrilled to that special music.

The next cmd was, "Fall out and fall in on class guidons." **Jack Norton**, now our Pres Emeritus, fell in on the '41 guidon and the rest of the Class deployed in 3 ranks to his left. The heat and humidity caused several jackets to be shed as we waited for the Corps to exit the sallyports and march onto line. Someone wondered aloud if present day cadets still get 5 demerits for falling out at a p-rade pending an iron-clad B-ache.



1941: A very special moment—we get to salute our USMA colors once again

Jackets were put back on as we prepared for ruffles and flourishes. By the time "A" Co, 1st Regt honored us with "Eyes Right," the heat was forgotten. Presently we recognized the unique chords of "The Official West Point March."

During this rather lengthy ceremony our incomparable reunion aides, headed by MAJ Barone, toured our ranks with cups of life-saving ice water. It takes much longer for 4,000 cadets in 4 cos to pass in review these days. By the time "H" Co, 4th Regt passes the reviewing stand, the A-1 cadets are undoubtedly half-way to NYC.

At last the Hell Cats withdrew, marking the end of a beautiful and most memorable ceremony. We broke ranks and noted that **Al Dalby**, bent almost

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double with arthritis and leaning on a cane, had stayed the course with us. Our next stop was into the stands with the ladies for our gp pic. We always think of "Just one more Charlie White" at formations like these—we missed him.

In what we used to call the Mess Hall, we were delighted to find a cadet as Table Com and at the Water Corporal seats. They were well-briefed and tolerated our "now in our day" comments politely. Following the meal, the Supe introduced Denis Mullane '52, pres of the AOG, who in turn invited the various classes to present their gifts to our Alma Mater. **Mike Greene** took the podium and presented our gift of $61,000, stipulated to provide for the maintenance of the **Kelleher-Jobes** Memorial Arch and for **Nininger** Hall in perpetuity. Although it was not mentioned, it is appropriate for the record to show that, with these two very special and permanent entities plus the **Gillis** Field House and the **Tate** Rink, we are the only class with 4 permanent venues at WP named for classmates. It should be further noted that all of these make a direct and significant contribution to the mission of the USMA.

Our next formation would be the high point of our 50th Reunion—the memorial svc at the **Kelleher-Jobes** Memorial Arch. As we assembled in the lovely, shady glade, our thoughts flashed back to very special classmates, long gone—esp those who were killed in action. We are comforted by the presence in our midst of those "who follow close order behind us. . . "—our grandchildren wearing cadet gray. A ltr to the Supe, requesting that they all be permitted to attend this important ceremony, could not undo the prior commitments—some of them were to be in training at Buckner, for example. We are terribly proud of all of them: Cadets 1st Class Jennifer **Osgood**, King (**Starr**) Moon, and Scott (**Rosen**) Tucker; Cadets 2nd Class Cary (**Rosen**) Tucker, Chris (**Greene**) Fellows and Joshua (**Starr**) Moon; and Cadet 3rd Class Mark (**Campbell**) Allen. Let us hope that the Cl Bd of Governors changes its mind about recognizing these fine youngsters when they graduate.

The ceremony opened with an Invocation by **Tuck Brown**; it set the tone most appropriately. He then led us in the "Cadet Prayer." **Mike Greene** introduced the roll call in memory of those who have departed our midst during the last 5 yrs. The names were read by a rep from ea co—during the reading, a trumpeter and drummer of the USMA Band provided the very moving field music: Taps accompanied by a drum roll. "**Robert W Garrett, John Linderman, Carroll F Danforth, Wharton C Cochran, Gwynne S Curtis Jr, James H King, Donald L McMillan, James W Strain, Arnold J Hoebeke, Paul E Pique, Harry H Ellis, Richard B Polk, John H Camp, Walter F Molesky, John G Redmon, William J Hershenow Jr, Clinton F Ball, Leon A Briggs, Robert J Colleran, Henry D Irwin, Frank H Linnell, Alexander F Muzyk, Reynolds R Keleher, Walter R Mullane, Arnold T Phillips, John R Richards** and **Dick S Von Schriltz**.

Then, led by **Bob Lanigan**, we joined in singing the "Alma Mater." **Tuck Brown** then closed with a Benediction, and all was appropriately quiet for a moment before we returned to the buses. We will remember this ceremony as fittingly impeccable, just like the other 9 before it.

The remainder of the afternoon enabled various gps to visit the Cadet Chapel for the organ recital; to visit the Old Cadet Chapel and Cemetery where red carnations were provided to be placed on classmates' or ancestors' graves; or to return early to Suffern to rest before the dinner/dance.

Throughout the 3 days of activity, **Marion Gurfein** filled in as official photographer for **Bud Thompson**, who had planned to cover this reunion as he did the Carmel Mini. Unfortunately, Bud was grounded by his dr with violent fibrillation and vertigo—the same symptoms that grounded **Felix Gerace**. Marion turned in a 3.0 performance with perhaps 200 candid and posed color prints.

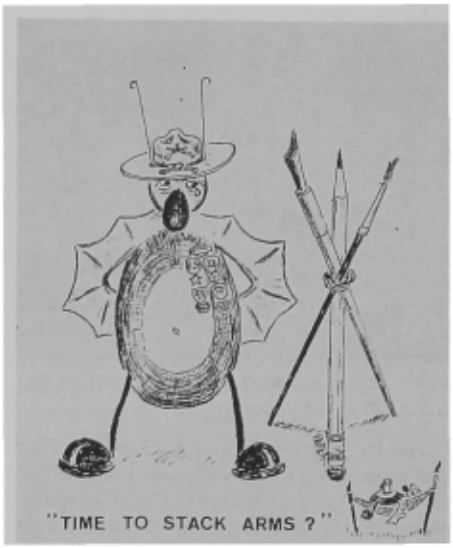
The finale at the Holidome was clearly '41 quality. As the troops assembled "under the dome," the bars were busy, our ladies were turned out in their beautiful gowns, and Roger, our video cameraman, was busy shooting couples and guests and generally capturing the spirit of our finale.

The banquet room was beautifully appointed and the meal was outstanding. As dinner concluded, the band opened with some oldies and many soon proved that sr citizens can still show the moderns what dancing is really all about.

At a break, **Mike Greene** took the floor and announced the decision of the Recognition Comm to present plaques in appreciation to **Bill Vaughan** and **John Deane**. The crowd reaction demonstrated the strong consensus in the Class that Bill Vaughan's unique and sustained contribution to our Class image and spirit was long overdue for recognition.

Since Bill was grounded at the last min by his drs and could not be there, **Tom Cleary** accepted the plaque, which includes a beautiful wall clock and our Class crest encl in a laurel wreath below. Below the wreath is a plate reading, "To William John Dooley Vaughan, in appreciation of his devoted and outstanding svc as Class illustrator and cartoonist for over 50 yrs."

At our 25th, it was **John Deane** who proposed a $50 lifetime dues subscription which, properly invested, would carry us through to the last note of Taps. He has proven to be absolutely right and has done the treas job for the ensuing 25 yrs religiously, adhering to the first commandment of a treas—be parsimonious. He received a similar plaque.



1941: Bill Vaughan's valedictory cartoon for *Gold '41* which was mistakenly printed behind the last two (blank) pp of the book

1941: Cheyney Norton and Skip Brown, two gallant ladies who graced our final dinner dance

The next salutes were impromptu: **Cocky Cochran** and **Tom Cleary** literally kidnapped **Skip Brown** and escorted her front-and-center. They then declared it was high time for the Class of '41 to salute our brides. Observing that Skip represented our fabulous ladies who, through peace and war, inspired us to stratospheric heights over a half-century, the gp responded with a standing ovation. This very moving scene was enhanced when **Ed Rowny**, with his harmonica, led the singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." **Tom Cleary** then proposed that we salute our new Pres Emeritus, **Jack Norton**.

One wk after returning from Suffern, **Tom Cleary** and I met at Eglin AFB, FL and the next day, with the help of **Andy Evans**, who lives nearby, invited **Bill & Nancy Vaughan** to meet us at the O Club at Hurlburt AFB. During the luncheon we presented the Class gift to Bill.

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1941: Tom Cleary and Burt Andrus deliver the Class gift to Bill Vaughan

1941: Two very special guests: Bob Wilson (honorary member of the Class) and David Lokker Wilson (Jack's son)

His ltr follows: "Dear Art Lovers: The last time I was this surprised at getting an award was when LTC Omar Bradley awarded me 3 mos confinement and 50 hrs on the area for missing reveille at Wright-Pat our first class yr. In accepting this beautiful clock and plaque I would like to recognize someone who helped me earn it. For 49 of the past 50 yrs that I have been cranking out cartoons, she created the environment that allowed my sense of humor to flourish. She could well be called 'the Mother of All Rumbos.' Thanks, **Nancy**, for your help.

"The others that have helped me are you guys out there—the Class of '41—you are the wellspring of memories that I keep dipping into for ideas—warts and all. Try to work in a current event—occasionally sprinkle on some politics, but not too much, right **Mike**? I can truthfully say that I have enjoyed every cartoon I have ever drawn, and it is nice to know that I pleased most of you most of the time. What a thrill to have a fan club at age 74.

"**Walt Mather** and **Burt Andrus** wrote a wonderful hist of the Class in *Gold '41*—I've read it three times. To be honored by you men who made that hist is a very humbling experience and one I shall always treasure. Thank you." To digress for a moment, please, if you have not already discovered it, look at the next-to-last sheet in *Gold '41* and behold Bill's salute to **Rumbo**.

No way can I say, "so much for the reunion." It was superb; the comm handled a very difficult task well. The emotional charge cannot be captured in the space allocated. The focus has been on Tues, the key day with the memorial svc, Alumni Parade punctuated with **Paul Skowronek**'s record-setting jump; the dinner dance and the recognitions and awards. But there was more.

We were able to salute our 7 outstanding cadet grandchildren. Our guest list, by far the largest (48), included Dr Henry & Wendy Goodall (he is the son of KIA **Henry Blanchard**). They joined us all the way from the UK; he has subscribed an endowment to the Cadet Camera Club in his father's memory. **Jack Lokker**'s son, David Wilson, VP of a large railroad, & Kitte were at our memorial svc. There were 13 of our beloved widows present. **Al Dalby, Burnside Huffman** and **Howard Goodell** came despite massive physical debility. We welcomed three new brides: **Muffy Boatwright, Ruth Collins** and **Wanda Delaney**. And there were several, like **Tommy Ward**, who were at their first reunion ever. We elected **Jack Norton**, our Cadet First Cpt and distinguished American soldier, to be our pres emeritus.

Just before people started E for the reunion, **Dick Von Schriltz** passed away on 5 May at his home in Garrison. Two classmates were at the funeral, **Harry Harvey** and **Lee Ledford**. We were pleasantly surprised and very proud of the fact that **Anna Von Schriltz** and her son Sam managed to participate in some of the reunion events. She can be reached at Rt 403, Box 133, Garrison, NY 10524.

Brad Smith dropped a note asking that this be announced: "If you want the refund of 15% for having bought the 50th pin, please let him know at 2059 Huntington Ave #115, Alexandria, VA 22303; otherwise it will go into the Class Fund."

Finally, we cannot close the chapter on our big 50th without a special '41 salute to our aide, MAJ RO Barone, and his two splendid assts.

At **Pete Tanous**' suggestion, the first man to volunteer to chair the cmte for our 55th Reunion will get an autographed pic of **Mike Aliotta**.

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A big hello from a summery FL where early rains have eased the water shortage and our temperatures become more comfortable as we read about some of those elsewhere! The good news is that it's ours again, with easy access to the streets, shops and restaurants, now that the Yankees have returned to the real world, leaving their green behind!

The golf gaggle at the Cloister (Sea Isl, GA) in mid-Apr was another big success, thanks to **Sam Koster**'s labors. On hand for the fun—which I can't say included my golf—were solos **Andy Anderson, John Reid, Helen Marshall** and **Joan Michel**, plus the **Charbonneaus, Deanes, Evanses, Hansts, Horridges, Johnsons, Kosters, Markses, John Murphys, O'Neals, Plotts, Reinbolds, Rehkopfs, Roberts, Ryders, Shedds, Jerry Snows, Ulsakers, Vivians** (longest journeyers) and **Wymans**—quite a gaggle, indeed! Johnny Reid and the Snows were our first-timers. Since we weren't quartered together, 4 of the heroes volunteered (?) to take costlier accommodations in a villa in order to provide a party room for the great unwashed—and party we did. As usual, a highlight was a dissertation by **Dick** Reinbold, this time on the joys of an encounter with the IRS! Someday we'll have a tape recorder at the ready when Dick takes the floor. Sales of the tapes would surely fund all Class projects in being or contemplated! The other highlight was to be joined one day by **Jonathan & Becky** Ulsaker. Need I say that he was cornered and questioned at length by some old soldiers! His expositions on how and why we won the fight so convincingly sold everyone on the fact that these kids were *good*! Learned during the festivities that **Doc** Charbonneau had had some serious health problems last fall, but never fear—that glib tongue and quick wit are again in full bloom! **Dick** Horridge rep himself well into the swing of things for the 50-yr bk. Any suggestions as to what might be included in the history—PLEASE! The Cloister is a lovely spot and the golf personnel took great care of us, but the svc in the dining room was hardly what one would expect. Let's hope for better at Williamsburg in Oct. Those within shouting distance—golfers or no—should get in touch with **Rip Young**, our next leader.

We went to DC to see the kids, making it in time for the Apr Class luncheon. A good attendance by the regulars plus **Slugger Maffry**, who was on his way to WP to talk about the columbarium. **Pete Flor Cruz** was happy to rep that despite **Cookie**'s long absence in the Gulf, her little girl knew mommie right away!

Dinner at **Doc & Enid Hyde**'s provided some tidbits. **Bill Hamilton** has been slowed down by some problems with anemia. A lengthy conversation with **Sally White** Gardiner's Joe revealed that his closest classmate (USNA '31) is a golfing buddy at our club here! Also, Joe had been tutored by the same professor in Leavenworth, KS who helped **Ike Eisenschmidt, Ernie White, Jack Peck, Peyton Tabb, Jack Cockrill** and me pass the USMA entrance exams in 38! **Dottie Davis** treated herself to a FL vacation, during which she saw **Jean Hughes** and

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Shirley Hozier. Howie & Barbara Burris where there between travels, with Barbara looking top-flight despite recent surgery. **Bob & Hancel Evans** had just returned from his bomb(ed) gp reunion in Baltimore, only slightly the worse for wear! While admiring a portrait of Enid's mother wearing more DAR awards than MacArthur had medals, learned that **Kitty Crittenberger** is—and has been—quite involved with that worthy org herself.

Al Hunter filed an after-action on "G" Co's 5th gathering, this one at Ft Walton Beach, courtesy of **Jack & Jean Rose.** On hand were the **Buchanans, Bucks, Cerars, Dave Clagetts, Jack Cockrill, Cockrells, Ellises, Hunters, Mizells, Moreys, Wymans** and, feather merchants for the occasion, local habitants the **Halpins.** Sightseeing at the Naval Air Museum at Pensacola and the AF Museum at Eglin were apparently the only interruptions to the basic fun and games. Sorry that the snap provided was too dark to do justice to the happy warriors.

Wyley Baxter came through with a pic (below) of him & **Stella** taken at a reception in San Ant for the happy pair. They were wed in Dallas on 8 Feb by an Episcopal minister who was London-born. Stella is an AF widow and a veteran of WWII in London, where she worked for British Intelligence on the German OB and ULTRA. Wyley has vacated his garden apt for apt 333 in the towers—same address.

Phil Wyman was at it again with a two-man scramble golf event for the DC'ers. **Andy Anderson** and **Dick Horridge** had been conned into bringing some out-of-town money into the game. Results next time. Word from **Carl Ulsaker**, the host with the most, of a Class dinner dance at the Fairfax (Army Ret Comm) on 1 Jun. No dope yet as to who won that event either!

A note from **Fran Roberts** offering to buy me—with handicap—after playing in a 5-some at Pinehurst with a mbr of the Sr Tour, the local head pro and two others who had US and British Amateur Championships under their belts! His offer didn't even tempt me to check with my agent!

1942: Stella, is that light in Wyley's eyes for you or for the 5-tiered cake?!

Crit Crittenberger advised that I wasn't really in arrears on my Class contribution—he had just set up a 1,000-yd target when the range was able to accommodate only 500 yds! As expected, "A" Co was a bit past its pledges, with only a few not in the pot. Class responses favored turning over our extra dough to the AOG in 2002. Let's all strive to be there to accept the plaudits! His ltr was dated V-E Day, reminding me that somehow I was called by a *USA Today* correspondent asking about my situation and reaction to V-J Day. That evolved into a discussion of our reaction to Pearl Harbor Day and what subsequently happened to the Class of '42. I provided him with the names of several others to contact, so watch for the WWII articles this fall—and if you don't like the input, blame it on the "several others!!"

One of the pigeons I selected was **Ray Murphy**. He called recently to ask how come (though I know he was secretly pleased) and to say that the new shoulder was heaps better than the old. He expected that he and his fly rod would soon be giving fits to the piscatory world!

A note from **Bud Roecker** rep that his Class contacts have been limited to **Joel Dilworth, John Finney, Marty Martinez** and **Stan Josephson**, prior to the latter's move. Apparently the comments regarding the **Bakers'** bash at Casteen have made an impression because Marty was heading back for the next one! As most of you know, Bud's back problems have kept him close to the flag pole. However, a course of therapy with a new therapist—no doubt younger than we—gives hope that that super soldier will soon be back on the duty roster!

"Deacon" Rienzi sent the good news that daughter Sherri and Bob Buckley are to be wed on 4 July (Independence Day ???) by guess who!!! D'ya s'pose he'll waive the customary envelope? Nah! This is apparently somewhat of a shotgun affair. Bob is ch of Millers Brewery for the Aloha State and must pay with a 6-pack of "Sharps" non-alcoholic brew in order to walk in their door! The Cannon Club on Diamond Head is the scene of the reception—and don't you wish we could all be there to run up ol' Tom's bill!!! Happily, **Clare** came through her hip replacement beautifully and was up and at 'em in record time.

Peyton Tabb forwarded some poop-sheets about Goat-Engr football games which he discovered among other important papers! They, the **Wachendorfs** and the **Watkins**, added some class to the Western NC Founders Day affair on 23 Mar. And his mother passed the 97–1/2-yr mark on Mother's Day! Guess she's decided that he continues to need a mother's sharp eye to keep him on the straight and narrow!

And to further celebrate Founders Day—in Aug—3 pics have dribbled in—**Jim & Mary Vivian** in Phoenix, **Andy Low** and his—daughter (gotcha!) Lorinda Willis in RI, and **Bob Spilman** at Ft McPherson, where they asked for "uniform, if available." Most of us with increased girth would suggest that he's just showin' off—but 18 yrs after ret, who can blame him?! Bob also showed up at a FL W Coast Founders Day, but he's going to have to do more than just send pics to get two snaps in the same col!

1942: The Vivians beam in Phoenix

1942: Andy and daughter at RI

1942: Bob Spilman, ready for recall

Jack Watson sent a preview of the ltr you've all received about the 50-yr book.

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My feeling is that sales of more than a single copy will be modest and so we must—ea and every one of us—be sure to get an order—and money—in! Do give a ringing vote of confidence to those who are devoting so much time and effort to make this last pub worthy of '42. Incidentally, the good **Jim Newman** demonstrated the pressure of his cmte chairmanship by immediately coming down with a bleeding ulcer! Happily, it was caught in time, and all's well!

An unhappy phone conv with the **Offleys** indicates that **Bobbie**'s mother is not doing at all well, forcing them to cancel attendance at **Billy Evans**' upcoming wedding in Seattle. Would I dare say that **Bob & Hancel** will miss their moral spt?!?! Reminding me of a comment by dear friend **BJ Carpenter** at reveille at Benning when, in that TX accent, he allowed as how "for the first time in my life, my morale is lower than my morals!!!"

Betty Clay has persevered through her course of treatments and is due here at Marco *momentito*. Kids are lined up to be with her during her R&R so **Lu** will tend the home fires—or A/C, judging by recent temps in that neck of the woods!

Johnny Reid gave me a summary of receipts for the Class Gift Fund. The total of all pledges had almost been attained, thanks to some overachievers. Widows have given solid spt, and there have been some matching gifts. With the fulfillment of remaining pledges, we'll be doing fine.

Our thanks to Bob Enzenauer '75 for the pic (below). Beneath the masks are

1942: A very small monkey benefits from Pappy's skill

Bob and **Pappy Garvin**—honest! The occasion—a young monkey at the Cheyenne Mtn Zoo in CO Springs lost an eye in an encounter with a fiesty sr. Bob, a pediatric ophthalmologist at Fitsimmons, was called on for advice and agreed to assist in the needed surgery. The patient was well on the way to recovery when I heard from Bob!

I'm pleased to rep that I'm certain that I have a readership of at least one! You may recall the item in the last col about the Yale class scribe who was bedeviled by an ephemeral classmate signing himself "Dave Henderson." Supposedly, the phony soul was consigned to an unmarked spot in potter's field, but comes to me a pic postcard of the cathedral at Condom (Gers) France, signed by "Dave!" Although the message is somewhat salacious, in keeping with the locale, the gist is that the ladies remember me fondly from la Deuxieme Guerre Mondiale and urge that a Class reunion be scheduled for their town. They guarantee that we'll enjoy! "Dave" says that his 707 is on the blink, but he plans to replace it with a 747 so that all can attend at minimum expense! (I don't recognize the handwriting on the card but strongly suspect the fine Gallic hand of Monsieur **Pierre Russell**!!!)

Hope your summer is coming to a happy conclusion by the time you read this. My thanks to the faithful correspondents and a plea to those not heard from to waste 29 cents on a message to me before the price goes up again! Only 4 more cols in your mailbox before we "gather by the river!!!"

Jan '43

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Never have so few accomplished so much as **Bob & Libby Bullard, Jim & Jean Cobb** and **Les & Pat Harding**, our hosts & hostesses for that fabulous mini-reunion in Atl 11–14 Apr 91.

Jan '43: Our hosts & hostesses at our great mini-reunion in Atl: Bob & Libby Bullard, Jim & Jean Cobb and Les & Pat Harding

From the spirited "good-to-see-you-again" cocktail reception at the Ritz-Carlton (our mini HQ) in the Buckhead area of Atl on the eve of the 11th to the final buffet breakfast in the main dining room on the 14th, some 100 classmates, wives, widows and friends enjoyed ea other and the sights of the azalea city in full bloom.

While a few hardy classmates & wives, led by **Tut Frakes**, played golf in the rain, other classmates & wives toured historic landmarks such as Underground Atl, Stone Mtn Park and the Swan and Arrow Houses. Winners of the golfing competition were **Mary Dee**

Jan '43: "Swinging and swaying" with Skip Moore and Tut Frakes in Atlanta

Starnes, Dave Barger and **Joe Benson**. But the highlight of our mini-reunion was certainly the "southern party" in the Acad of Medicine on the eve of the 13th, where we were greeted with mint juleps, treated to a dinner of tasty southern dishes and drawn to the dance floor by a 6-piece band playing "our kind of music."

Jan '43: Time out for a "bit of sipping" at our mini-reunion with Harriet Butcher, Susan Dorien (Vic's friend from CA), Vic Cherbak, Chet Butcher and Libby Bullard

Jan '43: Lucy Yount and Buck Stahle—a handsome couple on the dance floor at our Atl mini-reunion

As the party drew to a close, those remaining joined hands in a big circle and sang "Army Blue" as the band played "Laura Lee." Present and accounted for during this great mini-reunion were **Bob & Robin Baden, Hal & Charity Barber, Dave & Barbara Barger, Bob & Marilyn Beightler, Ed & Dot Bennett, Joe & Nancy Benson, Bish & Mary Ann Bishop, Bob & Libby Bull-**

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ard, **Chet & Harriet Butcher, Frank & Arlene Camm, Vic Cherbak** and his special guest, Susan Dorien, **Jim & Jean Cobb** and their daughter Justine & Tom Glover, **CQ & Phoebe Croonquist, Jack & Helen Cutler** (FYI, Jack still maintains the London off of B-C Intl, of which he is chm), **Pappy & Jane Doyle, Bob & Shirl Fishel, Bob & Barbara Fiss, Fly & Peg Flanagan** (FYI, Fly has currently published 5 books and is working hard to complete his 6th on Opn Just Cause in Panama), **Tom & Ann Flatley, Tut & Frances Frakes, Jim & Alice Frankosky, Bill Fritz, Quent & Jerry Goss, Jim & Jo Hackler, Bill & Marian Hahn** and **Barbara** MacLeod (Marian's cousin and our late **Jack Upchurch**'s former wife), **Les & Pat Harding, Ralph & Sally Hofmann, Bud & Marcia Hood, Bill & Peggy Knowlton, John & Nan Linton, Dave & Maryellen Lowe** (FYI, Maryellen is now one of our double-hip-replacement alumni), **Brad & Millie Lundberg, George & Edna Maertens, Ed & Romaine McGough, Jim & Eileen Michael, Rex & Boots Minckler, Skip Moore** and her daughter Lyn & Kerry Keith, **Sid & Helen Peterman, George & Joyce Rebh, Hank & Wyline Saylor, Russ & Dottie Smith, Buck Stahle** and his dancing partner **Lucy Yount** (**Bart**'s widow), **Bill & Mary Dee Starnes, Don & Betty Vlcek, Howard & Mary Liz Wehrle, Pappy & Rosemary Wilkes, Jack & Cecily Wood** and **Bob & Frances Wood**. Among those unable to attend this mini-reunion were **Ken & Jane Buell** because Ken broke both wrists just before departure; **John Ross**, who was recovering from a 45-day siege in WRAMC resulting from a fall during our last Class luncheon at the ANCC; **Roy & Helen Bowlin**, who were "tied down" by their "ailing employer" Pan Am; **Ed Hardebeck**, who is now a petroleum consultant with Hott and Associates in OK City; **Ray Ruyffelaere**, who was still suffering dizzy spells after a visit to the Mayo Clinic; and **Wray & Nina Page** because Nina was completing the final semester of her studies for a col degree before she turns 70 and Wray was confronted with the mgt and springtime chores of his 176-acre farm, which has been in his family for more than 300 yrs. We owe a special vote of thanks to Bob Bullard, Bud Hood and Nancy Benson for their svcs as our "snapshooters" during this mini-reunion; several of their snaps accompany these notes and more will follow.

But there was also very sad news of the deaths of **Charles Heltzel** in Falls Church, VA on 24 May and **Joe Nett** in San Rafael, CA on 28 Apr. Charlie died in his home on Lake Barcroft after a long struggle with cancer, and Joe suddenly fell dead while puttering in his backyard garden. After Charlie (who was FA) ret in 69, he went to work for the Vet

Jan '43: Our late Charlie Heltzel, in happier days, with daughter Leslie, wife Margaret, and other daughter Sandy (who died in 84)

Admin for awhile, but continued to enjoy fishing and his party boat on Lake Barcroft. Some 38 classmates served as honorary pallbearers during Charlie's funeral svcs in the Old Chapel at Ft Myer, VA and at Arlington Natl Cemetery. Among them were such less-frequently-seen classmates as **Clarence Davenport** (who is still working for Howard Univ in DC), **Ed Sheley, Al Saari** and **Adrian St John** (who was visiting from Vienna to assist in the resolution of US/USSR differences over the CFE Treaty). Memorial contributions in Charlie's name may be made to the Hospice of Northern VA (4715 N 15th St, Arlington, VA 22205), American Cancer Soc (124 Park St SE, Vienna, VA 22180) or the Cancer Spt Gp at the Prince William Hospital (8700 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA 22110).

Jan '43: Joe & Erminia Nett before Joe's sudden death at home in San Rafael, CA on 28 Apr 91

Joe Nett (who was a fellow SC off) ret in San Rafeal in 64 and became a sch teacher in all of those subjects that had caused him trouble at WP. According to Joe, he had so many good poopsheets on those subjects that teaching was "a lark." Prior to interment at the Presidio of San Fran, a memorial mass was celebrated for Joe in the Blessed Sacrament Church of Santa Venetia, CA with **Bob & Bobette Watson, VK Sanders** and Joe's daughter Beverly, who teaches sch in Ger, among those in attendance. Memorial contributions in Joe's name may be made to the American Red Cross (712 5th Ave, San

Jan '43: Our oldest classmate Joe Nett, who died in Apr, joined Bob & Marilyn Beightler and Elvy & Kim Roberts to celebrate Founders Day at the Presidio of San Fran

Rafael, CA 94901) or the Hanna Boys Center (PO Box 100, Sonoma, CA 95476). We extend our deepest sympathy to both **Margaret** (**Charlie**'s widow) and **Erminia** (Joe's widow)—may you find solace and peace.

Well, **Bob McDermott** (our McD) was certainly in the news recently as:

- a member of Queen Elizabeth II & Prince Phillip's selected party on a boat tour down the San Ant River during the Queen's visit to the US. A photo in the *Wash Post* showed McD sitting directly behind the Queen & Prince aboard the rose-bedecked river barge *Christina*.
- the recipient of an impressive resolution by the San Ant City Council which names a portion of Interstate Highway 10 from downtown to the city limits in his honor. As **McD** quipped in *San Ant Express-News* (24 May), "I wonder whether you gave me this honor because you want me to solve the traffic snarl on I-10."
- the subject of a very laudatory article in the Columbus, GA *Ledger-Enquirer* (27 May) on the accomplishments and facilities of the USAA since **McD** became CEO in 69. The article was sent to me by **Em Reynolds**, who rep that he's "moving at a much slower pace," but he's still moving!

Also in print were **Bill Knowlton**, with a Ltr to the Ed in the *Wash Post* (7 May) on "Deserters Deserve No Sympathy" and **Pete Grimm**, with Ltrs to the Ed also in the *Wash Post* (18 May and 8 Jun) on "More Questions for Georgetown Law" and the "Wrong Place for Politics" (i.e., the Pres' address to the graduating class at USMA). Incidentally, young Bill Knowlton '71 authored a fine article on "Mil Qualification Standards," as well as a review of Field Marshal Sir John Slim's bk, in the May 91 issue of the *Mil Review*.

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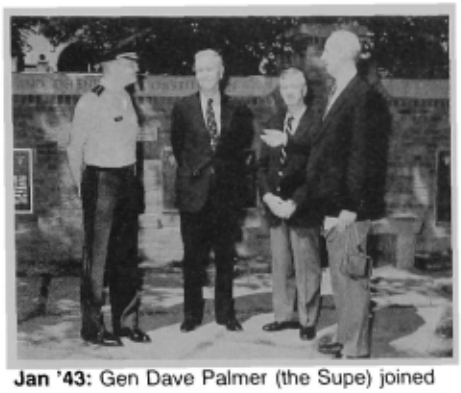
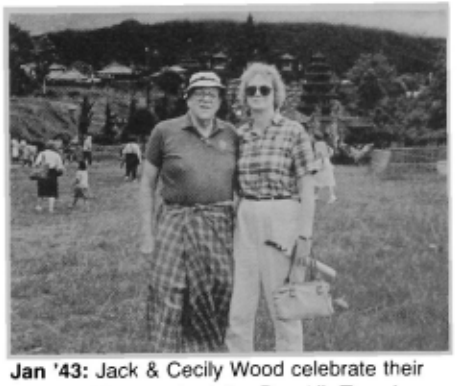


Jan '43: Gen Dave Palmer (the Supe) joined Jim Dempsey (our Class pres) and members of our 50th Anniv Gift Comm, Jim Frankosky and Frank Camm, to mark the completion of the gift—Constitution Park

On 20 May, **Frank Camm, Jim Dempsey** and **Jim Frankosky** joined the Supe, his wife and several members of his staff at Constitution Park (our 50th anniv gift to the Acad) for a mini-celebration of the completion of the park before the Supe's ret. According to Frank, Jim Dempsey (Class pres) began by thanking the Supe for "initiating the idea of the park and participating so closely in its development." Jim Frankosky followed by telling the Supe how enthusiastically our Class undertook the project, and Frank continued by describing how our 50th Anniv Gift Comm assisted in the design and devel of the park. The Supe responded by observing that it is unusual for a Class gift, such as ours, to fulfill so completely the following objectives: to be truly useful, to add beauty and to inspire those who see it. Jim Dempsey concluded the ceremony by reiterating our thanks to the Supe and noting that we will add a final memorial plaque when our Class formally dedicates the park at our 50th Reunion in 93.

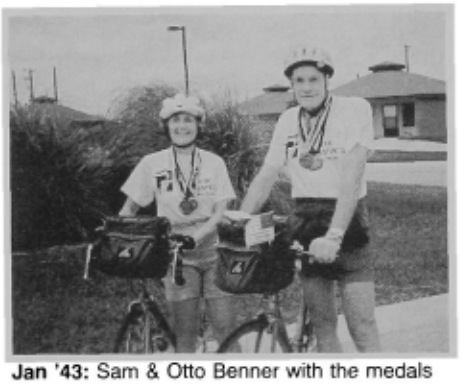


Jan '43: Jack & Cecily Wood celebrate their 27th wedding anniv at the Besakih Temple on Bali

Here in the Wash area, some 40 classmates & wives gathered at the AARP's Fairfax for a bus/social luncheon, with **Jim Dempsey** presiding and **Bob Cook** (the unofficial "burgomaster") describing how the Fairfax and its residents get along.

Finally, FYI, the classmates & wives who appear in the new WP Soc of the Inland Empire and Palm Springs snapshot that accompanies these notes are **Jack Wood, Charity Barber, Cecily Wood, Bob Fishel, Quent & Jerry Goss, Barbara Barger, Bill Pitts, Dave Barger, Doris Pitts** and **Jim & Marge Aleveras.**

Jan '43: Members of the new WP Soc of the Inland Empire and Palm Springs from Jan '43 celebrated Founders Day at AF Vil W, Riverside, CA



Jan '43: Sam & Otto Benner with the medals they won in competitive bicycle racing at the Kerrville (TX) Sr Games and San Ant Sr Olympics in May 91

Jun '43

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Writing now, soon after the great parades and commemorations of our victory in the Kuwait-Iraq War, I have news of another celebration. On 1 June 91 **Gary & Margie Black**, who didn't waste much time after grad, celebrated their 48th wedding anniv! With them for the occasion were friends closely associated with them during their days of active duty. Seated in pic are **Nikki Burr, Mary Davenport, Ned Burr,** Margie Black, and **Marianne Aaron**; standing are **Dottie Johnson, Bob & Florence Plett,** Gary Black himself, **Dave Davenport, Alan & Lynn Jones** and **Johnny Johnson**. Not shown is **Harriet Tenney**, who had been present but had to leave before the pic-taking formation.

The **Blacks'** daughter & her husband, former restaurant owners, provided an exotic array of Mexican snacks and dips for this festive occasion. Incidentally, on the wall behind **Dave Davenport** in the pic is a print of the recent P Buckley Moss Painting, "Hallowed Land." This superb painting is an unusual panorama of the Plain at USMA, stretching from Wash Hall on the left to the Com's qtrs and Thayer Monument on the right. To **Gary & Margie Black**, let me add congratulations from all of us on their 48th and best wishes for many more.

In this col in the May 91 issue I rep on the severe stroke that had been suffered by **Tom Beckett** early in Jan. **Marve Beckett**, on 15 Apr, prepared a bulletin on Tom's progress, from which I extract the following: first, she sent thanks for all the cards, ltrs and phone calls they have received to cheer and encourage Tom. He was in the hosp 99 days. Now, at home, he has therapy 5 days a wk. "His memory and speech have come back completely. . . . He can now eat and drink everything. . . . Unfortunately, his right arm and hand are paralyzed. But, after much therapy, he can now write with his left hand. . . is determined to eliminate the wheelchair. . . . He will be evaluated for left-handed driving lessons in the future. He gets discouraged at times, but I feel that prayers have been answered." Marve added that they

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Jun '43: 48th Anniv—Gary & Margie Black

would put their house on the market and move down off their mtn to a not-distant location where snow shoveling would be less of a problem.

On Founders Day, when the bus carrying old grads from AF Vil II in San Ant to the USAA Tower stopped at AF Vil I, **Bobbie & Jim Keck** were surprised to see **Janie & Jim Walker** get on board. Usually, the Walkers are to be found down Melbourne, FL way, but, in this case, they happened to be in San Ant. With 15 present, Jun '43 was well-represented at the dinner. In the photo below are the following: (rear row) **Ed Renth, Sam Pinnell, KP Kilpatrick, Jim Walker** and **Rip Collins**; (middle row) **Kathy Falck, Ann Renth, Elsie Pinnell, Georgene Kilpatrick, Helen Phillips, Jean Collins** and **Bobbie Keck**; (in front) **Jim Phillips, Jim Keck** and **Janie Walker**. Many thanks to Bobbie Keck for this pic.

From staff sources I received the following photo commemorating the 91 USMA birthday in the lower reaches of FL. Identifications were not given, but I will hazard the following by inspection: **Jim Christy, Charlie Puckett, John Brier, Scotty Street** and my one-time roommate, **Joe Boyle**. The ladies include **Marge Christy** on left and **Kay Boyle** on the right. (The others will, I hope, write and tell me—no doubt with proper scorn!)

Jun '43: Founders Day, San Ant

Jun '43: Founders Day, FL West Coast

From the "far W town of El Paso" comes a rep from **Don Mehrtens**. You may remember that after **George Alexander** fell victim to a stroke about two yrs ago, Don & **Joanie Mehrtens** took him into their home while his son was having an addition built onto his house for him. This was completed early last Aug, and George moved there. Soon afterwards, Don & Joanie galloped off on a "bivouac" with the US Horse Cav Assoc that took them to Australia and New Zealand about 6 mos ahead of the **O'Hares**. They traveled by MAC, which, Don says, stands for "maybe airplane come." Ha! Upon their return they found that George had suffered several more light strokes during their absence. He was taken to William Beaumont Army Med Ctr, where he had to have a bad heart valve replaced. He next underwent a major weight loss for a time, but came out of that phase and is now back home with his sons. Don continued: "**Ed & Epsie Suatengco** spent a pleasant wk with us in Apr. We had a mini-mini reunion with **Joe & Sylvia Walsh, Warren & Nancy Rogers** and **Charlie Abel**, but **George** got so worked up about joining us that, in the end, he wasn't able to. Regards to all."

Ernie Hinds writes that in Apr he & **Elaine** visited Ernie's father, MG John Hamilton Hinds '18, in Clermont, FL. Their son, Ernest Hinds III '72, and his son, John Nicholas Hinds, USMA 2012(?) joined them for a 4-generation pic. [Ed note: same pic sent in for Nov '18 col, so appears there instead.] Thank you, Ernie.

Since 84, USMA has had a Jewish Chapel looking out over the Plain from the mountainside above Merritt Rd. What is little-known, however, is the background story of the origins in 61 of the drive to gain approval for this chapel and to get it built. Finally, in 74, the proposal received formal approval. There followed 10 more yrs of planning, design, fund raising and, finally, building. At the heart of this effort was one of

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our classmates, **Al Orlian**, who played a leading role from start to finish. From Al I have received press clips describing the evening ceremony of renewal of marriage vows that took place in this Chapel on 3 Apr 91 in the presence of some 40 family members and friends. "When Alvin & **Barbara Orlian** decided to renew their marriage vows on their 10th anniv, they knew they were undertaking something special." Although the first wedding in this chapel took place in 84, Al & Barbara's was the first renewal ceremony to take place there. Our congratulations to them, and thanks to you, Al, for sending me this news. Al and his associates are now working to renovate an abandoned Victorian house on the WP grounds to serve as the home for the Jewish chaplain.

When the Natl Soc of the Daughters of the American Revolution assembled in Wash for the One Hundredth Continental Congress, their Natl Def Evening brought together many noted persons, including **Jep & Frances Tanksley**. She wrote, "Jep had a pleasant surprise and honor when he received the 91 Outstanding Veteran-Patient Award from the DAR on 17 Apr (given for his example, encouragement and help to other vet patients). We went to Wash for the day to receive the presentation, then went on to spend the next morn at WP." Also at the DAR presentation was **Harriet Scott**, who tells me that Jep's remarks on accepting the award were very well-received and that the Daughters gave him a standing ovation. In her note, Frances sent the pic, souvenir of a short visit to the Tanksleys in Mar by **Nick & Cynthia Parker**, and closed by saying, "We would love to hear from any classmates passing through Atl, and would welcome a visit from any."

Jun '43: Jep Tanksley (at left) with Nick & Cynthia Parker

It was **Les Hardy** who called me on the night of 28 Apr to rep that **Ray Blatt** had died that morn at his home in Healdsburg, CA; Les had been informed by **Barbara Blatt**. Ray had suffered long from a less-than-successful series of back opns and was enduring great pain when the end came. In compliance with Ray's known desires, cremation followed but no svcs were conducted. . . . Next came a phone call on 1 May from **Hal Head** in Lexington, VA, rep that **John Cochran** had died there of leukemia the previous morn, 30 Apr. The leukemia was of recent discovery and had moved very fast. Cremation followed, and a memorial svc for John was conducted on 4 May at the Robert E Lee Memorial Episcopal Church in Lexington. Class reps included **Hal & Helen Head, Jack McGregor, Al & Barbara Tucker** and **Bill & Teddy Wilson**. To both **Barbara Blatt** and **Teri Cochran** and to their families, the Class sends sincere sympathy.

Recognizing the need for a summer Class event in the Wash metro area, a comm headed by **Bill & Nancy Malone**, with other mbrship consisting of **Wick Wickert**, arranged an elegant lunch for Sat, 8 Jun at the Chesapeake Hills Country Club, Lusby, MD. This club is just a bit S of the Scientists Cliffs ensconcement where the Malones and Wick have their cabins and just a bit N of Solomon's Isl. So, artistic announcements and maps were duly prepared, along with instructions about where to send your money, and duly dispatched. 8 Jun was a beautiful day (the record heat wave having dissipated several days earlier), so while a million cheered the victory parade then moving down Constitution Ave, we also cheered—but in the cool, convival quiet of the CHC Club. After the initial mtg-and-greeting period (aka "attitude adjustment hour") we partook of a superb meal featuring a distinctive MD delicacy known as "stuffed ham." Afterwards, golf, swimming and tennis were available, and many partook. Others preferred simply to drive down to Solomons to catch the sea breeze on the marina and check out the local shops. The congenial crowd of 48 thanked the "comm" much! Present were **Marianne Aaron, Quint & Liz Atkinson, Bettie Baldwin, Charlie & Betty Benson, Ned & Nikki Burr, Deke & Betty Anne Childs, Bill & Cecile Cover, Dave & Mary Davenport, Arch & Diana Hamblen, Harry & Ruby Heintzelman, Arch Hill, Gabby & Brecky Ivan, Alan & Lynn Jones, Wally & Peggy Magathan, Bill & Nancy Malone, Jack Morris, Jack & Vivian Novak, Bud O'Connor, Joe & Joan O'Hare, Nick & Cynthia Parker, Keith & Pat Pig, Bob & Florence Plett, Bernie & Ann Rogers, Sandy & Chris Sembach, Dutch & Ginny Umlauf** and **Wick Wickert** with brother John & Barbara Wickert. (You may recall that John & Barbara went with us to Belgium on the Rogers' SHAPE caper in 85.) Thanks to fast work on the part of your old Duke of **Novak**, I have two pics for you this time; more later.

During this time of victory celebrations and memorials, *American Legion* mag for May 91 featured a cover appropriately designed and photographed by the aforementioned **Jack Novak**. It is reproduced here.

Jun '43: Ann Rogers and Marianne Aaron

Jun '43: Vivian Novak, Deke Childs and Bill Malone

Jun '43: Jack Novak's mag cover, May 91 (by permission, *American Legion*)

Incidentally, the Purple Heart you see in the arrangement in front of the Vietnam Memorial belongs to **Jack McGregor**, and was borrowed from him for the purpose of making this pic.

'44

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To our recent comments on children of '44 in Desert Storm, we are pleased to

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1944: Founders Day 91: Daly, DeArment, Marks, Marshall, Mickle, Tuttle and ladies

add that Major Peter **McKeever** has been in Riyadh since Feb with ARCENT G-3 Plans on detached svc from the Ops Directorate of the Supe's staff, USMA. His family remained in qtrs at WP. Good on ye, Peter!

A handsome gp of pretty ladies & their escorts are shown at the FL W Coast Founders Day.

Harry Rogers' grandson graduated with the USMA Class of '91 and **Ed O'Donnell**'s grandson graduated with USAFA Class of '91. The proud grandfathers presented appropriately engraved silver trays on behalf of '44. This makes the 5th generation of Rogerses to join the Long Gray Line. Please inform **Bob Morrison** of any other grandchildren scheduled to graduate.

1944: The 3rd, 4th and 5th generations of Rogerses in the Long Gray Line

The snapshot shows grandparents **Harry & Ginnie Rogers**, Carter Rogers '91, Carlie Rogers, his mother (daughter of Carl Nerdahl '45), Bryant Rogers '94 (Carter's brother) and Jeff Rogers '68, proud father.

Apparently, Grad Wk 91 was memorable! Exercising his rights as one of 5 generations of the **Rogers** family to grad from USMA, **Harry** offers this acct for posterity: "At the Grad Parade, as the graduating class rep 'front and ctr,' a black cloud came over the Plain and unloaded a torrent. Spectators broke, but the Corps marched off and turned in their wool FD coats (which were put in dryers and promptly shrank several sizes, costing every cadet $225). At 3 am on Grad Day firsties were told to wear whites for the ceremony. Oops! You may recall that for most firsties the last pair of whites is used for Grad Hop and discarded (with maybe a little lipstick on the collar?); the clean(est) uniforms were kept on the flanks, no doubt, as the Corps assembled before the Pres at Grad. The sun was bright, the heat was terrible, crowd control was non-existent. . . the water was turned off at the drinking fountains. Many people suffered from heat exhaustion."

It is a pleasure to alert you to a book review of *Mil Brats: Legacies of Childhood Inside the Fortress* by Mary Edwards Wetch. This is not an endorsement of the book, which by more than one acct is disturbing to the notions of many of us who manned the fortress walls, or sallied forth to leave mother and brats therein while we sought to gild the paycheck with adventure and preferment. The review may be found in the Jun 91 *Atlantic Monthly*; a few references in it pegged the reviewer, Kathleen **Cushman**, most assuredly to be the daughter of our **Jack & Nancy**. If by chance she is not, they should claim her; the book itself has small chance to match the luster of Kathleen's prose gem.

1944: At the mini: M-Co at table; how many under?

1944: At the mini: Farris and Ingalls

(TW^3). (That Was The Week That Was!) The mini-reunion is rep to those of you who missed it—the Unable, the Unavailable and the Unexcused. It started on a mid-May *Wed*, as planned, with check-in, greetings at 90 decibels and a 6 pm "reception" that was more of a "gathering." It lasted well past the emptied buffet into the night at the bar and in a hospitality suite which partially protected other hotel guests from our noise.

1944: At the mini: Wade Kinnard, Jeanne Campbell and friends

A PARTIAL LIST of those attending: **Pete & Kathie Almquist, Ted & Betty Jane Altier, Jim & Adrienne Bandy, Al & Margaret Bethel, Bill & Ginny Bingham, George & Beth Blanchard, Buck & Ann Boyles, Maria Brady, Bob & Anna Rae Bright, Barbara Brown, Harry & Cathy Buzzett, Griff & Dede Callahan, Jim & Jeanne Campbell, John & Ulli Carley** and **Don & Eleanor Carter**. (More later.)

Thursday offered tours of NASA, Langley AFB, Fortress Monroe Casemate

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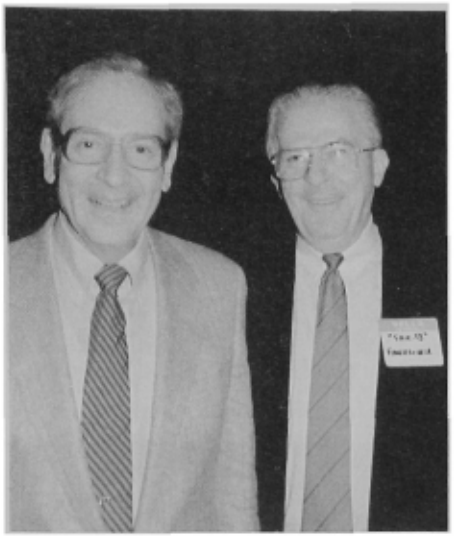

1944: At the mini: Altier and Fairbrother

Museum, Yorktown, the Coast Guard Training Ctr, Jamestown and Busch Gardens. Golfers tried Ford Colony and the tennis courters chose William & Mary or the Inn. For dinner, the best restaurants in town were covered by our gang, most of whom appear to know how to eat well—orplentifully.The**Claytons,Hendricksons, McCoys** and I will assert that the Williamsburg Inn dining room remains first-rate.

1944: At the mini: Clayton, McCoy and Johnson

1944: At the mini: gentlemen (?) songsters (?) off on a spree(!)

CONTINUING THE ROLL-CALL: **Randy & Becky Cary, Larry & Sylvia Clayton, John & Kay Cleveland, Jim Connell, Ken & Jenny Cooper, Bill & Pat Courtney, Jack & Nancy Cushman, Charlie Czapar, Bob & Jean Dart, Bob & Mary Day, Andy & Aileen DeGraff, Johnny Desmond, Ray & Roberta Dunn, Hi & Judy Ely, Bill & Patricia Fairbrother, Steve Farris, Grey & Jean Fitzpatrick, Ray Gordon, Harry & Pat Grace, Ernie & Nancy Graves, George & Barbara Hayman, Doc & Margaret Hayward, Les & Martha Hendrickson, Jack & AJ Howell, Guffy Ingalls, Phil Grant** and **Jack & Meg Johnson**.

Friday offered a tour of the MacArthur Museum, Waterside Harbor (shopping ctr?), the Mariners Museum and a pottery factory, with golfers off to Langley's Eagle Course, where we played beneath the "Baghdad Symphony" provided by F-15 Eagles just returned from Saudi and Saddam City.

Fri night we had a banquet with strolling musicians, quite good food and first-rate co. **Dick McPherson** was awarded the prize for the longest drive and **George Blanchard** for the longest putt. Can't recall the team lineup awarded the first prize, but was teamed with **"Shark" Weston** and **Al & Margaret Bethel**, who dragged me on their coattails to share their second-place prize money. Fared better at tennis (my game when I look at the ball), was pressured by **Ken Cooper** and impressed with the tennis of **Joyce Ott, Judy Ely, Betty Wear** and **Jean Fitzpatrick**, 4 fine athletes who, as a team, could make an impressive showing at better tournaments anywhere.

1944: At the mini: Meg Johnson, Martha Hendrickson and Pat Fairbrother with hanger-on

AND FURTHERMORE: **Doug & Wade Kinnard, Jean & Pat LaMarre, Alex & Betty Maish, Bill & Marjorie Marks, Rose Marks, Roy & Patsy Marshall, Phil & Kathleen McAuliffe, Everett & June McCoy, Tom & Margi McGuire, Dick McPherson, Buck & Mickey Melton, Mollie & Jean Malloy, Tom & Lynn Moore,** Tom's sister Lois Norton, **Bob & Sally Morrison, Mo & Pat Moulis** and **Ted & Mary Muller**.

Saturday morn we held the Annual Class Meeting.

I. OBITUARY PROGRAM. **Doug Kinnard** rep: of 131 deceased mbrs, 45 obits are complete, 27 are underway and 59 remain unassigned. The list of those unassigned was passed out. Volunteers are sought to carry forward this task; write or call Kinnard at 106 Culpeper Rd, Richmond, VA 23229. Further, ea of you is urged to draft his own obit; its future use is certain! It might be prudent to have a major input to your own final resume! Guidance poopsheets are available.

II. FUNDS: Your treas, genial **George Hayman**, rep cash on hand of $2365 and net worth of $9430 in the Class kitty.

III. CLASS HISTORY, D-DAY + 50: Your "historian" announced a worldwide mailing for our Class hist requesting stories and yarns from our cadet yrs that will be the bellwether of the enterprise. By your responses this summer and fall, we will determine whether, indeed, we have the momentum to begin a hist of '44 as we close in on our 50th Reunion, just 3 yrs hence.

AT THE HEART OF THE ROSTER: **Mary O'Brien, Dave & Joyce Ott, Bob & Enid Parks, Nels & Donna Parson, Ollie & Ann Patton, Bob & Betsy Pearce, Jack & Bea Peterson, Bill & Ruth Peugh, Anne Phillips, Bob Robinson, Bob & Sue Routh, Bob & Margaret Samuel** and **Doc & Pat Schardt**.

IV. 50TH REUNION: Early in 92 we will come out with poopsheets and questionnaires concerning the 50th Reunion in 94. Fingers are crossed that the Thayer renovation and expansion will be ready to accommodate all our Class on post. A reconnaissance by the **Morrisons** and **Cooper** in Jun 92 will provide an estimate of the situation and basis for a prelim opns plan. With the fluid situation on the Hudson and the glacial approval process in DA, uncertainties will provide grist for frag orders and periodic amendments thereto. Stay tuned.

AND TO COMPLETE THE MINI ROLL-CALL: **Ralph Sciolla, Lee Smith, Fred & Kitty Smith, Ed & Dolores Stahl, Jan Steel, Bill & Mazzie Steger, John & Annette Sullivan, Louise Vitullo, Al & Billie Wald, George & Betty Wear, Al Weston, Jim & Marian White, Jim & Helen Young** and **Dave & Mady Zillmer**.

V. CLASS GIFTS. As of 1 May, pledges of $60,000+ and receipts of $28,000 were recorded; engrs **Cooper** and **Graves** are working to bridge the gap! These funds are in search of a gift, so far unchosen, but focused presently on something in or at the Hotel Thayer. Responses to the appeal to fund a Class scholarship are so far disappointing. In the world-wide ltr coming in the fall, this whole matter will be laid out in more detail. **Connell** ended the meeting before 0900.

On wrap-up of the annual meeting, the golf and tennis gangs deployed only slightly ahead of the final shoppers' assault against the remnant bargains on the Peninsula. The day slid smoothly into an eve barbecue, late-night bar life and a

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melting of the final hardy party hearties into the Sun morn mists.

ATTABOYS ARE DUE: to **Dave Ott**, our producer, for planning, preparing and bringing off the party; his crew of registrars, shakedown artists, schedulers, dieticians, mess offs, guides and sports promoters, including **Joyce Ott, Ted & Mary Muller, Jim & Helen Young, Andy DeGraff** (and others whom I didn't encounter). They took our names and our dough, assigned us to teams, sent us to play, fed us and had ready and decisive answers to the "Why don't/didn't you—?" questions which rise so easily from the lips of old braves with frayed feathers and few horses in their remudas. Also to the ladies present, for looking so great, but more for being so tolerant of the guys "what brung you" and pretending that we look/act like we are 40. It was a great bash!

OOPS! George Putnam, married to **Frank Mahin**'s widow, was inadvertently promoted by me in the last issue. Sorry, George!

Looking forward to a busy summer. I wish you lotsa lovin', esp from your grandchildren. GSOYP,A!

'45

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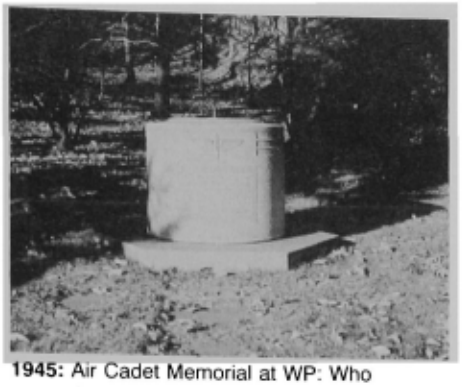
On 4 Feb **John Murphy** presented Class medallions to Jay Moughon and Peter McAnulty, who served as aides during our 45th Reunion. John extended our sympathy for Nick Iorio's untimely death. Nick's dept head agreed to present a Class medallion to Nick's family when the Legion of Merit was presented.

In other news from WP, **John** said that the new AOG bldg is to be located at the site of old Smith Rink. John was present for GEN Schwarzkopf's farewell parade and heard his speech to the Corps that evening. John's comment: "He's some guy we can all be proud of—too bad he's leaving—he relates to all." John sent the pic of the Air Cadet Memorial and wants to know who remembers when it was made, where it now stands and who did it? It's particularly meaningful now, as the AF memorial is to be placed nearby.

Four classmates and one classmate's wife have died recently. **Cy Brown** (C-2) died in Lexington, MA on 23 Mar. His widow is **Gerry. Bob Hayes** (H-2) died in Salinas, CA on 12 Mar. His widow is **Mary. Kitch Josey** (A-1) died in Scotland Neck, NC on 7 May. His widow is **Linn. Walt Slazak** (G-2) also died, but **Jim Elkey** hasn't found out where or when. **Ellen Hesse, Doc Hesse**'s wife, died on 26 May. To all these families, our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved ones.

Bob Krebs attended **Kitch Josey**'s funeral. He said there were classmates from



1945: Air Cadet Memorial at WP: Who remembers when? And who did it?

TX, GA, VA and other places there. Kitch went to Duke Law Sch after his disability ret. He was active in law and politics in the Greensboro, NC area. In other news, Bob said he had a great round of golf as **DeWitt Nunn**'s guest at Ford's Colony, Williamsburg, VA in late Apr. DeWitt continues to be a wonderful golfer.

Les Ayers wrote from Antigua, Guatemala. By mid-Jul he & **Audrey** should be in the house that was supposed to be ready a yr ago. Later on, if all the paperwork goes through, they may be into the house they are buying. They work with two orphanages and a very dedicated young woman from MD who teaches, feeds and tries to provide one set of new clothes per yr for about 50 little kids who live in the city dump in Guatemala City. They also work with an advisory comm to the famous Hosp of Hermanao Pedro, named for the man who started a hosp for the poor there about 200 yrs ago and is about to become a saint in the Catholic Church. Les helps to arrange the airlift of donations via USAF aircraft on a space-available basis—referred to as the Denton Amendment. **Toby Gandy** was originator of the first Denton Amendment shipment to Guatemala in 85 when Les & Audrey were Peace Corps volunteers. Les sent me a clip from the Apr issue of *The Retired Officer* which included the note that **Ed Saxby** was installed as pres of the Sandhills (NC) chapter on 7 Jan.

Class Bd of Govs met 24 Apr, and annual mtg was held on 18 May. **Butch Foley** was elected to a second two-yr term on the Bd of Govs. **Harry Amos** and **George Smith** were elected to two-yr terms on the bd. Other offs and bd mbrs remain as they are in the middle of their two-yr terms. Pres **Dick Williams** dicussed **Don Henderson**'s project to have memorial articles written for all deceased classmates. Ea of us has received a plea to participate in this project and to write our own for file. It was included in the Class mailing received in May or Jun. This mailing also included info about the plans for future mini-reunions and plans for the 50th Reunion at WP.

Dale Hall sent the pic of the WP gp that participated in the annual "Mad Turkey Golf Tourney" held on Skidaway Isl, Savannah, GA on 5–7 Apr. **Bill Bess** was host and organizer. There were 16 participants. Dale said, "great party!"

Ted Adair's son, Larry '74, cmded the 6/41 FA Bn in VII Corps for the 100-hr war. He was scheduled to return to Ger. Four classmates have visited Longboat Key recently: **George & Barbara Benson** in early Feb; **Bill & Edmee Combs** on

1945: Skidaway Isl, Savannah, GA, 5–7 Apr: (standing) Ed Rafalko, Margaret Ruth Parker, Dale Hall, Renee Rafalko, Kay Reich, Faye Hall, Gil Reich (x-'53), Hugh Parker; (kneeling) Hazel & Bill Bess

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their "boat" in mid-Feb; and **Jim & Anne Holcomb** for St Patrick's Day, along with **Larry Jones**, who stopped for dinner that day.

1945: Ted & Betty Adair, Larry Jones and Jim & Anne Holcomb

1945: Ted & Betty Adair between Edmee & Bill Combs

1945: Founders Day, Tampa Bay area, 16 Mar 91: Bill Craig, Jack Fehrs, Peggy Lohn, Ace Parker, Lori Fehrs, Houghton Lohn, Gloria Craig, Al & Johnnie Neville and Ingrid & John Swartz

John Swartz sent a round-up of news from central FL. **Ingrid** & he were visited by **Randy Heard** in early Feb. They were joined by **Paddy & Marge Driscoll** and **Jack & Lorie Fehrs** for lunch. By chance they saw **Jim & Fairb Maris**, resulting in an impromptu Sun City Ctr Class reunion. In early Apr Fairb and some of her girlfriends beat the club golf pro 3 down and 2 to go. To celebrate, the Marises left on their annual Caribbean cruise, which stopped at St Thomas, Barbados, Martinique, St Maarten and Nassau. On 17 Mar the Driscolls held the "mother" of all St Patrick's Day parties at their beautiful home. The Fehrs, Marises and Swartzes attended, along with a few Canoe U alumni. Founders Day in Tampa on 16 Mar had Dir of Athletics COL Al Vanderbush as speaker. He dropped a shocker when he described the current Plebe System. News from **Bill Craig** told of moving to a new home on Skidaway Isl in mid-Mar. They look forward to an assault on par on the new course. Their son Rob recently returned from Desert Storm. He was an F-16 pilot in 388th TFW from Hill AFB, UT. Daughter Nancy was recalled from the Reserves for a few wks of stateside nursing duty before returning to her F-16 pilot husband's duty station in AK. **Al Neville** reps that **Jim Summer**'s son John, who is a local news anchorman for Ch 44, St Petersburg, was scheduled to be guest speaker at his Kiwanis Club in early May. **Dick Moore** says the Space Coast quarterly '45 luncheon on 15 Feb at Indian River Colony Club had 10 of 16 classmates in the area attending. Two sponsors pick up entire tab ea time, giving all others incentive to be there when not a sponsor. Attending: **Boots Blesse, Al Bailey, Ed Gudgel, Wendell Long, George Jones, Bob McAlister,** and **Herb McChrystal. Chuck Seeger**, who with Dick had been a previous sponsor, was inadvertently left off invitation list. (Sue 'em, Chuck!) Dick returned in Apr from navigating his power boat to Ft Lauderdale where he docked at his daughter's canal pier for a few days. While there he & **Katie** enjoyed "Phantom of the Opera." Dick said he thought he'd chosen the most economical form of transportation, but somehow it didn't turn out that way. Dick said he visited with his old roommate, **John Sherwood**, on his return trip from the '45 Reunion. John would appreciate seeing or hearing from classmates. He's at the convalescent home on the corner of Grace and Jefferson Streets in Richmond. The phone is (804) 644-7846. **Hotie Lohn** sadly rep that his daughter-in-law, Robin Cox Lohn, was killed in an auto accident 20 Apr near Pendleton, SC. She was en route to a soccer game where Lohn's son, Hall, was coaching his children, Andy and Lauren. We all extend our sympathy concerning this family tragedy.

Gordy Allen received two awards recently for his outstanding work as a prof of Accting at the Loudoun Campus of N VA Comm Col. Gordy was selected as the 90–91 recipient of the NVCC Alumni Federation Faculty of the Yr Award. Gordy was also honored as the Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Educator of the Yr (PTK is the col honor soc). Congrats to Gordy! Thanks to **Rolfe Hillman** for passing this on to me.

George Hoge sent the pic of classmates taken 28 Apr in San Ant. The **Hoges** and **Joseys** were visiting the **Wallaces** for the Battle of Flowers wknd. In May the Hoges had Harry **Argo** (**Hap & Jane**'s son) at their home for dinner. He's attending a short course at Ft Leavenworth and is to be back this coming yr for CGSC. They really enjoyed meeting Harry. **Mary Jane** & I were in Media, PA for MJ's 50th HS cl reunion when **Rusty & Nan Heilbronner** were in Nashville and called us. Rusty had other news in his ltr, however. Nan invited **Orv & Fran Post** to visit and celebrate Fran's birthday. They visited Rowan Oak, William Faulkner's home in Oxford, MS, then on to TN to follow Orv's grandfather's path during the Battle of Shiloh. Fran's big birthday present was a new granddaughter, born on Fran's birthday. The **Spanns** came up from Gulfport to visit 1–3 Mar and to attend Founders Day in Jackson on 2 May. Others at Founders Day were **Walt & Jean Hylander** and **Willie Blum**. Birthday celebrations continued when Nan asked the **Gudgels** to join them for **Dot**'s birthday 24 Apr. They met the Gudgels in New Orleans, took in the new Aquarium of the Americas, visited Rusty's 86- and 88-yr-old aunt & uncle and stayed at the condo at Diamondhead. The next afternoon they golfed and had dinner at the Yacht Club. Wed they joined **Jess Hearin** for golf at his

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1945: San Ant, 28 Apr 91: (back) the Wichleps, Hardys, Rattans, Wolfes, Dot Root, the Joseys, George Hoge, Nell Preston; (front) the Wallaces, Skip Hoge and Walt Root

Past Christian course. That eve they had cocktails at Jess & Malee's home and then out to dinner, joined by the Spanns, to celebrate Dot's birthday. This time the restaurant furnished the cake—a cupcake with one candle.

George Churchill advised **Rusty** that he and **Bob Burgess** had a wonderful time in HI recently. **Wag Wagonhurst** wrote that he has been active with the Carlisle Sch Bd and a local gp of citizens to assist the sch district out of a serious financial and educational crisis. He's also completing a yr as pres and prog chm of the local TROA chapter. Son COL Jeffrey, a USAWC '88 grad, has just completed a 3-yr tour in MILPERCEN and is now on his way to Ft Lewis to cmd an engr gp. **Bob St Onge's** son, Bob Jr, grad from USAWC this Jun. Granddaughter Jennifer recently won the grand prize of an all-expense-paid trip to Wash, DC given to a student in a 3-county area by the Harrisburg Foreign Policy Assoc. The contest required writing an essay. Jennifer titled her essay: "The Middle East: New Frictions, New Alignments."

Rocky Tierno is recovering nicely from his knee surgery in Jan. After recurring infections and a second surgery, Rocky progressed from wheelchair to crutches to cane but is now quite mobile and becoming more active daily. **Frank Kane** is handling the arrangements for USAWC Class of '66 25th Reunion, scheduled for 26–28 Jul at the War Col. A golf tournament, memorial svcs and dinner parties are scheduled. The AWC Com has been asked to speak. **Joe McCarthy** is still working for Ketron, Inc and travels to

1945: Sam Lessey meets with the Cmdr-in-Chief to give his final report upon ret as dir of Selective Svc

Europe frequently to conduct computerized exercises for US Forces. His trips also include Panama and mil installations here in the US.

Area correspondents have done a great job. My thanks to all for the news. It's football season again! Let's hear it for the Big Rabble!

'46

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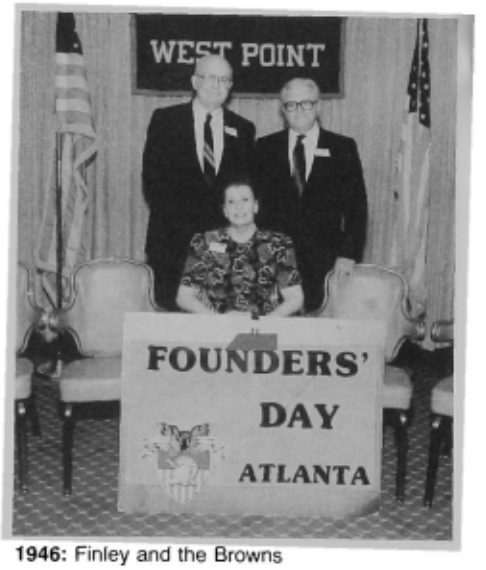
(184)From **Dick Gruenther** comes this info: "By now, all classmates and widows who responded to **Cal Benedict**'s 45th Reunion ltr (dated 15 Aug 90) and sent their initial deposit should have received the reunion cmte's second and final mailing. If you have not signed up and now wish to attend, please contact Cal immediately at the following address: MG Calvert P. Benedict, USA Ret, 1216 Mottrom Dr, McLean, VA 22101. The dates for our 45th Reunion are 26–29 Sep 91. It's not too late to sign up now. About 560 are expected.

"Our offs have been asked by the AOG to consider raising funds to make a final Class gift to WP during our 50th Reunion in 96. If we expect to make a significant contribution, now is the time to start building our '46 Fund, which will continue to earn interest for five yrs. The new offs, perhaps with the help of a subcomm, will have the privilege of recommending a project for Class approval—perhaps a room or a section of the New AOG Bldg to be built on the site of Old Smith Rink.

"Last yr 197 mbrs of our Cl (31% of those with known addresses) contributed $45,210 to various WP causes through the AOG—a commendable record at a time when we had no project in mind. Henceforth, classmates are encouraged to designate all future gifts in response to any AOG annual appeal ltr to be made payable to 'The West Point Fund, Class of '46 Acct.'" Thanks, **Dick**, for this report.

By now we should all be somewhat used to the new sched for Class notes and mailing of *ASSEMBLY*. The important key to remember is that my notes are due to AOG the same date that they will be mailing the latest issue off the press. So, if you are reminded to mail me poop because of the receipt of the latest issue of *ASSEMBLY*, it won't be seen for at least 4 mos or in the issue after the next one you will read. I hope that's clear and I bring it up because at least one classmate wondered if I had gotten poop, since he expected to see it in the very next issue!



1946: Finley and the Browns

I have received a lot of photos these past two mos. Most of them are from Founders Day. **Dave & Robin Brown** were joined by **Joe Finley** at Ft MacPherson, GA; **Morgan & Virginia Murphy** in Chicago; **Carsh & Marilyn**

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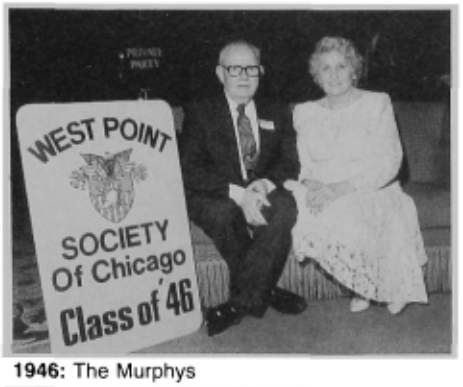

1946: The Murphys

1946: '46 at Founders Day, FL

Carlisle, Chuck Parsons, Jean Joyce, Jean & Jim Coleman and **Ellie & Jack Montague** got together in W FL (hope I've identified the ladies correctly—photo did not tell me); **George Patton** joined **Mary & Jack Burney** in RI; in Phoenix were **David & Doris Newman, Robert & Flo Sheffield, Dick & Rae Bresnahan, Jim & Mabel Hoey, Allan Torgerson** and **Ted Montague; Ann & Rut Hazzard** were joined by **Bill & Hope McCollam** at the Mar dinner in DC.

1946: Patton and the Burneys

In late Apr, **John Schmitt**, my former Verona neighbor, rep that **Frank Lester** had just passed away. He had been told that Frank passed away at home on the 27th. I have no other details, but would wish to pass on to **Queene** the heartfelt sympathies of the Class.

Jack McWhorter wrote to advise that he has learned of the death of **Joseph G Rioux**, G-2, in 72 in MA. Through the efforts of **Fred Hafer** and mainly **John Stratis**, Jack has spoken to one of Joe's sisters. It seems that Stratis took a trip to

1946: Founders Day gp in AR

1946: The Hazzards and McCollams

1946: Founders Day 91, Ft Carson, CO: (first row) the Mussers, Sterlings; (second row) Cunningham, Dodd and Stees

Joe's last known address and found that Joe had sold the house in 66 to the present owners. They gave John some leads which he kept following until he ended up with the names and addresses of two of Joe's sisters. John's herculean efforts are most certainly commendable. McWhorter would be pleased if, when you hear of the death of a classmate, you would call or write him with the data. He will pass it on to AOG, with whom he is in touch at least every two weeks. Jack has also requested that you all get on the ball and mail back the questionnaire he sent you. I finally did, and it was really not that difficult. As of 29 Apr he had only 125; he hopes to get 455.

Through the kindness of Michel Robinson '43, we have learned of the death, last Feb, of **Milton Sherman**'s wife, **Julie**, after a long illness. Her death had been expected, but, even so, it was still hard on the family. Robinson said that Milt is coming along well, and the freedom from having to tend to an invalid has been good for him. May I pass on the solace and understanding of the Class to Milt.

Again, I have help from another source. Mrs Nancy Evans, daughter of the late A Rhu Taylor '20, mailed an article from a Buffalo paper of this past Apr. Actress Shelley Fabares, co-star of ABC's "Coach," is working to raise money for a gp founded to honor the late actress Donna Reed. Fabares and Reed's husband, **Grover Asmus**, visited Carroll, IA, to raise money for the Donna Reed Foundation. The foundation wants to refurbish an old theater in Denison, the site of the annual Donna Reed Festival for the Performing Arts. Reed, who died in 86, was raised in Denison. Fabares, who began her TV career playing Reed's daughter on "The Donna Reed Show" during the 50's, organizes the annual festival.

I received a call from **Bill Wray** asking if I had the address for **Tom Gee**, other than shown in the *REGISTER*; I do not. Bill did give me some poop about **Tony Cucolo**. Tony's started up his own business in Houston now. Also, Tony & **Claire**'s son, Tony III '79, has just completed CGSC. My son had young Tony in one of his classes this past yr.

The next photo is of **Ruth & Dick Wildrick, Polly & Joe Jordan** and **Phylisanne & Hal Horne**, taken when Ruth & Dick were visiting in HI and stayed with the Jordans for a mo. Before returning to VA in Apr, they also visited Ruth's brother & sister-in-law **Bill & Marcella Stroud** in TX. Bill is doing well, and Marcella is recovering from surgery she had last Jan. Dick rep that his son Criag '73 resigned from the Army in 86 and is now in the process of moving fron Denver to Syracuse to take over as VP of a large corp headquartered there. His daughter Leslie & Walter were in Rumania to adopt a baby, their third, and Dick's eighth grandchild.

1946: At the Jordans' Oahu home

During the mo of May I received 4 postcards from **Harl Koch** with details of a trip he & **Judy**'s dad took through 10 of the western states. The first card was of Death Valley and Harl's complaint was getting out of his AC car into 110-degree heat. They stayed at the aptly-named

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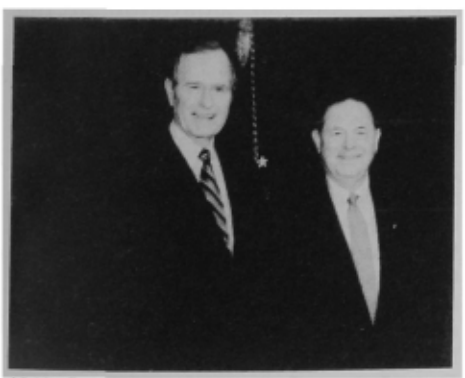
Furnace Creek Inn. The next card was from the Grand Canyon (11 May) where they saw snow flurries on their way to Durango, CO. Judy's dad is from Long Isl, so he really enjoyed the trip. The next card was from Pikes Peak, near the USAFA. They took the cog train up and also visited the Acad. His last card ended his story of a 5095-mi trip. Best part: Mesa Verde, CO to Durango to Montrose, CO, which went over two passes at 11,000 ft. Biggest disappointment: Yellowstone with potholed roads, no bears, no moose but lots of buffalo. Harl said it was a real experience when he and **Dick Gruenther** rode their motorcycles through there in 46.

Next photo shows **Phil Farris** with COL Ellis '15, the oldest living grad, and Ellis' grandson, Tracy Mulligan. This was taken when Phil met with COL Ellis to write the article for the May *ASSEMBLY*. Tracy was able to add some family impressions to the discussion and to help with the article.

1946: Farris (on right) with COL Ellis and Tracy Mulligan

You also read in the May *ASSEMBLY* the short article about **Milt Hamilton**'s receipt of the Distinguished Pres Rank Award. The Supe had submitted it as he is stressing that WP grads' svc to the country extends beyond active mil svc. A photo of the Pres and Milt follows.



1946: Pres Bush and Hamilton

The Pres' Award is the highest given federal employees in the 6800-mbr career Sr Exec Svc. The press release stated that **Hamilton** played a major role in shaping and resourcing the Army's Five-yr Def Prog. His strong leadership and prudent stewardship of the orgns and assets within the scope of his responsibility contributed immeasurably to the accomplishment of the Army's mission. Milt has served since 80 as the Admin Asst to the Secy of the Army. He has been twice designated a Pres Meritorious Exec and is the recipient of the Army's three highest civ awards as well as the DoD Medal for Distinguished Public Svc. The latter award was for exceptionally distinguished svc while serving as the de facto Principal Deputy Asst Secy of Def for Special Opns and Low Intensity Conflict from Dec 87 to Jul 88 and as the Admin Asst/Exec Dir to the Chm, Defense Mgt Review, Legislative Review Task Force from Jul 89 to Jan 90. I would like to continue the

1946: Hamilton (on right) receiving DoD Medal for Distinguished Public Svc

citation, but do not have the space. The citation was signed by Secy of Def Dick Cheney and I include a photo of Milt & **Martha**, with former Secy of the Army John Marsh making the presentation.

'47

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Bobbi & I are now experiencing condo living (note new address above). Unfortunately, we still own our other large residence, along with all the accompanying problems.

I apologize if I mislaid some ltrs or info or made some mistakes in the col.

Briefs: **Betty Lou & Bill Reckmeyer** announce #14 grandchild (**Bushnell's** note), new granddaughter, Hannah Maria Vega, 19 Jan. Son-in-law Bob Dunn '75 saw svc in Persian Gulf.

Jean & Don Robb enjoyed hot springs in the old Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, AR after visiting us here in Lubbock.

Stan Baumgartner '46 kindly advised me that **Bob Kettner**'s address should be 1940 Vista Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (IAW Harvard Bus Sch Directory 90). Both Stan and Bob graduated there in 55.

Bernie Abrams is still trying to help me get Sr World Tennis tournaments to

1947: Don & Jean Robb about to leave Lubbock Airport

1947: Don Robb and Al Geraci at Lubbock. Don flew his own plane; I predicted the WX!

Atl during the 96 Olympics. In addition, he personally is pushing to determine the maintenance status of the Railroad Station at WP (Bldg 696). WP is saying that $36,000 is needed immediately and $8,400 annually to maintain our gift bldg. Does anyone know if WP or the Class committed to the maintenance responsibility of the Train Station?

Carl K. Russell, PO Box 780085, San Ant, TX 78278 (new address), sent his "obit" in to me. Carl married **Edna Jean Roberts Massey** of Midland, TX on 15 Feb 91. Please allow me to welcome Edna appropriately to the Class by sending me some more details and maybe a pic, Carl! We need a new address for **William S. Lawton**.

Apparently the area code for the CO Springs area has changed from 303 to 719. I received a nice call from **Don Krause** (1487 Northview Dr, Westlake Vil, CA 91362; tel 805-497-1825) recently. It was his one call per decade, but I still appreciated it.

Suzanne Patrice Dessert married John Edward Culin Jr, son of **Barbara & John Culin** on 20 Apr in Dallas, TX.

Bob Lilley called me about noon on 16 May for a long and enjoyable talk. He was delayed in Shallowater for an hr with carburetor trouble on the motorhome he had picked up in New Orleans to drive back to **Butch** waiting in ID.

Hal Richardson rep from Tucson that the **Mastins** came by in Mar to visit. **Fran** & Hal were the only '47'ers at Founders Day dinner but sat with our old friends,

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Ann & Bill Lincoln and Gerry & Jack Grady from '46.

1947: Hal & Fran Richardson with Jane Mastin at chez Richardson in Tucson, AZ

By separate ltr, **Jane & John Mastin** confirm visiting the **Richardsons**; they intend to be in Lubbock in Jun for the Gem and Mineral Show and then trailer all summer to parts E.

Meade Wildrick's short note and pic reveal **Jill & Jack Faith** with **Mary Lou & Jim Edington** at the Swiss Inn in Honolulu. The Faiths were visiting their daughter & son-in-law Terry & Craig Jung '75.

1947: HI contingent: Jim & Mary Lou Edington and Meade Wildrick entertain Jack & Jill Faith in Honolulu

Goldie Greenberg looked trim at the Smithsonian, visiting **Bev & Bob Rosen** and **Bunny & Bill Nairn**.

1947: Goldie Greenberg, the only one visibly visiting the Smithsonian

Bill Cooper and **Willis Knipe** both need much Class spt now. Bill entered Fitzsimmons AH on 17 May with total renal failure and undoubtedly will require dialysis every other day, as rep to me by Lou Schroeder '59. Willie entered hosp in Kokomo on 5 Jun for major surgery dealing with a cancerous prostate.

1947: Tom & Posy Rogers and Dorothy & Willis Knipe give the victory signal for Duke basketball!

Meg & Howie Sargent made us take a closer interest in the Academy Awards ceremonies. They held an awards party in L.A. but sent out ballots to many outside L.A. Howie generated a novel, computerized, graphical ballot. I hope son Chris in Iraq, who did not return in time for his 40th birthday, received his goodies intact.

Perry Gainey brings us up-to-date re S TX contingent: **Patsy Erhlich** is doing well refurbishing her home in Austin; **Cecil Fox** is now enjoying ret and golfing in Austin. **Doc Blanchard**, in San Ant, attended a natl gathering of Heisman Trophy winners at Hilton Head, SC in Apr.

1947: Get-together shortly before Bob's death: Cecil Fox, Bob Ehrlich, Perry Gainey and Doc Blanchard

Willie Munroe continues his travels from ME to FL to AZ to WA to ME, where is now writing a humor column *a la* Andy Rooney. How about doing a mini-col for our col, Willie!!

The Class sends heartfelt sympathy to **Joe Addison** and his family. His wife, **Laura**, died in Santa Clara, CA from liver cancer on 20 May and was buried in Los Gatos Memorial Park, San José, CA.

Dave Jarvis had his liver transplant on 1 Feb. Everything turned out wonderfully great!!! He even walks a mi/day and intends to make the 45th with **Evelyn**. They thank all for the calls, notes and visits.

Muriel & Bill Webb stay busy supporting their family mbrs: 8 days in CA in Feb with Loyd Webb IV; in Mar to El Paso to see daughter-in-law Rita, who had the flu and was awaiting return of George from Desert Storm; in Jul at Ft Ord for Willy's assumption of sqdn cmd.

Betty & Pete Boerger were in attendance with the **Webbs** at DC Founders Day dinner. **Egger** and **Knipe** earlier indicated that they were the sole rep for '47 at their respective Founders Day events. Pete Boerger had to go 50 miles out into the Atlantic Ocean off Moorshead City, NC in Oct 90 to snare that bull dolphin of 45 lbs. All the fish that **Bill Coghill** catches are heavier and longer than he is.

With basketball season over at Duke, **Posy & Tom Rogers** were able to play golf with the Boergers.

1947: Pete Boerger with his prize catch!

The **Maloneys** and **Wrights** once again performed admirably at the USMA Cl of '47 mini-mini soiree, Wed, 6 Feb at the Club at Pelican Bay, Naples, FL. In pic (next page) are (front row) **Jackie Hayes, Sissy Gainey, Barbara Flattery, Sue Wright, Carol Vockel, Jean Kaericher**; (second row) **Nelda Fraser, Marion McAdoo, June Burner, Betty Boerger, Bobbi Geraci, Yvonne Coolbaugh, Louise Murrin, Betty Sattem, Barbara Boerger, Bill Henry**; (third row) **Jim Fraser, Mal Wright, Dick McAdoo, Bud Vockel, Jean Burner, Bill & Muriel Webb**, Scott & Dottie Pitt, **Al Geraci, Tom Flattery, Perry Gainey, Jim Coolbaugh, Casey Kaericher, Ralph Murrin, Tom Hayes, Bob Sattem, Bob & Elise Haldane, Pete Boerger** and **Marge Henry**.

I end on this brief philosophical note: standards of legality, morality, ethics, manners, integrity, respect, etc. are

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1947: Naples get-together, Feb

1947: We all finally found the Ger restaurant: Naples mini

dropping radically in this country. Don't let the stress and duress get you down. But fight back now! Talk to **Brent Scowcroft** or write to me for more details. It's true, mates; fair dinkum. Take care.

'48

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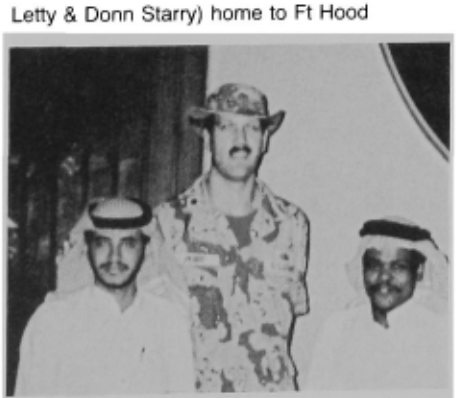
The list of happy '48 parents grows as sons and daughters, and sons- and daughters-in-law, happily come home safe and sound from the Middle East. The latest pleased parents are **Letty & Donn Starry**, who with daughter-in-law Bonnie, welcomed Mark home to Ft Hood. Mark & Bonnie are now off to cmd sch with orders on to Ger.

Hugh & Barbara Perry's son, MAJ Hugh III, is serving in CENTCOM's PSYOPS Gp; let's hope that, by the time this appears, he is also home safely.

The DC/VA/MD '48'ers descended on the Bolling AFB O Club on 20 Apr for their semi-annual dinner-dance. After an

1948: Bonnie welcomes Mike Starry (son of Letty & Donn Starry) home to Ft Hood



1948: MAJ Hugh Perry III with "friends" in Saudi Arabia

appropriately long "attitude adjustment" period, the assembled male celebrants gnawed on grilled chicken while telling tax season tales and Medicare reimbursement horror stories, comparing all their recent opns and discussing the recent advancements in hearing aid technology. The effect of all this on the assembled spouses will not be commented upon.

1948: Willie & Sandy Bertram

Out-of-town attendees included **Willie & Sandy Bertram** from NC, **Lee & Johnsie Doyle** from NJ, **Margery** (Mrs **Rees B**) **Jones** from Hampton, VA and **John & Pat Withers** from CA; local attendees included **Jim & Kitty Allen, Carl & Wanda Anderson, Jim & Pickle Barnett, Art & Marge Barondes, John & Anne Bellinger,** Jim & **Sally** (Adams) Brady, **Joe & Louise Bratton, Jay & Kay Brill, Jim & Sylvia Dingeman, John & Sandy Egbert, Gene Forrester, Anne** (Mrs **Stephen M**) **Griffith, Bob & Phyllis Hallahan, Tom & Jo Hoffman, Jack & Audrey Kastris, Marianne** (Mrs **Joseph M**) **Kiernan, Ed & Peggy Kritzer, Jim & Sally Macklin, Bill ("Gunder") & Helena Patch, Bob & Dolly Petersen, Bob & Carol Pomeroy, Ken & Margie Pressman** and **WW ("Willard") & Dusty Scott.**

1948: Three Supes and a comic: Berry, Scott, Ward and Allen

Also present were **Pete & Lila Shively, George ("Chloe") & Imogene Swearengen, George Thomas** and Phyllis Langton, **Bob & Beji Ward, Tom & Ann Ware** with Ann's sister, Ebba Jo (Mrs Charles L) Spettell '49, **Ennis & Novella Whitehead** and **Art & Millie Whitley**. The gala wknd celebration of eating, dancing and camaraderie was thoughtfully and tastefully put together by Carol & Bob Pomeroy and continued Sun at an A-N Country Club luncheon

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hosted by Sally & Jim Brady, Sandy & John Egbert, Imogene & Chloe Swearengen and Novella & Ennis Whitehead. (Please note that the feminine gender receives first billing in the list of hosts and hostesses).

1948: Barbara & Jim Sandman

Out-of-towners **Jim & Barbara Sandman** joined these festivities, as did additional locals **Sid & Anne Berry, Jerry** (Mrs **Thomas T**) **Jones, Don & Frankie Swenholt** and **Andy & Pilar Witko**.

Norm & Carol Robinson traveled to Tucson to stay in **Jim & Chris McCray**'s guest house, and in turn **Norm & Carolyn Lovejoy** plan to enjoy the Robinsons' Lake Tahoe digs. As always, travel is in the AZ classmates' plans. Preliminary summer 91 plans include **Austy Pabst** off to Norway, the McCrays to HI for a mo, and the **Olsons** are making plans to enjoy cruising, but my source couldn't identify the location(s).

Woe Enderle was moved to write with his version of who the '48 cadets were in the pic pub with the Class col in the May issue. Woe was 100% wrong with his guesses but then went on to challenge the Class in his own way. . . quoting from his ltr. . . "I have been engring a concrete carport roofdeck structure to possibly replace a rotting wooden one. My home-brew computer program produces the exact textbook anwers given for the problems on pp 379 and 380 of Seely's *Resistance of Materiels* (Nov 44 printing), but not for problem 479. Can anyone confirm the textbook answer (hopefully it is in error)?" Anyone care to answer? Give us a break, Woe! Anyone out there even have a 44 print of the *Resistance of Materiels*?! The Enderles lament that not many classmates travel to Elgin, AZ, but they say the latch string is always out for those traveling to the SE corner of AZ.

Bill Buckner writes that Honolulu has become the crossroads of the Pacific lately. Bill & **Deena** Buckner live in Kansas City, MO, but were referring to all the visitors who are dropping in to see residents **Phil & Caroline Whitney**. The Buckners passed through HI in Feb en route to New Zealand, and dined with the Whitneys during their stopover. They were preceded by **Gene Forrester** dropping in for the Hawaiian Golf Open, **Arnold & Ione Braswell** on vacation and **Charley & Mary Horn** visiting their son stationed in the 25th Div.

I don't know how the system malfunctioned and failed to include the fine gp of '48'ers in FL celebrating last Founders Day. With apologies we are happy to present the **Bayers, Doodys, Les Carters, Perrys, Whitfields** and **Bill Burrows**. Your golf, tennis and beach suntans become you all!

1948: The Bayers, Doodys, Les Carters, Perrys, Whitfields and Bill Burrows at Founders Day 91, FL

Classmates, I have a deal for you that shouldn't be missed. **Tom Ware** tells me that there are still—can you imagine *still*?—40th Reunion Bks available for sale. For the astoundingly low price of $42 you can get one of these classics for ea of your grandchildren. Such a gift beats a bypass trust any day and is far more memorable. Phone your orders to Ware at (703) 780-8733. All right, everyone, there is a pause here for ea of you to secure a pencil and a 91–92 calendar, and prepare to copy down important future dates for Class activities, In 91, on 26–27 Oct the DC/MD/VA classmates will have their fall dinner prog; we hope that many of you will plan to join us. In 92 the wknd of 15–17 May marks our next regional gathering in Naples, Fl where **Bob & Judy Cushing** will be our action personnel and master & mistress of ceremonies—further details and specifics are in process of devel. Finally, in 93 don't forget that 23–26 Sep marks the wknd of our 45th reunion at the Acad—**Joe Bratton** has accepted the mantle of coordinator for this milestone. In closing, ponder this comforting thought—as of Sep, when this article appears, there will be only 18 of us who have not yet reached age 65. The moral: enjoy yourselves—it's later than you feel.

Regret to have to rep to all of you that **Reuben Anderson** died on 22 Apr in L.A.; Reuben is survived by his son, Reuben III. Internment was in Minneapolis, MN.

'49

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From **Jerry Schulz** comes word of the death of **Don Woods** on 20 May from a heart attack while mowing the lawn at his home in Dallas. Jerry writes: "I was at his funeral yesterday (23 May). While no one else from the Class was there, a large gp was present. Don & **Mary** had 4 children and each of them now has a large family (15 grandchildren). Don was active in his church. He was also a Republican Party precinct chm." Pres **Kirby Lamar** sends word of **Fred Johnston**'s death in 79 in Landsdale, PA. No other info was supplied.

We have 4 Founders Day photos. The first is from the Moffett Field NAS, CA assemblage on 9 Mar and presents **Fran & John Hastings** and **Frank & Mary Sarsfield**. The second is from the FL W Coast gp and shows **John Boag** and an unidentified lady. I tried calling John in

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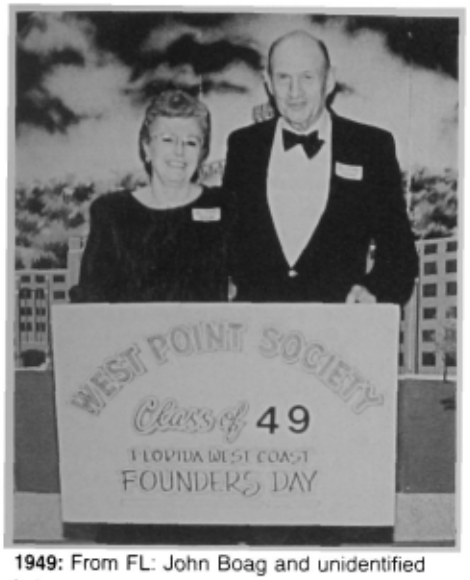
1949: The Hastingses and Sarsfields in CA



1949: From FL: John Boag and unidentified lady

Winter Haven, FL, to get the proper ID but never got through. John, please get in touch with the scribe.

1949: From Phoenix: Maughmer and the Makinneys

The third pic is from Phoenix, AZ. In it are **Fred Maughmer** and **Rae & Bob Makinney.** And from Wash, DC, comes the missing photo from the last issue. Seated are **Phil & Mary Deane Feir, Duane Smith, Jan Townsley** and **Sachiko Summers**; standing are **Tom & Pat Bamford, Jean Smith, Ed Townsley** and your scribe. Present but leaving before the photo session were **Bob & Sally Springer, Bob & Wren Ennis, Web Ivy** and Doris Pappis and **Charlie & Cindy Adams.**

1949: Founders Day 91, Wash, DC

The last issue had the news that **Malcolm Lewis** was vice-mayor of his town. This issue we're pleased to rep that there are two new mayors in the Class Malcolm has managed to depose (replace?) the former incumbent and is now mayor of Lake Clark Shore, FL. Our other winner is **Ted Marley**, who won the run-off election and as of 6 May is mayor of Lawton, OK. For you non-arty folks, that's where Ft Sill is. Congratulations to both of our Class "hizzonors."

1949: The Poores visit the Ortons at Hilton Head

Joan Orton sent nice photos from Hilton Head Isl, SC. The first shows **Jim Poore,** Joan & **George Orton,** and **Bonnie Poore**. The Poores came down from Sullivan's Isl to visit the Ortons for the wknd.

The second shows the Ortons' daughter, Deb, with **Teddy & Neal Judd.** Deb was on leave from her job at Space Cmd in CO Springs. Joan says the Judds' boat and ea other's homes are some of their party places.

In the third photo **George Orton** and **Joe Eagers** pause in a planning session

1949: Deb Orton with Teddy & Neal Judd

1949: Orton and Eagers hold USMA alumni planning session at Hilton Head

for USMA alumni activities at HH Isl.

The planners recently attended the Heisman Trophy Dinner held on the isl. Blanchard and Davis were the stars of this charity event. **George** commented that he had never seen Army lose during his 5 yrs at WP. **Joan** says that George swims for therapy and pleasure, and that he claims he moves better in water than on land. He doesn't venture off the isl often, and Joan says her traveling days are nearing an end as she completes her

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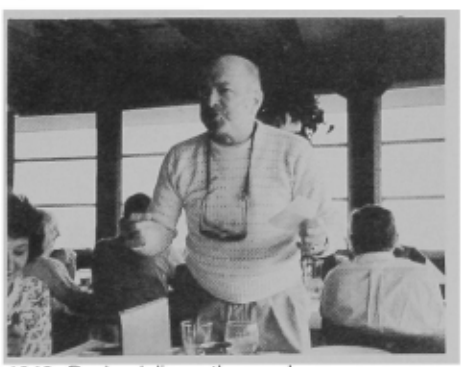
terms in the natl offices of some genealogical societies I note that she is listed as pres gen of the natl soc of Children of the American Colonists. Having 3 children and 3 grandchildren, they're used to visitors. Joan says they'd like to see any '49'ers visiting the isl.

On 11 May, 16 DC-area couples and one daughter took a boat ride on the Chesapeake Bay to St Michaels for lunch and sightseeing. It was said to be a perfect day—and no one got seasick. Present were **Orton & Gwen Spencer** and daughter Gwennie (who works at Disney World Resorts), **Al & Audrey English, Pat & Jane Donohoe, Ted & Cay Swett, Larry & Sue Ogden, Kirby & Anne Lamar, George & Jean Hoffmaster, Dick & Lois Bowman, Bob & Sue Pfeiffer, Gene & Margaret Marder, Tom & Dottie Williams** (from Richmond, VA), **Bill & Flo Huber, John & TC Magnotti, Phil & Sue O'Brien, Dave & Marylee Bolte** and **Wayne & Elaine Norby.** Your scribe & **Sachiko** were touring Scandinavia.

1949: Rocky, among friends, composes his speech



1949: Rocky delivers the word

In the boat-trip photos, that's **Rocky Marder** resting his eyes and composing his speech. Standing are **Dave Bolte, Larry Ogden, Ted Swett** and **Tom Williams.** The following photos show Rocky delivering his speech as **Gwen & Orton Spencer** and Gwennie listen in rapt attention. And finally, behind those specs and under those hats, we see ex-pres **Ted Swett** and current pres **Kirby Lamar**, happy that they did not have to give a speech. Anne Lamar has a similar photo of those two, without hats and specs, taken some 20+ yrs ago.

1949: The Spencers and their daughter listen in rapt attention

1949: Ladies reacting to speech

The Wash lunch bunch met on 14 May at the Pentagon. Attending were **Ted Boland, Dave Bolte, Bill Bumpus, Jack Carr, Henry PT Corley** (from Richmond, VA), **Hill Dickinson, Joe Eagers** (from Hilton Head Isl, SC), **Bob Ennis, Al Fagg, Harry Griffith, Jerry Helfrich, Ed Hindman, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Bill Huber, Art Kingdom, Wes Knapp, Kirby Lamar, John Maurer, Gene Mechling, Paul Monahan, Dick Morton** (from Carlisle, PA), **Clay Moran, Joe Muckerman, Wayne Norby, Larry Ogden, Bob Pfeiffer, Duane Smith, Orton Spencer, Bob Springer, Ted Swett, Lee Surut, John VanderVoort** and **Ed Yellman**. Bob Ennis took and collected the following notes from attendees.

Duane Smith briefed the gp on the new Class Admin Acct with the AOG. He indicated also that a donation had been made to the USMA Memorial Book in the names of **Fitzgerald, McDonald** and **Stillson. Kirby Lamar** brought the gp up-to-date on the 42.5 reunion and said we were working on plans for the 45th and for a possible Class Gift for the 50th. **John VanderVoort** recruited volunteers **Carr, Griffith, Hoffmaster, Knapp** and **Spencer** to place flowers on classmates' graves at Arlington on 25 May. **Ed Hindman** volunteered to place flowers at the Vietnam Memorial.

Bob & Betty Rose were in DC for son John's wedding. Attending were the **Dickinsons** and **Knapp. Hal Lombard**'s sister-in-law observed her 50th anniv in the Franciscan Order in May at Margate, NJ. Present for the celebration were Hal & **Adele Lombard, Harry & Ann Griffith, Gil & Pat Kirby** and **Lee & Trudy Surut.** The **Carrs** and **Pfeiffers** rep their sons have returned to Ger from Opn Desert Storm. **Dick & Cherry Henry** are enjoying their new home at Merritt Isl, FL, and are having bounteous fruit crops. In Apr *TROA* mag published **Dick Morton**'s correction of what he called "Prof Sudhalter's superb condensation of Middle East History" in the Mar 91 issue. Dick pointed out that, although many Arabs would like to claim Saladin as their own, in fact, he was a Kurd.

A bring-a-dish party was planned for 15 Jun at **Dick Morton**'s home in Carlisle, PA, to honor **Dick Stauffer**. A ltr from **Bill Dirkes** indicated 40 classmates promptly sent deposits for the Phoenix 42.5 reunion, and many more are expected.

Gwen Spencer tells me **Orton** has just ret from Jorge Scientific, and they now want him to return. **Ed Yellman** plans to ret at the end of Jul from N VA Comm Col, where he's been since 79. He thinks it's time to try the non-working life. **Charlie Smith** sent a card from Lake Worth, FL. He plans to stay (there? in the US?) until **Geny** is naturalized as a US citizen.

Clay Moran admitted that he had broken 3 toes in late Apr. He was painting his house and jumped off his aluminum ladder from 3 rungs up. His foot caught between the sections and he twisted and crashed head-first into his concrete driveway. Clay says he thought he had broken more than his toes. **Doc De Correvont** dropped a note as he was leaving for his 50th HS reunion. He says he & **Peg** immensely enjoyed a wk of classes in the Elderhostel prog with **Fred & Mary Fritz** last Feb at the U of So Al at Gulf Shores. He says one of the classes, "A New Look at the Civil War," kept him wide awake.

The next Class luncheon at the Pentagon is planned for Sep. The date is not fixed as of now. Call **Art Kingdom** at (703) 569-9360 for reservations and firm date. If you haven't made your move re the reunion in Phoenix next Jan, send your deposit to **Bill Dirkes**, 101 Forestview Dr, Dayton, OH 45459.

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It is a lovely spring day outside, after the heat of May in Wash. The city is getting ready for its big Desert Storm parade this Sat. We are glad to know that most, if not all, of our Class sons and daughters have returned safely from the Mideast.

Have gotten a few additional Founders Day pics in. **Herschal & Evelyn Chapman** seem to be our only reps at

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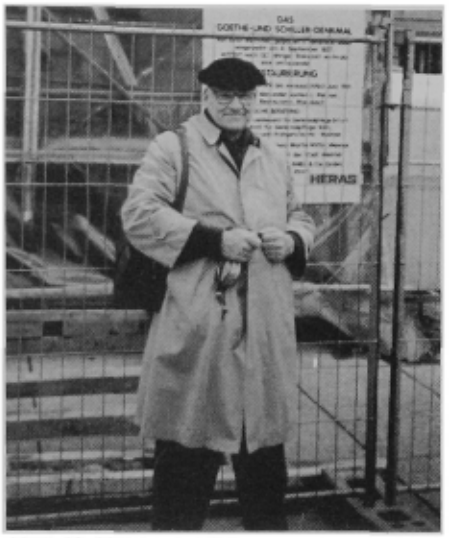
1950: Evelyn & Herschal Chapman

1950: Lou & Shirley Prentiss



1950: Karl Weber in Weimar

1950: Al Romaneski and Carl & Dottie Stone

Leavenworth, while **Al Romaneski** joined **Carl & Dottie Stone** at Heidelberg. Carl did us proud as the oldest grad there, but are we really ready for such honors?

FL, as usual, did it up well at the W FL dinner. '50'ers attending were **Howie & Marisol Johns, Pat & Rae McGill, Emmett & Rowland Lee, Dick & Ruth Newton** and **Ding Price**. You don't recognize the one on the far right? Neither did I, but Pat informed me that he is Phil Connolly '51, invited to join us, since he was the only one of his class there.

Lou & Shirley Prentiss held up the Class banner at Ft Leonard Wood, where they are putting the final touches on the next mini-reunion. Also got an interesting pic from **Karl Weber**, taken before the Goethe-Schiller statue in Weimar during his trip through E Ger. Anticipating the difficult tourist conditions in the E, **Greta** elected to stay home. Karl confirmed that rooms were almost impossible to get at hotels and that roads remain terrible. He was much more impressed with Czechoslovakia's brightness and clean streets.

Karl wasn't the only European traveler. **Blackie & Mary Bolduc** had a grand time chasing down some genealogy connections in France and England for a couple of wks in May. They returned in time to join **Joe & Mary Pharr Love** in Weslaco, TX to represent the Class on 1 Jun at the wedding of **Buz & Lila Baxter**'s daughter Rosemary to Clifton Allen Baker. The young couple are headed for L.A., where Clif will attend law sch. You might have seen Rosemary if you saw "The Brady Story." She played the physical therapist.

Just before going off to TX, the **Loves** were on hand to watch their youngest daughter, Lee Love Woodard, graduate from med sch. The last of their daughters *is out of sch.*

Our perennial travelers, **Mel Johnsrud** and his brother Sherm, in Apr and May managed to explore the Virgin Isl; Blacksburg, VA; Jamaica; and Minneapolis, with a side fishing trip at a friend's summer cabin in the N of MN. Lucky they have no lawns to mow!

Over in Ger the **Romaneskis** hosted **Al & Nari Scholl** one rainy night. The Scholls, who were en route to their place at Garmisch, have several residences spread over Europe and the US and divide their time among them, enjoying the travel.

In May I had a grand visit by phone with **Maureen Doughtie**. She & **Claude** are fine and are enjoyig their home in HI. They did plan to get away in Jun long enough to visit daughter Maureen in her new home in Denver, where she works for EPA.

1950: W FL crowd

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1950: Al & Nari Scholl

Also got a long call from **John Ufner** in FL. Hard to realize that it has been more than 40 yrs since we were in the same bn in Korea. He had some surgery but is doing well and enjoying golf with **Marilyn**.

The W Coast has claimed one of our local classmates. **Seymour Fishbein** has moved to the Willamette Valley to enjoy the slower lifestyle and the fishing. His new address is 1601 Olive St, #901, Eugene, OR 97401. He did make a recent Class lunch on a trip back here in Apr and seemed to be enjoying the new challenges.

Ted & Clara York also are looking W. They have put their home in Sterling, VA up for sale and plan to build a new one in Sandy, UT, near Salt Lake City. Ted hopes to get a new bldg firm going out there to keep busy.

While on the subject of people leaving the DC area, I was recently comparing the local roster we just put out with one from 82. There were 20 classmates or widows on the old roster who were not on the new one, but interestingly there were 24 on the new one that were not on the old, so we have seen an increase in the no here over the past 9 yrs. I also note that 19 of the locals changed their addresses here in the area in that time.

June Elliot was at Ft Rucker, AL in Apr to see her son Bruce graduate as a Cobra pilot. She had a very exciting wk down there and is so glad to see Bruce fulfilling his desires.

A recent newsltr from St John's Chapel in Monterey, CA had a notice of **Bob Gard**'s talk to a gp there about the Monterey Inst of Intl Studies. Bob has been the pres of the institute since 87. It also said that the local Kiwanis Club had selected him as its "Citizen of the Yr." Congratulations, Bob.

In a recent talk with **Dave Carlisle** I learned of the efforts of **Bill Davis** to restore a memorial in France dedicated to one of the black regts of WWI. It seems that Bill learned that the monument, which was built with private funds, was in bad shape. He singlehandedly got the American Battle Monuments Commission to accept responsibility and arrange for its repair.

In Apr there was a special reunion at VA Beach for former mbrs of the 97th Sig Bn, including **Grady & Bess Bannister, Joe & Rose Buccolo, George & Connie Fullerton** and **Jim & Lynne Ross.** Gov Wilder of VA even sent a Certificate of Recognition for the occasion. The '50 contingent plans to be part of the gp that goes to Ger next yr to celebrate the 50th anniv of the bn.

Phil & Lorel Bolte have been on the road again. Phil joined **Carm & Barb Milia** at Ft Knox for the Armor Conf. From there he met Lorel to go on to St Louis to visit son Chris, his wife Betty, and their two children, Danielle (2) and Nickolas (8 mos).

Bob Werner spent his birthday in Hungary this yr. He has opened an off there and was involved in meeting customers, so Lee was left behind in Chagrin Falls, OH.

A ltr from **Jim Horsley** let me know that he & **Carol Jean** had joined the grandparent ranks on 6 Apr, when their daughter Sally & Chris Spencer (son of OP Spencer '49) had a baby girl named Allison Elizabeth in Fairfax Station, VA. Jim also said that he had sold the two Subway Sandwich stores he operated in Hunstville, AL, and now has more time for enjoyng home, golf, flying and catching up on yard work.

Other new grandparents are **Ken & Loris Ebner**. Their son KR & Liz had a son, Kenneth Rohn Ebner III, on 18 May. KR had just recently returned from Desert Storm, so he was there to celebrate the event.

Though **Rufe & Nancy Smith** only became grandparents 4–1/2 yrs ago, they are fast catching up with the old-timers, having just had their 9th grandchild. Daughter Dana & Chuck had their third boy, Peter McHenry Gibbons, on 29 May here in Northern VA. He is a big boy, weighing in at over 10 lbs. Rufus, by the way, has just become the exec secy for the WP Soc of DC.

Blackie Bolduc is now the area rep for the Central Region, rather than just TX and OK. He is great about sending on news. Here is the latest:

• In Dec **Phil Donahue** returned to the Rio Grande Valley from Key West, where youngest daughter Teresa & LT Ken Savoie, USCG, are located. Teresa had a 9 lb, 1 oz boy and both are doing well. Ken cmds a ship patrolling the Gulf for drug runners, illegal fishing or shrimping and illegal aliens.

• In Jan **Bill Rapp** wrote from Midland, TX: "I don't know when anyone else received his 40-'50 book, but mine came Christmas Eve. Wow! What timing! We all surely owe the 40-'50 staff a huge thank you!!"

• The Fiesta Fifty 92 Gang will host a mini-reunion 9–11 Oct in 92 at the historic, recently modernized Menger Hotel, across from the Alamo in the heart of downtown San Ant. You should receive your invitation mailing in Sep of this yr. The dozen members of the Gang would like their friends to know that they (the Gang) all plan to vacate their local digs and install themselves in the Menger during the reunion; as a result they will not be able to accommodate out-of-towners.

One admin note. In response to the appeal of the Flight Project Comm of the AOG and in remembrance of our AF classmates, the Class has donated $1,000 to the project to commemorate AF grads at the Acad.

On the sad side, **Don Creuziger**'s wife **Mary** died of cancer on 23 May after a long battle. Don wrote that two of her best times were the 35th Reunion at WP and that grand mini at the AF Acad. Unfortunately, she was too ill to make the 40th. Mary is also survived by daughter Karen and son John.

On 31 May **Chuck Hammond** died, also after a hard fight with cancer. Chuck & **Marj** were able to attend the 40th and visit with many friends. Chuck was buried at Arlington in a svc attended by both his daughters, Daphne Anderson and Janet Dorrier, and by his two grandsons, James and Alex Dorrier.

Hope to see many of you at the mini in Sep.

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Class Activities: first and foremost has to be a great reunion with 144 classmates, 121 wives and 11 guests attending. Credits and thanks to **Hendricks, Byers** and **Sanderson**. Offs were elected: **Fred Rockwell**, pres; **Howie Steele, Gerry Hendricks** and **Reb Barber**, VPs; **Chuck Ewing** continues as treas; **Andy Remson**, secy; **Otto Doerflinger**, historian; and **Joe Rogers**, scribe. Howie will continue as CINC Regions. Our thanks for a job well done to our classmates who provided stewardship for Class activities: **Ernie Peixotto, Stan Sheridan, Gary** Sanderson, **Chuck Ewing,** Howie Steele, **Frank Vellella** and **Red Leffler**.

The **Buzz Aldrin** portrait by Herb Abrams (who has paintings in the White House as well as other notable places) was presented at the AOG luncheon as our gift to the USMA Salute to Flight Project. Thanks to **Roscoe Robinson, John Byers, Elmer Pendleton** and **Sam Dickens**, who made it happen. Gerry Hendricks reps that M-2 attended the

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1951: Assembly for the Alumni Parade

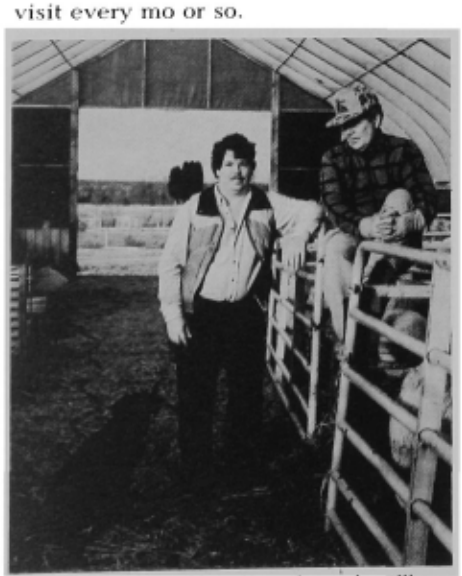
1951: Chuck Ewing gives financial report at business meeting breakfast during reunion

1951: '51 takes the review at the Alumni Parade

reunion en masse, 13 of them. Who said that flankers lacked spirit? Well Done! **Howie Steele** reps that 30 of 40 regional reps and asst reps attended. Good show! Unfortunately, **Jean** & I were unable to attend; we did make the farewell dinner plus a fun day of golf with **Judy & Walt Johnson** on Wed.

1951: Gen Palmer unveils portrait of Buzz Aldrin at Alumni Luncheon

Regional Spotlight: Mid Atlantic—**Pud Keesling** reps: **Bill & Marge Allen** were visited by **Rod & Joan Gilbertson** last summer in Clinton, MD. Rod & Joan were on their way to the fjords of Norway. **John Hinton** rep living a comfortable ret down on the MD shore. John is now a grandfather 5 times. Son Jack, a master jumper with XVIII Abn Corps, was in Iraq the last John heard. He still enjoys training his dogs and living the good hunting and fishing life. **Dean Mulder**, dep regional rep for MD, continues to work for Prince George's County as an engr while **Nancy** is at Prince George's Comm Col as a prof of Nursing. They spent the holidays with children in Anchorage, AK. **Chan Goodnow** rep the main event in his family continues to be **Ann**'s health. She continues to do well and has actually improved. Cancer, being unpredictable, causes us to hope, pray and keep our fingers crossed. Chan & Ann did get to Palm Beach Gardens, FL last Feb and played at the PGA Natl Course. Chan plays a good game; tough though, when the wife plays a better game. Many agree with Chan when he says, "The country made up for Korea and Nam with their spt of the troops in Iraq." **Joe & Joan LaFleur** are living back in the woods in Montgomery County, MD, not far from Wash. Joe ret from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 85; he still does some consulting in nuclear energy safety and R&D matters. They try to travel abroad on business and pleasure as often as possible, and they also enjoy their condo in Ocean City, which they visit every mo or so.



1951: Farmer Lou Michael and son, Lou III, with lambs and family dog

Anne & Lou Michael rep survival of the first full-time yr on their farm at Chestertown on MD's Eastern Shore. So far the sheep, goats, horses, dogs, chickens, guineas, ducks, geese, eagles and ospreys are holding their own against these former city folk. They claim to be broke but welcome visitors. **Bob & Tinky Hyatt** have moved from their plantation home in VA to their beautiful family home in Bethesda, MD. Bob continues his great svc as host of our Cl luncheons ea mo at ANCC. When Bob is not teaching GI's you might find him beating the "H" out of that little white ball alongside **Barber** and **Kessling**. **Al & Pat Costanzo** are operating their 689-acre Christmas tree farm near Eldwood, VA. Aided by their 4 sons who live in the DC area, they plant 500–800 seedlings a yr. They have been at it for 5 yrs and expect their first harvest in 2–3 yrs. It will be a come-and-cut-your-own event. **Billy Ellis** is recovering splendidly from a cancer opn this past Jan—everything looks fine. **Barbara** is very active in church work, while Billy manages an insurance off in DC offering all forms of policies. Billy is thinking of ret, perhaps in Sep, and then they may move to their home in Sumpter, SC for a full ret and continued enjoyment of their family and 5 grandchildren. **Bill & Lydia Lemnitzer** had a wonderful cruise among the Hawaiian Isles; Bill came back convinced that it would be a great place to set up an aluminum smelting opn because of the plentiful bauxite there, using, of course, his concept of cold fusion, which he continues to perfect. **Shy & Carol Meyer** were blessed with a grandchild born in Dec to their son & his wife. Shy travels the world. In the past mo he has visited Turkey, Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Ger. **Lee Orton** rep that **George** is still playing golf; that their son & his wife presented them with a grandson last Oct; and that George continues as VP of Commercial Properties for CE Smith Co. They did take time out to travel to Paris this past Nov. **Pat & Jo-Anne Ryan** missed the 40th due to Jo-Anne's continued battle with cancer—Pat rep they received a super lift in their morale when **Phil Reed** stopped in for a visit. All our good wishes are with you & Jo-Anne. **Larry Crocker** rep that he ret from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission last Aug. Larry now is employed as a consultant for a small outfit called Scientech, Inc. He & **Pat** still haven't been able to decide where to ret—although somewhere in NC looks better and better. **Paul Summers** rep that **Elmer & Alice Birdseye** were at the Charlottesville, VA Founders Day. Their son Dan was with the "Big Red One" in Desert Storm. Alice is pres of the Lexington, VA Women's Club. Elmer is pres of the Lexington unit of the American Cancer Soc and VP of the Lions Club. We're glad to hear from **Tom Williams** that daughter Nan, an Army Res nurse, has returned safely from Desert Storm. Tom & **Jane** are spending the summer at their beach home in Sandbridge, VA. **Walt & Judy Johnson**'s son Mike, an Army Reservist, was still in Saudi at press time. Walt & Judy live in St Louis, MO. Walt still hits a long golf ball,

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even after 3 hip replacements.

Misc. Anyone interested in a mini-ski reunion, please drop **Joe Rogers** a note. We suggest off-season Jan at the Sugarbush Inn, VT or Vil Hotel and Resort, Breckenridge, CO.

The A-AF game mini-reunion at CO Spr, CO will be 7–10 Nov. Contact **Hank Evans** at (719) 527-9535 for info. It should be another great one. Many thanks to Hank Evans and **Don McGann** for their efforts.

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Our reunion plans are starting to take shape, with co reps stirring a few of you to write about yourselves in response to queries about attendance next May. Herewith is news from **Eckert**, in response to a note from E-2's designated rabble rouser, **Wuzzy Spaulding**. Ed has ret from the NM Mil Inst after serving 10 yrs as Sr Army Instructor. **Patty**, however, will continue to serve as the "Mrs Barth" of the inst. Ed went on to mention that two of our classmates, **Terry Allen** and **Tom Cole**, grad from there in 48 and are now enshrined in the NMMI Hall of Fame. Both Ed and Wuzzy are looking for old roommate **Ben Grafton**. Does any reader know his address?

Paul & Ann Malone threw the "mother of all parties" for their son, Paul B. Malone IV '78, who recently returned from Desert Storm where he served as S-3, 3/504 PIR, 82nd Abn Div. Four generations of the family were on hand, including grandmothers Malone and McNulty, plus friends, neighbors and classmates. Not surprisingly, entertainment included a mariachi band, Irish bagpipes and a Turkish belly dancer. (Photo by **Ginny Wiles**.)

1952: The Paul B Malones, IV and III

Pres of the AOG **Denis Mullane**, who is also pres and CEO of CT Mutual Life Insurance Co, was named in May 91 to be on the bd of dirs of the US Chamber of Commerce, according to a press release sent directly by the Chamber.

Bill Duncan sent a news item with a note to the effect that he still gets to do something interesting for the mil. This time it was to present the Order of the Owl to one of Temple U's more famous grads, LTG Thomas W Kelly. Bill is pres of the Temple Gen Alumni Assoc.

1952: Duncan (second from right) presenting Temple's Order of the Owl to LTG Thomas W Kelly

The Founders Day photos have arrived. The local turnout included the **Browns, Deverills, Lowders, Parkses, McKnights, Raifords, Rehms, Witherells** and **Yourees**.

Otis Moran (now nearly 62) celebrated his sons' birthday last Nov by making a parachute jump. Son George accompanied him and will attest to the escapade. The jump was a bit more sporty than anticipated, because the main was faulty and Otis had to come in on his reserve! Meanwhile, George's twin, CPT David, also has been adventuring, but as a chaplain in Kuwait with a unit of the 3rd Armored Div. To acct for all the Moran children, daughter Laura is a missionary based in Brussels with her husband. Both are musicians and have traveled extensively in Europe and Africa as musical missionaries of their KY church.

1952: The Leggetts and Gleasons at Carlisle Bks

1952: Mal & Carol Craig at Phoenix

The **Browns** hosted their annual "Opening of the Browns' Pond" celebration in late May with a large turnout for swimming, horse shoes, volleyball, singing and barbecue. **Gray Parks** led the singing around the bonfire at day's end to top off a grand Memorial Day picnic.

The **Browns** journeyed to that other acad to see their son-in-law's father, Dean Kelley, honored, at the 91 graduation exercises, for his 50 yrs on the

1952: Washingtonians at DC Soc Founders Day

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1952: The Richardses at FL W Coast

1952: Otis Moran, before. . .

1952: The Browns at USNA graduation

faculty. **Pat** took her USMA tote bag along to maintain her identity.

For G-2'ers, I chatted with **Dick Weyhrich** recently and learned that he is our contact man for the reunion. Trust all of you will respond to his idea of developing a set of "resumes" to refurbish our long-ago cohesion. Dick noted that **Jim Spell** got concurrent dual hip replacements a yr ago and is pleased with the result.

Metz Seebach is now located at the Sleepy Hollow Manor Nursing Home, 6700 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. He would like to receive mail, visitors (Rm 333) and cookies. He has benefited for many, many yrs from the loving care of **Vince & Ruth Bailey**, to whom the Class is much indebted.

The reunion comm rep that most of the pieces are in place for our 40th Reunion next 24–27 May. The Tarrytown, NY Marriott is locked in for our stay. We plan a buffet dinner for the first night, the AOG reception at USMA the second night and a picnic for the third night. If the comm can stay off the golf course long enough, a ltr will go out to the Class this fall with more details. One man from ea of our cdt cos has been asked to contact his co to encourage attendance. All should take note and push for a max turnout.

1952: . . . and after, with Emilia & George Moran

I'll spend the summer in NH as usual and plan to see or contact a no of Yankee classmates. My phone no up there is (603) 679-5316.

1952: Picnicking with the Browns at the pond

'53

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We are doing a bit better for this issue than last; I have 4 ltrs, several photos via AOG and a couple of phone calls. I don't know why the info flow slacked off before the last issue. Maybe you all suddenly developed conflicting interests, or got bored with my writing or think that the 40th is so close that we can just save the news to talk about there.

The first ltr I received got here just barely too late for the last issue. **Harry Dunivant** says he has no news, but sends a photo of him & **Mary Ellis, Lyn & Haydon Grubbs** and **Nell & Jim Pigg** at the Founders Day do at Eglin AFB. To me, that *is* news.

Jack Myers sent in his annual rep on the reunion of the "Horny Toads." **Bill & Pat Hosmer** hosted this one at their home in Sierra Vista, AZ, near Ft Huachuca (Gesundheit!).

Jack says all loyal toads answered the call, "Mushaway," including **Joe Wilson, George Williams** and **John Oblinger**. Our heroes toured Tombstone and the museum at Huachuca, played tennis and golf, added two new hats to their wardrobes and, very up-to-date, obtained "Scud Buster" tee-shirts from Ft Bliss.

The host & hostess were presented with a special rubber tree by the

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1953: Harry & Mary Ellis Dunivant, Lyn & Haydon Grubbs and Nell & Jim Pigg at Founders Day 91, NW FL

1953: At Ft Huachuca: Myers, Wilson, Hosmer (the one without a hat), Oblinger and Williams

1953: At the Neilsons' dinner: E-1 files Molly & Bert Fuller, Pam Lindholm, Dick & Judy Benz, Mary Lou & Cliff Neilson and Barb & Bill Cole

1953: On the course behind Hosmer's home: Myers, Oblinger, Williams, Hosmer and Wilson

1953: Tombstone, AZ: Oblinger, Wilson, Hosmer, Myers and Williams

1953: Tennis anyone? Myers, Wilson, Hosmer, Williams and Oblinger

Oblingers. Next yr's exercises are scheduled for the Myers' place in CA.

Jim Dade tells me that he has started a prog through the AOG to award all upcoming Rhodes, Marshall and Hertz Scholars the sum of $1,000 ea upon graduation. He says that his purpose in their writing is to toot his own horn and to suggest to others that they might come up with supportive ideas and fund them. He closes by saying that his welcome mat is always out to '53 and their families. He is in Oceanside, CA, where, he says, even when the weather's is bad, it's not bad.

1953: Ft Leavenworth: Al & Sue Merritt and Bill & Barb Cole

A ltr with photos arrived from **Bill Cole** in San Diego. He very modestly says that two ltrs in one yr is probably the max that either of us can stand, but I'm sure he knows better than that. If I got so many ltrs that I could not mention them all in the space allowed, I would be delighted. He rep on his ret trip, by auto to SC, PA, MO, KS, OK, NM and home—34 days and 7,668 mi. Along the way, he & **Barb** saw **Art Brown** at Hilton Head, busy sailing and chairing the United Way.

They attended a dinner party at **Cliff & Mary Lou Neilson**'s home here in Fairfax and saw a bunch of the Class. At Ft Leavenworth, they met, entirely by accident, **Al & Sue Merritt**. They all had checked into the guest house there.

I hate to write things like this, but this col cannot be all fluff and sugar. There is bad news and good news: the bad is that **Jerry Goetz** was found to have pancreatic cancer. The good is that surgery and treatment seem to have gotten it. It is interesting to me that **Dave Pistenma** is his radiologist. I don't know of many instances where we get treated by or

1953: Julia & Wally Noll at Founders Day 91, Phoenix, AZ

make use of the professional svcs of a classmate.

The Class increment here has been successfully social this yr. Unfortunately, I have not been able to attend. There are two things which are the cause of my preoccupation. **Sanelma** has been going to sch for what seems like 80 yrs, but in fact it has been only 8 or 9 yrs. She has been, since she was 12, a church musician. She started out playing the piano in a little rural church and progressed to the pipe organ. Over the yrs, we have both enjoyed attending classes on various subjects. She decided she wanted to earn a degree in liturgical music, so she started out in our community col. After exhausting its resources, she went to the Shenandoah U and Conservatory. At the end of this mo—Jun 91—she will complete all the requirements for her BA, including presenting a major recital. Shenandoah U is in Winchester, nearly a two-hr drive from here. Since she has been making the trip 2–3 times a wk, has been doing admin work, and working as organist and choir director, she has not been able to attend the functions. The other thing is that I have, since last Nov, been working with an old friend to open and operate an unusual little store. It's sort of a hobby, but we do need to make it pay. It's a new and used book store, with coins and stamps, comic books and baseball/football cards, other collector items and odds and ends that he—a real operator—can buy very cheaply and we can sell cheaply. It has been a lot of work

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and demands a lot of time, but it seems to be working out and is thoroughly enjoyable. I don't like to sell a book until I read it, so I have to spend a lot of time on business!

I keep up on Class news by phone. Our Veep, **Ed Andrews**, tells me that the now traditional annual picnic at **Al & Pam Lindholm**'s was in May, as usual, and was attended by an estimated 30 couples who had a great time—also as usual. There probably will be some photos in a later issue.

1953: Mel & Marion Laundry and Joan & Frank Mleko at Founders Day 91, Chicago

Ed has been notified that he has been selected to be a Trustee-at-large of the AOG. The AOG has established a USMA Bicentennial Steering Gp. Does that make you feel old? We were there during the Sesquicentennial; now we are looking toward an anniv 50 yrs later. **Art Brown** is chairing a subcomm of that gp, for Congressional and White House Liaison. Ed will be working on that subcomm.

Finally, **Ed** also tells me that **Earl Chambers** is planning to get married in Aug.

One can't help wonder why, with a large bunch of intelligent, highly educated guys, it's necessary to keep giving the same dumb directions: please pay attenton to be sure that photos have names of persons therein. Please send them to *me*, rather than to USMA, AOG or others. Do not write on the photo in ink, esp not ballpoint—and don't press hard, even if you are properly using pencil. Spell the names correctly. But PLEASE, above all, send them in, even if you don't get it right!

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In May **Bill Ovberg** wrote from E Rockaway, NY that **Ed Freeman** passed away on 1 Apr in Mansfield, OH after a brave bout with pancreatic cancer. Ed was for many yrs a gen mgr with United Tel Co, which named its new HQ bldg after him. Widow **Joan** lives at 724 Greenfield Dr, Mansfield, OH 44907; tel (419) 756-2231, for those who want to express their respects. The Class joins her in mourning the loss of our classmate and svc colleague.

John Holland x-'57 sadly informs us that his mother, Beatrice Holland-Helmick, Cadet Hostess from 1954–71, passed away at 92 in Mystic, CT on 9 Apr. After svcs in the Old Cadet Chapel, she was buried in the WP Cem. Several classes were rep among her many friends and relatives in attendance.

More tidbits from the buffet table at the DC area Apr social: **Wes Gheen** was promoted to dep gov of the US Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in DC. He & **Dolores** live in qtrs on the grounds. Dr **Tom Brown** is the sr staff sys engr with Fairchild Space in Germantown, MD. Tom transferred from Inf to Ord to the AF, which sent him to Purdue U for his PhD. Tom & **Barbara** live in Alexandria, VA. **Bob & Lucile Adams** were visited by their grandson, David Christopher, and his parents, son Lawrence & Ellen Adams. Bob is admin off of the DC

1954: Bob & Lucile Adams with son Lawrence & Ellen and grandson David Christopher Adams, Dec 90

Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Stan Choate is prof of Electronics Tech at Prince George Comm Col in Largo, MD. He & **Ina** live in Brandywine, MD. **Jim & Dolores Obendorfer** have 14 grandchildren and still look great.

BEYOND THE BELTWAY. In Jan, **Dick & Diane Hobbs** moved to Reno, NV where Dick runs Tragen Inc, a trading co. In Feb in San Fran, **Fletcher J Buckley** received the 91 IEEE Charles Proteus Steinmetz Award for contributions to computer software standards activities. Buck initiated the thrust toward transnationalization of standards and produced the Standards Board pub, "A Guide to IEEE Standards Development." Buck got his MSEE at Stanford. He & **Elizabeth** have 4 children and live in Cherry Hill, NJ. This info was provided by Michael Buckley Jr '23.

Mark McDermott sent a clip from *The NY Times* on **Andy Maloney**, US atty for the Eastern Dist of NY, who, in the past 5 yrs, has guided that off through great growth. The Justice Dept praised Andy

1954: US Dist Atty Andrew J Maloney

for his considerable achievements in the war on drugs and organized crime. Mark has worked for GE for 25 yrs. He & his wife live in Scotia and attend football games at WP, 100 mi S. Three of their four sons will marry this yr. Rollie Sullivan '53, in Cornwall, also sent me this clip.

1954: Mary Lee & Norm Matthias, Nancy & Bill Wallace and Georgia & Jud Matthias at Founders Day, Phoenix, AZ, Mar 91

Mar was the 189th anniv of Founders Day. **Brandt Grubbs** writes from Shalimar that the WP Soc of NW FL held a notable celebration dinner at Eglin AFB. Guest speaker was Gen Bruce Palmer '36.

Brandt's dad, Haydon Y Grubbs Sr '23,

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1954: Helen & Bob Chapman, Gloria & Bob Geasland and Brandt Grubbs at NW FL Founders Day

delivered the toast as oldest grad present. Also present was brother Haydon Y Jr '53. **Bud Bonham** missed the affair, electing to undergo quadruple-bypass surgery instead.

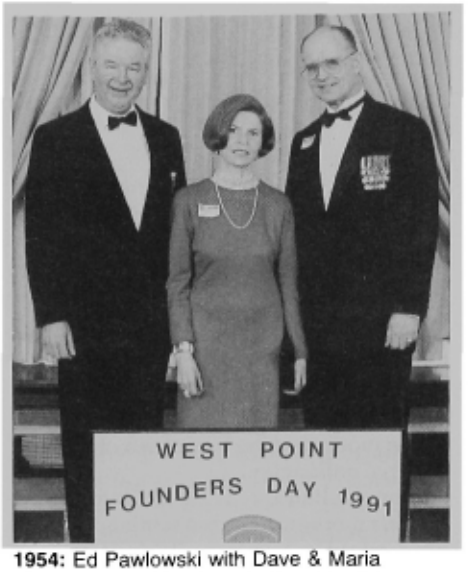
1954: Lloyd Matthews and Dick Littlefield cutting the sweat at Carlisle Bks Founders Day 91 soiree in Mar

Brandt asks if he is the final, legal, Class bachelor. When last heard from, **Bob Hunt** *in Birmingham, AL, was still* fending off suitors, successfully. Any advice for Brandt and Bob?

Ed Pawlowski writes from Munich that in Dec, daughter Edleen Bergelt had a daughter Geneva in Tokyo, where her husband Keith is with DoD in the US Embassy.

Ed's architect son Ed is founder and pres of Metropolitan Design and Construction Inc in Alexandria, VA, a co doing commercial and residential designs and renovations. In Apr Ed turned himself into the Augsburg Army Hosp for embroidery on a hernia. He is pres of the Munich Toastmasters and competed in the Eur speech finals. Ed insists that mbrs of the Class visit him before his tour ends. Ed tells us that **Dave Thoreson** is regional agent for the US Planning Assoc & Independent Research Agency for Life Insurance, Inc in Heidelberg.

Bob & Elsie Ellis write from Acton, MA that, after 32 yrs with MITRE Corp, he ret on 26 Apr. They have two married daughters, both with master's degrees. Bonnie is a landscape architect and has two children; Leslie is an environmental ed teacher at Park Sch in Brookline, MA.



1954: Ed Pawlowski with Dave & Maria Thoreson, laughing it up in Ger, Mar 91

1954: Doug & Mary Alice O'Connor and friends at Orange County, CA Founders Day 91 dinner

Bob is a golfer, a mbr of the US Tennis Assoc and a league softball player. They *visit Bob's mother in Bella Vista, AR and* Elsie's mother in Goshen, VT. They regularly see **Ted Neu**, who's in Simsbury, CT. Bob's not really ret—he's changing his venue.

Jim Williams, 40th Reunion chm, deeply appreciates the response to his questionnaire (25%) and the many personal notes from classmates all over the country. The comments are being reviewed by the comm for incorporation of the majority views into the total prog. At a mtg of the 40th Reunion Comm in May a Hudson River cruise and co socials were identified as popular activities, and the gift preference was strongly toward funding a high-tech classroom. But this is set in Jell-O, so get in there and create! If you want your preferences known, send the form or write Housing Chm **Richard E Littlefield**, 320 Pine Road, Mt Holly Springs, PA 17065, but soon.

Remember, if you're shopping for anything, mention this col and pay full price. Cheers, God willing!

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Just as I was completing this article for mailing, I was advised of the sad news of the death of our classmate **Paul Fetko** from a heart attack at his home in Atl on 16 Jun. Paul was a great friend during our Stewart Field Prep Sch days and a D-2 regt-mate, but I have not seen him since graduation. Our sincere sympathies go out to **Eleanore** and the young ladies, Linda, Laura and Debbie, two of whom followed in Paul's footsteps to graduate from WP. Paul's wishes were to be cremated and his ashes to be spread at WP. Rest well, old friend. Well Done. Be Thou at Peace.

As I mentioned in the last article, I was waiting for the rep of the festivities at a mid-Apr get-together out in CA, hosted once again by **Jack & Marlowe Viney**, this time in their new home in Corona. The events were very capably chronicled by **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams**, who can always be counted on to elicit the maximum info and news from any gathering. I would love to have this great couple working some of my areas in my professional endeavors at DIA. Since Bill sent virtually a press-ready article, let me quote him liberally:

Jack & Marlowe sold their Huntington Beach home and bought one in Corona, just W of Riverside. Jack is still with Gnd Sys Gp at Hughes Aircraft in Fullerton, and, just before moving from Orange County to Riverside County, he was elected to the bd of dir of the Orange County WP Soc. Marlowe, who had only two mos previously ret from nursing, found that, after she had decorated the new place, she couldn't sit still. Now she is back doing Emergency Rm duty part-time in Westminster. Aside from that, Jack had a little unplanned excitement in his beloved old Cessna 195 about two wks before hosting the mini-reunion. As the snapshot portrays, this is one landing that just didn't seem to end up right (no pun, believe me). Happily, both owner and aircraft are basically undented. So, with minor repairs to the one and a daunting desire to get back in the air again by the other, this is just another little vignette from the wonderful world of general aviation!

Bob & Marvel LaFrenz: Bob continues as exec VP and dep div mgr of S-Cubed/Maxwell in La Jolla. Son David graduated from San Diego St U in Dec and got married the same wk. **Paul Smor & Cathy Mcgarry**: Paul ret from NASA and is now doing consulting at Vandenberg AFB as well as continuing his love of flying, golf and music. He entertained at this get-together and even encouraged some sing-along numbers as he accom-

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1955: Viney and the one that got away!

panied on the portable keyboard. **Al & Dot Spaulding**: Al is with McD-Douglas, working SDI, enjoying the good life in S CA and watching their youngest prepare to start col. **Gerry & Bobbie Samos**: Gerry is still hard at it with Hughes Space and Commo Gp but spends a good deal of time with his English Rose Garden, which he is enlarging to accommodate 140 new bushes. Bobbie has enrolled as a full-time student at the S Coast Repertory Conservatory to study acting, which she says is very exciting. **EJ & Doris O'Brien**: they really had an adventuresome 35th Reunion last fall, since they tied it together with a 3-mo motorhome tour of the country. Now, as they enjoy their ret, they are taking advantage of lowering air fares to check out HI, Chile and then Australia and NZ this coming fall. **Del & Shirley Jacobs**: since Del led the design team that created the F-23 Advanced Tac Fighter, the Jacobs were clearly awaiting the final decision on the fate of that program. Their son Greg will be married in Aug, and younger son Jeff, a USAFA grad and pilot, will marry in Oct. **Tom & Harriet Phillips**: Tom is recently ret from Lockheed and starting a consulting practice. He & Harriet will host a get-together this summer to celebrate the 40th anniv of our Class entry into USMA. **Dave & Toni Maurer**: are elated that daughter Karen and family have settled in nearby Bakersfield, which is within very close "gramma & grampa" commuting distance. Dave ret from Ritzer Col in Apr—said he had had his fill of fixing dormitory plumbing!

Bud & Bonnie DeMaris: Bud is with Rockwell in San Bernardino, involved in nuclear weapons environment protection, and is one of the chosen of us who have crossed the "six-oh" milepost. Bonnie teaches private sch in Redlands and enjoys her work with youngsters. **Jim & Nancy Miller**: as Jim says: ". . . it's great to have an empty nest and time to enjoy it. . . . If you're in CA, come join us!" **Ray & Celia Dax**: Ray still with TRW in Huntington Beach, doing shuttle engr work. Celia, too, is an English gardener who, in her spare time, studies the Quark and String theories because she admits to being an unfullfilled nuclear physicist. Both are very much enjoying their blue-eyed grandchildren. The photo below clearly indicates that the S CA gp loves to come together for Class visits such as these, and, when we get such great rep from hard-working folks like **Bill & Ronnie**, we can't miss.

I have this awful time with photo captions, as you may have guessed by now, but I really did foul up some names on the reunion photos with the identities of **Bob Henry, Bob LaFrenz** and **Bud DeMaris**. Apologies, regrets, etc, guys, and to prove it, let me show you the photo (provided by **Jack Viney**). Hope Bob Henry enjoys it, cause it means I've got a handle on my problem!

1955: De Maris, Viney and La Frenz at Founders Day 91 in Riverside, CA

Not to be outdone by our brothers in CA, we in the DC area staged our own little gathering to mark the onset of summer and the celebration of the Desert Storm homecoming, held here on 8 Jun. On the day following, with very gracious hosting by **Don & Chickie Hilbert, John & Sherry Giddings, John & Ruth Sloan, Joan O'Brien** and **Hugh & Ann Quinn**, we gathered in the new venue of Don & Chickie, the US Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in N DC, where Don is the newly-installed gov, and wanted to share with classmates the very interesting and special place that he now heads up. Befitting of the beautiful day, we had a great crowd of folks attending: **Bill & Anita Anderson** from Charlottesville, where Bill is expanding the size and complement of his law off, and is busy with a myriad of activities both business and civic; **Dick & Carol Baker** (Dick is now with Unisys, doing work for my own DIA); **Jim Bergen**; **Norm & Barb Blahuta** (Norm is really being kept busy with his Pentagon Credit Union duties); **Al & Val Bundren** (Al was sporting the "mother of all pairs of suspenders," which displayed embroidered cadets in black, gold and gray); **Carl & Marcia Cathey** (Carl is deep into his Burdeshaw Assoc work, and Marcia is really becoming an avid golfer); **Al & Edie Edwards**, over from their beautiful bayside home near Annapolis (Al is enjoying his near-ret, and he and I are enjoying the same young dentist at Bolling AFB, where we're both finding that the count for both of us is somewhere short of the ideal 32!). **Woody & Donna Fleming** were also at Hilbo's, as were co-hosts **John & Sherry Giddings** and **Bud & Dorothy Goldstein**, who where about to launch on a trip to Hawaii. **Ray & Ann Gunderson** and **Zach Hagedorn** and his escort, **Anita Smith,** joined **Tom & Peggy Herren**, who very graciously provided me with this vintage photo from Blue Creek, AL, taken in Feb 56 when all the principals were in Ranger Sch. Those shown are Tom, **Dave McInerny, Matt & Betty Schepps** and

1955: Apr gathering at the Vineys' in CA

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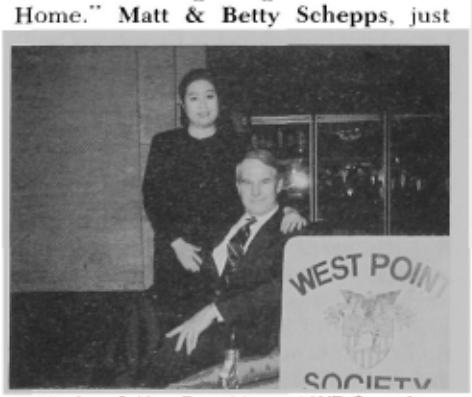
Frank Schlotter, all gunning for something important!

1955: Going 'way back to Ranger Sch days

Also present were **Bob & Alice Johnson**, with Bob sporting a lively little crutch that was testimony to the need to eschew freefall jumps from painting ladders in the front yard! After a miracle cure from hip surgery, Bob is a disciple of the "hire the painting done" sch. **Dick & Greta Masson**, fresh from hosting a "watch the fireworks in DC party" after the monstrous 8 Jun parade in the Capital, were joined by **Durf & Barbara McJoynt** and **George & Mary Monahan**; George has recently gone to work for Loral as the Wash off mgr and is impressed by the size of the firm for which he now works. **Bob Newton** arrived to advise that he & **Linda** will soon move into their nearly-finished Middleburg, VA home and then begin the endless task of decorating. **Ed Nidever, Joan O'Brien** (who has just recently finished all her course work for an advanced degree in family counseling), **Hugh & Ann Quinn** and **John & Anita Rudski** were also among the gatherers at "the Home." **Matt & Betty Schepps**, just

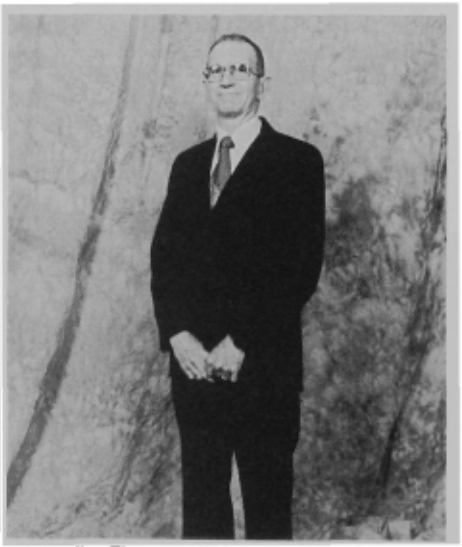


1955: Ann & Ken Donaldson at WP Soc of Chicago Founders Day 91

about to finish their yr of school-teaching chores, looked great, and Matt says he's almost back to tennis form after his bypass surgery. **Murphy Shimunek** and **Natalie Wilcox** joined the gp, as did **John & Ruth Sloan, Dan & Yvette Troyan, Dick & Sandy Wargowsky** and **Tom & Elaine West**. Rounding out those who helped celebrate both a Cl reunion and the Desert Storm homecoming were

1955: Bob & Lynn Strickland at FL W Coast Founders Day 91

1955: Patsy & Clancy De Long in Phoenix



1955: Jim Fiscus at Ft Leonard Wood

Pete & Ruth Ann Walton; Pete is enjoying the challenge of his mgt of the Butler Aviation facility at Wash Natl Airport. Finally, our Cl VP, **Rod & Pat Vitty**, brought two friends from Phila to join the gathering. Rod looks great and joins as many of the DC-area events as possible, which is great. We owe a great debt to **Don & Chickie** for hosting this very well-attended affair in their new qtrs at the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home.

To close the article, I'll share 4 snaps of classmates at various Founders Day functions around the country. Everyone looks to be representing our '55 equities in proper fashion. In the meantime, please take care of ea other and USE THE TOLL-FREE NO LISTED ABOVE TO CALL ME WITH YOUR NEWS!

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As this article is being written during the first wk of Jun, honors continue to be bestowed upon **Norm**. . . a speech before a joint session of Congress, knighthood by the Queen of England and a full dress retreat review by the Corps. **Lynell** & I were privileged to be among **Dave & Lu Palmer**'s honored guests for the review, along with **Gerry & Barb Richardson, Chuck & Peggy Russell, Doc & Peggy Bahnsen, Farrell & Nancy Patrick, Jack & Nancy Conklin, Sam & Emma Gates, John & Betsey Snodgrass, Jim & Joyce Anderson, Ed Rhodes, Buck Abel** and **Bill McClung**.

1956: '56 contingent assembles prior to brigade review for Norm Schwarzkopf: Lynell Stapleton with granddaughters Jessica and Holly, Bill McClung, Barb & Gerry Richardson, Jack & Nancy Conklin and George Stapleton

As we sat in the Supe's box, you could not have been more proud of the Corps as they passed in review. They were superb! Anyone who still says "The Corps Has" needs to revisit WP and see for themselves the pride, precision and discipline that **Dave** has re-instilled in the Corps. One of the highlights of the review was when **Norm** requested that all the Desert Shield/Storm veterans in the bleachers join him on the parade field as part of the reviewing party. All in all, a very special day for Norm & **Brenda**.

Just a few days later, the Corps again paid tribute to '56 when it honored **Dave & Lu Palmer** at his formal ret review. Even though Dave's change of cmd isn't until 22 Jul, this was the last time the entire bde would march together until the fall (with the exception of the graduation parades). Again, it was a very

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1956: Class of '56 at Supe's reception for Norm Schwarzkopf

memorable ceremony and a grand salute to Dave & Lu, whose presence and warmth will be missed at WP.

1956: Dave & Lu Palmer and Ted & Judy Grant at Founders Day 91, Orange County, CA

On the lighter side, it took 37 min for the entire Corps to "Pass In Review." The 1st Regt had already moved through the sallyports while the 4th Regt was still at attention on the parade field. Do you realize how much more sack time the 1st Regt gains over the 4th in a 4-yr period? That is definitely a First Section math calculation with a slide-rule required. **Jack Sloan**, where are you when we need you?

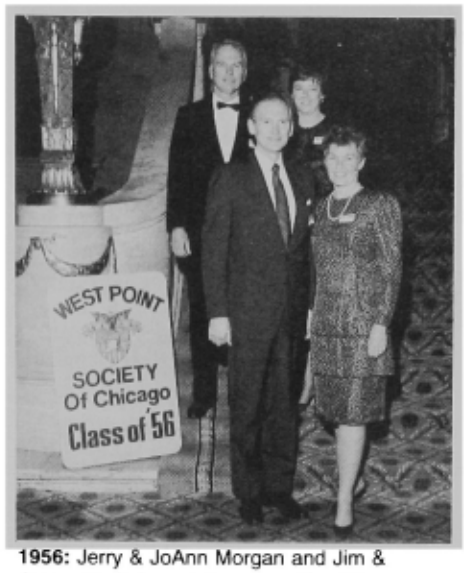
Charlie & Ann Prather's grand ltr finds Charlie hard at work with Caldwell Banker in Charlotte, NC. Ann is working for Thypin Steel as the asst credit mgr. They both see **Butch Harbold** frequently. Both of their daughters (Kathy and Julie) and 4 grandchildren live near them in Charlotte. Son Michael & Jeanette with most recent grandson Stephen live in Gainesville, FL. Son David & Elizabeth are still stationed at Ft Carson. Charlie & Ann are enjoying their new home on Lake Wylie in Tega Cay, SC (near the NC border on Rt 77) and invite all to stop in when passing through.

In a recent fonecon with **Jim & Judy Dozier**, Jim relates that time must be passing us by when he sees his daughter Cheryl being selected for field grade rank (major) in the USAF. Along the same line, cadets who were in my co (B-1) when I was a Tac off are now being promoted to flag rank. Jim & Judy are still living in N Ft Myers, FL along the Caloosahatchee River.

Jerry & Nancy Amlong recently docked their very beautiful 45-ft boat, appropriately named "At Ease," at the St Simons Isl Marina during a very leisurely trip up the Atlantic Inter-Coastal Waterway. I can rep they both look great and are enjoying their "nautical" life. Watch out for Nancy's very special frozen daquiris!

Pete Verfurth called and relayed the following notes: **John Shaud**, whose last asgmt was C/S SHAPE, will ret from USAF in Jun, with the ceremony to be held in Wash, DC. John was our only AF four-star. He & **Janelle** will reside in Springfield, VA. **Charlie Hamm** is also rep to be leaving the USAF Acad this summer, but no details yet as to future home or favorite fishing hole. No one who attended our 34th reunion will ever forget the great hospitality that Charlie & **Sandy** extended to the Class.

Pete also reps that, at the last A-N lacrosse game in Annapolis, the Class of '56 cheered Army to a double-overtime win over the middies in a thrilling game. Those attending the tailgate party and game were Pete & **Ann, Al & Judy Renshaw, Stainton & Carol Smith, Bill Schrage, Lee Denson, Ward & Judy LeHardy, Paul Winkel, Bob & Mary Quackenbush, Bill & Narris Crites, Conn & Linda Anderson, Dick & Mary Woods** and **Arv West**. After the game the entire crew went to the Crites' historical 150-yr-old home for dessert and high-fives!



1956: Jerry & JoAnn Morgan and Jim & Jeannette Spires at Founders Day 91, Chicago

The Apr Wash, DC Class of '56 luncheon held at Ft McNair was again a rousing success, with approx 30 classmates in attendance. **Joe Dougherty** won the "long distance" award for coming from Lexington, KY. Remember that the 3rd Wed of Jan-Apr-July-Oct are confirmed dates for Class luncheons at Ft McNair. Mark your calendar now for 16 Oct. Call Pete at 1-800-488-4380 for additional details.

The mailbag brought a ltr from **Bill de Camp** (Assoc '56) with the following family update: son Schyler (AR branch, OPD) & Eileen presented Bill with a grandson, Collin Schyler, in Apr 90; son

1956: '56 at A-N lacrosse game, Annapolis, 6 Apr 91

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1956: (Clockwise from front) Nondi & Bobby Beyer, Charlie Glenn, Brenda Schwarzkopf, Bill De Camp, May Glenn and Bobby's friend Bud Suarez

Flip (CO Co D/4/64 AR and recent returnee from Desert Storm) & Virginia Anne (CPT Army Nurse Corps) are stationed at Ft Stewart; and son Tim is in Dallas with MCI.

Stan Wilker's ltr forwarded the news that Bee Holland (former USMA Hostess from 1954–71) passed away in Apr. A svc was conducted in the Old Cadet Chapel prior to interment in the WP Cem. Stan & **Betty** continue their antique and craft showings throughout the W and are putting the finishing touches on their second home in Boulder City. Stan also states that he is very pleased that **Farrell Patrick** was recently named a trustee of the AOG, and that Farrell has definitely earned this honor. I wholeheartedly second that motion!

1956: Charlie & May Glenn, Gene & Judy Eastburn, Bill Haponski, Brenda Schwarzkopf and Jim & Joan Shirey

Bob Schuler's very thoughtful ltr included many articles that the foreign press carried about **Norm**. Bob asked that I forward them to **Brenda** for the scrapbook, which I'm sure is running into multi-volume size by now. Bob's ltr only had an APO address, so I'm not sure where he's living. Bob, send another ltr with more info!

Now for the reunion updates: **Gerry Richardson**, CINC NY TRIP, has provided the following updated itinerary:

Thu, 19 Sep, 1130 hrs: depart Marriott via luxury motor coach (box lunch and tour guide included); 1230–1330: visit to NYSE (VIP briefing); 1330–1600: visit to Liberty & Ellis Isl; 1600–1900: cocktails at Merrill Lynch Bldg; 1900–2100: dinner—Windows on the World Res, 107th Fl, World Trade Ctr (WTC); 2100–2200: Observation Deck, WTC; 2300: return to Marriott

Gerry states that the low cost of the entire outing ($110.00) is a super deal. It

1956: Ward Le Hardy, Bob Sorley and Jack Munsey on a shakedown cruise in the Chesapeake Bay on Ward's home for the next 4 yrs (why the tie, Jack?)

would cost more than double this amount to undertake this tour alone—without the VIP treatment. Over 70 total have already signed up for this spectacular. When you read this col in mid-Aug, you can still contact Gerry for changes/additions. The important thing is to advise Gerry or **Farrell** of any special arrangements you may need. They will surprise you with their "can do" attitude. Key dates again are: 16 Oct for the next DC Class luncheon at Ft McNair

1956: Ruth & Jerry Huff at Founders Day 91, Korea

and 11 Nov for 5th Annual Class of '56 Vietnam Memorial Ceremony.

See you at our 35th and "SINK NAVY!!"

1956: Steven Boylan, John Shoud and their wives, Founders Day 91, Heidelberg

'57

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The last two mos have been rather busy and mostly happy ones for **Bernice** & me. On 29 May our daughter Ruth was married to Arthur Lenk in a beautiful outdoor ceremony overlooking the city of Jerusalem from the balcony of the Hyatt Regency, located on Mt Scopus.

1957: Bernice & Max Kovel with daughter Ruth & Arthur Lenk

1957: The Kovels: Rachel, Rebecca, Ruth, Sarah, Shari and Jacob

All of the **Kovels** were there, including my grandson. Bernice made the wed-

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ding gown and all of Ruth's bridesmaids' dresses. The *Jerusalem Post* ran a supplement about weddings that wknd, and it featured two large pics of Ruth in her gown, one on the front page, and a very lovely story about her activities in preparing for the wedding. All the parents had to do was pay the bills. Unfortunately, two wks later my daughter Sarah broke her leg in a sky-diving accident in Tampa—the same leg, in the same place, that she broke 4 yrs ago while playing soccer. Bernice is down there now helping out.

The Wash contingent has had a series of events, two of which were hosted by **Carl Vuono**. We had about 68 classmates at a luncheon in the Pentagon on 2 May and received an interesting and enlightening after-action report on Desert Storm from Carl. He's leaving the job on a high (and justly so), having been directly and significantly involved in 3 major US victories—Panama, Desert Storm and the Cold War. He talked about the future of the armed forces, and, while the drawdown makes it sound very grim, the future he paints is bright. Extremely high quality will compensate for the major reduction in quantity. Only time will tell. We also took some gp pics but haven't yet got one for the col. The Class was invited by Carl (and the SECARMY, or so the invitation says) to a performance of the Army's Spirit of America Show, complete with a huge reception, celebrating the 214th birthday of the Army. Once again we had a large turnout, and this time it included wives. Interestingly enough, quite a few of us (including me) were escorting our daughters. Both the show and the reception were outstanding.

The Class had a party at the home of **Dick & Dianne Stephenson** on 8 Jun, but I missed that and am waiting for someone to send me some info. I did hear that Dick will be ret but not until the fall at the earliest. Speaking of ret, **Bill Ray** will be ret on 30 Jun and has accepted a position as the VP for Facilities at GA Tech. He was nominated for the position by **Lou Circeo**. In his capacity as VP Bill will be responsible for the building of the new facilities for the 94 Olympics and for renovating all the existing facilities for the Olympic Vil. Sounds like a dream job for an engr. I learned all this by talking to guests at a party hosted by **Jane & Don Sadler** celebrating the completion of the addition to their house.

By this time you should have received and returned your reservation for our 34th reunion from 7–11 Nov in CO Springs, CO. It was mailed out the wk of 10 Jun, and requested a reply by 15 Jul. If this is the first you've heard of it, however, don't hesitate to call **Jack Murphy** or write to WP '57, "Reunion 91," 1017 Sailors Reef, Ft Collins, CO 80525–3149. Jack was in the DC area at the end of Apr to tell us about some bargain travel rates that they have arranged through the OMNI travel agency in Atl (the owner is Chuck Russell '56—he donates 10% of his gross profits to the WP Fund) and some good room rates at the Sheraton in CS. It should be a very enjoyable reunion. I hope to see you there.

It is with regret that I must rep the death of **Hank Hatch**'s mother in Apr. She was buried at Arlington Cem on 29 Apr. Hank, please accept my condolences on behalf of the Class.

At the end of my last col I mentioned a call from **Ray Karsian**, and I'd like to rep a few more bits of info he told me. The main purpose of the call was to rep on **Lucy Kutyna**'s skiing accident while participating in social racing at Winterpark. She missed the last turn, hit a tree and smashed her right hip and left ankle. The ankle injury was particularly bad, requiring about 8 hrs in surgery. Initial indications are that the surgery was reasonably successful, but I have no more info. On the personal side, Ray said he ret from IBM in 89 after 27 yrs and now works for Drake Beam Morim, an outplacement firm, training human resources mgrs in transition planning. I believe he also said that his son just grad from Littleton (Denver) Metro St Col with a BS in criminal justice. Other news he provided follows. **Jack Murphy**, an avid bike rider, participates in an annual event, Ride the Rockies, which involves bike riding across the Rockies. That's one way to get your highs—and lows. As the pres of the local WP assoc, he has been trying to get the WP Bike Club to come out and participate—so far without success. **Art Johnson**, who was supposed to be here in Apr with Jack Murphy, is the world—and I emphasize *world*—master's racquetball champion for age 55 and over. I believe he won the championship at a match in Houston. Art, how close am I? **Tom Lindholm** is working on airport construction for the City of Denver, and **Stan Pore** works for Stern Rogers Purchasing in Larksburg.

I received a pic from **Bill King**, taken during his visit to **Joe Shimek**'s toy factory in CA. There were no words with the pic. **Bud & Nancy Langworthy** sent a brief note from their home in Ormond Beach (I guess they really do spend some time there), after having spent two wks in New Orleans with Peter & Kris, and grandchildren Callie and Erin. They even helped Erin celebrate her second birthday. Now for the ltr from **John Loberg** that I promised to include in this col. His ltrs are always a treat, and some day I will simply submit them as received. You may then immediately clamor for him to replace me. Hmm! It is dated "Tranquility Forward," and I'm going to quote the first paragraph. "The Ad Hoc Comm in Exile met at the Presidio of San Fran (San Fran—sanctuary of war protestors) at 2230 hrs following the annual Founders Day observance. Mbrs of '57 present were **Whitney & Sigrid Hall, Charley & Billy Meng** and **John & Gale Loberg**. CPT Herman '79 & Diana sat in total amazement as they watched the mbrs of "Black '57" perform the rituals. Drinks were ordered in the tradition of the Class. Decaf Irish coffee in observance of St Patty's Day was served. **Pat Summers** is still producing a newsltr about agricultural products, and there's a reference to a picnic where Sigrid rescued one of **Wally's** lost sheep. You may recall that Wally raises sheep in addition to tending a vineyard. Billy Meng was wearing a dress with 3 gold stars—one for being married to Charley, one for having 4 children and one for completing 31 yrs of teaching. She's working on a 4th, but the reason wasn't given. May have to do with Charley's being elected to the Bd of Trustees of Napa Valley Col.

1957: Jerry Longo, Alida Shimek, Carol Ann Longo, Joe Shimek and Bill King in Joe's toy soldier factory

1957: Bud Miller and Archie Barrett

Bud Miller sent a note with a pic of himself and **Archie Barrett** in front of a ZSU-23 captured during Desert Storm. The pic was taken during a HASC (Archie and Bud are staffers) trip to Saudi, Kuwait, Turkey and Iraq. Bud commented that, after seeing the Kurdish refugee camps, the burning oilfields and the way Kuwait City was trashed, he's convinced Saddam Hussein and his soldiers are a bunch of thugs. **Russ Ramsey** responded to my plea for mail from the last part of the alphabet with both sad and glad

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news. Russ' mother died suddenly in Jul 90 and they (**Roberta** & Russ) brought his dad up from his ret home in Gainesville to live with them in Albany, GA. After "16 beautiful wks of an old soldier's companionship" he died in his sleep on 20 Feb 91. Roberta was reading him his favorite scripture at bedtime, and he told her "good-bye." She said, "No, I think you mean 'good-night'," and he said, "No, I mean good-bye.' " During his stay in Albany he sat at the curb in his wheelchair on a cold winter morn to watch the Albany bn of the GA Natl Guard march to mobilization for Desert Storm—exactly 50 yrs from the day he led his FA btry of the OH Natl Guard out to "scare Hitler." An obituary printed in *The Gainesville Sun* noted that he actually spent 37 mos in the Asian-Pacific Theater and finished the war as the C/S of the 37th Inf Div. His last asgmt was as CG of the 83rd Reserve Inf Div of OH, and he ret as a MG. Russ, please accept our belated condolences on the loss of your parents. Russ is finishing his 4th yr as prof of Natl Security Affairs at the Air CSC. He saw **Bernie Loeffke** and **Hank Hatch** in Nov at the NWC symposium on Latin America. Hank lectured brilliantly while Bernie ran laps around the post. Roberta's work in teacher competency testing got her named "Administrator of the Yr" by the Council for Exceptional Children for the Year 91. She received a huge plaque and a "below the zone" promotion to full prof at Albany St Col. Russ also included some newpaper clips. One was about a performance of Mozart's "Vesperae Solennes de Confessore" by the Montgomery Civic Chorale. It had a pic of 3 soloists, one of whom was Russ. A second clip rep that Russ won all 8 swimming events in the May 91 AL Sr Olympics. This yr he was in the 55–59 age gp and competed in the 50-yd butterfly, freestyle and breaststroke; the 100-yr breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle; the 200-yd freestyle; and the 900-yd "half-mi marathon." His wins qualified him for the Natl Sr Olympics in Oct. Russ set a natl record in Jan for the 55–59-yr age gp US Masters Swimming Iron Man Pentathlon, which included swimming 200 yrds ea using the breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle and butterfly, plus a 400-yd individual medley, with all 5 races completed within a two-hr span. His combined time was 20 min 47.88 sec. Congratulations to both of you, and thanks to you, Russ, for sharing the info. Got a note from **Missy Shaddock**, with an article (which had a large pic of **Wade** in front of a power plant) about the Powell Gp. First, it should be noted that Wade is VP of the Powell Gp of Lake Charles, a family-owned conglomerate that has discovered how to generate low-cost electricity with rice husks. The plant in Lake Charles, called Agrilectric, actually generates 12 megawatts of electricity, which is enough to spt an American city of about 10,000. The co uses the power to run their rice mill, the 6th largest in the world, and sells the rest to Gulf St Utilities. The ash from the plant then is sold to the petrochem industry, but the Powell Gp is developing a way to make the ash even more valuable. Since the ash is nearly all silica (sand) and ordinary burning processes would tend to sandblast the inside of the system, the burning of the husks is controlled by a secret process to generate electricity without destroying the utility system. Sounds fascinating. Wade points out that before this process was developed, his co simply had to burn or bury 200 tons of rice husks a day. According to Wade, a large no of Third World countries produce rice but are starving for power; the potential for export of this process is enormous. In fact, he has just completed a 3-wk marketing trip to Pakistan. After resting up a bit, Wade will be heading for their new camp (?) at Big Lake and some saltwater fishing. Thanks, Missy, for the info. **Alex & Fran Vardamis** wrote and included a pic of Alex & **John Bloomfield**, which I put in the last col. John & Joan were visiting Alex & Fran at their home in Warren, VT, about a mi from the ski resort at Sugarbush. Their cavorting down the slopes in 10-degree weather attests to their youthful spirits and inspired them to issue a challenge to "all '57 classmates to match or better our foolhardy nonchalance." Sounds like they should both attend the reunion in CS and issue the challenge there in person, where it can be responded to on the nearby slopes. On the personal side, John is a highly successful mgr of a US law firm in Morristown, NJ, and Joan is a master needlepoint craftsperson. John, who is a triple threat in sports, has scheduled Apr at Hilton Head to golf with **BJ Tullington**. His other sport, according to Alex, is running. As for the Vardamis family, Fran works at the ski sch desk at Sugarbush and translates Norwegian novels into English. Alex, beginning his 4th yr in the English Dept of the U of VT, teaches American Lit, 19th-20th-Century Short Fiction and Literature Between the Wars (WWI and WWII). Sounds very impressive, but it keeps him off the slopes. Thanks for the ltr and pic. **Ted & Toddy Voorhees** wrote from their new home in Tampa, FL with an update on the local crowd.

At Founders Day they hosted **Joe & Sue House, Clark & Bev Rogers, Jim & Linda Swenson, Frank & Bunny Willett, Darrold & Patty Erickson, Dick Scholtes** and the Voorhees. Ted is the new VP of the local soc. He says they are enjoying their new home and the 12-mo golf season. They went to Clark (Buck) Roger's ret the end of Mar at MacDill AFB and watched Buck receive the DDSM for his efforts as DEPCINC of CENTCOM. Buck was responsible for getting all the beans and bullets to the troops in the Persian Gulf. The Rogers are also settling in Tampa. On 5 May there was a "Welcome Home" celebration for Norm Schwarzkopf in the Tampa Stadium, complete with Disney spt.

Please note that most of the news came from the last part of the alphabet, so I expect to hear from *all* the A-Zs next time. Have a good summer.

1957: The Tampa, FL crowd at Founders Day 91

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65th Col. Last time my problem submitting the col on time was a heavy travel schedule. This time it is standard procrastination.

On Memorial Day the DC contingents of USMA and USNA '58 gathered at the VN Memorial for our second annual memorial svc for classmates who fell in SE Asia. **Linda Spencer** and **Jean Johnson Locke** were escorted by Chuck Smith, the USNA pres, to place the wreath at the wall following the short svc led by **Jerry Prochaska, Chuck Toftoy** and Navy types Lee Holthaus and Chuck Smith. **George Lawton** mailed copies of the prog to our next-of-kin who could not attend, as did Smith for the Navy families.

1958: USMA and USNA '58 wreath at Vietnam Memorial, 27 May 91

Our classmates who fell in SE Asia are **Gerald C Capelle** (1 Apr 65), **Robert Degen** (8 Jan 71), **George E Hussey** (4 May 70), **Richard S Johnson** (17 Jan 65), **Richard T Lynch** (10 Sep 64), **Lawrence M Malone** (7 Jan 68), **Charles S Moore** (25 Apr 67), **Merwin L Morrill** (21 Aug 67), **David F Nidever** (30 Mar 71), **Robert E Olson** (5 Feb 69), **Floyd B Spencer, Jr** (31 Jan 68), **Lon A Spurlock, II** (29 Mar 69) and **Ralph R Wensinger** (21 Oct 68). Ralph was turned back in cow yr and was grad with '59.

The USNA grads remembered were Edward R Browne (27 Jul 67), John W Held (21 Aug 75, obviously a date declared dead), Carl J Peterson (2 Apr 69) and Wesley R Phenegar (13 Aug 67). Sadly, the middies also had a son killed serving in Desert Storm, LCpl Kip Anders Poremba, son of Stanley Poremba. For all of them—soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines: "May it be said, 'Well done. Be thou at peace.' "

Many of us then repaired to the Mixed Grill at the A-N CC for lunch on **Sigurski**'s club card no. Do hope that **Mark** was recompensed.

Hal's current news: he has been awarded a Fulbright Professorship at the U of Muenchen (Munich, to those never stationed in Ger) from Jul 91-Sep 92. Congratulations and best wishes to **Edith** & him for a grand yr in Ger. Referred Hal to **John Nun** for info on classmates in Ger/Europe other than **Butch Saint**, our CINCUSAREUR in Heidelberg, and **Bill Foulkes**, somewhere in Belgium at last rep. Hal was again a winner (Blue Ribbon) with the "best med video" at the American Film and Video Fest. They may try returning in Aug 92 via Thailand!

FLASH REP—Sat, 15 Jun: Bob Glasgow '53 called to inform us that **Roy Kirkpatrick** is in RI General Hosp ICU for reaction to medications and critical long-standing heart problems. Most will remember that Roy ret medically in 74 and has had open-heart surgery (30th Reunion Bk). K2 CCQ **Mike Davall** and **Dick Bauchspies** will keep us posted. The Founders Day photo predates the current problem.

1958: Lorna & Roy Kirkpatrick and Barbara & Dick Bauchspies at Founders Day 91, RI

Palmer McGrew called to rep the sad news that **Bernie Card** died of a heart attack on 1 Jun 89. Bernie had been ret for 10 yrs to the day. A line from the psalmist: his "soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch."

Bob Dey called from Boise where he is still in the Rail Sys Gp of Morris Knudsen. **Mark Sigurski** had just produced some valuable info for Bob's gp—scribe responded with equally glowing remarks about Mark and all he has done for the '58 DC contingent over the yrs (monthly luncheons, idea man for Vietnam memorial svc, etc) and beyond DC area (91 Mini).

Later that day (28 May) **Bob**'s youngest daughter Jenny graduated from HS and will be attending Georgetown U in Aug to continue her study of Japanese in the Sch of Foreign Svc. Eldest son Rob is a veterinarian in Sunnyside, WA (near Yakima), having recovered mostly from his disastrous auto accident a few yrs ago (rep in an earlier col). And middle daughter Allyce is in Boise with two children (one of whom was pictured in the 30-yr Bk). Grandfatherhood seems to suit Bob well.

Bill Parks called to see if we could meet in DC for the 8 Jun welcome home "mother of all parades." Your scribe would not have without Bill's call, but we did, meeting at the Navy Memorial at 9th and Penn. It was a great day to be a former soldier. We watched from the W side of Lincoln Memorial (in the shade!) and loved it. Our other roommate, **Will Roosma**, was the OIC of the parade. Doing penance for the 85 Inaugural Parade which Will organized and which was the only one ever cancelled—too cold. Will arranged super weather for 8 Jun.

1958: A-N memorial contingent, 27 May 91

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1958: Texan '58 files at Ft Hood

I called **John Schroeder** for business and learned some great news: he & **Libby** Dolvin were married in Bermuda on 10 May by the Registrar General of Bermuda. Welcome, Libby; congratulations, John!

Most recent ltr was from **John Isaacson** in Houston. He sent along a copy of *Shell News* with a story about the Shell plant in Jubail, Saudi Arabia (one of the plants for which John has operational and technical responsibility). The article described the efforts of Shell employees at Jubail to spt the troops in Desert Shield/Storm with Sat night cook-outs, laundry svc, showers, phone lines to call home, etc. Great article. Good work, John.

John also wrote, "When I left the svc in 68, I was extremely concerned about the state of affairs in the US Army—I need not have worried. My observations of the US troops in Desert Shield/Storm confirmed their obvious professionalism, dedication, genuine concern for the civ population and personal commitment—all enhanced by their training and leadership. The change from 68 was positively fantastic and the results equally spectacular. To those of the Class of '58 involved with the training of the troops or the opn, I congratulate you for a job well done." To which we might all say, Amen.

A quote from most recent Class Exec Comm Min (24 Apr 91 mtg): "A special thanks was expressed to **George Lawton** for his fine work on both the Gift Comm and as Chmn of the Exec Comm. It was agreed to by the mbrs."

By the time you read this in late Aug or early Sep you should be all set to attend the S Padre Isl Mini on 26–29 Sep, and you should have read and re-read your Jun epistle from Chm **Lawton** with the enclosure from **Bob Pointer**. Two points here: (1) hope to see you in TX, and (2) if you do not respond to Pointer, you will hear nothing further from him about Thailand 92.

1958: Tom & Grace Morgan and Holly & Bud Moentmann with son Jim '81

Tom Forman wrote an emotional and thoughtful ltr about the illness and death of Mrs Beatrice Holland-Helmick, former Cadet Hostess beloved by many of us. Again, "May it be said, 'Well done. Be thou at peace."

Some good news. **Jim & Rae Ramsden** were in DC in late May to visit son Jim and new first grandchild Sarah. Jim made his bi-monthly visit to WRAMC and got a good report. He also attended our svc at the Vietnam Memorial. He plans to return in Aug and make the Class luncheon on the 9th. The Ramsden visit occasioned an I-2 dinner get-together as well. See how many you can identify from the pic. Clue: not all are I-2.

Tony & Carole Smith are back in the DC area. Carole rep on advantages of eastern living after a few yrs in San Fran: showers without water rationing and the apt bldg doesn't move/no earthquakes. They will be moving into a house in old town Alexandria soonish. Also back in DC are **Al & Diane Chase**. Al is the sr VP-Govt Relations for General Dynamics.

Scribe loves receiving cards, announcements, bus cards, etc. **Dick & Audrey Webb** joined Mt Vernon Realty in Nov 90. Audrey is a 5-yr mbr of the "Mil Dollar Club" and is in the Mt Vernon "Top Brass." Sad news about them received from the I-2 CCQ: near the end of Apr, Audrey & Dick were involved in a head-on collision near Atl. Audrey was hospitalized while Dick was home, but hurting. Glad it was not worse.

Still on I-2, **Dale Cockle** is spending more time in DC and is involved in esoteric testing of databases too complex for CCQ **McGrew** and me to explain.

Charlotte Mason Kitchell has a 3-yr-old grandson named Mason, after grandfather **Rex**. Middle son Philip Kirk is named Kirk, after **Pat Kirk**. All her kids live in Dallas and hope to be in S Padre Isl with Charlotte to meet their father's classmates. Sadly, Charlotte is in Montgomery, AL taking care of her 81-yr-old mother, who is in poor health.

From **Dave Depew** in Thailand: "Both **Sue** & I attended Founders Day dinner in Bangkok. It was great to meet Generals **Pichitr** (**Pete**) and **Vijit** (**Sammy**) again after 33 yrs. It turned out that I was the oldest grad present, so I had to speak (aside: classmated by two 4-stars). It was a splendid affair, and the Thai grads, who made all the arrangements, did a great job. I know the 92 reunion will also be a great success, since the Thais will be hosting it."

Dave continues: "people will really enjoy their visit to Thailand. It is a beautiful country, and its people are friendly and hospitable. Like all developing countries, it has many problems, and everyone should understand that.

1958: Five I-2 couples plus two, 23 May 91

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Considering the svcs available, its uniqueness, and its relatively inexpensive cost of goods and svcs, Thailand is still one of the best travel bargains around. . . it will be a once-in-a-lifetime trip."

1958: Jill & John Holecek

A ltr from **TK Smith** fulfills a New Yr's resolution to write: "First reunion I attended (Bar Harbor Mini), and it was just what the dr ordered. I also want to commend the wisdom of accepting **Pete Kullavanijaya**'s invitation to have the 92 Mini in Thailand. I will make every effort to attend that one, but whether I do or not, it is an opportunity that classmates should not overlook."

Recently ret are or will be: **Andy Andreson** (stay in St Louis), **Chuck Teeter** (to Lake McQueeney, TX from Chicago), **John Sewall** (stay in DC), **Will Roosma** (to DC from Ft Bragg), **Bob Durkin** (stay in DC), **Dick Graves** (from Ft Hood to unknown).

Still active are **Butch Saint** (USAREUR), **Bill Tuttle** (AMC), **Mike Harvey** (ODCSLOG), **Leo Smith** (Vice Cmdr SAC—last in USAF). Don't know status of Army CH (COL) **Ted Hepner**.

Two L-2 weddings, both on 15 Jun: Lisa Paulette Gilles married CPT Michael Stephen **Mellin**, USAR, son of **Linda & Pat**, at St Thomas the Apostle Church in Minneapolis, MN. And Mary Elizabeth Thompson married Neil Mitchell **Higgins**, son of **Bob & Janine Mitchell Higgins**, in Cole Memorial Chapel, Wheaton Col, Norton, MA. Our best wishes to both brides & sons.

Out of space, but definitely not out of poop. From info on hand, next time you'll hear about: **Bill Clary, Bob Lindquist, Jim Seltzer, Bill Harrison**, more from **TK Smith,** pics are promised of **Andy Andreson**'s ret, as well as pics from Ft Hood re: **Dick Graves**, San Ant rep from **Gene Scales, Chuck Densford, Gene Wentworth, Bob Puff, Herb Johnson, Ray Miller** (no longer on Easy St), **Ray Coffey** (another enthusiast of Thailand 92), **John Palmer,** and **Jim Emmons** (who was recalled as dr and served in the Gulf).

P.S. Procrastination does have its beneifts occasionally. You may now buy the 88 30th Reunion Bk for $25 (bk rate postage incl). Send a check payable to **George Sibert**. At this bargain price, some of you might want to order a SECOND copy. First come, first served.

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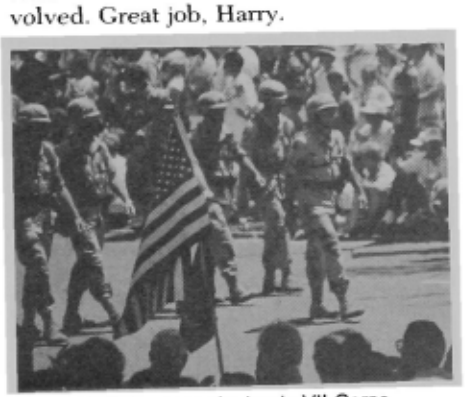
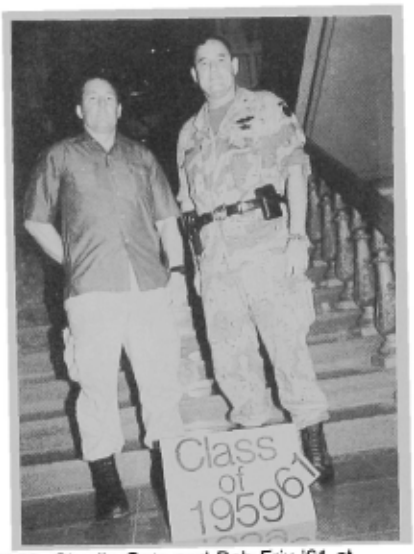
Harry Walters took a vacation from running Great Lakes Carbon in Briarcliff, NY to run the Natl Victory Celebration in DC on 8 Jun. From the early morning memorial svc at Arlington, which **Don & Hazel Tillar** attended in honor of their Donnie; through the parade of 10,000 Desert Storm troops, in which **Fred Franks** marched at the head of his contingent from VII Corps; and through the flyovers by combat aircraft, the static displays visited by masses of Americans, the picnic and USO show for 26,000 troops, to the biggest twilight fireworks display anyone can remember; the day was noticeably well-planned, well-executed and a tribute to all involved. Great job, Harry.


1959: LTG Fred Franks leads VII Corps contingent

Bill Luther was up from Auburn for the big parade and, thanks to a friendly congressman, got some choice bleacher seats from which he was able to get a pic of **Fred Franks** as he passed by with his staff. Fred, I am told, has been nominated for his 4th star and will cmd TRADOC.

Charlie Getz was in Kuwait City to attend the 20 Mar Founders Day celebration of the local and provisional ad hoc chapter of the AOG. The event was hosted by MG Bob Frix '61, cmdr of TF Freedom, in the Al-Sabah family palace, which had served as general hqs for the Iraqi III Corps during the battle. One highlight of the festivities was a 20-min briefing by CPT Steve Patterson '82, in which he used the 30' x 50' terrain model abandoned by the Iraqis and showing the plan to defend against the expected amphibious assault. Charlie Getz spoke as the sr grad present (not a misprint), and 2LT Martin Ryan '89 gave the traditional retort of the youngest. Military acad grads from the armies of Britain, France, Canada and Kuwait were also in attendance.



1959: Charlie Getz and Bob Frix '61 at Founders Day, Kuwait City

Hugh Socks is still in residential real estate sales, and he has recently changed affiliation to RE/MAX Regal Properties of Burke, VA. In Jan he received the Certified Residential Specialist designation. **George Day** and **Tom Boyle** are also in real estate in this area, and I'm sure there are others. Luckily we are starting to see an improvement in the residential market here after quite a slump.

Tom Boyle rep that the local contingent had a successful joint luncheon with the Class of '62 at the Fairview Marriott on 26 Apr. The Gulf War was still the #1 topic of conversation among about 15 from our Class and 10 of our former plebes. Tom was kind enough to send along the photos included herein.

1959: Class luncheon: Meloy and Kleb

Tom Russell sent the photo of our Class sons, Mark Beech and Eric Schmacker '91, who were presented Class cups at **Pete & Ann Stromberg**'s

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qtrs at WP on 31 May. Tom also sends the astounding news that **Mel Santos**, whom we have carried as deceased since 78 and honored at 3 memorial svcs, is in fact alive and well. His address is 95214 Pililva Pl, Mililani Town, HI 96789. The rep of his death apparently involved confusion with that of his father. To say that we are happy to have him back is to understate, somewhat, the case.

1959: Class luncheon: Harle and Robinson

Other classmates whom we can now switch from lost to found, albeit not so dramatically, are (according to various sources believed to be semireliable): **Jim Corr** in Springfield, VA; **Van Ivey** in St Petersburg, FL; **Whit George** in Placenta, CA; and **Art Kubo** in Fairfax, VA. Were these guys really lost? There is also a solid rep that **Tex & Caroline Turner** have moved to Williamsburg, VA.

Bart Fury '61 sent a clip in May that appeared to be taken from a CA newspaper. The rep was that the Rocky Versace VFW Post 2828 in Redondo Beach was in financial difficulty and in danger of losing its bldg to foreclosure. Classmates who live in that area may want to check this out and see if there is anything we can do.

1959: Our contribution to the Class of '91: Mark Beech and Eric Schmacker

I am sorry to rep that Mrs Beatrice Holland, our beloved cadet hostess, died in Mystic, CT on 9 Apr at the age of 92. She was buried in the WP Cemetery after a svc at the Old Cadet Chapel attended by several reps from the classes she knew, '54-'71.

Bud & Ida Steinberg are in St Louis where Bud has been with Carboline Co for 25 yrs, and its pres and CEO for the last 5 or 6. The co manufactures corrosion-resistant protective coatings and sells over $100 mil worth ea yr in 35 countries around the world. Bud says he travels a lot.

In early Jun **Bud** had dinner in San Fran with LTG Bill Harrison, CG of Sixth Army. They served together in the 1/506 Abn at Ft Campbell in 60–61 and were able to reminisce about their many old friends in that outfit, including EB Roberts '43, J Claybrook '52, Adam Benjamin '58 and **Bill Schwartz**. In St Louis, Bud has seen **Fitz Chandler** a couple of times, and he and **Hank Larsen** (not in SL) say hello every Christmas.

The **Steinbergs** have three daughters: Susie (29) is an advertising copywriter in Chicago; Betsy (27) is in PR in DC; and Barbara (23) teaches kindergarten in Genoa, Italy.

1959: The Orndorffs at Founders Day, Ft Leavenworth

Bill & Mary Callahan have been in Dallas since Bill's ret from the AF in 87, and he has been busy earning a JD from SMU Law Sch. He hoped to pass the TX bar this summer. By his count, he is the 19th of us to have earned JDs or LLBs, and 7 of them have been since 80. The others are **Douglas Campbell** (Emory '73), **Coreth** (GW '89), **Dave Rogers** (UNC '75), **McConnville** (Harvard '85), **Toye** (GW '77), **Gray** (Georgetown '65), **McMorrow** (Georgetown '80), **Rosner** (Brooklyn '68), **Clark** (UVA '71), **Haight** (Dickinson '68), **John Carroll** (Glendale '68), **Weisler** (UTX '66), **Gabel** (GA St '87), **Carl Webster** (S TX '84), **John Cohan** (Suffolk '67), **Knebel** (American U '65), **Werbel** (Brooklyn '67) and **Yateman** (Monterey '82). Congratulations to Bill on his accomplishment.

Congratulations also to **Julie DeMont**, who earned her degree from Oakland U in Rochester, MI on 1 Jun. The motto of that sch, for you Latin fans, is "*Seguir Virtute E Canoscenza*."

'60

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Mark Lowrey called and wrote. Thought he would pass along a few items of possible interest from Europe and beyond.

"**Candy Otstott** has finally returned from the Gulf. Her field hosp unit was mobilized in Nov, and she flew off to join the war, leaving **Charlie** to tend to home, hearth and 7-yr-old Kelly in Brussels. Both being good soldiers, they bore up well under the strains which the separation imposed—but obviously were damn glad when Desert Storm was over." Charlie was the speaker at Founders Day in London, where the '60 contingent was composed of Otstott, **Fyfe** and **Lowrey**. Charlie gave a stem-winding address, according to **Mark.** Later Mark flew from Frankfurt to Wash for the 72nd annual Big Red One Offs Dinner. "Nostalgia was in the air from soup through nuts. The wine and spirits which flowed on that evening were hardly in keeping with our Army's current abstemious, born again image," says Mark. As time goes by, their war stories became enriched by selective memory and enhanced in the telling by the fear-suppressing properties of alcohol. After listening to that crowd Mark wonders why we didn't win! (Mark, we only lost politically.) At this stately occasion, and in all the welter of bombast and prolixity, '60 was ably but most modestly represented by **Cato, Fegan, Seymour** and Lowrey.

1960: Fegan, Seymour, Cato and Lowrey at the Big Red One, 27 Apr 91, Wash, DC

Mark learned that the members of the Class forked over something slightly in excess of $9,000 to the Class Fund during our 30th Reunion. We deserve some kudos for this burst of philanthropic largesse. Doubters can ring Bob Strati at AOG to verify the actual amt.

As a final comment, **Mark** requested we publish his new address. He & **Sally** have relocated to Van Stolkweg 15, The Hague, The Netherlands. "Sally found a Victorian behemoth in need of stem-to-

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stern renovation and set about it with a vengeance. She has finished at last and they are ready for prime-time guests. Thirsty travelers from '60 take note!"

Mark recounts that "the house actually has quite an interesting history. It was built in 1890 by a Dutch tea planter who had made a small fortune in Indonesia. He died just after the turn of the century, and his estate went to his many heirs. The son who received the house had little inclination to work, so he decided to turn the house into a revenue-producing vehicle. Its 7 bedrms and elegant reception rms made it a dynamite spot for a discreet gentlemen's sporting palace. Soon the halls and stairways echoed with the tinkling sounds of silvery voices, and, in the parlor, exotic entertainments were staged nightly. The mbrs of the Diplomatic Corps living in Holland's capitol, the staff of the World Peace Palace and the cpts of Dutch commerce and industry gleefully welcomed this stunning new addition to Den Haag's social scene. This felicitous arrangement continued until 40 when the entire staff and faculty joined the Dutch Underground. For the next 5 yrs the girls gave aid and comfort to downed allied airmen, helping many eventually to escape to England.

"Sadly, after the war the house fell into the hands of some Calvinist reformers, and all merriment ceased. Then, last Sep, Sally got hold of it and restored it to its former glory—minus the staff of entertainers, of course." **Mark** is now ready for visitors, so do drop by.

Dick Carnaghi received his copy of the 30th Reunion Yrbk and expressed it all in one word—primo! He sends his thanks to all who were in any way involved with its production.

Dick & Jean's son Andrew will be married to Dr Roberta Levine on 13 Oct, Dick's 54th birthday. Their daughter Cara and her family will return to WP in 92 when her husband (Ingalls '82) begins a tour with the Mechanics Dept.

Dyke Miller, as promised, forwarded pics from the "San Fran Bay to Breakers 12K Run." The day was the best in 5 yrs: clear sky, sunny, temp in the mid 50's. Lots of people, over 80K runners and twice that many watching. They finished two mins behind the 21-yr-old winner plus an hr. They just couldn't catch up. It took them 29 mins to reach the first mi mark from the start—it was wall-to-wall people for almost two mi. He asked me to tell all our W coast classmates that if they need an event for a mini-reunion, the "Bay To Breakers" would qualify. **Ron Trauner**, his running mate, says that, with a little planning, he might get everyone into his earthquake-shelter style 950-sq-ft home, which is high atop a hill in the Mission area of San Fran.

As they sped up the one hill in the race, **Dyke** reminded **Ron** that, for two guys who 30 yrs earlier couldn't make it

1960: Ron Trauner and Jill & Dyke Miller at Pre-race wait before Bay to Breakers 12K run, San Fran, 19 May 91

up the ski slope in Beast, they were doing pretty well.

In Apr and May of this yr **John Denton** was fortunate enough to visit both of his old roommates from M-2: **Jim Kane**, who resides in Indian Wells, CA (Palm Springs area), and **Ed Walczak**, who lives in the Wash, DC area.

Below is a photo of **Jim** and **John** as cadets at Ft Sill, summer 59, and a more recent photo (right) taken on John's visit in Apr. The 3rd pic is of **Ed & Kathleen Walczak** and **John & Karen Denton** at a lunch in Wash, DC a few wks ago. Note that Ed is holding the 30th Anniv Bk!

1960: Jim Kane and John Denton at Ft Sill, Jul 59

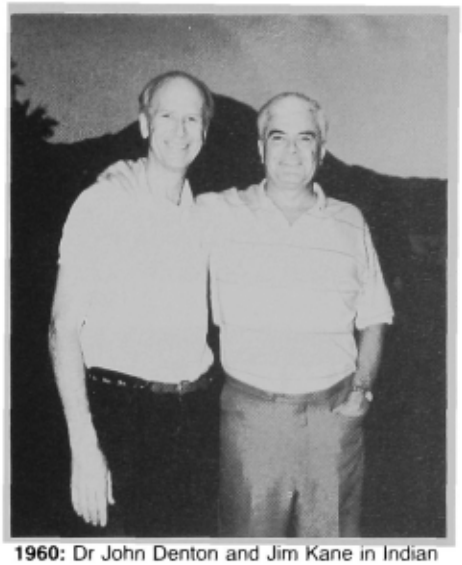
John is still living in Bronxville, NY and is chm of Orthopaedic Surgery of the Catholic Med Ctr.

Fred Hall writes that the Class of '60 Wash, DC gp stays active. **Hank Maloney** is the new chm, having taken over from ***John Hesford***. They meet the second Wed of ea qtr at A-N Country Club.

Dick Cato shares the following L-1 info and congratulates all those who did such a fine job on the L-1 30th. Eleven mbrs and two widows of the 25 grads were able to return for the reunion.

At the reunion were **Dick & Emily Cato** (VA), **Jean Clement Carter** (TX),

1960: Ed & Kathleen Walczak and Karen & John Denton in Wash, DC, 12 May 91



1960: Dr John Denton and Jim Kane in Indian Wells, CA, 26 Apr 91

1960: Tom Caraballo, John Hesford, Bucky Keating, Fred Hall, Dick Gates and Gene Brisach at Ft Belvoir, Mar 91

Rand & Jere Edelstein (FL), **Pat Field** (HI), **Ralph & Janet Gerenz** (MS), **Bud & Nancy Griffis** (NY), **Lyle & Joyce Jones** (OH), **Bucky & Ginny Keating** (VA), **Chuck Mandelbaum** (VA), **Fred & Sigrid Plummer** (Norway), **Don & Susan Straetz** (NY), **Chuck Wood** (NJ) and **John & Beverly Young** (AZ). Also attending the reunion were Kathleen **Clement** and Mike **Field** (**Mike**'s son), who were most happy to meet the people who knew their dads so well and were obliged with many tales of cadet days. Kathleen is an atty with an LA law firm, and Mike is attending sch in CA.

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1960: Co L-1's 30th Reunion

1960: The golf gang, plus one

By L-1's count they have 38 sons, 31 daughters, 4 stepchildren, 3 grandsons, 3 granddaughters and 2 stepgrandchildren—and still counting. Not bad for 30 yrs! For the statistically minded, that is 2.76 children per. **Bill Chamberlain**, with 8 children, significantly raised our avg. **Chan Robbins**, the last from L-1 to ret, did so in early 90 and is now working for Vinnell Corp in Turkey. The **Plummers** are the only other L-1'ers overseas. **Fred** works as an engr mgr for ESSO Norway and lives in Oslo. They had their elementary and presch sons at the reunion just to confirm that we are still not too old. The Plummers would be happy to see any of '60 "passing through." **Darryl Krape** in Lawrence, KS put his mil move experience to use as mgr for a moving co and could not make the reunion because of all the Leavenworth business he has. His son is with the KS Highway Patrol, for those that may need help in avoiding tickets! **Dave & Patsy Wentworth** have a farm in PA from which he commutes to Newark and flies as an American Airlines cpt to the Caribbean. Patsy made him get rid of the cows since he was gone so often! He has promised drinks to any of '60 on his flights—just make sure he isn't matching you. **Mel Rollins** has sold his NJ importing business, and he & **Betsy** are planning to move to the Carolinas, where they have property to build a home. **Susan McElroy** is the managing editor for a trade assoc journal in MA and has kept in touch since **George**'s death in 88. **Bob & Tommy Fairweather** opened their second Parenting Store in the Birmingham, AL area during the reunion wknd and may be looking to franchise the opn in the future. Dick exclaims the great '60 Reunion Book has done an excellent job and has most of the best info on L-1 types.

Please note—there are a limited no of additional copies of the 30th Yearbook available for $63.00.

Jan Wilkie sends an update for the *ASSEMBLY* advising that she & **Dave** (I-2) now live in Eagle River, AK. Dave is a computer programmer for Natl Bank of AK. She adds it is beautiful country—come see them if you ever take an Alaskan cruise or go to a fishing lodge.

James Smith remembered us by dropping a note informing us the Class of '60 in W MI has recently doubled with the addition of **Phil Croel**, who moved to the area. They met at a recent Founders Day, the first that either of them knew of the other being in town.

I received two newspaper clips (unfortunately not reproducable) about the **Croel** family, as they have been in the news in Chicago, among other places. **Phil**'s son Mike, mentioned in the articles, was drafted by the Denver Broncos as the 4th pick in the recent NFL draft. He played for Nebraska, not ARMY, for some reason.

Phil may be the only one of our Class to have a cross burned in his yd. Perhaps he should have some form of award for that honor.

When we published the article indicating a problem with mil pay a few mo ago, Jim fit the criteria and dispatched a ltr to the AF pay off as instructed. Unfortunately, the AF indicated that the statute of limitations had expired at the time our col was published. Several of the W MI Gp sent in claims and found that to be the case for all svcs.

One of **Jim**'s final acts before he ret as pres of the W MI Soc was to get approval for other svc acad grads to be able to join W MI Soc as assoc mbrs. You may find this hard to believe, but they got some Navels (sic) to join them. Some had their wives make out the check, because they could not personally do such a thing.

Croel's son Jim Jr, who would have nothing to do with the mil in any way, shape or form, has recently changed his mind. All that it took was an attractive young AL Army Natl Guard LT, who is now a helicopter pilot, to change his mind. After the wedding in Aug there will be another LT Smith. It's amazing how an attractive woman can provide incentive that is not available from a father!

A note to the B-1 classmates: if there is any info you would like to include for the col, please write to **Charles M Valliant**, 6 Sea Gull Ct, Hampton, VA 23669.

Dr **James K McCollum**, I-2, is a mgt prof in the U of AL Col of Admin Science and has been awarded a Fulbright Lecturing Award to teach in Romania. He will leave for Bucharest in Sep to teach at the Acad of Econ Studies and at another institution know as IROMAR. He'll return in Jun of next yr.

Many thanks to all who have been in touch. Hope to hear soon from those of you who thus far have been unable to write. All for now, folks!

'61

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. . We've made it to 30, uniform for the next formation is "as for reunion" and **Howard Graves** is the Supe—our best wishes to him, **Gracie** and family!

Part of that next formation is an invitation from **Gracie & Howard** to enjoy refreshments at Qtrs 100 after beating BC on 26 Oct. This special hospitality will add even more to what **Pete Heimdahl** proclaims: this reunion will be memorable! He also wants everyone to know that there will be an exciting proposal for an important Class gift (but you gotta be there to hear about it).

This period has been one of wrapping up the things we started back on the Plain on 2 Jul 57. Among the many who have

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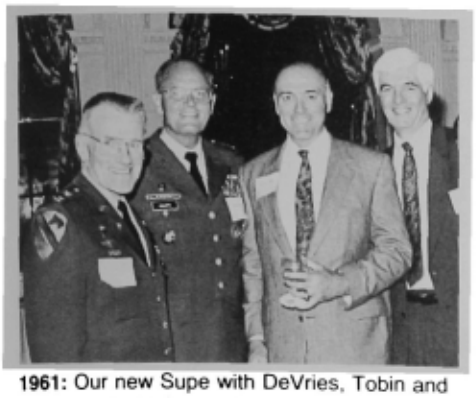

1961: Our new Supe with DeVries, Tobin and Kenny at the Ridgway Chair reception in Wash, DC, May 91 (photo credit: Mr Cohen)

called it at 30 are **Dick Buckner, Bob Oliver** and **DeVries** (standing and watching at his Ft McNair ceremony were **Rauch, Beckett, McConnell, Glass, Blesse** and **Glynn Mallory**). **Byron Baldwin** did it at Ft Monmouth; he and his family plan to stay in the area. Baldy's going to teach there, "providing taxes and car insurance costs will allow it. . . . " Other reports are that **Andy Sarzanini** has ret in Italy, at least for the short term; further N the flying Finn, **Bill Mackie**, is going to be recalled to active duty upon ret in order to continue serving as the Def Attache in Finland. . . a singular honor! In Tampa, **Mike Urette** completed his duties in the USAR and is now on the ret list.

Rebuilding in the Persian Gulf is ongoing: **Bob Frix** will be the central figure in Kuwait while **JB Taylor** will continue as the project mgr for training and equipping the Saudi Natl Guard. Frix, according to **Glynn Mallory**'s rep, even set up a special Founders Day dinner under the auspices of the Kuwait City Assoc of Grads (Provisional).

1961: BG (Ret) Getz '59 and MG Frix at Founders Day 91, Kuwait City—another first!

During May, **Susie & Henmar Gabriel** ventured E from Dallas; after a rapid foray in DC they headed S, spending time with **Joyce & Lou Berra** in Richmond and then rendezvousing with the **Randolphs** at a family reunion in Kinston, NC. The **Olshanskys** were in DC for the Natl Victory Parade; they had great seats and a great time. **Jim Tedrick** was also in DC to attend **Anne**'s grad from the Army Mgt Staff Col. In somewhat of a role reversal, Anne has been assigned to Kuwait with the Corps of Engrs, and Jim now has the role of house pop back in Greenfield, IN.

1961: Happiness is being in FL: Urette, 'Bush, Zimmerman, Matson, Dunning, Evans, Skillman and their lovely ladies

1961: The gathered horde at Ft Myer, 21 May 91

1961: 'Bush spoke and they listened: The Dyers, Egans, Kirkpatricks and Kovacs with the DIA

1961: The CA crew—the Diehls, Zaldos, Gibsons and Randolphs

1961: Maio and the Siegenthalers at Founders Day 91, Ft Carson, CO

The Class luncheon at Ft Myer was a superb time for looking ahead to the Army of the 21st Century. **Larry Budge** presented some great insight into that Army—lean, highly trained and very effective; among those enjoying hot A rations were **Dave Teal, Nick Vay, George Kopcsak, Chuck Hodell** (whose son grad in Jun—he's our reunion grad-

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1961: Warren & Martha Shull and Pamela & Daniel Barney at Founders Day 91, Heidelberg, Ger

1962: Charlie and Sean Fisher and Holly and Gus Fishburne, with '62 plates presented during Grad Wk 91

1962: MG Dick Chegar, Cmdr of 100th Div (Trng), presenting award in Louisville, KY

uate), **Tom Coyne** (recently married), **Glenn Peters, Barney Legge, Dick Buckner, Glass, DeVries, Blesse, Mallory, Buzz Randall, Bob Rosenkranz, Webb Kremer, Tom Magness, Robert McConnell, Ken Meissner and Ray Starsman.**

Founders Day pix continue to roll in and here are the lastest—a very fit looking bunch of men and women—well done!

'62

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Greetings! I've got a few ltrs to share with you this time, but before I get to them let me put out a bit of admin. The deadlines for my input to the *ASSEMBLY* are as follows: 91: 15 Aug (Nov issue), 15 Oct (Jan issue), 13 Dec (Mar issue), and 92: 14 Feb (May issue) and 15 Apr (Jul issue). Now for the news.

The following is from **JJ Heigle**, and it concerns our Class Gift: "The initial organization phase of the Class Gift Comm is behind us and you will be receiving news from the Comm Chm or the Fund-raising Comm ASAP. **Mike Grebe** has kicked off the fund-raising effort and is confident we'll have the $500,000 in the bank to complete the project, on time and paid for. **Phil Stewart**'s Facilities Tm has looked through the 'space,' are busy with architects and engrs and are readying themselves to receive bids and select a contractor.

"**Al Rushatz** continues running full speed and has done a masterful job in working with suppliers to receive huge discounts (sometimes 100%) on state-of-the-art equipment. **Chuck Dominy** is ready to administer—and push through all the necessary paperwork.

"Ninety of you responded to my request for help! Wow! Let's keep that enthusiasm when the tm asks for your pledge and you write that check. If you haven't responded, drop a line to the Class of '62 Gift Committee, PO Box 1852, Middleburg, VA 22117."

A note from your scribe: I will attempt to get the latest from **JJ** and include it in this space every issue so that you can track our Class project.

John Darrah sent along the latest, to include a pic of his "starter boat." In case the pic is not clear, the flag flying next to the Stars and Stripes says "Happy Easter."

1962: John Darrah on his boat, *MJM Grand III*

John writes from Panama City, FL. "I sold the two remaining auto parts manufacturing cos in Chicago and NC and am now trying to figure out what to do in SE US. **Mary** continues with her interior design co and raising two grade sch kids. Mary & I accompanied Mike (9) and Michelle (7), 20 other children and 20 other adults on a 6-day 4th grade annual educational trip to Wash, DC. Highlights of the trip were attending 8:00 am church svcs with Pres & Mrs Bush and dinner with classmate **Don Karrer & Anne**. Anne's father was Class of '32 while mine was '34. We reminisced of sch days together in Peking, China in 46. . . . Founders Day at Ft Rucker was scary—no other classmates in attendance to commiserate over being seated right next to the head table with all the old grads. A pleasant evening, but the avn types must have had flight duty the next day because the party was over by 9:00 pm. . . . Welcome mat is out for anyone in this area!"

Seth Hudak sent in the following photo of **Dick Chegar** presenting an award. Dick is the CG of 100th Div (Training), Army Res.

By the time this gets published, **Denny Reimer** should have been confirmed by Congress as the Vice CofS of the Army. I just spoke with him and he said, "it is just good to have a job." Denny, congratulations on the 4th star, and we are proud of you.

From **Dave Phillips** in Stone Mt, GA comes this bit of news. ". . . **Sharon** & I attended a change-of-cmd ceremony in Birmingham, at which (BG) **Larry Gunderman**. . . assumed cmd of the 87th USA Maneuver Area Cmd. Wife **Anna** was radiant and gracious in receiving line. Children Gary and Melanie were beaming throughout. . . . **Jim & Lynn Andress** hosted a mini-reunion for B-1 with **Sharon & Dave Phillips, Sharon & Stan Shutes** and **Harriet & Chris Stanat** at their home in Lake Forest, IL. . . Jim is CEO of Info Resources, Inc in Chicago—not bad for a guy who claims to have walked the most punishment tours . . . wish he and **Bothwell** would settle that once and for all."

1962: Jerry & Karen Comello, Sonny & Carol Sloan and Bill & Betty Kozko at Founders Day, Carlisle Bks, Mar 91

Bob Redmond writes that he received his PhD in exercise physiology from U of MD. His dissertation was "Effects of Strength Training on Muscle Mass and Musculoskeletal Injury in Middle-aged and Older Men." This is the first total body strength study on guys our age and older in this country. Bob goes on to say,

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"I am the pres of my own co—Family Fitness Enterprises, Inc. **Pati**, my patient wife, who put up with my educational nightmares. . . has a thriving physical therapy practice as part of this business. I do a lot of playing around, operating the largest windsurfing sch on the E coast, teaching golf. . . maintaining sports medicine, fitness consulting practice. . . . " He ends with, "US GOATS SOMETIMES GET SMART, TO!"

1962: The Redmonds at Bob's grad with a PhD: (sitting) daughter Jackie with grandson Josh; (standing) daughter Susie, Bob , son Rob, Pati and daughter Erin

Nancy Butzer asked that I add a note about our wknd at the beach with classmates. **Phil & Molly Burns** invited several '62'ers & their wives to spend Memorial Day wknd at their beach cottage (the Molly-O), located at Long Beach, NC. Joining the Burnses were **Glen & Ann Blumhardt** and **Al & Lynda Rushatz**. All had much fun, plenty of relaxation, great seafood and probably too much sun.

1962: Ilse Hillyard, Nancy Butzer, Lynda Rushatz, Barry Butzer, Fred Hillyard and Al Rushatz. . . finally FIFTY! (But very NIFTY!)

Glen & Ann had the good news that plans were being finalized for their daughter Candi's Aug wedding in Chapel Hill (where they live). **Phil** was happy to rep that he & **Molly** sold their home in the Charlotte, NC area and are settled nicely in their condo overlooking Lake Norman (Phil is happy because this means he only pulls maintenance on one property—the beach house—rather than two). **Al & Lynda** were happy to add that Tasha, their youngest, will be a sr at Penn St this yr (last tuition payment).

That's all for this time. Appreciate the ltrs; keep them coming. I'll try to dig up info on our 30th Reunion for the next issue. Got to give **Kirschenbauer** a call to find out what has been, or will be, done. Until then, take care, and I hope all had a great summer.

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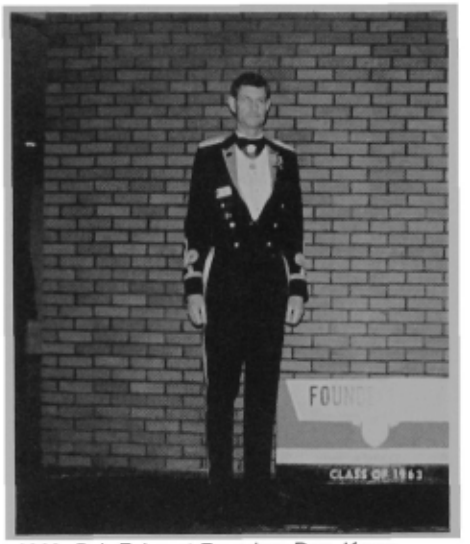
Another spring has sprung, and congratulations are in order for **Rich & Sue Goldsmith** as their son Rob joins the Line with the Class of '91. Members of '63 at WP got together on 31 May in the Thayer Award Room of Taylor Hall to present a Class gift to him. Rob selected the Inf and, after OBC, will rep to the 101st Abn Div.

1963: Rich Goldsmith (Chmn, Dept of Cmd, Leadership & Mgt, AWC), Mike Allen (CofS, USMA), Rob Goldsmith '91, Ed Tezak (Assoc Dean) and Will Wilson (Dir of Academy Advancement)

Congratulations also to **Tom Griffith** for selection to MG, USAF—not bad for a little guy who started out in the Army!

Bob Foley was back in town briefly to pin on his star (3 Jun) and help prepare

1963: Bob & Julie Foley and family



1963: Bob Foley at Founders Day, Korea

Julie and daughter Sara for their Jul trip to join him in Korea. Nice note from **Gordon Arbogast** who is now working for Pacific Bell near San Fran (2202 Culver Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94538) as VP for Sys Tech. Gordon noted that his youngest son and the Foleys' youngest will enter USAFA '95 together in Jun.

The "Wretchid"[sic] **Dick Guthrie** sent info with "suggested text as follows," (obviously he can spot a last-section English hive when he reads one):

"Greetings from the Tidewater contingent of '63 Quality.' Although you haven't heard a great deal from us recently, we have in fact been kicking hard, upholding the glory and the honor. . . . " Among Class notables in this

1963: Willson, Silvasy, the Guthries, Judie Silvasy, J Counts and the Griffiths

area, we boast the likes of **Steve Silvasy, Tim Grogan** and yours truly on active duty and **John Waller** as a civ at Ft Monroe. At Langley AFB, **Tom Griffith** recently sprang up on the USAF MG list. Also residing in the immediate vicinity are **Dan Willson, Lenny Gregor** and **Russ Simonetta**.

"We have had several opportunities in the recent past to gather some, if not all, of these luminaries:

- In Mar the **Silvasys, Grogans, Guthries** and **Willsons** gathered at the

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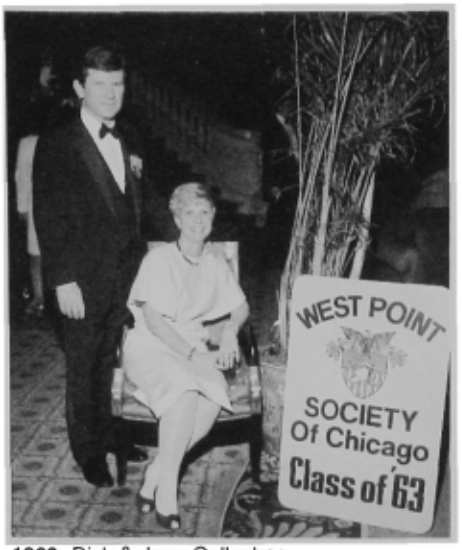

1963: Dick & Joan Gallagher

Griffiths' for a sumptuous brunch in honor of **Al Clark**, who was in the area on V.A. business.

• In Feb the **Guthries** hosted **John & Barb Counts** for a wknd at Ft Monroe and gathered some, but not all, of the above at the Monroe Club.

1963: Judie Silvasy and granddaughter Brittany Elizabeth Stephenson

• Many of us were on hand recently to celebrate the selection of **Judie Silvasy** as the VA "Mother of All Mothers" for 91. She went on to represent the state in the Natls in St Louis. Congratulations. There were several appropriately laudatory spreads in the local press. Many of us have long suspected that Judie would be a shoo-in to get sainthood ahead of schedule, based only on her having maintained her great sense of humor despite the sometimes difficult company she has had to associate with over the years. . . .

• And, speaking of **Steve**, he was recently at a significant AUSA gathering at Carlisle Bks and had a chance to get caught up with **Jerry Harrison, Bill Boice, John Counts, Rich Goldsmith, Doug Johnson, Curt Esposito, Phil Mock**, all still on active duty, as well as **Larry Anderson** (Hughes), **George DeGraff** (Norden Sys), **Al Christensen** (McDonnell Douglas) and **George Scherrer** (TRW).

1963: Guthrie '30, Beach '32, 2LT Guthrie and proud father Guthrie

"As for my own significant news, on 18 May I commissioned daughter Laura as a 2LT in the US Army. I was ably assisted in this endeavor not only by her mother **Cynthia**, brother Park (Navy ROTC), but also by her grandfathers, Beach '32, Guthrie '30, and uncles, JS Guthrie Jr '59 and Jack Mumaw USNA '64. As you might imagine, the UVA ROTC Dept got a fair workout from that invasion but handled it with commendable aplomb." Thanks, Dick. Well done!

Bob Farris writes that our Education Comm has about completed its work. As you may recall, the Class voted to terminate the ed fund when children of deceased Vietnam vets and children of other deceased classmates complete their college ed. From 84 through the spring 91, 43 grants were awarded to 17 children—each grant was for $1,000. The financial assistance, while relatively small, was appreciated by both the children and spouses of our deceased classmates. The fund currently has $18,500, which should be enough to cover anticipated needs for the future. Any remaining funds will be returned to our general Class fund.

'64

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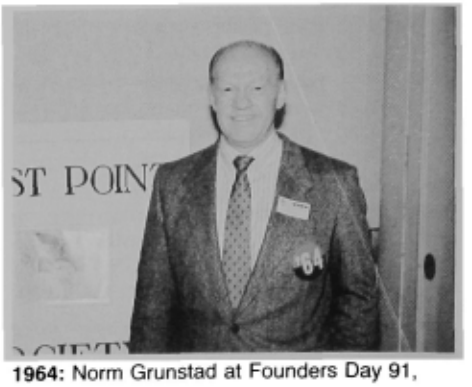
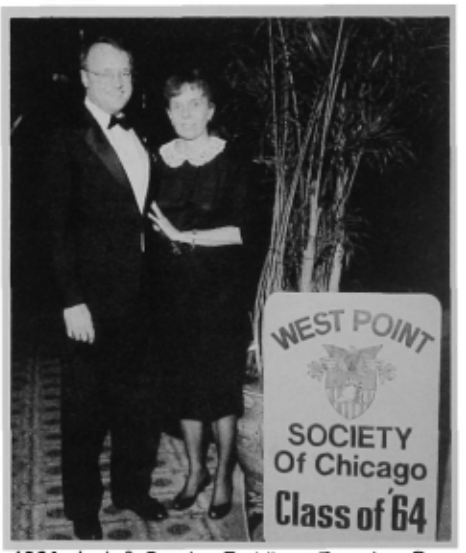
The listing of my civ address is indicative of the uncertainty of my future. I am due for reassignment at the end of the summer and have been giving substantial thought to donning the mufti full-time. As procrastination is inherent in my nature, decisions will probably be forced by circumstances. Watch this spot for further news.

Current news has been surprisingly voluminous. Must be associated with the annual anticipated summer migration of our gp. With this issue's crop of Founders Day photos we get to take a look at how our contemporaries are faring in Phoenix, Chicago, Japan, Orange County and Carlisle Bks.

Joe Arnold, C/S at Camp Zama, informs us that **Ed Schillo** is working for the squids at Yokuska Naval Base, while


1964: Norm Grunstad at Founders Day 91, Phoenix, AZ

1964: Chet Kempinski, Dennis & Lesley Seiler, Karl & Amy Robinson, Dave Bramlett (guest speaker) and Bob & Edie Cary at Founders Day 91, Carlisle Bks



1964: Jack & Carolyn Faddis at Founders Day 91, Chicago

Ron Odom is the DCSOPS for US Army Japan. Ron also wrote announcing a summer relocation to Turkey. I think that the Odoms are becoming expatriates, as I believe that this will be their third consecutive overseas tour.

From **Don Shive** comes word that the **Odoms** will not be the only '64 reps in Turkey. Don ret from Ft Leavenworth in May and will accompany his wife, (Major) **Rachel**, to Ismir as a bona fide dependent. Don also chided me for an inaccuracy in the last col regarding '64 Desert Storm participation. As an advi-

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1964: Class of '64 at Founders Day 91, Orange County, CA

1964: Kathy & Ron Odom, Kathi & Ed Schillo and Mary & Joe Arnold at Founders Day 91, Japan

sor to the Saudi National Guard, he accompanied the Guard's 2nd Bde on its initial offensive and on into Kuwait City. Nice to see Don hanging in where the action is, right up to ret.

Received several articles announcing that **Marty Michlik** was selected by the SecArmy as the Army's Project Mgr of the Yr for 90. Marty is at Belvoir as PM for night vision and electro-optics and, as the stories rep, will continue in that position through 92. Always nice to receive info on kudos to classmates.

I might note parenthetically that the readership of this col is much broader than the Class of '64, and that I get fan ltrs and info tidbits, such as that on **Marty**, from these loyal and most selective readers. To them, let me say that the spt is most welcome.

The WP contingent continues to party, although an 0630 breakfast affair hosted by **Bramlett** doesn't sound like it really is in the true '64 tradition. My recollection is that, as a gp, we were generally walking into walls about that hr. A more typical event is a party **Kim Flint** threw following his Bramlett-officiated ret. The photo reveals that Kim had no problem transitioning to civ life. He is now at VA Commonwealth U in Richmond.

1964: Bramlett, Grubbs, Lamkin, Hudgins and Flint

In addition to the above info and photo, **Seth Hudgins** included an article on a visit to WP by **Barry McCaffrey**, who has been mentioned prominently in Desert Storm dispatches. Barry paid what I am sure was a nostalgic visit to his old haunts to give the Corps and faculty a first-hand view on strategy and opns during the war. Included was a news photo of McCaffrey in desert garb outside what looks like Grant Hall, but, unfortunately, it was not reproducible.

Dave Binney, who is heading up the FBI's Off of Professional Responsibility (that's Internal Affairs, for you police groupies) provided this next photo of his 50th birthday gathering at **Jeff Louis'** home at WP (I can't believe we have anyone in the Cl that old—except for **Chilcoat**, of course). That wknd marked the celebration of 100 yrs of Army football, which accts for presence of the larger folks in the photo. The conclusion of the sch yr had one Binney son, Geoff USMA '91, and the other, Steve, The Citadel '91. Geoff has been the Army kicker for the last 4 yrs, causing some to comment on this surprising athletic prowess in the Binney family. Not so surprising! I recall a Dave Binney in HI some 27 yrs ago who avoided early deployment to Vietnam, and many of the other hardships of second lieutenancy, as coach of one of the regimental football teams!

1964: Hartle, Kerns, Nowak, Binney, Waldrop, Kempenski and Louis at Binney's 50th

Apparently we had 6 sons from '64 grad on 1 Jun, including Rick **Burney** as the #1 person in the class. Who were the others? Can we keep affording these gifts to the sons and daughters who graduate from our alma mater? There have been a bunch!

Next, a note from **Kevin Murphy**, still marketing VP for Fujitsu, who, in a P.S. to my comment regarding Ross Perot and **Alex Hottell**, said that Ross has kept a copy of Alex's obit framed on his off wall for many yrs. Kevin's San Diego Class gp, which meets on a qtrly basis, is headed up by **Ted Rodosovich** and includes **Terry Rushnak, John Knudsen** and **Norm Webb**.

Finally, a short note from **Skip O'Donnell** '64/'65 alerting that his WP son was to be in HI this summer as a 3LT. He probably thinks that I will keep an eye on him. Skip and I go back to Galu's in Highland Falls in the late 50's, a place I continued to frequent in the early 60's, so he can call on me for such things.

Local alohas—**George Fisher**, leaving 25th ID for Joint Readiness Training Ctr, will be stationed in Little Rock, AR until he moves the opn to Ft Polk.

Bill Murdy has got the gift business moving again and will be meeting in DC with the Exec Comm; **Bob McCoy** and **Nick Nichols** will represent the Selection Comm. Watch for future announcements!

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Greetings once again from Chicago. Here is what is going on with our Class. Had a nice chat with **Zig Roebuck**, who is in Huntsville, AL, out of the svc and thoroughly enjoying the laid-back life. Zig works for Raytheon Advanced Sys near the Marshall Flight Ctr. Wife **Linda** works at Huntsville Living Museum. Daughter Lindsey is a NC St grad (early) and is working as a consultant while she lives at home. He & Linda are really enjoying that part of the country. **Skip O'Donnell** wrote following his annual two-wk Reserve duty at the Pentagon.

1965: Duke & Sally Wheeler in Vienna, VA, Apr 91

He saw **Duke & Sally Wheeler** at their lovely home in Vienna. Duke works for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as Ch, Program Appraisal Section, Off of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. Sally is a dental hygienist and works in Fairfax. Their older son Greg (23) is a jr at S FL; younger son Jeff (20) is a jr at Clemson. Skip also saw **John & Mary Kay Salomone**.

1965: Susan, Andy, Mary Kay & John Salomone

John is Ch of the Ft Myer Dental Clinic and is looking forward to ret and starting a private practice in the DC area. John specializes in root canals (ouch!). **Mary Kay** is as lovely as ever and taking care of their offspring. John Jr is out of the house, stationed at Ft Wood after graduation from Georgetown and accepting an ROTC commission in QMC. He spent a lot of time processing Reservists for Desert Storm. Susan is now a sr at Marymount in Arlington. She just completed an internship at the White House as a scheduler for the White House staff. Next son Stephen is in 7th grade and last son Andy is a pre-schooler.

Skip had lunch at the Pentagon with **Bill Lehman**. He is on the JAG staff, and one of his jobs is to review USMA Honor Code cases. One big difference from our Honor Code, according to Bill, is that there are a lot of computer plagiarism problems. Bill will ret this summer and be a lawyer in the newly-organized Qtr Veteran's Affairs. He & **Jane** currently are empty-nesters. Jennifer graduated from the Merchant Marine Acad and works for the Mil Sealift Cmd. She goes out to sea a lot and makes a lot of money, according to her father. Son Jonathan is a jr at CO St.

Skip also saw **John Howell** at the **Salomones'**. He is the lacrosse coach for W Springfield High and also a consultant with Vinnell Corp. **Leo Kennedy** is Skip's boss again at the Pentagon and manages DA procurement money for various sys. He'll be getting a new asgmt soon in the DC area. Wife **Doris** is a dental hygienist. Oldest son James just got married in CO. Brian just graduated from Duke and is looking at law sch. Their daughter Christine just graduated from Woodson High and will be going to George Mason U.

Skip talked to **Dan Benton** and **Joe DeFrancisco**, who don't know what their new asgmts will be. Dan is hoping for an asgmt in Ger. Joe's son is still in Ger with his FA unit. According to Dan Benton, **Barrie Zais** is leaving 3rd Inf (Old Guard) for CofS at Ft Carson. Could **John Pickler**'s hand be seen in that? **Bill Hecker** is moving from proj mgr, MRLS in Huntsville to the Star Wars Off in the Pentagon. They have a house in McLean.

After his Res duties ended, **Skip** went up to Albany to watch son Chip and Pat Howell row in the Regatta; Army came in 4th.

Skip also rep that the Sedgwick statue has been moved to a new location over by Trophy Point, but he clearly remembers doing the "turn out bit" when it was in front on the Supe's house. The Corps has! Skip also sent a pic of **Marty Resick** and family on his trip to Pittsburgh. Marty spent many yrs in Pittsburgh hosp admin and labor arbitration. He currently is an exec with Hosp Supply Co. Wife **Leni** is an emergency room nurse in one of the Pittsburgh hosps. Their daughters, Judi and Sarah, attend HS. Skip, great ltr (as usual) and pic.

1965: Chip with dad Skip O'Donnell at Regatta in Albany in Apr 91

1965: Marty, Leni, Sarah and Judi Resick in Pittsburgh, PA, Feb 91

I received a nice note from **Guy Riley**'s widow **Suzanne**. She rep that the "sense of duty and honor remained with Guy after all these yrs." We'll all miss him!

Bob Wolff rep that they had a good time at the ret party for **Tad Ono** and **Kent Brown** (two "good guys" from Co L-1). **John Longhouser** helped to roast Tad, and **Frank Skidmore** did the honors on Kent, along with **Ron Bailey**. Also in attendance were **Karen Longhouser, Rainey Bailey, George & Carol Bell, Dave & Priscilla Bodde, Dave & Darlene Hopkins, Terry & Nancy Ryan, Wayne & Susie Scholl, Dorrie Skidmore** and **Ron Williams**. **Ralph Locurcio** sent a fax from Kuwait and phoned to say hello. Bob rep that Tad was his bks roommate, and they were on the gymnastics team together for 4 yrs. He and Kent were in Co L-1 during their last two yrs and spent some time at Stanford. All in all, it was a very special time for everyone.

I talked with **Roy Garms** the other day, and he indicated that he has just completed his second master's degree, but, other than that, life is normal. He is still with Exxon. **Jim Scheiner** rep that he had *not* returned to practicing law since he is an engr, as previously rep. Jim was delighted to get a ltr from a '67 grad asking him to take a case in PA. He did turn the case over to **George Bell**, who is our PA legal guru. **Alice Osgood** sent along the article from *Physics Today* (Feb 91) on **Tom Johnson**. Just to clarify, Tom's widow **Cynthia** has asked **Rick** to write the obituary for *ASSEMBLY*. If there was any error or offense on the part of other volunteers, I will take the blame for it.

I have spoken several times with

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1965: Longhouser, Bailey, Bell, Bodde, Hopkins, Ryan, Scholl, Skidmore, Williams, Ono and Brown

Chuck Shaw in Napa Valley. He saw **John Seymour** in early May and played golf with **Dave LaRochelle**. Dave & **Peggy** have 6 daughters. He also has two practices as an orthopaedic surgeon. Chuck saw **Tad Ono**, whose daughter is going to the CA Art Sch in Oakland. Tad took a job as the pres of a co in HI. Chuck reminds classmates that he can get them wine at cost (cheaper than in the store).

Doug Gibson called in Apr in rep that he is working for Boston Whaler (Doug, I never got the info on that boat). He sees **Hank Kelly** & wife often. Hank is an 0–5 in the Res and is an instructor at Intell Sch. Hank rep that **Bill Zadel** lives in the next town and has two daughters out of col. I received a great pic of **Ralph Locurcio** and **Joe DeFrancisco** in Kuwait City. Ralph is there rebuilding Kuwait.

1965: Ralph Locurcio and Joe DeFrancisco

Dan Christman sent a pic of himself & **Susan**, along with **Lloyd & Kitty Briggs**, whom they met this last winter. Dan's doing great work heading up the new Ch's preparation team.

During the Trustees mtg in May, I picked up some interesting tidbits. '65 is doing well throughout the country in the various socs—**Jerry Ledzinski** heads up Monterey Peninsula, **Lew Green** Central FL, **Lee Hewitt** NJ, **Dave Gabel** Long Isl and **Merritt Bumpass** Cleveland. **Dave Kuhn** received the "Duty, Honor, Country" Award from his local soc.

1965: (Standing) Lloyd & Kitty Briggs and (seated) Dan & Susan Christman

We will be ordering sympathy cards for the Class so, if a classmate, spouse or offspring passes away, please let me know, and I will be happy to send out a card. '66 is working on an Endowed Chair in Mil Hist as their Class gift.

Received the sad news that Mrs Holland passed away in Apr. She was a lovely lady, and we will miss her. At the recent Soc Pres mtg, we were represented by **Ralph Adams** (Silicon Valley), **Jim McEliece** and **Denny Hawker** (Phoenix).

I also received a nice note from **Ingrid Locurcio** with some pics of **Ralph**. She is not sure when he will be coming home, but, as I told her, they've done a bang up job over there, and we wish him Godspeed in getting back. Ingrid, thanks for the pics, but used the one with Ralph and Joe due to space limitations.

Well, folks, that's it for now. **Judy** & I are on our way to Europe to pick up our 6th-grader and spend some time there with him. Hope to see everybody this fall at one of the football games at WP.

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Happy 25th! **Dave & Tam Arthur** had a small celebration on 8 Jun at their home in Aquia, VA. Dave is still at the Pentagon. Son David grad from GA Tech last yr and has an engr mgmt position in the Cumberland Gap area. **Wes & Gert Clark** were in DC for CAPSTONE GOBC (Gen Off Basic Course), a 6-wk prog. He is still CG at the NTC, Ft Irwin, CA. New orders should be coming in about two mos, but destination is as yet unknown. Their son Wes Jr just finished his jr yr at Georgetown U where he is in ROTC. Wes & Gert both look like CA has agreed with them. Gert has recently taken up fly fishing, if there are any enthusiasts in the Class. Wes told me that he had ret **Joel Gartenberg** from the svc in Jul 90. Joel & **Marjorie** are now living in Las Vegas; they will be happy to explain the "frozen feline caper" at the reunion, so don't forget to ask them!

1966: The Arthurs, Kesmodels, Blades, Molls, Hoymans and Clarks, 8 Jun 91

Bill & Nancy Hoyman's son John will be attending the same ROTC summer camp as Wes & Gert's son this summer at Ft Lewis, WA. John attends Wheaton Col in Chicago, IL. Bill is with SDC in Crystal City, VA. **Jon & Mer Blades**' oldest daughter Wendy graduated from William & Mary this spring. Their youngest just finished her freshman yr at James Madison U. Jon is still CO of the Army Res Inst in Alexandria. He had 3 USMA cadets working with him for the summer, and he rep that "the Corps hasn't!" Jon, now 50 and possibly our oldest classmate, is busy writing resumes. He wants to remind **Frank Hartline** and **Rance Farrell** that "old age and

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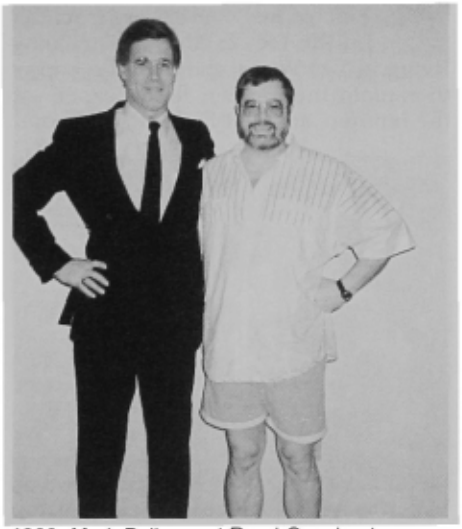
experience will always overcome youth and inexperience." Apparently **Arthur** and Blades gave Hartline and Farrell a golf lesson last yr. Hartline, where are you? Please call or write. The Bladeses were full of news. They had recently seen **Bob & Bonnie Seigle** in DC. Bob has been assigned as CO of Ft Rucker. Bob's oldest daughter LeeAnn just got engaged to **Joe Musial**'s son. LeeAnn is half-way through flight sch. Middle daughter Leslie is a jr at UNC, while youngest daughter Paige is a freshman, also at UNC. Little Bobby (nice going, Seigle) is going into the second grade.

1966: Jack Le Cuyer, Gert Clark, Dave Arthur and Wes Clark



1966: Mark Bailey and Reed Canning in Toronto, Jun 90

Tom Carhart appeared in his S & G T-shirt claiming he wasn't a "Gray Hog." Come on, Tom, you can come out of the closet for the 25th. . . . by the time everyone reads this, Tom should be in a new job. He will be working directly for the Army Ch of Mil Hist. . . . knowing Tom, he'll probably be trying to rewrite it. **Jerry & Mary Ann Moll** are happy and comfortable in Burke, VA. Jerry is with PERSCOM as Ch of Enlisted Cmd Spt Div. **Tim & Jane Daly** were also at the Arthurs, along with **Jack & Karen LeCuyer**. Jack is stationed at the Pentagon. If you see Jack, don't ask him how he likes "The Book."

I checked in with **Jim & Candy Gleason** last wk (1 Jun) and found that Jim has ret and is now the St public defender for the St of WI. They will be settling in Brookfield, which is in the Milwaukee area, by the end of Jun. The Gleasons have 4 boys: Stephen (18), Bryan (16), Chris (13) and Ryan (12). Their address will be 2080 Lavela Cir, Brookfield, WI 53045.

Thank goodness for Founders Day—otherwise I would never have any photos. Please put wives' names on captions when you send in photos. Not all the wives' names I have listed for you guys are "up-to-date."

Best photo I have ever seen of any classmate goes to **Mark Bailey**. Check this out—he's relaxing on the Ayung River at Bali, Indonesia in the photo. The sign says "Merry Christmas and Happy New Yr from Bailey in Bali." I received this two days after the last deadline. Mark also sent me a photo of himself and our favorite disc jockey, **Reed Canning**, who has been among the missing. The photo was taken in Toronto, Jun 90. Reed is at 408 N Fairway, Fairfield, TX; tel (903) 739-3357. Mark resides in Scarborough, Ontario; tel (416) 502-0687.

1966: Mark Bailey in Bali, Christmas 90

Fred Murer was named city mgr of Monterey, CA effective 1 Jul 91. Fred was formerly dir of engring and maintenance for the city.

Brian Ashbaugh was recently named "Fellow of Society of American Mil Engrs." Brian is a partner in the law firm Rose, Schmidt, Hasley & DiSalle in Pittsburgh, PA. He resides in Mt Lebanon, PA. **Jack Wheeler** wrote from KY where he is taking some time off and "weighing what new work to take on." Jack's twins, Kate and John, are now 14.

Steve & Barbra Ohotnicky faxed me some news in Apr. They just moved from SW VA to Arkadelphia, AR (near Hot Springs). Steve is with Carrier Corp/United Tech. Their son Pete is '92 at USAFA. He is a double major—mech engring and math—on the Supe's list and runs cross country and indoor/outdoor track. Their daughter Susan swims and is an award-winning thespian. She will attend the U of IL next yr in ceramic engring.

Fred Rees, who has cmded the OR Natl Guard, has been selected as head of the US Army Natl Guard. Fred will be moving to the DC area to assume his new position.

1966: LTG Dave Palmer '56 (USMA Supe), Mr Jim Thayer (descendant of Sylvanus Thayer and OR asst to the Secy of the Army) and MG Fred Rees (Adj Gen for the St of OR)

Just received some Founders Day photos, but will probably get a load in the mail just after I send this article off! Anyway, the ones I received show **Billy Hughes** and family on the W Coast of FL, **Rex & Sam Nichols** in Phoenix, AZ and our most photographed classmate, MG **Fred Rees**.

1966: Sam & Rex Nichols at Founders Day 91, Phoenix, AZ

1966: Ken & Barb Woltz at Founders Day 91, Chicago

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1966: Billy Hughes and family at Founders Day 91, FL W Coast

By the time this issue comes out it will almost be reunion time. On the home front, the economic situation took its toll on my corporate venture. I hope that I am in the minority in this case and that the rest of you fared better than I have thus far.

So, if I don't see you at the reunion, write lots of ltrs so I'll be able to let all those who could not attend know how it went. Happy 25th!

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12 Jun 91: Oh, groan. Have done something I promised myself several yrs ago I would never do again—have let the deadline get here without any notes being written. The sole purpose of my going to a diary format a few yrs ago was to avoid this crisis, but I have been lazy the past two mos. Now I have a dreadful sense of *dejà vu*; I have been here before. It is plebe yr, and tomorrow our English papers are due. There is no more time to think of a way out. It is very late at night. The discordant sounds of some forlorn beanhead classmate reciting poop for his disgruntled sqd leader reverberate through the house (in this case, it's one of my 3 sons engaged in verbal warfare with his mother, after having laid waste to his brother). Today, after finally coming to grips with the realization that the hr has drawn nigh, I went to the library to get my reference bks, only to discover everything in print on my selected topic was written in the last century in French. (This is remarkably similar to some of the ltrs I get.) The only thing missing from this scene of woe is the body of my roommate, **John Hart**, splayed across his desk, snoring gently, one hand clutching a slide rule, a pile of green STMs at his head. John has not finished his English paper either, but he is also 125-tenths D in math, and there is a WPR tomorrow. Unfortunately, he also has just reached a bridge to be crossed rapidly, after having spent 4 hrs trying to understand something that is intuitively obvious to any casual observer. We are both going to go down the tubes in English. We have already been slam dunked in math.

I have relived this nightmare a thousand times since taking on the chore of being the Class quidnunc. In the evening of my memory, always I come back to Deadline, Deadline, Deadline. Why I, pres emeritus of Procrastinators Anonymous, ever agreed to do this is beyond me. Anyway, let's see if I can make any sense out of my notes and reconstruct what has happened over the past couple of mos.

14 Apr: Note from **Jack Wood** today. He's the Visiting Fellow (and a fine fellow he is, too!) at the Council of Foreign Relations. Now, if you're like me, the first thought that leaps into your mind is "what the hell does a visiting fellow do? Whom does he visit? Can a female be a visiting fellow? Or do visiting fellows visit females?" It's all much too mysterious for me. According to Jack, he works on Park Ave in The Rotten Apple, where he is learning how to communicate with Wall St bankers and intl trading czars. Have I missed something here? Was I asleep that day in the Inf Adv Course when we were told that you had to be able to do these things to be a better grunt? I don't ever remember wondering if my Wall St lingo was up to snuff when I was trying to figure out how to take Hill 1131 away from the 145th NVA Regt. My, my, the times they have changed. Of course, if I had learned how to speak to Wall St bankers, I probably wouldn't be on the verge of bankruptcy now. Anyway, it's a well-deserved feather in Jack's cap. After two yrs cmding a bde in the Big Red One, Manhattan is probably a breath of, if not fresh air, certainly something a bit different from Manhattan, KS.

Jack & Judi and the kids, Kimberly and Brad, live in a "big, old house on the bay at Ft Totten in Queens" and seem to be enjoying life. Jack rep seeing his old roommate **Dave Blanchard** frequently—Doc is the facilities engr at Hofstra U and is working on his PhD. Just goes to show you—the real brains were always on the Goat team. Jack also ran into **Roger Heiman** at Founders Day—here's another guy who must have skipped HS freshman biology with **Jim Stewart**—he's got a two-yr-old and another one on the way. Slow learner. Rog is a partner in an engring construction firm near WP.

25 Apr: Lovely ltr from **Miki Taylor, Harry**'s widow, arrived today, confirming the details as previously rep on Harry's death on 14 Feb of a massive heart attack. Miki asked that I pass along her most heartfelt thanks to all the DC area classmates and the WP area crew for their floral tributes to him and for their assistance in arranging Harry's funeral, esp **Hobie Pillsbury**. And a very special note of thanks to **Mike & Sharon Hardy**, who worked valiantly trying to revive Harry immediately after his coronary. Included with her ltr was a marvelous photo of Miki & Harry taken this past New Yr's Eve.

1967: Miki & Harry Taylor, 31 Dec 90

29 Apr: From the shadow of Lee's effigy at Stone Mtn, GA comes greetings from **Marc Ducharme**. Marc has put together a co that's in the business of reselling hi-tech electronics. He didn't say what kind of electronics—if you were in the same section of Juice as **Bobby Rettig** and me, a light switch qualifies as high-tech electronics. How much of a market is there for used light switches, anyway? Marc also sent along several newspaper articles he's seen here and there, most of which talked about the recent war and the performance of some classmates. One intriguing article, however, was about those Princes of Pescatorial Pursuits, **Balkcom & Dyer**, and how their co is involved with the Army, NASA and a bunch of other folks in creating artificial reefs in FL to improve sport fishing. What a great bunch of guys.

4 May: A couple of ltrs from **M Jane Wentzel** have arrived in the past two wks. **Doc** will be coming back from Korea, where he's spent the past two yrs as dir of Army Progs, and on 1 Jul will start work for the J5 Dir (that's the War Plans shop, for you long-term civs) at FORSCOM HQ in Atl, GA. That's nice; since the Wentzels already live in Hotlanta, they won't have to play that most treasured of all Army games, the PCS move, where you bid a fond farewell to all your family treasures as they go careening down the street in a moving van that you know was the lowest bidder for the contract. Jane still teaches in the local sch sys and recently had a surprise visit from none other than **Glynn "Ranger" Hale**. Glynn's mom is on the local sch bd, and he came down to talk to the students about his experiences as a bde cmdr in the Gulf War, and to thank them all for their ltrs and spt. Nice gesture; he even gave ea of the students an 82d patch. He did not, fortunately, bite off any snakes' heads. Hoooooahh.

6 May: This wk's *Army Times* had a good photo essay of the exploits of the 2d

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1967: A badge for the teacher: Glynn Hale presents Jane Wentzel a unit insignia from the 82d Abn Div while visiting her third-grade class

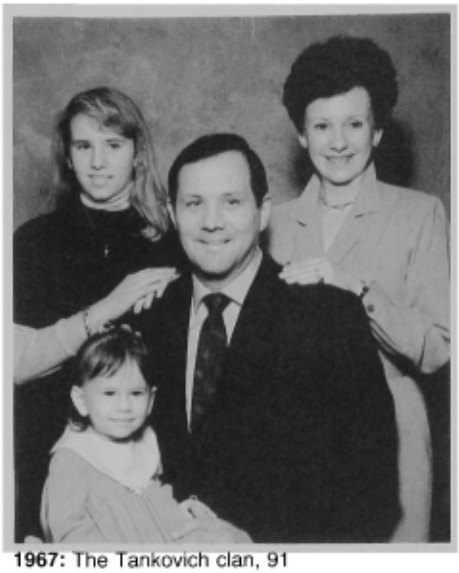
Bde, 1st Arm Div in the Battle of Medina Ridge during the Gulf War. There is a good photo of the bde cmdr, **Monty Meigs**, sketching his battle plan in the desert sand. It must have been a good sketch; the battle was a great victory.

14 May: I had more fun today than I've had in a long, long time. **Dewey**, obviously in one of his less lucid moments, had the incredibly bad judgment to list me as a character reference for his periodic "burn before reading, shoot on sight" security clearance background investigation. Imagine the surprise on the face of the sweet young thing from the Def Investigative Svc when I spent hours telling her all I really knew about Ed. When she left my off, she was convinced that we're all insane. Ed, I do hope you enjoy your next asgmt in the Aleutians. Send me some of the local wine, OK?

20 May: "A Bullet from the Tank" is what the ltrhead on **Jim Tankovich**'s ltr said. They are alive and well in Herndon, VA while Tank works for Sci Applications Intl Corp in McLean. He didn't say exactly what that outfit does (sounds like more "high-tech" stuff to me), but said he has been involved in issues such as nuclear security and safety, electrical energy guns, tech audits and sys survivability. **Margaret Ann** is now a LTC in the Army Res and is assigned to the 310th TAACOM at Ft Belvoir. She also teaches French at the Annandale campus of N VA Comm Col. Also slow learners, the Tankoviches had a second daughter, Elizabeth Bays, in 88. She joins older sister Catherine (13) in taking up their parents' free time.

31 May: One of those days I dread, when the mailman brings bad, bad news. A short note from **Jim Allen** came with the terrible news that **Macy Brown**'s wife, **Susie**, died on 24 Jan. No cause of death was given. Macy's address is 511 Brenda Dr, Madison, AL 35758; tel (205) 464-0507. Drop him a line and give him your spt. I know I speak for the Class when I tell Macy how sorry we are for his terrible loss. Hang in there, classmate.

2 Jun: They're here at last! The **Nidas** have finally closed into Ft Monroe. Actually, I have come to learn that **Angie** has been here for 5 mos, but for some reason that reflects very poorly on her judgment. Thought it would be in her best interest not to let me know. I have let her know the error of her ways. We had **Tony** & Angie over for a delightful evening of food and lies last night. The hair color: well, it was interesting, kind of auburn, with lovely light green highlights when the light hit it just right. Since she refused to get in the pool, I can't vouch for its permanence. Stay tuned.



1967: The Tankovich clan, 91

10 Jun: Nice note from the warrior-come-home, **Janet Hale**, today, along with some nice photos. Janet got back a couple of wks ago from her tour of duty in the Gulf, where she was serving as an Army nurse with the 410th Evac Hosp during the war. As I mentioned before, she ran into several classmates; one of those was **Mike Lascher**, who was an oral surgeon attached to her hosp.

1967: Janet Hale and Mike Lascher in the Kuwait desert, Apr 91

Another classmate she saw was **Reggie Moore**, the Task Force Evac Cmdr supporting VII Corps (with 5 Evac hosps under his cmd).

Now that **Janet's** home, she'll be able to give **Dave** a lot of lessons on how to do things mil. Goodness knows, he certainly needs them.

1967: Reggie Moore, enjoying life in the Saudi desert, Mar 91

1967: The David Hales, Christmas 90: Heather, Janet, David and David

11 Jun: Real short bursts overheard at the Proctology Clinic: **Ray Roe**, our sr serving brigadier, is moving from his job at the now-defunct 9th Inf Div at Ft Lewis, WA to Alexandria, VA, where he will become the cmding gen of the Army Comm and Family Spt Ctr (don't ask—I don't have any idea what they do either).

1967: Dave Mosser and Lee Murfee at Founders Day 91, FL W Coast

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12 Jun: Well, here we are again, back in the present. This is all the scurrilous scandal I can remember from the past two mos. I'm sure there's been lots more, but this will have to do for now. When you get this, it'll only be about 14 mos til the 25th reunion; mark your calendars and BE THERE. Plan on having fun. Start your diet now. Keep the faith, rabble, and God Bless. BEAT NAVY!

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What a great time to write our col! The victory parades are all but over; however, the memories of the events that shook us out of our complacency and the results of that shaking remain. With only one ltr, two phone calls, one Cl luncheon, a couple of individual lunches and chance mtgs, and no lists—this is a great time to tie together loose ends. Normally, I've run out of real news by Jun—and Jun 91 is no exception. But you don't know that 'til you read my pleas for reps in Aug—when I'm really scraping the bottom of the rumor barrel. By the time you respond, you've read drivel in Oct and question whether you should renew your subscription. But then the summer news and Navy game photos show up, and we're good to go again—'til next Jun. . . .

Somehow, the ed must have known that greater news was coming from CA via the **Kurkjians**. In Feb, while writing the Apr article, I forwarded Christmas greetings from **Tom & Stephanie** who rep that all is secure in the San Fran area and enclosed a pic—one I wish I could print (I've been reminded by the ed that a classmate should be in any printed pic)—of Leslie, any parent's pride. That bit of news fell victim to the ed's blue pencil. The Kurkjians then upped the ante with the announcement of another love, Lily Ann, born 4 Mar! This time, they forwarded a pic of Leslie & Lily Ann—but still without **Tom**. If you want to see these two beautiful children, you'll have to stop by. In the meantime, move over, **Steiners**!

1968: Gordie Crupper, Ralph Tildon, Mike Fellows and Ross Nagy at the Swans'

To underscore the CA dream, **John & Trish Dallen** rep at the A-N Game and in a Christmas card that they plan on sharing it, too. They're looking forward to settling down in the Sacramento area—once their St Louis pad is sold—while John combines his civ engring, computer and info sys expertise into helping **Tom** & Nolte & Assoc design CA sewers that don't operate on water.

Bill Jeffries also checked in with the announcement of his new book, *True to Type*, which answers most of the commonly asked questions about interpreting the Myers-Briggs Type indicator. If you see a car with VA plates that says, "I M INTJ," honk—it's Bill. Bill sent a copy of the book—one of the many perks of being your scribe. Thanks, Bill, for believing that a shred of literacy may yet lurk after separating from my brown boy.

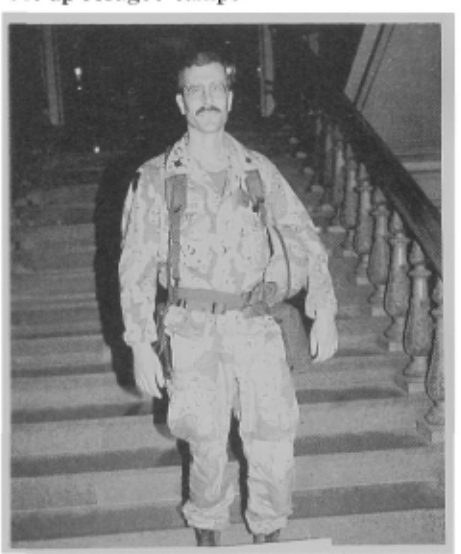
1968: Skip & Joan Greeby at Founders Day 91, Chicago

To close out Christmas greetings, ski enthusiast and RPI unmanned vehicle grant-getter **Ray Puffer** rep that professional duties forced him to stay closer to home last winter—so he only raced at Stowe and Jay Peak. His educational progs continued to receive natl and intl recognition—the latest coverage being on the front pg of the *WSJ*, a feature in a PBS special and 3 spots on CBS. Ray complains that a special conference is being convened for him in Puerto Rico—during hurricane season. He's still looking for someone in Jackson Hole to offer him lots of $ to be a ski bum. Currently, Ray is fulfilling family duties by occupying a couple of timeshares in Freeport, Grand Bahamas.

After reading about **Don Jones**' praise of teaching as a second career, and **Jocko Marriam**'s search for a perfect job outside of Lawton, OK, **Bob Stroud** forwarded an *Annapolis Capital* want ad touting a part-time requirement at Navy for a cheerleader coach. Maybe an ex-Army spirit off could take the job—if Jocko isn't interested. The last I heard, Bob is back on active duty, thanks to Desert Storm requirements and a friend who remembered his duty concept. As for Jocko, **Jack Munson** rep that he's in Cincinnati with Intl Tech Corp as a PM, organizing and directing the removal of hazardous waste from WPAFB in Dayton.

1968: Barbara & Joe Fowler, Donna & Mike Brennan and Patti & Floyd Perry at Founders Day 91, Carlisle Bks

Speaking of Desert Storm, news of classmates' participation and contributions still dribbles in. **Janette, Bob Beahm**'s bride, wrote to let us know that "the moon" is still shining over Zakhu. Bob, cmdr of the 354th CA Bde, Riverdale, MD, was activated and deployed with his bde to Saudi in Jan. Upon arrival they were given the mission to establish EPW camps—which quickly filled. If that wasn't enough, he and his bde were redeployed to Turkey and N Iraq to help set up refugee camps.



1968: Tom McNaugher on the marble staircase on the Al-Sabah family palace, Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

Others seen in the sand included **Mike Peters**, who gave up his CA bn in Saudi and is back trying to pacify and organize the Pentagon. **John Benson** may still be in Saudi trying to assess how well some of our new whiz-bang weapons really worked. One who did not attend for the

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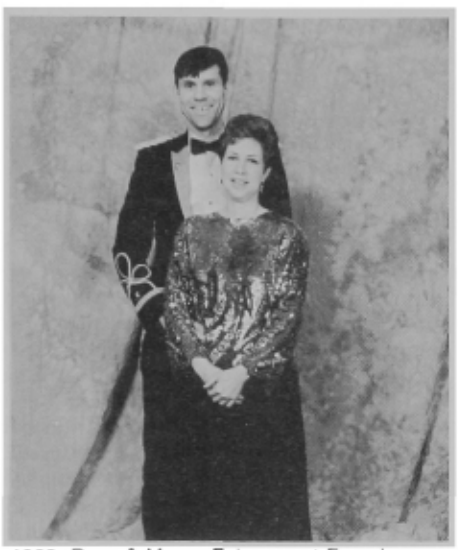
greater good was **Paul Baerman**, who could not guarantee the soldiers in his bde his full spt due to med reasons. Therefore, he remained in Ger to endure the venting of 4500 family mbrs while his 3rd Bde of the 2nd AD deployed. Paul is now heading up the Ctr for Army Leadership at Ft Leavenworth. On the civ side, **Jim Greenberg**, the Gen Dynamics Svcs Co dir of Saudi programs, pulled together a combat vehicle spt team, consisting of 25 maintenance technicians, in Dhahran within 24 hrs of the TACOM request last Aug. The activation of a 20,000-sq-ft maint facility took an additional 6 days. . . .



1968: Russ & Marge Fuhrman at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood

While people-watching at the local mall, **Barbara** asked me if I looked as young while stationed at USMAPS as some of the soldiers look today. I told her that I'd have to seek another opinion when I saw **Tom Burnett** pass by. Tom believes that if you were RA at the Prep Sch, you were born old—QED! When asked what he was doing in town—other than hanging around boutique changing rms on Sat morn—he explained that he handed over his bde to a trusted bn cmdr, but he didn't give him the keys to the arms room. He and **Dan Kaufman** are part of the new Army Ch's transition team. Among other things, Tom was charged with assessing Army leadership and vision. Tom was at the mall to meet his daughter, who is attending a local U. He laments that both kids are honor students in VA schs, majoring in spending their father's nest egg.

No sooner had **Tom** pinged off down a hall when **Bob Alexander** appeared with his brood. His kids seemed awed at the mall after being moved from Fairfax County, VA to Charleston, WV to attend sch and live with Bob's parents while Bob builds EWA business in that area and his bride tries to sell their home in VA. If you haven't noticed, we need to study Bob's moves carefully in the fields of sociology, education and real estate—and then have him committed.

Just when I've used up all the good stuff that **Jack Munson** fed me, we can always count on **John Keane** not only to come up with a new rumor, but to plan and execute a superb Cl luncheon—even in the face of great change. About two mos ago, John called to say that he'd be out of the net for awhile since he had just given his notice to Madentech and called his wife to make arrangements to extend their vacation in Barbados. Upon his return, he submitted a 171 and accepted a GM-15 position with DCA—which is about to rename itself DISA. John will attempt to cure at least that agency of looking for expensive new ways to appear ridiculous. He really has his work cut out for himself, since he is working for the Ctr for Info Mgt (CIM) with responsibility for Corp Info Mgt (CIM), both pronounced "sim" as in "simple". . . . In any event, we know that John is the man for the job, and **Henry Riser** and I were happy to break away from Annapolis for awhile to see and hear from classmates at the luncheon.

Bill Mulvey and **Ralph Tucillo** took a break from packing to attend. Actually, Bill was repacking since he recently returned from Saudi as the dir of the CENTCOM Joint Info Bureau, where he experienced war firsthand at the Dhahr, an intl hotel—a 5-star B&B and home-away-from-home for the CENTCOM staff. As if trying to control a bn of cut-throat and upwardly mobile journalists in a restrictive country on the brink of war isn't a tough enough asgmt, Bill will next stop in Mons, Belgium, where he will be the ch of Public Info for SHAPE. As part of DoD's plans for resizing, it must exchange quality for quantity—and, as such, Ralph is heading for an accompanied ROK tour to spt **Pete Sowa** and **Jeff Rogers**. **Norm O'Meara** told us that he wasn't planning on making the attendance of Class luncheons in uniform a tradition—although this was the second luncheon in a row and the 3rd time I've ever seen him wearing an Army suit.

Dave Hatcher recommended videotapes to help image soldiers back into civ life during Army resizing; however, it was agreed that such a tape would only make soldiers more depressed. On a plus side, Network Integration PM **Surry Everett** looked happier and slimmer than when I had seen him earlier at Ft Belvoir—the I-Net proposal season must be over. A new attendee at Class luncheons, **Craig O'Connor**, has also downsized his Buggy Barn opns by terminating his MD store and paying more attention to his Arlington shop and his new family of 5 yrs. With a less-than-a-yr-old son, he's in the ranks of **Fred Johnson, Don Jones, Tom Kurkjian** and **Dick Steiner**, who stay young by doing things that only younger folks should do. **Dick Witherspoon** rep that, from what he has determined while working for the chm of the JCS, WP will survive; however, he has his doubts about the Army. **Bob Balog** confirmed Dick's view; however, he, **Bob Clarke** and **Mike Wells** mentioned that we shouldn't be surprised to see balloons in the shape of cadet bns floating around the Plain if we get to see a P-rade at our 25th. **Keith Merritt** commented how young and energetic everyone looked—but, of course, we must remember that he's locked up a lot in the NCC and is not allowed to work with sharp or pointed instruments. **Sandy Cohen** volunteered to host a Class party—provided he sells his old home, the financing for his new home goes through and **Dave Ohle** dances the lambada in a vat of fudge with **Ranata Price**. **Rick Rhodes** took a break from NWC instruction to attend and inform us that **Jon Dodson** was the only poopster to attend the USMAPS grad ceremony on which **Jim Orahood** had worked so hard. Through his almost single-handed efforts to establish some tradition and sense of belonging with USMAPS, it appears that Congress has not only gotten off the poopsch case, but has recommended that all such institutions be run like Jim runs ours. Others who attended the luncheon included **Bill Higgins, Bo Horn, Jack Munson, Pete Swan, Bob Swedock** and **Ed Thal**. I'm sure I forgot somebody; however, I was so embarrassed by **John Keane** and **Norm O'Meara** snickering at my notes about the luncheon that I inadvertently shredded them—along with a favorite tie. The next luncheon is sched for 10 Sep.

1968: A typical DC Class luncheon gathering

At the luncheon we heard that **Hal Timboe** has moved from being XVIII Abn Corps surgeon to cmding the hosp at Ft Hood, and **Jim Craig** will take up an EN 06 cmd position. We also learned that **Chuck Steele** (3124 Echo Valley Dr; 501-224-9831) is still with UNISYS and has moved his family to Little Rock, AR. When asked about the whereabouts of **John Westerlund**, I could only relay that I was to have been kept up-to-date by **Gordie Sayer**. Unfortunately, Gordie's free time is curtailed in France by hav-

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ing to exchange money a lot. Once he changes money, he looks for something cheap to eat—like pizza which sells for $234.87 per slice. Meanwhile, the Japanese are exchanging their money for things like the Eiffel Tower.

Bob Hensler and **Jim Swinney** checked in to rep that they have completed their labors of love by submitting obituaries on **Jim Kelly** and **Dave Sackett**, respectively, into the *ASSEMBLY* queue. Thank you from the Class and our departed classmates' loved ones.

I hope to rep more such completions the next issue. But without news from you, I won't be able to rep about very much at all next issue. You can't believe how interested classmates are in you. When we were about 20, we shared about 20% of our lives together. Within 5 yrs of grad, we had carried and prodded ea other along through various schs, and we had supported ea other under the live fire of combat. We still need that prodding and spt because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT. **Dave**.

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This col is being written on 14 Jun, covering news received since 15 Apr. When you receive this issue, my next deadline will be 15 Oct.

In an earlier col, I mentioned **Jim Giacomini**'s death from a heart attack on 6 Nov 90. Anyone who wishes to reach **Sharon** may do so at 32 Alice Lane, Barrington, IL 60010 (708-382-2716).

I also mentioned that fund raising for our Class Gift Fund needs your active spt. We are off to a good start, but at present we have fewer than 150 contributions—roughly one-fifth of the Class. We simply must do better. I ask you to be generous when contacted by your co reps, esp after you receive the memo from the Charter and Gift Comm outlining their ideas for our gift-giving prog.

Founders Day photos were plentiful, including one from Saudi Arabia and one from the Natl Training Ctr, where many of our troops trained for Desert Storm.

George Albrecht opened civ news, with photos from the E-4 (and friends) annual get-together attended by himself, **Chuck Anstrom, Tim Beckworth, Dennis Carlini, Phil Coyle, Johnnie Grant, Jerry Morelock, Bill Taylor** and **Ken Wanless**. George also said that **Doug Craft** has returned from Saudi Arabia and is en route to Carlisle. Ken Wanless's son Kenny started at WP (Class of '95!) on 1 Jul.

Barbara & Jim Johnston wrote from Manassas, VA with word that daughter Nicole graduated from Wake Forest in May. Also in DC are **Debbie & Jim Reams**, who is ret and with the Ctr for Verification Research. Jim sees **John Bowers** ea spring when John does his Res duty. John is with GE in Cincinnati.

In touch from Atl was **Jay Haney**, who announced his marriage to **Anne** Page Mosby on 22 Jun.

Further S, **Jon Anderson** and **Ralph Artigliere** have opened their own law firm in Lakeland, FL with emphasis on civ litigation. Ralph's elder son Bill is about to start his firstie yr at WP.

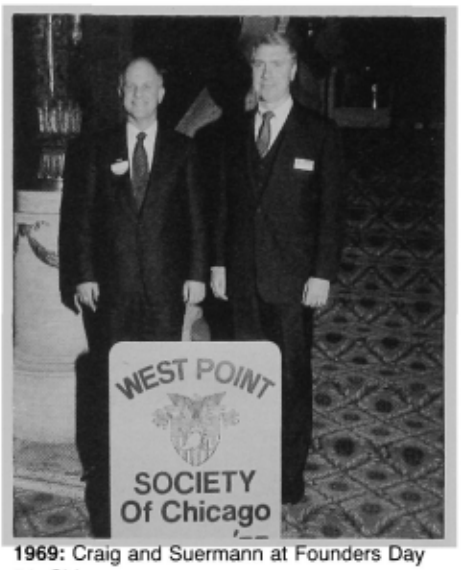
Donna & John Hahn wrote from Memphis with word that their daughter Carol graduated from USAFA and will be stationed in Ger.

1969: Rob Goff and Pete Skells at Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

1969: The Mays, Wallaces, Hayeses and Sculls at Founders Day 91, Ft Irwin

1969: The Bolgers, Kyles, Williamses, Nardottis and Leisters at Founders Day 91, Carlisle Bks

1969: The Helmiches, Fellenzes and DiBellas plus one at Founders Day 91, FL W Coast



1969: Craig and Suermann at Founders Day 91, Chicago

1969: The Robyns at Founders Day 91, RI

Bob Yapp was in touch from Laguna Hills, CA where he is with Great Pacific, an investment firm. Bob rep that **Bob Allardice** is now with Bandag Tire in Mission Viejo, CA, while **Walt Mischler** is USMA Parents Club Pres for S CA (his daughter is in her third yr at WP). Bob also rep that **Jerry Hayton** is a stockbroker with Dean Witter in Visalia, CA. They had recently backpacked to the top of Mt Whitney in CA with their sons.

Also in touch from CA was **Ralph Crosby**, who is now a VP with the B-2 Div of Northrop in Pico Rivera, CA.

Tom Piazze sent the first ltr from the active duty contingent. He & **Donna** are at WP, where he's with DMI. Also at WP

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1969: (Seated) Morelock, Grant, Wanless; (standing) Carlini, Taylor, Coyle, Anstrom, Beckworth and Albrecht

1969: Doug Craft and family in Tampa, FL

1969: Mischler, Allardice, Yaap and son Bobby in Long Beach

1969: Hayton, Yapp and sons atop Mt Whitney

are **Rich Ashley, Jim Blake, Casey Brower, Ned Doyle, Mike Fisher, Terry Freeman, Steve Hammond, Bob Jannarone, Jim Johnson, Rick Kolb, Dan Kopp, Bob Kuhn, Ed Mayer, Don Navor, Kip Nygren, John Oristian, Chris Sautter, Ed Schwabe, Tom Venard, Rich West** and **Bruce Wheeler**. Tom Venard leaves this summer for a private vet practice in CO.

1969: Jerry Morelock (on right) in Soviet Union with Capka '71, Schandler '52 and Stadler '59

Jerry Morelock wrote from the Industrial Col of the Armed Forces, where he just graduated after garnering honors on his pubs. He also had visited the Soviet Union and is now en route to JCS (J-5). He & **Doris** live in Alexandria, VA.

Bill Gregor sent a note from Ann Arbor, MI, where he is PMS at the U of MI. At Ft Bliss, **Bob Ivany** took cmd of the 3d ACR on 29 May, and, at Ft Carson, **Jack Gloriod** took cmd of the 4th DivArty on 26 Jun.

Last card was from **Jerry Mailey** in Saudi Arabia. He is a Reservist called to active duty in Aug 90, as is **Sharon**, a nurse in the AF Res who was sent to Myrtle Beach AFB, SC. Let's hope that by now both are back home in VA!

That's the news for this time. **Holly** and our 5 wish you the very best for a safe, happy summer and a beautiful fall.

God bless to all in '69.

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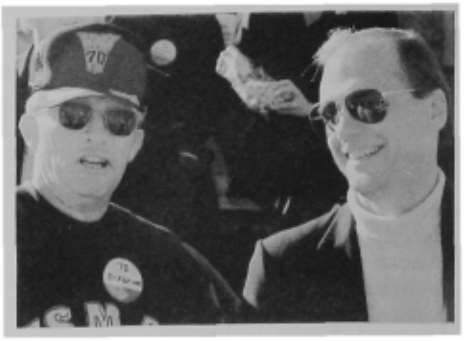
Last May, I picked up a new asgmt within GM as an engr for Allison Gas Turbine. So far have figured out that the basic difference between a diesel and a turbine is that one goes up and down and the other goes round and round. Fortunately, there is no change in my mailing address, or either of the phone nos listed at the top of the col, so my movement is NO EXCUSE for you to fail to communicate.

In the Crystal Ball dept, the First Annual Class '70 Golf Invitational Open was a smashing success. Since this is a past tense rep of a future event, some of this might not be entirely accurate, but so what? About 9 were in attendance, including **Tom Anthony, Bill & Starr Campbell, Nelson Johnson, John Roberts, Mike Zolidis, Dave Brown, Gil Pritchard, Dave Young**, and the CINC '70 Golf Tour **Jim Crawford**. Results and photographic evidence are obviously not



1970: Dick Williams and John Veenstra at Homecoming 90

available yet, but as soon as I get them, they will run in the next scheduled issue. This is the FIRST annual, so keep this in mind for your long-range training calendar.

Once again I solicit your assistance in helping put together obituaries for the *ASSEMBLY* on those classmates who have joined the ghostly assemblage. Thus far, only 4 of our 13 fallen have been remembered in the memorial articles toward the rear of the magazine. Those who have not yet been so honored are **Kennard E Gillihan, Patrick M Dunphy, Randall A Carlson, Michael A Hawley, Howard M Steinfeld, John M Minor, Charles T Connatser Jr, Joseph F Ferraro** and **Vernon R Stockwell Jr. Julian Burns** has offered to help in some of the coordinating efforts, as well as possibly taking on the research for an article on Randy Carlson. Naturally, those who could contribute the most are the close friends/roommates, work or Army buddies after grad, relatives or folks from the same local area. Let me know if you can help.

Time mag ran a pic of **Les Sumner** last 8 Apr. **Patti** had sold them a photo to illustrate "then—the 80's." Fortunately, Les is virtually unrecognizable in the shot. He is, however, easily identified in the below photo with his brother-in-law **Gil Pritchard**.

1970: Gil Pritchard and Les Sumner in Tampa, May 91

Les is now "working" as **Patti**'s mgr in her photo business. He claims he "manages, plans, produces and carries equipment," but I'll bet it's mostly just the

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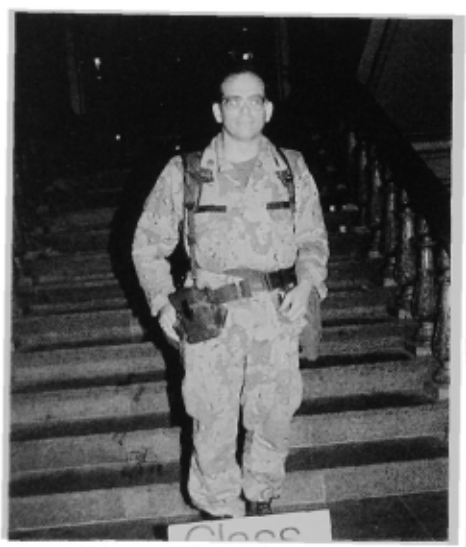
latter—toting the gear. But he does have his name so inscribed on Patti's business card. Les and Gil got together in Tampa for Les' brother's wedding. Gil seems to be doing well as the pres of Barbara's Bakery, the healthful snack food place.

1970: Bruce Robinson, Pat Moran, Paul Franke and Bob Cousar at the 20th Reunion

1970: '70 at Founders Day 91, Carlisle Bks

1970: Gary, Kelly and Eric (10) Wilkins at 20th Reunion



1970: "Nuke 'em" Newcomb at Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

1970: Jim & Nancy Sullivan, Jeff & Mary Beth Schmidt and Howard & Betty Parker at Founders Day 91, Chicago

1970: The Nicholsons at Founders Day 91, FL W Coast

Founders Day photos abound. Luckily for you, otherwise I would have to resurrect more of these 20th Reunion pics from the dusty archives. But I will get my quota of 10 snapshots in ea col for awhile yet.

If you wipe off the bifocals, you might be able to recognize the following from the Carlisle Bks party: **Barney & Jane Forsythe, Mark & Vickie Meranda, Lynn & Dawn Moore, Mike & Bette Meuleners, Pat & Mary Thornton, John & Brenda Reese, Marty & Kathy Knorr, Rob & Anne Stewart, Phil & Becki Curtis, Pete & Cathy Cramblet, Wayne & Genia Barth, Lou De Scioli, Greg Knight, Mike Rundle** and their evening adoptee, COL Peter & Lindy Dunn from Australia.

Another Founders Day pic was sent in by MG Mallory '61 from the party in Kuwait City on 20 Mar 91. The affair was held in the Al-Sabah family palace, which had also been the Iraqi III Corps Gen HQ.

The *Official Army Book of Lists* continues to provide updates on the long-timers and high rollers in the Class. In the Movin' Up list, **Gil Harper, Allan Marple, Bob Wagner, John Marcello** and **Bob Brand** all made 06 on 1 May, and **Jeff Gault** and **Steve Garrett** got their eagles on 1 Jun. In the Movin' Around list, the following named individuals all got hooked up in the Acquisition Corps: **Tom Haller, Perry Casto** and **Mike Mitchell** in AD; **Charlie Ennis, Nels Johnson** and **Paul Dixon** in OD; **BJ Alexander, Kerry Goodier** and **Terry Hilderbrand** in SC; **Jim Etchechury** in AR; **Skip Lane** and **Dave Smith** in IN; and **Roy Marshall** and **Jim Snider** in AV. And lastly, in the Movin' Out list, **John Reitz** will be heading from Ft Lewis to Ft Leavenworth and **Jim Crawford** will be leaving his plush Gonzaga U PMS job to join the Special Opns Cmd at MacDill AFB in Tampa.

Rapid fire, culled by sifting shifting oil-soaked Kuwaiti sand: the blaze of red, spotted cruising around NYC, was driven by **Tom Secrest**, who celebrated a lucrative law case victory by purchasing a 'Vette. The car is off-limits to **Lizzie**—she can't drive a stick. I'll bet she learns, quick. **Bill & Portia Green** seem to be doing well in SC; Bill aspires to create a new WP soc in the area. **Ralph Churchill** will be trading para-

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dise for paradox as he moves from HI to DC. My sympathy, Ralph. Contrary to popular belief, there ARE people younger than 50 in Phoenix.

1970: Susan & Marshall Larsen, Pam & Cal Purdin and Paula & John Roberts at Founders Day 91, Phoenix

1970: '70 at Founders Day 91, Ft Leavenworth

Pete Jones has returned safely from Desert Storm to his civ job at EAR Corp in Indianapolis. He gets to serve as everybody's surrogate hero in IN as he adjusts back to civ life and part-time USAR bn cmd. Have any of our other deployed come home with some war stories to tell?

That just about cools the jets on this one. But if we could only hear from **Mike Russ, Mike Mullady** or **Tom Lawlor**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print in an internationally distributed mag, then send a postcard from your vacation, call long distance late for the cheap night rates (not collect!) or send SOMETHING (with a pic); then I'll make sure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good. Delta Charlie Fox out.

'71

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Haven't been this excited since we threw our hats up in the air 20 yrs ago. . . wait, I kept that smelly thing. Haven't been this excited since we walked in from Lake Frederick; since I walked my last hr on the area; since Snuffy's gave us a free round. Well, maybe it doesn't take much to get me excited, but nevertheless the reunion is only 60 days away. The suspense date for getting your reservations in has passed, but it's not too late—this is the new flexible, non-demerit reunion comm. Given the state of body repair of the forty-something community, you've got 60 days to get that makeover or start that crash diet. Maybe apprehension, not excitement, is what I'm feeling!

More pics than info this time out of the blocks. This situation will change as reunion poop comes in over the next yr. Will be seeking out a stringer from ea co to assist in compiling post-reunion articles. Early volunteers should ring me up.

Yep, 20 yrs. Seems like yesterday that those dogbreath Beast cadre mbrs were hurling phlegm at us. Nice thought. Now the cadre ask the new cadets if they can help them with their bags! Sigh. Fast forwarding to the exclusive Bird and Bottle in downtown Hudson Valley (photo opportunity herein), we find 5 of WP's finest families slowly destroying their few working brain cells as they celebrate the 20th anniv of that sun-drenched day at Michie Stadium.

1971: Twenty down and. . .

Had they not spent so much time in Snuffy's yrs ago, the **Hickoks, Matwiczaks, Arneys, Lincolns** and **McNallys** would have quickly understood that when you can't read or pronounce the menu, indeed, when you cannot recognize the food, then you are in big trouble. To the tune of a $625 bill—with an $85 tip—and a headache. But what the hey, these are classmates (how often have you tried that one on your spouse?)! You don't see Mr. **deMoya** or his lovely and vivacious wife in that photo. Oh, no. Much too educated. I was in IN swilling a rancid concoction much akin to motor oil at the Indy 500. Ah, the good mid-life.

But I ran into **Hank Schrader** and **Sam Pride** out in Naptown. Both were in transition. . . **Dunk** from the 9th to 10th holes and **Sam** from the defensive to offensive court. Not really. . . **Hank** is wasting no time in hanging up his combat boots (which I noted needed some work on the uppers) for civ employ. He, **Ann** and 13-yr-old Kelly are moving to WI where Hank will become the dir of Athletics at Deerfield Acad, a private boys' sch. Getting crunched by the manpower drawdown and base realignment, Sam is moving the Army Physical Fitness Sch from Indy to Ft Benning this winter. He will continue to serve there as the dir of training. Back in Woopville, **Jim Hickok** and **Bob Watson** have also been enticed by that ret pay plum we've heard so much about. Turns out the total pay and benefits approach the natl poverty level as a limit (that's calculus talk for all of you who graduated lower than 388 in the Class). Anyway, the families of Hickok and Watson are trading in the fickle NY weather for sunnier climes. Jim is moving to Albuquerque to shore up the teaching ranks, and Bob is moving to the Silicon Valley to make and lose his fortune.

Let's see, what else is going on around Thayerburg? I'm so busy making sure cadets don't have milk on their windowsills, I've lost sight of what's really important around here—oh, yeah—academics. We're in great shape. And when we're not, we bring in the Reserves. **Jim Crowe** had his 8th annual migration back to WP to do his two-wk stint in the EE&CS Dept. Normally though, he serves the nation through his employment with the Electronics and Commo Div of GE in Philly.

1971: Predeployment Floyd

I also told you about Res combat vet **Jim Floyd**—that's his crack detachment in the encl photo. Having made the Persian Gulf safe from rabid camels, Jim has returned. I sincerely appreciate, as do you all, of course, the efforts and sacrifices of my bud, Jim, and all the soldiers who served in the Gulf and supported from afar. Like **Jim Fischer**, Major, USAR, out of Marietta, GA, who served his active duty time at Ft Rucker.

And like **Mike Hess**, who got the call at NYC Citibank to come play in the Iraqi sandbox. Some of those who got a ticket to the big show didn't lose perspective of what is really important. That's right, a Founders Day celebration in a palace in Kuwait. Check it out.

Bob Worthington didn't make it be-

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1971: Aviator Fischer

1971: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

cause he came home and ret his electronic combat plane sqdn on 11 Mar. **Cal Benedict** didn't make the photo either. Perhaps he had moved on to his next job at the Def Intell Agency in DC.

1971: Worthington Welcome Home

The Fischer and Floyd pics are courtesy of **Bert Lennon**, who is now well into his second yr of cmd of the 1st Bn, 10th Avn Regt at Ft Rucker. He cmds everthing from flutes to parachutes. Yep, he's got the Rucker Band as well as the Air Assault Sch. One of his recent grads was **Al Patterson**, who recently completed Avn cmd in Korea. The wizards at the Personnel Cmd had Al sch-dropping around the country until the War Col began in Aug. I am proud to announce that not only did Al keep up with the young studs and studettes physically, they were no match for his stealth and cunning.

1971: Lennon and Air Assault Patterson

Bert Lennon's son completed an 8-mo Red Sea cruise in Mar and plans to enter jr col in Jacksonville upon his discharge.

Before I leave Schofield's Disciplined Home, let me tell you about the Jun MORS conf at WP. No, this was not a mtg to discuss chocolate-covered, marshmallow-filled graham crackers. These are the govt's opns researchers. Those enjoying the inviting environs of Barth Hall and Camp Buckner vicinity included locals **Ken Matwiczak** and **Chris Arney** as well as **Bill Diehl** (Def Communication Agency), **Rich Goodwin** (Arms Control and Disarmament Agency), **Jim Kolding** (Training and Analysis Cmd), **Bruce Smith** (AF Studies Analysis, Pentagon) and **Jim Grussmeyer** (Mil Asst to Dep Undersecy of the Army).

1971: The FL Petersons

Joe Adelman rep that there is still quite a contingent in DC protecting Georgetown from all incipient life forms. In fact, five B-3'ers waddled over to the Adelmans for a mini-reunion in May. They included **Bill Baldwin** (lawyer in Richmond), **Don Johnson** (Joint Staff), **Hugh Bracey** (OPTEC), **Terry Thomason** (mil lawyer en route to Korea), and Joe (DCSOPS). Joe also has seen **Randy Oliver** lurking around the CofS off, **Tom Berry** doing great work on the Joint Staff, **Tom Harvey** working at the White House and **Joe Curry** at DCSOPS.

1971: Lin & Patti Albo at Founders Day 91, Phoenix

Charlotte, NC needs a few Professionally Done men also. **Tom Turner** is the pres of Specialty Manufacturing Co there. They are the country's largest manufacturer of safety equipment for sch buses, like little red stop signs with flashing red lights. He also owns a co called AlumiFlex Bldgs, which supplies kiosks to the banking industry to house drive-up automated teller machines. With those profitable ventures, Tom, you want to stay away from **Gary Wright**. He was visiting Indy from Denver when I was there. He runs a consulting firm that does a $10 mil annual business in liquidating other businesses. Maybe that's what Congress has in mind with their manpower build-down. **Bob Kulbick** is also in Charlotte running his own business, the Corporate Interviewing Network. They do video productions for "State of the Co" addresses. **Chris Timmers** is a manufacturing rep for sophisticated electronics.

Also heard that **Maury Mussa** left Schneider Trucking in Green Bay and opened his own trucking firm in the area. **Rick Walters** is now in Rockford, IL as a plant mgr for a plastics firm.

The **Monastras** can now roll a complete die as they have added their Professionally Done 6th baby. The comparative novices, **Jeff & Shirley Rock**, have a Professionally Done first. Yessir, with only two hrs in the hosp, Shirley gave birth to Kelsey Jade on 30 Apr. This must be serious parenthood for Jeff; as one who normally keeps his priorities straight, he skipped a scheduled golf tournament 3 days later. Go figure.

Well, I'm just so excited about this dang reunion, I'm going to have to excuse myself. Burst my bubble in Oct.

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1971: Marc Eccleston at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood

1971: Founders Day 91, Ft Leavenworth

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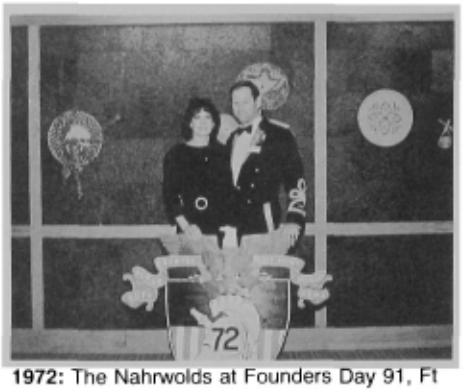
1972: David & Kim Mitchell at Founders Day 91, Korea



1972: The Nahrwolds at Founders Day 91, Ft Carson, CO

1972: Dennis Heath, Terri Siemer, Mary Lynn, Pam Jacobsen, Richard Ekman; (rear) Joseph Drach, John Siemer, Jonathan Jacobsen and Edward Freund at Founders Day 91, Heidelberg

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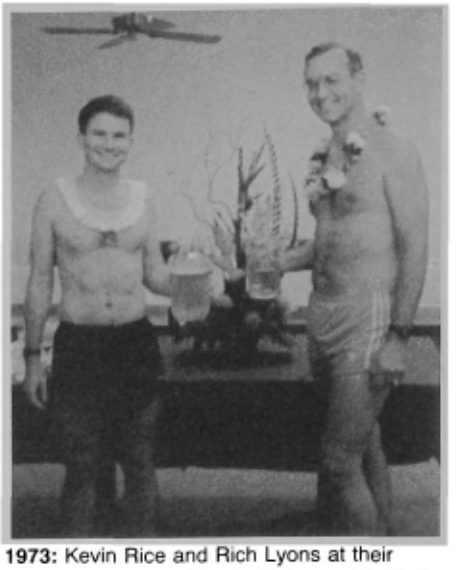
My first duty as Class scribe is to thank **Butch Baker** and his predecessors for their untiring efforts to keep the Class informed. I come into the job with one principal qualification (as the realtors say): location, location, location. We have a ctr of mass in the Wash, DC area, approx 127 classmates. In addition, there are always folks passing through. I am writing this as of 1 Jun, so info received after that date will appear in the next col. One of the primary subjects of this col is Class org. After consultation with Class Pres **Doug MacIntyre**, we are planning a Class mtg in the Pentagon Exec Dining Rm on Fri, 4 Oct with the hope that the wknd will increase out-of-town participation. The agenda items are: 1) moving the Standing Comm to Wash and the election of offs; 2) planning the 20-yr reunion; and, 3) Class fund and gift.

I would point out, though, that proximity is a necessary but not sufficient condition for close Class ties. For several yrs I lived across the Beltway from my former roommate and XO (until he got promoted) **Ritt & Ingrid Dallaire** and their two daughters. It wasn't until we got together for the A-N football game that we became reacquainted. It takes some effort, but the returns are well worth it, as those who turned out for the game know.



1973: Kevin Rice and Rich Lyons at their promotion party 23 Mar in Waianae, HI. Kevin is currently 25 ID 3rd Bde XO, and Rich is 25 ID G-5 (Schofield Bks, HI)

There are a no of factors which are bringing our Class closer, in my view. This has not always been the case, but I sense renewed interest as we approach "old grad" status. **Dave Pickett**'s death, which **Butch** so eloquently captured, touched us. We were bloodied in Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm. Desert Storm found mbrs of our Class in various positions. The following listing is warranted both by the interest it holds for us and because it was natl news. Those who served (as I have it, by word of mouth) are **John Feeley**, who was personally cited by GEN Schwarzkopf; **Bruce Simpson**, OH-58 Sqdn Cmdr, **Scott Marcy**, Cmdr, 3/2 ACR; **John Daly**, Cmdr, 3/3 ACR; **Scott Feil**, S-3, 3d ACR; **Tim Cross**, Aviator; **Ken Travis**, XO, 4th Bde (Avn), 1 AD; **Bob Portante; Paul Trotti**, Bn Cmdr, 82d Abn (see Butch's write-up in the last col). **Rick Reese**, CENTCOM staff; **JT Thomas**, Cmdr, Signal unit; **Greg Pepin**, Public Affairs; **Tom Leney**, Sqdn Cmdr 2/4, 24th Mech—provided the covering force for the mother of all attacks; **John Innes** was on deck for cmd, but I don't think he got in there. **Dan Peterjohn** cmded 2/8 Cav, part of the 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div. **Mike Masterson** was XO, 1/7 Cav, the Divisional Cav unit. He related stories about the extensive media coverage they received over there and the supportive and warm welcome they received upon their return home. The unit was off the day after Memorial Day, having participated in Houston's welcome home celebration. I appreciate Mike's spot report. If anyone else at Ft Hood has info, contact me or Mike (800 Silver Creek Dr, Harker Heights, TX

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76543; phone 817-698-6317). **John Abizaid** cmds the 3/325 Inf and secured the welfare of the Kurds in the N of Iraq by forcing the withdrawal of 200 Iraqi soldiers to Dahuk. This is not the first time he has found himself in a hot spot; he led his Rangers on the airdrop into Grenada. His most recent asgmt was as aide to GEN Saint. This list will require your input to do justice to the soldiers who served but I omitted. Scott sent me his 9-pp acct of the deployment to the battle. Three things emerge: 1) his satisfaction with the soldiers' performance; 2) his satisfaction with the equipment and support; and 3) his concern about identification, friend or foe. He was in the thick of it: "The sqdn received short notice that the 3d Bde of the 1st AD would pass forward through us by night into the attack. This had not been previously coordinated and is historically a situation for serious fratricide problems. Fortunately, we had cleaned out the enemy to our front, so forward passage would not be made directly into enemy contact." And to think that Scott Marcy thought he was going to train in Amberg, Ger watching over an open border. . . .

Another factor which should bring our Class together is our 20th Reunion. It will take our available time and collective effort to do it right. About that point, many will be thinking of life after the Army and hope to have a spt gp in place that will smooth the transition. (Academy Graduates Executive Search, Inc. (203-656-0404) is a potential source of help: Phil Alibrandi '84 helped me.) Of course, it will be an ongoing process, but the reunion will mark a watershed. Let's point toward it.

1973: Charles & Carolyn Berlin and Phillip Smith at Founders Day 91, Korea

A steering comm has been formed to establish the Standing Comm in accordance with the Class Constitution. The Steering Comm co-ch are **Kenn Riordan** (who has been the driving force) and **Rick Saunders**; treas—**Bill Pokorny**; secy—**Lin Arison**; scribe—**Pat Putignano**; legal advisors—**Bruce Kasold** and **Tom Mason**; database mgr—**Austin Schmidt**.

Depending on the sentiments of the Class, we need to begin a fund-raising effort. There is a shopping list of gifts which fit "2002—A Road Map to the Future," the Academy's Plan. They support: a) academic excellence; b) athletic and physical excellence; c) extracurricular excellence; and d) environmental excellence. Fund raising is hard work, and we are starting from scratch, so we will be looking for a volunteer to head that effort.

1973: John & Ulrike Twomey, Paul Smith, Bonnie Heyer and John & Margaret Nolen at Founders Day 91, Heidelberg, Ger

Finally, I'd like to say a word about communications. I can only rep what info I gather. I need your help. We are purging the AOG list, so keep that current by advising me of your whereabouts; don't wait for their request for data. We refer to their updated, unpublished listings. A couple of cos have newsltrs which I would like to receive. To give you the flavor of D-2's news, here are some excerpts: **Tom & Evelyn Stanford** have Jennifer (15) and Rusty (13). He says, "I'm stationed at the only asylum run by the inmates, where I am the Leader Development guy in HQDA ODCSOPS." **Chuck Hendrick** returned in Mar from an unaccompanied tour of one yr with the multinatl peacekeeping force in the Sinai. **Donna** and their two kids are glad to have him home in CO. **Doug MacIntyre** is overseeing our efforts described above in his capacity as Class pres. He is also pres of Software 2000 (which probably pays more). **Keith Arland** graduated from VT Law Sch in 89 and opened a practice in Oct. **Charlie Ostrand** was in Saudi Arabia on temp duty with VII Corps HQ. **Chet Singh** is a PhD and teaches at Berry Col near Atl. He is the author of two books in the field of econ devel. **Roth Schleck** is a VP for Union Capital Advisers, and **Suzanne** has her own successful printing business in their home. **Tom Fitzsimons** is now a marketing mgr with TX Instruments and refs lacrosse games. **Bill Goodrich** is a project mgr for Ganteaum and McMullin, an architectural design firm in Boston.

Tom Shull is in the process of moving from LA to Dallas. **Al Costantine** is a geographical bachelor working for DNA. He has been selected as a USMA PAP. Recognizing that he will be serving out his 4-yr joint asgmt in DC, **Jane** and their 5 children will move down soon to join him. To burn up some of that excess energy, Al has busied himself as a home handyman for **Laura Perkins**; this has kept him gainfully employed. **Jay Willis** works at SDIO and has a newsltr circulating annually, and it is comprehensive (4 pp of 4-pt type). My copy is dated, but I wanted to pass on one tidbit. He and **Paul Peterson** were working on SIMNET, an armor/anti-armor simulation in which you can "see" the other vehicles on the battlefield and the fog of war on CRTs. Apache simulators are included. When Jay visited, they were going to conduct a real-time exercise with Ger via satellite. Also, it can computer-generate the terrain of any 10-km square on the globe within 24 hrs. **Steve Kuffner** is getting ready to give up cmd of an ADA bn at Ft Hood. The most complete newsltr in this area I know of is the work of Geoff Wilhelmy, my co-mate from the Class of '72. These things gather a momentum of their own; it just takes the initial impetus, which we could surely provide.

In addition, **Butch Baker** has volunteered to be our outpost at Ft Leavenworth (2600 Valhalla Pl, Leavenworth, KS 66048; phone (H) 913-682-6495, (O) 913-684-3882) which is a good vantage point because of the pre-cmd course. I suggest similar efforts in other locations, esp our larger posts (if there are any remaining). **George Rollins** has offered to be our POC at Ft Bragg; his AV is 239-4608. I encourage you to touch base with him or me.

We are allotted up to two full pp in this section of the *ASSEMBLY* and 10 photos. They may be color or black-and-white and should include at least one classmate. Attach a separate caption which will not damage the photo.

Here in Wash, we have a regular qtrly luncheon which performs a similar function. For example, **Tom Slear** was recalled to active duty in public affairs, based on his experience as a full-time freelance writer. He is moving away from mag clients to industrial clients: speeches, brochures and newsltrs. **Rick Saunders** will be moving from the Ch's Assessment and Initiatives Gp (where Tom Leney worked as the Ch's speechwriter) to the St Dept in Jun to be the Mil Asst to the Ambassador-at-large for Burdensharing. Rick recently had his 40th birthday, a rite of passage we are undergoing as a gp with mixed emotions. I note the celebrations are less joyous and more like a mourning period. However,

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our contributions are just beginning. **Mary**, Rick's wife, just had their second son, Matthew Bennett, and is planning to return to Dept of Commerce where she works on European Community 92. **Tom Wiswell** writes: "I am ch of the newborn intensive care unit, Dept of Pediatrics, Walter Reed. We have several other classmates currently at Walter Reed (**Bob Knight** and **Bill Madigan**). I've been here since 88. As well as teaching residents and taking care of patients, I do a lot of med research and have been lucky enough to have more than 50 publications in med journals, as well as having my research featured in *Newsweek*, *US News & World Report*, and on 'Nightline.'" Congratulations and thanks for the sort of update we like to see. **Jim Styron** is working in the Off of the Dir for Info Sys for Cmd, Control, Communications & Computers. **Jay O'Brien** has agreed to do the B-1 newsltr, so drop him a line, all of you Beta Houses: 7903 Clifton Hunt Ct, Clifton, VA 22024. He is running for a vacant seat in the VA House of Delegates. His experience as the exec dir for the Reagan-Bush campaign should serve him well.

Those of you who are in personnel asgmts can perform a valuable svc by keeping me apprised of cmd and promotion lists or other relevant personnel decisions. I'm sure that having some straight info would be of interest as we downsize.

Many thanks to Mr Robert Kimmitt, '69 scribe and Under Secy of St for Political Affairs, for his advice on beginning as a scribe. He was of great assistance, but the errors are my own. My next deadline for the col is 15 Oct, so send me a note well in advance of that date, and we will share the news. Whether you are in uniform or mufti, we share a great deal from the past. With a concerted effort, we can also share a great deal in the future. As always. . . **Pat**.

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Pham Tam & Kim Chi are free! They made the transition in late May, and on 31 May 91 they landed in the USA. His sister Yung in MD and **Pat McBrayer** are getting them settled and squared away. His sister got them an apt near her, and Pat arranged for a good set of wheels. Pham can be contacted via his sister, c/o Mr & Mrs Henry Cohn, 19108 Harkness Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

Pat said the "Free Pham Fund" had done very well and will go a long way in helping Pham. GEN Knowlton (Ret), our old Supe, also contributed and sent words of encouragement. Also a big 'at-a-boy for the Class in coming to Pham's spt.

1974: Pham Tam and Pat McBrayer at Wash Natl Airport, 31 May 91—Happy Reunion!

1974: Skip Scott assumes cmd in Saudi Arabia

One update from our Gulf heroes, this one an AF type and LTC already. **Skip Scott** was deployed to Saudi for 8 mos and while there assumed cmd of the 437th Airlift Control Sqdn on 10 Feb 91. This outfit ran the airlift opns from one of the large airfields in Saudi. They have redeployed to Charleston AFB but still support the Kurd relief effort.

Bill & Mary Beth Marsh contacted me from their farm in OH. Bill was med ret from the Marines in 85 and is now working for the AF Log Cmd at Wright-Pat AFB near Dayton. He's a GM-13 in the Civ Engr HQ. He & Mary Beth live with Sarah (15) and Brad (12) on a 6-acre "spread." Having recently made the mil-civ transition, Bill would be glad to pass on advice to others; contact him at 7009 Rt 48, Springboro, OH 45066.

Denny Gum writes from Anchorage, AK, where a few yrs back he fell in love with the country and exited the svc to stay there. He's a sr patrol off with the Anchorage PD and really enjoys the work, loves those 2300–0900 shifts and handling the drunks. Rah! He also cmds C Co (Abn), 6/297th Inf, the roundout bn for 1st Bde, 6th Light Inf Div; has cmded 4 yrs and sent me a bumper sticker—Abn! His 6 young'uns, Julie (18) and a recent HS grad, Denny (14), Melissa (13), Donny (11), Karol (10) and Katelyn (7) are growing and active: hockey, wrestling, soccer, baseball and dance. Denny also plays and coaches hockey. He occasionally sees **Larry Bethel**, XO for the 2d Bde, 6 LID at Ft Wainwright.

Eric Vonderscheer sent an update

1974: The Tixiers at Founders Day 91, FL W Coast

from Ft Lewis. His old unit, the 9th ID, the famed Toys-R-Us Div, was inactivated this summer, and the 199th Sep Bde formed out of it. Eric left WA St and is now XO of 193 IN Bde in Panama, while **Jeanie** and the kids stay in Tacoma. **Dave Dlugolenski** finished XO time in an MP bn and set off to Korea, while **Debbie** and the kids also remain at Lewis.

1974: Marty Dempsey, Jack Pattison, French MacLean and Bob Thorsen at Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

The first-ever Kuwait City Founders Day was held 20 Mar 91, and we were well represented: **Marty Dempsey, Jack Pattison** from Ft Hood, **French MacLean** with 3rd AD and **Bob Thorsen** with his Res Civ Affairs Co. The event was held in the former HQ of the Iraqi III Corps and featured a briefing of the Iraqi defense plan from a terrain model the Iraqis left behind. Bob Thorsen, who returned in Jun, called to say he had seen **Terry Elmore** there, also with the Res, and **Tim Tanner**, on the reconstruction project in Kuwait.

Being newly assigned to the DC area has its advantages in the way of Class news. This is definitely the Class ctr of gravity, with well over 100 classmates in the greater DC area. It was also good to find that **Don Zacherl** and others had nicely organized our classmates here and have regular get-togethers: luncheons, picnics, etc. I'll note a good no of the gp, and I apologize if some of the wives' info is missing. No Excuse!

The bulk of the '74'ers here are in DCSOPS (the big G-3 section of the DA Staff). Therein are **Jeff & Debi Anderson,**

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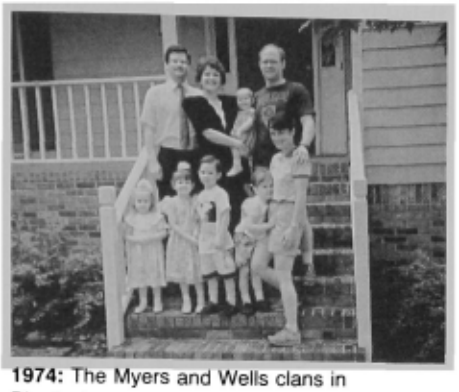
Marsh Best, Jim & Mary Koenig, John & Marsha Martin, Lloyd & Cheryl Scott, Tom & Chris Snyder, Jim Stratton, Jeff Troxell and **Tom Wills.** PERSCOM (formerly TAPA) in Alexandria has **Frank & Grace Prindle** (Frank on a congressional fellowship this yr), **Paul & Pat O'Sullivan, Frank & Denise Roberts, Marv & Carol Searle, Tony & Susan Stamilio, Pat & Martha Thomas** and **Bert & Chris Wells.** AF reps here include **Bill Muir**, on the AF briefing team, and **Dan Hulsey**, a recent arrival.

Around town: **Dennis & Faith Bilter**—he's into computer info in MD; **Dennis Blasko**—off to Korea but will return (**Molly** is here); **Joe & Mary Bonnet**—he's a briefer on the Joint Staff but may be taking the PMS job at Georgetown soon; **Doug & Mary Beth Cathcart**—he has his own hazardous waste mgt co; **Cliff & Jan Clausen**—he works for UNISYS, and she's a Navy cmdr; **Phil & Shar Coker**—he's on the Joint Staff; **Terry & Theresa Freeze**—he's on the DA staff; **Rich Kurasiewicz**—is in OSIA, works on the arms negotiation team and flies to Geneva often; **Steve & Nanda Larocca**—he's in grad sch at Georgetown and a PAP (permanent guy) at USMA; **Kevin & Rebecca Lewis**—he's working for Digital Eqpmt Corp; **Jesse McCorvey**—the Natl Guard Bureau; **Bill McMillan**—frocked to LTC early so he could work security assistance with Egypt; **Joe & Margie Miller**—he was in CSA's protocol off and now works installations for the Corps of Engrs; **Gordy Moore**—Joint Staff, due to get married and then cmd a FA bn in the 101st; **Doug & Jacqueline Mow**—he's a local real estate agent; **Dennis & Cyndy Patrick**—he works in the strategic def initiative off; **Dave & Holly Petraeus**—CSA's aide and due to cmd an Inf bn in the 101st; **Jim & Joan Relyea**—he's working on info mgt projects. **Dave & Cindy Roemer**—he's

1974: Ben Withers visiting Kathie & Dave McCracken at Ft Bragg

working for Bazaco, Roemer and Co, an employment transition co; and **Ben & Alison Withers**—leaving Walter Reed this summer for Leavenworth and CGSC. **Don & Marianne Zacherl** bestowed much of this info on me (blame him!). He's back in DC for his second tour, having left Benning last yr. There he was XO for an Arty bn and FSO for the Ranger Regt—great jobs to have. They have 3 young'uns. I'll pick up on more of the DC gang in later issues.



1974: The Myers and Wells clans in Birmingham

The **Wells'** leave wanderings brought us to Birmingham, AL, where we visited with **Scott & Eady Myers** and their 3 cute girls. We also saw **Terry, Chris**, Tom and Katie **Youngbluth** at Ft Stewart. The famed 24th Div had just returned from the Gulf—**Ted Davis** was the G-3 Opns Off. More challenging probably was organizing and cutting opn orders for all the major victory parades.

The patriotic spirit in the US has been something to behold, a far cry from what we saw as cadets and LT's. Let's pray that the spirit continues. As for your scribe, am now on the DA Staff (Personnel), where the name of the game is drawdown the Army to 535,000 folks in 3 yrs. The price of victory in the Cold War translates into a hard time for some folks in uniform. Please note the new phone nos and addresses; don't be a stranger. Have a great fall. Go, Rabble!

'75

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Greetings to all mbrs of *Courage and Drive* '75. There are lots of ltrs for this issue, so I'll just jump right in. . . .

1975: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

MG Glynn C Mallory '61 sent a most welcome note and the above Founders Day photo. He writes that, "during the Army's recent participation in Desert Shield/Storm, the Kuwait City Chapter (Provisional) of the AOG held its 'first' Founders Day on 20 Mar 91. . . . The affair was held in the Al-Sabah family palace, which had served as general hqs for the Iraqi III Corps during the battle and included a 20-min class on the Iraqi defensive plan taught by CPT Steve Peterson '82, using a captured 30' x 50' Iraqi terrain model depicting the Iraqi plan to defend Kuwait City against amphibious assault. BG Charles Getz (Ret) '59 spoke as the sr graduate present and 2LT Martin Ryan '89 spoke as the youngest graduate. Military academy graduates from the armies of Britain, France, Canada and Kuwait were in attendance as well." Many thanks for an important contribution to the Class of '75 col.

1975: Bob Enzenauer and Dr Charles Garvin '42 operate on a small, furry patient

Bob Enzenauer wrote from Fitzsimmons AMC in Aurora, CO and sent the above photo. Bob is currently on active duty serving as a pediatric ophthalmologist. A local veterinary ophthalmologist had asked to speak with Bob about eye surgery on one of his patients, a tiny (1 lb, 3 oz) monkey. As it turns out, the veterinary ophthalmologist was Dr Charles Garvin '42. Bob and Dr. Garvin performed surgery on the monkey (see photo). The surgery went well, and the monkey is recovering nicely. Bob says that if any classmates have the chance to visit the Cheyenne Mtn Zoo, look for a one-eyed patient of Bob's and Dr Garvin's.

1975: Cary Jardine and Russ & Dee Glenn with their children

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Russ Glenn and **Vic Macias** sent a great ltr. Most of what follows will be verbatim from their note. . . . Both Russ and Vic were fortunate enough to have served with a great outfit in the war, the 3AD. Vic served as the G-3 Opns Off (after two yrs as S-3, 3/5 Cav) and Russ as ch of G-3 Plans and Exercises. There were several other classmates in the div, and all did jobs of which the Class can be proud. **Mike Spasyk** is the Fire Spt Off for 1st Bde. (That unit fired 70% of all the arty steel put on the enemy in the war by the 3AD.) He will soon be moving to 2/3 FA as the S-3. **John Lough** (Vic's sqd mate in Beast) is the S-3 of 3/5 Cav, a mech Inf bn in the same bde as Mike.

A couple of other S-3s include **Ray Riddle** (DivArty) and **Dan Alexander** (143 Sig Bn). **Mike Weinstein** worked in the same van as Russ and was ch of the G-4 Plans section. Mike & **Elizabeth** look forward to a tour at Eustis beginning this summer. Mike will be a div ch in the Combined Arms Training, Instrumentation and Engagement Sys Directorate. **Tom Gross** is also a part of the 3AD team that destroyed (as contrasted to defeated) 3 enemy heavy divs. Vic also passes on that he ran into the following at XVIII Abn Hq: **Dave Williams, Howie Barton, Ed Bradford, Bob Simons, Vince Gwiazdowski, Tony Cerri** and **Tupper Hillard**. We also have **Mark Morgan** as S-1 of 3AD's 3rd Bde. A note from Russ and Vic. . . the *wives* are the true champions of Opn Desert Shield. While they were down basking in the oil fumes and reflections of wrecked Iraqi armor, they (the wives) have been putting up with extraordinary security measures (counter-terrorist, for which they are thankful), mail delays (they assume delays is correct; lost seems pessimistic) and separation of their immediate families.

Russ and **Vic**'s notes from other fronts include the following: **Dick & Cary Jardine** are in England ending their second yr on an exchange tour with the British Sig Corps. Cary wrote a great article for *Stars and Stripes* recently contrasting the two English languages. The **Glenns** visited the Jardines last summer and had a ball. **Jim & Nancy Abcouwer** are doing well in Houston. Russ & **Dee** Glenn and boys are off to England where Russ will attend the Royal Sch of Mil Engring for a two-yr exchange slot. Russ and Vic, many thanks for a great ltr, and all of your classmates are happy to celebrate your safe return from Opn Desert Storm.

Jim Pettit wrote a great ltr from Korea. He says that the soldiers there in the Land of the Morning Calm have been busy guarding CENTCOM's (far) northeastern flank and must be doing a great job since the North Koreans have not attacked. **Brian Haig** and Jim have reunited after 15 yrs. They last saw ea other at the winter Ranger course in Feb 76 (which is even more recent than the last time the **Pardues** saw Brian at the Pardue wedding!). Brian and Jim were I-1 plebe roommates. Brian & **Lisa**, Brian Jr and Patrick are now living next door to the Pettits. Brian works in the CINC's off and, among other things, writes speeches for the CINC. Jim says that, given Brian's reputation for sleeping during cadet lectures, he should know how to avoid writing a dull speech. Jim has finished two yrs as a staff off at the Combined Field Army. Despite his best efforts, Jim was unable to avoid asgmt to DC and will be working as a 49—to quote Jim, "ORSA puke, How did I get this alternate? I hated plebe math"—on the Army component of the Strategic Def Initiative. For anyone interested in Jim's address—again quoting—"Maj Jim Pettit, USA Strategic Def Cmd, PO Box 15280, Somewhere in Arlington, VA 22215–0280; ph 703-746-0802." For further details on the fake Great Wall, write to Jim at the address above. Jim, thanks for writing.

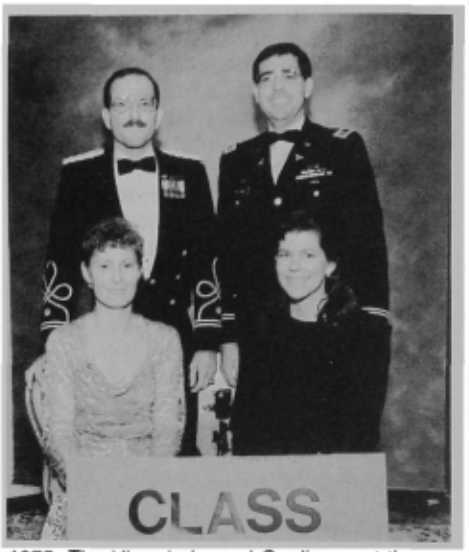
1975: Jim & Linda Pettit with Alicia (8) and Ben (12) in front of a fake Great Wall of China

2LT Dan King '90 sent the enclosed photo of our classmate **Dan Bonney** taken in Iraq. Dan is currently the S-3, 3/8 FA at Ft Bragg. The photo was taken while Dan's unit was on a cross-country trip from the Western flank to the 24th ID zone. They traveled over 400 km inside Iraq.

1975: MAJ Daniel Bonney in Iraq, Feb 91

Don Frazer, scribe for '70, sent an article from the 4 Feb 91 *Army Times* indicating **Ted Dannemiller** as the cmdr of B Co, 1 Bn, 263rd Arm Regt, then trng at Ft Irwin, CA.

Don & Roz Gagliano sent a great ltr from the Presidio. Roz says that after 14 yrs of an Army marriage, they were finally able to attend a dining out together, that being Letterman AMC's FINAL official Dining Out. Don was singled out for inappropriate dress due to the CE buttons on his dress blues. All the Meds agreed that the little castles were lovely, but incorrect. The Gaglianos also attended the Bay Area Founders Day dinner and shared the '75 table with **John & Cindee Uhorchak**. The Uhorchaks plan



1975: The Uhorchaks and Gaglianos at the Bay Area Founders Day

to move to WP this summer. Don is the retina surgeon at LAMC and is also involved with research at LAIR involving occular hazards, such as lasers. Roz says that there appear to be more attorneys than blondes in CA, which puts her career on temporary hold; however, she stays busy with daughters Lauren (5) and Amanda (1). The Gaglianos would like to know if anyone has heard from **Preston & Denise Mitcham**, last known to be heading east from El Paso. Denise and Roz were classmates at WRAIN. Preston & Denise, you can contact Roz & Don at 326-B Infantry Terrace, Presidio of San Fran, CA 94129.

Roger Kaplan wrote from the Sinai. While on a recent trip to Bragg, Roger ran into **Sam Walker**, recently returned fron Saudi as XO of 4/17 Cav. **Mark Siemer** started Desert Shield as 2nd Bde S-4 and finished Desert Storm as the Bde S-3. Roger saw **Jean Luc Nash** for the first time since grad. Jean Luc is an SF co cmdr. **Mike Kershner** is also an SF co cmdr at Ft Devens. Roger sent a photo of the first ever Founders Day in the Sinai. He says they had a 100% attendance rate, and Roger gave one of the less traditional oldest grad speeches ever. Roger says the youngest grad speech was quite memorable as well, one of the advantag-

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es of a stag affair. Roger stays busy in the Sinai working with lots of big shots.

1975: Roger Kaplan with Telly Halkias '82 and Hank Schnepf '78 at Founders Day 91, El Gorah, Egypt

That's the news for this issue. I'm looking forward to more news on the safe return of our Desert Storm classmates, so keep me posted.

God Bless. **Bill**.

'76

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Greetings again. Hope you all are well. Am now back from the Gulf and would like to begin by thanking my bride for keeping the Cl notes coming off the press. As you can imagine, having her accomplish the duty saved us all from having to change the address in the notes, only to change it again almost immediately.

First note is a most impressive birth announcement from **Larry & Robyn King** with a return address of London. Larry is now a mgr of mkting strategy for Ford of Europe, and they'll be there for 3 yrs. Their new son, Aiden Basil Frey King, was born 14 Mar, and he keeps them all busy. Another overseas ltr came from **Guy Swan**, somewhere in S Iraq. As of 28 Mar, he was still the Dep G-3 for the 1AD but will return to the 11th ACR upon return to Ger (he should be there by now). **Melanie** continues to work for United and, during the Gulf crisis, wore yellow ribbons during flights. Others from our Class in the area include **Carl Menyhert** (asst div sig off), **Kent Fugett** (div pub affairs off), **Bob Radin** (S-3 of one of the FS bns) and **Brian Shellum** (bde S-1). Before the ground offensive, Guy spoke with **Danny Davis** (G-3 plans at 82d Abn Div) and also ran into **Dick Koffinke**, who is with the Ballistics Research Lab at Aberdeen. Guy hopes to see all at the 15th.

Included with the next ltr I'm opening is the pic of **Eric & Sue Doane** at the Carlisle Bks Founders Day in Mar. The next pic comes from Ft Leavenworth and was sent by **Doree & Joe Dubyel**. What a crowd!

1976: Sue & Eric Doane at Founders Day 91, Carlisle Bks

Joe's been assigned to Ft Benning, and they'll be there in Jun. All the kids, Rudi (11), Ruth (9) and Joey (6), are doing well.

The next ltr is a quite unusual and pleasant one. It comes from JR Randall '54, who lives in Diamond Bar, CA. On 3 May at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium he & his wife saw a production of "Singing in the Rain" which starred none other than our own **Randy Rogel**. I will quote the ltr: ". . . I was quite impressed with the dancing, singing and acting of Randy Rogel. His portrayal of Cosmo Brown compared quite favorably with that of Donald O'Connor in the movie . . . . He does look good both on the cover photo and in the player write-up photo. I am not aware of any grad that made much of a career out of entertaining, but, from my parochial point of view, Randy has a good chance."

Received a most unusual "form" from **Greg Stone**. Greg was with the 24th ID (who, by the way, we were spting), and with him on div staff were **Dave Apt, Bob Tezza, Arch Elam** and **Butch Brennan**. Also in the area were **Jeff Bruckner** (LNO—XVIII Abn Corps) and **Jim Diehl** (S-3, 1/64 Arm). By the way, the date of pub was 28 Feb 91 at 0800. From seeing the 24th guys in the AO, I can agree wholeheartedly that our soldiers are the best anywhere!

A milestone for one of our classmates was noted in the next ltr. **John (Mac) McDaniel** announced that he's joined the Wash DC off of Baker and Botts, where he will be part of the firm's Gov Contracts practice. John & **Jackie** also noted that their son John returned in mid-May from the Gulf, having lost weight (as I think everyone did!) but looking good!

Ed Colchado sent a note from his new address in Albany, NY. He's working for NY as a telecommunications policy analyst for the Public Svc Commission. He's been involved in helping strengthen the local WP soc and is now on the bd of dir. **Art Voetsch** is also on the bd. At the most recent Founders Day, classmates there included Art & **Betsy** Voetsch as well as **Steve & Deb Butler**. Ed also mentions that he spoke to his old roommate, **Bob Wrightson**, back in May, and he & **Mary** just had a recent family addition—Stephen. They now have two boys. Ed also spoke with **Rich & Deb Downie**, who are in S CA while Rich is working on his PhD at USC.

1976: Steve & Deb Butler, Ed Colchado and Art & Betsy Voetsch at Founders Day 91, Capital District (Albany, NY)

1976: Santiago & Ceres Busa, Gary Jerauld and Thomas & Yong Sun Kelly at Founders Day 91, Korea

THE MOST IMPORTANT LTR OF THIS COL comes from **Bob McClure**, our Class addition to the AOG Bd of Trustees. Bob's organized a gang of our classmates to help put on this fall's reunion—the gang includes **Bob Dalton, Dave Luken, Jeff Jones, Tom Mitchell** and several others. They've stumbled on one MAJOR PROBLEM: There's only $56 left over in the Class Admin Acct with the AOG to put this thing on. So, all of you out there, as soon as you read this, send a check in to the AOG for whatever you can send, and put a note that it should go to the '76 USMA CLASS ACCT. Let's face it, we're not exactly poverty-stricken, but our checking acct there sure looks like it. Let's help out the guys who are working hard to put on this affair and not force them to pay for all of us out of their own pockets. THANKS!

The final ltr comes from **Ernest Morgan**, who was recently informed by **Keith Sims** that he was listed as "missing." He writes to tell us that nothing is further from the truth. Ernest's currently the Mil Ed Off for all OPMD managed offs. He & **Barbara** live in Woodbridge, VA and have two boys, ages 12 and 9, and a daughter, age 3. While at CGSC he had

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a chance to visit at length with **Willie Pruitt**, who's doing well.

Well, that's about it for the news this time around. Don't forgot to send some bucks to the AOG—it'll help all of us in the long run. AND, keep those cards and ltrs coming!! See you at the 15th!!!**Ian**.

'77

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Back on track and happy to pass on news from classmates, including some who participated in Desert Storm. So let's get right to it. . . .

From **John Chapman**, Desert Storm, 18 Apr 91: "Thought I would drop a line for a possible entry into the *ASSEMBLY*. I an enclosing a pic of my family. They wait in Erlangen, Ger for my return. I am writing from about 250 mi deep into Iraq. I am assigned as the bn XO for 1/35 AR, 1st AD, although I started the deployment phase as the bde S3. Other classmates that I know of in 1st AD are **Mike Hodges** (G3 shop) and **Spence Lane** (bn S3). Briefly, my Desert Shield story goes like this. I deployed to Saudi Arabia on New Year's Eve (I was one of the lucky ones who got to spend Christmas with the family). We spent the first 55 days training and learning to operate in the desert. Then on 24 Feb we entered Iraq with the specific mission to find and destroy the Medina Div of the Republican Guards. We had light contact until the 27th, when we ran into two bdes of the Medina. After a few hrs (about 16) of battle, the 1st AD had busted through 2 bdes worth and the third bde was running towards Al Basra. If we had not run low on fuel we would have caught that bde and destroyed it. As it was, there was clear weather on the 28th, so we called in the AF, and they nailed them. Our bn took some injuries, but no casualties at all. The Medina Div is now only history. Now we wait for redeployment orders. Fortunately, I have orders to attend CGSC this summer. **Vanessa**, Amanda, Lindsey, Jessica and I are looking forward to a solid family yr! Well, that about does it. Esprit de Corps!"

I got the pic of Joe Rossetti, the sole '77 rep at the Kuwait City Chapter's (Provisional) "first" Founders Day held on 20 Mar 91. The event was hosted by MG Bob Frix '61, the cmdr of Task Force Freedom in Kuwait. The affair was held in the Al-Sabah family palace, which had served as general HQs for the Iraqi III Corps during the occupation. Part of the Founder's Day celebration included a 20-min class on the Iraqi defensive plan taught by CPT Steve Peterson '82, using a captured 30' x 50' terrain model depicting the Iraqi plan to defend Kuwait City against an amphibious assault.

1977: The Chapmans

1977: Joe Rossetti at Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

From **Tom Begines**, Platte City, MO, 22 Apr 91: "I hope life is going well for all of you! Here's a pic from the Founders Day banquet at Ft Leavenworth. Most of our classmates are here for CGSC, as is the ROK LTC in the front row. I'm off to Korea to be the SGS of the 2ID HQs; after that, who knows?"

From **Lynn Calkin**, Point Orange, FL, 26 Apr 91: "Hello from FL. Just a note to let you know about the birth of #3, Joseph Dean, on 9 Feb 91, weighing in at 8 lbs 15 oz. He was quite a surprise for us, as his brother David is 13 and his sister Kimberly is 11, but we are glad he is here, and we are enjoying him so much. We have been busy building a new house (we need 4 bdrms now) and running around with the children. **Dave** is still working as the mgr of AR Projects Engring for GE and will be at Ft Knox for the Armor conf the beginning of May."

From **Mark Haselton**, Torii Station, Okinawa, 29 Apr 91: "Thought it was about time that I dropped you a note. **Georgi**, Sean, Matt and I are safely en-

1977: The Hullihans at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood

sconced in Okinawa. Currently I am cmding Co A, 1st Bn, 1st SF Gp (Abn). Once again, I have managed to fall into manure and come out smelling like a rose. I inherited the best co in the bn and have just completed 3 very successful deployments. We've trained with the Royal Thai Army Special Forces and the Royal Thai AF Ground Security Forces as well as most of the Theater Special Opns Forces on the US side. Man, am I glad to be back in the 'community!!' Our last trip to Thailand had us deployed two days after the lastest coup (actually just an unscheduled election), but it made for some interesting times upon our arrival and a lot of unwanted visibility from the civ side of the house. Georgi is still adjusting to our return to the Army after our hiatus at Leavenworth. There are no shopping malls, antique stores or other areas where she can decimate the paycheck, but she does have an inside line to a jewelry store in Bangkok where they keep info on her most recent orders away from me. Nonetheless, we (meaning I) love Okinawa. Forward deployed bns this far away from the flag pole are the best. We're generally on our own and are constantly doing our actual missions in the countries we would really work in. Georgi is now a veteran of typhoon season, Japanese earthquakes, food shortages, driving on the wrong side of the road and Oriental bargain hunting. She can convert yen to dollars faster than most people can add and can tell you what's a bargain and what's cheap tourist trash. She's taking a language course and soon should be able to put me in debt using a foreign language. The kids are very involved in scouting and sports and seem to have adjusted very well to being put on an isl in the middle of the Pacific. Sean is an expert with chopsticks and orders 'yaki soba' with the best, while Matthew knows most of the characters in the Japanese cartoon 'Dragon Ball.' We

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1977: Founders Day 91, Ft Leavenworth

are planning on taking leave soon but have not decided the location yet. Georgi wants to go to Korea; I would prefer Hong Kong, and the kids want to go to a toy store. We'll probably compromise and go to a Chinese toy store in Seoul. The only classmate I have heard from is the ever popular King of HI, **Dave Brooks**. He, **Sally** and the kids are apparently en route to Ft Leavenworth for CGSC this summer. I realize that this is not my normal humor entry, but I thought I'd let you know that we're alive and well in the Far East. If anyone is coming through this way (Team Spirit, Keen Edge, Frequent Storm), give us a call, and we'll give you a place to recover from jet lag."

From **Rich Douglas**, Honolulu, HI, 9 May 91: "We just had Founders Day here in HI so I thought I'd write you a note and fill you in on some classmates. First, in attendance at Founders Day this yr were **Elena** & myself, **Tim & Debbie Crain, George & Nancy Mitroka** and **Mitch & Louise Poudry**. Our attendance at Founders Day last yr was also light (Douglas, **Porter**, Poudry, **Brooks**, Crain); however, our Class received a sort of unofficial award. Some grads from other classes told me that, as a table, we had the best looking wives. They were right, and I've enclosed a pic to illustrate the point. Only at a Founders Day do you find folks checking out other folks' wives.

"A few tidbits on classmates. **Mitch Poudry** is XO of an Inf bn while **Louise** trains horses at a local country club. **Dave Brooks** is a bde 3; **Sally** manages a co that gives scuba lessons. **Andy Bowers** was a bn 3 with the Marines before returning to Schofield to be XO of an Arty bn. He & **Pam** had their first child, Drew, who, I am happy to rep, has his mother's good looks. The **Bowerses** are off to FL on a PCS this summer. Dr **Tim Crain** works in the Urology Dept at Tripler Hosp. **Debbie** is a freelance writer whose articles on interior decorating have been carried in Honolulu newspapers. **Ron Porter** is an Inf bn 3, while **Pam** is busy with OWC. **George Mitroka** is the DISCOM 3, while **Nancy** has decided to enjoy paradise for a few mos before looking for employment. **Don & Terry Ecklin** will finish up at Ft Leavenworth and move to AL this summer, and he will become one of those new acquisiton guys. I ran into **Rob Mull** in DC this mo. He's working for the Def Nuclear Agency and has managed to find a girlfriend who is far nicer and more attractive than he deserves. As for me, I am finishing up a Japan FAO asgmt on the CINCPAC staff. I am moving to DC in Jul to become the country dir for Japan in SECDEF's off. I am looking forward to the job and hope to see our classmates in the DC area. While in HI, I continued to play my bagpipes (as a cadet, I was a charter mbr of the WP Pipes and Drums). Here, I played for the Honolulu Police Pipe Band and competed in some local Scottish games (below is a pic of the latest competition).

1977: Rich Douglas

1977: Founders Day 91, HI—the best looking wives

"**Elena** is extremely busy with teaching Sunday Sch, leading my daughter's

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Girl Scout troop, running half-marathons, getting her sailing certification, selling computers and cellular phones part-time, etc. Maybe when we move to DC we'll see more of ea other."

From **John Shephard**, Ft Campbell, KY, 20 May 91: "I trust all is well with you and your family. Mine is together once again following my 8-mo sojourn in the desert. Thought I'd pass along this photo taken on Founders Day. That's me, **Jeff Elting** and **Kurt Sellers** at the 101st Abn Div (AASLT) CP. As you can see from the pic, we spared no expense on the dinner. Jeff had corned beef hash, Kurt had escalloped potatoes with ham, and I, as usual, had chicken á la king with 'potatoes-R- rotten.'

1977: Shephard, Elting and Sellers

"**Kurt** and I served in G-3 Opns in the DTOC, and Jeff was the MD for the HQs. It was fun while it lasted, but we're all glad to be home! We should all smell better at next yr's Founders Day."

Over the past few mos I got calls from a couple of classmates. **Steve Hunt** called from Greenville, SC where he is working as a production mgr (steel cable) for Michelin. **Elizabeth** is teaching "home sch" to Jeremy (11) and Martha (9), which I think is quite an accomplishment. Steve also told me that **Pete Selleck** is still working for Michelin. **Pancho Kinney** called from Ft Ord, where he is in the 7th ID G-3. Also there are **Duncan Cameron**, bde S-1, and **Mike Dowd**, who just returned from the British Staff Col.

From **Herb Hess**, USMA, 5 Jun 91: "This is my first ltr to you. No, I will not give 14 yrs of biography; just an update on my status. I am currently a grad student at the U of WI, majoring in elec engring, specifically power electronics. In 88, I left active svc after 5 yrs teaching 'Juice' at USMA, transferred to the Res, and started grad sch. My PhD should be in hand by the summer of 92. I would have had it sooner, but I was called up for Desert Storm. My asgmt: to return to USMA to teach 'Juice.' **Jane** and our 13-yr-old daughter Amanda stayed in Madison, WI. I went to Annapolis last wk to see my brother Ben graduate (USNA '91). There I visited **Kevin & Beth Trehey**, who, I happy to rep, are doing quite well."

Well, that is all that I have for now. Please continue the good work of sending me your ltrs. Until next time and Godspeed—**Keesy**.

'78

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Hello, folks. We just punched through 13 yrs—hard to believe, isn't it? Glad to hear almost everyone is back safely from the desert. Congrats to all who have graduated from the CGSC resident course recently and are on their way to bigger and better asgmts.

Bond Wells wrote a note from the middle of Iraq. He is working in G-2 with the 1st Inf Div. **PJ Zeller** works with him in the G-3 shop. Bond says that they had a pretty good go of it in the 1st Inf but didn't get the press that everybody else did. He got to collect enemy equipment and check out a few bunkers but didn't fire any shots in anger. Bond had been a Soviet FAO at DIA but wanted to get back to AR. **Karen**, daughter Cara and son BJ were in DC but are moving to Riley soon.

1978: The Benchich family (as of Apr 91): Jason (11), Jordan (9), Jennifer (6 1/2), Jillian (4 1/2) and Jeffrey (3) with parents Jeff & Carol

Carol Benchich dropped a line, along with a pic of their FIVE children, ranging in age from 3 to 11. Anyone with as many or more is asked to let me know. **Jeff** is still with IBM as a mgr in design systems at the Poughkeepsie Dev Lab. They both like living in the Hudson Valley and are only an hr from sch. One of their daughter's friends in sch belongs to **Randy Crane**, who works for Merrill Lynch. Carol says **John Hackenberg** is with BMY in York. He & **Barb** have two sons, Chris and Keith. **Wayne & Cheryl Nixon** now have a new daughter to go along with their two sons. Wayne is self-employed, Cheryl is teaching and they live in NJ. Carol is heading back to sch and work. They realized that five kids will cost them a lot in the way of tuition and are getting a head start. Thanks for the ltr, Carol; the wives always seem to know what's going on.

1978: Geri, Christian and Charlie Breeding, Easter 91

Paul Zacharzuck is heading out to HI. He will be with 25th Inf on Oahu. Z-man just finished CGSC and reportedly has a deep, romantic relation with with a fraulein he met as a finance type in Berlin.

1978: The Kings and Yuengerts at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

1978: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

Biff Baker sent a line from Ft Hood. He recently finished CGSC with several other classmates. **Ed Donnelly** was the Marshall Award winner and was named the Class Master Tactician. Ed also finished two master's degrees while there. Busy boy!

Leroy Hurt and **Bob Chadwick** were headed to Ger. **Rick Benito** and **Harry McIntosh** are going to Bragg. **Bill Hamilton** just graduated from the Adv Mil Studies Sch and will also be stationed at Hood.

Not much else has been rep. Hope everyone had a great summer.

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1978: The Williamses, Maciubas and Mingiltons at Founders Day 91, Korea

1978: Paul Chang, George Tronsrue and Cindy Luckes, Lynn & Bill Fairfield, Bob & Jan Meyer, Jim & Susan Nalepa and Bob & Pam Olds at Founders Day 91, Chicago

'79

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Greetings! Hope everyone is in good health and that each classmate who deployed has either returned home or is scheduled to do so in the near future.

I would be totally remiss if I did not begin this col by thanking **Paul Harwig** for filling in for me while I was in Saudi Arabia and temporarily unable to submit my col. Paul & **Kim** are looking forward to their yr at Ft Leavenworth. After a busy yr traveling from his present asgmt at WP, it will be a welcome change to be able to come home ea night and relax with a good book. Paul has traveled extensively this yr to such places as Wash DC, Ft Bragg and Ft Leonard Wood, and he spent many mos in Saudi Arabia. Thanks again, Paul, for writing the last *ASSEMBLY*, esp on such short notice.

I received a request for info. Kevin & Wende Ludas have lost touch with **Bruce & Laura Fink**. Bruce & Laura, the Ludases would appreciate it if you wrote to them at 18110 Santa Cecelia, Fountain Vly, CA 92708.

The first ltr is from **Rein Kiewel**. He sent a clip from *Stars and Stripes* about a classmate. **Ellen Kastner** has a ltr that her great-great-grandfather sent as he was heading off to the Civil War, and she compared it to a ltr from **Patrick**. Both ltrs talked about troop buildups, war, mail and death. The similarities were striking and show that it is soldiers who fight wars, and soldiers have not changed since the dawn of warfare. Thanks, Rein, for the newspaper clip.

While **Ellen** was getting ltrs from **Patrick**, so was I. His first ltr to *ASSEMBLY* was from a bomb-damaged Kuwaiti mil facility about 40 mi N of Kuwait City. Pat's serving with the 3AD. Also in the div were **John Scudder** and **Steve Janis**. Pat is the asst bde S-3 for the Combat Avn Bde. He happily rep that all three have sore fingers from finally sewing on their oak leaves. Pat mentioned he has seen several others in Saudi but needed more time to get everything down on paper. Pat never thought he would get to see Saudi Arabia from a tour in Ger, but strange things happen in war. Pat also mentioned he was excited to return to Ger and see Ellen and Shaun (5 1/2). Thanks for the timely info, Pat; I hope you're already reunited with your family.

Roberta Hill wrote from Petersburg, VA to update us on **Curtis**. At the time the ltr was written Curtis was still in Saudi Arabia, but with a new job: Rear Det 1st COSCOM Post Spt Area APO NY 09775. He is enjoying the challenge but misses home, as he has only seen pics of his new son, James Alexander, born 31 Mar. Roberta says this makes James their "Easter Bunny." Older brother Robert is enjoying the baby in the house. Roberta, like all of us, hopes that by the time the next issue of *ASSEMBLY* is published everyone will be home. In the meantime, we are all grateful for the speedy end to the conflict and the small no of casualties. Thanks, Roberta, for the update, and I hope Curtis will be home soon.

The last input for this col came in the form of a phone call from **Gary Schamburg**. Gary, too, had just returned from Saudi Arabia and was visiting his parents in St Louis when he called. After WP grad it was off to Berlin followed by Ft Bragg. Next Gary stopped for an extended tour at Ft Campbell. From there Gary deployed as S-3 1/187 with the 101st. Gary & **Carolyn** have two boys, Gary Jr and Ain. Also in the desert with Gary were **Mike Oates**, who was in 3rd Bde, and **John Madigan**, who was the S-3 3/502. Before that, John was the com of the Air Assault Sch. Gary wants to publicly thank **John Campbell** for the package he sent to him in Saudi Arabia. As another point of interest, John was recently named as the Outstanding ROTC Instructor of the Yr—congratulations, John! Finally, Gary mentioned that he will be moving this summer, as he will PCS to become a mbr of the TRADOC IG Team. Thanks, Gary, for the update.

While I was in the desert of Saudi Arabia, I was able to see several classmates. I am pleased to rep that both **Doug Slater** and **Kevin Weddle** were able to stop by to say hello while I was in King Khalid Mil City. Both were doing just fine and eager for reunions with their families. Gregg Harding '77, an old CGSC sectionmate, was also able to drop in. He, too, was ready to get home to see his wife Holly and daughter Kerstin.

As stated earlier, I am thankful for the quick end to the war, the low no of casualties, and the speediness of the reunions with loved ones. We all have much to be proud of, as well as much to

1979: Founders Day 91, Ft Leavenworth

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be thankful for. I pray all are well—GOD BLESS. **Scott.**

'80

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News has been very slow—in fact, we had none for the last col. I had only received a total of ONE ltr, and I decided not to flesh out the col by subjecting you to tedious, detailed, self-serving accts of my own wonderful family. Not much mail has come in recently either, but it's enough to make a col this time without lots of **Wray** family news. By the way, my kids got straight A's all yr long, and. . . .

1980: Deborah & James Wilson at Founders Day 91, RI

1980: Founders Day 91, Ft Leavenworth

Michael Beans wrote for the first time since 80. After Abn, Ranger and IOBC he went through various Inf positions at the 7th ID. After the Adv Course, he cmded a co at Benning and then was assigned to ROTC at Tuskegee Institute, where he is today. Mike enjoys the ROTC duty but wants to get back to all the gruntly, grungy things which attract people to Inf and which confuse those of us engr-types who enjoy running water and hot food. Mike & **Wendy** married in May 86 after a contemplative (i.e., 8-yr-long) courtship. Wendy has begun her career as a family-practice physician, having just completed her residency. They live in Columbus, GA and do NOT have children yet, which means they DO have disposable income. Thanks for writing, Mike; I'll keep an eye out for a follow-up in May 2002.

A ltr from foreign climes: **Max Shadle** stayed in Grafenwoehr, Ger as a DA civ after leaving active duty in 86. Following his work in the USAREUR Tng Spt Branch, he went to work for Pulan Electronics, a CA firm. He is now in Heidelberg as the European mgr for an Army-wide maintenance contract for computerized battle simulation systems.

Max saw **Mike Pick, Mike Repass, Jim Arriola, Chuck Kielkopf, Eric Anderson** and **Oscar Valent** at the Founders Day dinner in Heidelberg. Recently he also saw **Mike Peppers**, who is at the XO at USAREUR DCSOPS.

1980: The Kovels at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

Recently I spoke with two former roommates. **Dave & Noelle Jesmer** and son Albert have headed for HI for an extended vacation following Dave's completion of grad work in Mid Eastern studies at Princeton. Their next move is probably to Cairo for further study in Dave's FAO track. **Jack & Pat Matthews** and 3 children are packing up in KS City after a tour with the Corps of Engrs and are headed to La Paz, Bolivia, where Jack will represent the CE District. Some of you may remember **Ramiro Canedo** (another former roommate), a Bolivian natl who started with our Class and eventually graduated with the Class of '81. Jack will finally get to see Ramiro on his home turf, a fascinating country.

1980: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

This issue includes many Founders Day pics, but one is very special. It was taken on the marble staircase of the Al-Sabah family palace in Kuwait City, which served as the HQ for the Iraqi III Corps during the battle of Kuwait. We can all be proud of the superb job our mil and, in particular, our classmates accomplished. Congratulations to you who served and you who stood ready to do so. Thanks to God for the results.

That's all the news—I hope to hear from more of you for the next col. Until

1980: '80 at Founders Day 91, Heidelberg: (back row) Max Shadle, Michael Pick; Michael Repass, Charles Kielkopf; (middle row) Veronica Costa, Karin Pick, Linda Repass, Annette Kielkopf; (front row) James & Esmerelda Arriola, Oscar Valent and Cheryl & Eric Anderson

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1980: Scott & Sandra Bauman at Founders Day 91, Korea

1981: Archie Davis prepares "Lucky Punch" in Kuwait City

1981: The Webbers and Betheas at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood

then, take care and God bless you every one. . . **Bill**.

'81

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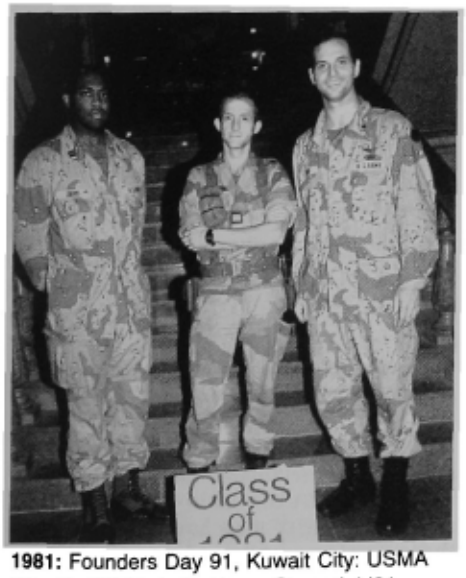
Mark Pliakos wrote to let everyone know that he got out of the Army, lives outside St Louis and works for McDonnell Douglas. His aircraft is the F/A-18, and he is a product safety engr. He spends a lot of time working with software engrs making sure the computer programs for flight controls, dropping bombs, cockpit displays and everything else are safe. Mark married **Dian** in 85, and they spent 3 yrs in Japan where Mark flew UH-1's, UH-60's, cmded an AVIM co and was installation opns off.

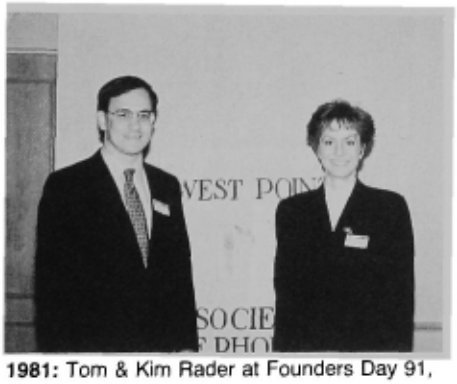


1981: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City: USMA '81 with CPT Luis Dutrieux, Essential '81 (France)

Mark writes that **John (Rock) Meehan** is living in DC and working for British Aerospace. **Jim Ferrando** is living in Cincinnati and working for G.E. **Bob Donnelly** lives in Fresno, CA and is out of the Army now, too. Mark wants anyone who may be wondering to know that he can be reached at 1394 Virginia Dr., Ellisville, MO 63011; phone (314) 256-7283.

1981: Founders Day 91, Carlisle Bks: John & Sara Tartala, Scott Wagner and Kevin & Elizabeth McClung

1981: Lynn & Lawrence Hu, John Lloyd and Michael & Lori Fenn at Founders Day 91, Korea



1981: Tom & Kim Rader at Founders Day 91, Phoenix, AZ

1981: '81 at Founders Day 91, FL W Coast

If anyone is going to be in Atl, GA, look up **Tim & Julie Bensley** on Crabapple Meadow Way in Alpharetta, GA. Tim was recently promoted to zone trade analysis mgr for Frito-Lay. Another C-2'er who will be in Atl is **Kaycee Carlson**, who is going to grad sch at GA Tech, as is her husband, **Rodney Cox**, after a grueling tour with the 18th Engr Bde.

1981: Founders Day 91, Heidelberg

As you can see, there were many classmates celebrating Founders Day all over the world. The pics say it all. See you at the reunion!! **NJS**.

'82

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Hello '82! Hope your summer went well. Most of our folks who deployed are back home now after starting the WP Soc

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of Kuwait City. That must have been an interesting Founders Day!

1982: Alex Sung, Kim Me Kyong, Sally & John Snyder and Gene Coddington at Founders Day 91, Korea

Meanwhile, in Korea, the monsoon season has begun. That's just fine for **Alex Sung**, who has recently finished his tour. He is already at DLI studying Mandarin; then off to grad sch and a follow-on 18 mos in the Far East; and then a utilization tour, possibly at USMA. Sounds like Alex has his 30-yr plan in place. He also wrote to fill us in on his first 8 yrs. After an initial asgmt at Ft Riley, he attended IOAC and then reported to the 24th ID in HI. Alex traveled the Pacific, deployed to the Philippines, Korea and Guam, as well as JRTC and Ft Lewis trips. He then volunteered to take cmd of a cohort rifle co and took them to Camp Greaves, Korea, DMZ. He completed cmd of C/1/506 Inf recently and will resume his globe-trotting soon.

One other ltr this issue from **Bob O'Connor**. Bob has recently graduated from med sch and has begun his residency in family practice at Overlook Hosp in NYC. He has spent time recently with **Pat Cassidy**, who is working for Macy's as a facilities engr. Bob has also heard from **Kurt Woods**, who is working at the NTC.

'83

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MG Glynn C. Mallory Jr '61 from HQDA sent me an interesting ltr. "During the Army's recent participation in DESERT SHIELD/STORM, the Kuwait City Chapter (Provisional) of the AOG held its 'first' Founders Day on 20 Mar 91. The event was hosted by MG Bob Frix '61, cmdr of Task Force Freedom in Kuwait. The affair was held in the Al-Sabah family palace which had served as general headquarters for the Iraqi III Corps during the battle. . . . (Ret) Charles Getz '59 spoke as the sr grad present and 2LT Martin Ryan '89 spoke as the youngest grad. Mil academy graduates from the armies of Britain, France, Canada and Kuwait were in attendance as well."

1983: "The offs in this pic represented our Army, our Nation and our institution exceedingly well."

1983: LTG & Mrs Palmer with youngest grad, Paul Lukert, at Founders Day in Phoenix, AZ

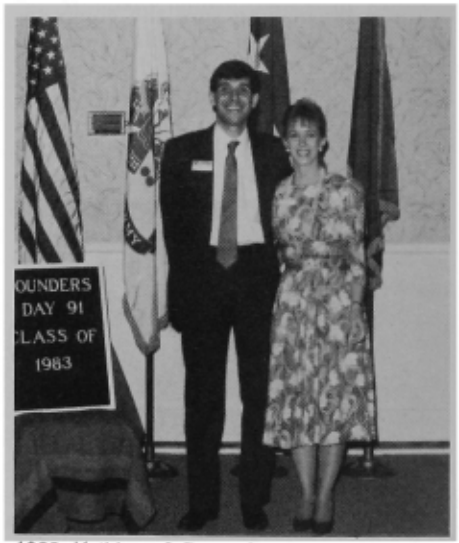
1983: John Agostini, Jim Chew, Tom Scheu, Carol Olson, Bud Figliola and Peggy Scheu at Founders Day 91, Chicago

Michael Del Rosario says, "I'm one of those guys who never writes, but I just couldn't pass up this opportunity. My unit, the 249th Engr Bn, recently returned from Saudi Arabia and Opns Desert Shield/Storm. I was fortunate to have cmded Charlie Co during the war, but I was more fortunate to have had 4 WP LTs in my co." Michael & **Teresa** have 3 children, Gregory (4), Michelle (2) and David (6 mos).

David Tucker dropped us a line from Kuwait. He was with the 71st Maint Bn in Nurnberg before heading to Iraq with

1983: Michael Del Rosario; my XO, Dan Larsen '88; 1st Plt, Pete Mavoides '89; Earthmoving Plt, Mark Ottoson '88; and 2nd Plt, Steve Capps '89

the 2nd ACR. **John Cody** and **Keith Samuels** are in the 82nd Engr Bn in Bamberg. **Bill Bower** is working on his second command, HHC, 17th FA Bde in Augsburg. **Marcus Hamilton** and **Gerry Shaw** are in cmd in the same areas. Gerry says he got a ltr from **Mike Thompson** after the Panama deal in 89–90. "Hadji wrote him with Noriega's ltrhead." He was a Psyops cmdr at the time. **Dave Little** got out after his tour in AK and is going to sch in Asheville, NC.



1983: Kathleen & Bruce Stachura at Founders Day 91, RI

Nance & Jim Miller finished up their schooling tour in CA and are heading back to USMA to teach. Jim got his EE master's from Caltech. While he was there Jim came up with an interesting idea. "I hope you enjoy the photo. This is probably the smallest 'Go Army - Beat Navy' mule in the world. A secret desire of mine is to propagate this logo, like a virus, onto all the mil chips manufactured by the free world. Knowing that all the chips in their mil sys have this logo would send shivers up the backs of every squid out there, ha!"

And just think—Jim will be teaching our next generation of grads!

I hope everyone had a great summer.

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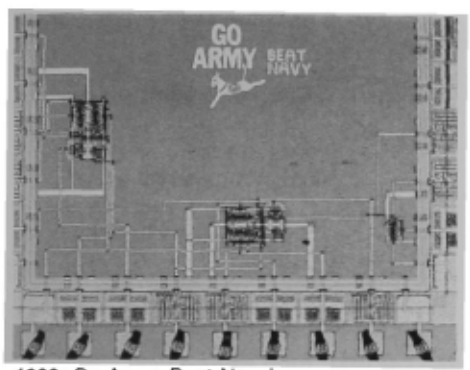
1983: The Larsons at Founders Day 91, Ft Carson, CO



1983: Go Army, Beat Navy!

I'll catch you next time and, of course, **Jim** will motivate our team to BEAT NAVY!

'84

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Greetings '84! Hope this ltr finds everyone getting back to "normal" after the war in the Gulf and that everyone is back with their friends and loved ones! Now that Saddam is out of the way, we can concentrate on the football season and Squashing the Squids again!

Before we move on, though, I received our first photos of classmates in the Gulf! These photos were taken at a GREAT place for Founders Day this yr—Kuwait City! The first ever Founders Day for the Kuwait City chapter of the AOG was held 20 Mar 91 at the Al-Sabah family palace, which had been the cmd post for the Iraqi III Corps during the war. Joining in the festivities were grads from the armies of Britain, France, Canada and Kuwait.

News from classmates serving in other places worldwide continues to come in. **Frank Lacitignola** is serving as CO of an MI co in Honduras. It is his second cmd, and he says he's loving it. His ltr was

1984: Inaugural Founders Day, Kuwait City

1984: Another pic of Inaugural Founders Day, Kuwait City

actually penned in DC where he was TDY. While there, he had a chance to see **Mark Bynum**, who is the cmdr of an Honor Guard co and is doing well. Mark is managing to work on his MBA in his "spare time." **Patty Painton** is also in Frank's bn, but her co is stationed in Orlando!! As Frank says — and I agree — she's a "lucky stiff." Also serving in FL, at MacDill AFB, is **Jerry Hill**, who is flying fixed-wing aircraft there. Frank had run into Jerry in Hondo. Of course, Founders Day is held wherever grads are, and a celebration was held in Honduras with **Alan Fessenden** joining Frank as reps of the Best of the Corps. Thanks for the letter, Frank!

Speaking of Founders Day, and as a special note to all of you feeling like "old grads" as our 10th reunion looms on the horizon, I got a note from Joseph Fowler '68 who was kind enough to send a photo of our classmates who attended the celebration at Carlisle Bks. The event was attended by **Matt & Oneida Hutchens** and **Jerry Green**. Well, the punch line is that Jerry spoke as the YOUNGEST GRAD!

I note Jerry's role because we're not such old grads, even though our col keeps moving further back in the *ASSEMBLY* class notes with each passing yr!!

Well, I promised news from classmates around the world, and we move next to Europe. You'll recall from last col that **Alex & Irene Beuhler** were headed for Ger. Well, Alex sent me a few more specifics. He will be working in the Kronau area (which is near his wife's

1984: Founders Day 91, Carlisle Bks

hometown) with Watlow, a co that makes indus heating elements and sensors. Alex will also be serving in the Res with 7th ARCOM in Heidelberg, as well as serving as a USMA liaison off. Best of luck, Alex, and thanks for the info!!

Well, our next stop is back to the States and DE where **Dean Chang** writes from a summer internship with DuPont. You may recall that Dean is getting his MBA at Columbia after leaving the Green Machine for civ life. Dean will be starting his second (and final) yr when this is published. He says that bus sch is great. **Stan Mickens** graduated this past spring from Columbia and is beginning work with United Technologies. Dean also ran into **John Buckheit**, who is a FLEP at Columbia and will be starting his final yr of law sch when this is published. Thanks for the info, Dean, and enjoy your last yr!!

1984: Sorensen, Bentley, Prisk and Carrington with wives at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood

We now zoom across the country to Ft Ord where news comes from **Pat Clark**. Pat is the S-1 of the 3/17 Inf Bn. In his ltr, Pat sent a pic so that I could make him and his fellow Infantrymen "famous" — but I really don't have to do that since Pat says the 3/17th is the bn featured in Tom Clancy's *Clear and Present Danger*.

But, at the risk of overexposing these guys to the limelight, and for the benefit of those of you who haven't read this bk, I'll mention that the others in the pic, **Dick Hewitt**, **Darryl "Mojo" Lavender** and **Dan Caraccio** are all CO's in the 3/17. The pic was taken at Ft Hunter-Liggett at the end of a 3-wk field exer-

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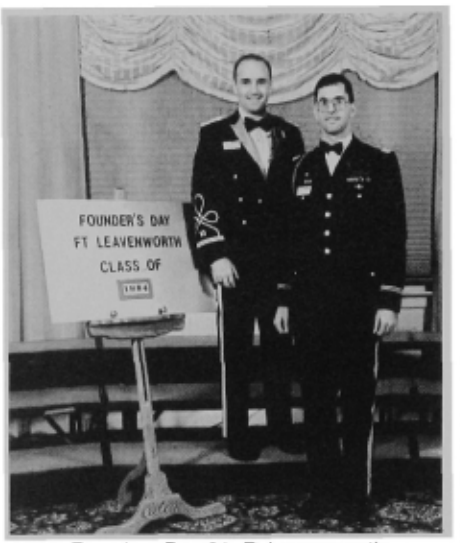
1984: Hewitt, Lavender, Caraccio and Clark return from the field

cise. Thanks for the "poop," **Pat**!!

We conclude our whirlwind tour at, appropriately, our Rockbound Highland home, where my good friend **Dan Hogan** is serving as—ugggh, I'm not sure I can say this—a MATH P!! Dan arrived at WP in time to teach MA104 (that's Calc I for all of us supressing the painful memories) last semester and will be tackling Multivariable Calculus and, perish the thought, Prob & Stat this semester!! But enough painful memories! (Just kidding, Dan!) He arrived at WP after the FA Adv Course with **Sandy**, who is now working in Manhattan. Dan thought (and as far as I know he was right) that he was the only '84 P at our alma mater at the time he wrote in the spring. However, by the time this is published, that should change. Over the summer, **Andre Cuerington** and **Darrin Meek** are arriving to join Dan in the Dept of Math Sci and, you may recall from a few cols ago, **Sue (Lenio) Sine** is heading back to be the MI rep in DMI. **Keith Matthews** will also be joining the Math Dept sometime in 92.

Dan included news of a number of other classmates as well. **Ken & Alicia Murphy** live out on Long Isl, where Ken works for Pfiser Pharmaceuticals after leaving the Army about a yr-and-a-half ago. Ken's doing great work and won an award from his co this past spring that included an all-expense-paid trip to the Kentucky Derby! Ken and Dan traveled down to VA for the wedding of **Jeff Oettinger**. Jeff & **Laura** were married on 25 May. He is currently serving as an orthopaedic surgeon at Ft Gordon. Dan also had news about a DESERT STORM vet who came to speak to the cadets this past spring. It seems that the 24th Inf Div CO came to speak and brought some of his jr leaders with him. One was none other than **Sue Hickey**, who cmded a forward spt co ferrying supplies hundreds of kilometers to the front during the drive through Iraq. GREAT JOB, Sue!! Thanks for all the news, Dan, and don't give too many WPR's—remember you have to grade them now!!

"Now wait a minute," you may be saying. "You promised us news from AROUND the world." Well, you're



1984: Founders Day 91, Ft Leavenworth

right. So to complete the circle, I guess our real final destination is my assignment to Korea. I'll be heading there in Jan following the JAG Basic Course. I'll be with the 2nd ID—not sure of the exact location yet. I do know I'm going, though, because I've begun getting the shots!! My address will NOT change while I'm TDY since **Dianne** is staying here.

1984: Douglas Friedly, Jeff Schelde, Arnando Sanchesz Castellanos and Yun Chung at Founders Day 91, Korea

Well, there you have it—classmates serving around the world. '84 still doing great things, making WP and all of us proud! I've got to get back to the review books for the bar exam. Until next time, keep Beating Navy!

'85

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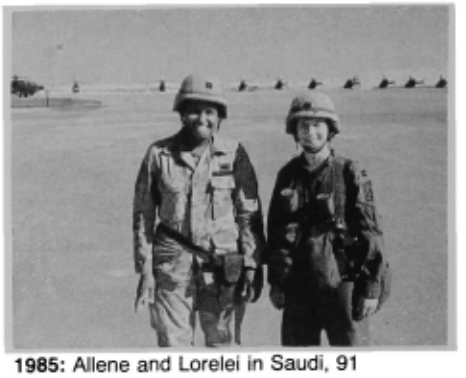
I must first apologize for my absence from the last issue. I have spent the last two mos deployed to JRTC and the Sapper Light Leader Course, back to back, and I just plain lost track of time. I did 100 pushups for ea of you.

After reading my last article over a beer as I sit here and watch the sunset through Kole Kole pass, I realize that the mystery writer was never recognized for the Apr article. Now that you have had two mos to guess—it was none other than **John Quakenbush**!! It was a great article. I guess I better put together a good one now, or I may be looking for a new mag.

I've received many ltrs from Saudi—so let me start on those. **Allene Thompson** wrote back in Feb while she was assigned as a bde sig off for the 82nd Avn Bn in the 82nd Abn Div. She works with **Lorelei (Wilson) Copler**, who is a co cmdr with the 1/159 Aviation Bn.



1985: Allene and Lorelei in Saudi, 91

She says it was not real enjoyable being abn in the theatre, but, as expected, everyone pulled together and made the best of it. Lorelei is hoping to join her husband back at "Woops," where he will be teaching Soc and she hopes to be a TAC! Some of the others she saw were **Jeff Corbert, John Kem, Tucker Mansager, Jeff Soltak, Pat Delaney, Kevin Walker** and **John Todd.** We all know you guys did great. Thanks for a great ltr, **Allene**; keep your head down and spirits up.

Debbie (Lane) Guerra is now out working for Price Waterhouse in Atl. She met her husband **Juan** in Panama, where she did a lot of work for Army intel, esp during the invasion. She got out in May 90. She extends an invite to anyone traveling through the area.

Mike & Julie Hajost, now with two children (see photo next page), are in Chicago where Mike is studying for his MBA. They ran into **Marc Kapsalis, Mike Jones** and **Mark Dufton** at Founders Day, and they are all doing well.

Jim & Becky Tully are doing great in Raleigh, where Jim started a consulting business with 4 other partners. They are known as Orion Consulting Inc, based out of Raleigh and San Fran. They pass on their best wishes to everyone they haven't seen since joining the civ sector. Our best wishes for success in your new business.

Bob Waldo wrote from Saudi that he and **Kevin Walker** are in the XVIII Abn Corps Arty together. Bob also saw many of our classmates. He should be home by now and will be sending pics soon. The great Waldo and I were roommates over 10 yrs ago in the prep sch. Glad to hear you're doing well. (Have you been rapel-

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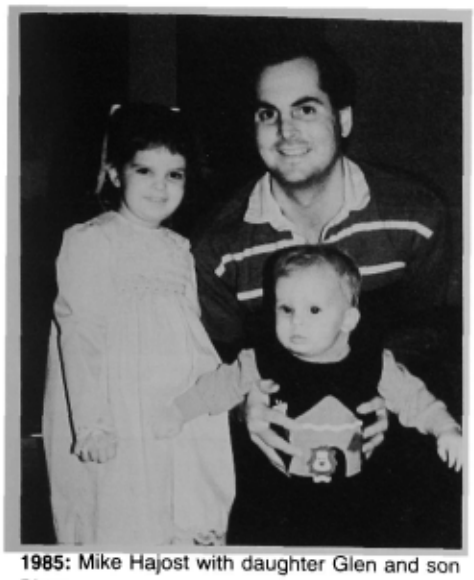
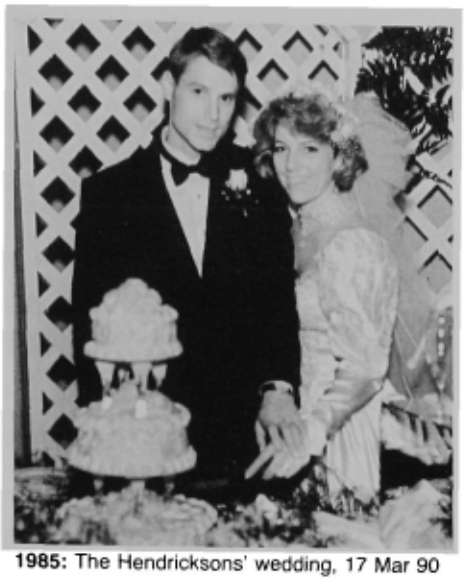


1985: Mike Hajost with daughter Glen and son Ricky



1985: The Hendricksons' wedding, 17 Mar 90

1985: "Jimbo" and Jay Tully, 91

ling off any bunk beds lately?)

Yudi Wong gets my "ltr of the quarter" award. He wildly portrays the Army realities that confront ea and every one of us daily as a reason for sending him to the DEA. He'll be attending the FBI Academy, hopefully, this fall. Yudi, I know exactly what you mean. Sometimes you work for those who think paper is more important than people. Yudi, you'll succeed in whatever you do. For excellence we strive, buddy.

Anne Mackie also wrote from Saudi, where she was a UH-60 pilot for the 101st. Anne said, as everyone else has, that it was enlightening to see the Army do what it's trained to do. After cmd of an HHC in Ger for 17 mos, she spent some time as bde S-1 and traveled to over 9 countries. She then got selected to teach ROTC at Santa Clara U in CA after her Adv Course at Rucker. She's doing super and says hello to all of her friends.

Dave & Heather Hendrickson wrote from Rucker. They were married in Mar 90. She is also an aviator, and, after a little more time at Rucker, they are both off to Panama. Dave has run into **Mike Pasco** and **Doug Sena.** Best of luck in Panama.

Received an invitation to **Tasha (Robinson) Williams'** change-of-cmd ceremony. Seems she took cmd of USA Tank/Auto Cmd Spt Activity in MI on 23 Apr. I trust you are doing super with the new challenge.

Tony & Vicki Fiore wrote from Ger. Tony is still in Saudi with 4/18 Inf (Mech). Vicki '87 is assigned to the 8th Maint Bn in Hanau. She said Tony's bde spearheaded 3 AD's attack, and Tony was awarded the Bronze Star after the war ended. She rep **Tom & Cheryl Durso** are praying for twins in late Oct (what?).

1985: Vicki (Lenz '87) & Anthony Fiore in Hanau, Ger before Anthony's departure to Saudi, Oct 90

Jeff & Kathy Parrish are now living in Corning, NY. Jeff works for none other then Corning, Inc, and Kathy should be a CPA by Sep—after she passes her exam. They have two daughters, Lisa and Jessica, and are building a home that will be ready in Jul.

Cancel Christmas!!! **Peter Everett** is getting married soon. He is tying the knot with Ms Julie Harpe, with whom he got reacquainted at our Class reunion. Peter has run into **Glenn & Tracy Seymour, Kent Selby, Kris Raymer** and **Wendy Anderson**, all of whom are cmding units right now in Ger. Sorry I let you down, Pete. With a mo at JRTC, I lost track of time.

Diane (Leese) Taylor wrote and is doing super, although **Mike** is still deployed to Iraq. They were blessed with the birth of Kelsea on 29 Nov last yr. Mike currently cmds an Inf unit, and Diane is holding her own between motherhood and managing budgets for her unit. Great to hear from you two. Hope Mike gets home soon.

1985: Katy Lunsford at Founders Day 91, Ft Monroe

1985: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

The Schofield gang is doing great. Ran into **Jay Daily, John Quack** and **Rob Ulses** while at JRTC. All are working for 1/25 Avn. **Jeff Ryscavage** and **Steve Fleming** are off to Thailand, doing who knows what. **Dave Gerard** has his eyes on cmd in 1/14 Inf soon. **Phil Helbling** just turned down engr spt for his upcoming live-fire exercises, so I need to teach him about combined arms tng, but, otherwise, he and his family are doing great.

Wish me luck in Sapper Sch and write my wife and remind her who I am—she's lonely! You have my best, '85.

'86

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Hope all is well. By now most everyone from the desert should be home and paraded out. Since being here at UF, I haven't run into anyone from '86, but I have met Dennis Vaquez '85, who is

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earning a master's in structural engring. Bicycled past a jogger from the Class of '56 who noticed my gym alpha shirt (still in mint condition) and bumped into my first FIST private, whose astuteness kept me in line and has him in pre-med. Goodness knows I was blessed with quality soldiers.

From the Avn Ctr at Fort Rucker, **Tom Climer** sends an update. Tom and **Eric Gaines** arrived at Rucker together after serving time at Fort Hood. After Tom finishes the Avn course, he'll head to Korea. **Russ Spears, Jonathan Reinebold** and **Joe Wucik** are now at Rucker, recently back from Desert Storm. Joe was with the 1st Cav. Russ and Jonathan served with the 24ID. Also in the Storm were **Bill "Weas" Pursel** and **Forrest Carpenter**. Bill served with a Patriot btry that shot down four SCUDS. Forrest was with the 12th Avn Bde out of Ger. **Ed Motley**, get in touch with Tom Climer; call info in Enterprise, AL!

As of 3 Apr, **Bobby Locket** says "I'm in Kuwait right now, and here's a rundown for the *ASSEMBLY*. When I first got to Saudi in Feb, I came over with **Neil Costello**, **T-Bone Williams**, **John Thomson** and **Scott Gerig**. We were all in the FDO Course at Sill when we were notified we were coming to the war. Once we got here, we were sent to VII Corps Arty units. We had to go through the CONUS Replacement Ctr at Fort Knox before shipping out. Upon my arrival, I ran into **Steve Kaczmarek**, who was with the 3/20th FA. I got attached to the 2/29th FA from Baumholder. Throughout the war, we fired over 2000 rds in spt of the 1st CAV, 1ID and 3AD. (Bobby does not mention, but I heard through the grapevine that Bobby managed to get lost in the desert, stumbled into a TOC to ask directions and was greeted by T-Bone.) After the war, I ran into **Bobby Bullard**, who's the Bn FSO for 3/8th Cav. **Mike Flanagan** is a replacement LNO, also for 3/8th Cav. Mike is doing well, waiting like me to get the hell out of here. . . . **Bobby Nabb** has been doing me a great svc, looking out for my wife (**Juliana**) and kids (Briana and Sonny) since I've been gone. . . . I'll be glad to get back home so I can resume a normal life."

Kalee Arbanas sent a photo and quick note of/about husband **Kevin** and **Mark Von Heeringen**. Kevin and Mark are stationed in HI but were sent TDY to a Texas unit, A CO, 2nd Bn 158th Avn Regt, the "Stud Cavs." By the time this article is printed, Kevin and Mark should be home and soaking up the Pacific sunshine.

Howard Jeffries & Dawn (Thomas, F-1) are married and living in Minnesota. They married on 3 Dec 88 in Lake Mary, FL with **Miyako Newell**, **Jay George** and **Allen Hendricks** in attendance. Howard and Dawn left the Army on 1 June 90 so Howard could attend Bethel Theological Seminary in St Paul. As of now, Howard wants to work in prison chaplaincy. As for Dawn, she's busy with their son Gregg, born on 17 Aug 90. Gregg weighed 9lbs, 1oz, measured a whopping 22 1/2 inches, and caused "mama" to endure 48 hrs of labor. Dawn, after enduring 48 hrs with no C-section, Dan Rather should have been on the scene.

1986: Kevin and Mark enjoying some MRE's in the desert

1986: The Sasos and Bells at Founders Day 91, Ft Carson, CO

And from **Oswald "Steve" Boykin**, comments from Korea: "I've found that most of the bad stuff people tell you about Korea isn't true. It's just crowded. Twenty-five percent of the population is in Seoul. It's the second-densest city in the world, twice as dense as NYC, which ranks 3rd. I'm about 20 mi from Seoul, but it takes over 1 1/2 hrs by bus with no stops. Traffic is all over the place, and the people drive like crazy. At least there is a subway, and the shopping is great. I'm the deputy installation cmdr. I handle things like construction, repairs, comm relations, billeting, etc. It's like being a city mgr. The bn cmdr calls me 'Mayor Bradley.' As long as he doesn't call me 'Mayor Marion Barry,' I guess it means I'm doing fine. Plus, I'm the permanent rear det cmdr, which means no field time. I have some Koreans working for me. They're good people. We've had a couple of nice brew parties. Some things are universal. As for my future, I'm headed to Ft Stewart in Aug. I'm looking forward to returning to the States." (Any plans to bring home the nurse you're dating?)

Overlapping info from y'all's ltrs is that **Cleveland Bazemore** is working for Procter & Gamble in Staten Isl. He & **Lisa** have a two-yr-old son named Ricky. The other bit of news is that **Billy Ward** is working as a narcotics agent with the AL St Police. Imagine that!

Keep the ltrs coming. Reunion is just a few mos away. I'm hoping I'll get up to WP. That reminds me—**Roger** and **Rich**, what's the good word?

'87

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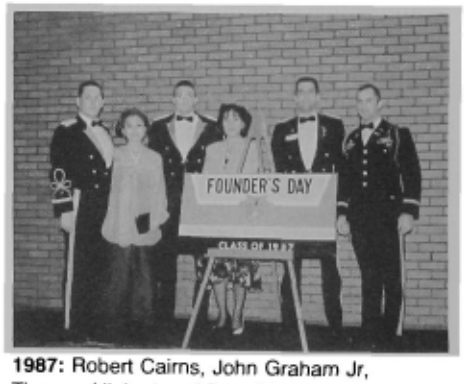
What you've all been anxiously waiting for, I'm sure. . . THE BOTTOM 5 "ANY SERVICE MBR MAIL" COOKIE LIST. Direct from Saudi, Kuwait and the Euphrates Valley, in a non-scientific poll, here we have the most disliked, however appreciated, homemade cookies:

5. Pecan Dusties
4. Mrs Grimsley's Desert Dessert
3. Oatmeal Oasis
2. Camel Chews
1. Nomad Nougats

Now, these were a welcome relief from MRE's; don't get me wrong. But I must say, when was the last time you wolfed down a few-mo-old Camel Chews and didn't have a few cold ones with which to wash them down?



1987: Robert Cairns, John Graham Jr, Thomas Hiebert and Donald Canaday II and ladies at Founders Day 91, Korea

Anyhow, along with a lot of wonderful "any svc mbr" mail, I managed to collect a few notes from our classmates who both participated and cheered from the sidelines during our recent escapade in the desert. Just before my redeployment to Ger, none other than **Len Kortekaas**, "Apache pilot extraordinaire," visited me atop Khobar Towers in Dammam as I was catching some power rays. He sounded and looked tan, confident and rock-hard after his successful tenure as

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an Apache troop cmdr in Opn Desert Storm. His were some of the first choppers to begin missions into Iraq, and he has some interesting stories and intriguing footage of his soldiers' destructive exploits in enemy airspace. As always, it was refreshing speaking with Len.

Yes, **Todd**, I did finally receive your ltr. From somewhere in Kuwait to somewhere in Iraq, **Todd Parish** entered the net to say that all was OK in the 210th FA Bde. **Cindy** is fine, and he mentioned that **John Gifford, Eric Gunhus** *et al* . . . were all doing fine there in the desert also. He relayed a quick prayer for our classmates, wished me a wonderful war and promised a throwdown before we left Ger. Glad to know everything went well, big guy.

A special thanks to **Clint Kandle, Daniel & Robin Rodrigues, Tim Flowers** and **Chip Holton**. They all answered my mom's call for assistance in writing the col in my absence. Thank you for all your polite ltrs. I will certainly keep you in mind to help in the future. Clint is an S-1 for the 124th Transportation Bn in HI. Dan & Robin are currently stationed at Ft Benning. Tim resides in Ridgeland, MS. Chipper wrote from Roanoke, VA to assume duties as the scribe. I sure enjoyed the msg on your answering machine, Chip. Again, best wishes to all of you and thanks.

Back at WP **Mike Mitchell** could always find extra time and apply his resourcefulness to make an extra buck. I well remember his candy and soda sales during "call to qtrs." Always just a little bit cheaper than the machines, his goods drew a loyal clientele. Perhaps even more well-known, esp to old grads at football games, were his handmade cadet blanket parkas. Why the dissertation on Mike's entrepreneurial exploits? Well, he, **Karen** and Alex have started a family business! Touted as environmentally safe, Progressive Photo Mkting offers photo business cards, post cards, greeting cards and film processing. Typically Mike, his brochures were first class. I'm sure he'd love to hear from everyone. He can be reached at PO Box 1151, Main St, Old Forge, NY 13420; tel (315) 369-3191. Its good to know that some things just don't change!

The first photo sports **Sam Ligo** & his new bride **Peggy**. Married on 15 Feb 91, they were flanked by **Han Kim** (B-2) and **Mark Mitchell** (A-4), Linda Paddock, and MAJ Michael Real during the ceremony at Ft Leonard Wood.

1987: Sam & Peggy Ligo's wedding

The Leonard Wood Founders Day found **Kurt Greene, John Moellering, Jeff Kim, Sam Ligo, Joe Birchmeier, Mark Mitchell, Duncan Clyborne, Jeff Kuhl** and **Val (Lawracy) Adank** all cheesing it up for the photographer.

MG Glynn Mallory (Dir Opns Readiness & Mobilization) sent word from the Al-Sabah family palace in Kuwait that the first annual Founders Day of the Kuwait City Chapter of AOG went off without a hitch. If you remember, this palace contained the large terrain board used by the Iraqi III Corps to prepare for the imminent American assault on the coastline. The event was hosted by MG Bob Frix '61, the CO of TF Freedom in Kuwait. The pic shows **Bill Horton** and **Jack Poole** (and an unidentified third party) in the Al-Sabah palace

1987: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

1987: Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood

Finally, a word from here in Aschaffenburg. **Ken & Samatha Romaine** became parents to Christopher on 25 Oct 90 before Ken took a short hiatus to SWA. **Steve & Debbie Reed** also joined the parental ranks in proud form with the birth of Katelyn Elizabeth. Ken and I served as sister-bn spt plt ldrs while Steve harnessed the awesome duties as BMO of 1/7 Inf. **Scott King** served as BMO for 4/66 AR, **John Listermann** was assigned to the S-3 shop and **Dan Oh** served as 1/7 Inf Bn S-4. **Lori Oh** is doing great as an insurance agent for the Aschaffenburg community. It's always a pleasure to see their bright smiling faces.

Until next issue, that's it for now, gang.

'88

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Let it not be said that our Class cannot procreate. Sarah Jane **Baldree** was born on 11 Feb 91 to **Jim & Debbie**. Sarah weighed in a 7 lbs 4 oz. **Beard & Pam McAulay** are the proud parents of twins, Samantha Lynn and Samuel Beard, who were born 21 Jan 91. Beard was in SWA but made it home for the event.

Erin & Jennifer Edgar have brought a future doctor into the world: Meghan Elizabeth was born 1 Feb 91. Erin & Jennifer will soon be out of med sch doing that residency thing together.

As always, we have some lead-ins to the baby thing—matrimony. **Greg Graves** married **Wya Geitz** on 7 Jul 90 in Odessa, TX. Greg's dad is soon to be the new Supe at WP, so we all know where the party is going to be during our 5-yr Reunion.

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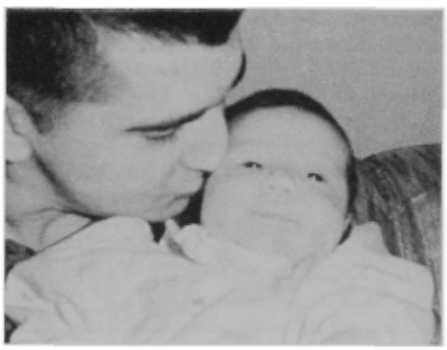
1988: Pam & Beard with Samantha and Samuel McAulay

1988: Erin & Jennifer Edgar



1988: Erin and Meghan Elizabeth

Larry Brede tied the knot on 16 Jun 90 with Miss **Sarah** Wright. Larry found a girl to match his tall stature, and, of course, "**Lino**" was the best man. Matchmaker Brede also managed to engr one. **Jeff Morgan & Nancy** Elliot wed in Feb 90. **Pat Blair** got married on mid-tour leave from Korea. His beautiful bride, the former Miss **Lisa** Luxembourg, is awaiting his return from the land of the morning calm in OK where she works. **Lance Hansen** married Miss **Susan** Zylstra. And according to EPE, **Dave Wilkie** and **Mike Doyle** are married now—not to ea other, I hope. How about a ltr, guys? Congratulations to you all.

If you pick up the Jan-Feb 91 issue of *Armor* Magazine you will find a very

1988: Wya & Greg Graves

1988: Christopher & Emily Lehner and William Field at Founders Day 91, Korea

enlightening article by our future Nobel Laureate, **John Nagl**. John is diligently trying to make the best-seller list before he hits 30.

The second annual Hill family A-N Game celebration came off without a hitch. Three wks after the game **Mike Hill** and **Duncan Barry** left for SWA with the 1st Bde 3 AD. **Tony DiNallo** says thanks for your spt. He is making great strides in the healing process and can walk almost normally now. Tony has been placed on the TDRL and plans to get his MBA while waiting for his ret rating. **Greg Graves** is on his way back to NTC. Greg says the last time he was in the sand, **Matt Matsuda** was the NTC CG's aide, **John Duhamel** was a permanent party Mech Inf OC and **Mike Rounds** was a permanent party Engr OC. **Dave Hathaway** dropped a postcard from SWA, where he is thinking about having a mini Class reunion. He said that everywhere he went he ran into '88 grads. **Dan Kirk** is alive and well and driving his Porsche to his beach house by Ft Ord. **Tony "The Fly" Garcia** made it back from Korea in time to deploy with the 101st to SWA. MG Mallory sent me this pic of Founders Day, 20 Mar 91, Kuwait City Chapter (Provisional).

1988: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

The photo was taken at the Al-Sabah

1988: The second annual Hill family A-N Game celebration, Ger

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family palace, which served as HQ for the Iraqi III Corps prior to the liberation. Part of the formal ceremonies included a briefing using a captured Iraqi terrain model on the Iraqi plan of defense against amphibious assault.

To all of you returning war veterans and heroes, welcome back, stay safe and stay in touch.

'89

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And so, life goes on. Let me start off with some of the good news I have received.

On 22 Dec 90, **Fred Hawkins** married **Amy Kerns** in Redlands, CA. For a honeymoon they Rocked the Casbah in the Gulf from Jan until Apr. **Charlie Ball** and **Kevin Barber** stopped into Fred's "office" in the desert to wish him well. Congratulations to the Hawkinses and thanks to Mrs Hawkins (that is, Fred's mom) for the nice ltr.

1989: Amy & Fred Hawkins

Tim Lauth dropped a line from beachside in HI. At Ft Rucker he partied with fellow fly-guys **Rob Mueller, Brian Thompson, Nick DeMiro, Dean Flint** and **Chuck Tully**. They had some interesting parties, including one particular Halloween bash.

1989: DeMiro, Lauth, Flint and Thompson pose as collegiate men

In Jun 90, **Tim** married the girl next door, his longtime sweetheart, **Karmen** Doby. **Rob Mueller** and **Frank Cwiklinski** attended and seemed to acquire a few new "friends." In Aug the guys went their separate ways.

Brian Thompson went to Ft Bragg, **Rob** and **Dean** went to Ft Campbell, **Nick & Martha** and **Chuck & Kim (Blacker) Tully** all went to Ger. On the way to HI, Tim saw **Kevin "KT" Tucker** in Ft Ord. Kev was relaxing and enjoying FA stuff.

In HI, **Tim** has been playing taxi driver for our former Com, MG Gordon. Also, he has gone into the wild blue yonder with **Larry Borkowski** and **John Feutz**.

Best of luck to **Tim & Karmen** and hello to all the B-4 Buffaloes from "**Slipry**" **Lauth**.

1989: Founders Day 91, HI: Pete & Fran McBreen, Tim & Karmen Lauth and Mike Sullivan with his date

1989: Founders Day 91, Ft Carson: The Grabows, Martin, Jenkinson, the Perezes and Oehlers

Lisa Rice says "hi" and sends her photo of life in the desert. She is with 15th Trans Co supporting the 1AD. She says "hi," esp to **Judy (Richenbacher) Krause, Janet Diss, Herb Henkle** and **Beth Thomas**. Thanks, Lisa.

Lisa Maddox is enjoying life at Ft Ord as an XO and is trying to get into med sch this autumn. She had to return to WP during winter 89–90 so Dr Ryan could finally cut her shoulder. I guess she has grown accustomed to the idea of hosps. Good luck, Lisa.

Some of the '89'ers partied it up in the Al-Sabah family palace in Kuwait City for Founders Day. MG Mallory sent me a ltr and an enclosed photo. I'm sure a good time was had by all.

1989: No guts, no glory—only dirty laundry

1989: Rockin the Casbah—our desert heroes at Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

For the gripes and rumors, I've heard **Screamin' Nieman** had a fantastic trek across America from Ft Benning to Ft Ord and hit every McDonald's along the way. . . . **Paul Kreis** is rumored to have settled down and decided to drink no more beers. PK, any rebuttal?. . . . **John (Bits) Conboy** was last heard from out there somewhere, but enjoying the Army.

Keep the shot group tight. The autobahn runs straight. See you at the club or in the brush. Strengthen the Line.

'90

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We have quickly become the Proud and the Married. **Susan Kelley** (B-2) sent me a ltr saying that she is now 2LT Susan **Dickerson**, residing with her husband **Robert** at Ft Riley, KS. They were married on 2 Jun 90 and had a 7 lb 6 oz baby girl, Kirsten Myra, on 22 Feb 91.

Here is a photo of **Matt & Kerri Kennedy** (F-3) after their wedding at WP on

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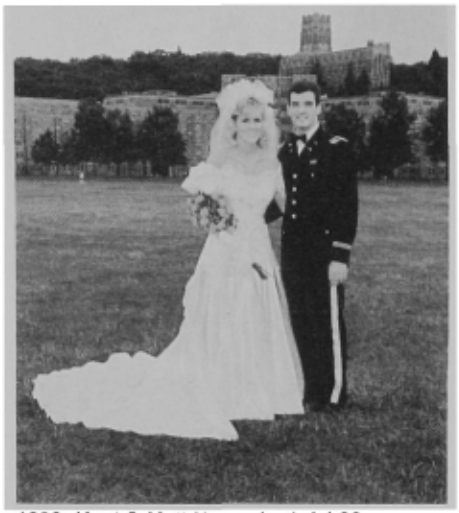
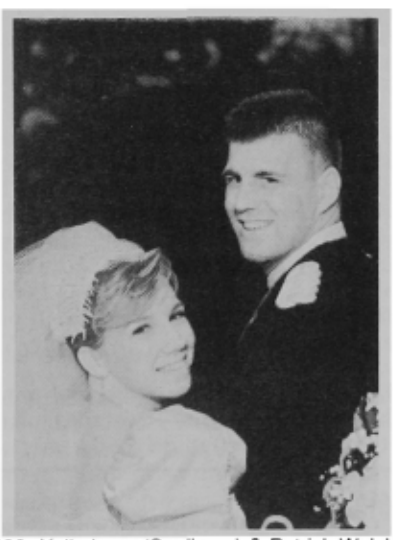
1 Jul 90. They now live at Ft Rucker while Matt attends flight sch with his co-mates **Keith Burleson, Ken Stevens** and **Rich Nair**.



1990: Kerri & Matt Kennedy, 1 Jul 90

Pat Walsh' new bride **Kelly** sent me a pic from their wedding on 22 Dec 90 at WP. They were married in the Catholic Chapel by Fr Mullen, and Kelly said that there were more weddings that wk than Jun Wk. Pat recently graduated from Ranger Sch with several of his F-1 classmates: **Tom Biel, Doug Chamberlin, Charles Morris, Seung Lee** and **Dave Smole**. Berlin, Ger is the destination for the Walshes.



1990: Kelly Lynn (Spellman) & Patrick Walsh

Mike Tretola (D-2) **& Jean Kobes** (D-2) were married at WP Chapel on 22 Dec 90. They are now stationed in Ger, where Jean is the signal off for an MP unit and Mike is an AR PL.

Jim Lincoln (D-3) gave me the pic of **Dave Bottcher** (D-3) & his new bride **Seana**, who were married on 29 Dec 90. The Bottchers now live at Ft Drum. If the guy shaking hands with Dave looks

1990: The Kobes-Tretola wedding

familiar, it's Jim's younger—and Jim claims richer—brother. In other D-3 news, **Mike Murphy** & his fiancé Lisa have an Oct 91 wedding planned.

1990: At the Bottcher wedding

The photo was given to me at Jim's welcome home from Saudi party on 23 Apr. As all of you who know Jim can imagine, he had an interesting perspective of the war. And here it is, the first photo of the Class of 90 war veteran, **Jim Lincoln**, with your REMF med sch student historian.

1990: Jim Lincoln and Tad Gerlinger

Mrs **Lincoln** also sent me the pic of **Jim** and **Tony Gaines** relaxing at the beach in St Augustine, FL with friends. It seems life is back to normal for Jim. **Chip Elliot** is also back from the Gulf and has returned to Ger. Mrs Lincoln said that the family is glad that both of their men are home.

Dan King sent me this shot of his light tac fire shelter, where he spent his 5 1/2 wks of the war. He is back at Bragg and has moved in with **Marc Resch**, 3/25

1990: Jim Lincoln and Tony Gaines with friends

MLRS, and **Greg Bastien**, who is in Ranger Sch.

1990: Dan King, Marc Resch and Greg Bastien

John Knighten sent me a card from Saudi dated 17 Mar. At the time he was inventorying equipment for the trip home and has since returned to Ft Bliss. During the war Johnny was a bn targeting off, planning targets, which he said was quite exciting.

Here is a photo of our first Founders Day. This one is from Ft Leonard Wood, MO and is of **Rick Stikkers** and **Jeff Evenson**. If you have any from your posts, mail me a copy.

Class VP **Jason Kelley** graduated in

1990: Stikkers and Evenson at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

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1990: Founders Day 91, Heidelberg: (back row) Pam Smith, Catherine Kilner, Alan Jones, Paul Baker, Ted Reich, Allison Hall, Tom Cheng, Randall Cales; (front row) Marjorie Campbell, Vickie Mitalas, Collean Jones, Christina Juhasz, Margaret Manry (Meloch), Diana Leach and Elissa Bergevin

Ranger Class 4–91 with **Tyler Miller, Mike Foster, Fred Miller, John Kerish, Stacey Starbuck, Ed Sullivan, Jay O'Neil, Eric Schimpf** and **Phil Wahlbom**. Their class has the distinction of setting the record for the no of frostbite cases. Jason wanted me to ask if anyone had a 6-figure job available for a recent grad; it seems that **Clayton Speed** injured his shoulder severely enough to be discharged. Jason also said that he heard a funny story about **Dave Esposito**. Dave, a proud mbr of the 101st, was not allocated the appropriate air assets during the war and had to drive a HUMMV 95 mi to the battle. Ingenuity-1, Air Assault-0. Finally, Jason wanted everyone to know that **Doug Rodgers** tied the knot on 22 Jun to **Melissa** White.

I was down at the Natl Mil Rugby Tournament at Ft Benning on 11 May with USUHS team and ran into and played against a few of our classmates. **Mike Foster, Kimo Gallahue**, and **Mike Kilbane** played on the Ft Benning team, and **Terry McLinsky** played for Pres' 15. With the help of **Joel Meyer** and **John Devine**, USUHS defeated Ft Benning and went on to finish 3rd. Not bad for drs-to-be.

Congratulations to everyone who has gotten married and welcome home to all those who served over in Saudi—**Tad Gerlinger**.

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1991: 915 graduates of the Class of '91 celebrate graduation on 1 Jun (for complete coverage of Graduation Exercises, see pg 20)

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my). Since 1987, six West Point graduates have become Rhodes scholars. Although no cadet won a Rhodes scholarship this year, five members of the graduating class—Richard O. Burney, Michael R. Eastman, Filomeno P. Gonzalez, Charles C. Poche and Stephanie J. Southard—successfully completed the state competitions and advanced to the regional interviews.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas V. Traczyk, from Company B-3, is the Academy's newest Hertz scholar. A physics major who was commissioned into the Infantry, he is the 27th West Pointer to win a Hertz fellowship. Traczyk will study laser optics at Stanford for one year, after which he will be assigned to an infantry unit. Following basic branch qualification, he will return to Stanford to complete the PhD degree. Some 800 applicants compete nation-wide for the Hertz fellowship. Another 1991 graduate, 2nd Lieutenant Todd A. Pendleton, was a (top 50) finalist.

The Hertz scholarship and the National Science Foundation scholarship are the only scholarships for which cadets compete that support a scholar for up to five years of graduate studies in order to earn the PhD degree.

Two graduates from the Class of 1991 were the first USMA graduates to be awarded the East-West Center fellowship. One-hundred scholarships are awarded each year by the East-West Center in Hawaii: 66 to outstanding scholars from Asian countries, and the remaining 37 to scholars in the United States. 2nd Lieutenants Thomas F. Pettit, Company H-4, and James C. Ku, Company E-1, were the first West Point cadets to compete for these scholarships. Pettit, an economics major, will study international trade, finance, and development. Ku, who majored in East Asian studies, will study political development in East Asia.

The opportunities for scholarships do not end at graduation. Officers may continue to compete for scholarships as long as they meet the requirements and receive authorization from their professional development branch. For example, the Carol and George Olmsted Foundation provides graduates who have qualified in their basic branches with the opportunity to study different cultures and the political and economic systems of other countries.

The trail to winning a scholarship is difficult. Many superb candidates fail to win a scholarship after investing significant time and effort in the process. However, they learn how to examine first-order questions about the world, as well as how to examine their own goals. They learn how to balance short-term investments in order to achieve long-term opportunities to serve selflessly. They grow in the process and develop into leaders of character—better able to serve the Army and the country. Scholarship winners from the Class of 1991 are congratulated for their achievements and their prospects for continued contributions. Their success validates the continuing quality of the Military Academy's academic program and West Point's continuing success in producing leaders of character to serve the nation.

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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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Isaac Gill, Jr.

NO. 5306 CLASS OF 1914

Died 15 September 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Isaac Gill, Jr.

ISAAC GILL was born on 27 December 1892 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to Anne Macklin Gill and Isaac Gill. He attended grammar school and high school in Pawtucket, spending summer holidays in Jamestown, Rhode Island. On 1 March 1910 Senator Nelson Aldrich appointed Isaac to West Point, where he promptly was nicknamed "Ike" by his classmates. He graduated in 1914 as the "baby" of his class. As a second lieutenant in the Infantry, he was first assigned to Fort McIntosh at Laredo, Texas with the 9th Infantry. The regiment was on border patrol duty, living in tents pitched on the banks of the Rio Grande. He remained on this duty until April 1917, when the regiment was ordered to foot march to San Antonio. While in Laredo, he was promoted to first lieutenant.

When World War I had started and the 9th Infantry was ordered to the fairground at Syracuse, New York, Ike moved with the regiment and was promoted to captain. In September 1917 he went overseas with his regiment to France where he served for one year, seeing action in the St. Mihiel Trench-Sector, near Chateau Thierry with the 2nd Division when the German offensive was stopped there in June 1918, and with the 2nd at Soissons on 18 July at the start of the Allied offensive. During this last engagement he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action and later in 1918 he was promoted to major. The following is an excerpt from a letter written for the "five year" book, describing one of his experiences in World War I.

"After a couple of more days of hiking, we stopped at an old farm. The farm buildings consisted of a courtyard about 75 feet square with a main house, and the other buildings were full of soldiers. About midnight of the first night in the place, airplanes were heard dropping bombs on a nearby town. Soon we heard the buzz of a solitary plane coming closer and closer. We knew he was making for our farm, as it stood alone in the fields. The plane came nearer and nearer and was soon over us. We could only wait and trust in the Lord. A few more seconds and then there was a sharp screech, a terrific explosion, and a shattering of window panes. I got out of bed expecting to go out and find many men injured. On reaching the courtyard I found that not a soul had been scratched. The aviator had aimed too well. His bomb had hit the manure pile in the center of the courtyard and had exploded without hurting anyone. Don't let anyone ever tell you the Lord was on the side of the Germans."

He returned to the States in 1918 and was assigned to the Tank Corps at Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1919 Major Gill moved to Camp Meade, Maryland and was in charge of the Tank School there for two years until he was sent as a student to the Infantry School. Following graduation from the Infantry School he became an honor graduate at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was also promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Gill then served with the 14th Infantry at Fort Davis, Canal Zone, followed by duty with the organized Reserves at Portland, Oregon and San Diego, California, where he was in charge of the Reserve office. Next he became a student at the Army War College in Washington, DC and graduated in 1934. A tour of duty as instructor at the C&GS School, Fort Leavenworth occupied the next four years.

He was assigned to the 12th Infantry at Fort Howard, Maryland as executive officer. This tour was followed by a year in Richmond, Virginia as commanding officer, Southern Virginia, CCC district. In 1940 Ike commanded an anti-tank battalion at Fort Meade, Maryland. He then transferred to Camp Custer, Maryland as commanding officer, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 5th Division where he was promoted to colonel.

In 1941 he took his regiment to Iceland where he remained for a year and a half. While in Iceland he served as sector commander, west of Reykjavik, and as deputy chief of staff, Iceland Base Command.

In 1942, Colonel Gill was assigned chief of staff, 35th Division at Camp Rucker, Alabama. He was then transferred to New Guinea where he was assigned as commanding officer, 126th Infantry, 32nd Division at Aitape.

When the 126th Regimental Combat Team was formed he commanded this separate unit, and landed on Morotai Island between New Guinea and the Philippines. There this combat team seized and occupied coastal towns around the island. He left Morotai with his regiment to join the 32nd Division for the landing on Leyte. Here they joined in the attack on the Japanese at the north end of the island. Here he was hospitalized and returned to the United States where he was placed on limited service and assigned as chief, General Section Infantry School, Fort Benning. He later was transferred to Camp Robinson, Alaska where he was retired for physical disability in 1946.

In 1917 then-Lieutenant Gill married Lilian Adele Westbrook in Laredo, Texas. She died at their retirement home in San Antonio in 1970 after over fifty years of married life together. He is survived by their daughter Patricia Richardson, two grandsons, and five great-grandchildren.

I remember my father with great contentment and am deeply proud that he was my father. He was a quiet, gracious, caring man, always understanding and ready to offer a helping hand. To his classmates he was a loyal and trusted friend. At his funeral the service was ended with the last verse of Benny Havens:

"When this life's Troubled sea is o'er
and our last battle's through,
If God permits us mortals there his blest domain to view,
Then shall we see in glory crowned, in proud celestial row,
The friends we've known and loved so well at Benny Havens Oh!"

Patiricia Gill Richardson

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Girard Blakesley Troland

NO. 5752 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 5 August 1990 in Lexington, Massachusetts, aged 95 years.

Interment: Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, Connecticut.

GIRARD BLAKESLEY TROLAND, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, died of old age in Lexington, Massachusetts ("the cradle of liberty"), where he had lived in retirement for more than 36 years. His last assignment, extended into retirement, had been with the New York-New England Inter-Agency Commission in Boston preparing a survey of all power resources of the New York and New England area.

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Girard Blakesley Troland

Girard Troland was a typical Connecticut Yankee who returned to his hometown, New London, to marry Marion Bragaw at the end of World War I. During his decades with the Corps of Engineers, Girard and Marion lived in numerous foreign and stateside locations, beginning with a year of study at MIT. Their first child was born at Fortress Monroe, but died at an early age. Two more children, a daughter and a son, were born while they lived at Fort Humphreys, Virginia (now Fort Belvoir) where he commanded the Engineer School Detachment. After several years in Baltimore and Washington, the family was sent to Schofield Barracks, where troop duty with the 3rd Engineer Regiment was particularly energetic and meaningful in the early thirties.

After teaching military engineering for two years at Texas A&M, he was promoted to major, sent to the C&GSS at Fort Leavenworth, then to Vicksburg to be secretary of the Mississippi River Commission, and then in 1940 to be district engineer in Savannah, Georgia.

War brought orders to Fort Benning, where he was senior engineer instructor at the Infantry School, then to XIII Corps at Fort Dupont, Second Army at Memphis and Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston.

After peace came the family moved to Italy for one year, and later to France for service with the American Graves Registration Command. A teaching tour at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology preceded his final move to Boston.

Girard Troland was a man interested in precision and detail. He excelled in Latin and honed his editorial and writing skills during the year he studied at Brown University before entrance to West Point. He loved to teach. During many assignments as a military instructor, his emphasis was on clarity, simplicity and correctness. He made his classes sparkle with his endless repertoire of jokes and anecdotes, told with an Irish twinkle of the eye. Language skills and musical talent were enhancements to his personality, and he encouraged them in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will cherish his memory for years. So, too, did he cherish his classmates, and to the end encouraged young people to consider joining the Corps.

Girard Troland served his country well, patiently and with total integrity. We who are his friends and descendants will miss him greatly.

Nancy Troland Cushman, his daughter

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Charles Edward Morrison

NO. 6106 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 20 June 1990 in Corona del Mar, California, aged 93 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Charles Edward Morrison

CHARLES EDWARD MORRISON was born 31 October 1896 in St. Louis, Missouri. His parents were divorced when he was four years old, and his mother died when he was 12. He lived and worked on his uncle's farm prior to entering high school in St. Louis and supported himself working in boarding houses, selling magazines, and selling wholesale groceries. He was a member of the 1st Field Artillery Regiment, Missouri National Guard. He entered West Point in June 1916, graduating early on 1 November 1918 because of World War I. Although commissioned in the Field Artillery, he wired the adjutant general requesting that his first choice be changed to Cavalry in order to see some action on the Mexican border. His first post was at Camp Mercedes, Texas.

He and Ruth Harkins were married 11 June 1919, and then moved to Fort Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, where their first daughter, Virginia, was born in August 1920. While stationed at the Presidio of Monterey, their second daughter, June, was born in October 1923. While a member of the Cavalry Rifle Team at Camp Perry, he won the Cavalry Cup. His peacetime assignments included various cavalry regiments. He taught mathematics at West Point from 1924-28, and later had Reserve Officers Training Corps duty at Pennsylvania Military College where he also coached polo, rifle teams, and horse shows. He remained in the Cavalry until February 1941 when he was transferred to the Armored Force.

His service during World War II included the 5th Armored Division until September 1943; G-3, West Virginia Mountain Maneuver Area until January 1944; G-4, XXII Corps until May 1945 (in the European Theatre from 10 November 1944); chief, Troop Movements Branch, Mobilization Division, Army Service Forces, in the Pentagon until June 1946.

Charles wrote: "In World War II my main contribution was during my first month in France as a member of a group of ten officers sent from England as the advance detachment of our XXII Corps Headquarters. We were given the job of liaison between units awaiting movement forward (because of shortages of certain articles of equipment) from the rear areas to the First, Third, Seventh, and Ninth Armies. Since I was the Corps G-4, I was familiar with the needs of all the branches of the Army and made many trips to the rear to solve their problems. As a result, our troops during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944 probably had an additional 50 artillery battalions, 50 additional combat engineer battalions, and many other small units fighting for us. Our Corps became actively engaged during the Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns."

He retired 31 May 1948 after more than 30 years of service and spent one summer as technical advisor for a movie about the cavalry. He was active in the Red Cross and other civic and political organizations. He and Ruth were enthusiastic lawn bowlers and bridge players until her death in December 1978.

On 28 August 1982, Charles married Viola Drews in Corona del Mar, California, and they enjoyed playing duplicate bridge. Her address is 402 Jasmine Avenue, Corona del Mar, California 92625. He attended his 50th Class Reunion at West Point with Ruth, and his 65th with Viola.

Charles enjoyed his children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. While his daughter Virginia was

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serving in the Army Nurse Corps in France during World War II, he managed to see her on several occasions, which was a thrill to her and to the other nurses. Virginia Morrison Allen now lives in Oxnard, California. Younger daughter June Morrison Broming died in 1978.

Virginia M. Allen, his daughter

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Harold Stuart Ruth

NO. 6522 CLASS OF 1919

Died 20 June 1989 in Oakland, California, aged 90 years.

Interment: Presidio National Cemetery, San Francisco, California.

Harold Stuart Ruth

HAROLD STUART RUTH was born in Boston on 31 August 1898, the only child of Ralph Sandiford Ruth and Estelle Wentworth (Phinney) Ruth, residents of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He attended elementary schools in Scranton and Braden's Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York. His maternal grandfather, Stuart Wentworth Phinney, had received a commission in the 153rd Regiment, New York Volunteers in 1863 and served as aide-de-camp to Union Brigadier General William Dwight, whose 1st Division, Army of the Shenandoah, fought with distinction in the Battles of Sabine Cross Roads and Pleasant Hill in Louisiana and Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek in Virginia. This may have instilled in Harold his interest in history and his choice of a military career.

Appointed to the Academy from the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Harold Ruth entered West Point in June 1917 as a member of the Class of 1921, but graduated early on 1 November 1918 because of the need for trained officers for World War I. With the 11 November 1918 Armistice, he and his classmates returned to the Academy in December 1918 and were graduated for the second time in June 1919. Second Lieutenant Ruth and his class then toured Europe as part of the Army of Occupation. He returned to the United States to attend the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating in July 1920.

There followed a series of Infantry assignments, including ROTC duty at Texas A&M College; three tours of duty with the 31st Infantry, in the Philippine Islands and Shanghai, China; and tours of duty at Governors Island, New York and at Fort Adams, Rhode Island.

In May 1934, in Manila, he married Ruth L. Thomson of Spokane, Washington, who was on the first leg of an around-the-world tour, taken after finishing her education at Whitman College, Washington. Two sons were born during the duty tour at Fort Adams: Harold S. Ruth, Jr. in 1936 and William T. Ruth in 1938.

In November 1941, "Babe" (an early nickname he retained throughout his life) Ruth was detailed to the Army Finance Department and was aboard a transport vessel from the Philippines to San Francisco at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. After graduating from the Finance School in Indianapolis, Indiana, he was assigned to the Boston Finance Office as deputy finance officer and later, chief finance officer. In July 1945 Colonel Ruth was again ordered to the Philippines and assigned to General Headquarters, Army Forces, Pacific. In September 1945, he moved to Tokyo and became fiscal director, Far East Command under General Douglas MacArthur. In March 1950, Colonel Ruth was detailed to Fort Monroe, Virginia where he was comptroller, Chief of Army Field Forces under General Mark Clark. From 1953 until his retirement in August 1954, Colonel Ruth was finance officer, US Army, San Francisco.

Two years after his Army retirement, he became deputy assessor, Alameda County, California and made his permanent home in Piedmont, a residential suburb in the foothills east of San Francisco. He was an active member of the Piedmont Community Church and the Commonwealth Club of California, and enjoyed travel, good health, and gardening with his wife Ruth, who remains active in community affairs in Piedmont. During the 35-year period dating from his Army retirement to his death, Colonel Ruth never forgot his West Point years, his military service or the Academy code of Duty, Honor, Country. He received the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, US Marine Corps Yangtze Service Medal and Victory Medals for World War I and World War II.

In addition to his wife, Colonel Ruth is survived by his son Stuart, a University of California/Berkeley graduate, who has a contracting business; son Bill, who is also a U.C. Berkeley graduate and has a financial consulting business; and three grandchildren, Kerry, Ann, and Erin Ruth. Colonel Ruth's older son Stuart applied for admission to West Point but was turned down because of an asthmatic condition. He regularly thumbs his nose at Army doctors' opinions by running in the Boston Marathon and the San Francisco Bay to Breakers races. Colonel Ruth's younger son skippered a Riverine Patrol Boat (PCF) as a Navy lieutenant (jg) in Vietnam in 1966-67. Colonel Ruth's eldest granddaughter, Kerry, attends UC Riverside; Ann is a high school junior in San Francisco; Erin attends elementary school in Piedmont.

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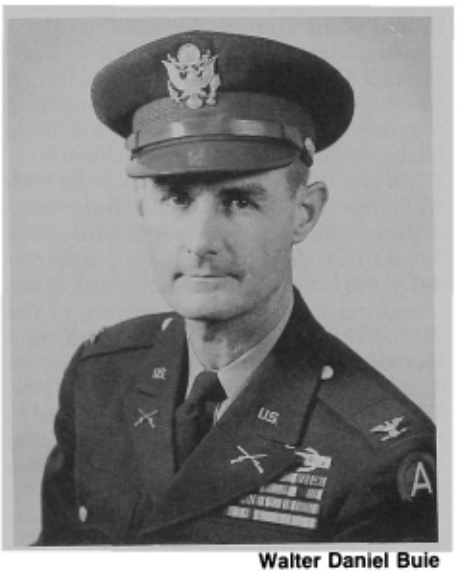
Walter Daniel Buie

NO. 6805 CLASS OF 1920

Died 21 June 1986 in Thomasville, Georgia, aged 86 years.

Interment: In the family plot of the Nashville, Georgia Cemetery.



Walter Daniel Buie

IN THE 1920 *Howitzer* yearbook, Dan was described as "a refined, quiet chap, very industrious and attentive." He remained true to that description.

Born in Nashville, Georgia, son of a lawyer-judge, he left home at 16, after graduating as high school valedictorian. He attended Georgia Military Academy and the University of Georgia, where he was a Sigma Chi, but even as a small child he dreamed of going to West Point. His hero was his paternal grandfather who became a major in the War between the States and was a member of General Robert E. Lee's entourage at Appomatox.

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After graduation and tours of foreign and domestic service, he met and married the strikingly beautiful Sara Earle Weld Wilmerding, the daughter of an Air Corps lieutenant colonel-doctor.

For a time he was with the Army Air Corps and was contracted to pilot the Goodyear Blimp, NC118-A, an advertising and passenger airship that was first to complete a transcontinental flight. He described the adventure as perilous at the least, with Dan and his co-pilot pitted against storms and ice.

Seeing many of his friends go down with their planes, he decided to make the Infantry his focus. His tours of duty included Schofield Barracks with the Wolfhound Regiment in Hawaii; Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was post provost marshal; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as a War College student; Plattsburg, New York as post adjutant; Fort Devens, Massachusetts; and back to Fort Leavenworth as a War College instructor. At the outbreak of World War II, he was then assigned to Camp Swift, Texas as chief of staff, with extensive manuvers in Texas and Louisiana.

In World War II, Dan served in high level General Staff positions and as a front-line combat commander. He was chief of staff of the XXIII Corps, composed of six combat divisions, and was commander of the 272nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team. His tenacity, attention to detail and commitment to victory were balanced with his deep concern for the loss of men in battle.

As part of the First Army and the 69th Infantry Division, Colonel Buie commanded the regiment's successful attack across Europe. His regiment participated in the assault and breakthrough of the Siegfried Line and the crossing of the Rhine River. He also planned and commanded the spearhead of the attack on Leipzig, Germany's fifth largest city. The German commander surrendered to him personally; Colonel Buie's name was on the document, as representative of the US Army. His division was officially credited with making the first contact with the Russian Army as the two great forces converged at Torgau on the Elbe River.

It was a source of disappointment at that time and ever since, that by order from SHAEF his regiment and division were held back on the Elbe River for two weeks so the Russians could be first into Berlin. Dan often said, though he seldom talked about his war experiences, that his regiment was in a favorable forward position, ready and able to make a quick thrust into Berlin and thus achieve the final symbol of Allied victory.

After the surrender of the Nazis, he was assigned to the Pacific to become chief of staff of the 25th Infantry Division preparing for the invasion of Japan. Then, the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and ended World War II.

Dan then served in the Occupation of Japan as part of the Operations Section of MacArthur's General Staff, Osaka and Tokyo.

On return to the States, he reorganized the US Army Reserve in Atlanta, Georgia as part of the Third Army Headquarters serving the seven southeastern states. This assignment was followed by a tour in Greece as senior advisor to the Greek Army Corps. When the communist army in Greece was destroyed, the American effort was then directed to modernizing the Greek Army.

He was reassigned to the Third Army in Atlanta as the General Staff Director of Operations and Training, representing the Army commander in relations with the National Guard, Army Reserve, and ROTC. His last post was Fort McPherson, Georgia, where he retired from military service in 1954.

During his military service, he cheated death three times. Going over to Europe in World War II, the troop ship ahead of him was torpedoed and sunk. While he fought the German Army his jeep was hit—and a family heirloom is the map he was holding with a German bullet hole through it. Upon returning to the States after occupational duty in Japan, he was offered a prestigious invitation to join VIP's on a specially-equipped luxury plane. It was an honor he turned down in favor of a military aircraft that would get him home a few days sooner. The luxury plane crashed in the Pacific with all lost.

Dan continued working for the government and took a position with the Federal Civil Defense Administration. His mission was to search out mines, caves and protected areas to store medical and other supplies in case of national disasters.

In 1958, he transferred to the southeastern FCDA Regional Office III in Thomasville, Georgia, his home state. In 1963, he was officially commended by the director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness for coordinating the removal from the Mississippi River of a barge laden with deadly liquid chlorine. Operation Chlorine was an extremely hazardous and delicate federal/state six-week undertaking. This sunken barge contained more chlorine than was used in gas warfare by both sides in World War I. He was also heavily involved in the tornado and flood disaster efforts in Wisconsin in 1965 and with hurricane Camille along the Gulf area.

In his personal life, he considered education of utmost importance. He financially sponsored the private schooling of his daughter and two granddaughters, then later their college educations. He sent a younger sister through college, helped an older sister and supported his widowed mother.

His retirement years were unencumbered and he enjoyed good health. Sara, affectionately called Sallie, was still lovely and continued to make their home beautiful and his life comfortable. When she passed away in 1981, he often said it was the hardest thing he had ever had to go through.

When his own health began to fail, daughter Salliehood came to help him and became his companion and 24-hour nurse. She felt he had always been there for her and now it was her turn to be there for him.

It is fitting that he left this world in June, a month of endings and beginnings for all West Point graduates. The day he passed away was 21 June, the first day of summer, and he was laid to rest, with full military honors, alongside Sallie on their wedding anniversary, 23 June.

Dan was a man who took seriously his West Point creed of "Duty, Honor, Country." And to that he added, "family, and a deep abiding affection for south Georgia."

Respectfully submitted by his daughter, Salliehood C. B. Manet, Ph.D.

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William Campbell Lucas

NO. 7153 CLASS OF 1923

Died 14 November 1989 in Charleston, South Carolina, aged 88 years.

Interment: Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

William Campbell Lucas

BILL LUCAS always wanted to be a soldier. One of his fondest memories as a young boy was receiving his first Boy Scout uniform and posing proudly for his picture in it. His desire for a military career led him to prep at Porter Military

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Academy in Charleston, South Carolina on a scholarship. This was very convenient, as he lived across the street from Porter at 34 Bee Street, and had been born just around the corner at his grandfather's vicarage. After Porter he received a scholarship to The Citadel at age 16 and completed two years at the old campus before reporting to West Point in July 1919.

During plebe summer he was joined by his old Charleston friend George Buell, who arrived a few weeks later to fill a vacancy. George recounts how at dinner Bill was ordered by his table com to sound off in a laundry bag every afternoon to strengthen his voice. Bill replied, "Sir, I have no intention of sticking my head in a dirty laundry bag and sounding off!" You can imagine the reception this received. Because of this incident and his thick Charleston accent, he acquired the nickname "Muz." He is also remembered for a water fight in the barracks during which he drenched a Tac by mistake, but no one got skinned for it! His roommates were John White, Jr. and Mike Buckley.

Originally commissioned in the Infantry, Bill enjoyed assignments in Hawaii, Fort Moultrie and Fort Benning before transferring to the Field Artillery at Fort Sill in 1934. At Fort Sill, he commanded the famous E Battery, 1st Field Artillery, for five years. This was Bragg's Battery during the Mexican War, and the guidon staff carried the inscription: "Saved the day at the battle of Buena Vista!"

While stationed at Fort Moultrie, Bill married a young Army widow, Martine Ellis McCord, in the Post Chapel, 26 July 1930. Shortly afterwards, they went to France, where Bill served as an escort on the Graves Detail. In 1980, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in the old Fort Moultrie Officers Club, site of their wedding reception 50 years earlier. Sadly, Martine died on 23 February 1988 of sudden heart failure; it was a great loss for him.

World War II was the highpoint of Bill's career. He first saw action as commander of the 48th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Division at Attu. They landed 11 May 1943 at Massacre Bay, and covered the entire battle area from their positions on the beach. Attu was a very difficult and bloody campaign due to weather, terrain and three times more Japanese than initially estimated. Afterwards, Bill was promoted to full colonel and received the Silver Star "for extraordinary gallantry in action in the assault on Massacre-Holtz Pass, where for five days he directed artillery fire despite almost constant small arms fire."

From the lessons learned at Attu and Kiska, in February 1944 the 7th Division ran a "textbook" campaign at Kwajalein Atoll. Bill, as artillery executive officer, set up the entire division artillery offshore on small islands to cover the assault forces on D-1; this became a pattern in future campaigns when terrain allowed. He then took over as commanding officer of the 420th Field Artillery Group, five battalions of 155mm guns and 8" howitzers in the XXIV Corps Artillery, fighting at Saipan, Tinian, Leyte and Okinawa. At Okinawa, he again landed his group at D-1 on a small off-shore island "in plain view of the enemy, and in the face of enemy shell fire," quoting from the citation for his Legion of Merit as commanding officer of the 420th.

In 1948, he became the first PMS&T at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. After four years, his cadets placed first in Ohio and 14th in the nation in artillery competition at summer camp. His final assignment was in Athens, as head of the Artillery Section in the Military Mission, responsible for the reorganization of the Greek Artillery. This was a high visibility post which often brought him into contact with King Paul and Queen Frederika.

Bill retired in 1954, spent 12 years as a successful realtor in Bowling Green, Ohio, then returned to his beloved Charleston. For several years he gave the oldest living graduate speech at the Charleston Founders Day dinners. His whimsical theme for 1989 was "a kinder and gentler Corps of Cadets." When Hurricane Hugo hit in September of that year, his 15th floor waterfront condo was literally destroyed around him, but he somehow emerged unhurt with the help of his maid. As an old soldier, he had resisted all pleas to evacuate, but the strain of losing Martine and then his home took its toll. Eight weeks later he died of heart failure. Surviving are his son William C. Lucas, Jr. '55, stepson Henry L. McCord, their families, six grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends. Bill is sorely missed.

Bill was deeply religious and prayerful, and this provided great strength to him in battle: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

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Paul Elliott MacLaughlin

NO. 8486 CLASS OF 1928

Died 9 January 1981 in Honolulu, Hawaii, aged 77 years.

Interment: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

PAUL ELLIOTT MACLAUGHLIN was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts on 8 December 1903 to Francis and Eulalia MacLaughlin. After basic education in Massachusetts, he was appointed to the Military Academy by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge to join the Class of 1928.

Paul Elliott MacLaughlin

After graduation and commissioning on 9 June and graduation leave, he went to his first station at Fort McKinley, Maine with the 5th Infantry Regiment. In March 1931 he was transferred to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he joined the 27th Infantry. While there, he was detached for an extended period to serve with the provost marshal, an experience which was revived during World War II.

In Honolulu Paul met Elizabeth Mary Campbell and they were married on 23 March 1935. Shortly thereafter the couple went to Fort Benning, where Paul attended the basic course at the Infantry School. His next assignment was to the 3rd Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. In March 1939, Paul returned to Schofield Barracks and joined the 19th Infantry.

In June 1943 he returned to Fort Benning as an inspector of training, then as a student in the advanced course. Upon completion in December 1944 he went to the European Theater and was assigned to command the 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry in combat. After he took his unit across the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine River shortly after its capture, the battalion endured much bitter fighting.

Paul then went to the 534th Quartermaster Group as assistant provost marshal of the Third Army with station in Heidelberg. At this time many thousands of German prisoners were processed into prisoner-of-war camps. After hostilities ceased, Paul was placed in command of the Chiemsee Recreation Center and later the center at Berchtesgaden.

Paul and his family returned home in June 1948, going to Springfield, Illinois where Paul became the unit instructor for the 123rd Infantry Regiment of the Illinois National Guard. After a year he was transferred to the National Guard Office at Headquarters Fifth Army in

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Chicago where he developed an illness and after a long hospitalization was retired for disability in 1952.

After retirement the family returned to Honolulu where Paul prospered in the real estate business, until death came to him on 9 January 1981. He was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu. He was survived by his wife Beth and by daughter Mary and son Paul.

Paul's classmates considered him a good and capable soldier and a fine companion.

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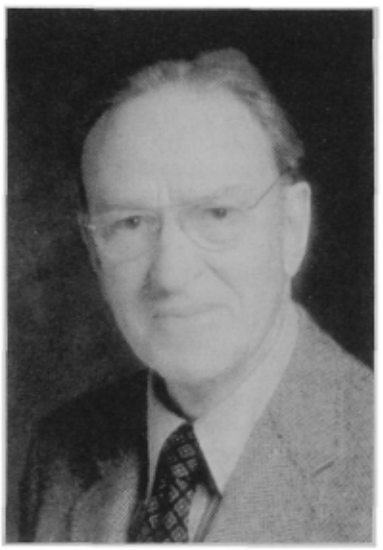
Lewis A. Vincent

NO. 8342 CLASS OF 1928

Died 27 July 1990 in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, aged 84 years.

Cremated.



Lewis A. Vincent

LEWIS A. VINCENT, Class of 1928, was born in Meriden, Connecticut on 19 November 1905 but became a Californian when he moved there at age 13. In high school he met his wife-to-be, Amy Blumann, and they were married the year after he graduated from the Academy. At that time he also resigned from the Regular Army and accepted a Reserve commission in the Corps of Engineers, attaining the rank of captain, C.E. Reserves.

A boyhood interest in fire prevention became his career, beginning as a field engineer in the Chicago office of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. After four years he was transferred to New York and attached to the staff of the general manager. In addition to his work as an engineer in municipal fire protection, he served on various technical committees, promoted school safety programs, instructed many phases of fire protection at fire colleges and later supervised fire patrols and salvage corps throughout the country.

In 1937 Mr. Vincent was made assistant secretary and five years later became assistant to the general manager. In 1945 he was placed in charge of the National Board's actuarial bureau and organized its present base of statistics.

During World War II (1940-45), Mr. Vincent was in Washington, DC on loan to the Office of the Chief of Engineers as consultant to the War Department on fire protection and, in addition, served as secretary of the committee that wrote the government's manual on fire protection for civil defense. In 1947 he was assistant executive director of the President's Conference on Fire Prevention.

Mr. Vincent was a trustee of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and director of the National Board of Fire Underwriters Building Corporation, as well as vice-president and general manager. He also served as director of a number of organizations, including Sanborn Map Company, First Pelham Corporation, Insurance Data Processing Center, American Standards Association, Insurance Society of New York, and the New Jersey State Safety Council.

He was also a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society; member of the Society of American Military Engineers; Montclair, New Jersey Society of Engineers; member-at-large of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America; associate member of the Loss Executives Association; and an honorary member of the Society of Insurance Accountants. He was also a member of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC; California Lodge No. 1 F. and A.M.; Drug and Chemical Club of New York; Glen Ridge Country Club, Glen Ridge, New Jersey; Union League Club, Chicago; and the West Point Society of New York.

Honors received included the Gold Medal Award of the General Insurance Brokers Association of New York, Inc. in 1962; and election to membership in the Insurance Honor Society, Iota Nu Sigma of New York University.

At age 60 he retired (he thought) but was offered a position as a vice-president of Continental Insurance Company. This position entailed frequent travel to interesting places, with his wife accompanying him.

Mr. Vincent also participated in international conferences, such as the organizational meeting of the Comite D'Action Pour La Productivite Dans L'Assurance in Monte Carlo, 1952 and the Conference of the Societies D'Assurance Contre L'Incendie at Vienna in 1963.

Retiring from the Continental Insurance Company in 1970 after living in Montclair, New Jersey for 38 years, he and Amy moved to New London, New Hampshire, where he did volunteer work on the Planning Board and advised on water supply. His interest in Boy Scouting never diminished and all three of his grandsons were Scouts, two becoming Eagle Scouts and earning the Order of the Arrow.

The 15 retirement years in New London were very welcome and much enjoyed, with frequent visits from his two daughters, one son-in-law and three grandsons. He also lived to become the great-grandfather of another boy.

His last four years were spent at Dunwoody Village, a retirement home in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania.

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Luster Azil Vickrey

NO. 8587 CLASS OF 1929

Died 18 May 1990 in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, aged 85 years.

Interment: Linthicum Family Cemetery, Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

Luster Azil Vickrey

LUSTER "VIC" AZIL VICKREY was born on 26 February 1905 in Hico, Texas, the only son of Buford and Emma Vickrey. Hard work and persistence were the order of the day for this tall, lanky Texan who once earned three dollars for hand-pumping a railroad tank car filled with gasoline. Upon his graduation from Hico High School, where he lettered in the three major sports, Luster attended John Tarlton Junior College where he majored in engineering.

Having received a Congressional appointment, Vic entered West Point in 1925. The long train ride to the Academy was the first time that he had ever been out of central Texas, but this transition did not seem to bother him, as he quickly entered into the rigors of the military and academic life. His hard work ethic was instrumental in his success in the engi-

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neering subjects. While academics were paramount to him, Vic found time to participate in many intramural sports and letter in pistol.

Graduating in June 1929, Vic received his commission as a second lieutenant. Within a few weeks of graduation, he married the woman he loved, Matilda "Tillie" Phillips Linthicum. Vic always enjoyed showing his friends the building at Fort George Meade, Maryland, where he met his future bride. That building is still there today.

Assignments to the 18th Field Artillery, Fort Sill and to CCC duty in Colorado, were followed in rapid order by assignments to Fort Hoyle and Schofield Barracks. Because of his keen, sharp, analytical mind he was selected to return to West Point in 1939 for duty in the MT&G Department, first as an instructor and later as assistant professor. While at the Academy he served as head coach of the pistol team. His teams were consistently ranked among the top collegiate teams in the country.

World War II found Vic assigned to the Pacific as executive officer, 191st Field Artillery Group from 1943-44. Later he commanded the 126th Field Artillery Battalion, 32nd Infantry Division in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon and then the 147th Field Artillery Battalion. Even though he received many awards and decorations later in his career, he was always proudest of the Presidential Unit Citation that his unit received in New Guinea and the Philippines.

Further assignments found Vic in the Combined Arms Department, the Artillery School, Fort Sill and later as a chief, Operations Division, G-3, Eighth Army in Korea in 1951-52. His final assignment was as G-3, First Army Headquarters, Governors Island, New York. At retirement, his dedicated work in this position justly earned him the Legion of Merit.

Vic's love of nature blossomed upon his retirement. His love of trees and nature's small animals equaled that of his great love for the US Army. Even when a group of squirrels threatened to harm his seedlings, he chose to capture them rather than destroy them. There's a state policeman who probably still has a fond memory of an old man he "caught" releasing a trunk full of squirrels in the state park.

His knowledge of holly trees and English and American boxwoods made him a regional expert. His gift of these trees and bushes, raised from seedlings, endeared him to many people throughout the area.

Always a lover of nature and the great outdoors, he would often talk with neighbors, children and strangers about nature's trees and animals.

In his quiet and unassuming way, he created and left a beautiful heritage which shall be cherished by all who knew him. Today Vic rests under the shade of a beautiful thirty-foot holly tree—truly a testimonial to one who cared. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by a son, Lester, Jr.; a daughter, Matilda Ammanda; two grandchildren, April and Bruce; a sister-in-law, Mary Del; a brother-in-law, Sweetser; and his widow, Tillie, who loved and cared for him for over 60 years.

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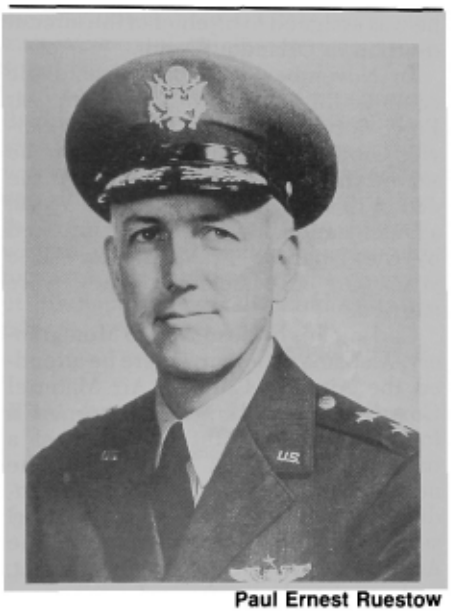
Paul Ernest Ruestow

NO. 8793 CLASS OF 1930

Died 10 August 1990 in Jacksonville, Florida, aged 81 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Paul Ernest Ruestow

PAUL ERNEST RUESTOW was born 29 December 1908 in Rockville Center, New York, the son of Ernest William Ruestow, architect and National Guardsman, and Luella Ruestow. He had two brothers, Edward and Norman, and two sisters, Evangeline and Emeline Belle. Paul attended school in Rockville Center and nearby Lynbrook, where he graduated from high school. From the Second Congressional District of New York, following competitive exams, he was appointed to West Point by Congressman Robert Low Bacon.

Paul took quite natually to the life at West Point; the 1930 *Howitzer* mentions his "unfailing geniality and constant willingness to help and promote the interests of others." He ably met the challenges of cadet life as indicated by his class standing of 8 of 241 at graduation. He was a member of the golf squad, and maintained an interest in golf throughout most of his life.

On graduation he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers and, following a tour of river and harbor duty in New York, received a master's degree in civil engineering from Princeton University and a full membership in the honorary society of Sigma Zi. Assigned to his first troop duty at Fort Dupont, Delaware, he found life in the service with its esprit and camaraderie quite to his liking and fully committed himself to a service career.

At this time he married Clara Frances Grant, an Army child whose father, Class of 1903, was a third-generation West Pointer. His association with this family further increased his dedication to the service and to the West Point tradition. Paul and Clara Frances had two sons, George and Edward, and one daughter, Claire. Paul was a devoted husband and father.

In 1935 he went to the Air Corps Flying School and on graduating became a rated pilot and was transferred to the Air Corps. He served a tour in Hawaii and one at Mitchell Field, New York, where he was base engineering officer at the outbreak of World War II. Ordered to Headquarters Army Air Force in Washington, DC, he participated as a staff officer in the organization of the expanding Air Force and its deployment, serving for six months on the wartime Joint Staff and participating in two combined planning conferences, at Quebec and Cairo. Later he was assigned to the European Theater as deputy commander of the Air Forces Air Technical Service Command Europe and A-4 Air Forces Europe.

He returned to Headquarters AAF in 1947 to participate in organizing the newly-authorized separate Air Force. He was a member of the Joint Logistics Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Upon graduation from the National War College in 1949, he returned to Headquarters USAF and was promoted to brigadier general. In 1952 he was ordered to the Far East to assume command of the Far East Air Logistic Force during the Korean War, and was promoted to major general.

During his last five years prior to retirement, he served in the Air Force Air Materiel Command, first on the headquarters staff at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and later as commander of the Middletown Air Materiel Area, Pennsylvania, from which position he retired 30 June 1960. During this period he was chief of a United States mission to Australia.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Ribbon and several foreign decorations.

He was a life member of the Daedalians, the Association of Graduates of the National War College, and the Retired Officers Association.

He retired to Long Island, then moved to Sarasota and finally to Jacksonville,

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Florida, where he switched from his lifelong preoccupation with golf to tennis. The effects of a brain tumor became apparent early in May 1990. He refused radical treatment or surgery and remained at home until his death three months later.

He and Clara Frances had been married 55 years at his death. He is survived by his wife, three children, and four grandchildren. In retirement he missed the associations and esprit of service life, but is glad to continue as part of "the Long Gray Line."

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Carl Fillmore Damberg

NO. 9225 CLASS OF 1931

Died 2 May 1990 in Palos Verdes Estates, California, aged 81 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Carl Fillmore Damberg

CARL FILLMORE DAMBERG, born 6 December 1908, always delighted in the fact that he shared his birthday with the feast day of "good St. Nick." It was a perfect coincidence, for Carl lived his life showing kindness and generosity (as testified to by his classmates in the 1931 *Howitzer*) to everyone he met.

Carl was born in Branford, Connecticut to Swedish immigrants, the eldest of five children and the only male. At an early age he assumed responsibility for helping to support the simple family of humble beginnings by working for local house builders. He was an avid reader, though his work and schooling only afforded him time to indulge this passion late at night, when he would lie under the bedcovers with a book in one hand and a flashlight in the other until the wee hours of the morning.

A patriot of the new country his parents had embraced, Carl chose to apply to West Point, and received an appointment through Senator George P. McLean to enter the Academy in 1927. His achievements during his four years included a letter in soccer, and the one that would come to be better known to family and friends throughout his life—"punster extraordinaire."

After graduating in good standing in 1931, he attended the Army Air Corps flight school, where the skies became the second great passion of his life. A tour of duty in Panama was succeeded by further education in aircraft engineering at Mitchell Field, New York and Chanute Field, Illinois. After an assignment as assistant chief of the Wright Field laboratories in Ohio and an advanced aeronautical engineering degree from the California Institute of Technology, he was assigned to be chief of the aircraft division in Orlando, Florida.

In November 1944, he became the commanding officer of the Fifth Air Force Service Command's 59th Air Service Group in the Philippines, where he served the war effort until 1947. At the end of this tour, Carl met Wanda Werff, a Dutch national who had been interned by the Japanese in Manila for three years. On 31 March 1947 they were married.

Carl and his bride moved to Montgomery, Alabama for a year, where he attended the Air War College. Air Materiel Command duty at Wright-Patterson AFB followed, along with the births of a daughter, Alice, and son, Philip. The next assignment took the family to Sandia AFB in New Mexico, where Carl served as deputy commander of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, and a second daughter, Louise, was born.

The growing family soon moved to Washington, DC, where Carl attended the Industrial War College for a year, then set off to the familiar territory of Wright-Patterson AFB, where he served in the Air Materiel Command from 1953-56. Carl's final duty was a year in Wiesbaden, Germany where he was deputy commander of Air Materiel Forces in the European area. He retired as a full colonel in 1957.

In succeeding years, Carl's education and military experience served him well as an aeronautical engineer at Republic Aviation in New York, Lockheed in northern California, and Northrop in southern California. His civilian career was eclipsed only by his proven third passion—his family—and in 1960, he and Wanda became the parents of a second son and fourth child, Richard.

In 1970, Carl retired from a career in engineering to pursue his first great love—literature. While working as an investment consultant, he took classes in creative writing at Long Beach State University, writing about his experiences growing up in New England, his love of his country in the cockpit of an airplane, and his family.

In March 1990, after a brief illness, Carl was diagnosed as having pancreatic cancer and died two months later, on 2 May. During that time, he was able to enjoy his family and friends frequently, and ensure, as he had done his whole life, that they would be well taken care of. He died without pain, at home, with all his family at his bedside.

The legacy of Carl's life, like the aptness of his birth on St. Nick's feast day, will be carried on in all his family, but never more than in his first child, Alice, a teacher: "Dad, the values you have always espoused in your life will live on. I try to convey to my students the sense of integrity, patriotism, love of learning, and importance of family that you have instilled in me. I may not reach all of my students, but you will live on in the ones I do."

Alice Damberg Ewing

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Allen Fraser Clark, Jr.

NO. 9338 CLASS OF 1932

Died 28 February 1990 in Seattle, Washington, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Allen Fraser Clark, Jr.

ALLEN FRASER CLARK, JR. was born in Hanover, Massachusetts on 20 June 1910, the son of Allen Fraser and Grace Chambers Clark, both of whom were natives of Canada.

After completing high school at Abington High School, Massachusetts, he attended Wesleyan University for one year and was then appointed to the Military Academy by Representative C.L. Gifford of Massachusetts.

At West Point he excelled in track and cross country running. Allen was captain of the cross country team and is suitably

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memorialized on a bronze tablet in the athletic center next to Michie Stadium where he finished in first place so often between halves of the football games.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers and, after attending the Air Corps Primary Training School for several months, he returned to the Engineers and was assigned to the Kansas City District and later the Omaha District. He then earned a master of science degree in civil engineering at Princeton University, 9 June 1935. Then, while assigned to the 29th Engineer Topographic Battalion, he married Katharine Ann Sauntry in Seattle on 7 February 1937. He graduated from the Company Officers Course at the Engineer School on 1 June 1938. While there he was active as stage manager for the Fort Belvoir players, and Kay was one of the actresses in their productions.

An assignment as an instructor in the Department of Civil and Military Engineering, which also taught Military History, lasted for four years until 4 June 1942. While at West Point as an instructor he followed two hobbies: stage manager for many of the West Point Players productions in which Kay acted, and co-owner of a Marconi rigged sloop in which many pleasant hours were spent on the Hudson. He was promoted to major (AUS) on 5 March 1942. His assignments during World War II developed a brilliant combat record.

Training assignments in the U.S. were as executive officer, 44th Engineer Combat Regiment; commmanding officer, 305th Engineer Combat Battalion; division engineer, 80th Division (lieutenant colonel (AUS), 30 November 1942); and commanding officer, 1137th Engineer Combat Group. Overseas service in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations included commanding officer, 235th Engineer Combat Battalion, II Corps, where he received a Silver Star; and commanding officer, 1108th Engineer Combat Group, IV Corps, (colonel (AUS), 7 December 1944) for which he was awarded the Order of the Crown of Italy (Commander). Only two other US officers, both very senior generals, ever received this decoration. He then was assigned to the Historical Division, WDSS, from February 1945 to August 1948, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit. It was during this duty in Washington that Allen and Kay added two children to their family: Allen Fraser Clark III, born 16 April 1946, and Nancy Borne Clark, born 25 May 1947. Allen then was assigned as assistant Army attache in London from 1949-52.

His final assignments were all on river and harbor duty. He was successively district engineer, Memphis, 1952-55; district engineer, Philadelphia, 1955-58; and division engineer, North Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon, 1958-61, until his retirement in 1961 as a brigadier general.

He continued his engineering career with his usual vitality after retiring from the Army. He was vice-president and director of engineering, Harza Engineering Company, Lahore, West Pakistan, 1961-65; president, Philadelphia Port Corporation, 1966-71, during which time he was honored as Philadelphia Man of the Year; awarded the Government of Pakistan, Indus Basin Medal for meritorious services in 1967; vice-president, Acres Engineering Company, Dacca, East Pakistan, 1971; and an independent consultant, 1972-79. While serving in Pakistan the Clarks purchased a home for their vacations in Malaga, Spain on the Spanish Riviera. They and their children enjoyed this home for many years, and after his retirement they spent most winters there.

In his later years Allen was a most devoted husband, taking care of Kay, who suffered a long-term illness. She was improving at the time of his sudden and unexpected death. He is survived by his widow and their two children, who shared many wonderful years with him and will always carry the memory of his happy personality and versatile talents.

Rush Lincoln '32

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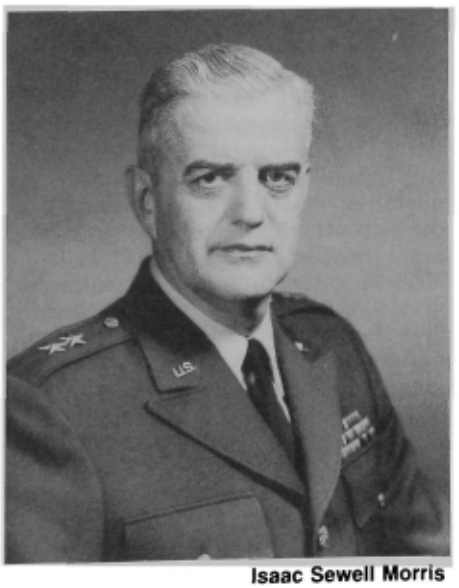
Isaac Sewell Morris

NO. 9476 CLASS OF 1932

Died 22 May 1975 in Washington, DC, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Isaac Sewell Morris

I. SEWELL (LUKE) MORRIS, Class of 1932, died on 22 May 1975 after a valiant and uncomplaining fight against cancer. It is a measure of his character and the loyalties he engendered that it has taken until now for his son, Jay, to bring himself to write this notice, with the considerable help of Luke's classmate George T. Duncan, and thus to accept the finality of his departure.

To all who came in contact with him, it was immediately obvious that Luke Morris was an unusually talented, yet warm and unpretentious human being. He was a gifted leader who led by humor, compassion and example. He could be firm when he had to be, but he preferred to encourage the requisite qualities demanded of others rather than rule by fear. Today, these traits are universally recognized in industry, government, and the military alike as hallmarks of an intelligent and efficient commander. In Luke's day, they were the result of an instinct that was decades ahead of current theory and proven practice.

How did he come by these exemplary traits? The answer: through a lifetime of experience.

It began when Isaac Sewell Morris was born in Federalsburg, Maryland on 18 April 1909, one of two children of Henry and Ethel Morris. His father was a merchant and landowner influential in the politics of Eastern Shore Maryland.

Sewell graduated from Federalsburg High School in a class of 12. He entered the Military Academy in July 1927 with the Class of 1931. Because of academic difficulties halfway through his yearling year, however, he left the Academy, reentering in August 1929 to join the Class of 1932.

Early in his cadet career, through a mysterious process peculiar to West Point, he acquired the nickname "Luke," by which he was known for the rest of his life. His son believes it was because his father's baseball skills reminded others of a professional player named Luke Sewell. After all, "Luke" Morris was good enough to have played with Jimmy "Double XX" Foxx while both were young men on the Eastern Shore.

Luke was one of the most popular men in his class, and one of the most active. He was manager of the Army basketball team and business manager of the *Howitzer* his first class year.

While at West Point he met Joslin Fléron. With this meeting began a romance that was to last 45 years. The anonymous classmate who described Luke in the 1932 *Howitzer* wrote: "Perhaps there is no case where the concentration of a man's affairs on his chosen one caused more despair and grief in the ranks of the fair sex. However, to one who has noticed the unerring taste and judgment he has displayed, heretofore in his choice of femmes, there is no doubt that he chose wisely." Luke and Joslin were married in the Cadet Chapel on 11 June 1932, the day after his graduation.

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Luke was commissioned in the Infantry and prior to World War II he served in the United States and Hawaii. In 1941, he was transferred to the Transportation Corps, and during the war he played a key role in the development and functioning of that newly-created branch of the Army.

After the war he served in Panama, Japan and in the United States in various positions of importance in the transportation of men and materials of all services. In 1962, Syracuse University awarded him the Harry E. Salzberg Memorial Medal for his contributions to the transportation field. He was promoted to major general, and at the time he retired from the Army in 1963, he was commander of the Defense Traffic Management Service.

After retiring, Luke became vice-president of the Association of American Railroads. In 1969 he was appointed executive vice-president and assistant to the president of that organization.

He retired from the AARR in 1974, and he and Joslin continued to live in Alexandria, Virginia. During this time they enjoyed visiting friends at home and abroad, and finishing the family's newly-acquired vacation home at Ocean City, Maryland. In between visits to the shore Luke played golf—a sport he always enjoyed and played exceedingly well—at Burning Tree Club.

Those pleasant days were all too short as Luke's health began to fail. A malignant brain tumor was diagnosed, and an operation performed. After lingering for several months, he died on 22 May 1975 and was buried at Arlington Cemetery. In addition to Joslin, Luke is survived by his son Jay, who just retired as deputy administrator of the Agency for International Development, U.S. State Department, and two grandsons, Jeffrey and Luke.

In remarks made at Luke's service, Jay said: "From start to finish his life was full of success—both personally and professionally—and when he left, it was time. Given the circumstances, it was the right thing to happen, for him and for all of us who loved him. After all, we had the pleasure of his company, and I am sure he would want us to remember, among the first items in his legacy, his unwillingness to quit until the job was done—and done right. We all have jobs to do and we ought now to go out and do them, warmed and strengthened by the many memories of that wonderful man, who gave us the example and inspiration we need to know just how rewarding and meaningful one human life can be."

And so there passed from us a dedicated soldier, a devoted husband and father, a loyal friend and a cheerful companion.

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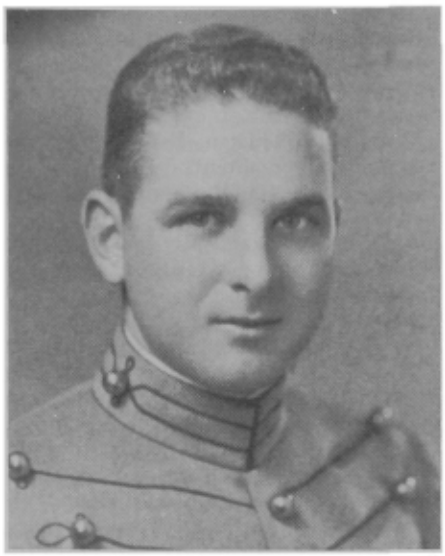
Dan Cashemere Russell

NO. 10900 CLASS OF 1937

Died 28 January 1976 in Scottsdale, Arizona, aged 63 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Dan Cashemere Russell

COLONEL DAN C. RUSSELL was born at Fort Edward, New York on 20 November 1912. His father, a career Army officer, was Major Arthur James Russell and his mother Katherine Ryan Russell. Irish on both sides of the family, Dan inherited a wonderful sense of humor and a deep sense of responsibility. He entered West Point on 1 July 1933 as an appointee from the Minnesota National Guard. Dan graduated in 1937 about midway in a class of 298. The 1937 yearbook states, "well equipped with mental capacity beyond the needs of the academic departments, Dan prefers to devote his time to outside reading, cultivating his literary knowledge, acquainting himself with up-to-date world development, and above all, perfecting his instinctive artistic aptitude."

Upon graduation, Dan married Audrey Westendorf of Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Two children blessed this union and brought pride and joy: Dan Paul and Dancy Lynne (now Dancy Spergel).

From June 1937 until retirement from active duty in August 1967, Dan served his country well in varied military assignments. These 30 years included tours with troops at Forts Benning, Ord and Dix. He was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. His overseas World War II assignments included service in the Asiatic Pacific Theater with the 7th Division and in the European Theater with the 70th and 80th Divisions. His military decorations include the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts.

After World War II, Dan served at the Command and General Staff College as an instructor. Graduate studies at the University of Minnesota were followed by an assignment in personnel administration on the Army General Staff in Washington. Subsequently he served in the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Ecuador, as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Hofstra University and in the Military Assistance Advisory Groups in Taiwan and Saudi Arabia; in the latter he was chief of the Army Element. In 1962 he was assigned to the National Guard of Arizona as its Senior Army Advisor, in which capacity he served until his retirement in 1967.

He and Audrey took up retirement residence in Scottsdale, Arizona. Soon after, Audrey became ill and died. Subsequently Dan married Florida Ripley Duffy, and her two young ones, Dave and Mike, became welcome added responsibilities. Dan died on 28 January 1976.

During his tenure with the Arizona National Guard, Dan, by means of his innate talent, his sunny disposition and widespread, varied military experience, received high praise for his accomplishments. As stated by the State Adjutant General of Arizona in General Orders #6 at the time of Dan's death: "Colonel Russell called upon his vast military experience to serve this state well . . . . His positive and dynamic approach to the solution of any problem in his section enabled him to be completely informed and the source of much vital information. He did not only solve a problem—he attacked it with vigor, enthusiasm, and achieved outstanding results."

The Arizona National Guard Headquarters Building contains the "Russell Auditorium" which bears a plaque stating: "Dedicated to Dan C. Russell, in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the planning, construction, and occupation of the Division of Military Affairs Building, 1 November 1974."

As further stated in General Order #6: "His critical analytical supervision of the construction of the Papago Military Reservation Complex, his facile dealings with co-workers and business associates, his wealth of personal accomplishments in the military and civilian service which he performed so well, culminated in a gentle man of unexcelled ability, much loved by all. He will be sorely missed."

Dan, to me, was a close friend, an individual upon whom one could rely. His death brought to a close a life filled with happy memories achieved by adhering to the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country.

Robert M. Stegmaier, Class of 1937

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John Gamble Schermerhorn

NO. 10777 CLASS OF 1937

Died 22 December 1987 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, aged 73 years.

Interment: Three Rivers Cemetery, Three Rivers, Michigan.

John Gamble Schermerhorn

JACK ALWAYS TACKLED tough jobs. In summer camp baseball he was the catcher; in football he was a B Squad fullback; in wrestling, he was the captain of the team. Always, in these rough, rugged sports, he was an individual upon whom you could rely. I remember one baseball game in which Jack was catcher. The opposition had a man on second, and the batter hit a single into right field. The runner from second rounded third and headed home. The right fielder threw a perfect strike, and both ball and runner arrived at home plate almost simultaneously. Jack stood his ground, awaiting the ball and the impact of the runner. He gave not an inch—caught the ball, tagged the runner, and hit the ground, knocked out cold by the collision. Notwithstanding, the ball was still clutched in his mitt. That was Jack performing at his best—taking hard knocks and emerging as a winner.

Jack was born 11 August 1914 in Springfield, Illinois, the son of William and Mary (Clark) Schermerhorn. He attended school in Springfield and later at the Stone School built by his grandfather and namesake, John Schermerhorn, in Nottawa, Michigan. He graduated from Mendon Michigan High School in 1932, gaining an appointment to West Point from the Fourth District of Michigan.

At West Point, Jack proved to be a student-athlete. Out of a class of 298 graduates, he ranked 42. Militarily he advanced in successive years following plebedom as a corporal, a sergeant, and a lieutenant. Upon graduation in 1937 he chose the Engineers, and the promise he showed as a cadet led to brigadier general in his chosen branch.

Jack's first assignment after graduation leave was with the Pittsburgh Engineer District. During his two years there he married Hazel (Ginger) Harding. He earned his master's degree at MIT and then, with his family increased by daughter Dawn, he went to Fort Belvoir. They remained there until 1942, when Jack went to North Africa to command the 15th Combat Engineer Battalion of the 9th Infantry Division during the North African and Sicilian Campaigns. Later, he served with the 1120th Engineer Combat Group of the 1st Armored Division as part of the First Army in Europe. In those war years he was awarded the Silver Star. He remained in Europe for a short time after war's end, and then transferred to Fort Knox for a three-year tour with the Army Field Forces Board. During this tour daughter Kathy was born. In 1949 Jack took his family to Fort Benning for a three-year tour on the staff and faculty of TIS. In 1952 he arrived in Japan, with his dependents following a bit later; they passed a pleasant three years there with the XVIth and IXth Army Corps. Returning to the States in early 1956, he became G-4 in Third Army Headquarters. Three years later, with family, he traveled to Heidelberg to become deputy G-4, USAREUR and in 1960 was assigned to Seventh Army as G-4. Two years later he returned to Heidelberg as G-4 USAREUR. His final assignment on active duty was stateside as J-4 STRICOM.

In 1967 Jack retired with the rank of brigadier general. For two years thereafter he was employed by Pacific Architects and Engineers in Saigon, Vietnam and then moved to Homer, Michigan. Here he was active in the Homer Lions Club and remained there, despite the death of Ginger in 1974, until his death on 22 December 1987.

As quoted from a Mendon newspaper in the 1937 yearbook, "Local boy makes good at West Point," so too today the periodicals may proudly proclaim: "Local boy makes good in the Army and the world."

Jack, you have played a great game in life. You lived up to the standards that you displayed during your West Point days—meeting problems head on, never seeking the easy task, always emerging holding onto the ball.

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John Winthrop White

NO. 11301 CLASS OF 1938

Died 25 January 1980 in Middlebury, Vermont, aged 64 years.

Interment: Middlebury, Vermont.

John Winthrop White

JOHN WINTHROP WHITE was born on 7 September 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Federal Judge Pierre A. White and Alice Lowe White. He had a brother, John Griswold White, and two sisters, Barbara White (later) Conwell and Nancy White (later) Brinker. He attended three years at Shaker Heights High School in Cleveland and one year at Stanton Preparatory Academy in Cornwall, New York. While at West Point he participated in cadet orchestra, Hundredth Night Show, *Howitzer*, *Pointer*, ski club, baseball and goat football. As a cadet he was friendly, cheerful, and quite likely to be unconventional. Many remember him as "Cueball"—a nickname gained through an incident recalled by a select few.

From 1938-42, he was successively an Infantry platoon leader, S-4 and company commander of a heavy weapons company. In Philadelphia on 10 January 1942, John married Susan Tucker Bispham Page of Secane, Pennsylvania whom he met while both were employed at the Whitegrass Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. They had four children: Peter, Georgia, Susan (later) Tucker and Joan (later) Winthrop, Jr., and eight grandchildren. Susan, his widow, died in Middlebury, Vermont on 18 June 1989.

During World War II, John was stationed at Phoenix, Fort Lewis and Fort Carson before going to ETO as battalion commander, 413th Infantry, and later was in the 28th Infantry. He was wounded in May 1945 and took some months to recuperate. His military career also included staff duties in Nanking, China in 1947, GHQ FECOM in 1948, HQ First Army from 1940-52, and HQ X Corps FECOM in 1953. He was a battalion commander and later regiment executive officer in Korea from 1954-55. Susan and the first three of their children resided in both China and Japan during these times. His last assignment was Senior Army Advisor to National Guard

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and Reserve units at Camp Johnson in Vermont.

His decorations included numerous campaign and theater ribbons—the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and three battle stars. His military specialties were Infantry Battalion Commander, Training Officer, Psychological Warfare Officer, G-3 Staff Officer, and Senior Army Advisor. He graduated from the International Relations course at Georgetown University and from service schools at Fort Benning, Sandia Base, and C&GSS, Fort Leavenworth. With 21 years of service, he retired as a colonel on 13 September 1959.

After his retirement, John and his family lived in Vermont where he obtained his master's degree in education, with majors in mathematics and sciences. He became head of the Mathematics Department at Harwood High School in Waitsfield and also principal of Shoreham High School. He was very active in civic affairs and was one of the founders of Middlebury's successful Community Theater.

We shall remember him, our classmate, for his worthwhile service in all activities in which he participated—USMA, Army, family, education, theater, golf, sailing and community affairs. We value him highly as a classmate, comrade and friend.

He is fondly remembered by his family as a lover of sports and sport. He would play any card game with competitiveness and delight, or wrestle to the carpet any takers. He was often likely to break into song, sit down and tinker at a tune on the piano, or simply perform a passing soft shoe. John was never a bore, always a mystery to his children, and a delight to his grandchildren who knew him in the years when he had completely ceased to mistrust himself and had time to take pleasure in the wonders they happily shared with him.

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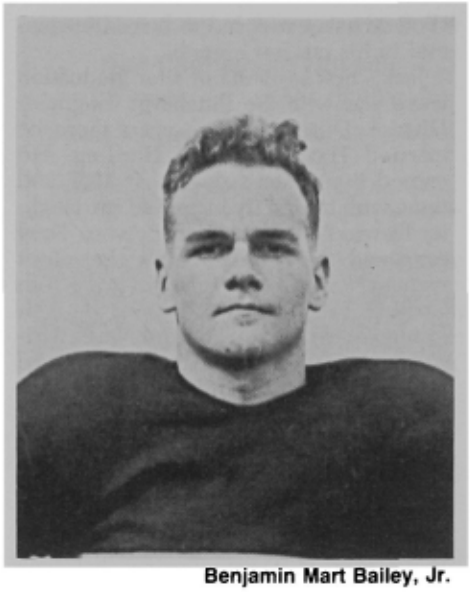
Benjamin Mart Bailey, Jr.

NO. 11677 CLASS OF 1939

Died 23 August 1944 near St. Andre, France, aged 27 years.

Interment: American Cemetery at St. Laurent, France.



Benjamin Mart Bailey, Jr.

BENJAMIN MART BAILEY, JR. was born to Rosalie Davis and Benjamin Mart Bailey, Colonel, Field Artillery, in Atlanta, Georgia on 19 October 1916. Mart Sr. was an ex-Syracuse University varsity athlete, a football end and a bow oarsman in crew. Mart, Jr., one of the best prepared and talented cadets to report to USMA in July 1935, studied at Boys High School, Atlanta and at Georgia Tech, winning military (cadet colonel, high school ROTC), athletic (track and football letters) and scholastic honors. As a member of "M" Company, USCC, Mart was an ebullient, gregarious, fun-loving leader who wore stripes during all three upper-class years. And his talents showed: athlete in track and football (Major A), enthusiastic performer in every Camp Illumination and Hundredth Night Show; officer of the Dialectic Society and socially polished Hop Manager. During Christmas leave in 1938, Mart dazzled Atlanta in top hat, white tie and tails—a happily remembered image.

After graduation, Mart joined the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia and in May 1940 began his career with the famous 2nd Armored Division at Fort Benning. Mart soon became commander of Company C, 82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion.

On 22 February 1941, Virginia Hand ("Jinks") Callaway and Mart were married at LaGrange, Georgia. Virginia was the daughter of Cason Callaway, head of Callaway Cotton Mills and founder of Callaway Gardens. Among the distinguished guests was George S. Patton, commanding general of the 2nd Armored Division. Attending was Mart's young admirer, Jinks' younger brother "Bo" Callaway, future cadet (USMA 1949) and Secretary of the Army, 1973-75.

Mart held various commands in the 82nd Recon Battalion at Benning and Bragg before leading C Company to the POE to embark for North Africa for the invasion of 1942. Here, word came that Virginia had borne a son on 10 November at Fort Bragg. General Patton authorized an emergency leave so Mart could visit with his new family and welcome Benjamin Mart Bailey III, already affectionately known as "Kicker." Both the general's kindness and the visit were to grow in importance.

Overseas, Mart's service began on an auspicious note—selection as commander of the Guard of Honor for President Roosevelt during the Casablanca Conference. Soon, Mart left C Company to become assistant G-2 at Division Headquarters and was promoted to major. Mart then moved to Tunisia to serve with the 1st Armored Division. At the end of the North African battles, Mart returned to the 2nd Armored at Oran to train for the Sicilian landings. In Sicily, Mart served in the G-2 Sections of both the 2nd Armored and General Keyes' Provisional Corps.

The 2nd Armored wound up in Palermo as Sicily fell and moved from there to England in November 1943. In England, Mart became executive officer to General Maurice Rose in the 2nd Armored CCA. During training for D-Day, the division received a visit from General Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill. The latter, with his usual curiosity, wanted to fire "that American tommy gun." Of course, his designated instructor was Mart Bailey.

On 1 June, Mart became a lieutenant colonel and moved to Omaha Beach in Normandy to begin intensive campaigning in France. Mart and CCA first fought with the 101st Airborne at Carentan. Thereafter, CCA broke out of the beachhead and through the much-maligned hedge rows to secure Tessy sur Vire. In rapid succession, CCA went through Lire, Percy, and St. Sever Calvadas. Other hard-fought battles followed at Martain and Domfront, and to the closing of the Falaise-Argentan pocket in the link-up with the Canadians. Mart won the Bronze Star for his valor in the capture of Percy. CCA continued on through Breteuil and Newburg and approached St. André. On 23 August, as CCA was "coiling" its columns in the approach to the front, Mart was directing dispersal of his units by command and by radio. As darkness fell, a JU88 circled overhead, dropped flares, and followed up with bombs. Mart, in his exposed command position, was one of the first to fall.

Mart's decorations include the Bronze Star for combat in France, the Purple Heart, the ETO ribbon with four battle stars and amphibious arrowhead, and the French Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star.

Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Mart Bailey, Jr. is buried in the American Cemetery at St. Laurent, France, on the bluff overlooking the site of the Normandy landings.

Today, son Ben, still called "Kicker," a graduate of USC and an aerospace administrator, lives in Southern California with grandsons Mart and Charles Benjamin.

"M" Company classmates

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Warner Winston Croxton, Jr.

NO. 11559 CLASS OF 1939

Died 8 March 1944 in Nadzab, New Guinea, aged 26 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Warner Winston Croxton, Jr.

WARNER WINSTON CROXTON, JR. was born 21 April 1917 in Birmingham, Alabama. His father (it is assumed) was Warner Winston Croxton, Sr. and his mother Elizabeth D. Croxton. According to an article in the *Washington Star*, the family lived in Paris, France for four years prior to moving to Washington, DC in 1930. There he attended Central High School, graduating in 1935; while there he served as a cadet for two years, attaining the rank of sergeant. He then attended the Millard Preparatory School prior to entering USMA on 1 July 1935, the appointee of Representative A.J. Montague, Third District, Virginia.

Although one of the youngest in his West Point class, entering at age 18 without prior college, he ranked academically 150 after his plebe year, 202 after his third class year, and 277 after his second class year. At graduation he ranked 225th in a class of 456. As a cadet, he was active in several sports and activities—soccer for three years, hockey for two, lacrosse for one, the Hundredth Night Show and the Dialectic Society for two years (publicity manager of the latter for one year), Camp Illumination and Fishing Club for one year, and the *Pointer* for three years. The 1939 *Howitzer* describes him as "a bundle of paradoxes—efficient, yet sporting a clean sleeve . . . Engineer in some things, Goat in others. . . . Warner has gone through his four years . . . with a light heart and ready smile. Always cheerful and ready for play . . . unusual enthusiasm . . . headed for the Air Corps."

After successful completion of Primary and Advanced Flying Schools at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Croxton was assigned to the 19th Bombardment Group at Albuquerque, New Mexico and made the first mass flight of B-17's to Hawaii in 1941. According to an associate, "the pilots returned to the United States for more B-17's and then flew the entire group to the Philippines, arriving at the end of October 1941. On 7 December we then underwent the Japanese bombing of Clark Field, and on Christmas Eve we were ordered to the Bataan Peninsula. Toward the end of January 1942, Croxton was among the lucky ones whose 'number' came up to be evacuated from Corregidor to Java through the courtesy of the US Navy, aboard the old *Sea Wolf*. We were then chased out of Java by the Japanese in February and the whole outfit regrouped in Melbourne to start the long fight back." He then served with the Fifth Air Force from mid-1942 to March 1944, with two temporary duty periods in Washington, DC at Air Force Headquarters.

He was promoted to first lieutenant (AUS) on 9 September 1940; captain (AUS) on 18 May 1942; major (AUS) on 10 November 1942 (with less than six months in grade); and lieutenant colonel (AUS) on 26 August 1943. His decorations included the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal.

His last assignment was with the Advanced Echelon, Fifth Air Force on New Guinea, beginning in August 1943. After about eight months, on 8 March 1944 Croxton was killed in an aircraft accident. After burial in New Guinea, his body was returned and reburied in Arlington National Cemetery on 21 April 1949. The *Washington Star* news article of 20 April summarizes his record and mentions that his mother was then living with her daughter, Mrs. John J. Hession, 1736 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, DC. Several attempts in 1990 to locate anyone with that surname in the greater Washington area were futile. The identity of any survivors is therefore unknown.

Lieutenant Colonel Croxton's wartime decorations, combined with and resulting from his notable World War II experience—the Clark Field bombing by the Japanese, the defense of the Bataan peninsula, his evacuation to Java and later to Australia, and his service with the Fifth Air Force in Australia and New Guinea—clearly mark for him a place of distinction in the Long Gray Line. His life was cut short one month short of his 27th birthday. May he rest in peace.

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James Joseph Kelly, Jr.

NO. 11701 CLASS OF 1939

Died 19 August 1953 in St. Albans Naval Hospital, Queens, New York, aged 37 years.

Interment: Beechwoods Cemetery, New Rochelle, New York.

James Joseph Kelly, Jr.

JIM WAS BORN in New York City on 6 February 1916, the only son of James Joseph and Camille Fisher Kelly. His early years were spent in the city, but when he was 12, the family moved to New Rochelle, New York, where in 1934 he graduated from New Rochelle Senior High School. In July 1935 he joined the members of the USMA Class of 1939 on the Plain at West Point. Early in his cadet days, he met Dorothy Cadwallader, also from New Rochelle, who on 19 August 1939 became his wife.

Following their wedding and graduation leave, Jim and Dorothy began their first assignment at Fort H.G. Wright, Fishers Island, off the New London, Connecticut coast. Jim served with Battery C of the 11th Coast Artillery Regiment. Their first son, David, was born the following June. With World War II looming on the horizon, other moves followed rapidly. Highlights of these assignments included duty as an instructor at the West Point Preparatory School, Fort Devens, Massachusetts; battery commander, 4th Coast Artillery in the Canal Zone; and battalion executive officer, 866th Aircraft Warning Battalion in the Southwest Pacific Theatre. With the war's end, Jim returned to the States as a student at the Command and General Staff School. Assignments followed as director, Training Material Department, the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School, Fort Bliss, Texas; duties with the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; duty as an artillery training officer with the Coast

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Artillery Unit of the Joint Brazil-US Military Commission, Rio de Janeiro.

In 1950, Jim and his family returned to the States. He was assigned to Fort Totten, New York, where he assumed his new duties as commanding officer of the 98th AAA Battalion (Gun) (90mm). His unit's mission was to provide anti-aircraft protection for New York City and vicinity. This was a happy time for Jim and Dorothy. The family had now grown to three boys, and just before leaving Brazil, the long-awaited daughter arrived. They had a lovely old set of quarters on the Fort, overlooking Long Island Sound. Jim loved his work, and, for the first time in many years, both Jim's parents and Dorothy's parents were nearby.

In early 1953, Jim's headquarters was relocated to Fort Hancock, New Jersey, just across New York Harbor. On 7 August he was returning to Fort Hancock from an inspection of one of his batteries in the vicinity of Rutherford, New Jersey when an intercity bus blew a tire, crossed the highway and struck Jim's car. He was seriously injured, but the initial prognosis for his recovery was encouraging, and, after about 10 days in a local hospital, he was moved to St. Albans Naval Hospital. Unfortunately, the full extent of his injuries were more serious than initially believed and he died on 19 August. Coincidentally, that was Jim and Dorothy's 14th wedding anniversary.

In addition to Dorothy, he was survived by their four children, David, Donald, Raymond and Sharon, aged 12 to 2; his mother and father; and two sisters, Dorothy Stewart and Vera Kelly. After Jim's death, Dorothy moved the family back to New Rochelle, where she remained until her death in 1975.

James Joseph Kelly was sadly and tragically taken from us at the young age of 37—just in the prime of his life and his career. He left his mark on all those he touched throughout his brief life—his family, his friends and his associates. The 1939 *Howitzer* noted that upon graduation Jim was going on to " . . . ever broadening activities—athletic, social—yet never diverging from his pleasingly quiet manner. . . . " The following testimonials illustrate the type of person that Jim was, for us all to remember.

From his classmates: "Cadet day memories—a wonderful classmate;" "a quiet, pleasant chap;" "I do remember Jim well. In my mind's eye I can see him as a cadet with his quiet manner and ready smile;" "I was a tentmate of Jim in summer camp both plebe and yearling years, and I remember one thing about him very well indeed. He was truly one of the nicest persons I have ever known;" "Here are my memories of Jim Kelly during his Army service and mine: I saw him (on the street somewhere) walking toward me, a smile on his face. I always liked him. We met, shook hands. I said, 'Let's go get a drink.' He nodded his head in assent. We turned, looking for the nearest casbah. When we were inside and had a drink in front of us, we began to talk, to exchange news of classmates, of our own activities, of the current conflict (World War II). This memory has always been with me of James Joseph Kelly!"

From his commanding officer: ". . . his first concern was always for the men and officers of his battalion—a mark of leadership in the highest tradition of the United States Military Service. His thoughtfulness, his cheerful nature and his intelligence distinguished him as an officer and as a man. He left a permanent record of achievement in all the units in which he served and gave promise of still greater service to his country."

From his family: "He was a wonderful, kind, gentle person, always thinking and doing for others. I always looked to him as the older brother I never had;" "he was a wonderful husband and father;" "he was a very good friend to me, as well as a brother. He had a terrific sense of humor and he was very thoughtful of everyone."

his family and classmates

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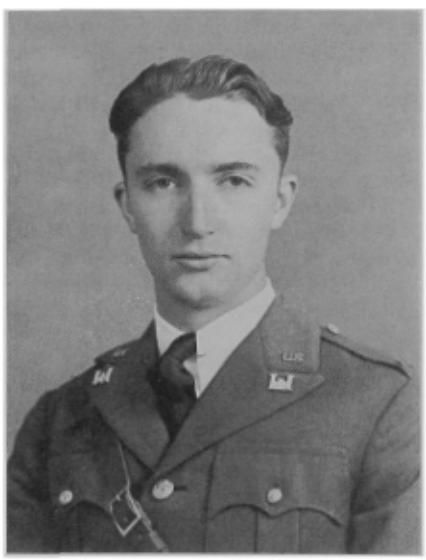
Delmer Joseph Rogers

NO. 11337 CLASS OF 1939

Died 12 September 1970 in Ayre, Massachusetts, aged 54 years.

Interment: Belleview Cemetery, Harvard, Massachusetts.



Delmer Joseph Rogers

DELMER JOSEPH ROGERS was born in Bay City, Michigan in 1916. "DeeJay" graduated from Central High School in Bay City in 1933 and then spent three years at the University of Michigan before entering the Academy. He was appointed to the Class of 1939 by the Honorable Roy O. Woodruff.

His first military experience was as an ROTC cadet officer at the university, and this led him to apply for West Point. He was a brain at Michigan and stayed in our class' highest academic ranks during all four years, never ranking below seven in the class academically. He was a cadet sergeant his last year and ranked number three in the class at graduation, number one in physics, and was given the DAR Award in Philosophy.

We both went to the Air Corps flying schools together and finished in the Class of 40-D at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas in the late summer of 1940. To celebrate graduation we drove to Mexico City for a week of sightseeing. He was a wonderful and warm companion. We saw all the sights a couple of young men could see. En route back to San Antonio at Laredo we were introduced into the cult of the "Ramos Gin Fizz," following which I clearly remember DeeJay's sudden lucidity in explaining solutions to the myriad of problems facing newly commissioned second lieutenant pilots.

DeeJay trained as a heavy bomber pilot at McDill Field, Florida and in April 1941 he went to England as an observer. In mid-1941 he was assigned to the 29th Bomb Group at McDill as a pilot and squadron officer. In January 1942 he joined the 7th Bomb Group in India and flew with them until December 1943 as a pilot and group operations officer. DeeJay flew missions in the China-Burma-India and Middle East Theaters. Losses to this group were heavy. DeeJay received the Silver Star, Legion of Merit and Air Medal for performing many courageous flights with the 7th Group. He experienced combat against the Japanese, the Germans and the Italians.

After World War II DeeJay went back to college and graduated from the Harvard Business School in 1949. The following years found him in many important positions as comptroller. These included the Far East Command, the Air Force Academy, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, the Eighth Air Force and finally Brooks Air Force Base, where he retired as a colonel in 1968.

In between these assignments he attended the Air War College, where we renewed our friendship in 1952-53. He had married Henrietta Jean Hulteen in January 1944 and they had a son, James Alan Rogers. DeeJay kept busy outside school hours in his woodworking shop and garden. Jean was a marvelous cook, having trained as a nutritionist, and provided novel and interesting dinners for DeeJay and his lucky friends.

DeeJay and Jean loved to travel, and during these trips both took opportunities to talk to people about the fine

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educational and career opportunities available at West Point and the Air Force Academy.

DeeJay died at Ayre, Massachusetts 12 September 1970. We miss him.

John C. Habecker

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Theodore Knox White

NO. 12553 CLASS OF 1941

Died 12 October 1953 in Heidelberg, Germany, aged 35 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Theodore Knox White

THE JERSEY KID, as T.K. was affectionately known by everyone in K Company, came to us from East Orange where he had attended grammar school and graduated from East Orange High.

An original raconteur in the style of Damon Runyon, T.K. kept us guys and dolls (our "drags," that is—no women cadets as yet) in stitches most of the time with his lighthearted fun and games and his encounters with the Tactical Department.

A man who breezed through West Point as the rest of us struggled, he found time not only for his friends but for soccer, lacrosse, chess and the cadet orchestra.

In the spring of 1941, as graduation neared, the Army began to broaden its horizons by offering West Pointers opportunities in the logistics field as well as the traditional combat arms of Infantry, Artillery and Combat Engineers. Ted White therefore selected Quartermaster as his branch and began training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana as an officer in a Quartermaster company in support of division operations.

He continued this training in units at Fort Bragg and Vancouver Barracks, Washington and then proceeded to England to prepare for the invasion of Europe with General Eisenhower's forces.

As a unit commander and staff officer with VIII Corps, Ted participated in the Normandy invasion and later the campaigns of Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. For this service he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, as well as the ETO and Army of Occupation ribbons.

In the late summer of 1945 Ted returned to the United States where his activities were recorded in the *East Orange Record* under the heading, "West Point Major Spends Leave Here." The article covered not only the 30-day visit with his mother, Mrs. Grace White, but also the fact that he had been recently married on 5 August to the former Miss Carolyn Baker.

Carolyn, a native of Portland, Oregon, had met Ted while he was stationed at Vancouver Barracks in 1943, and it had been love at first sight. When he was shifted to Corvallis, they were able to continue their courtship while Carolyn stayed in the Kappa House with a friend who was attending Oregon State.

Then came Ted's orders to Europe, and the long two-year wait set in, but not before he had given her a miniature and a promise that he would return. That return was capped with the happy marriage of 5 August 1945.

Now it was off to the postwar Army, which Carolyn said was always a piece of cake with the ever-smiling, wisecracking Ted taking even Camp Bowie, where he ran out of gas in the Texas heat and got kicked in the shins playing volleyball, in his stride.

The next two assignments are remembered fondly as Ted, Jr. arrived in July 1947 during their stay in the Ohio Military District; two years later, in February 1949, they were blessed with the birth of Pamela at West Point where Ted served with the Post Quartermaster.

Now began those happy years of meeting classmates and serving with them. They enjoyed fine friendships with fellow Quartermasters Gerace at West Point and Gurnee at the Oakland Army Base, and their wives Doris and Ruth.

The excitement of an overseas tour came with the orders to Heidelberg in 1951. Ted, Jr. and Pamy, who would be six and four by the time Ted got quarters, were able to experience not only an ocean voyage but a glimpse of Europe via such places as Garmisch, Berchtesgaden, Switzerland and Italy. The highlight of the Germany tour came when two families, the Whites and the Spillers (also '41), gathered four kids about the same age and took a trip through Switzerland into Italy and stayed on the Italian Riviera for two weeks in the off-season. Although unable to communicate with the madame of the Italian pension, the universal language of humor by Ted and Spiller's scratchy French got them through. Memorable was a trip by horse and buggy along the road to Savona as postwar automobiles whizzed past.

Before that year ended, both joy and tragedy struck the White family. Joy came in the gift of a son Douglas on 27 September 1953; and then, inexplicably, with no warning, Ted was struck by bulbar polio and, within a very short time, died on 12 October in Heidelberg. Thus was a wonderful father and husband taken from the family, and a fine officer lost to the service and his friends.

The following poem, Ted's favorite, demonstrates with appropriate pathos the humorous spirit of the man:

TIN WEDDING WHISTLE
by Ogden Nash

Though you know it anyhow
Listen to me, darling, now,
Proving what I need not prove
How I know I love you, love.
Near and far, near and far,
I am happy where you are.
In fact I care not where you be,
Just as long as it's with me.
In all your absences I glimpse
Fire and flood and trolls and imps.
Is your train a minute slothful?
I goad the stationmaster wrothful.
And when you linger late in shops
I long to telephone the cops.
Yet how worth the waiting for,
To see you coming through the door.
Near and far, near and far,
I am happy where you are;
Likewise, I have never larnt
How to be it where you aren't.
Let none, not even you, disparage
Such valid reason for a marriage.

Carolyn White and a classmate

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Thomas Kennedy Trainer

NO. 12954 CLASS OF 1942

Died 14 July 1987 in Dallas, Texas, aged 69 years.

Inurned: Moore Memorial Gardens, Arlington, Texas.

ON 14 JULY 1987, Thomas Kennedy Trainer faced his final battle and met death with dignity and courage. His struggle against leukemia marked the end of his adventurous life, begun 69 years earlier, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Tom was born 18 March 1918, the only child of John Frost and Kathleen (Kennedy) Trainer. He spent his early years in Chambersburg, where he attended grammar school and began high school. After graduating from the Mercersburg Academy, Pennsylvania in 1936, he was accepted at the West Point Preparatory School, Fort Monroe.

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Thomas Kennedy Trainer

In 1937, Tom's dream was realized when he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy. He graduated in 1942 and later the same year was classified as a pilot in the US Army Air Corps. Tom completed flight schools at Pine Bluff, Arkansas and San Antonio, Texas, and then served as an instructor pilot at Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas; Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona; and March Field, El Paso, Texas. After serving at Alamogordo, New Mexico; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Herrington, Kansas, Tom received an overseas combat assignment. He was stationed at Attlebridge, England with the Eighth Air Force, 466th Bomb Group, serving as operations officer and acting command pilot.

Tom flew B-24's for 373 combat hours and completed 30 combat missions, but not without some close calls. He effected an emergency landing on the English coast following a bombing mission to Germany during which his aircraft lost three engines and the brakes. This action earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Tom also received the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for the numerous, successful bombing missions he flew over enemy-occupied Europe. In addition, he was awarded the European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with four Battle Stars and the American Defense Service Medal.

Returning to the States in 1944, Tom taught a personally developed course in United Kingdom combat tactics at Westover AFB, Massachusetts. In 1945, he graduated from the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Over the next nine years, Tom was stationed at Westover; Kindley AFB, Bermuda; Grenier AFB, New Hampshire; and Dover AFB, Delaware.

In 1955, Tom graduated from the Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, afterwards serving as security officer, Special Projects Branch at Headquarters, USAF, Washington, DC. Tom's final assignment was group operations officer and special projects officer at Det. 10, TUSLOG, Adana, Turkey.

Tom was qualified to fly the L-5, P-40, B-25, C-45, A-26, C-47, B-24, C-54, C-118, and DC-3 airplanes. He was rated a command pilot in 1957 and received an air transport pilot rating in 1960.

In 1959, Major Trainer left the Air Force to pursue a civilian flying career, starting as chief pilot for Air Kaman, Hartford, Connecticut. Tom later became command pilot for Fairchild Hiller, St. Augustine, Florida and chief pilot in St. Croix for U.S.V.I. Airways.

Tom married Roberta Thurman Britt in 1961 and continued his nomadic travels. A United States water drilling project in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia took the Trainers overseas in 1965. Tom helped complete technical and population surveys obtained by flying over vast, unchartered areas of Arabian desert. This assignment and Tom's flying career ended abruptly with the 1967 uprising. Before returning stateside, Tom and Roberta toured Europe and were able to revisit Attlebridge, England, where Tom had been stationed during World War II.

In 1968, the Trainers became property managers in Florida at Longboat Key, Daytona Beach, Delray Beach, Orlando, and Fort Lauderdale. After moving to Texas in 1979, Tom became a realtor and developed an interest in computer software. Tom was perfecting his own copyrighted real estate program when he was stricken with his fatal illness.

Tom was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Army Athletic Association, 2nd Air Division Association, and the West Point Society of North Texas. He was survived by his beloved wife, Roberta; his mother, who died only six months later; and an aunt, Ariana Kennedy Bevan (Ivor). Tom will also be missed by fellow employee Bill Burrows, who considered it an honor to know Tom and wrote, "whether there was a raging sandstorm outside the aircraft or royalty inside, Tom was always the same—unflappable, but inspiring confidence and friendship." Close family friend Lois Lee remembers Tom as having "no stubborn prejudices—no narrow viewpoints—no cowardly fears."

Tom overcame two devastating tragedies in his life, but still retained his keen intellect, his special gentleness and his kindness to all creatures. Whether he was risking his life for his country, flying mercy missions in Turkey, flying the barren deserts of Arabia, or bringing home a frightened little kitten, Tom did it all with a deep sense of duty and love. That love will be cherished forever. Tom had many interests—fine music, baseball and astronomy—but his great love was flying. He always wanted to travel in outer space. Bon Voyage, dear Tom.

his wife Roberta,
family and friends

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Robert Logan Edwards

NO. 13297 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 22 June 1989 in Bakersfield, California, aged 71 years.

Interment: Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bakersfield, California.

Robert Logan Edwards

THE SECOND OF three sons who would graduate from USMA, Bob Edwards was born at his parents' home in Illinois on a clear, cold morning at the end of January 1918. His father was the doctor for the small community of Roodhouse, Illinois and his mother had been a grade school teacher before marriage. It was a close, happy family in which his mother taught him the patience of fishing while his father took him hunting. Although a small farming community, Roodhouse had a good marching band in which his father played lead clarinet. Bob also played in the clarinet section. Additionally, the family provided music for church services. Bob was a Boy Scout and participated in high school football, basketball and track.

This halcyon American life was ruptured in 1937 when his father died and the family moved to Champaign, Illinois, where his mother became a house mother at the University. In 1939 Bob's older brother, who had just graduated from USMA, took Bob there to enter Beast Barracks. At West Point he played "C" Squad football, spent lots of time with the Fishing Club and read copiously. He made corporal as a second classman, but spent most of first class year getting his wings. On graduation he followed his brother into the Air Corps.

While a cadet, Bob met Marietta Durack of Brooklyn. After graduation they

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were married there, and set off for the transient life of pilot-in-training and bride. They arrived at Fort Worth, Texas to find that his orders had been changed to B-26 training in Del Rio. Bob qualified on the B-26, was retained as an instructor, and then ordered to a B-26 squadron for overseas assignment. A high-level decision that there were too many West Pointers in B-26 units sent Bob to be retrained on the B-24 in Utah. In June 1944 he finally left the United States as the only class member to fly B-24 aircraft in combat in the Pacific Theater, winning an Air Medal and three battle stars for Western Pacific, Luzon and the Air Offense on Japan.

What captures Bob's character most vividly comes from a citation written by the Seventh Air Force Commander, MG Douglass. He wrote: "When an aircraft crashed while landing on the air-strip, destroying two parked planes, and came to a stop under the wing of a third, you voluntarily proceeded to remove the parked plane from the crashed plane, which was a mass of flames. There was danger of the burning plane exploding and igniting hundreds of gallons of aviation gas close by, making this task extremely hazardous. . . . This voluntary act was above and beyond that expected of you."

At the end of combat Bob was an early major and the proud father of a daughter born while he was overseas. But then, he was diagnosed with a lung problem that cut short his career and led to medical retirement. Little seemed to go right after he returned from the Pacific. His marriage ended in divorce, and he never recovered from his physical problems, spending much time in VA hospitals. He lived for a time with his older brother, and an uncle tried to get him interested in civil service. Finally he moved to Bakersfield, California to be near his mother and sister.

It was there Bob married for a second time. His wife, Florel, was an avid artist with an interest in desert scenes. Bob often drove her and her artist colleagues to the desert areas where she painted. It was a happy existence for both, but then Florel died, followed by Bob's mother and sister. Once again his life became aimless. He moved into an apartment complex with friendly neighbors, and children found him to be a gentle and generous person.

He died peacefully in the summer of 1989. From a class letter among his effects, the coroner was able to trace his roots and learn of his background. Bob was buried there in Bakersfield, a dedicated airman of proven valor whose career was cut short by physical problems.

He is survived by his daughter, Mariette Edwards of Atlanta; by his two brothers, John (USMA 1939) and Steve (USMA 1946), and by his sister, Mary.

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Robert Herman Clark

NO. 13748 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 6 July 1989 in Montgomery, Alabama, aged 69 years.

Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery, Alabama.

Robert Herman Clark

ROBERT (BOB) CLARK was born in Kemper County, Mississippi on 20 January 1920 and reared in Philadelphia, Mississippi. In high school he was student council president and quarterback for the Philadelphia Tornadoes during a time when quarterbacks could call their own plays.

Shortly after school, as soon as he was eligible, he joined the Army and served his first hitch in Panama. There, he was selected to attend the Army Prep School and was accepted at USMA in June 1940. He was graduated with the first three-year class as a US Army pilot on 1 June 1943. This was a fast start for all, but nothing was too fast for Bob. From Beast Barracks until graduation, he made and kept many good friends and was always the southern country gentleman.

After training in the B-26, he was sent to Europe. On 28 July 1944, while flying his 58th mission, Bob was shot down and taken prisoner by the Germans. Those who were with him as a prisoner praised his character and his ability to provide strong leadership even under undesirable conditions. It never got too rough for Bob, and he always found the time to help others through their adversities.

After V-E Day, Bob returned home and settled into a new assignment. It was then that he renewed his relationship with Priscilla Stowe of Hastings-On-Hudson, New York, whom he had met during cadet days. This love ripened and they were married on 6 April 1946. They reared and educated two sons, Rob and David, while their marriage glowed with success and happiness. Bob, whose fair-mindedness, compassion and good humor permeated all facets of his life, was the devoted loving husband, father of two sons and grandfather of four grandsons.

During the 1950's, Bob served in various command and staff positions including an assignment in Okinawa as an F-86 squadron commander. After graduation from the Air War College in 1960, he served a tour in Vietnam as deputy chief, Air Force Section, MAAG. Then followed a long stay in Washington, DC with the Air Staff, Joint Staff and the Department of State. These were all difficult jobs in precarious times. Bob brought to these key positions his usual and customary dedication, integrity, perseverance and friendly persuasion. He was next assigned as commander, Tuslog Det. 10, Incirlik Air Force Base, Turkey, flying F-100's and F-4's, a job that required more finesse and patience than most, and Bob had these attributes in spades.

From Turkey, Bob was assigned to Maxwell AFB as area commandant of AFROTC. Although this was his final assignment before retirement, he continued to diligently apply his skills, experience and knowledge to improve the education of future Air Force officers.

Among his medals, Colonel Clark was awarded the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Upon retirement in Montgomery, Alabama, Bob injected into that community all of his wonderful traits of character. Bob was straightforward in his approach to any aspect of life. There was no uncertainty in his opinion about what was right or wrong. If he told you something, you could put it in the bank.

We never heard him say a demeaning or mean thing about anybody. He loved his fellow man and always emphasized the good in a person. Bob had the courage to fight for the right. He went out of his way to make friends and to endear himself to all. He was kind, generous and helpful as a neighbor and friend, and compassionate and helpful to anyone sick or in trouble. As he lived his life, Bob was the highest example of a West Point cadet and an officer in the United States Air Force.

He engaged in several entrepreneurial endeavors and was an avid reader, golfer and football fan. He had many friends. His productive life was cut short by cancer. Although he put up a good fight, Bob succumbed on 6 July 1989. Dr. Karl K. Stegall, senior minister, First United Methodist Church of Montgomery, closed his eulogy for Bob with: "to each of us, Bob Clark has thrown the torch of Duty, Honor and Country. Let us hold that torch high as we celebrate the good memory of his life."

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As Bob joins the Long Gray Line, he does so with our greatest respect and our warmest personal admiration.

his classmates

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Robert Joseph Gilles

NO. 13861 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Killed in action 8 January 1945 in Flamierge, Belgium, aged 25 years.

Interment: Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Robert Joseph Gilles

ROBERT JOSEPH GILLES was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on 27 July 1919, the son of John E. and Mable R. Gilles. Bob attended West High School in Minneapolis where he appeared in several Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and starred in track meets during his senior year.

Upon graduation from high school in 1937, Bob attended the World Scout Jamboree in Holland as an Eagle Scout with the Order of the Arrow. Returning home, Bob enrolled in the University of Minnesota, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Three years later, he received his appointment to West Point from Senator Ernest Lundeen in 1940.

Nicknamed "Bump" (after a character in a *Saturday Evening Post* story) by his high school friends, Bob started out in "D" (later "E-1") Company. He was very active in sports: he played quarterback on the football team in plebe year and was awarded numerals; he played center on the lacrosse team yearling year and coached his company's intramural football team; he competed in the broad-jump on the track team during his remaining year and was awarded a monogram. Bob was considerate of other people and, although not a "hive" in schoolwork, helped classmates with their studies. His ability to find humor in stressful situations pulled his roommate through the trauma of plebe year.

Although we were not closely associated in academic classes while cadets (I was in "L" Company, later "F-2"), Bob and I would meet at choir practice during plebe year and at the hops and intramural sports during our later years at the Academy.

After graduation in June 1943, Bob went to the Infantry School at Fort Benning and on to the Parachute School for airborne training.

The next time we met was when we both joined the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, at Camp Forrest, Tennessee in June 1944. Bob was in "F" Company and I was assigned to "E" Company next door.

Two months later, the regiment landed in England, and I joined Bob in "F" Company. Bob was platoon leader of the 1st platoon, and I was the assistant leader in the 3rd platoon. We were in constant association during the daily tactical exercises, and I was able to observe his relationship with the men in his platoon.

When the company went into the town of Portsmouth for training in "house-to-house" fighting, we often spent several hours waiting for the opposing troops in the exercise to arrive. Bob organized touch football games and other competitions to keep the men occupied during these idle times.

Our company entered combat near Bastogne on 2 January 1945 during the final days of the Battle of the Bulge. A member of Bob's platoon recalled that "about the third day after our arrival in combat, Lieutenant Gilles and two of his squads came under mortar fire along their position behind a row of hedges. One man was digging-in about 30 feet away out in the open field when a mortar shell landed between his legs. The lieutenant sent the two squads back down the hill to be out of mortar fire while he rescued the wounded man with the help of two others to carry the stretcher."

The last time I saw Bob was early on the morning of 8 January 1945. After the 513th had entered Flamierge and sustained one counterattack, he had heard that I was wounded and came into the battalion aid station to see me. We talked while the doctor dressed the wound in my leg. I was evacuated to the rear at the break of dawn.

About 10:00 a.m. that same morning, the German 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division launched another armored counterattack. They overran the "F" Company position at Flamierge and killed or captured many of our troops. Among those captured were Bob and five of his men. I learned in 1951, from our former battalion commander, that the bodies of Bob and his men were found later with hands bound behind the back, indicating that they had been executed.

Many years afterwards, a former platoon sergeant in the company remembered, "Lieutenant Gilles was a good, religious man and an outstanding soldier. . . . I respected him as a man and a soldier. I think he was a typical 'West Point man.' He was firm—everything was to be done as he said and accurately—but he did have a good sense of humor. He seemed to enjoy his job, and he had a lot of 'feelings' for soldiers."

Bob has one survivor, his sister, Mrs. Betty G. Hodgson, 97 Frederick Avenue, Atherton, California 94027.

Charles D. Puckett, a classmate

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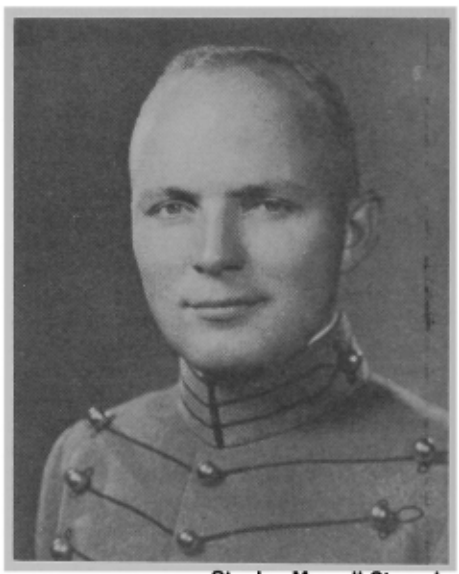
Stanley Marcell Staszak

NO. 13554 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 4 April 1959 in Da Lat, Vietnam, aged 39 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Stanley Marcell Staszak

BEAST BARRACKS was almost a week underway that hot, sultry summer of 1940 when, to the horror of the plebes in 5th Company, a lone, smiling candidate reported in late. Each of us knew that the latecomer, New Cadet Stanley M. Staszak, would catch particular hell as the Beast Detail ensured that he missed none of the precious training already imparted to the rest of us. It was a fate not to be wished upon anyone, but we could do nothing to alleviate Stan's impending crisis except to extend an unseen hand. The Beast Detail performed as expected, but New Cadet Staszak proved indomitable and resilient, hallmark characteristics that would distinguish him both as a cadet and as an officer.

We soon learned that the late arrival was a Regular Army appointee from the 33rd Infantry in Panama and had not

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been notified of his appointment until after the start of Beast Barracks. This delay, coupled with the problem of traveling from what was then a far-off post, placed Stan in his unenviable position.

Stanley grew up in the farming community around Chatham, New Jersey. His high school classmates recall that although personal circumstances required him to work alongside his father in the dairy business during most of his out-of-school time, he was an exceptionally good student with a keen sense of humor and a knack for making solid, enduring friendships. These same attributes remained with him as a cadet. Attendance at Citizens Military Training Camp stimulated Stan's boyhood interest in the Army, and soon after graduation from Chatham High School he enlisted with the intention of winning his way to West Point, a goal he easily achieved.

Stan's enthusiasm for life and his fierce determination to succeed, almost to the point of stubborness, balanced by his natural wit and a perpetually cheerful disposition, made easy work of academics and training for him at West Point. He thoroughly enjoyed cadet life, but he looked forward to his future career as an officer. Stan found time to manage the Army soccer team, for which he earned a manager's letter. He was proud of his enlisted service, and absorbed the tactical training as only an "old soldier" could. Stan was especially impressed by the power and mobility of Armor and that became his chosen branch at graduation.

Following branch training Stanley was assigned to the reconnaissance squadron of the 16th Armored Division. He was dissappointed that the 16th entered combat very late in the war in Europe compared to the other armored divisions, but he did get the taste of armored combat that he had so eagerly sought.

At the close of hostilities Stan remained in Germany as an intelligence officer in the 1st Infantry Division, where he developed a new interest in intelligence operations that was to influence his later career. Upon returning stateside, Stan became a Regular Army instructor to the 50th Reconnaissance Squadron of the New Jersey National Guard, during which period he met his soon-to-be wife, Eileen Curran. After completing the Advanced Armored Officers Course at Fort Knox, he was selected for attache duty, another assignment he coveted. After intensive language and intelligence training, he and Eileen moved to Yugoslavia to join the embassy staff as assistant Army attache.

At the conclusion of his attache tour, Stan went to Fort Hood for additional troop duty. This assignment was quickly followed by his selection as a member of the United States Military Assistance Advisory Group in Vietnam, with station at the Vietnamese National Military Academy. The VNMA group had the overwhelming mission of modeling the Vietnamese Academy along the lines of the United States Military Academy. Eileen and their two small children, Christopher and Stephanie, soon joined Stan, and the family settled down to the work that lay ahead.

Because of their small number and remote location, the VNMA advisory officers and their families became a closely knit group. It was therefore a devastating shock to everyone in the group and to their Vietnamese counterparts when Stanley died unexpectedly in his sleep on 4 April 1959, apparently from a cerebral hemorrhage. Very sadly, a dedicated soldier had come to rest before fulfilling his career.

Stan's body was returned to West Point for burial. Services were held at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity and at the gravesite, attended by his many classmates stationed at West Point at that time. The sadness of his sudden passing was recalled when Eileen followed him in death on 30 April 1972. She, too, is interred in the Post Cemetery.

Stanley Marcell Staszak lies in the earth of the Nation and the institution that he loved so well; let it be said that no man tried harder in life to do his best.

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Francis Laurent deCamp

EX-CLASS OF 1944

Died 23 November 1989 in Modesto, California, aged 66 years.

Interment: Lakewood Memorial Park, Modesto, California.

Francis Laurent deCamp

FRANCIS LAURENT DECAMP, known as Fran or Frank to his family and many friends, was born on 12 July 1923 at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He was the second of three sons of an old Army family; his parents were John Taylor and Barbara Meister deCamp. His father, Taylor, graduated from West Point in the Class of August 1917, and his maternal grandfather, William B. Meister, was Professor of Medicine and Surgeon at West Point for many years. His older brother, John T., Jr. (Bob), graduated from West Point in the Class of June 1943, and his younger brother, William S., graduated from the University of California and entered the Army as a distinguished ROTC graduate in 1957. With this family military background, it was quite natural that Fran should aspire to an Army career. Thus, in 1941, he followed Bob to West Point.

At this time in his life, Fran could not have been happier. He was doing exactly what he most wanted to do. Within a year after entering the Academy, however, he developed a serious skin allergy that was to preclude his graduation and commission. Subsequently, he was medically discharged in early 1944 as a "retired cadet." Upon leaving West Point, he went to California and later entered Stanford University where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1948. While at Stanford he met and married Donna Robertson. They had two sons, Donald Taylor and Scott Terrill. This marriage later ended in divorce.

After graduation from Stanford, Fran became assistant superintendent of schools for Stanislaus County from 1948-51. Then in 1951, he ran for and was elected assistant treasurer-tax collector for the county. In 1955 he was elected treasurer-tax collector and served in this position until he retired in 1986.

In 1964, Fran married Alma Collins and in 1965 their son Carter Francis was born. They made their home in Modesto, the seat of Stanislaus County, California.

Fran, his older brother, Bob, and his younger brother, Bill, had grown up as typical "Army brats" in the years between the World Wars. With their parents and grandparents they lived in Hawaii; the Philippines; Panama; Fort Monroe, Virginia; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the Washington, DC area and other Army posts and stations. It was a life Fran particularly loved. Thus, it was a great blow to him when his first career choice as an Army officer was denied him. Throughout his life, he continued to maintain close contacts with his many Army friends from childhood and his West Point classmates and friends.

As a state-elected official in Stanislaus County, Fran always strove to excel. He was a past president of the California Association of County Treasurers, the California Association of County Tax Collectors, the Modesto Lions 500 Club, the Stanislaus County Branch of the

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American Cancer Society, and the Stanislaus Stanford Alumni Club. He also was a member of the State Comptrollers Committee on Procedures and the State Association of Retirement Administrators.

An avid golfer and fisherman, Fran looked forward to his retirement in 1986. Initially, he was able to do all the many projects and recreational activities he so wanted to do; however, in 1988 he began to suffer poor health. In the fall of 1989, he was operated on for a ruptured aorta and, while he remained cheerful and optimistic, he passed away suddenly on Thanksgiving Day. He is survived by Alma, his wife of 26 years, his three sons and five grandchildren, and his two brothers, Bob and Bill.

While his graduation from West Point was never realized, Fran loved the Army and all it stood for. He most certainly has joined the Long Gray Line. May he rest in eternal peace.

his brother Bob

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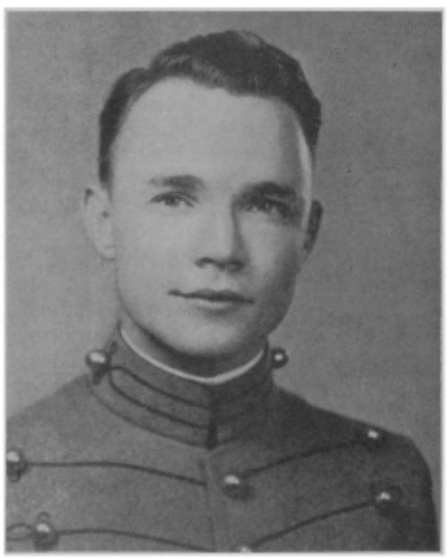
Steve Watson Mulkey, Jr.

NO. 14215 CLASS OF 1944

Died 1 July 1977 in Horatio, Arkansas, aged 54 years.

Interment: Wilson Cemetery, Lewisville, Arkansas.



Steve Watson Mulkey, Jr.

Wine, women, and song were gone—bridge, area, and indifference were substituted, but 'the mogul' still dreams of 'Jeanne' and the weekend he never got. His smile, Southern accent, and wit will still ring in the ears of the troops whether the going is hard or easy. He placed friendship above all else—and justly we put his at the top.

A CLASSMATE used the above words to describe Steve Mulkey in the 1944 *Howitzer*, and they catch the spirit of the man beautifully. Those of us who were privileged to know him will always remember the irreverent twinkle with which he regarded the world.

Steve was born on 18 July 1922 in Garland City, Arkansas to Steve W. and Norma Hill Mulkey. He grew up in Horatio, Arkansas, where he attended Horatio High School from 1936-40. He was editor-in-chief of the school newspaper and of the school annual, president of the student council and secretary/treasurer of the National Honor Society chapter. Upon graduation, he studied at Baylor University in Waco, Texas for a year.

In 1941 he received an appointment to USMA from Senator Hattie Caraway of Arkansas. As the preceding quotation suggests, Steve had his share of run-ins with the tactical department; nonetheless, he was company supply sergeant first class year.

After graduation on 6 June 1944, Steve completed the Infantry Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning and was assigned to the 66th Infantry of the 71st Infantry Division which deployed to Europe in January 1945. He served as a platoon leader, executive officer and company commander in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

Beginning shortly after the end of hostilities in the summer of 1945, he served as headquarters commandant of the European Theater Intelligence School at Oberammergau for nine months. Then he returned to the United States and earned a master's degree in journalism at the University of Wisconsin.

On 4 June 1946 in Columbus, Georgia, Steve and Mary Josephine Flourney married. They had two sons: Steve Watson III, born in 1947; and Wade F., born in 1952.

Subsequent assignments included aide-de-camp to General Omar Bradley, then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the personal staff of General Eisenhower at NATO. A tour as a battalion commander and as a division staff officer with the 45th Division in FECOM was followed by C&GSC, three years in the Department of English at USMA, the Armed Forces Staff College, a year at the JUSMAG in Manila, and finally, in 1960, another assignment to Fort Benning as information officer of the Infantry Center, special assistant to the commanding general and editor of *Infantry* magazine.

Josephine and Steve parted amicably in 1961. She subsequently remarried.

Steve retired as a lieutenant colonel at the end of 1964. During the next eight years he remained in Georgia, most of the time on the faculty of West Georgia College. In 1973 he moved to Miami and worked as a real estate broker, property manager, and part-time faculty member at Barry College. He enjoyed tennis and golf, and described himself as "blessed with a sizeable collection of good friends."

Later he moved to Plano, Texas, where he resided at the time of his death. He died of a heart attack on the tennis court at the Little River Country Club in Horatio, Arkansas, a place that he loved.

Steve left many friends and a fine record. His awards included the Combat Infantryman Badge, two Bronze Star Medals and the Commendation Ribbon. He was promoted to major and lieutenant colonel ahead of his contemporaries. As one of his classmates put it: "His efficiency report file was of the highest caliber and he possessed the potential for general officer rank."

Steve was survived by his mother, his sons and a sister, Mrs. Robert Gregory of Plano, Texas.

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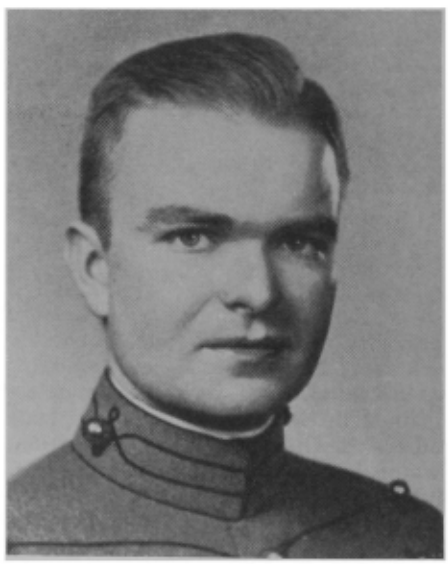
John Greig Leghorn

NO. 14786 CLASS OF 1945

Died 27 June 1989 in Kennewick, Washington, aged 67 years.

Interment: Einan's Cemetery, Richland, Washington.



John Greig Leghorn

JOHN GREIG LEGHORN was born 20 September 1921 in Stony Point, New York, the son of Mary and Kenneth Leghorn. John was blessed with an unforgettable laugh as family and friends can attest.

John arrived at West Point from the Army in Panama and found many things in plebe year to him to be a nuisance, not a necessity. As a result he had a tough time, with frequent reveille calls with full pack. However, he demonstrated a personal strength as a plebe that would carry him through whatever challenges

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he might encounter later in life. On the academic side John, with his intelligence, was always able to do well. As the upperclass years went by John continued to follow a very steady approach to all aspects of cadet life, reacting to the many challenges in a calm, cheerful, relaxed and confident manner.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in science from West Point, having had no difficulty with the tough academic requirements. The only real problem John faced was riding the horses. His classmates still laugh today remembering when he was thrown off in the middle of the riding ring and guess what he landed in!

John served in the Army Signal Corps in the Pacific during World War II and received a discharge for disability in 1951. He lived in West Richland, Washington for 15 years. He was a mathematician/manager for the Software Exchange Center at Boeing Computer Services. Suffering a stroke in 1982, he was unable to fully recover, so he retired early in 1983. John also was faced with other illnesses. As a diabetic he required insulin shots daily. In 1987, he was diagnosed with throat cancer. After numerous surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy treatments, John continued to fight this disease courageously until his passing.

He enjoyed hiking and was a member of the Audobon Society, a member and officer of the West Richland Moose Lodge and V.F.W. Cook-Erickson Post #7952 in Richland. John was divorced. He is survived by his brother, Richard Leghorn of Seattle, Washington. One of John's pride and joys was talking about his nephew, John Leghorn, and grandnephew, Bryan Leghorn, both of Seattle. He talked about them at great length and would show pictures. He also had a friend, Rebecca Barr, who gave him constant care, including home nursing with the help of her parents, Mary and Charles Barr, over many years and during his long illness.

John was a very private person, but a man of great pride. We will always cherish his memory and his unforgettable laugh for the rest of our lives.

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John Curran Barrett, Jr.

NO. 15890 CLASS OF 1946

Died 17 April 1990 in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 65 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

BORN IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA on 16 September 1924, John C. Barrett, Jr. was one of five brothers. John was an excellent student and athlete in high school and received a football scholarship to Iowa

John Curran Barrett, Jr.

State University. He chose, however, to attend Creighton University in Omaha. While at Creighton, John joined the Reserves, and his unit was called to active duty in early 1943. John was in basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas when he was appointed to West Point; he entered the Academy on 1 July 1943 with the Class of 1946.

Cadet life was relatively uneventful for John. His roommate, Frank Blazey, recalls that John had many enduring and worthy qualities that helped the two of them weather the many hazards of cadet life. John's athletic prowess contributed much to his company intramural teams. Even as a cadet, John had the determination, sharp intellect, intense enthusiasm and humor with which to become an outstanding leader of troops. Graduation saw John commissioned in the Infantry.

He went first to Fort Benning, Georgia for the Basic Infantry Course. From Benning, John went to Japan and then to Fort Carson, Colorado. He was a platoon leader in K Company, 14th Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson when his battalion was moved to Korea to become the 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division. On the Pusan Perimeter in late summer of 1950, the 1st Cav was deployed north of Taegu. The North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA) offensive at Taegu reached its high-water mark on 11 September when it seized a dominant hill just seven miles north of Taegu. The Eighth Army commander then ordered an all-out "do or die" counterattack by the 1st Cavalry Division. In the ensuing fighting, First Lieutenant Barrett received the Silver Star for his actions on 12 September. The citation for his award reads in part, "Leading a platoon in an aggressive assault on an enemy held position north of Taegu, Lieutenant Barrett's bold and skillful actions were conspicuously evidenced. Despite the fact that he was wounded, he never stopped fighting and valiantly led his men in the face of heavy mortar, small arms and automatic weapons fire from a fanatically determined and numerically superior enemy. . . ." John fought with his unit into North Korea and back after the Chinese entered the war. Promoted to captain, he took command of L Company, 5th Cavalry Regiment. On 15 February 1951, John and his company were participants in the epic relief of Colonel Paul Freeman's 23rd Infantry besieged at Chip Yong-ni. A complete account of this action as described by John to the author can be found starting on page 706 of Clay Blair's *The Forgotten War*. John was wounded a second time in this action and his company received a Presidential Unit Citation for its valor.

From Korea, John returned to Fort Benning, where he met and married Gretchen Brown in Columbus, Georgia on 16 August 1952. From Benning, John and Gretchen returned to John's hometown, Omaha, Nebraska, where he was assigned to the ROTC program at Creighton University. It was during this assignment that Gretchen got to know all of John's family. The Barretts moved to Germany in 1955, where John took over a company in the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment in Furth, Germany. Colonel William (Don) Old (Ret), USMA '54 was a lieutenant in John's company and recalls what it was like to serve under John. He was in the business of educating and training lieutenants to be soldiers, officers and company commanders. Don Old considers himself very fortunate to have served with a man who taught him that being a soldier was the most important thing, and that if you were a soldier, being an officer came easily. As a captain, John had a ready temper and no one, from civilian to general, had better mistreat his soldiers. He was truly responsible for everything his company did or failed to do. His temper, defense of those under him and positive corrections earned him the title of "Bad Man" Barrett. Duty as an officer in B Company, 39th Infantry Regiment was a tour in the "School of the Lieutenant." Don Old remarked that there are few John C. Barretts in one's life. John is gone, but he still lives! In the Army there are many soldiers who are better off because he taught the art of command to lieutenants many years ago, and those lieutenants taught it to their lieutenants.

From company commander, John moved to Headquarters, Seventh Army G-3 Section. Following this tour, the Barretts moved to Fort Monroe, Virginia where John was assigned to the Visitors Bureau at Headquarters, Continental Army Command. From CONARC, John attended the Command and General

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Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After graduation (#2 in his class), John was sent to Laos where he served with the Military Assistance Advisory Group. In 1962, John returned to Fort Leavenworth to serve as an instructor in division offensive operations. Colonel James Love, for whom John had worked at CONARC, was his boss when he arrived at Fort Leavenworth. Jim recalls that John was a master at making what might be complicated look simple, and he did it without appearing to exert any great effort. He was a clear thinker and expressed himself well. Colonel Bob Dwan (Ret), USMA June 1943, remembers that John was professionally competent in all phases of division operations. Integrity, character, self-discipline, professional competence, superb self-confidence and mental acuity, combined with intellectual brilliance, emanated from John. Bob recalls that while John had a great ability to critique a plan, paper or exercise, he had an even rarer talent in creating his own from scratch.

From Fort Leavenworth, John attended the National War College. After graduation, he again went to Germany where he commanded the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry, the same unit in which he commanded a company in the 1950's. From battalion commander, John moved to V Corps to become the G-3 under Lieutenant General Andrew J. Boyle (USMA 1935). General Boyle recalls that John did a superb job as his G-3; his marvelous positive attitude was a tower of strength on the Corps Staff, and he was one of the finest officers he has ever known.

From Germany, John traveled to Korea where he became chief of staff, 2nd Division. Returning to the States, John was assigned as secretary, Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. From Fort Leavenworth, John moved to Fort Sam Houston, Texas to serve as assistant chief of staff, Fifth Army. A close friend and classmate, Dick Bresnahan, arrived after John to become chief of staff. He remembers John's great wit, and keen, dry sense of humor. He pulled pranks that were original, unusual and hilarious.

John retired from the Army in 1976 as a colonel, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his service to the Army. Shortly thereafter, he became city manager of Terrell Hills, Texas, an enclave in San Antonio. A prolific writer, John spent his time writing letters to public officials and editors. He kept abreast of national affairs and knew each senator and congressman by name. His letters and comments were well researched, beautifully written and to the point. Bob Dwan edited a selection of John's writings and put them into a book. John loved his family and doted on his two daughters and three grandchildren. Regrettably he developed a pulmonary problem and on 17 April 1990 died from complications of this problem. He is survived by his wife Gretchen; daughters, Gretchen and Elizabeth; three brothers; a sister and three grandchildren.

The response for input to this memorial for John C. Barrett, Jr. was overwhelming. That he was admired, respected and loved was most evident. The following represent just some of the remembrances of a fine soldier:

"Everyone who knew John loved him as a friend. As a professional, he earned great respect from peers, subordinates and his bosses. He set high standards for himself and his units, and made certain that his troops met these standards."

"His deft touch and nimble pace in the paper wars of higher staff were matched by his tireless and endlessly innovative techniques as a commander; and in both environments his more obvious moves were based on and grew out of a preparation and background that can only be classified as pure professionalism."

"The words DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY are heard more frequently, I fear, than they are pursued. They usually slip quite easily into conversation and into obituaries. However, it is much rarer to know a man personally who truly lived and personified those lofty high standards. John Barrett was such a man."

John Barrett was a devoted husband. Just before his death, almost too weak to hold a pencil, he wrote a note to his dear Gretchen stating his pride and joy for the privilege of calling her his wife. At John's funeral, two of his closest friends, LTC Earl C. Hardy (USMA '45) and BG John W. Collins (USMA June '43) delivered the eulogies.

To the moving eulogies, the Class of 1946 can only add, "Well Done, John. Be Thou At Peace."

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife, Gretchen

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Paul Miller Ellman, Jr.

NO. 16063 CLASS OF 1946

Died 28 August 1952 in Everett, Washington, aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Paul Miller Ellman, Jr.

PAUL ELLMAN was born into the Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas on 22 June 1925. His father was a Regular Army officer, not an Academy graduate, who always wanted his sons to follow his footsteps into the Army, but with the advantage of a West Point background. So, Paul was encouraged throughout his childhood to prepare himself for West Point. His first obstacle was a physical one, as he was born with club feet. After surgical correction, his feet were normal but his lower legs were weak and to overcome this, he did a great deal of running during his high school years to be sure of passing the West Point physical. Paul was active in Boy Scouts and is remembered by his younger brother Roger, USMA '53, as hard working, diligent and responsible, even as a teenager. Paul graduated from A.B. Davis High School in Mount Vernon, New York and attended Doc Silverman's in Washington, DC for four months before entering West Point in July 1943 as a member of the Class of 1946.

Paul's life as a cadet was relatively uneventful. He struggled some with academics but was never in any real difficulty. He was always cheerful and optimistic about life in general. Paul's mother, who was slowly dying during Paul's West Point years, wanted to live long enough to see Paul graduate. Unfortunately, she died in the spring just before he graduated. Paul's real ambition was to fly, so when the opportunity arose to take flight training yearling year, he jumped at the chance. He was extremely disappointed when he washed out of the program. With this avenue blocked, Paul decided that the next best thing would be to go into the Infantry and become a paratrooper.

Paul reported with his Infantry classmates to Fort Benning, Georgia for basic schooling. He had a motorcycle accident one night, breaking his leg, which disqualified him for jump training. His first assignment after school was to Korea, where he was assigned to K Company, 32nd Infantry in April 1947. In October 1947, he was transferred to F Company, 31st Infantry, still in Korea. Paul returned to the States in January 1949 as executive officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 43rd Armored Infantry Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and in March 1949 was made platoon leader of

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B Company, 43rd Battalion. On 21 May 1949, Paul married Lorraine Caffrey in Tucson, Arizona. They returned to Fort Sill where Paul was to begin the realization of his oft-untracked dream, to fly. He got accepted for light avaiation training and in June 1949 became a student pilot at Connally Air Force Base, Waco, Texas. After successfully completing the course at Connally, Paul continued his training at Fort Sill in June 1950. Still determined to fly with the Air Force, Paul applied for a service transfer while at Fort Sill. In the meantime, he was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division as a spotter pilot and joined the division in Korea on 6 July 1950, shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War. On 25 July 1950, his transfer to the Air Force came through, but Paul continued to fly with the 24th Division as an Air Force officer directing air strikes in the Pusan perimeter defense. For his many combat missions flown during this tour, Paul received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

In November 1950, Paul returned from Korea and took basic and advanced flight training in Oklahoma and at San Angelo, Texas. His final training was on all-weather interceptors at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Paul and Lorraine then went to Hamilton Air Force Base, California, where Paul was an all-weather jet fighter pilot with the 83rd Fighter-Interceptor Squadron. Later in 1952, they moved to Paine Air Force Base, Washington, where Paul flew the F-89 jet, a two-seater all-weather interceptor. He was flying a mission on 28 August 1952 when his aircraft broke apart and he was killed. His friend, John Kusewitt, was en route to Korea when he learned of Paul's death. From the replacement center in California, John traveled to Washington to see Lorraine. While there, he talked to Paul's radar officer who told him about the crash. They had started a high-speed letdown at about 20,000 feet when there was an explosion and the aircraft apparently started to break up. The radar officer didn't know whether an engine exploded or if there were a structural failure in a wing. The radar officer tried to raise Paul on the intercom but there was no answer. He believes that Paul was unconscious. The radar officer safely ejected, but Paul's body was found not far from the wreckage, and there was no indication of any attempt to open his chute. Soon after Paul's accident (the third F-89 in a week), the F-89's were grounded and shortly thereafter retired from service. Paul was survived by his wife Lorraine, his father and his brother Roger.

Paul Miller Ellman, Jr. was good natured, outgoing and unpretentious. His great sense of humor, coupled with inordinate common sense, made him many good and lasting friends. He was proud to be a West Pointer and amply demonstrated his courage and devotion to duty. He was driven to excel—witness what he went through to be able to achieve his goal of flying Air Force jet fighters. He sought out challenges and met them with excellence, confidence and good cheer. He was a loving and caring husband, a true and sincere friend and classmate. When reflecting on the true attributes of "Duty, Honor, Country," it is graduates such as Paul Ellman who come to mind. He personified what West Point strives to produce: a good solider, a good man and a true patriot. Paul left his wife and classmates many years ago to join the "Long Gray Line," yet the memory of the love for his wife and the quality of his friendship will remain forever. "Well Done, Paul. Be Thou at Peace!"

1946 Memorial Project and his wife, Lorraine

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Herbert Hesselton Flather, Jr.

NO. 15635 CLASS OF 1946

Died 15 May 1973 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, aged 47 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Herbert Hesselton Flather, Jr.

KNOWN TO HIS FAMILY and friends as "Herb," Herbert Hesselton Flather, Jr. was born 6 September 1925 in Nashua, New Hampshire and his New England heritage was to remain with him all his life. His grandfather was an industrialist who built machine tools including Flather lathes, well-known in that part of the country prior to World War II. An excellent high school athlete, Herb loved contact sports and his driving ambition was to attend West Point. This desire was accentuated when his father became a Naval officer in World War II. Herb attended Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, DC his senior year in high school, but returned to New Hampshire to graduate with his class in Nashua. His ambition was realized when he entered West Point on 1 July 1943 with the Class of 1946.

Herb had little trouble with either academics or discipline as a cadet and enjoyed playing intramural football, lacrosse and ice hockey. One of his roommates, Harry Roddenberry, recalls that Herb had a great aptitude for academics and could cope with any problem. He displayed characteristics as a cadet that were to be the hallmarks of his career as an officer: a determination to master whatever came up, a keen sense of humor and a willingness to help anyone who asked. Herb wanted to fly but could not pass the eye exam, so he decided to go into the Infantry and get his parachute wings.

Herb attended basic schooling after graduation leave at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Following this, Herb attended jump school and gained his parachute wings. From Fort Benning, Herb traveled to Austria for his first duty assignment as a company officer in the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry and later in the 2nd Battalion, 350th Infantry. He returned to CONUS in 1950 and was assigned to the newly activated 188th Airborne Infantry at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Herb supervised the administrative staff processing Reservists called up for the Korean War. His staff was primarily locally hired females. Herb decided to pick out the best looking lady in the group and date her. This was, of course, Leta, Herb's bride-to-be. John Stratis recalls that after Herb's first date with Leta, he didn't see too much of him anymore. On 6 October 1951, Herb married Mary Leta Hamby at Princeton, Kentucky.

After processing reservists for several months, Herb became a company commander in the 2nd Battalion, 188th Airborne Infantry. At one time the regimental commander urged all company commanders to improve attendance at chapel services. Herb exhorted his men to no avail, but when the pressure from above continued to mount, Herb took action. On one Sunday morning he had a company formation in Class A uniform and marched his entire unit to the Post Chapel, much to the chagrin of his commanding officer. As John Stratis said, "if you gave Herb a job to do, you could rely on its getting done." Herb was not a passive Infantryman, yet he was steady and aggressive in an unassuming way. From Fort Campbell, Herb and Leta went to Fort Benning where Herb attended the Advanced Infantry Officers Course. In 1953, Herb was assigned to Korea, first with the 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry and then with Headquarters, IX

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Corps. His next assignment was as assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. From Maine, he was assigned to the 2nd Armored Battalion, 48th Infantry, 3rd Armored Division in Germany. Herb, who served in both airborne and armored divisions, said that he enjoyed his troop assignment with the 3rd Armored Division more than any other during his career.

From the 3d Armored, Herb attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and remained as an instructor. While at C&GSC he received a master of arts degree in history and education from the University of Missouri. From Kansas, Herb was assigned to Headquarters MACV in Saigon and after a year in Vietnam, he returned to CONUS to serve with the National Guard Bureau. In 1969, Herb and Leta journeyed to Durham, New Hampshire where Herb became the professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of New Hampshire. He was instrumental in turning around the ROTC program, reconstructing the program to meet the university's needs, gaining academic credit for his students and making the transition to the volunteer Army concept.

Herb served almost four years at UNH. It was during the latter part of this tour that it was discovered he had cancer. His condition deteriorated to the point that he was transported to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC and retired early in 1973. Herb's friend and classmate, Harry Floyd, visited Herb several times a week and supplemented his hospital diet with a little Baskin-Robbins. Even though in extreme pain, Herb was in good spirits and told Harry and his wife Ann that he just knew everything would be fine and he would be getting back to New Hampshire soon. His major concern was for Leta and their children.

Sadly, Herb died on 15 May 1973, shortly after he arrived back in his native New England. He was survived by his wife Leta, four children, Herbert H., Elizabeth W., John H., and Robert H., his mother, a brother Richard (USMA'53) and a sister Mary. Herb received his 3rd Legion of Merit posthumously for his achievements at the University of New Hampshire.

In honor of Herb's contribution to the UNH ROTC Program, an award was established to be presented annually to the squad in the Army ROTC Company attaining the highest overall score in the military stakes competition. The first "Colonel Herbert H. Flather Award" was presented in May 1974. It is fitting that an award was designed to honor Herb Flather. Those who knew him remember him as a truly good person, a true gentleman and a straight arrow. He was a soldier's soldier. A really great troop commander, he was straightforward and enjoyed working with his men. He has been described as a typical New Englander—somewhat rough and crusty on the outside but easy to be with when with friends. As one fellow soldier put it, "If I had an interior unit in combat, I would want someone like Herb protecting my flanks—you could always count on his being at the right place at the right time."

A loving husband and father, Herb was devoted to his family and his concern for them was paramount in his scheme of life. His family, friends and classmates will always remember Herbert H. Flather as a dedicated soldier and a son of West Point who truly lived the motto Duty, Honor, Country. His family and classmates join in saying, "Well done, Herb. Be Thou At Peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Leta

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Louis Jacob Gutting

NO. 600442 EX-CLASS OF 1946

Died 13 December 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 66 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Louis Jacob Gutting

BORN 2 SEPTEMBER 1922 in Coshocton, Ohio, Louis Jacob (Jake) Gutting wanted to be a soldier from the moment he could say the word. Jake knew everyone in that small town in eastern Ohio, and the town thought of him as its own. His innate ability to get to know people remained a basic part of his character throughout his life and endeared him to everyone. A natural leader from childhood, Jack was a fine athlete, co-captain of his high school basketball team and class president. Although at an age well below the regulation, Jake got himself into the local National Guard unit. He soon became a sergeant and was known throughout the outfit as "the kid." Still following his main goal in life, Jake was able to get an appointment to West Point and entered the Academy in July 1943 with the Class of 1946.

Jake's joy at getting into West Point began to falter when academics started plebe year. He spent Plebe Christmas taking turnout exams, which he passed. Harry Buckley, a fellow plebe in F-1 Company recalls that despite his academic difficulties, Jake was always upbeat, cheering and consoling his suffering plebe classmates. Yearling year for Jake was a different story. Turned out in calculus and Portuguese, he was eventually "found" in calculus. Undaunted, he proceeded to OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia and was commissioned before the Class of 1946 graduated.

One of Jake's first assignments was to Korea, where he served with XXIV Corps. It was there that he met and married Kathleen Kieffer. Their marriage, which was the first ever in Korea between an American officer and American dependent, took place on 15 March 1947. Returning to the States, Jake and Kathleen traveled to Fort Benning, where Jake received his Regular Army commission in Armor. In 1949, he was reunited briefly with one of his plebe roommates, Bill Kaliff, when he served as best man at Bill's wedding in Columbus, Georgia.

After attending the Armor Advanced Officers Course, Jake served with several Armor units in Germany and in 1954 was assigned as an advisor to a National Guard unit in south Texas. In 1957, he served a tour with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Iran. His next assignment was as aide de camp to the Commanding General, Fifth Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. The Buckleys visited Jake, Kathleen and their four children at Fort Sheridan, and Harry recalls that everyone on post seemed to know and admire Jake. It was during this tour that he completed the requirements for his B.A. in business administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Attendance at the Command and General Staff College (C&GSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas was followed by a second tour in Germany, where Jake was assigned to Headquarters, United States Army Europe, in the Personnel and Administration Division. A fellow staff officer, Colonel Pierce B. Irby, Jr., U.S. Army Retired, recalls that Jake was thoroughly professional, dedicated, cooperative and dependable. When Jake was selected to command the 2nd Battalion, 68th Armor, the thing that stands out in Pierce's mind was Jake's unique ability to handle the tactical command

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and control of a tank battalion in the field. Both the assistant division commander (BG Julian Ewell) and the commanding general (MG Bud Russ) said, "No question—Jake can operate and command a tank battalion in the field." Jake was "gung ho," a doer who got the job done in fine fashion.

Jake's next assignment was as an instructor at C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth until 1969, when he and Kathleen returned to the site of their wedding. Jake became commander of the U.S. Army Garrison (Yongson Post), Seoul. In an extremely difficult position, Jake did an outstanding job and finished his tour in Korea as a staff officer at Headquarters, Eighth Army. In 1970, the Guttings moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Jake was Senior Army Advisor to the Ohio National Guard. His military career ended in 1975 in San Antonio, Texas when he retired as a colonel after serving in Armor Readiness Region VII at Fort Sam Houston.

Not one to "really retire," Jake took up real estate, participated in community activities and enjoyed oil painting in his free time. Jake, an avid golfer, was very active in the Windcrest Golf Club in suburban San Antonio. He was a member for 15 years and served on the board of directors, course committee and as tournament chairperson.

On 13 December 1988, Louis Jacob Gutting died in San Antonio from complications associated with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, four sons: Gregory, Kevin, Brian and Scott, and a daughter, Ronalee Ann.

At Jake's funeral, a friend, Colonel B.J. "Bob" Pinkerton, U.S. Army Retired, delivered the eulogy. Since golf was such a part of Jake's life, it was fitting that it was part of the eulogy: " . . . Your approach to golf, like your approach to life, was a total effort, with enthusiasm, and without compromise. . . . Jake, you played the game as it was meant to be played, with dedication and for the pleasure of accepting the challenge. . . . "

When his friends and comrades in arms wrote about Jake, the essence of the man was evident. Joy, energy, ebullience, enthusiasm, dedication and pride in the U.S. Army—these qualities were repeated over and over by all who knew him.

Other parts of Bob Pinkerton's eulogy sum up what everyone felt who knew Jake: "Your love for your family was only equalled by your devotion to God. . . . Your love for your country and the Army was reflected in your dedicated and unswerving service of more than 34 years. The motto 'Duty, Honor, Country' was reflected in your everyday philosophy . . . . Jake, you were a faithful and devoted husband, a loving and generous father, a dedicated soldier and patriot, a true sportsman, and a dear friend to many—and always a gracious, gentle man. . . . We will miss you, Jake—a lot. Your old friends and comrades in arms."

The Class of 1946 can only add to this: "Well Done, Jake. Be Thou at Peace!"

'46 Memorial Project and his wife, Kathleen

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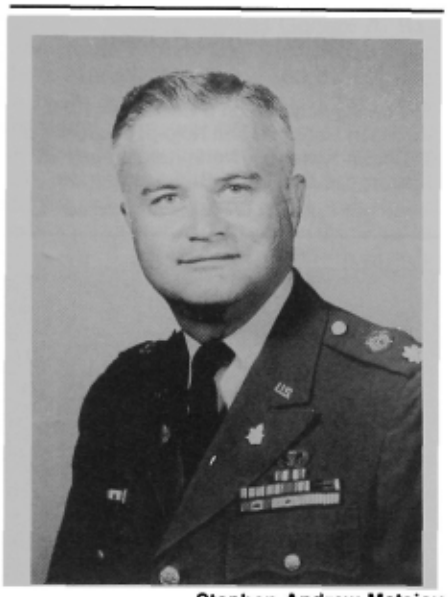
Stephan Andrew Matejov

NO. 15777 CLASS OF 1946

Died 27 November 1984 in East Meadow, New York, aged 59 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Stephan Andrew Matejov

STEPHAN ANDREW MATEJOV, known by his family and friends as Steve, was born in New York City on New Year's Day 1925. His parents immigrated to this country from Czechoslovakia, and Steve grew up in an ethnic neighborhood where his father owned and operated a neighborhood bar. Steve attended and graduated from Immaculata High School in New York City and attended Fordham University for a year before he gained an appointment to West Point, entering on 1 July 1943 with the Class of 1946.

Life as a plebe was often very difficult for Steve. His heavy accent and ethnic restricted experience caused him many anxious moments, but through sheer grit and determination he made it. Adding to his tribulations plebe year, Steve's father died. His roommate of three years, Fred Derrick, remembers that Steve exhibited a great will to show his mother that he could succeed and graduate from West Point. Fred recalls that Steve helped him academically, especially in the sciences. Steve demonstrated a great sense of humor which helped him over some of the rough spots. Upon graduation, Steve became a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. All who knew Steve recognized his joy and pride in becoming an officer in the United States Army. It was to remain the driving force in his life.

Steve completed the Basic Artillery Courses at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Bliss, Texas and paratroop training in 1947. Steve was assigned to an AAA battalion in Korea and after a year moved to Japan to serve as a battery officer, 865th AAA (AW) Battalion. Steve married Mary Stacher in Alameda, California on 24 July 1948 and in 1949 became a battery officer in A Battery, 15th AAA (AW) Battalion. When the Korean War broke out, Steve's unit was deployed to Korea. His battery was attached to the 17th Infantry as it fought north to the Yalu. On 17 November 1950, elements of the 17th Infantry routed the North Koreans at Sogu-ri, North Korea. During this engagement, Steve won the Silver Star for his valor. In the March-April 1951 issue of the *Antiaircraft Journal*, Captain George H. Worf, 15th AAA (AW) Battalion, wrote an article entitled, "En route to the Yalu." Excerpts from his article follow:

"Early in the morning of 19 November a task force of the 17th Infantry approached Mapyong-ni on its march to the Yalu. Two sections of Battery A, 15th AAA (AW) Battalion under Lieutenant Stephan Matejov were attached, each manning an M19 and an M16. . . . As the column reached the bridge to find it blown out, the enemy opened fire from camouflaged positions to the right across the river. Entrenchments and pillboxes could be detected there about 400 yards away on the slope and extending in both directions parallel to the stream. The tanks were not effectively firing because the enemy were dispersed in the trenches, but that situation was made to order for our automatic weapons. Two days earlier the crews had routed the North Koreans at Sogu-ri (where Steve earned his Silver Star). . . . The 40mm fire shattered the heavy logs over the trenches and cut lanes through the pill boxes . . . . The enemy, unable to stand the heavy pounding, swarmed to the top of the hill, leaving their trenches. Then the quad-fifties literally mowed them down . . . . When the Infantry reached the hill, twelve shell-shocked prisoners were captured and ninety were found dead. . . . This one action had made the deepest impression upon the Infantry. It did eliminate a tough battle for them across the river and probably saved many lives. . . . "

The summer of 1951 saw Steve and Mary return to Forts Sill and Bliss to attend the Artillery Advanced Course. Thereafter Steve served for a year with an AAA battalion near Pittsburgh before the Matejovs journeyed to Germany where Steve was assigned to the 34th AAA Brigade and then became a battery commander, 62nd AAA Battalion. Still in

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Germany, Steve was assigned as operations officer, 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion. Returning to the States in 1956, Steve was assigned as operations and training officer in Headquarters, First Region Air Defense Command, Fort Totten, New York. As so many of his classmates about this time, Steve left the Army in 1961 to try his hand in civilian life.

His initial endeavor was owning and operating a marina service in Seaford, New York. He next went with the New York City Department of Parks and directed recreation activities for the Lower Highlands Park, Brooklyn. In 1964, Steve became a peace officer with the New York City Corrections Department. Having remained active in the Reserves, he completed the Advanced Civil Affairs Career Course as the honor graduate in 1967 and completed the Command and General Staff Course in 1970. Steve was recalled to active duty with Headquarters Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia in 1968 and received his promotion to lieutenant colonel. While at CONARC, Steve was in charge of converting tables of organization and equipment for all Reserve units assigned to the continental US to modern computer data banks. After his stint at Fort Monroe, Steve returned to the New York City Corrections Department, where he attained the position of deputy warden. In 1977, Steve received a master of public administration degree with a major in police science from John Jay College of Law Enforcement. Steve retired from the Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel.

Steve and Mary had ten children. They were a proud military family—one daughter, Theresa, graduated from West Point, Class of 1981; a son, Stephan, became a career Navy man; a daughter, Anne, served in the Peace Corps; John became a career Marine; and two daughters, Cathy and Judy, married Marines. One son, Joe, joined the Air Force and on 5 February 1973 was aboard an EC-47Q intelligence collector aircraft when his plane was shot down over Laos. There was proof that Joe had been captured. Convinced that Joe was alive, Steve became the New York State Coordinator for the National League of Families, MIA/POW. On 27 November 1984, Steve was on the roof of his home removing a tree branch when he fell and died from a fractured skull. He is survived by his wife Mary; five sons, Joe, Stephan, Jr., John, James and Michael; five daughters, Theresa, Anne, Catherine, Mary and Judith; a sister Irene; and a brother John. Mary has continued Steve's efforts in the MIA/POW issue.

Stephan Andrew Matejov took great pride in serving his country. He was proud of his accomplishments in and out of uniform, but especially proud to have retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel. That so many of his children made the decision to serve their country made Steve extremely proud. Mary says that their family motto is "God and Country Always." Al Bottoms said it best when he said, "Steve's untimely, accidental death took from us a classmate in whom we can be proud, a classmate who lived his entire life in the spirit of Duty, Honor, Country."

Well Done, Steve. Be Thou at Peace!

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife, Mary

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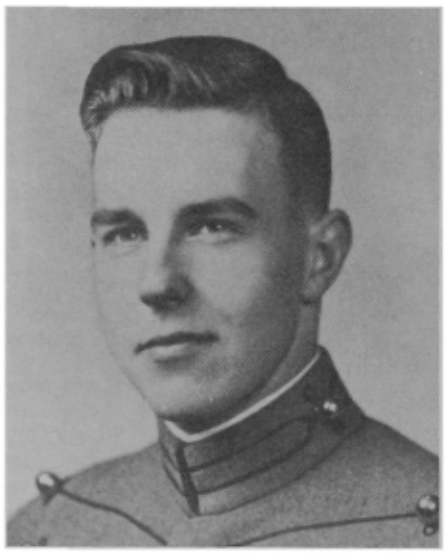
Rollin White Skilton

NO. 16055 CLASS OF 1946

Missing in action on 6 December 1950, between Hagaru-ri and Koto-ri, south of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, aged 26 years; declared dead, 31 December 1953.

Interment: East Morris Cemetery, Morris, Connecticut.



Rollin White Skilton

CHANGJIN! This word was on the map Rollin Skilton used in late November-early December 1950 in North Korea. He may or may not have known that the body of water known as the Chosin Reservoir would go down in history as the locale of a series of epic battles against overwhelming odds. He could not know that in 1983 the survivors of these battles, from all services, would organize an exclusive fraternity of honor named the "Chosin Few," with membership requirements both simple and stringent: you must have been there. Its aims are equally simple: to honor the valor, sacrifice and duty of the survivors, but especially to honor the thousands of brave young men who gave their lives at CHANGJIN. One of those brave men was Rollin White Skilton.

Born on 9 March 1924 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Rollin spent most of his youth in Morris, Connecticut, a small rural community. After graduating from Morris High School, Rollin spent a year at the New Britain Teachers College. He gained an appointment to enter West Point in 1942 with the Class of 1945. Unfortunately, he came up short in plebe math and was found. Rollin then went to "Doc Silverman's" in New York City for intensive math courses, passed the re-entrance exams, and again entered West Point in 1943 as a member of the Class of 1946.

Academics continued to cause Rollin problems, but he always managed to stay ahead of the power curve. He was a terrific lineman in intramural football and participated in the ski club, the squash club and the weight lifting club. He had a great sense of duty and really loved West Point and all it stood for. Graduation saw Rollin become a second lieutenant of Infantry.

Rollin took off enough time from the Infantry School at Christmas in 1946 to marry Barbara E. Way on 28 December 1946 at Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Rollin's first assignment was as executive officer, A Company, 17th Infantry, 7th Division at Inchon, Korea. The company was detached from its battalion and assigned as a guard company for Quartermaster installations in the Inchon area. Being hardly the duty a young Infantry lieutenant wanted, Rollin was pleased to rotate with his unit back to Japan. Not only did his duty change, but he brought Barbara and his daughter Barbara Jo-Ann to Camp Crawford in February 1949. One of his fellow officers, Hodges S. Escue, recalls that Rollin was a professional soldier, competent and skilled in the field. New second lieutenants wanted to emulate him and senior officers relied upon him, yet the trait that made Rollin stand out was his gentlemanly demeanor. He was courteous to all, both subordinates and superiors alike, and he treated newly-assigned officers with compassion and won their respect.

When the Korean War broke out in June 1950, Rollin was reassigned to the S-3 Section of the 31st Infantry as a liaison officer to the 17th Infantry. When the 7th Division landed at Inchon, Korea, Rollin continued as liaison officer between the 31st Infantry and the 17th Infantry and also when the 7th Division landed at Iwon in an attack into North Korea in early November 1950. When the Chinese entered the War and were about to overrun Eighth Army in the west, the mission of X Corps was changed with the 1st Marine Division to attack west of the Chosin Reservoir to relieve the pressure on Eighth Army, and the 7th Division was to send a force to the east side of the Chosin to attack north. These attacks were to take place 27 November 1950. In order to meet the timetable, the closest 7th

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Division elements were ordered to the east side of the Chosin. The closest and first unit to arrive was the 1st Battalion of the 32nd Infantry, followed by the 3rd Battalion and Headquarters Company. The 2nd Battalion was to join but got only as far as Koto-ri. When Colonel Allan D. MacClean (USMA '30), 31st Infantry commander arrived on 26 November, his units and others were scattered along the road from Hagaru-ri at the southern tip of the Chosin Reservoir, northward along the eastern side. Since all units were not from the 31st Infantry, the force was desginated Regimental Combat Team (RCT) 31.

The events surrounding the actions around the Chosin are described in three books: *The Forgotten War* by Clay Blair; *East of Chosin* by Roy E. Appleman and *Escaping the Trap* also by Roy E. Appleman. Rollin Skilton is mentioned in each of these books. The separated parts of RCT 31 were isolated from each other and from higher command; communications had deteriorated rapidly. On the evening of 27 November, First Lieutenant Rollin Skilton, now liaison officer between RCT 31 and the 1st Marine Division at Hagaru-ri, delivered the RCT 31 operations order from the RCT Main CP at Hudong-ni to the forward CP of the 1/32nd ten miles to the north along the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir. After delivering the document, Rollin drove off into the night back to Hudong-ni and then on to Hagaru-ri. He was probably the last person to travel back down that road to Hudong-ni, as soon thereafter the Chinese attacked the 1/32nd and the 3/31st. A very important factor during all the action was the cold. Night-time temperatures fell to 25 degrees below zero. Daytime temperatures were seldom above zero.

Command of RCT 31 was assumed by LTC Don C. Faith, commanding officer of the 1/32nd, after MacLean was captured. The troops of RCT 31 fought bravely but the unit was decimated in fierce battles over the next few days. LTC Faith attempted a breakout from his untenable position at noon on 1 December, but the breakout foundered at Hill 1221 and the survivors escaped by walking over the frozen reservoir. Rollin and other members of the 31st Infantry at Hagaru-ri coordinated the rearward passage of lines so that survivors coming across the ice would not be fired upon by the Marines. When the elements of the 1st Marine Division had fought their way back to Hagaru-ri they joined the remnants of RCT 31 to fight back to Hungnam on the coast. The route they were to follow was defended by elements of seven Chinese divisions. This battle from the Chosin Reservoir to the sea received much publicity at the time, but little has ever been said about the provisional Army unit of 490 men who were left from RCT 31. It was designated the 31st Regiment, 7th Division and formed into two provisional battalions. The 3/31st consisted of I Company commanded by Captain George A. Rasula; K Company commanded by Captain Robert J. Kitz; and L Company commanded by Lieutenant Robert Boyer. Rollin Skilton was a platoon leader in L Company. The breakout started at first light on 6 December 1950. In the early afternoon of the 6th, L Company engaged in a fierce battle with the Chinese and its commander, Lieutenant Boyer, was killed. Rollin Skilton was wounded in the same action. Colonel George A. Rasula (Ret), recalls that he didn't hear about Rollin being wounded until late on 6 December. The only certain facts are that Rollin was seriously wounded, he placed himself on a litter and the litter was put on a vehicle. What happened after that will remain forever unknown. Subsequent events indicate that Rollin died on 6 December 1950 from his wounds and the effects of the extreme cold. His body was taken to Koto-ri and placed in the mass grave dug by the Marines. At the time, however, Barbara was notified that Rollin was missing in action.

Barbara and her daughter returned to Connecticut. One of the provisions of the final treaty ending the Korean War was the return of the bodies from the two Marine mass graves at Yudam-ni (west of the Chosin) and at Koto-ri.

In March 1955, Barbara received a letter from Washington that Rollin's body had been received from the Communists and that he had been interred in the Marine mass grave at Koto-ri. Rollin's West Point ring had been with his body, bearing the inscription "West Point Class of 1946," his name and US Army. Rollin was buried in Morris, Connecticut on 16 April 1955, almost four and one-half years after he died. He was survived by his wife, Barbara, daughter Barbara Jo-Ann, his parents and two brothers. Rollin was always so proud of his daughter and would be pleased to know that she graduated from Wagner College, is a nurse and is married with three beautiful children.

Rollin Skilton was a good soldier and a loving, caring husband and father. Barbara heard from many of Rollin's friends, superiors and his men during the long years waiting to learn what had happened to him. The following represent some of their comments:

"Rollin was a rare individual and a wonderful friend. He was loved, admired and respected by all who knew him."

"Your husband Rollin was an honored, respected and beloved member of the 31st Infantry and it was my privilege to have had him on my staff. His optimism and cheerfulness were always a comfort to me and I depended on him with confidence."

"I knew your husband, Rollin, very well and in addition to admiring him, I was very fond of him. He was a fine officer and performed his duties as a combat leader in a superior manner. I am proud that I was able to serve with him."

"I don't believe that there ever was an officer that I liked or had more respect for than Lieutenant Skilton."

Rollin performed his "Duty" in an exemplary manner, always concerned for the welfare of his men. They knew his word was his bond. His "Honor" was one of the attributes that endeared him to them. Rollin didn't have to ask what he could do for his "Country;" he knew. He served it with the utmost of his ability, eventually making the supreme sacrifice during one of the epic battles in history. The Class of 1946 is proud to claim Rollin White Skilton as one of its own. The Class pays homage to a brave soldier, classmate and friend.

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife, Barbara

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Frank Coulter Boerger

NO. 16163 CLASS OF 1947

Died 19 July 1990 in San Anselmo, California, aged 67 years.

Interment: San Francisco National Military Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Frank Coulter Boerger

FRANK COULTER BOERGER, president of the Class of 1947 as a cadet and for the following 43 years, passed away in his sleep in the early morning hours of 19 July 1990 at his home in San Anselmo, California.

Frank was born in Milbank, South Dakota on 29 November 1922, the son of Frank and Jeanette Coulter Boerger, and

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the older brother of Philip T. (Pete), his classmate in the Class of 1947. As a young man, Frank showed those traits of industriousness, intelligence, and leadership which were to characterize his whole life. He clerked in a grocery store; worked as a chairman for the South Dakota Highway Commission; played all sports; served his church; and became student body leader and valedictorian of his 1940 high school class.

Entering the University of Minnesota in the fall of 1940 as a chemical engineering student, Frank was an ROTC cadet for three years, joined the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and was selected by his peers to be president of his fraternity. Scheduled to graduate in late 1943, he was called up as a private with the ERC in April. During his 15 months as an enlisted man he served at Camp Wallace, Texas and at Amherst College in Massachusetts, where he joined his brother Pete at the USMA Preparatory School. Both received competitive appointments, entering USMA on 1 July 1944.

Frank and Pete joined the same Beast Barracks company and cadet company. From day one it was evident that the "brothers from Milbank" were to be future leaders. Frank became an academic coach for his classmates and upperclassmen. To his peers he was a source of strength in meeting plebe year demands, accepting more than his share of challenges with willingness and good cheer. He was the model active cadet: plebe football and basketball, cadet chapel choir and usher, academic stars all three years, *Pointer* staff and editor-in-chief, and class president. The last of the wartime three-year classes began its first class year with Frank and Pete in command of the two cadet regiments, and ended with Frank graduating second in his class.

Throughout their three years, the Boerger brothers were committed to their girls back home. Thus, on the day they were commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, 3 June 1947, they married in a double ceremony in the Cadet Chapel. Frank and his bride Barbara Shippey left West Point to lead a full and happy life together.

Frank followed a model career as an engineer officer: first, two basic courses at the Ground General School at Fort Riley and the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir. Next, he spent three years in the 1st Infantry Division in Germany, all in the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion—as a platoon leader, battalion adjutant, and company commander. From troops to school, Frank completed the Engineer Advanced Course and earned an MSCE at the University of Illinois; then it was troops again, this time as operations officer of the 2nd Engineer Construction Group in Korea. In those prickly months following the cease fire, Frank accomplished creative, original engineering projects critical to rebuilding South Korea's infrastructure. Posted next to the Department of Military Art and Engineering at West Point, he completed his first decade much as it began: using his talents to teach cadets, while publishing our Class ten-year book, showing his dedication to classmates and their growing families. Frank and Barbara progressed through Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and language school at Monterey to two years in the MAAG, Italy. Successful battalion command in Munich with the 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 24th Infantry, in 1963-64 led to the National War College in Washington, DC and then to assignment as deputy division engineer, Omaha. His early promotion to colonel brought transfer to the demanding assignment as the district engineer, San Francisco District. Frank led this district with great competence and skill and gained recognition as one of the nation's foremost experts in maritime engineering, water resource development and conservation. The working model of the San Francisco Bay area, which he constructed, remains today a tribute to his application of engineering skills to the ecological needs of the Bay area. After three years as district engineer, Frank retired in San Anselmo, Marin County, California with Barbara and their five children. During his active duty career Frank excelled as an engineer officer and leader, and gave of himself totally to Nation, Army and family, keeping all in balance. No mention of family would be complete without a salute to Frank's parents, who showed the same respect and affection for classmates and their families as they did pride in their own sons.

With characteristic fervor, Frank threw himself into his new career in maritime and environmental work, both as a consulting engineer and as a volunteer civic leader. Sought after by both California state and municipal authorities, he excelled as an engineer and led annual delegations to Washington to testify before Congress. As a volunteer, he drove himself for over two decades to help his fellow man. He co-founded the Bay Planning Coalition, using his ability to listen to often-conflicting views of others—port officials, waterfront landowners, dedicated conservationists, and private citizens—as they debated regulation of the use of the Bay shore. For years he served as vice president of the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference. When in 1974, a Citizens Advisory Commission was formed for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Frank was chosen as chairman and served for 16 straight years, attending over 100 meetings without missing a single one. At the time of his death he was preparing to conduct public hearings on the transfer of the Presidio of San Francisco from the Army to the National Park Service. The eulogies at his memorial service in the Presidio Chapel by past and current superintendents of the National Park Service's Golden Gate National Recreation Area made clear what a key role Frank had played. He was lauded as a selfless man of total integrity, dedicated to the environment and the good of the Bay area, with talent for getting diverse interests to reach just conclusions—all with wit, intellectual honesty, and competence—and the touch of the common man.

Frank is survived by his wife Barbara of San Anselmo; daughter Sue Feldman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; son F. Charles of San Rafael, California; daughters Marybeth Albertson of Davis, California, Heidi Rodriguez of Santa Rosa, California, and Patricia Wise of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and his classmate/brother Brigadier General Pete Boerger (Ret) of Sanford, North Carolina. Our entire class joins the family in saluting our leader and as one we voice a vibrant "WELL DONE!"

The family chose the Presidio of San Francisco as Frank's "soldier's resting place." This was a fitting tribute at a site he loved, and one in which he was totally involved when his course was run. Frank was especially qualified to lead efforts to release this historic and beautiful old Army garrison to the Park Service.

West Point can look with pride on this distinguished son. May he rest in peace.

Bill Webb '47

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Clifford Bruce Trott

NO. 21982 CLASS OF 1958

Died 23 September 1988 in Elkton, Maryland, aged 56 years.

Interment: Brookview Cemetery, Rising Sun, Maryland.

AT THE EDGE of the Elk River, where he could sit on his front porch to oversee the quiet industry of the Chesapeake Bay, Clifford Bruce Trott spent the last few years of his life. Could he somehow have known that life would be foreshortened by the ravages of a deadly disease? Abandoning the lifestyle of an Air Force officer, Bruce made a decision to retire early and to return to the edge of the body of water that he had learned to love as a young boy. He lived in a cottage by the river where he could watch cargo ships making their runs through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, observe osprey building their nests, see blue crabs scurrying across the river bottom and entertain the new family of friends he had come to know and enjoy.

It was from these surroundings that Bruce came when he arrived at West Point on 6 July 1954. The son of Marion

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Clifford Bruce Trott

Richard Glen Madden

and Clifford Trott, he had been a Boy Scout and attended both Salisbury Junior College and Drexel University after graduating from Bel Air High School. He received his appointment from Congressman Devereaux of Maryland and trained for his stint at the Academy by serving as a private E-2 in the Army during 1953.

Bruce was one of a number of cadets in the Class of 1958 selected for commission in the Air Force upon graduation. Thus began a distinguished Air Force career with the Headquarters unit of 4126 Strategic Wing at Beale Air Force Base in California. In 1964 he moved to the Headquarters unit of the Fifteenth Air Force at March Air Force Base, then in 1968 began an assignment as a major with the Strategic Air Command. In 1971, Bruce graduated from the Air Command and Staff College. After two further assignments, including duty with the Headquarters, US Air Force, he completed his military career at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, DC. He retired after 25 years of service in 1983.

Bruce will be remembered for his love of life, his gentle manner, his appreciation of the young, his readiness to party and his willingness to lend a hand. He is survived by his parents; his four children, Betsy Smith, Susan Christensen, Margaret Trott and Kenneth Trott; and by his wife, Joan.

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Richard Glen Madden

NO. 23974 CLASS OF 1962

Died 14 June 1987 in Somers, New York, aged 46 years.

Interment: St. Lawrence Cemetery, Brewster, New York.

PICTURE OUR ACADEMY on a beautiful spring day as a retreat ceremony is taking place. Picture the Long Gray Line of cadets marching in their crisp gray and white uniforms, the green of the Plain and the lowering of the American flag. If this were 30 years ago, Dick Madden would be there in the Corps of Cadets. You could not be there without sensing the virtues of Duty, Honor, Country with which cadets are imbued.

In many ways these three words sum up the life of Richard G. Madden. His sense of duty was first of all to his God. He knew God's love and responded with his gentle life. He had a deep love for his wife, Theresa, and his children, Patricia, Thomas, Karen, Melissa and Douglas. He also felt a special commitment to education for the young and especially for the mentally retarded. He was deeply commited to the local Catholic schools as well as his work as assistant superintendent for pupil services in the public school system in Carmel, New York. A sense of duty and love for his country manifested itself in his service in the Army, including overseas tours in Korea and Vietnam.

There is probably no greater word to describe a man than honorable, for the word means "held in public esteem, worthy of respect." This was Dick's reputation with us in the Long Gray Line, among colleagues and students in the Carmel School District, in his community and among his family and friends. He was simply an honorable man.

Richard Glen Madden was born in Mount Vernon, New York on 1 July 1940, the son of Frank and Catherine (Travers) Madden. He attended St. Catharine's grammar school in Pelham and Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, New York and was appointed to the Academy by Senator Ives of New York in 1958. He was known for his warm friendship, enthusiasm and interest in many activities, and willingness to assist all. He is remembered for his smile and easy manner. For him academics were no problem, athletics were a lifelong joy and daily Mass was a wellspring of strength. Dick was a manager for the football team and a member of a variety of clubs. Upon graduation in June 1962, he was commissioned a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers.

After attendance at the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Belvoir and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Dick was assigned as platoon leader and executive officer of Company E, 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Eighth US Army, Korea. Following a stint as principal instructor in the 1st Cavalry Division Main Battle Position School, he returned to lead his platoon "in a quiet but firm manner," training his men "to his own high standards."

He was then promoted to captain and assigned as commander, Company A, 20th Engineer Battalion, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. He was commended for his outstanding work and "sense of fair play," and was "respected by subordinate and superior alike." His service continued for the battalion as S-2 officer until assignment to Vietnam in August 1965.

While at Fort Devens, Dick married his lifelong sweetheart, Theresa Gates. As classmates and friends may recall, theirs was a long and sometimes tortuous courtship that began even before Dick came to the Academy. With time out for reflection while Dick was in Korea, their love weathered all. On 8 May 1965 they were married in time to endure the hardship of another separation for Vietnam.

Dick commanded the 553rd Engineer Detachment, which he had successfully organized, trained and moved from Fort Devens to join the 504th Engineer Detachment as part of the Saigon Area Engineer activity. As deputy area engineer, he was given expanded duties with the development of the Saigon area. As his unit took over the Navy repair and utilities function in the Saigon area, Dick's experience in base development assisted the US Army Support Command staff in planning and coordinating support for the III and IV Corps Areas. The build-up required "constant attention to his job" and long hours over an extended period. As described by his commander for performance under stress in a combat theater: "His even-tempered approach to harassing situations and perseverance in overcoming obstacles have made him the most valuable officer on my staff."

Knowing even then that the Army was not to be his chosen career, Dick served as always, for others, from the heart. He returned to the US Army Combat Developments Command Engineer Agency at Fort Belvoir and contributed to the development of new concepts and doctrine

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for Army engineer units. His experience, intellect and judgment were put to good use until his honorable discharge on 31 August 1967.

Dick then began pursuing his chosen field of special education. After completion of courses at American University in Washington, DC, he taught learning disabled, emotionally disturbed and educable retarded children in Southern Westchester County, New York. At the same time, Dick completed a master of arts degree in special education and became a doctoral candidate at New York University. He became the supervisor of Special Education in 1971 until taking a new position as school placement coordinator, Mt. Pleasant-Blythedale School District in 1975. He then became project coordinator for 28 districts of Southern Westchester. Dick belonged to the American Association of School Administrators and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Dick joined the Carmel, New York school district in 1980 as an assistant superintendent, the job he held when he died suddenly while jogging on Sunday, 14 June 1987. Despite Dick's respected position in such a large school district, he was described in the local press as a "very humble individual and among the finest human beings. . . . He always saw the bright side of everything." It is with heavy hearts that we give up such a friend to the Lord. In his lifetime he taught us a great deal about how to take everything in stride. For Dick, the West Point motto fit extremely well: he had a great understanding of Duty, Honor and Country.

Since the initial writing, his daughter Karen, 17 years old, was killed instantly in an automobile accident on 8 May 1988.

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ing) and headed for the other (143rd) RCT. After going a little way we picked up a wounded soldier who had a bullet through his thigh and left him at a field hospital. When we got to the 143rd area I found that they had withdrawn back across the river, so I returned to II Corps HQ and made a full report to General Keyes.

Ms. Smith wrote, "All the turmoil about the Bailey bridge was merely the result of inexperience on the part of Clark and Keyes. They did not have enough experience in command of a battle situation to know they could not effectively get tanks into the Liri Valley" (p. 103). This was not true. Keyes had commanded many river crossing operations, and Clark had Major General Ernest Harmon, commander of the 1st Armored Division as his armor advisor. Harmon felt that an exploitation up the Liri Valley was feasible.

In the Sicilian campaign, the Seventh Army with General Patton commanding and General Keyes his second in command invaded the southern coast of Sicily, fought to Palermo on the northwest coast then across to Messina on the Eastern tip, all before the British Eighth Army under General Montgomery went about one-fourth that distance to meet them.

In the sweep around two-thirds of Sicily, Keyes encountered every type of terrain: mountains, rivers and coastal areas. When General Patton was not in position to make the decisions, General Keyes was.

Lessons learned.

I thought that the division and regimental CP's were too far from the front and that they should have had advanced CP's. I don't know where the battallion CP's were—probably across the river but with no communication to a higher HQ.

The smoke was a handicap to our troops, more so than to the Germans, but the Chemical company that put down the smoke was attached to and under the command of the 36th Division. Had it been used to blind the German observation posts rather than obscure the infantry crossings the superiority of the US artillery could have given the US assault elements the support they needed to get across.

The fighting was tough for the first 36 hours but at the time when I was at the Rapido, the infantry could have marched the reserve to the river in column of squads, stood at parade rest while engineers threw a couple of pontoon bridges across the narrow river and then deployed on the other side.

On 23 January the 36th Division assumed a defensive role and II Corps resumed the attack with the 34th Division. The enemy positions were similar to those guarding the Rapido line where the 36th had attacked with an additional advantage of barren, rough and steep mountains overlooking the approaches to the Rapido. A dam had been blown to convert the already soggy plain into a quagmire impassable to armor except by the construction of corduroy roads.

Many irrigation and drainage ditches, extensive mine fields on each side of the river and barbed wire added to the infantry's difficulties. At 2150, 10 minutes before jump-off, flares went up from the enemy's lines indicating that there would be no surprise.

The fighting was bitter—some tanks slipped off the narrow flooded route, but others got across and on the morning of 31 January a platoon of infantry aided by a platoon of tanks, captured Cairo village and with it the headquarters of the German 131st Grenadier Regiment.

To sum up.

I don't know why Ms. Lee Carraway Smith chose to write this book at this particular time. My particular objection to *A River Swift and Deadly* is that its focus is too narrow and seems to blame everyone but the 36th Division's own leaders.

And the mechanics of the author's writing are as sloppy as her presentation of facts; e.g., Major Walter Bedell Smith instead of Major General; Colonel R. J. Woods instead of Wood; Colonel Francis M. Willems instead of John M. Willems. All attempts to establish communications with them *was* ineffectual. Walker realized that *nether* Keyes, nor those with him; nebelwefer instead of nebelwerfer; shue mines instead of schuh mines; Fronione instead of Frosinone.

And I just can't believe that General Frank O. Bowman, the Fifth Army Engineer, refused to see an officer seeking supplies in combat because "he didn't have an appointment." Several months after the Rapido phase when General Clark moved up and took command of the Fifteenth Army Group, he took his signal officer with him. I became the Fifth Army signal officer and got to know General Bowman very well. (We had comparable missions, in command of troops classified as both technical and combat, and ate at the same mess; I liked him for his ability and personality.) Refusing to see an officer under combat conditions because he didn't have an appointment just wasn't Frank Bowman's style.

And facts are facts.

Fifth Army was opposed by a tough, experienced, determined enemy all the way from Salerno to the Alps.

Anyone who wants to get a factual account of Fifth Army from its activation to the end of WW II should read *From Salerno to the Alps, A History of the Fifth Army, 1943–45*. It was edited by the Fifth Army historian, Lieutenant Colonel Chester G. Starr.

As I recall, Colonel Starr was a professional historian and in my occasional contacts with him, I found him intelligent, level headed and factual. His volume was published in 1948, three years after General Clark left Fifth Army, so I don't think there was any undue influence on Starr to color the script. In the considerable portion where I had first-hand knowledge of events, I found nothing to which I would take exception.

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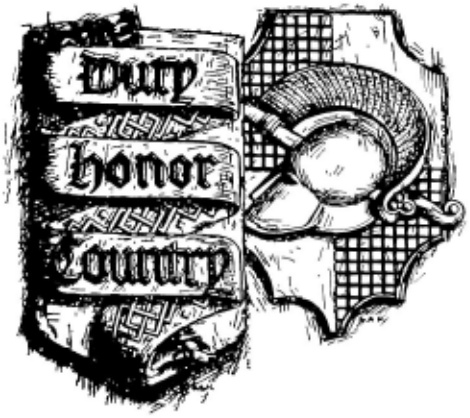

Last Roll Call

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the July 1991 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*		*Place of Death*
Joseph H. Hicks	1923	3 June	1991	Medford, Oregon
Lawrence L. Skinner	1923	24 June	1991	Salt Lake City, Utah
Arthur G. Trudeau	1924	5 June	1991	Chevy Chase, Maryland
Henry Ross	1926	27 June	1991	New York, New York
William H. Shimonek	1929	28 April	1991	Laurium, Michigan
Clifton L. MacLachlan	1931	8 April	1990	Spring Valley, California
Donald B. Webber	1931	1 July	1991	Greensboro, North Carolina
William M. Garland	1932	17 May	1991	Los Angeles, California
Samuel W. Horner, II	1932	4 June	1991	Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Marcus S. Griffin	1935	25 June	1991	Spartanburg, South Carolina
Carroll K. J. Bagby	1936	2 June	1991	Los Angeles, California
Welborn G. Dolvin	1939	17 May	1991	Stevensville, Virginia
George Y. Jumper	1939	22 November	1990	Santa Rosa, California
James F. Kreitzer	1940	13 April	1991	Calais, Maine
Churchill K. Wilcox	X-1940	18 February	1991	Bedford, Massachusetts
John R. Lovett	Jan-1943	28 July	1991	Orlando, Florida
Charles A. Wilson, Jr.	Jun-1943	23 June	1991	Alexandria, Virginia
Bernard C. Dailey, Jr.	1945	19 June	1991	Augusta, Georgia
Robert E. Hayes	1945	12 April	1991	Salinas, California
Claude K. Josey	1945	7 May	1991	Scotland, North Carolina
Francis A. Richter	1946	28 June	1991	Boston, Massachusetts
Joseph G. Rioux	1946	22 May	1972	Providence, Rhode Island
Donald R. Woods	1949	20 May	1991	Dallas, Texas
Charles W. Hammond	1950	31 May	1991	Fairfax, Virginia
William W. Palmer	1950	12 July	1991	Washington, DC
Mahlon G. Weed	1952	28 June	1991	Topeka, Kansas
Paul Fetko	1955	16 June	1991	Atlanta, Georgia
Charles L. Flynn	1955	6 April	1991	Prescott, Arizona
Stephen G. Hannan	1972	1 December	1990	San Francisco, California

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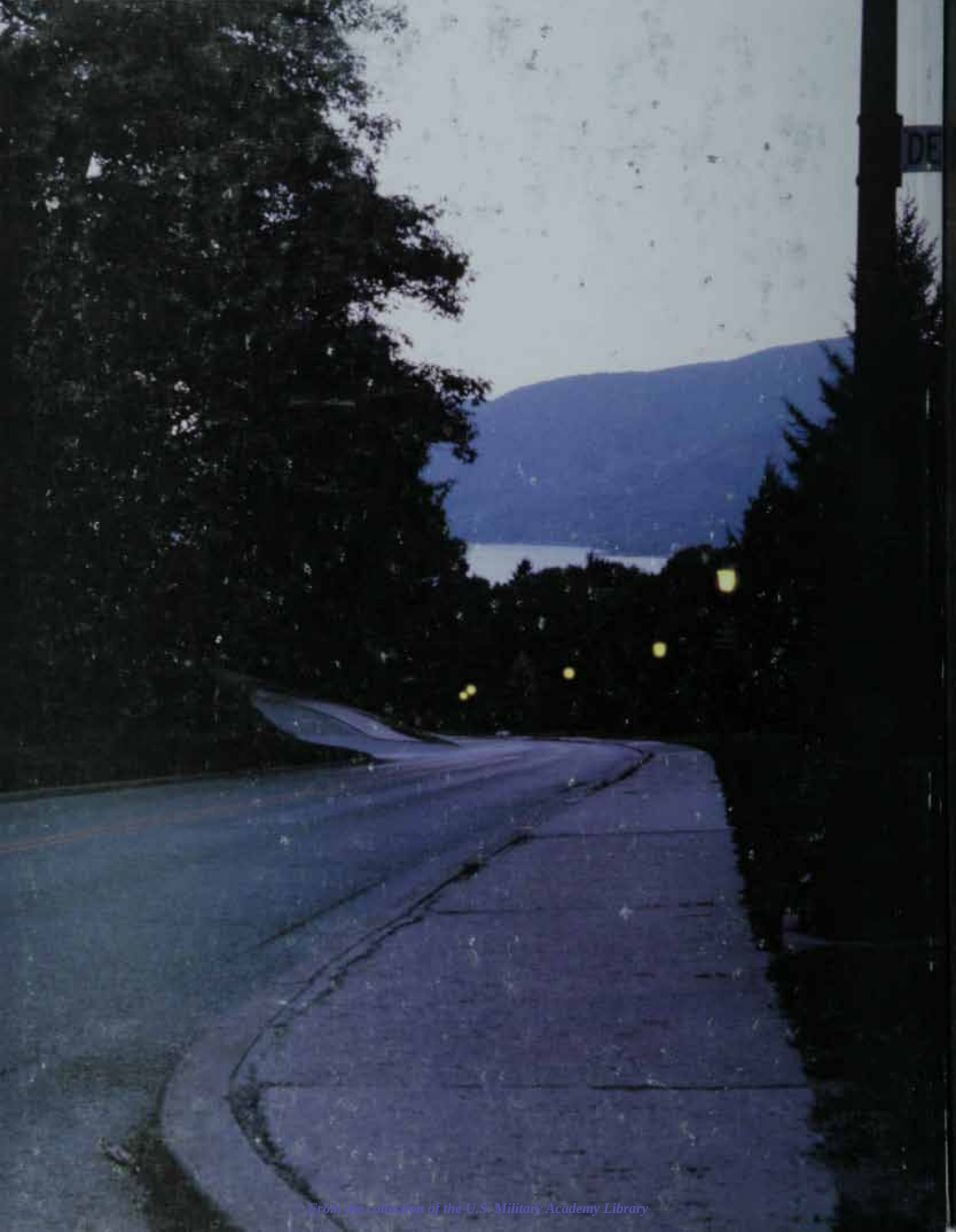

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