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Dear Graduates and Friends of USMA,

Gracie and I continue settling into Quarters 100, and I am well into learning my new job by doing it. As promised in the last *ASSEMBLY*, I would like to share with you what I have seen thus far and my impressions.

After hearing for sure in March that I would be coming to West Point, I accumulated a list of people with whom I wanted to talk—former superintendents, former Army leaders, the current military and civilian chain of command, and other alumni. All were generous in giving me the benefit of their time and thoughts about our Alma Mater. Thus, equipped with many impressions from outside the gates, Gracie and I arrived at West Point on 18 July.

On 22 July, the Army Chief of Staff, General Gordon Sullivan, conducted a beautiful change-of-command ceremony on the Plain. At that time, I publicly committed myself to four principles, which already had roots at West Point. First, USMA belongs to the Nation. It is to the Nation that we provide leaders of character and the Nation looks to USMA as a symbol of integrity, strength and continuity. Second, USMA belongs to the Army. It is to the Army that we provide officers with attributes for professional growth. Third, West Point is an integrated community of officers, cadets, enlisted soldiers, civilians, families, alumni, neighbors and friends. We must make West Point a fun place to live and work as we pursue excellence together. Last, we are judged by our actions, not words; and I am anxious to get on with the job.

With ceremonies completed, I have undertaken the task of visiting every activity on post to meet our people where they work and to gather impressions from inside the gates. I have visited the Commandant, the Dean, cadets in summer training, the academic departments, the coaches, the civilian personnel office, Stewart Army Subpost, the soldiers of the 1-1 Infantry, and our Academy and post staff elements—a process which has stretched over several months. Our Chief of Staff delayed our annual Family Life Symposium until Gracie and I could attend, which provided much information and many ideas. Everywhere I have gone, I have found hard-working professionals, willing to pull together on behalf of a better community.

In my visits to Cadet Basic Training (Beast) and Cadet Field Training (Buckner), as well as at Forts Knox and Leon-

ard Wood (where cadets were training Army recruits), I was impressed by the leadership training our cadets are experiencing. In their third summer, second class cadets are conducting realistic, hands-on training of their subordinates in many basic military skills. The experience not only hones their own skills, but also gives them an invaluable leadership opportunity. In their fourth summer, first class cadets are performing legitimate, officer-level duties at Beast or Buckner and in active Army units. For example, cadets in Panama this summer planned and conducted genuine live-fire missions for their platoons. The quality of the cadets' leadership is evident in their subordinates' accomplishments. The rate of successful completion of military tasks by the plebes in Beast was the highest in years. At Buckner, more than three out of four yearlings earned their Recondo patch. At Leonard Wood, I heard only one complaint from the cadets working in basic training—that the academic year was going to resume before their basic recruit trainees would graduate, and they did not want to miss the graduation ceremony of *THEIR* soldiers. That complaint I could savor. It indicates the kind of leaders we are developing.

As the Corps reassembled for the start of academics, I had my first opportunity to talk with the upperclasses. As Dave Palmer had done before me, I charged the First Class with special responsibilities as leaders of the Corps: to enhance the Corps' performance in drill and ceremonies, to ensure continued understanding and commitment to the Honor System, and to instill an earned sense of pride in the accomplishments and discipline of the Corps. Accompanying these tasks, of course, was enthusiastic support of Coach Bob Sutton's football team and of the other important fall-season Corps squads.

In my conversations with West Point's senior leaders, I find them soberly aware of the challenges that lay ahead of us. In the long run, the most important challenge of the future will be to continue to provide the Nation with leaders of character who will serve the common defense. Our model for leader development must remain relevant to the changing conditions of today's world. Those conditions present several complicating factors. In a time of increasingly confused social and moral values, West Point must continue to serve as a wellspring for the Nation of the fundamental



values of integrity, justice, service to others and to the Nation, respect for people and loyalty to the Constitutional system. Moreover, the attributes required by competent successful officers, both in the technology of the physical world and in the phenomena of human nature, grow increasingly complex.

Immediate challenges must be confronted as well. We need to restore our historic physical plant to the proper standard for developing our Army's leaders. As the Army and Defense establishment draw down, our management of our scarce resources must be extremely effective, and we must be zealous in protecting quality-of-life factors for our people. Service for officers and soldiers at West Point must be good for them and for the Army, returning them to the field Army more competent than when they arrived at West Point. Last, our Nation's Military Academy should be a bastion of commitment to selfless service.

Though my impressions of our Alma Mater—from outside the gates and from within—are still preliminary, I can say that I am totally confident about the Academy's ability to meet these challenges, because I am confident in the Academy's people, not only those who serve us at West Point, but our extraordinary alumni and the place you give West Point in your hearts.

From Gracie and me, best wishes and God's blessing,

Howard D. Graves  
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Back cover: USMA's 54th Superintendent, Lieutenant General Howard D. Graves, and General Edward C. (Shy) Meyer greet the incoming Class of 1995 on 13 August 1991 as they return from the Plebe Hike; see article page 11. Photo credit: Don O'Brien/Pointer View.

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# Letters to the Editor



## Changes in Cadet Life at USMA

I read with interest COL Donithorne's summary of changes at USMA in the Sept '91 issue of *ASSEMBLY*. It is reassuring to note that the cadets' time continues to be engineered to the *n*th degree, although the concept of leaves and passes makes me wonder if "the Corps has. . ."

With respect to the due process rights of cadets and chapel attendance, it must have come as a real shock to USMA to learn that it is not above the law of the land.

I can only assume that cadets who elect not to attend chapel are provided some other character-building activity in lieu thereof.

David M. Chase  
Class of June 1943

## Military vs. Media Controversy Continues

I feel obligated to respond to the views stated in the column entitled "The Military versus the Media—Contrasting Professions" (*Assembly*, July 1991, page 3).

In the first paragraph the author writes that "we military do not understand the media." That becomes quite evident as the rest of the article is filled with stereotypes and generalizations about the media.

He describes the media as willing to compromise truth and fairness "when this will heighten interest or better support a bias;" as "rebellious, undisciplined, hostile to authority;" as "trained to ferret out the dark side" of events; as focused solely on ratings and "on the bottom line."

Instead of refuting these comments, I will offer my viewpoints as someone who left the military to work in the Fourth Estate.

A reporter's goal is to report the truth. This quest demands a dedicated search for both sides of issues and the need to ask provocative and sometimes painful and embarrassing questions.

A reporter's loyalty is to his readers. He approaches stories with the public's interest in mind and, as battlefield history shows, he will risk his life to get the facts and file stories.

Reporters pride themselves on maintaining objectivity in their writing. I admit biases do slip through (they are human). But opinions are mainly relegated to newspapers' editorial pages, where guest columnists as well as readers are also provided space to pontificate.

The author was right on one count: a reporter is skeptical of everything he hears. He is not a public relations agent for the government and a newspaper is not a bulletin board for any group. Reporters have to ask why, seek out facts, and interview antagonists—the public expects it and occasionally demands it.

With this in mind, it is easy to see that there are innate differences between the media and the military. The latter would prefer to minimize the information flow and to see that only its view of events get told. The media meanwhile, want to find out everything and broadcast what they determine to be newsworthy. Thus, news stories will also include salient information from the enemy's camp.

During the Persian Gulf Conflict the military imposed the most stringent restrictions over media coverage in American history. It was said that "rarely have so many labored so hard to convey so little." All news releases had to clear a "security review" not required since Korea, and the press was herded into escorted pools which by most accounts invoked censorship.

But the military should not become complacent with its "victory" over the media. A coalition of media executives is currently seeking to change the Pentagon's rules for press coverage.

It behooves the military brass to work out a compromise and overcome its fear of the media. In the Gulf Conflict the geographic constraints and the brevity of the fighting aided military efforts to sanitize events. In the future, more accessible terrain and advances in communications technology will most likely preclude the military's ability to control the news.

Leonard J. Sbrocco  
Class of 1981

I am disturbed and dismayed by the publication of the article by Major General Herbert Sparrow on "The Military and the Media" in the July 1991 issue of *ASSEMBLY*. His article strikes me as a polemic with political overtones. . . .

General Sparrow begins by recognizing the "indispensable role" of a "free press" in a democracy and later disclaims any intention to "disparage the media." Yet, in large part, his article seems to do just that by presenting a smug, snide and one-sided view of a relationship that deserves more balanced treatment. For example, he attributes to military professionals the virtues of "veracity, accuracy, and fairness" that he finds wanting in media professionals—"less compelling" or "sometimes subordinated", in his words.

Undoubtedly, there were journalists and other media professionals in Vietnam who failed to measure up to these virtues in some degree. But there were soldiers, some in high places, who also fell short in these respects. Who had the greater integrity in Vietnam: General Paul Harkins or such men as Fred Ladd, John Paul Vann, Dan Porter and Bob York whose honest views on the true state of affairs in the Delta Harkins suppressed or the reporters who told the American people about their dissent from the Saigon party-line? What about the senior generals in Washington who didn't want to hear bad news and helped suppress it and conceal it from their political superiors?

General Sparrow states that he accepts the value and legitimacy of the press as a general proposition, but he seems to imply that its role in time of war may be less valuable or legitimate because it "poses problems." Is he suggesting that the press' role is less important or legitimate in war than in peace? Surely the responsibility of the press to inform the American people is most critical in time of war subject, of course, to restrictions necessary for reasons of military security.

I find troubling General Sparrow's characterization of the armed forces and the media as "business enterprises" driven by the "bottom line" of contrasting intrinsic worth: the military by "mission accomplishment" and the media by "ratings/circulation—and dollars." This unfavorable comparison trivializes the respective roles of the two institutions and their responsibilities to the people in a democracy. For the military cannot carry on a war without the support of the people, and the people will not support for long a war unless they are convinced

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ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES  
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Dear Fellow Graduates:

This month I'd like to tell you about an Association of Graduates program that, since its inception twelve years ago, has been one of our most successful endeavors. In December 1979 the Superintendent requested the AOG to administer and manage a preparatory scholarship program designed to help candidates prepare for the Military Academy.

The mission of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP) is to "provide partial academic scholarships for one year of post-secondary school education at preparatory schools and colleges for carefully selected and highly motivated young people seeking admission to West Point."

The Program Director is Colonel (Retired) Morris Herbert, who manages the WPPSP under strict NCAA rules which permit the AOG to provide scholarships to a limited number of recruited athletes, as well as to scholar/leader candidates. All candidates are referred to the AOG by USMA Admissions; all must have a completed file with Admissions; and all who accept a scholarship sign a statement that they will accept an offer of admission to West Point if it is tendered by USMA the following year. Scholar/leader candidates must be fully qualified for admission before being offered a scholarship, and recruited athletes must be judged by Admissions to be able to achieve qualification during their preparatory year.

Essentially, the Program provides a "second chance" to young men and women who are willing to spend an extra year of preparation before coming to West Point. Many of these scholarship candidates were disadvantaged by coming from a highly competitive congressional district; had they competed in another part of the country, they may well have been selected for an appointment.

Similar programs had been in existence at Navy and Air Force for over twenty years by the time our first group of 18 candidates reported to colleges, military junior colleges and preparatory schools for a year of intensive academic work in the fall of 1980.

The WPPSP is now well into its twelfth year. The USMA Office of Institutional Research recently completed a statistical analysis of the first ten years of the Program, and the resulting report documents the success achieved. Let me share some of the data and conclusions with you.

Since 1980 we have awarded scholarships to 413 candidates, including 99 recruited athletes. (I'm not counting the 48 candidates now attending colleges and prep schools in the 1991-92 Program.) Of these, 369 (89%) completed the scholarship year, and 313 accepted an offer of admission to West Point. Of these 313 WPPSP cadets, 270 (86%) have graduated or are still attending the Military Academy.

How do these numbers stack up against cadets entering West Point from sources other than the WPPSP? Well, of those candidates awarded scholarships, a significantly higher number are offered and accept admission to West Point than candidates applying from all other sources. About 20% of all fully qualified candidates are admitted each year, and the number of "second try" candidates admitted is even lower. Yet 76% of the WPPSP candidates who begin the scholarship year are admitted to West Point. Furthermore, a much higher percentage of WPPSP candidates graduate from West Point than cadets from all other sources. And finally, a significantly higher percentage of our recruited athletes letter in their sport *and* graduate than athletes from all other sources.

The Program is not inexpensive: the average cost of a partial academic scholarship was \$2,500.00 in 1990-91. The Military Academy Director of Admissions solidly supports the WPPSP, pointing out that it supplements the USMA Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth and provides another avenue for qualified and motivated young people to gain admission to West Point. We're proud of the achievements of the cadets benefiting from the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program, and we look forward to continued success in the next decade.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane  
President  
Association of Graduates  
USMA

# How CNN Fought the War: A View from the Inside

from the book by Major General Perry A. Smith '56

## Editor's Note:

During the Gulf War there were two military analysts working full-time for CNN. Both were USMA graduates: James A. Blackwell, Jr. '74, Deputy Director of Political Military Studies at the Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington, D.C. and Major General Perry M. Smith '56 (USAF, Retired), President of Visionary Leadership, Ltd., Augusta, Georgia. The accompanying article consists of excerpts from the first three chapters of General Smith's book, *How CNN Fought the War*, published by Birch Lane Press in 1991. James Blackwell is also the author of a new book on the war, *Thunder in the Desert: The Strategy and Tactics of the Persian Gulf War*, published by Bantam Books. Both books will be reviewed in a forthcoming issue of *ASSEMBLY*.



MG Perry Smith '56 (USAF Retired)



James A. Blackwell, Jr. '74

## The First Night and Its Aftermath

I have been welcomed memorably many times in my life. On December 7, 1941, at the age of six, I experienced a wild ride in an Army truck with my older sister and a bunch of other army brats as we returned from Sunday School to my home in Honolulu, Hawaii. My mother and my grandmother, who had sent us off to church that morning, before the Japanese attack began, were relieved beyond description when they realized we had survived and were safe. We were not a family that did a lot of hugging, but there was hugging all around that Sunday morning. Many years later, in August 1969, I was warmly welcomed back by my wife and two small children from a year of combat.

More recently, my wife and I were welcomed by family and friends in the city of Augusta, Georgia, when we moved there in 1990 to live out the rest of our lives. There have been many other times that I have been welcomed in the forty times I have picked up, packed up, and moved to a new location. Life as an army brat (the son of an army officer) and later as an air force officer was full of farewells and welcomes.

But I received one of my warmest welcomes ever when I walked into the CNN studio shortly after midnight, the

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**... I received one of my warmest welcomes ever when I walked into the CNN studio shortly after midnight, the night the war began.**

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night the war began. The producers, bookers, anchors, and staffers had been waiting for me impatiently. They felt they needed my analysis, particularly of the air campaign that had started in its full fury that night. I was quickly seated at the anchor desk, provided makeup on the spot, and launched into my first wartime television interview—at 12:18 AM on 17 January 1991.

There seemed to be no time for anyone to so much as whisper to me the first of the many questions I was to be asked. I was on my own in my initial commentary, which was watched live throughout the world. Remember, now, it is the first night of the war, eighteen minutes after midnight, and I have spent the hours since the war began (about 6:35 PM Eastern Standard Time) at a mad pace—grabbing a quick supper, doing an interview in my home for local television

(Channel 6, WJBF Augusta), packing my bags, watching the President's 9:00 PM address to the nation and driving from Augusta to Atlanta. But, remember, too, I had had that telephone conversation with my friend in the Pentagon on the way to the studio. That telephone call was probably the most fruitful call I had made in the last ten years.

In rapid order, CNN anchor Patrick Greenlaw asked me eleven questions. Let me summarize this question-and-answer period. Greenlaw wanted to know how the coalition had managed to do so well. I replied that the aircraft came in low, jammed the enemy radars, used some newly developed tactics, and overwhelmed the Iraqi air defense system. Asked if I was surprised at the success, I replied, "I am not really surprised, because we had so much time to practice. We have such good systems, and we have such a massive amount of air."

As I look back on this first wartime interview, I see that Greenlaw had very good questions. Within a few hours of the start of the war, he was asking about a mopping-up operation on the ground rather than talking about a lengthy ground campaign. I also see I made many errors that first night, although, happily, most of them were small. I had to react quickly to events, with little time for research. It was crystal clear on the first night of the Gulf War that the careful



Tom Johnson, CNN President

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research techniques I had learned at Columbia University would not and could not apply.

Having arrived at the anchor desk in the early morning hours of January 17, it seemed quite natural for me to stay in the studio to observe the activities and be ready to react to further events. Around three o'clock someone suggested that I try to catch some sleep, so I went to my room in the Omni Hotel. But there I turned on CNN and just couldn't keep my eyes off the screen. Like many viewers, I was so wrapped up in what was happening, so interested in what was going to happen next, and so caught up in all the reports coming in, that I could not fall asleep. This, I found, was true of almost everybody at CNN. Around the world, CNN employees quickly went into sleep deficit, not just because there was so much to do in the wee hours of the morning, but because it was impossible not to feel the excitement.

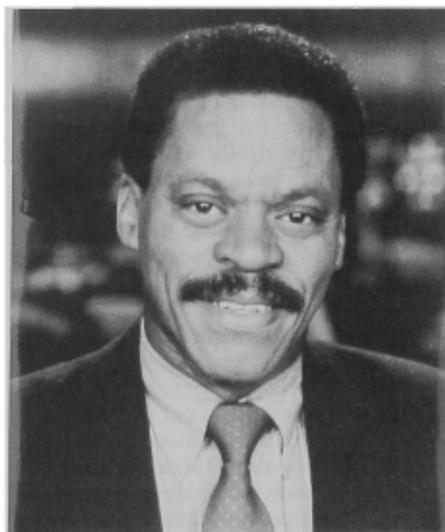
It would be hard to overemphasize how important the first days of the war were to CNN, to the future of twenty-four-hour reporting in times of crisis and combat, and, in a less happy way, to the other American networks, especially ABC, CBS and NBC.

As *Entertainment Weekly* magazine pointed out in its February 1 issue, "Within minutes of the first bomb burst

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**"Within minutes of the first bomb burst over Baghdad, the Cable News Network achieved total air superiority over the networks."**

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Bernard Shaw

Photo: CNN, Inc.

over Baghdad, the Cable News Network achieved total air superiority over the networks and held it until Iraq temporarily shut down the news operations some sixteen hours later. Ten-year-old CNN, the news organization once derided as the chicken noodle network, ordinarily scores less than one-tenth the ratings of competitors ABC, CBS, and NBC. But on January 16, the first day of the war, 10.8 million households tuned in to CNN, only 1.6 million short of CBS's score. Actually, CNN had an even bigger audience than the reported numbers, because hundreds of stations around the country carried its coverage, including many affiliates who switched from their own networks to feed to CNN's. As Dick Aiken of Britain's ITV Channel put it, "They cut to Bernie Shaw [CNN's anchor in Iraq] because it was clear that they were getting their heads handed to them."

The activity level in the CNN studio in Atlanta during this first day or two was awesome. There was much to be done. First, it was important that CNN continue to have live telephone coverage from Baghdad, while working hard to get live television coverage. CNN also wanted live television coverage from other key places in the Middle East, as well as new stories, insights, perspectives and points of view in order to inform and to hold the



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audience. CNN needed to obtain help from independent contractors and consultants in order to sustain and hold public interest. One of the most innovative actions of this first day or two was the rapid hiring of lots of people, some for a few days and some for the duration of the war. There was a full realization at every level in CNN that this was the time to act dynamically, to move quickly, to rapidly turn an idea into an on-the-air production, not just to beat the competition but to blow it away.

The activity level of the two men responsible for production, the frenetic Bob Furnad and the more placid Paul Amos, was interesting to watch. The tension was palpable, like electricity racing around that studio. Each night, I found it almost impossible to return to my hotel to sleep. Of all the places to be in America to watch the war unfold, the best was the CNN studio in Atlanta. History was being made, and people wanted to be there to report it.

As early as the second day, there was an air of congratulation, because the folks of CNN knew that the network was doing well. But it was self-congratulation based on the judgment that the work they were performing was first-rate and that the beats they were getting were legitimate. It wasn't just the generation of stories, but the handling of these

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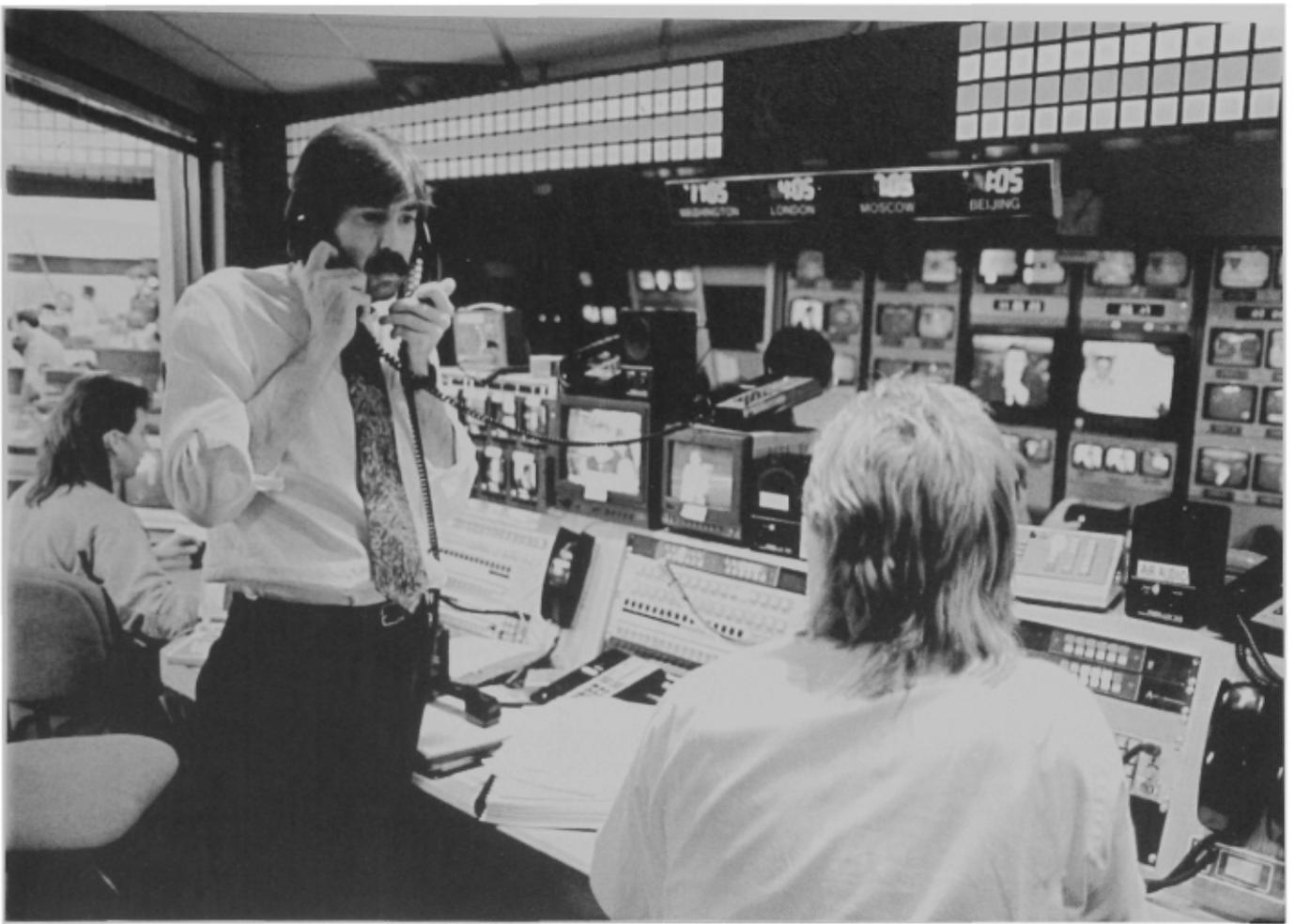
stories in a balanced way that provided most of the satisfaction.

As the war rolled on, CNN received a great deal of criticism from some quarters for having much coverage but very little analysis. That criticism was well founded during the first couple of days. However, the CNN leadership was aware of this weakness and soon began looking for ways to provide more and better analysis. By about the third day, a range of solid analysis was coming through.

Throughout the war CNN provided more analysis than the other networks. Bill Moyers provided broad strategic perspectives. Over sixty military experts provided views that went well beyond instant reaction to breaking events. Former officials in the Department of Defense, like Richard Perle and Francis "Bing" West, provided thoughtful analysis and perspective. The "Gulf Talk"

show, hosted by Bernard Shaw and featuring such guests as former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, aired daily at 11:00 PM; it was basically a half-hour of analysis. James Blackwell and I tried hard to provide more than just instant reaction to events; in fact, one of our goals was to grab as much camera time as we could to make available thorough, continual analysis. For instance, I wrote and delivered perspectives on combat leadership, civilian casualties of warfare, and myths and realities of the Gulf War; I recommended books, magazines, and newspapers; and I discussed leadership, empowerment, and integrity.

For many years to come, journalists will study the first few days of the Gulf War and ask how CNN succeeded so well. The answer is quite simple. CNN was ready. It was accomplished in providing twenty-four-hour coverage. The cable network had been doing this for over ten years, getting better and better at it with each passing year. CNN had the reporters, the satellite linkups, the engineers, the producers, and expert commentators in place or on standby. It had a leadership team which understood, before the war broke out, that this was going to be a story of giant proportions. They knew this war would provide an extraordinary opportunity for CNN to show its stuff to the world. CNN also



CNN Control Room in Atlanta

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possessed an innovative spirit. It was ready to spend money, to take risks, to try new things. . . .

The kind of innovation that CNN undertook early in the war can be seen from two examples. Someone suggested that the two military analysts be given telestrators (we called them the John Madden machines) to better describe the gun camera and strike camera film. James Blackwell and I each received one, got checked out quickly on the technique, and were using them on camera in less than a day's time. Someone else heard about a person who was an animator who could perform magic on a Macintosh computer. He was hired in an instant, and the moment he arrived from California he began working through the night to provide animation illustrating military systems at work. Receptivity to innovation and the velocity of decision making were two keys to CNN's coverage, particularly in those first few crucial days when viewers were deciding which network they would watch.

Throughout the war the work hours of the people at CNN, from the top producers all the way down to the staffers, were quite long. On average, they worked between ten and twelve hours a day, and in some cases fourteen and sixteen

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hours. They got about one day off each week, although many worked the first eighteen days without a single day off. Of course, they were very interested in their work and caught up in the intensity of the operation. They felt, and rightly so, that they were needed to support the operation, and so they worked very long hours without much complaint. The fact that the bosses were also working these very long hours, and were present and willing to listen to their ideas and complaints, made duty at CNN during this extraordinary period more a pleasure than a burden, more a privilege than an imposition.

The first day of the war deeply affected the lives of CNN employees around the world. January 16 was also the date of a momentous decision by Tom Johnson, the CNN president. In an interview with

Johnson in his office three weeks after Kuwait was liberated, I asked him what gave him the greatest agony during the war. Johnson said that without question it was an event that took place on the afternoon of January 16.

Johnson received a call from Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press spokesman, recommending, on behalf of President George Bush, that the CNN team in Baghdad be pulled out immediately. Fitzwater said that Baghdad was going to be very dangerous for the CNN team and their lives would soon be in grave danger. The CNN team in Baghdad consisted of three reporters, Bernie Shaw, John Holliman, and Peter Arnett, as well as a small group of cameramen, engineers, and other support personnel. Johnson faced a tough decision, and he had to make it fast.

In early January, Johnson had contracted for a jet at Amman, Jordan, at \$10,000 per day. It was prepared to zip into Baghdad and get his whole team out on very short notice, if necessary. Hence, he had a way to pull them out fast. After the telephone call from the White House, Johnson and his boss, Ted Turner, discussed the matter and decided that those who wanted to leave Baghdad could do so and those who wanted to



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stay could remain. All three correspondents, as well as the rest of the CNN team, elected to stay, with the full understanding that they might be facing considerable risks.

As the publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*, Johnson had seen two of his reporters killed, one in Teheran during the overthrow of the shah and another in Nicaragua during the civil war there. He knew what it was like to have employees who were also friends put their lives at risk in dangerous situations.

Johnson experienced one more agonizing moment during the early days of the Gulf War. On the second day, a call from NBC indicated [that] the Rashid Hotel was going to be bombed by Coalition aircraft that night.

The CNN team in Baghdad might be in grave danger. Johnson called Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in the Pentagon and told him that he knew he was way out of bounds in raising this issue, but was it true that the Rashid Hotel was about to be bombed? Powell was incensed. The hotel was filled with civilians, including one of Powell's close friends, Bernie Shaw. How could Johnson think such a thing? This was not one of the most pleasant conversations Johnson had dur-

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ing the war, but it greatly eased his concerns. The Rashid Hotel was never bombed.

### **The CNN Background**

**I**n order to grasp the impact that CNN made in capturing the attention of the world, it is essential to understand a bit of the CNN background and how it got to where it was when the Gulf War started. CNN was the dream of Ted Turner, who wanted to form a twenty-four-hour cable news network. Despite the great skepticism of many people, he assembled a competent team in the late 1970s and launched CNN in 1980. It got off to a rocky start. A multitude of mistakes were made trying to maintain twenty-four-hour news coverage and keep it fresh and interesting.

CNN thus received mixed reviews, at best, during the early years. More recently, the staff had grown and improved, the satellite hookups had increased, and the numbers and talents of people in Atlanta, Washington, and out in the field had become somewhat more impressive.

The coverage of a number of major crises had put CNN on the map even before the Gulf War. The bombing of the US Marine Corps barracks in Lebanon in 1983, the *Challenger* space shuttle tragedy in 1985, the heartwarming rescue of Jessica McClure from an abandoned well in west Texas in 1987, and the Tiananmen Square crisis in Beijing in 1989 showed the world how thoroughly CNN could cover major crises and disasters. With each crisis CNN made mistakes, but with each it also became more proficient.

Some of CNN's key reporters and anchors also gained recognition during noncrisis periods. In the presidential campaign of 1988, it was Bernard Shaw of CNN who asked the most devastating question. Right off the bat, in the second debate between Michael Dukakis and George Bush, Shaw asked Dukakis about his views on capital punishment: would they change if his wife, Kitty,

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# Class of 1995 begins West Point experience

By Joe Dineen, Admissions Media Office, USMA

The early morning July sun signaled a warm, humid day as a continuous stream of anxious young men and women walked into Holleder Center with friends and family to begin Reception Day activities at the United States Military Academy.

These members of the Class of 1995 came from every state in the nation, some of the best and the brightest of our future leaders. In the next few hours they would undergo a unique transition from civilian to military life, an unforgettable experience that they will talk about for many years to come.

These 1,248 exceptional students and leaders were chosen from among more than 12,000 applicants. They succeeded in a highly competitive admissions process which was all the more challenging because the Department of Defense required the entering class to be reduced in size by 100. Future entering classes are expected to remain at about this size until the Academy reaches a reduced authorized strength of 4,000.

While the 1,248 members of the class represent the smallest USMA class since 1968, their high school records were impeccable. There were 97 class valedictorians and 70 salutatorians. National Honor Society recognition was achieved by 834 during their high school career and 276 received National Merit Scholarship recognition.

Now they began challenging themselves at West Point, learning how to handle the rigorous physical and mental stresses of the six-week Cadet Basic Training program. The new cadets appeared physically prepared. Over 91 percent had participated in varsity athletics while in high school, and all had received guidance from the Admissions Office on how to condition themselves.

On R-Day these young men and women participated in a whirlwind of activities. They were poked by medics, shorn by barbers, measured by tailors, drilled and commanded by cadet leaders and, finally, paraded before their parents and friends to take the Oath of Allegiance on The Plain. Many times during the day they made mistakes, but they were quickly corrected by the cadet cadre. It was frustrating, challenging and emotionally draining.

A few members of the Class of 1995 fell by the wayside after a few weeks because the transition to military life

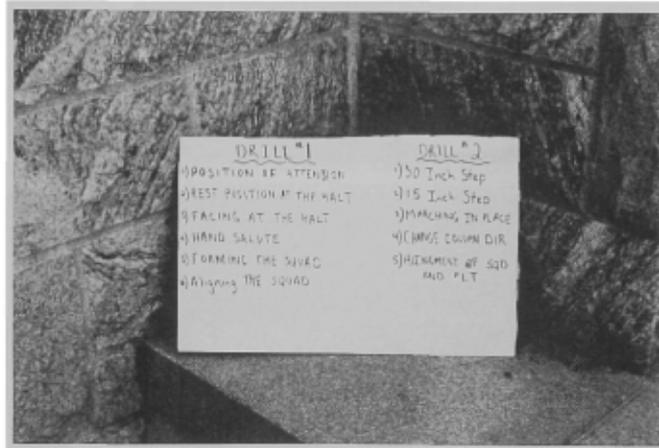
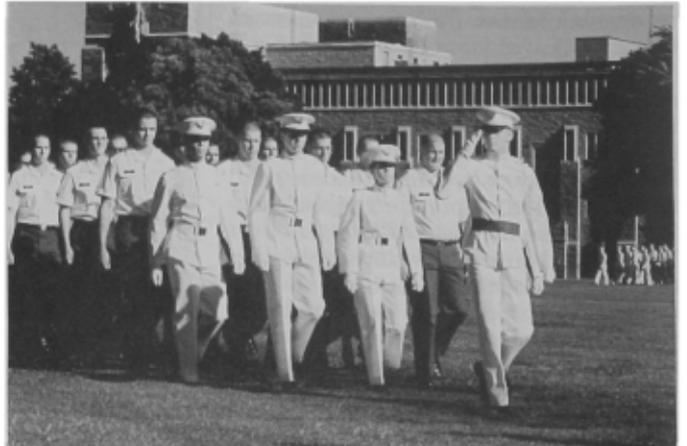
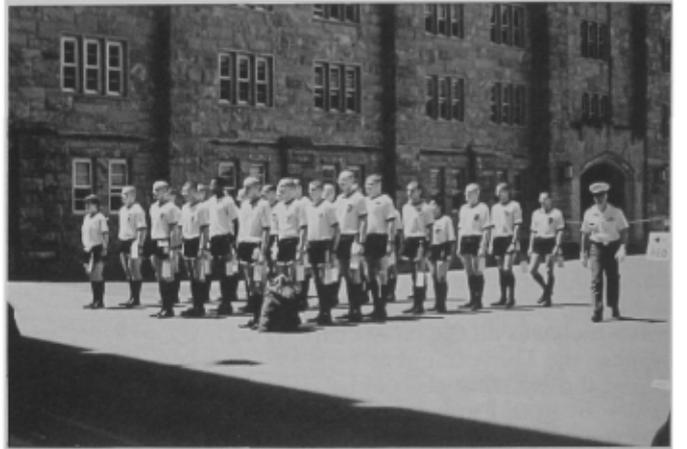


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was not what they expected, but this is not unusual. The loss rate of this class during Cadet Basic Training, however, is the lowest in five years.

It is difficult to assess the reasons for early strong retention for the Class of 1995. In all probability it will prove to be a combination of a more professional leadership development emphasis by the cadet cadre, better decision-making by candidates and better preparation by the entering class.

The Class of 1995 was selected during a period when the pool of high school graduates continues to decline. While the West Point applicant pool decreased by four percent, the number of nominations dropped by nine percent to 4,500. That is the lowest number of nominations since 1968.

"The Class of 1995 is another very strong class, comparing most favorably to our most recent West Point classes," says COL Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions. "There were declines in nominated candidates, but the number of fully-qualified candidates increased slightly and the overall quality of the class is very high.

"The decline in the applicant pool was expected because of the dynamics of the high school population demographics," adds COL Rushton. "The continuing decline in nominated candidates is a concern, and we are working hard to make sure our applicants fully understand the requirements for obtaining a nomination. We will face continuing declines in the high school applicant pool until 1994, according to demographic projections. That makes our task more difficult, but I am confident we will continue to fulfill our goals to enroll the most qualified students in the nation."

#### Class of 1995 Profile

Volume of Applicants	Men	Women
Applicant Files Started	10,521	1,728
Nominated and Examined	3,869	631
Qualified (academically, medically & physically)	1,958	289
Admitted	1,090	158

#### Rank in High School Class

First Fifth	85%
Second Fifth	10%
Third Fifth	5%
Fourth Fifth	0%
Bottom Fifth	0%

#### American College Testing (ACT) Assessment Program Scores\*

Range	Eng	Math	Sci Reas	Read
31-36	13%	23%	12%	30%
26-30	54%	61%	49%	41%
21-25	31%	16%	33%	24%
16-20	2%	0%	6%	5%
11-15	0%	0%	0%	0%
Mean	27	28	26	28

#### College Board Admissions Testing Program Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Scores\*

Range	Verbal	Math
700-800	4%	24%
600-699	29%	55%
500-599	48%	21%
400-499	19%	0%
300-399	0%	0%
Mean	559	648

\*Includes only scores used as a basis for admission.

#### Academic Honors

Class Valedictorians	97
Class Salutatorians	70
National Merit Scholarship Recognition	276
National Honor Society	834

#### Activities

Boys/Girls State Delegate	315
Class President or Student Body President	307
School Publication Staff	
School Paper Editor, Co-Editor, Staff	269
Yearbook Editor, Co-Editor, Staff	255
Debating	189
Dramatics	199
Scouting Participants	489
Eagle Scout (men) or Gold Award (women)	139
Varsity Athletics	
Participants	1,132
Letter Winner	1,115
Team Captain	716

A closer look at the profile of the Class of 1995 demonstrates the overall quality of this group of students. The mean Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score was 1207. The verbal portion of the SAT had a mean of 559 while the math portion mean was 648. Eight-five percent ranked in the top fifth of their class. The class also possesses excellent leadership credentials. Twenty-six percent of the class participated in Boys and Girls State programs and 25 percent were senior class presidents or student council presidents while in high school. Forty percent of the class participated in scouting programs, and, among these, 16 percent earned the Eagle Scout or Gold Award, the highest rank a scout can attain.

# Firsties Ring In Senior Year

For the first time ever, cadet firsties stood together while overlooking the "million dollar view" at Trophy Point, as they slipped their most-coveted symbols of graduation onto their ring fingers.

Often referred to as their "crass mass of brass and glass," this year's firstie class made history by being the first to receive their class rings in a ceremony overlooking the Hudson.

Traditionally held in the Cadet Mess, this year's ceremony took on a special significance for many, due to its inspir-

ing location.

"It gave me a better feeling than if it were held in the mess hall," said Cadet Matthew Brantley. "We could see the whole class standing there together, instead of just sitting around at tables.

"It was a great experience! My ring represents survival through three years of West Point, through all of the stuff I've been through," said Cadet Brantley.

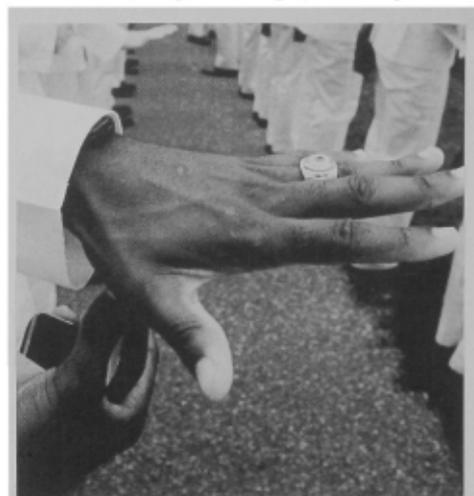
After a somewhat private ceremony on Trophy Point (friends and family were asked to wait across the street), cadets were free to show off their symbols of graduation to friends, family and classmates.

The festivities didn't end on Friday

afternoon, however; the traditional formal ball was held in Eisenhower Hall on Saturday evening.

"Just knowing I have it on my finger makes me ecstatic," said Cadet Doug Brown. "I worked so hard for it, and it means so much to me. But when I told my mom over the phone, I think she was more emotional than I was, though. The ring not only represents the time I've been here, but my future. It will help me remember the Duty, Honor, Country motto."

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# Charles L. Decker Auditorium Dedication

Law Day, 1 May 1991

by Major David E. Bell



Major General Charles L. Decker '31

Major General Charles Lowman Decker '31 devoted much of his legal career to improving upon the provision of legal services to soldiers and civilians. On Law Day, 1 May 1991, The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army, recognized General Decker's many accomplishments by dedicating its auditorium to his memory. The dedication commemorated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the school on the grounds of the University of Virginia in August 1951. General Decker established the school in Charlottesville, served as its first Commandant and later became The Judge Advocate General.

The dedication activities were held in the 325-seat auditorium, which is located in the JAG School's recently completed 48,000 square-foot addition. Among the many distinguished guests who attended the dedication activities were Mrs. Suzanne Decker, General Decker's widow; Major General John L. Fugh, The Judge Advocate General; former Judge Advocate Generals; former Commandants and instructors; representatives of the University of Virginia and Department of Defense communities; and friends of the school.

Charles Lowman Decker was born in Oskaloosa, Kansas, on 18 October 1906. Born during the time when President Teddy Roosevelt was receiving widespread publicity, young Decker's godfather nicknamed him "Teddy." Shortened to "Ted," the nickname stuck with him throughout his life.

Ted worked his way through high school, graduated with honors, and entered the University of Kansas at age 16. At 18, he was ready to enter medical school, but his father secured an appointment for him to West Point, and Ted changed his career plans.

At West Point, true to his earlier academic leanings, he excelled in the humanities. Having previously worked during school terms, he relished the thought of participating in outside activities, a desire he fulfilled in a variety of extra-curricular activities: the Tenth Squad; Cadet Chapel Choir; Color Line and Camp Illumination activities; president of the Dialectic Society; managing editor of the *Howitzer*; and author and producer of the Hundredth Night Show in 1931.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry, he reported to the 29th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia, in the fall of 1931. Service in the 29th was followed by a year at the Infantry School, a year with the 14th Infantry, and a year at Panama Canal Department Headquarters. In 1936 he returned to West Point to teach English and law. It was there that he won a competitive law school detail and transferred to The Judge Advocate General's



From L to R: Mrs. Suzanne Decker, MG Decker's widow; COL (Ret) Kenneth C. Crawford, former Commandant; MG (Ret) Kenneth J. Hodson, former TJAG; COL Thomas M. Strassburg, Commandant; and MG John L. Fugh, Acting Judge Advocate General, at the unveiling of MG Decker's portrait and bronze tablet commemorating the dedication. Photo credit: Harriet C. Sherwood

Department. He entered Georgetown Law School in 1939 and graduated in 1942, first in his class.

With the advent of World War II, he served as Staff Judge Advocate of the 97th Division at Camp Swift, Texas. After prosecuting the Camp Van Dorn mutinies in the summer of 1943, he reported to Fort DuPont to go overseas as the Staff Judge Advocate for the XIII Corps. Ninety days after reporting, he was promoted to Colonel.

V-E Day found him at Headquarters, XIII Corps, 35 miles west of Berlin. He was promptly appointed Deputy Judge Advocate of the Theater. With over 8 million military personnel under the jurisdiction of the Theater, and the end of the war, new legal issues arose daily. It was during this challenging period that he resolved to establish an advanced school for judge advocates.

In May 1947, Colonel Decker returned to the States and established a special projects division. The first project was the preparation of the 1948 Manual for Courts-Martial. The manual included the reforms enacted as a result of World War II experiences.

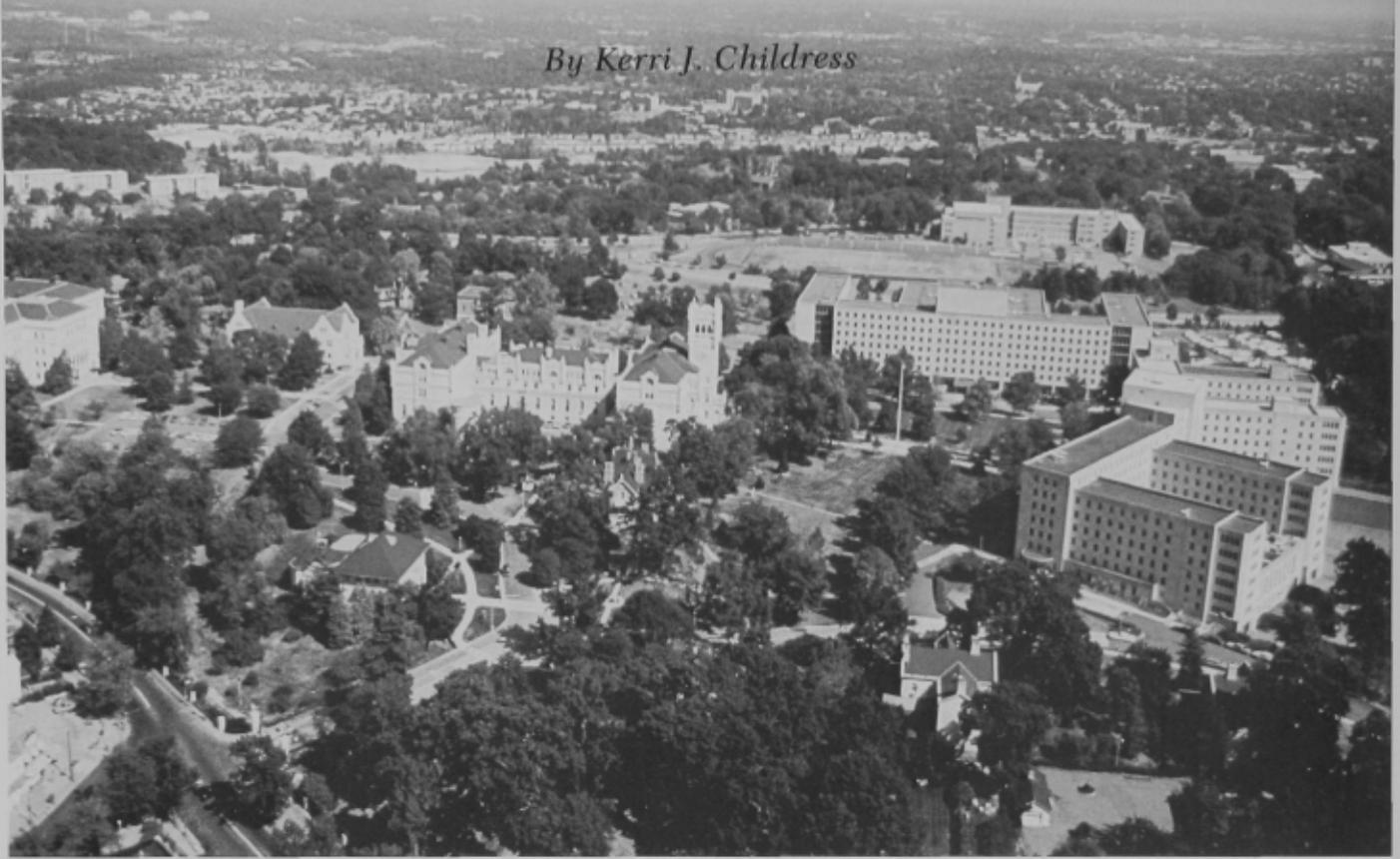
Colonel Decker had suggested the establishment of an advanced school for judge advocates long before 1951. Although basic legal education for military attorneys had been provided between 1942-46, there was no military school for advanced legal education. While still working with the MCM, he was placed in charge of establishing a Judge Advocate General's school.

In 1951 he completed arrangements with the University of Virginia Law School for lease of academic and office space. In August 1951 the school opened

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# West Point and the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home

*By Kerri J. Childress*



An aerial view of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C., shows the four hotel-sized dormitories that house 2,000 of our Nation's distinguished veterans. Not shown is the King Health Center, a 385-bed long-term health care facility. (USSAH photo)

**N**estled in the heart of our Nation's Capital, the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home (USSAH) is a 300-acre park-like setting in which 2,000 men and women have found a home. It is no longer accurate to call it "The Old Soldiers' Home," although it is still home to many of our older retirees. One step onto the grounds banishes misconceptions of an asylum for old men fading into their twilight years.

USSAH is a thriving and active community that offers a haven of retreat to 20-year veterans who devoted their lives to the Regular Army. It is a living example of "the Army taking care of its own."

Owned and financed by enlisted soldiers and airmen, and operated exclusively for their benefit, this unique institution was, nevertheless, planned and built by members of the officer corps, many of them graduates of West Point. Several were prominent and famous graduates of the Military Academy, a school preeminent for its technical and engineering expertise in the 19th Century. In fact, throughout the Home's 140-year history, the traditions of West Point have shaped its character and fostered its development.

The Soldiers' Home became a reality in March 1851, when Congress approved "a military asylum for the relief and support of invalid and disabled soldiers of the Army." Its origins date back years earlier, when certain Army officers, who deplored the fact that disabled and aged Regular soldiers were often left to fend for themselves, encouraged Congress to build an asylum. Among those who dreamed of such a haven of retreat was General (then Major) Robert Anderson, USMA 1825, who later gained fame for his defense of Fort Sumter in 1861. It was Anderson's idea to establish a system whereby the institution would be self-funded and, therefore, no burden on a reluctant Federal government. This funding scheme formed the basis on which the Home was finally authorized, and on which it still operates today.

The initial capital for constructing the Home came from \$54,000 in unexpended funds that were set aside by the government following the Mexican War as part of the tribute that was levied on Mexico City by the victorious General Winfield Scott. Scott, like Anderson, played a major role in establishing the Home. A statue of General Scott stands

on a hillside at USSAH as a tribute to his efforts. Since that meager beginning, not one additional tax dollar has been spent on the Home's operation. In addition to the 50-cent levy on all Army and Air Force enlisted personnel, operational costs are paid for by fines and forfeitures imposed on wayward military members; by interest paid on the Trust Fund; and by a 25-percent user fee paid by the residents from their federal annuities, which include retired pay, VA pensions and social security.

## **The Buildings**

The first building phase at the new Military Asylum was carried out under the supervision of Lieutenant Barton S. Alexander, USMA 1842. Alexander was no random choice as architect. In 1851, he was Treasurer of West Point and had been recalled to the Academy to supervise the completion of the Central Barracks. Until its demolition in 1970, it was the oldest Cadet building on the original West Point site that remained in use. It was Alexander who designed and supervised the construction of the first barracks at the Home in 1854, (then called

Maj. Gen. Donald C. Hilbert, USMA 1955, governor of the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C., discusses renovation possibilities for the Sherman dormitory with home members Donald Collins, William Brown and Joyce Reinolt. The Sherman building is nearly 140 years old and was designed by Barton S. Alexander, USMA 1842, who worked on Central Barracks at West Point.



Scott Hall), and Quarters 1 and 2 (living quarters for the governor and the deputy governor). Built with an obvious West Point flare, these buildings are still in use today and are in the National Registry of Historic Buildings. Both the choice of Alexander as architect and the choice of design for the new buildings reflect an obvious link between the Soldiers' Home and West Point.

Since that period, the Home has expanded to include four hotel-sized dormitories and a hospital for long-term health care of the aged. Health care services range from community nursing and assisted living for those in the dormitories to primary, intermediate and skilled-care at the King Health Center. This 385-bed, well-equipped, long-term care facility is dedicated exclusively to the members and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Everything from dentures to medicines are provided at no extra charge—and all this for an average user fee of \$271 per month. In addition to the Sherman building designed by Alexander, another dormitory, the Grant building, built in the early 1900s, also has antecedents at West Point. According to a report from the Board of Commissioners in 1904, the constructing officer of Grant was instructed “to proceed to West Point to inspect the plant (Cadet Mess Hall) with a view to the preparation of plans suitable to the needs of the Home in the new building.” The Grant building is present-



Gen. Robert Anderson, USMA 1825, in an effort to find relief for disabled and aged Regular soldiers, worked alongside Gen. Winfield Scott in establishing the “Soldiers’ Home,” 140 years ago. Today, 2,000 distinguished veterans of the Army and Air Force live in modern facilities that far surpass the “asylum for old and disabled soldiers” that Anderson envisioned. (National Archives photo)

ly scheduled for renovation to modern living quarters, while at the same time preserving its historical significance.

### Leadership

Maj. Gen. Donald C. Hilbert (Retired), USMA 1955, is the most recent in a long line of governors of the Home graduated from West Point. In fact, of the 25 men who have been governor since 1851, 19 were from the Academy. Of the deputy governors, 69 percent were USMA graduates, including Col. John W. Gheen, USMA 1954, who currently holds the post. In addition, Col. James L. Trayers, USMA 1950, is the Home’s director of engineering. The staff at the Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home is overseen by a Board of Commissioners, predominantly composed of Army and Air Force officers—most of whom, again, were West Point graduates. Never in the 14 decades of the facility’s existence have the traditions of West Point been lacking among its commissioners and governors, and it has been these men that have overseen the Soldiers’ Home’s evolution.

Such men as Maj. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis, USMA 1846; Brig. Gen. John C. Kelton, USMA 1851; Brig. Gen. George D. Ruggles, USMA 1855; Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, USMA 1875; Maj. Gen. Henry P. McCain 1886, and Gen. Wade H. Haislip, USMA 1921, not only brought prestige to the Home, but performed long and varied service.



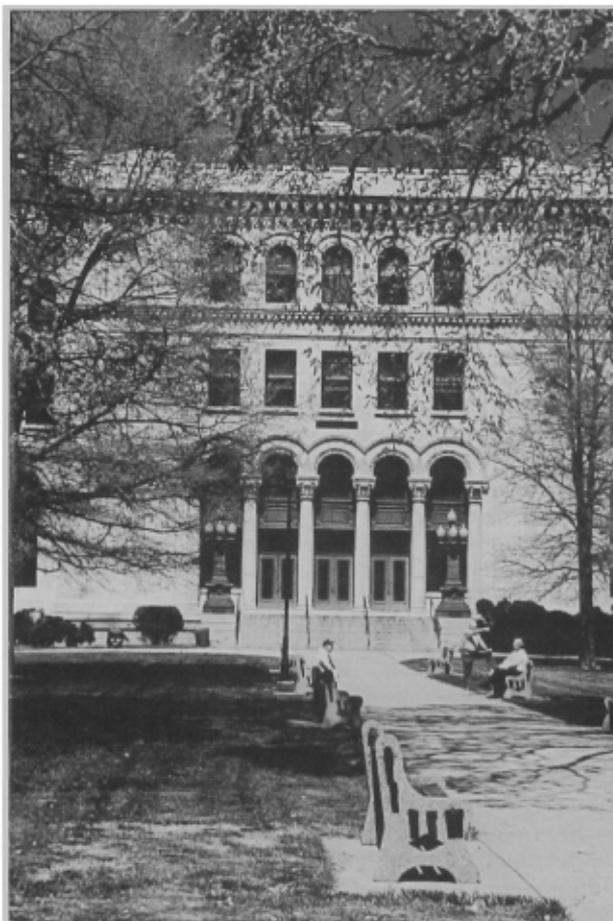
A statue of Gen. Winfield Scott holds a prominent location at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C. Scott, who had always been an advocate of a home for aged and disabled soldiers, is remembered today as the Home's principal founder. (Photo by Kerri Childress)

These leaders have taken the Home from an "asylum for old and disabled soldiers," to a retirement community that offers a secure and comfortable lifestyle filled with activity. Whereas "inmates" once lived in 8-man squad rooms, most of today's members have private rooms, and many have private baths and walk-in closets. Ongoing renovation will enable all members to have private baths and amenities such as cable TV, air-conditioning and elevators. Three meals a day are served in a modern cafeteria that seats 1,400 people. The facility offers a wide variety of food, including short-order and special diet lines, and a salad bar. A city within a city, the Home has its own laundry, banking facilities and post office, as well as three chapels, a large gymnasium and a six-lane bowling alley. Residents can get their shirts laundered and their clothing pressed. They can even board the Homes' private bus for a day at a nearby sporting event or museum.

For those interested in hobbies, there are arts and crafts shops that cater to everyone's talents: woodworking, ceramics, photography, oil painting and picture framing. Near the well-groomed, nine-hole golf course and driving range are garden plots and two tranquil lakes with crappie, bass and brim. The growth and changes in the Home would boggle the mind of General Anderson, who conceived of the Home almost a century-and-



The Sherman dormitory (originally called Scott) is a landmark at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C. Built by the same architect who designed buildings at West Point, the Sherman is only one of the four dormitories at the Home. To the left is the Anderson Cottage, named after Gen. Robert Anderson, USMA 1825, who helped establish the Home. Anderson Cottage was the summer White House for three U.S. Presidents, including Abraham Lincoln. (Photo by Pat Hasz)



Members of the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home relax in front of the Grant dormitory. Grant is one of four hotel-sized dormitories at the Home and was based upon the design of the old Cadet Mess at West Point. (Photo by Pat Hasz)

a-half ago. But throughout its evolution, the leaders never lost sight of the Home's purpose: a safe haven for the men and

women who fought and sacrificed for the liberties we enjoy today. It is, after all, a special place for special people.

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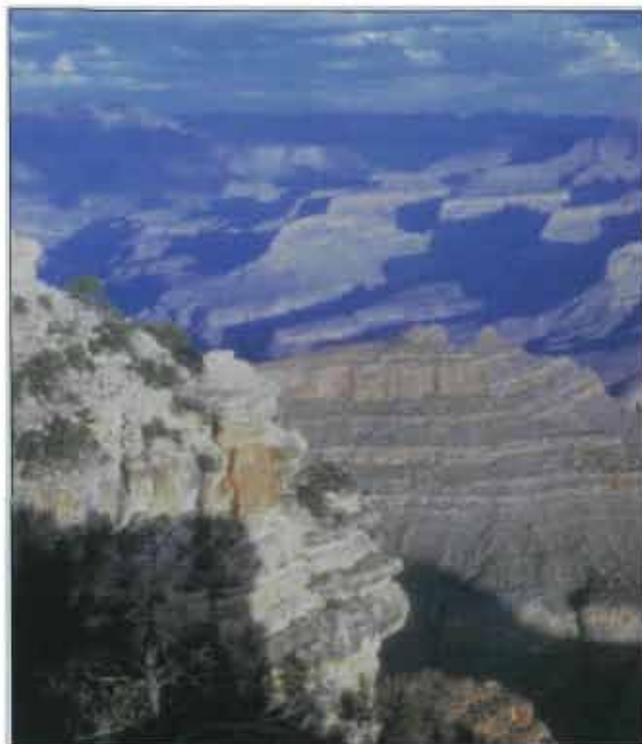
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Upon entering Cullum Hall, one's first encounter with the Association of Graduates most likely will be with the Gift Shop staff located on the first floor of the 91-year-old building. The Gift Shop caters to walk-in visitors—USMA alumni, cadets, West Point military and civilian personnel and occasional tourists—as well as mail orders garnered from its annual catalogue. In fact, 80% of its business is done "behind the scenes" in the downstairs stockroom, where these mail orders are prepared and shipped.

The products carried by the Gift Shop are extensive—over 500 items are available, including furniture, glassware, silver, plaques, hats, tee-shirts and sweatshirts, scarves, jewelry and more—all carrying a distinctive logo or other indicia of West Point. Many of these mementos are engravable and make excellent reunion souvenirs, presentation awards and wedding party favors and attendant gifts. Reunion items can be customized with class crests, and quantity discounts are offered for large orders.

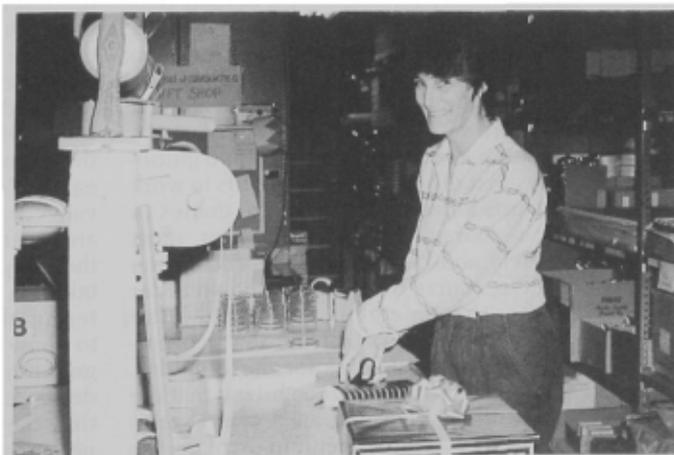
The AOG Gift Shop is ably staffed by a trio of workers: Patty Powell, Gift Shop Manager; Marge Annan, Stockroom Manager; and Roberta Jones, Store Salesperson. Mrs. Powell, employed at the AOG since September 1985, has managed the Gift Shop since 1987, overseeing all walk-in and mail-order business. She is responsible for dealing with hundreds of vendors in order to maintain stock levels and carry the widest array of merchandise possible. Continually seeking to offer new items suggested by customer inquiries, she also accepts new merchandise on a trial basis, judging from customer response



(L-R) Roberta Jones, Marge Annan and Patty Powell help a customer in the AOG Gift Shop



Roberta Jones rings up a mail-order purchase on the AOG Gift Shop's computer system



Marge Annan prepares a package for shipping in the stockroom

whether to add it to the Gift Shop's existing product line. She also handles special orders for reunions and other events.

Marge Annan has worked in the Gift Shop since October 1989 and is in charge of the shipping and receiving of all mail orders. Items listed in the catalogue normally are shipped via UPS, but orders may be sent via second-day or overnight delivery for a small additional charge. Gift-wrapping is also available for a nominal charge. According to Mrs. Annan, the busiest times of the year are Graduation Week and Christmas, when 80% of the Gift Shop's business is done—up to one hundred packages a day!

Roberta Jones, who joined the Gift Shop staff in March 1991, handles over-the-counter sales in the store, which is open Monday through Friday from 11:00 am–4:30 pm and on football Saturdays (home games) in the fall from 8:00 am–noon. She handles a high volume of telephone sales as well.

Plans are already underway for the Gift Shop's relocation to the new Alumni Center, which is to be constructed on the site of the old Smith Rink. At its new location, the AOG Gift Shop will have a separate outside entrance, enabling it to be open beyond the standard business hours of the Association of Graduates. The new store will also have window displays, an expanded sales area and a larger stockroom to handle its increasing volume of business.

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# Academic Limits

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



## Remember “The Curve” and “Section Tenths”?

**F**or the last few years instructors often heard cadets say, “I’m going to ride the curve.” In more ancient days, a similar comment might have been “I’m counting on getting section tenths.”

We hope both of these terms have faded into oblivion. In response to suggestions from outside reviews, internal studies by the staff and faculty and some pushes from the cadets, West Point has spent a great deal of time looking at our grading policies and how we might ensure that all cadets, in fact, can shoot for “stars,” or at least the Dean’s List, without sensing some invisible wall that will prevent them from reaching their goal.

For the more recent graduates I should point out that section tenths developed in the days when essentially an entire class would be enrolled in the same course. Within the course, sections

may have even successfully completed, at another college, the courses they were taking at West Point. As a result, the upper sections moved quickly through the standard material and by the end of the term were covering material that would never be seen by the lower sections. For “fairness” reasons, those in the upper sections, who were covering more difficult subjects, were often given grade protection in the form of “section tenths”, i.e., instructors assumed that those in the top sections should be getting at least a 2.4 (out of 3.0) in the grading. (This would be a B– or an 80 in today’s system.)

In more recent days section tenths were replaced by “the curve.” Over time

was similarly limited: “They can’t flunk us all!” Some faculty members were uncomfortable adjusting grades to match the expected distribution. Needless to say, this situation did not do much for academic excellence.

The West Point Study Group, which followed the 1976 Borman Commission, spoke strongly against sectioning by ability and urged the Academy to adopt random sectioning. It also recommended that the Academy more frequently give credit to cadets for academic work accomplished prior to entering West Point. Both of these suggestions were adopted by the Academy in the late seventies (and the validation program expanded in the eighties) and have brought great rewards to the academic program. We offer many ways of validating courses—credit for advanced placement work in high school, placement exams, etc. The transcript notes that the cadet has validated a course, and the cadet thus substitutes another course in the Academy program to meet the minimum of 40 courses required for graduation. In most cases, the spaces created by validated courses are used to satisfy requirements for the courses beyond 40 needed to complete a major.

If cadets have successfully completed in other colleges, courses similar to those they would take at West Point, they are offered the opportunity to discuss the courses and the grades they received with the relevant departments. Many will be given validation credit for these courses. In some disciplinary areas, cadets who have neither taken advanced placement nor college courses are given the opportunity to demonstrate their expertise in a given subject area by taking a validation examination. All entering plebes are given the opportunity to show their skills with PASCAL programming and, regardless of their academic experience, if they demonstrate that they know PASCAL, they do not need to take the plebe course. Last year cadets validated 288 courses during the

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were arranged by hour from section one to section  $n$ , with  $n$  being the last section. Cadets were placed in the sections based on their performance in the course or in similar courses. The first person in the first section was at the top of the course in that hour at the time of sectioning. The last person in the last section filled the “ejection seat” and might not see the dawn of the next semester.

There was a wide disparity between the academic background of those in the first section and those in the last section, because many of the cadets in the upper sections had come to West Point with college or prep school experience and

cadets grew to believe (and to a degree they were supported by the actions of the faculty) that it would be reasonable to expect that on any examination, or in the overall course grade, a certain percentage of the class should receive A’s, a slightly larger percentage B’s, an even larger percentage C’s, and a relatively small number D’s and F’s. Motivated by a desire to eliminate the risk of grade inflation, the Academy developed guidelines that drove the departments to work towards a fixed distribution of grades in each course. As a result, after most WPR’s, and certainly at the end of the course, course directors posted an order of merit roster and assigned final letter grades based on a distribution that paralleled the guidelines for these grades. Cadets in the middle recognized that the possibility of earning an A was slim to none—it was too difficult to displace the hives—and the danger of receiving an F

screen conducted prior to the first term. In addition, cadets who may not be able to validate the course in toto, but who demonstrate some advanced level of understanding, may be given the opportunity to be placed in a more advanced version of the same course.

Since individuals who have had experience move to advanced courses, the makeup of the group taking the core courses tends to be more homogeneous, the differences between the talents of the top cadets and the least talented cadets are much less, and the urge to section by ability virtually disappears. We have come to believe that, in most cases, better learning takes place where there is a mix of ability levels within sections. (We do recognize that in some

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few courses grouping by general ability still makes sense.)

In 1988 a faculty committee closely examined our grading policies and determined that in those programs where curving or norm-referenced grading was being used, it was, in fact, a significant disincentive to academic excellence. After considerable discussion, the Academy shifted away from norm-referenced grading and has adopted a more objective referenced grading philosophy. Under this model, course directors are required to establish the standards to be met in their courses. All cadets who meet the defined standard at the highest level

are given A's; all who fail to meet the standard are given F's. Those falling between are awarded the appropriate intermediate grades. Yes, it is possible for half the cadets in a course to garner A's or for everyone to pass (or fail).

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Early in each course, instructors are required to publish for the cadets the standards and objectives they expect the cadets to meet. These serve to guide learning and instruction as well as provide the basis for evaluation of cadet performance. This process gives helpful opportunities to faculty members in re-thinking and refining lesson content. The standards are more precisely defined in the plebe and yearling courses, especially in mathematics and the sciences, where the cadets are still involved in dealing with fundamentals and still trying to cope with ambiguity and uncertainty. As cadets enter their advanced program, the electives and some higher level core courses, the standards and course objectives tend to be less specific and force the cadets to seek out, on their own, the more important material. Whereas an objective in a plebe course might read, "be able to complete a bubble sort in the PASCAL programming language," in a First Class Systems Engineering course, the objective might read "be able to simulate a large-scale stochastic process for the purpose of providing insights and creating alternatives for a senior decision maker."

These objectives create a contract between the P's and the students: If you know this information and how to work

with it, you are going to pass the course. If you know the basic information and additional material and how to use it, you're going to get an A. To ensure that there is some reasonableness in the standards, data are provided to the departments and to course directors, permitting them to see how well their students are doing in their course in comparison to their performance in other courses of a similar nature and in the cadets' overall programs.

What if all cadets in a course get an A? This is possible; however, we are realistic enough to recognize that if we are dealing with students whose only grades to date have been C's, awarding A's to everyone may tell us something about our standards. On the other hand, if a fairly talented group of cadets is failing our course, we, again, might want to look at our standards. To a degree, standard development is a normative process, so the abilities of the population are not totally ignored.

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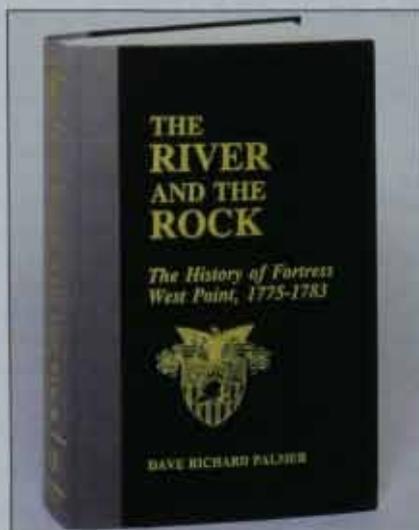
every cadet to obtain a high-level grade in every course has provided a fine incentive. The integrity and competence of the faculty at West Point have enabled us to overcome the grade creep problems that most colleges are experiencing under such a system and, at the same time, we are able to offer members of the Corps the chance to "be all they can be" in every class.



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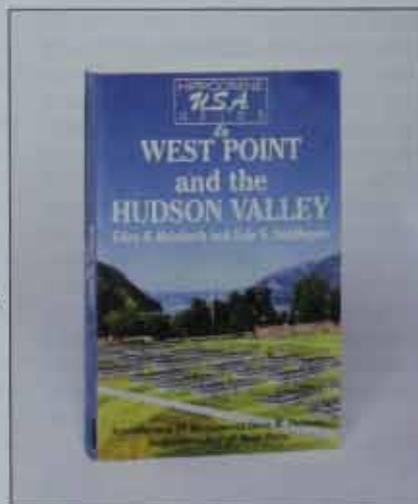
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# The COM Reports

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



The Corps reassembled during Reorganization Week with 1181 members of the Class of '95, "With Honor We Strive," joining the Corps in the Acceptance Parade on 17 August. As I'm writing in the first week of the academic year before the Dean captures all of us, I'd like to report on our summer training programs. Let me start with Beast Barracks.

Beast Barracks continued its tradition of tough, demanding training designed to prepare the New Cadet for the challenge of West Point. For the first five weeks, the New Cadets trained without a break. There were no family visits (in fact, they had only one weekend to see visitors during the entirety of Beast), no boodle boxes, and area tours commenced the second week. The Beast details had the New Cadets seven days a week, 24 hours a day; both details might well report that their second Beast was as tough as the first. Beast remains remarkably similar to what you recall, with a blur of activities ranging from the more mundane tasks, such as uniform fittings, dental exams, and the like, to numerous drill periods. We are also relentless in our insistence that they understand the heritage and tradition of West Point and that they demonstrate sufficient mastery of knowledge in these areas. However, we also push the New Cadets quickly into some field training to get and keep them excited about the Army. Within five days of reporting in to West Point, the first company was rappelling New Cadets down a 75-foot-high cliff; this proved to be a big confidence builder for them, probably coming at a time when they most needed it.

I was particularly impressed with the professional way the cadet cadres have handled the New Cadets. The cadre kept their focus on enforcing tough, demanding standards but with a positive leadership style. The cadre used all manner of leadership tools from sincere encouragement to stern rebuke and hours on the Area for those who required it. The upperclass wanted the New Cadets to succeed, but only through meeting the standards associated with Beast Barracks and West Point.

Camp Buckner (Cadet Field Training) continues to be a great time for the Yearlings to build class cohesion, develop their leadership, and gain a further

appreciation for their profession and the Army in the field. Seven weeks of hard work and good play made this a time for all to remember for years to come. The type of training has remained relatively the same for the past several years. We continue to gain benefits from our shift in emphasis that places more of the burden of leadership and training on the Firsties and Cows who are on the Buckner Detail. They truly lead the Yearlings as they prepare and conduct much of their training. I would argue that a firstie Platoon Leader at Camp Buckner may be receiving the best preparation for being a platoon leader in the Army. This year's changes at Buckner really reflect more of a refinement in what we have to better align its focus with that of our Army. We are now presenting the training grouped under the appropriate Battlefield Operating System (BOS) headings used in the field. This focus helps teach the cadets the importance of the interrelationship among the branches and the value of the combined arms team. For example, rather than teaching many of the individual soldier skills under the title of "Infantry Week," we now conduct a "Maneuver Light Week" that features a continuous scenario during which the cadets conduct around-the-clock patrolling with changing leaders (sound familiar?). We also have a Maneuver Heavy Week at Fort Knox with numerous Situational Training Exercises (STXs) and opportunities with the many training simulations found there. In addition, we have formally added Combat Service Support training to continue to highlight the structure and importance of the combined arms team. We also have gone back to the future with the return of RECONDO. Many of you will remember RECONDO, and so will the Class of '94. We expanded the qualifications from what many of you may recall. We have a series of requirements in Land Navigation, Marksmanship, Physical Fitness and Combatives that must be met in addition to successfully completing Maneuver Light Week. As I've already mentioned, that week is the nucleus event, with its relentless, around-the-clock patrolling and rotating leaders. Naturally, it began with a forced march and ended with a speed march and the slide-for-life (and the log walk ... it wouldn't have been RECONDO other-

wise). Impressively, 82% of the Yearlings met the standards and received the RECONDO patch.

While the under two classes stayed pretty well intact as a group, the upper two classes were split, with half doing a cadre detail either at Beast or Buckner and half experiencing the Army at one of the many posts throughout the world. The Cows attending Drill Cadet Leader Training (DCLT) performed the functions of Non-Commissioned Officers (essentially junior drill sergeants) in training units. The Firsties served in platoon leader positions while on Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT). In addition to the 4-5 weeks they spent with these units, they also participated in one of the many three-week enrichment offerings provided by the Academic, Military and Physical Programs. Of all the cadets eligible to participate in enrichments, 56% were involved in a military skill activity. At Figure 1, you will find a breakout of how the upper two classes spent this summer.

However, the summer was not without tragedy for the Corps and USMA. With deep regret, I report the deaths of two members of the Class of 1992. On 15 July, Cadet Joel M. Krafsig, of Fairfax, VA, was killed by lightning while on a training exercise at Fort Benning, GA. Cadet Krafsig was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY as part of Cadet Troop Leader Training. His unit had deployed to Fort Benning to participate in the Infantry Light Leaders Course. According to a Fort Benning spokesperson, Cadet Krafsig was standing outside a tent where he and his unit were on bivouac, when lightning hit a nearby tree, traveled through the roots and struck him. Joel was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 22 July.

On 2 August, Cadet Roger A. Herndon, of Murray, KY, was killed when the Cessna 152 he and an instructor were flying crashed 30 miles north of West Point. Cadet Herndon was participating in an academic enrichment program designed to enhance the cadets' study of Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering while working toward a private pilot's license. The cause of the accident is still

under investigation. Roger was buried with fully military honors in his hometown on 8 August. The Corps remembered both at separate memorial services (with the families present) and at a silent Taps vigil.

In closing, I'd like to introduce this

year's cadet chain of command at Figure 2. I met with these cadets on 12 August and issued the guidance; my letter to the First Captain is included with this article at Figure 3. Simply put, they are to maintain and enforce the standards which define the cadet experience at

West Point. This is similar to the charge I gave the Class of '91; and as that class met the challenges given, I have the absolute confidence in the Class of '92 of doing the same. I look forward to the coming year, to the challenges that will present themselves and to BEATING NAVY!

**Figure 1**  
**Cadet Summer Training**

<b>Group I - Summer Details</b>	'92	'93
Cadet Basic Training	282	302
Cadet Field Training	225	201
<b>Group II - Training with the Army in the Field</b>		
Drill Cadet Leader Training		546
Cadet Troop Leader Training	446	
<b>Group III - Cadet Military Enrichment Training</b>		
Air Assault School	152	55
Airborne	135	495
Sapper Leader Course	26	21
Northern Warfare Training Course	11	40
Mountain Warfare	40	20
Survival, Evasion, Resistance & Escape	1	14
Ranger School	3	
Rigger	12	2
<b>Group IV - Academic Enrichments</b>	466	246
<b>Group V - Physical Enrichments</b>	62	68

**Figure 2**  
**Chain of Command**

Brigade Commander	Omar J. Jones (Ellicott City, MD)
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**Figure 3**



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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADE COMMANDER, USCC, WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

SUBJECT: Commandant's Guidance for AY '91 - '92

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

2. I expect you in the performance of your duty as First Captain to continue to lead by example. You established yourself in CBT with your tireless dedication to the Beast Barracks motto, "Do the Right Thing," and you led your classmates in the fulfillment of that tenet. You understand that standards must be met and maintained, and I expect you to convey that sense of purpose to the Corps through your cadet chain of command and your entire class. I am confident that you will be the standard that your classmates use to establish and measure their own performance. Of course, you will also have to direct and supervise others in their performance to insure that tasks are accomplished, but your personal example will add a moral force to your directives and policies.

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

4. Holding yourselves to the standards and regulations of the Military Academy will provide a key framework for development. You and others in the chain of command will develop by maintaining the standards, while other leaders (and I'm using this term to denote those First Class and Second Class cadets who are not in the chain of command but are still leaders by virtue of their rank in the Corps of Cadets) will develop by accepting responsibility to support the institution's standards and policies. You cannot do it alone; that is why your class must act in a unified effort to adhere to the standards and insure that underclasses do likewise.

5. To sharpen the focus and to add a measure to your development, we are providing a Mission Essential Task List (METL) to you, your class, and the Corps. Besides the four Academy outcome goals, the Superintendent gave you three additional tasks for your class. You will recall that they are:

- Quality and precision of Drill and Ceremony.
- Education on and implementation of the current Honor System.
- Pride in the Corps.

I am adding to that list three more tasks that derive from my observations over the past year and the conclusion that we need to concentrate on these three areas to meet the standard. They are:

- Personnel accountability.
- Military courtesy.
- Lights.

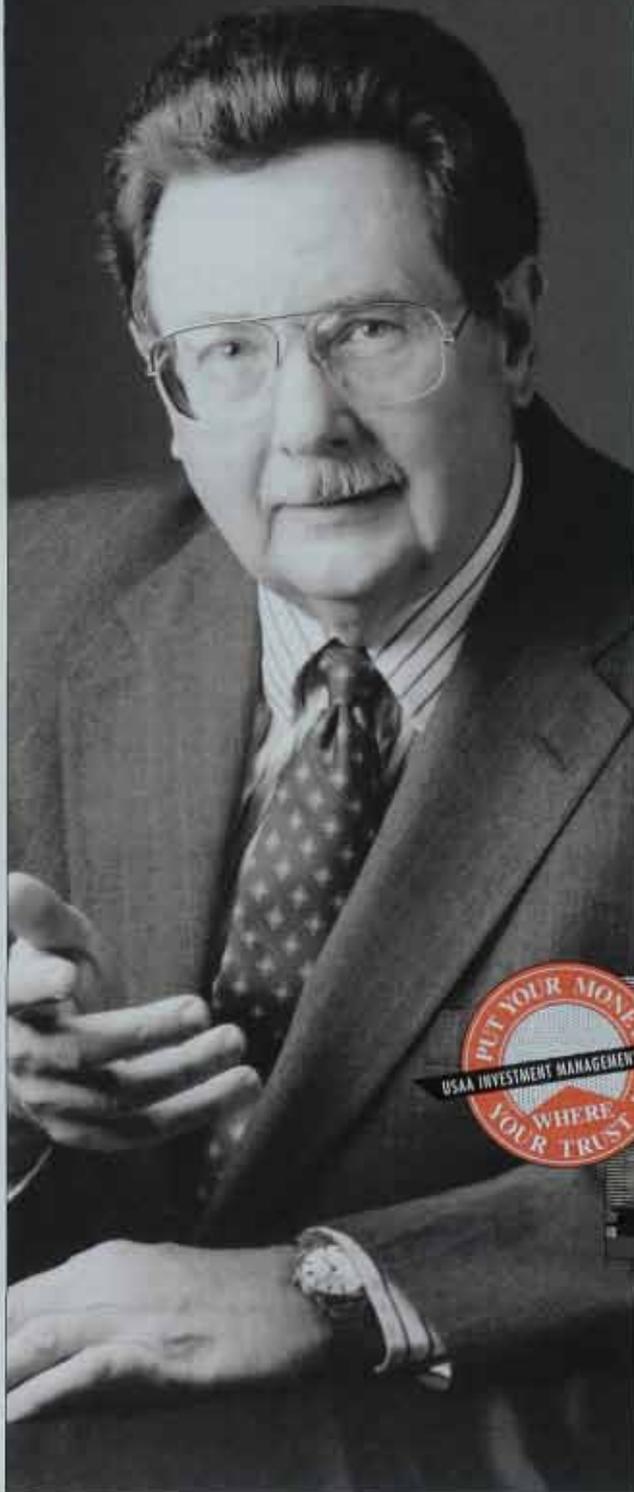
You will note that my three tasks appear mundane, but they will provide a basis for determining the effectiveness of your chain of command and the leadership provided by your class and the Second Class. I will be discussing the standards of measure for all six tasks in the coming days and weeks.

6. Though both general and specific in nature, this guidance should help you begin to prepare yourself. I am absolutely confident that you will meet the challenge. I look forward to working with you during the coming year. I wish you and the Class the best of luck. **The Brave and the Few, '92!**

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# The DIA Reports

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*



## AN UPDATE: INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC REFORM

If you have been even a casual observer of intercollegiate athletic governance and policy during the past two years, you should recognize several, if not all, of these topics:

- NCAA Presidents' Commission
- NCAA Reform Movement
- Distribution of Basketball TV Income
- Knight Commission Report
- NCAA Certification

In this column, I want to review these key issues, each of which is an important part of the intercollegiate athletic reform movement.

During most of the past decade, the bylaws and rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) were enacted through the normal NCAA legislative process—the member institutions (schools like Army, Ohio State, Baylor, North Carolina and Stanford) proposed the rules, and a simple majority of all 800-plus member schools carried the motion. This system is still in effect today, but, prior to the recent successes of the Presidents' Commission, the commonly accepted practice was to have the athletic director represent the institution at the NCAA Convention and control the voting. During the pre-Commission era, well-meaning athletic directors spent most of their time proposing and voting in rules that attempted to contain some of the excesses that were troubling college athletics. The legislation adopted was an attempt to "level the playing field" so schools with more money, resources and, possibly, questionable ethics could not have an advantage over those schools that lacked the resources but not necessarily the ethics. Examples of legislation passed, confined primarily to football and basketball, were limits on the number of scholarships, number of coaches, number of times prospective student-athletes could be contacted at their schools and homes, number of days coaches could recruit, number and types of recruiting materials that could be sent each prospect, ad infinitum. At the risk of oversimplification, the athletic directors, perhaps rooted in parochialism, were not able to collectively step back and look objectively at some

of the more pressing issues of college athletics. Enter the Presidents' Commission.

## NCAA PRESIDENTS' COMMISSION

Formed in 1984 and consisting of 44 college presidents representing the three major NCAA divisions (I, II, III), the Presidents' Commission made its mark at the 1990 NCAA Convention in Dallas. From 1984–89 the effort of the Commission can best be described as lacking effective strategy and clout, but in 1989 the Presidents did two significant things to prepare for success at the January 1990 Convention. First, they identified and concentrated on two major issues and then got a commitment from their fellow presidents to attend the Convention and support their agenda (or if the Presidents did not attend, to direct their representatives, normally the athletic director, how to vote). The two issues around which the Presidents rallied were 1) the shortening of Division I football spring practice from 20 to 15 days and the reduction of the season by one game and 2) the shortening of the practice and playing season of Division I basketball. With the adoption of these two proposals and the identification of key issues for the next convention, the Presidents laid the foundation for what has become known as the NCAA Reform Movement.

## NCAA REFORM MOVEMENT

Capitalizing on their successes at the 1990 Convention, the Presidents' Commission set out to accomplish other major objectives at the January 1991 Convention in Nashville. During the year, the Commission, working very closely with conference commissioners, athletic directors and coaches, reviewed proposals that would 1) cut the spiraling costs incurred by athletic departments and 2) reduce the time that athletes were spending in intercollegiate athletic practice and competition. The Presidents solidified these concepts and fashioned a legislative package for the 1991 Convention entitled "Cost Containment" and "Student Athlete Time Demands." Both packages, along with other legislation proffered by the Presidents, breezed through the Nashville Convention with little opposition.

One of the major results of this reform movement was the clear-cut establishment of Presidential control. I recall the speech of an exasperated Division IAA athletic director as he attempted to champion his own legislative proposal, which was in direct opposition to that of the Presidents. Recognizing the overwhelming support the Presidents were receiving, the speaker drawled, "Here I am, roadkill on the highway of Presidential reform. . . ."

Specific results of the reform movement in cost containment were the reduction in the number of coaches in football and basketball programs and the establishment of limits on the number of coaches in all other sports (previously there were no limits). Additionally, we voted to reduce scholarships, reduce the number of paid visits each college may host, reduce recruiting visits coaches may make, reduce institutional telephone calls to prospects and reduce the number and type of recruiting materials colleges may send prospects.

In the equally important area of athletic time, the NCAA membership adopted the Presidents' proposals to limit practice, meeting and competitions to a total of 20 hours a week when teams are in season and, recognizing that athletic programs are now year-round activities, to limit off-season activities to eight hours a week of conditioning and weight training (no practice allowed). Further, there must be one day per calendar week in which no athletic activity occurs. Team sports are limited to 22 weeks for practice and competitions while individual sports are cut to 24 weeks. Additionally, the maximum number of contests allowed for most sports was cut 10% across the board. Here at West Point we have always been well within all these limits so, in the area of athlete time, we see the playing field tilting in our direction.

At the next Convention, in January 1992, the Presidents will propose legislation concerning academic reform. This should toughen the standards of the old "Proposition 48" which makes college freshmen ineligible to compete if they have low high school grades and SAT scores. Other academic legislation that

would have an impact on our own athletic program is the proposal that athletes would be ineligible to compete if, upon entering their third year in college, they have less than a 1.9 Quality Point Average (QPA) or, entering their fourth year, have less than a 2.0 QPA. (A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0) In the past, we have voted with the majority to defeat similar NCAA legislation. We were opposed to this mandated QPA requirement because of the variations in institutions' academic philosophy and rules. All our athletes are required to take a prescribed, demanding academic curriculum of 15 credit hours a semester. Compared to athletes at other universities, ours do not have the flexibility to "lighten their load" by spreading out graduation requirements over five years (the NCAA minimum number of credit hours for eligibility is 24 a year), underloading during the athletic season by deferring courses to a summer term, and choosing easier courses.

In my judgment, except for the QPA and a few other less significant issues, the reform movement will have a positive ("leveling the playing field") effect on our athletic program.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF BASKETBALL TV INCOME**

West Pointers can be proud of LTG Dave Palmer's role as a member of the Presidents' Commission from 1988 until his retirement in July 1991. Our former Superintendent was active in setting goals and strategy for the Commission and also was a strong advocate of eliminating the "playing for money" aspect of the NCAA college basketball championships. Rather than giving sizeable amounts of money to a team each time it

advanced in the NCAA basketball championships, the NCAA now distributes the multi-million basketball playoff TV revenue to all Division I schools, based on a formula consisting of the following variables: number of appearances in the NCAA Basketball Championships by conference teams over the past six years, number of NCAA sports sponsored by the institutions and number of athletic scholarships given by the institutions. In addition, each school receives \$25,000 a year for student-athlete academic enhancement and a sizeable amount has been set aside for insurance for catastrophic injuries to NCAA athletes.

#### **KNIGHT COMMISSION REPORT**

The Knight Commission Report published in March 1991 is titled "Keeping Faith With the Student-Athlete—a New Model for Intercollegiate Athletics." Created in October 1989 by the Knight Foundation, the Commission interviewed a wide spectrum of people associated with athletics, from coaches to students and from conference commissioners to media representatives. Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, and 21 other distinguished educators concluded in their report that in order for college athletics to regain its lost bearings, college presidents must be in charge—and be understood to be in charge—in all aspects of athletic decision making. In addition, they focused on the principles of academic integrity, financial integrity and independent certification of athletic programs. Specific recommendations were given in all areas.

There were mixed reviews to the Knight Commission's report. Many said the report was not specific enough. Oth-

ers noted that many of the report's recommendations were already being addressed by the NCAA Presidents' Commission. Regardless, the Knight Commission is a very influential group sending a strong message for reform.

#### **NCAA CERTIFICATION**

One of the recommendations of the Knight Commission required an annual certification for every NCAA institution's athletic program. This process would be similar, although on a smaller scale, to the recent Middle States institution accreditation (a self-study process) that USMA underwent in 1988–90. Even before the Knight Commission's recommendations were published, the NCAA had taken positive steps in this direction. From 1990–92, the NCAA has been conducting and will conduct a pilot certification program. Thirty-five institutions have volunteered to take part in this program and conduct a comprehensive self-study of all segments of the athletic program—governance, financial, coach and athlete conduct, athlete support services, academics, admissions and NCAA rules compliance.

In 1991, West Point volunteered to be a part of this pilot program; we will do our self-study this fall. NCAA representatives will visit us in January 1992 to review our findings. After the pilot certification program is completed in late 1992, the NCAA will decide how to implement a formal certification program.

As a Division I voting member of the NCAA, the United States Military Academy continues to be an active participant in the legislative process. I look forward to updating you on the Reform Movement and other athletic issues in the future.

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#### **News from the Societies (Continued from page 42)**

event is to take place on 28 Sep 91 at the St. Charles Vintage Restaurant and Wine Gardens commencing at 6:30 p.m. It is a traditional end of the summer gathering.

Our next scheduled event will be a road trip to Louisville, KY for the Army-Louisville football game. Several members of our society are planning to attend, and we look forward to enjoying fine KY hospitality.

On 8 Nov 91, we will be holding our fall golf outing at Scott AFB. This is a follow-up to our inaugural spring golf outing which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

Our GO ARMY-BEAT NAVY party is scheduled for 7 Dec. This event is held in conjunction with the Naval Academy alumni group and local Parents Clubs for both academies. The highlight of the party recently has been our receipt of the

St. Louis area Army-Navy trophy, which we intend to keep.

On 16 Dec, our society will host a briefing by the Admissions Office to prospective cadets from the St. Louis area. Head coach Bob Sutton again will be in attendance. Also on 28 Dec, we will attend the annual All Academy Dinner-Dance sponsored this year by our local Parents Club.

8 Mar 92 will find us celebrating FD with the 54th Superintendent, LTG Howard D. Graves '61. We also plan for our spring golf outing to take place on 10 Apr 92 at the fine golf course on Scott AFB.

Finally, the spring will bring the presentation of our "Outstanding First Class Cadet of the Greater St. Louis Area" Award and WP Book Award Programs. The WP Book Award Program is a new program for our society and is designed not only to make outstanding

high school students more aware of our alma mater but also to encourage intellectual achievement and to recognize extracurricular excellence. The guidelines adopted for this award are:

The recipient of the WP Book Award should be a junior in the top 25% of his or her class who has not only made a positive contribution to the athletic and extracurricular life of the school but also has demonstrated a desire and ability to lead his/her peers in a manner supportive of our nation.

This award will be presented at the school's award assembly, and we plan on making four awards this year.

If anyone would like to participate in the activities of our society, they may contact our soc pres, Frank Janoski '74, at O: 314-621-8575; H: 314-961-3811.

—Frank Janoski '74

# LEADER ATHLETES—A PROUD TRADITION

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

This fall we published and mailed to our graduates our *Army Sports Annual* magazine, and in it was an article on the Class of 1991 First Captain, Doug McCormick. In addition to his outstanding leadership and academic record at West Point, Doug was a three-year varsity letter winner on our Wrestling Team.

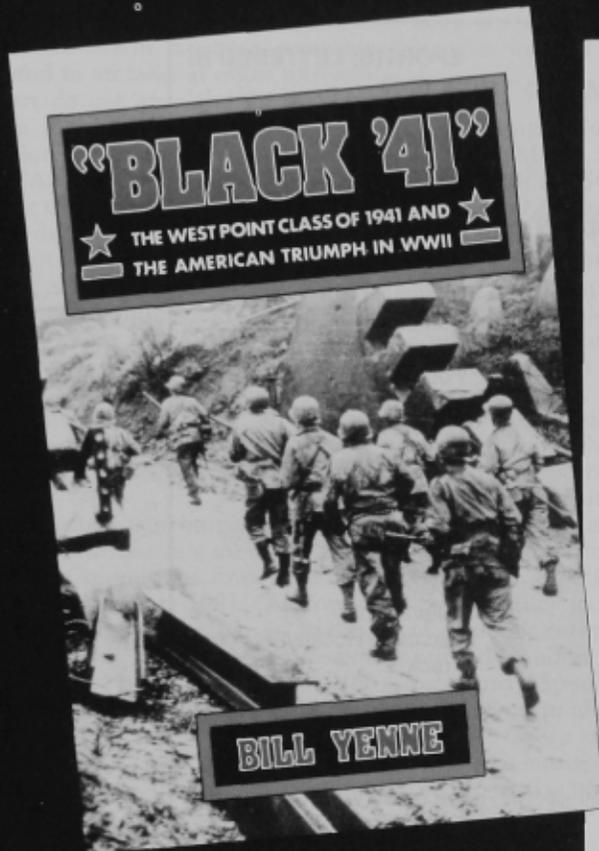
Through an editing mix-up, we stated that Cadet (now Second Lieutenant) McCormick was only the tenth First Captain also to have been a letter winner on an intercollegiate varsity team. Many of you wrote or telephoned me that this was erroneous reporting. You were correct. In fact, there have been 54 First Captain

letter winners since the beginning of the intercollegiate athletic program in 1890. I apologize to all for our mistake.

Through additional research and help from some of our *Sports Annual* readers, we present the "official" list of all First Captains who were varsity letter winners.

CLASS	NAME	SPORT(S) LETTERED IN
1893	Charles W. Kutz	Football
1895	Thales L. Ames	Football
1896	Abraham G. Lott	Baseball/Football
1897	Henry S. Morgan	Football
1898	Malin Craig	Baseball/Football
1901	Francis W. Clark	Baseball/Football
1903	Douglas MacArthur	Baseball
1905	Thomas W. Hammond	Football
1909	Edward St. J Greble Jr.	Football
1909	Carl A. Baehr	Football
1910	Frederick S. Strong	Fencing
1912	Archibald V. Arnold	Football
1912	William Dean	Football
1915	Roscoe B. Woodruff	Football
1917	Elbert L. Ford	Football
1918	O'Ferrall Knight	Football
1919	Claude M. McQuarrie	Football
1923	Waldemar F. Breidster	Football
1924	Robert V. Lee	Rifle
1926	Ray C. Maude	Hockey
1928	James E. Briggs	Rifle/Soccer
1931	John K. Waters	Lacrosse/Hockey/Soccer
1932	John P. McConnell	Track
1933	Kenneth E. Fields	Football
1935	Herbert C. Gee	Gymnastics
1937	Stanley L. Smith	Lacrosse/Football
1938	Harold K. Kelley	Soccer
1942	Carl C. Hinkle	Lacrosse/Wrestling
Jan 1943	James E. Kelleher	Football
Jun 1943	Bernard W. Rogers	Track
1944	John H. Cushman	Soccer/Lacrosse
1945	Robert E. Woods	Football
1946	Amos A. Jordan Jr.	Boxing
1947	William J. Schuder	Soccer
1950	John M. Murphy	Lacrosse
1954	John C. Bard	Track
1956	Robert G. Farris	Football
1957	William T. Huckabee III	Basketball
1958	Robert F. Durkin	Baseball
1959	Peter M. Dawkins	Football/Hockey
1960	Charles P. Otstott	Swimming
1961	Harold M. Hannon	Lacrosse/Basketball
1963	Richard E. Eckert	Football
1964	Richard A. Chilcoat	Basketball
1965	Carl R. Arvin	Wrestling
1968	J. L. Throckmorton Jr.	150 Lb. Football
1970	John T. Connors	Lacrosse
1971	Thomas A. Pyrz	Baseball
1973	Joseph P. Tallman	150 Lb. Football
1976	Richard Morales	Soccer
1977	Kenneth F. Miller	150 Lb. Football
1981	Stanley R. March	Football
1990	Kristin M. Baker	Women's Soccer
1991	Douglas P. McCormick	Wrestling

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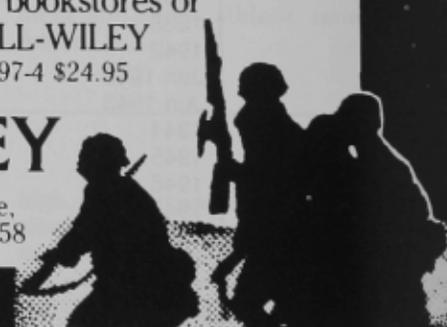
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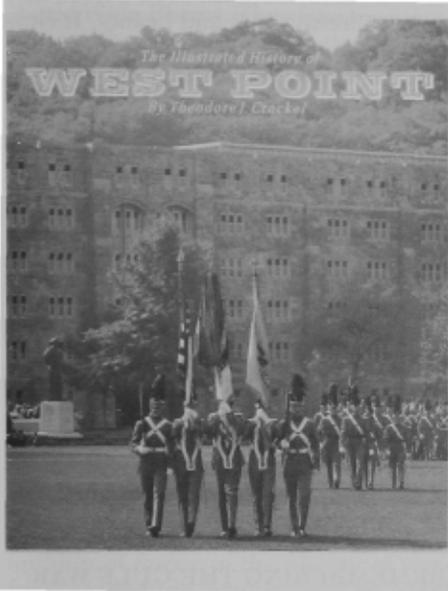
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# Book Reviews



## THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF WEST POINT

By THEODORE J. CRACKEL. *Harry N. Abrams, Inc., New York, NY, 1991. 310 pages.*



The members of the United States Military Academy's Class of 1940 have commissioned a book to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation that will help to preserve and to share the history, traditions, and images of West Point. Their *Illustrated History of West Point* will join Colonel George Pappas's and the Class of 1927's *The Cadet Chapel* and Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer's and the Association of Graduates' second edition of *The River and the Rock* in pointing the way toward the Bicentennial celebration of the Military Academy. Theodore J. Crackel, a two-time member of this history faculty at West Point and author of *Mr. Jefferson's Army* (reviewed in *Assembly* in April 1988), is the first historian since Stephen Ambrose published his *Duty, Honor, Country: A History of West Point* in 1966 to undertake a comprehensive institutional study of the Military Academy.

The Class of 1940 charged Crackel with producing a "serious graphic historic[al] portrayal" that would show the influence of West Point's "dramatic setting" and the "character of its buildings, fortifications, monuments and trophies"

on the Military Academy and its graduates. While Crackel reaches no overarching conclusions about such an effect, he, the Class of 1940 and the publisher, Harry N. Abrams, have collaborated on a volume that admirably records in pictures, maps and narrative the drama of unfolding events at West Point. From this story the reader may infer that superintendents, professors, staff officers, families and cadets shaped, and were shaped by, the collective forces of West Point as they witnessed the tension between continuity and change over its history. The Class of 1940 invested its money wisely. It may have even gotten more than Major General David S. Parker envisioned when he conceived the project, for Crackel produced a serious history in addition to a book of lavish illustrations.

*The Illustrated History of West Point* is a chronological story from the colonial period to 1990, organized into ten chapters delineating the major eras of institutional development. Crackel weaves the themes of architectural design and construction, institutional governance, curriculum and cadet and officer life through the narrative and, within each epoch, sifts the evidence and judgments of other historians and makes his own interpretations about them. Well-chosen illustrations add color and human richness to the tapestry. A special series of maps depicts the rise and fall of buildings as architects and the "diggers and fillers"—a term cadets of the 1960's gave to construction workers—responded to the expansion of the Corps of Cadets. Crackel singles out Superintendent Richard Delafield (1838–45, 1856–61) and architect Frederick Diaper as the fathers of the Tudor-Gothic architectural tradition that has given West Point its unique appearance.

Readers of *The River and the Rock* will find the story line of the first two chapters about West Point before and during the American Revolution familiar. The Moore family reunion at the Academy in July 1991 reminded its residents that West Point had belonged to Stephen Moore, to whom Congress and President George Washington finally agreed to pay \$11,085 on 10 September 1790. Crackel chronicles the building of the fortifications of Fortress West Point and of wooden structures such as the

Long Barracks, just to the west of Fort Arnold, that would house soldiers and, eventually, the first cadets. He finds "no evidence of any permanent or regular school at West Point" during the Revolution, discounting the idea that the Corps of Invalids might have instituted a school for engineers. Nonetheless, the impetus for a school to train artilleryists and engineers clearly came from the experience of senior American officers with foreigners performing those jobs during the war.

In Crackel's chapter on the founding of the Military Academy, he also dismisses any link between the temporary school for the Corps of Artillerists and Engineers begun by French Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Rochefontaine in 1796 and the permanent academy that Washington, Henry Knox and John Adams envisioned. USMA graduates will be particularly interested in the author's recounting of the Jefferson Administration's swift actions to establish a military academy at West Point. In May 1801 Lieutenant Colonel Louis Tousard surveyed the grounds and facilities, and on 2 July Secretary of War Henry Dearborn ordered the first cadets to report, less than four months after Thomas Jefferson became president. Crackel's interpretation for the Republicans' support follows from the argument that he made in *Mr. Jefferson's Army*: "West Point would provide Republican sons with the fundamental skills they needed to serve as officers in Mr. Jefferson's Army." With this judgment he rejects the other scientific, military and engineering rationales offered by Ambrose, Dumas Malone and others.

The years before the arrival of Sylvanus Thayer in 1817 were dominated by the challenges associated with founding an institution. The first superintendent, Jonathan Williams, had to find and keep competent instructors and establish a curriculum, even as he, the commander, supervised the activities of the Corps of Engineers elsewhere. His failures to relocate the Academy to Washington and to establish his authority as an engineer officer over more junior commanders of the garrison would lead to two resignations, the final one in 1812. Joseph Gardner Swift, the first graduate of USMA, would oversee the construction of the first three buildings (the Academy,

South Barracks and the Mess Hall) along the south edge of the Plain and, with the assistance of Alden Partridge, who followed him as superintendent, would institute practices such as the "annual board of visitors, the four-year curriculum, the semi-annual examinations, and the small sections and daily recitations" for cadet instruction upon which Thayer would build. Partridge's inability to get along with the faculty led to the intervention of President Monroe, Swift's court-martial and the appointment of Thayer as superintendent.

By the time of Thayer's resignation in 1833 over disagreements with President Andrew Jackson about the disciplining of cadets, "The Father of the Military Academy" had established what Colonel Roger Nye has called the traditional academy. Crackel gives Thayer credit for vitalizing and adapting the "system," making it work to such a degree that the Academy vaulted to its place as the first school of civil engineering in the country, a position that he argues it held until the Civil War. Many elements of this system survive today, and Crackel traces them over the next century-and-one-half of West Point's history.

In Crackel's journey through time, he draws attention to many of the benchmarks in the development of the modern academy. He spotlights the major construction projects at West Point in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. He lays out the debates over the length—five years from 1854–61 and three years during World Wars I and II—and composition of the curriculum. As Crackel points out, the Academic Board repeatedly defended "the scientific orientation of the curriculum and the heavy emphasis placed on mathematics" and anchored its argument on the need for cadets to develop "mental discipline." Led by Lucius H. Holt, Professor of Economics, Government and History, after his appointment in 1910, and his successor, Herman Beukema, after 1930, "the social sciences and humanities were achieving a new maturity"—a trend that has continued to the present day. Crackel credits Superintendent Garrison Davidson with initiating "an extended era of curriculum consideration and revision [in the 1950s]. Never, since Thayer, had a Superintendent's efforts at academic reform produced such an enduring impact."

Among the most interesting aspects of the book is Crackel's analysis of the long-term relationship of the Superintendent and the Academic Board. He takes the reader behind the scenes as Superintendent Albert L. Mills battles the professors over quarters for himself and his staff on Trophy Point and as Superintendents MacArthur and Davidson try to liberalize the curriculum. Since the days of Thayer, according to

Crackel, the Academic Board had played a dominant yet stabilizing role: "In resisting the sometimes over-zealous Superintendents (and occasional like-minded colleagues), the Academic Board had generally preserved stability and insured continuity." In the wake of the honor scandal of 1976, Chief of Staff Bernard Rogers and Superintendent Andrew J. Goodpaster were convinced that "the power of the Superintendent needed to be increased (and the power of the Academic Board decreased)." Crackel contends that the results of this and other changes were that the Academy experienced unparalleled turmoil in its faculty and program after 1976 and that the Academic Board lost its power to govern the institution and "to resist or manage change."

These observations led Crackel to title the last chapter, "The Years of Turmoil, 1960–1990." This chapter blurs the line between history and current events, making it difficult for him to provide a balanced view of these important years at this close range. While he describes the introduction of the majors program, the integration of minorities and women and cadet activities matter-of-factly, the title and the discussions of the honor scandal, senior faculty turbulence and the erosion of the power of the academic community give the chapter a negative spin. Probably because of its recentness, Crackel chooses not to draw many conclusions about the Palmer superintendency. Some mention of General Palmer's blueprint for moving the Academy into the next century, as a minimum, might have provided a more optimistic ending.

Even as he traces the major developments in the history of the Academy, Crackel does not lose sight of officer and cadet life. He points out the effects on the staff and faculty of the perennial problem of the shortages and inadequacies of quarters. He shows the development of the honor and fourth class systems and the growth of clubs, activities and intercollegiate sports. He touches on the traditions of the class ring, *Bugle Notes* and the Hundredth Night Show and documents the hazing scandal of 1900 and the honor crises of 1951 and 1976. Anecdotes and characterizations of the Academy's leaders by cadets enliven the narrative.

The organization and layout of the book are excellent. One might quibble with the editorial decision to break up the flow of the narrative with General MacArthur's "Duty, Honor, Country" speech, rather than placing it in an appendix; some pictures might fit better in other parts of the book, such as the picture of General Colin Powell and First Captain Kristin Baker appearing on page 290 in the midst of the discussion of the honor scandal of 1976. Historians

would have preferred footnotes and more evidence of work in the primary sources, but this solid historical account is clearly intended for the general reader. The transitions from the analysis of faculty turmoil since 1976 to the highlights of recent cadet life to the graduation ceremony for the Class of 1990 were much too abrupt. Finally, readers will wish for a section of conclusions to bring closure to many of the arguments and interpretations that Crackel has raised throughout the book.

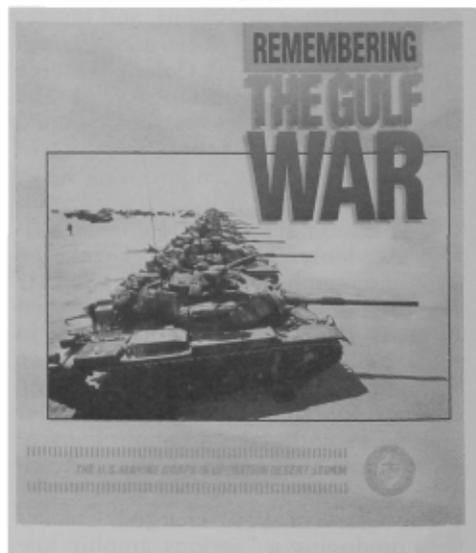
Dr. Crackel's book, *The Illustrated History of West Point*, will be welcomed by graduates, friends and students of West Point and the United States Military Academy because of its objectivity, comprehensiveness and beauty. It closes the gap in the historical record since the 1960s and 1970s and fills the void left when Ambrose's book went out of print. Some of Crackel's interpretations will prove controversial; however, all who read the book will have a better understanding of the United States Military Academy and its surroundings at West Point.

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Editor's Note: *The Illustrated History of West Point* is available through the Association of Graduates Gift Shop.

#### REMEMBERING THE GULF WAR: THE U.S. MARINES IN OPERATION DESERT STORM

By KEITH F. GIRARD. *Cadmus Communications Corp., Richmond, Virginia, 1991, 120 pages*



In the months and years to come, books will flood the market dissecting and analyzing each phase of the war we know as Desert Storm. Memoirs will be

published, heroes may boast and naysayers will, without doubt, find fault with the prosecution of the battle.

Few of the books that will find their way onto bookstore shelves will have such striking photographs as this coffee table-sized book, described as a "photographic essay" and a "visual scrapbook of the lives of . . . valiant Marines." Specially-enhanced color photographs liberally illustrate the book, showing dramatic scenes of burning oil wells, Marines training in chemical protective gear and armored vehicles racing through the Saudi desert.

The photographs come from Department of Defense and Marine Corps public affairs offices, Gamma-Liaison and World Wide Photos. They take the viewer from the earliest days of the deployment of the 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade through the long months of waiting and training to the fighting for Khafji—"a harbinger of things to come"—and the 100 hours of the final liberation of Kuwait.

"By the time the guns fell silent," Girard writes, "the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who had participated in Operation Desert Storm could take pride in the fact that they had answered a solemn call to arms and had carried out their duties in a way that would engage the respect—and the hearts—of most Americans. It was a battle that not only vanquished a dictator but also renewed America's can-do spirit."

The logistics of Desert Storm are featured, as Girard praises "the most rapid buildup of forces in the history of warfare." Alongside figures such as 5,000 tons of ammunition required daily by a typical mechanized division, 550,000 gallons of fuel and 80,000 meals, photo captions explain the need for "upwards of five gallons [of water] per man per day to prevent heat casualties."

One of the finest photos in the collection shows Marines in chemical protective gear plodding through the desert sand while camels in the background eat without a hint of interest. Other, more grim, photos record Saddam Hussein's use of what has been labeled eco-terrorism, "a new, horrific weapon of war, representing a chilling precedent with an unknown future."

The most moving photographs, however, are those capturing the stunned anguish and incomprehension on the face of Gayle Edwards at Arlington National Cemetery. Marine Captain Jack Edwards was killed flying an early support evacuation mission, and the grief of his wife and three children is the grief of every young widow from every war ever fought.

To the reader who wishes to explore the intricacies of the Persian Gulf War, this book will be unsatisfactory. The text is extremely limited and most of the

information has already been explored in much greater detail in the weekly news magazines.

The appeal of this book, though, is in its sharp, penetrating and evocative photographs. For those brilliant images alone *Remembering the Gulf War* is a worthy addition to any home library, particularly a home where the words "Semper Paratus" stir the soul and straighten the back.

West Point's own General H. Norman Schwarzkopf praised the actions of the U.S. Marines best when summing up the vaunted "Mother of all Battles."

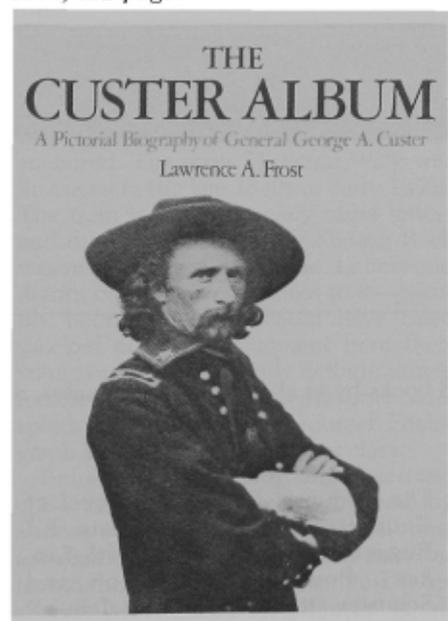
"I can't say enough about the two Marine divisions," he reported. "If I use words like brilliant, it would really be an under-description of the absolutely superb job that they did . . . a textbook operation."

Just looking through this book does create a feeling of pride and respect for one of our sister services. Ultimately it gives a feeling of hope for our nation's future.

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### THE CUSTER ALBUM: A PICTORIAL BIOGRAPHY OF GENERAL GEORGE A. CUSTER

By LAWRENCE A. FROST. *University of Oklahoma Press. Norman, Oklahoma, 1990, 192 pages.*



Was General George Armstrong Custer the last man to be killed at the climactic Battle of the Little Big Horn, or did he take his own life as his command perished around him? Is he buried in the West Point cemetery, or is some unknown private soldier actually resting in

the casket next to Custer's wife Libby? The answers to these and other riddles concerning the flamboyant and impetuous Custer are certainly not resolved in Lawrence A. Frost's *The Custer Album: A Pictorial Biography of General George A. Custer*, nor are they meant to be. In fact, this photographic account of Custer's life, originally published in 1964, is actually a tribute to the General and, to a lesser degree, the celebrated but luckless Seventh Cavalry. Frost, a physician and history enthusiast, clearly establishes his biases in the preface; not only did he grow up in the city of Monroe, Michigan—Custer's hometown—but his assistant at the time was living in the Custers' old home. Frost's explanation for his interest in this subject is unconcealed: "Many wonder why I bother to study the life of a soldier when there is so much material available about statesmen like Lincoln. I have but one answer. Lincoln didn't live here."

*The Custer Album* is precisely that: a collection of over 300 photographs and sketches providing fascinating glimpses of not only the different periods of Custer's life, but also revealing snapshots and artwork of numerous other historical figures and events of the era. The narrative portions of the book, while relatively short, are well-constructed and informative. Many readers, for example, might find it surprising that Custer barely escaped court martial in his last year at West Point; or that during Reconstruction he went through with the planned execution of a sergeant for desertion up to the last moment, then led the condemned man aside just before he was to be shot.

Fourteen paintings of the famous "Last Stand" are presented at the very beginning of the book, thus establishing the tone for the rest of the volume. Not surprisingly, in most of these versions, published before the turn of the century, Custer is depicted gallantly attempting to repel the red hordes bearing down upon him and his ill-fated troopers. Early chapters provide some views of Custer's childhood days and his tenure at West Point. Graduates may find the few photographs of the Academy during the mid-nineteenth century particularly entertaining. Several chapters are devoted to Custer's initial experiences following commissioning, his audacious and somewhat maverick performance during the Civil War and his service during Reconstruction. Frost includes abundant material which plainly illustrates how Custer's appearance changed over the years. Portraits of his attractive and adoring wife, Libby, add a romantic flavor and remind us that Custer, despite all his obvious faults, was a devoted and admiring husband.

Custer's early years and his Civil War exploits are but the prologue to what

Frost truly desires to show us. Though there are fifteen chapters, and those involving Custer out west consist of only seven of these, the bulk of the photographs and sketches deal primarily with the Indian campaigns and the debacle at the Little Big Horn. Those readers with little or no familiarity with the history of the United States Army on the frontier will be absorbed by the wealth of material woven into this account. Many aspects of frontier soldiering, from evening parade to escort duty, are shown, along with several pieces of excellent artwork depicting skirmishes, buffalo hunts and different scenes of Indian village life. The author intersperses throughout this section many photographs of Custer while on campaign. Multiple snapshots of the Custer family, including his brothers, Thomas and Boston Custer, and Harry "Autie" Reed, a nephew, heighten the tragedy associated with the defeat in 1876. All were killed in the Black Hills. Other noteworthy pictures include those of the victorious Indian chiefs who humbled Custer and some of the Indian scouts who were present with the Seventh Cavalry on 25 June. The last two chapters are devoted to the Battle of the Little Big Horn and the controversy surrounding it. They, too, are well-illustrated and provide some superb material on the engagement and its calamitous outcome.

Frost's *Custer Album* is a celebratory chronicle of a peppery figure who has captivated historians and the general public for generations. While the book has its flaws, such as the tendency to discount many of Custer's failings, as well as a bibliography which has not been updated since the original issue in 1964, it nevertheless is a delightful and

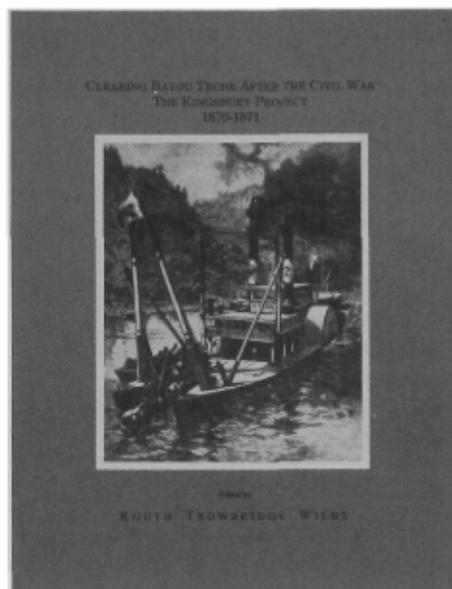
revealing source which should attract both experts and casual readers alike.

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### **Briefly Noted:**

#### **CLEARING BAYOU TECHE AFTER THE CIVIL WAR: THE KINGSBURY PROJECT, 1870-1871**

Edited by ROUTH TROWBRIDGE WILBY. Paper, 8½" × 11". Preface, introduction, illustrations. 120 pages \$12.50. The Center for Louisiana Studies, P.O. Box 40831, Lafayette, Louisiana 70504.



This work provides information regarding the clearing of Bayou Teche following the Civil War and the restoration of steam navigation on that waterway. The material presented resolves numerous long-standing debates, based purely on speculation, regarding the fate of a number of vessels sunk during the Civil War.

The book consists of an 1870 survey of the bayou by William D. Duke, a civil engineer. Beginning at St. Martinville and extending over 75 miles downstream, Duke's survey recorded every snag, tree, piece of underbrush, old bridge piling, sunken raft, gunboat and steamboat in the bayou.

This survey served as the basis for the subsequent effort by the U.S. Corps of Engineers to clear the obstructions. Funded by congressional appropriations, the clearing operation began on 4 February 1871, under the direction of Daniel Kingsbury. Captain C. W. Howell, Class of 1863, and Lieutenant Henry M. Adams, Class of 1866, supervised the project.

Kingsbury's 62 letter-reports to his superiors in New Orleans provide a detailed account of the clearing operation, including the first available description of the demolition of the bayou's major obstructions. Kingsbury's description of the removal of the sunken Confederate gunboat, *J. B. Cotton*, is particularly significant to Civil War historians.

Editor's Note: R. T. Wilby, a free-lance writer, is the wife of Colonel (Retired) Langfitt B. Wilby '35 and the mother of William L. Wilby '67. Colonel Wilby's father is the late Major General (Retired) Francis B. Wilby '05, the 39th Superintendent, USMA.

**At a glance:** other recently-published books by or about USMA graduates, now available in hard-cover at the USMA Bookstore and other fine bookstores:

*Thunder in the Desert: The Strategy and Tactics of the Persian Gulf War* by Major James Blackwell '74, USA Ret., CNN Military Affairs Analyst. Bantam Publishers (October 1991); 252 pages.

*Screaming Eagle: Memoirs of a B-17 Group Commander* by Major General Dale O. Smith '34 (author of *Cradle of Valor*). Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill (1990); 241 pages.

*The Common Defense: A Novel of Counterterrorism* by Captain Ed Ruggero '80 (author of *38 North Yankee*). Pocket Books/Simon and Schuster (to be published January 1992).

*100 Years of Army-Navy Football* by Brigadier General (Ret.) Pete Dawkins '59. Henry Holt and Company Publishers (1989); 244 pages.

*Black '41: The West Point Class of 1941 and the Second World War* by William Yenne. John Wiley and Sons Publishers (November 1991); 356 pages.

*Treat 'Em Rough!* by Major Dale E. Wilson, Ret. Presidio Press (1990); 247 pages.

# MORE TO THE POINT

By Colonel George Pappas

**D**uring research into the history of the Military Academy, one often runs across items which are of interest to graduates. Conversely, sometimes one is unable to find documentary verification for events that are known to have occurred. It was suggested that using *ASSEMBLY* might bring help from graduates in pinpointing unanswered questions and, at the same time, provide a means of giving grads some of the interesting facts thus uncovered.

One of the unanswered questions involves the use of flags to indicate the uniform to be worn by the Corps for various formations. USCC Regulation do not provide the exact date that uniform flags were initiated. The regs for 1917 provide for signaling the prescribed uniform using a drum. By 1921, the regs had been changed to use the uniform flags instead. This leaves nearly four years when either system might have been used. Screening cadet letters and diaries for the period has been fruitless; there is no mention of the change. One unofficial reference has been found to show that the flag system was used in 1919. Older grads will remember the North Guard House located on the Chapel side of the barracks; the Guard House disappeared when New North Barracks, now Scott Barracks, was erected in 1938. The Junior Officer of the Guard spent much of his 24-hour tour of duty there and, to pass the time, penned his comments and thoughts in an informal and completely unofficial Junior Officer of the Guard Journal. Fortunately, many of these journals have survived and are in the Library Special Collections Division.

The comments in these journals are interesting and as varied as the personalities of the many cadets on duty. Many commented on the femmes asking for particular cadets to be informed that their young ladies had arrived. Some JOGs mentioned official visitors or the weather or problems with area birds. One comment in June 1919 was of special interest. It was written on a Saturday and began, "An interesting thing happened this morning. The OC rode up on his horse and tied him to the uniform flag pole." That narrowed my research concerning uniform flags to the period from 1917 until June 1919, but I have been unable to find any more definite indication of when the uniform flags were adopted. Official records in the USMA Archives have been of no help. CAN ANY OF YOU PROVIDE A MORE DEFINITE DATE FOR THE FIRST USE OF THE UNIFORM FLAGS?

Of general interest is the adoption of the

gray uniform for the Corps. It has become legend that this uniform was prescribed after the War of 1812 to honor Winfield Scott for his action at the Battle of Chippewa. This is truly legend and not fact. The Corps was first clothed in gray uniforms for the same reason that Scott's troops wore gray instead of blue: wartime shortages and inflated costs made it impossible to obtain the regulation blue uniforms. After the war, Superintendent Joseph Swift found that blue uniform cloth was still much more expensive than gray woolen material, so much so that he recommended to the Secretary of War that gray be used to reduce cadet uniform costs. Secretary William Crawford approved Swift's recommendation and the Corps continued to wear gray. How did the legend originate? The earliest reference I have found is in Scott's memoirs published in 1864. Boyton does cite an 1816 date for adoption of the gray uniform but makes no mention of honoring Scott. Fred Todd, then Director of the USMA Museum, cited the full Scott legend in his *Cadet Gray*, published in 1955. Swift's letter to the Secretary of War negates these claims. It thus can be stated as a documented fact that the gray uniform was adopted permanently in 1816 solely as an economy measure.

Another mystery involves the naming of Kissing Rock on Flirtation Walk. In the early days of the Academy, Flirty was known as the Chain Walk because the path led to the riverside spot where the chain across to Constitution Island was anchored. The term Flirtation Walk was first used in the late 1840s or early 1850s. The term is found in many cadet letters and diaries of that period. Kissing Rock was much more of a problem. Letters and diaries contain no references to it—possibly because parents would have been shocked at such a comment from their young cadet sons. My only definite source indicates that the Rock was a favorite cadet spot by 1868. What is that source? Photograph albums prepared for that class.

Before the advent of the *Howitzer*, class photo albums were ordered by almost every graduate. No two albums are exactly alike because each man selected the photographs he wanted in his album. Most included pictures of all class members, but faculty photos varied from book to book. The same is true of scenic views. Some albums contain as many as twenty-four different scenes; others only three or four. There are two reasons for the differences. First were the individual desires of the cadet concerned. Second was the cost. Cadets who had sufficient money in their accounts or



who obtained help from their parents ordered more photographs than cadets whose funds were limited.

The class albums are a goldmine to the researcher. They include photos of buildings long gone and even forgotten. Cadet uniforms over the years are all illustrated. Equally interesting are the fashions of the cadet dates. These albums, which started in the mid-1850s and continued until the early 1900s, provide a colorful, interesting, and important addition to material found in cadet letters and diaries.

Now a question for all of you who have taken the time to read this short discussion. Would YOU like to have similar questions and short informational notes included in future issues of *ASSEMBLY*? A short note or phone call will give the editor the necessary input for a decision.

# The AOG's Entry into Book Publishing

by Colonel Roland R. Sullivan, Ret.

In August 1986 Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer presented the Association of Graduates with a decidedly uncommon gift. Soldier-historian Palmer, the author of four highly regarded books on our nation's military history, transferred all rights, title and interest in three of those volumes to the Association of Graduates. The most recently published of the three, *Summons of the Trumpet*, had already generated almost \$20,000 in royalty income for the Association's West Point Fund, thanks to a prior agreement with the author. Indeed, this income had been key to the renovation of the cadet-candidate reception area. Now, the West Point Fund would receive royalties from two additional books, and the Association itself could undertake republication of any of the three on its own initiative.

*Summons of the Trumpet*, published in 1978, is an excellent account of the Vietnam War, while both *The River and the Rock*, published in 1969, and *The Way of the Fox*, published in 1975, deal with the American Revolution. The former tells the story of Fortress West Point from 1775–83 as critical strategic strongpoint; the latter is an analysis of General George Washington's military strategy.

Although *The Way of the Fox* was out of print and therefore seemed a likely candidate for republication, *The River and the Rock's* subject matter and its continuing sales made it the more logical candidate for the initial venture. When, in early 1989, the Association found only five copies of the first edition remaining for sale, it turned its attention to the realities of republication.

Of the five publishing firms that expressed an interest in turning out a new edition of *The River and the Rock*, three developed detailed proposals. By the fall of 1989, it was clear that even the best of these proposals would require a pre-publication investment of almost \$100,000 by the Association. The decision therefore was made to defer publication until a publisher could be found who would agree to assume the financial risk and, in effect, underwrite the project.

Thanks to the initiative of a former trustee of the Association and the good will of the publisher who had generated the most favorable offer in 1989, a new proposal was crafted in late 1990 that

provided for a smaller press run of a much higher-quality book. Additionally, the publisher, Hippocrene Books, Inc., agreed to underwrite the venture.

Now confident that the new edition could be published before the close of General Palmer's tour as 53d superintendent, the Association sought an appropriate person to provide a foreword for the book. That effort was rewarded handsomely when biographer-historian Lincoln Diamant expressed an interest. Himself a distinguished author of two books on West Point and the Hudson River Valley during the Revolution, Diamant recognized *The River and the Rock* as a seminal work that, at the time of its initial publication, "definitively closed a century-long gap" in significant scholarship.

Diamant's description of the book as "military history as it should be written" would later be re-echoed in Colonel Lloyd Matthews' review in the September 1991 issue of *Assembly*. Matthews, editor of the U.S. Army War College journal *Parameters*, called attention not only to General Palmer's "impeccable historical accuracy and soundness of interpretation" but also to his "colorful lively prose" and the book's "quick-paced narrative flow."

Concurrent with the recruitment in early 1991 of Lincoln Diamant to handle the foreword, General Palmer agreed to write a preface to the second edition. Additionally, the Association began to consider what type of binding would be suitable for the new edition.

The first edition had come with an individual slip-cover box, both book and box in cadet gray. For the second edition the slip-cover box was dispensed with, and the monocolored gray binding became black with a broadened gray spine that carried over onto both front and rear cover. Both front cover and spine were then set off in gold print, the Academy crest appearing on the front together with the title, subtitle and author's name. The second edition's more ornately appointed binding is now in greater consonance with what Colonel Matthews referred to as *The River and the Rock's* "rich visual dimension"—the many illustrations and excellent maps that enliven the text.

The major marketing effort for the book was two-fold: *Assembly* subscribers re-

ceived a brochure and order form with the March 1991 issue; non-subscribers received the same items by direct mail. Lesser efforts targeted smaller groups such as Plebe parents (on Plebe Parent Weekend) and the USMA faculty, while the publisher marketed the book through his catalog to bookstores and libraries. Sales figures were immediately encouraging, with the publisher quickly regaining his initial investment and the Association building a tidy sum for the West Point Fund through royalties.

Republication of the *River and the Rock* represents the Association's initial venture into the world of publishing. This is not to ignore other significant successes scored by individual classes, such as the Class of 1927's handsome Cadet Chapel book of only a few years ago, a success that is certain to be repeated by the Class of 1940 with its truly striking *Illustrated History of West Point* [see review on p. 33]. The difference provided by *The River and the Rock* has not been in the quality of effort nor of product, but in the uniqueness of sponsorship and the opportunity for dramatically reducing pre-publication costs and for generating greater income for the West Point Fund. In his Preface to the Second Edition, General Palmer expresses the hope that, as we approach the celebration of the Academy's bicentennial in the year 2002, we can all look forward to the Association's increased involvement in the publication of significant works about West Point and its graduates. Certainly *The River and the Rock* represents an auspicious beginning.

Editor's Note: *The River and the Rock* and the Class of 1927 book on the stained glass windows of the Cadet Chapel are available from the Gift Shop at the substantially discounted prices of \$49.95 and \$57.40, respectively, shipping and handling included. Orders for the Class of 1940 *Illustrated History of West Point* will be accepted by the AOG until 31 December 1991 at the pre-publication price of \$50.00 (including shipping and handling) and at \$60.00 thereafter.

# News from the Societies



## PHOENIX

Our Phoenix society participated with USNA and USAFA Alumni in a golf tournament on 20 May at the Point, South Mountain. We had 8 golfing members and one golfing guest plus 2 members and 1 guest for lunch only. **Roger Ueda '72** came all the way from Kingman, and **Fred Miller '51** came from Flagstaff. A scramble format was used for the golf tournaments, with mixed teams from the three services. **Dennis McComb USNA '65**, pres of the local USNA society, established a "Screaming Eagle Trophy" to be awarded annually according to as-yet-to-be-determined criteria. **Dennis Hawker '65**, your Phoenix Soc Pres, won the closest to the pin award (a dozen golf balls donated by **Ron Marusiak USAFA '72**, VP of the local USAFA soc.) It was the best turn out in three years and will be played again next year, possibly at the Point at Squaw Peak.

The calendar for the '91-'92 season is beginning to shape up. A major feature will be an Army-Navy Game weekend at the Point, South Mountain. This activity will be joint with the Navy. We hope that out-state members will be encouraged to attend. Locals will be able to attend all or any part of the available functions. These functions will be described later in a direct mailing.

Other activities in the planning phase include an evening function with the WPPC in Oct, a tour of Luke AFB in Feb, FD in Mar, Meet the Candidates in Apr and golf in May. Look forward to a banner year.

—Rog Neumeister '41

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/ NEVADA

This summer our society held two "Picnic in the Park" social gatherings. Because of the geographic spread of the members of our society, one meeting was held in Sacramento and the second was held in Reno, NV.

On 20 Jul a group of 26 members and spouses gathered at Ancil Hoffman Park, on the bank of the American River in Sacramento to renew acquaintances. Members from the class of '36 through the class of '79 were present. The society hosted a full picnic lunch, and the Sacramento weather cooperated with one of the

best and most pleasant days of the entire summer. We repeated the full hosted picnic two weeks later at Sand Harbor State Park on the Eastern Shore of Lake Tahoe for those in the Reno and N. NV area. At Sand Harbor a total of 35 members and spouses were in attendance. The classes from '44 to '72 were represented in Lake Tahoe. Again the weather cooperated with a totally blissful day. Both events were successful attempts to increase communication between retired graduates in the area and our society leadership. Calls were heard for a repeat performance at some future time.

Our next event will be our annual Army-Navy Game rally, to be held while watching the game at the "Sports Bar and Grill" in Sacramento on Game day, 7 Dec. For information call our soc pres, **Larry D. Smith, '62** at (916) 929-2675.

—Larry Smith '62



Sand Harbor (Lake Tahoe) Picnic



Ancil Hoffman Park—Sacramento, CA

## PHILADELPHIA

The WPS of Philadelphia is 64 yrs old. It was the first such organization of alumni, organized in 1926. The Soc celebrated FD and its 64th anniversary at the Union League of Philadelphia on Sat, 23 Mar '91. Former superintendent **LTG**



Bill Jones '36, Charlie Edwards '52 and Bob Simis '79

(Ret) **Willard (Scotty) Scott, '48** and "Dusty" were guest of honor. **GEN Scott**, one of the most popular and vibrant supes, has been a frequent guest in the WPS of Philadelphia.

Over 125 grads, wives and friends of WP participated in this outstanding and entertaining event. Guests also included a "Zoommie" **MAJ Scott Bottner, USFA, '75**; and **Jim Healy, USNA, '54**. Jim is pres of the Naval Academy Alumni Association in Philadelphia. Members of the WPPC of DE Valley and several members of the Ft. Dix NJ contingent joined in the party. A special guest was squadron leader **Peter Kennedy** and his wife **Chattenwick** of North Yorkshire, England. The youngest grad to address the proceedings was **Lt. Beryndol Sones, '87**. The oldest grad was **MG (Ret) Thomas H. Lipsomb, '34**. New board members were installed—**Julian Toneatto '67**; **Ralph Earl '54**; **Shane Olshansky x-'61**; **John Guernsey '69**; and **Matthew Russo '86**. **Bruce Hamilton '68**, secretary for the past several years retired his word processor and address list. **Bruce** becomes a Special Assistant to the Pres of the Soc.

WPS participates in DE Valley Parents Club New Cadet Buffet. The Soc sponsored the annual new cadet buffet at Ft. Dix, NJ which included twenty-five cadets entering the Academy in Jul from the DE Valley. They were greeted by other cadets from the DE Valley who were home on leave. Over 100 guests participated.

Plans for '91-'92 were approved at the annual board meeting at Eagle Lodge. The Soc received an update on the situation with Doubleday Field and the Doubleday Society. This movement had

its roots in concerns of the Philadelphia alumni. Important events on the calendar for 91-92:

—A tailgate at the Army Harvard Game, 28 Sep

—Nov luncheon meeting.

—Dec, Maxwell Club luncheon before the annual Army/Navy Game. The annual Army/Navy Dinner Dance will be on Fri, 6 Dec 91 (Army is the host this year). Support the Academy Ball by the WPPC of DE Valley on Sat, 28 Dec 91 at the Philadelphia Hilton.

Feb 14, general membership meeting at the Philadelphia Naval Base Officer's Club (before it closes). 13 Mar, FD at the Union League in Philadelphia. Apr—the general Soc meeting.

The Soc enjoyed an outstanding year in 91 and 91-92 looks like another superb program. Attendance at Society's events has generally been increasing with in the past two years. The Soc continues to promote WP to our fellowship in a good time.

Save Doubleday!

—Joseph R. Barkley



Rod & Pat Vitty and Dusty & LTG Scott



LTG Scott, Cadet Mullane, William Kittner '40 (former Ambassador to Thailand) and Rod Vitty '55

## PUGET SOUND

The ACCEPTED CANDIDATES ANNUAL LUNCHEON was held the first Sat. in Jun at the Ft. Lewis Officers Club. Of the 21 candidates that were invited, seven were able to attend. All were highly qualified and all but two have participated in team sports. Five counselors and 16 parents accompanied the candidates. Recent Academy grads assigned to Ft. Lewis acted as escorts



Leo Norton, John Gies (Pres WPPC of DE Valley), Rod Vitty and Shane Olshansky

and introduced them to the assemblage. Fourteen alumni from the classes of '39 to '86 attended, including five general officers. Pres Ed Trobaugh '55 presided and BG Raymond T. Roe '67, ADC, 9th Inf Div (MTZ) was the principal speaker.

The Society's Summer Quarterly Luncheon was held at the Seattle College Club on 16 Jul. We compliment our luncheon chairman, Andy Maron '67, for arranging a most interesting guest speaker, Dr. Hans J. Mendel, the local German Consul General. He described the problems confronting the unification of East and West German, with special emphasis on monetary problems and the rehabilitation of industry in East Germany.

—Win Curley '41

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF TALLAHASSEE

The WPS of Tallahassee, FL celebrated FD on 2 Mar '91 with a dinner at the Killlearn Country Club and Inn. The guest speaker was COL Pierce A. Rush-ton, Jr., Dir of Admissions at the Academy. Those in attendance ranged from '36 to '74.

New officers for the '91-'92 year are as follows:

Pres: Franklin Alford McGoogan, Jr. '66

VP: Edward Joseph Jasaitis '58

VP: Arnold Anthony Ferrando '78

Sec/Treas: Horace Schow, II '55.

Special recognition is given to the following officers for the '90-'91 year who put in a considerable effort in founding the WPS of Tallahassee. Pres Horace Schow, II, '55, VP Robert Morris, '54, and Sec/Trea Frank McGoogan, '66.

—Horace Schow '55

## EL PASO

Our monthly meeting on 14 May featured a presentation by LTC Scott Feil, '73, S-3 of 3rd Armored Cav Regt. Scott told us about the remarkable exploit of 3rd ACR from deployment to their safe and ceremonious return from Desert Shield/Desert Storm. This concluded a series of Persian Gulf feature topics which were presented each month dur-

ing the entire campaign. Gus Villaret '51 is our program chairman.

In Jun we charged into action with new cadet activities. On 9 Jun, The Parent's Club hosted a picnic at the home of Kathy Lucero for our area new cadets. Attendance was excellent. Buster Hayden '45 lead the orientation presentations with support from Jerry Cobb '68, new zip area coordinator, Larry Arciniega '94, Mike Solis '94, other visiting cadets and John Oblinger '53, Soc Pres. Charlene Russock was formally recognized as Parent's Club Pres for the coming year. Jerry Cobb '68, our new zip area coordinator, set up a general orientation session on 17 Jun at the U of TX at El Paso and attracted 80 to 100 area young people who wished to learn more about WP. CPT Steven Carter '81, WP Admissions Team attended this, as well as all the other new cadet activities during the week.

Tues 18 Jun was proclaimed official WP Day in El Paso by the Mayor and City Council. It was pointed out that El Paso sends more new cadets to WP each year, per capita, than any other city in the country, and these cadets have graduated at a very high 85% rate. Following the visit of the new cadets and their parents to the City Council chambers for the reading of the proclamation, they were hosted at a luncheon in their honor, sponsored by the Soc, at the Ft. Bliss Officers Club. The Class of '95 members from the area include Aryn Ballard, Michelle Bencomo, Edward Brady, James de la Pena, Gary Godbee, John Hall, Douglas Langehenning, Sandra Limon, Michael Lucero, Ana Rios, Katherine Rose, Ronald Warner, Claudia Zavala, and former US Army members, Stephen Clark, Timothy Gillette and Clayton Nicholas. Joining USMAPS class of '91-'92 will be Trinidad Gonzalez, Chris Payton, Army Pvt. James Roop and 3rd ACR Desert Storm Vet, PFC Jared Sloan.

Our speaker, BG Richard A. Behrenhausen '61, Commander JTF-6, gave an interesting, insightful, straight-from-the-shoulder presentation about WP and how new cadets can succeed there.

Our future plans include a Soc sponsored picnic in Sep at the home of Ft. Bliss Cmdr, MG Don Lionetti '61, where we will welcome the class of '91 to Ft. Bliss and the ADA Officer Basic Course. In Dec we will host our 2d Annual Beat Navy Rally—the night before we Beat Navy on Sat.

This edition of El Paso Society news gives us an opportunity to recognize some rock solid contributions by several of our members. In late June, Col Doug Starr '67, turned over command of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Brave Rifles to become Executive Officer for the Chief of Staff of the Army. Doug had served as our society vice president.

Performing dedicated yeoman service at many of our functions was **LTC Perry Casto '70**, who left battalion command at Ft. Bliss for a Pentagon desk.

On 10 September, **BG Richard Behrenhausen '61**, relinquished command of Joint Task Force Six and retired from active duty. **Dick** and **Betsy** have been enthusiastic, quality supporters, and they will be missed by the Society and many others in the El Paso area.

Last year's Parents Club Coordinator, **Mrs. Celia Pruitt** (sons **Don '90** and **Ron '91**) has not just rested on past accomplishments. Already she has gotten letters to ADA, CAV and FA members of the class of '91 who will be assigned or attending courses at Ft. Bliss. The Parents Club is ready to assist in finding apartments or other suitable off-post housing as well as help with other needs the class of '91 arrivals at Ft. Bliss may have.

Our monthly meeting for July featured **LTC Kerry Parker, '74**, S-3 11th ADA BDE (Scudbusters), who presented an operations briefing of the BDE's total participation in Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Our luncheon meeting on 13 August included presentations concerning the national and international War on Drugs efforts by representatives of both CIA and DIA assigned to the multi agency El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC).

At this meeting, we noted with sadness the death of **Delores "Dee" Spangler**, beloved wife of **Richard "Dutch" Spangler, '31**. **Dee** and **Dutch** were married in the West Point Chapel in 1935 and in 1937 **Dee** was the first lady to sing in the West Point Chapel. She was a survivor of the 7 Dec 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and went on to charm all who knew her with her music and caring love.

**General Jerry Polk, '33**, overcame pain and confinement one more time to be with us to celebrate the 75th birthday of **Lane Lee, '39**, on 5 August.

**COL Jeff Gault '70** is assembling a strong committee for our annual Society picnic scheduled for Saturday 28 Sept. This is our opportunity for all area graduates to meet and fellowship as we welcome the class of '91 and any other graduates who will be new arrivals into the Ft. Bliss El Paso area.

—John B. Oblinger, '53

## GREATER HOUSTON

Activities continue to abound with the Houston WP Soc. The Jul picnic was held at Tennwood Country Club, with 60 members and family attending. The festivities started with a golf tournament at which **Dick Graf '71** won the prize for the longest drive, as well as hitting closest to the pin. The volleyball tournament and the sack race showed that Houston grads are still in shape, since no heart attacks, strokes or collapsing occurred

during the brawl. In the horseshoe pitching contest, the team from the Class of '45 represented by **Bob Lee '45** & **Bob Pine '45** was decimated by the '59 team of **Dick Sundt '59** & **Julian Weisler '59**. Neither respect nor deference was shown for 14 years of seniority held by the losing team.

**ENTREPRENEURS AT WORK:** **Jock Joseph '69** at Paine Webber has completed his B.S. in Geology and is now working on his Masters Degree in Space Science, both at the U of Houston Clear Lake. **James D. Strachan '61** and his wife, **Da Thao**, have recently started a publication called the "Asian American News," a bi-weekly community newspaper with a planned circulation of 20,000. **Da Thao** is the publisher and **Jim** is the Editor-in-Chief. **Ab Webber '51**, known as the "Big Daddy" of the Houston WPS, brought his wonderful mother **Marge** to the '91 FD Banquet. **Marge** is WP's strongest booster in New Orleans and is currently serving as Pres and Owner of Webber Investments. He also polishes, on a regular basis, his Cadet Sabre #270, presented to him by the Houston WPS. **Paul Ache '50** is currently Pres and Owner of Crest Resources. In Dec he and wife **Betsy** are planning on attending the Army-Navy game Listening Party in San Antonio, hosted by classmate **Faulkner Heard '50**. **Paul** and **Betsy** have a beautiful

country home in Round Top, TX, where **Paul** is on the Board of Advisors of the Wine Dale Historical and Educational Center, started by that famous Texan, **Ima Hogg**, and is a noted cultural preservation center. **Jack Ray '47**, who is best remembered as the Cadet who kicked the winning extra points in the Army-Navy game of '46 and allowed Army to complete an unbeaten season, is currently acting as project manager of the oil and gas Little Will Development Limited Partnership in Greely, CO. Additionally he is doing international consulting in the area of petroleum exploration in Kuwait, Venezuela and Equatorial Guinea. **Tom Gee '46** retired from the US 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in Jan and is now a partner in the law firm of Baker & Botts in Houston.

**TRAVELERS: Dwight "Sandy" Beach '59** & **Carol** recently returned from the "Swearing In ceremony" in Washington, D.C. of fellow corporate exec, **Preston Moore**, as Ass't Sec of Commerce. While there he had a chance to visit with Sec of State **James Baker**, a fellow Houstonian. **James B. Giles '44** and son **Jim** just returned from a fishing trip in the Bighorn Mountains of Montana, where they severely depopulated the area of mountain trout. He is currently one of the mainstays in starting up the new Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Houston and is acting as a



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Senior Deacon. **Frank Moon '44** and wife **Joan** are headed for an Alaskan Cruise and land jaunt to north of the Arctic Circle. **Joan** has fully recovered enough from hip replacement surgery so that her doctor advises her that she can play a "giggly game of tennis." **Jim Sigler '58** and wife **Marilyn** have plans to attend the '58 mini reunion in South Padre Island, TX in Sep.

**NEW HOUSTON ARRIVALS:** **Mike Bertha '86** Construction/Maintenance engineer for Exxon, **Alan D. Duff '80** Employee Relations Manager for Continental Coffee, **Joseph M. Lunsford '77** Marketing Distribution with Exxon, **Ed Maran '80** Commercial Advisor with BP Exploration, **James M. Peters '65** Environmental Consultant, **Dee Bryant '85** Human Resources Professional with M. W. Kellogg, **Lou Berdicia '85**, **Mike Curran '86** Sales Engineer with Hickham Industries, **Paul La Fontaine '86** with Pepsico/Pizza Hut, **Clorinda Nothstein '85** Transportation Analyst with Shell Oil, and **Paul D. Oakley '71** Senior Buyer with Aramco Services Co.

**HOUSTON DEPARTURES:** **Bill Pickens '66**, a former Pres of the Houston Soc, has been promoted to Regional VP



l to r: Lady graduate members of WPS of Houston at the Aug meeting. **Frances Strebeck '86**, ex-cadet basketball ace and now Manager Computer Section of Southwestern Bell Telephone, **Helene Bryant '85**, ex-helicopter pilot and now Manager of Human Relations Dept of MW Kellogg, and **Clorinda Nothstein '85**, Transportation Analyst with Shell Oil.

in charge of Merrill Lynch's operations in the Austin, TX area. **Bob Soper '55** is headed for Saudi Arabia as a material specialist with Saudi Aramco.

—Robert E. Lee '45

## NORTH TEXAS

The WPSNTX provided 30 hosts for 34 out-of-town military units participating in the largest military celebration in the city of Dallas since the return of **Gen Douglas MacArthur** after WW II.

Known as the "Southwest Stars and Stripes Salute," the celebration held over the weekend of 19-21 Jul featured a ticker tape parade through downtown Dallas. More than 4,000 troops from units in TX and other southwestern states marched in the parade that was viewed by more than 100,000 spectators.

"We want every person in our Armed forces—those who went to the Gulf and those who proudly served at home and elsewhere around the world—to know how very proud and grateful we are," Dallas Mayor **Annette Strauss** said. "Their sacrifices and those of their families have been made on our behalf for the cause of greater freedom and liberty for all mankind."

The newly elected '91-'92 officers took office 1 Jul and coordinated the society's role in the extravaganza: **Darcy Anderson '78**, the new pres, and **Floyd McDaniel '78**, an assistant for programs.

Other '91-'92 officers include **John Abbott '69**, VP for programs; **Daniel O'Dell '78**, VP for admissions; **John Driskill '52**, VP for Pointer Committee; **David Taylor '79**, sec; **Kevin Wilson '85** treas; **David Briggs '50**, general counsel; **Palmer Haines '63**, public affairs officer; **Brian Trueblood '83**, career assistance officer; **Paul Divis '81**, sports director; and **Stanley Genega '65**, military affairs officer.

In other activities, the society won the area Tri-Service Academy golf tournament for the second consecutive time in

Jun and the softball tournament for the third year in a row in Aug. **Nick Stafford '69** coordinated golf activities, while **Al Lisi '70** handled softball.

—Palmer Haines '63

## SOUTH TEXAS

It is believed that if our members know which among them serve on the soc Board of Directors, communications are bound to increase. Henceforth the Board will wear distinctive name tags to society social functions. In addition, the accompanying photograph serves to visibly reveal the true identities of two-thirds of them:



**WPSSTX Board of Governors**  
FRONT L to R: **John Rogers '64** (Sec), **Dennis Rosenberry '68**, **Wes Jones '52** (PR), **Ken McCollister '61** (Treas), **George Sarran '62**. REAR L to R: **Buck Griffin '58** (Admissions), **Doug Weart '49** (Pres), **Joe Peisinger '54** (VP). Not present: **Demetrius Bivins '76**, **Stuart McLennan '53** (Programs), **John Rollston '52** (Plans & Policy), **Cal Johnson '62**, **Robert Case '46**.

Future society events include a luncheon on 13 Sep at USAA Towers, Ft. Sam Houston, with the county district attorney as the guest speaker and the annual picnic at MacArthur Park on 19 Oct.

—Wes Jones '52

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS

The WPS of St. Louis concluded another successful year of activities with the presentation to **Mike Mayweather '91**, our inaugural "outstanding First Class Cadet for the Greater St. Louis Area" award on 1 May '91. In addition, a large number of society members and members of the local Parents Club participated in a golf outing on 17 May at Scott AFB. Our society also co-sponsored a presentation by **GEN Vuono** at the University Club in St. Louis on 20 May. With our victory over Navy, life doesn't get any better than this.

Our society has also developed a full schedule for the 91-92 year. Our first  
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The attendees at Tennwood Country Club.



l to r: Pres **Roger Balog '69**, speaker at the Aug meeting of the WPS of Houston; **Paul LaFontaine '86**, immediate past pres of WPS of Houston; Attorney **Randy Pais '67**; and 2nd VP of WPS of Houston **Dr. Gerald E. Hofman '67**.

# Bulletin Board



## AOG Trustee Honored

On 12 September 1991 the Dallas County Community College District dedicated the R. Jan LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunications in Dallas Texas. The center is named in honor of Dr. R. Jan LeCroy, Class of 1954 (pictured below), former Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District and prime mover in launching the district's telecommunications effort. The 28,000 square-foot center provides live, educational television programming to remote learning sites via a sophisticated arrangement of educational networks and satellite uplinks. This recognition is but another milestone in Jan's long and distinguished military, industrial and educational contribution to his state and to the nation.



## AOG Executive Vacancy

The Development Directorate of the Association of Graduates is seeking a director of Corporate and Foundation Giving. The primary duties of this fundraising position include identifying sources of funding and soliciting grants from businesses and charitable foundations. This employee may also act as the

coordinator for the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program.

The AOG offers an excellent compensation plan plus the benefits of being a member of the West Point community. The applicant should be a USMA graduate. Desirable qualifications include business experience and a master of business administration degree. The position is expected to be filled in the spring of 1992.

Please address letters of application to the President, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. Include a resume and any specific compensation requirements. The deadline for the submission of applications is 15 January 1992. You can obtain additional information on this position from Joan Grey (914-446-2540) or by inquiring at the address above.

## Modern Pentathlon Association

The August 1991 World Modern Pentathlon Championship in San Antonio, Texas brought together several USMA graduates devoted to the Olympic sport. In the accompanying picture are Dr. Keith L. Markey '66 (1992 Team physician), F. R. "Fritz" Weber '30 (1936 Olympic Team), Guy K. Troy '46 (President, USMPA & 1952 Olympic Team)



and R. G. "Greg" Losey '72 (1984 Silver Medal Olympic Team). Troy notes that all three members of the 1928 Team—Peter C. Haines, III '24, Aubrey S. Newman '25 and Richard W. Mayo '26—are still alive and well.

## Equestrian Team Receives Two Additions to Its Herd

The USMA Equestrian Team will receive a tremendous boost this riding season with the addition of Irish Mist and Ben to the team stable. Both horses were recently donated to the team from private owners.

Irish Mist is a 16.3 hand (65.2 inch) tall registered thoroughbred gelding that comes to West Point from East Haddam, CT. Irish Mist was purchased for the Equestrian Team by Mr. Frank DeVito, an enthusiastic sponsor of the Equestrian Team and Army Athletics. Mr. DeVito, an accomplished horseman himself, felt a strong desire to invest in the continued success of the cadet riding program. He enlisted the help of Riding Coach Sue Bender to search for a top quality hunter/jumper horse to donate to the cadets. Irish Mist is a seasoned event horse. His event training has prepared him to run long and grueling cross-country courses over a variety of different obstacles and jumps, but he also is an accomplished performer in the dressage and stadium jumping events. He will have no trouble adjusting to the slower pace of intercollegiate hunt seat equitation.

Ben, a 15.3 hand (61.2 inch) tall chestnut quarterhorse was donated to the Equestrian Team by Mr. and Mrs. James J. Pirtle, Jr. (USMA Class of '51) of Muttontown (Long Island), NY. Ben was originally purchased for Mrs. Pirtle as a field hunter, but after learning of the critical need for horses to support the USMA Equestrian Team through her son-in-law and daughter, CPT and Mrs. Rex Russell (USMA Class of '80), Mrs. Pirtle made arrangements to have Ben brought to West Point.

The acquisition of quality horses has always been a challenge for the cadet equestrian program. The addition of Ben and Irish Mist will go far toward providing the cadets with quality mounts for practice and for hosting intercollegiate riding competitions. Currently the team

must lease the majority of its horses from the Community Recreation Division or from private owners. The team tries to maintain a stable of eight horses during the 9-month riding season in order to support the 30-member team. Due to Cadet Activities funding cuts and increases in the cost of stable board and care, however, the ability of the team to support its program has become curtailed. The Equestrian Team is actively searching for horses trained in or with an aptitude for hunt seat equitation. Also, the team hopes to one day become self-sustaining by seeking contributions through AOG toward its endowment. The equestrian endowment received a tremendous boost last year with a \$60,000 donation from the United Services Auto Association (USAA) in the memory of its founder, Major William H. Garrison, grandfather of the 90-91 Equestrian Team Captain, 2LT Gary Jeter (USMA Class of '91).

For more information regarding the USMA Equestrian Program, contact CPT Debra Lewis, Dept. of Systems Engineering (914-938-4847); or CPT



David Bender, Dept. of Physics (914-938-5042).

### Electronic Mail Directory for Academy Alumni

With the increasing use of computers and electronic mail (e-mail), a directory containing e-mail addresses of Academy alumni is being developed for interested alumni. Nowadays, there are a number of systems available that have an e-mail capability such as AT&T Mail, MCI Mail, Easyplex (Compuserve), GENie, Prodigy, America On-Line, Internet and the Defense Data Network (DDN), to name a few. Undoubtedly, a number of alumni are using these systems to communicate for work and/or pleasure. Jeffrey Altmire '81 has volunteered to put together a West Point graduate e-mail directory. The purpose of this directory will be to provide assistance in increasing communication among West Pointers who are using e-mail. Most people will attest that it is easier and quicker sending a message via e-mail rather than sending an equivalent postal letter. The long-term goal of the directory will be to provide stronger support for West Point based on improved intracommunication among graduates. The first edition of the directory will be published during the first quarter of '92. If you are interested in having your e-mail address(es) included in the directory, please send the following required information to Jeffrey Altmire, 9738 Robert Drive, Bethel Park, PA by 31 December 1991:

Name:  
 Class Year:  
 Address:  
 City: State:  
 E-Mail System(s) and Address(es):

To receive your copy of the directory, please include a check made out to "E-Mail Directory" for \$5 to cover postage and material costs. If you have any questions, Jeffrey Altmire can be reached on Compuserve as 72567,1474 or on GENie as J.ALTMIRE or by phone at (412) 833-6564.

### A Hero's Return

A videotape of the 15 May 1991 visit to West Point by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf is now available through the Directorate of Cadet Activities.

This 37-minute tape contains excerpts from various events including the Brigade Review, press conference, and dinner in the Cadet Mess Hall. General Schwarzkopf's "Character and Competence" speech to the Corps of Cadets in Eisenhower Hall is also included.

The tape may be purchased through the Directorate of Cadet Activities for \$10.00 per tape. To order this historic video, please send your check or money order made payable to *Cadet Activities Fund* to:

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 Eisenhower Hall, Building 655  
 United States Military Academy  
 West Point, New York 10996.

For further information concerning this videotape offer, please contact Mrs. Barbara Sanders, (914) 938-2780.



### Alaskan Wilderness Adventure

Thirty-two graduates, wives, widows and friends of the Military Academy braved the wilds of Alaska on a memorable 12-day whirlwind tour of our largest state. We spent a delightful day in Vancouver and then boarded the *Star Princess* for a three-day cruise up the Inland Passage to Juneau and Skagway. Taking the narrow-gauge railroad over the White Pass, we followed the trail of the '90 Gold Rush; enjoyed a scenic flight over the glaciers; took a paddle wheel steamer down the Tenana River at Fairbanks; and were entertained by displays and demonstrations of the Athabaskan Indian culture.

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These happy people went to Egypt in 90 & Alaska in 91! Prue & Bill Petre, '41; Helen & Bob Kemble, '49; Faith & Morris Herbert, '50; and Katharine & Bill Browne.

From Fairbanks (after a great salmon bake the night before) we boarded the Dome railway cars of the *Midnight Sun Express* for our trip to Anchorage. On the way, we stayed overnight at Denali National Park (Mt. McKinley) and saw brown bears (with cubs), moose, caribou, reindeer, bald eagles, mountain goats and ptarmigans! A wild ride down the rapids of the icy Nenana River was an exciting diversion before heading south to Anchorage. From our base at the Hotel Captain Cook we traveled to Whittier by bus and rail and spent a day cruising Prince William Sound on the S. S. *Klondike*. Our trip together was a marvelous experience that we'll never forget; Alaska is truly "The Last Frontier." AOG travelers include Ruth Beall '35; Katharine and Bill Browne from Canada (they went with the AOG to Egypt last year); Tom Burt '49; Ruth and Leroy Collins '41; Dusty and Bill Cound '46; Joy and George Dell '47; George Gerhart '34; Faith and Morris Herbert '50 (representing the AOG); Phil Hernandez, with the Dells; Helen and Dick Hunt '32 (have you ever missed one of our trips, Dick?); Helen and Bob Kemble '49; Miriam and Bill Love '45; Bitsy Lucey, with Ruth Beall; Mette Parker '37; Joanne and George Patton '46; Prue and Bill Petre '41; Charlotte and Bill Train '31; Joy Viskochil '50; Doris Wagner, with the Counds; and Georgia Mullen '34, with her daughter, Pat Wilson.

—Colonel Morris Herbert '50

### Tips from Omni Travel

As the 1991 football season begins, our thoughts should focus on travel plans for that special vacation you have always wanted to take. The ski season is

rapidly approaching with the promise that conditions and accommodations this year should be outstanding. Be sure to book early for peak/holiday periods. The opportunity to find a real bargain today in cruising continues to improve. The increasing number of cruise ships has created keen competition in marketing available cabin space. In addition, new ports of call have been added to the cruise inventory. For details on these vacations as well as other suggestions, please call Kimberley at 800-331-1810.

Omni Travel has negotiated special hotel rates in Philadelphia for the Army/Navy football game. In addition to discounted air fares, Omni Travel is able to provide hotel and rental car service to individuals or groups interested in attending the game. Omni Travel can assist classes or groups in arranging for special functions, such as parties or dinners. Obviously, early planning is essential to accomplish any of the above.

Omni Travel has been successful in arranging discounted air fares on Delta and American Airlines for "Holidays at Home" travel for cadets and others over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. These discounted fares will also be available for cadet travel over any long weekend and Spring Leave and for parents and friends attending Plebe Parent Weekend in March at USMA. Call Omni Travel early in order to insure choice travel arrangements.

During the past few years vacation planners have developed and promoted "economical fixed-cost" vacation packages. These are vacations where all related costs are paid in advance of the vacation, even gratuities. An example is



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the Grand Lido Negril in Jamaica, where guests are provided all food, drinks, entertainment, transportation, gratuities etc. for a prepaid amount. Of course, the typical cruise includes most of these amenities generally requiring the traveler only to pay for gratuities and drinks. Vacationers who have indulged themselves in the "all-inclusive" vacation have joined the ranks of those who describe this as the "ultimate vacation." Kimberley at Omni Travel will be delighted to assist you with both cruises and land packages for the "all-inclusive" vacation or with any other vacation needs.

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A word of caution . . . the fourth major airline in less than eight months has filed for chapter 11 protection under bankruptcy law. These airlines are Pan American, Continental, Midway and, most recently, America West. Additionally, TWA recently announced intentions to do the same. When this happens carriers drop service in markets that are not profitable. Frequently they will initiate fare wars in other markets to increase cash flow. The record shows this strategy does not usually work. Travelers need to be cautioned when purchasing tickets for travel several months in advance on carriers in obvious financial difficulty. The carrier may not be able to honor your schedule or even conveniently refund your money. Omni Travel can assist you in avoiding these problems.

Finally, keep in mind that Omni Travel is your full-service travel agency, providing quality service at the lowest price. We are able to provide the lowest fares for cadets, parents, alumni and friends of USMA for all types of travel. And, as pledged, we will continue making donations to the USMA AOG West Point Fund, based on volume of sales.

—Chuck Russell '56

### Library Friends Announce 1991 Writing Awards

The Friends of the West Point Library announced that their 1991 Awards for Excellence in Research and Writing went to Cadets Michael W. Brogan of New Rochelle, New York and Curtis W. Nichols of Billings, Montana. Each received \$250 in books of their own selection from the USMA Bookstore.

During the presentation Chairman of the Friends Colonel (Ret.) Roger H. Nye praised both the cadets and their faculty advisors from the Department of History, noting that their demonstrated excellence had been made possible by the

dramatic upgrading of Academy admissions, curriculum and faculty in recent years.

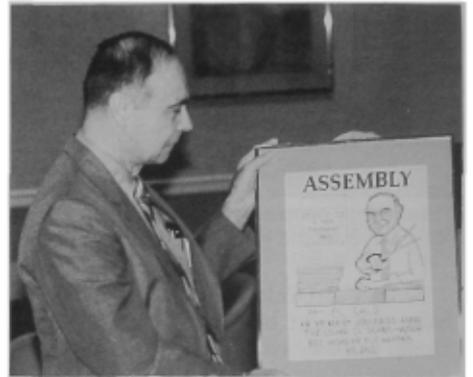
Cadet Brogan's winning paper, "The Warrior Ethic and Tactical Effectiveness: The Influence of Chivalry and Bushido Tactics in Late Medieval France and Japan," concluded that the Japanese samurai demonstrated somewhat more flexibility than the French knights in their response to technological advances in warfare. Cadet Nichols' paper, "Resetting the Equilibrium: John Locke's Theory of Harmony Between Society and the Individual," suggested that, contrary to the belief of many oft-quoted American political writers, Locke emphasized the importance of community as much as he did the freedoms of the individual. Both cadets are destined for assignments in Germany after graduation, Brogan in the Corps of Engineers and Nichols in Air Defense Artillery.

### Scribes Wish Farewell to Colonel Child and Hello to Lieutenant Colonel Olejniczak

In July 1991 my wife Pat and I went to Washington to attend the luncheon that the scribes of the D.C. area gave to say farewell to *ASSEMBLY* editor Colonel Paul W. Child Jr '52 (pictured holding gift from scribes, a framed caricature of himself) and to give the big hello to new editor Lieutenant Colonel Julian M. Olejniczak (pronounced O-luh-knee-chock, short title, Jay) '61. I am among a few thousand who hate to see Paul go because he really brought *ASSEMBLY* to new heights.

Jay was chosen after several weeks of screening applications and a number of personal interviews by the selection committee. He seems to have everything in the book. Infantry commander, 2 combat tours in Viet Nam; Silver Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman. MA in English at Wisconsin U, then 3 yrs in the English Dept at USMA and after that a joint law and business degree at the U of North Carolina.

I'm glad to know that he has all of that going for him because it is going to take a lot to replace Paul Child. Paul brought *ASSEMBLY* to new heights, not only for



its style and content but for its mechanical production.

When Paul took over, the procedure was to send typed pages to a local printer who had them set up in "hot lead" to print the first draft to return to the editor for his review and resubmission and eventual printing.

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The representative of Byrd Press who is the *ASSEMBLY* contact for all of this, Mr. Kyong Cho, was also at the Fort Myer luncheon.

And with all the scribes, I am grateful to Charlie Roades, the '55 scribe (pictured between LTC Olejniczak (L) and COL Child (R)), for setting up this luncheon meeting.

—BG Kenneth F. Zitzman '32

# Reunite Your Class through a Class Gift

by LTC Michael Mahan

A West Point graduate's affinity for the Military Academy can only be rivaled by one other bond—the attachment to his or her class! A class is composed of widely divergent individuals of varying social, economic, religious, ethnic and geographic origins. The class is forged in the fire of shared hardship and guided by a common goal of service to the nation. This heterogeneous mixture anneals into a single body much stronger than the simple sum of its parts. Once graduated there is little opportunity to function as a class, and we must draw strength from the accomplishments of classmates as individuals.

Class giving is one way we can rekindle the excitement and pride of accomplishing great things as a class. Each classmate can apply his or her own talents, abilities and means, allowing the class to achieve a meaningful and lasting objective that could not be met by any one person.

## What to Give

During the past several years the Superintendent has developed a long range, strategic plan for the Academy. An important by-product of this plan is a list of needs required to maintain the margin of excellence inherent in the West Point experience but without appropriated funding support. These needs provide opportunities for gifts that offer recognition for the class, but, more importantly, allow the Academy to move forward in critical areas not otherwise funded.

## When to Give

The Association of Graduates encourages classes to consider presenting class gifts on four occasions—commemorating their 10th, 25th, 40th and 50th Reunions. Certainly this scenario does not fit all classes and is presented as a suggestion. Likewise, the level of giving on each of these occasions is a function of the means, the generosity and the organization of the class. But as a point of departure for class discussion, appropriate gift amounts might be \$50–75,000 for a 10th reunion, \$200–250,000 for a 25th reunion, \$500–600,000 for a 40th reunion and \$750,000–1,000,000 for a 50th reunion. After the 50th reunion, individual gifts may be more appropriate than class gifts.

Planning within the class should begin early enough to allow an unhurried campaign that enlists compounding interest as an ally. Approximately 3–5 years is enough time for a moderately

aggressive campaign to achieve the dollar goals suggested above.

## How to Raise the Funds Needed

After determining that a substantial part of your class wants to give a gift, the class leadership should evaluate the level of giving possible. This process is probably more of an art than a science. Thoughtful, proportionate giving is key. This means that each donor should give in proportion to his or her means, not that everyone should give the same dollar amount. A rule in fund raising is that 90% of the goal comes from 10% of the donors. Often in class giving, everyone is solicited for the same amount because it is easier. Dividing your class into groups based on their ability to give is called segmenting. The more segmenting that you do, the fairer it is and the higher your goal can be. The Class Giving Office in the AOG can assist you in estimating an appropriate level of giving for your class.

The next two steps should be simultaneous. Plan your solicitation and decide on a gift. For your solicitation plan, your most capable segment should be solicited in a face-to-face visit. The next most effective solicitation is by phone, and the least effective is by mail. Personal and phone solicitation are best done by the class, but the AOG can help you plan your mailings and do most of the mail solicitation for you.

Selecting the gift is the other major task to be done at this point. Give everyone an opportunity to express themselves in this decision. For the campaign to be successful, the gift should have majority support. The class gift can be tailored to achieve a broad base of support. For example, an endowment that supports a different cadet activity each year will have broader support than endowing a specific cadet club. Another idea is to break the gift into several smaller gifts, supporting different areas of interest, to gain class support. But at the end of this process, a decision must be made. The class leadership will depend on

class loyalty and respect for the democratic process to earn support for the eventual choice from dissenting classmates.

The actual solicitation process can be a phased one. An annual gift over each of the intervening years is a sound strategy, but getting the most significant gifts early helps build momentum and takes advantage of compounding interest. Since these gifts are tax-deductible, personal financial considerations may dictate the most advantageous giving schedule. The nature of a class gift adds importance to reaching a high level of participation. You want to point to your final accomplishment as one by your class with each member participating according to his or her means and personal situation. This process should bring your class even closer together.

## Presentation and Recognition

A well-planned class gift project comes to fruition at a reunion so that the largest number of classmates can enjoy the fruit of their philanthropy. A formal presentation to an appropriate representative of the academy can be programmed into the reunion activities. A lasting form of recognition, appropriate in taste and design, can be approved as part of the gift. A plaque commemorating the class' effort is the most common source of recognition. Even projects not of a "brick and mortar" nature can be commemorated in a building appropriate to the category of gift. A gift to academics can be commemorated in the library or an academic building, to athletics in the gym or field house and to cadet activities in Eisenhower Hall.

If you think your class may be interested in a class gift project, involve the AOG early. We want to help you in every phase of your effort. Please contact LTC (Ret) Mike Mahan, Director of Class Giving, or Miss Sandra Servedio at (914) 446-1054. We are eager to discuss the Class Giving Program with you.

## 1991 Class Giving Results

TOP CLASSES FOR FY 1991		BEST IN EACH DECADE*	
*Best Overall Record: Jan '43		1920s: '29	1960s: '64
Most Donors: '70		1930s: '39	1970s: '70
Most Dollars: '22		1940s: Jan '43	1980s: '81
Highest Percentage Contributing: '21		1950s: '55	1990s: '90
*Best Overall Record determined by standings in Donors, Dollars and Percent Contributing.			

# Giving to West Point - Restricted and Unrestricted

**G**iving to West Point in support of the Annual Giving Program is an important reflection of commitment to sustain the continuing excellence represented by our Alma Mater. In FY'91 there were 11,001 donations totaling \$3,910,552 from individual alumni, friends, widows and parents. The total also includes matching gifts and grants. Our program, through the West Point Fund, permits you to give in either a "restricted" or "unrestricted" manner.

A restricted gift is one for which the donor specifies an intended use for the money. When received, that gift is credited to the subaccount of the West Point Fund set aside for that specified purpose and the donor's gift is used only for that purpose. Some of the subaccounts established are for support of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program and each of its 27 sports; others are for the Cadet Activities Program and each of its 115 activities. In the academic area, gifts may be made to such programs as cadet education, faculty development and research, SCUSA, Operation Crossroads Africa, or the Senior Conference. Other common categories for restricted gifts are class gift funds, the Library Fund, the Museum Fund and the Association of Graduates Endowment Fund or Building Fund. Class gift committees and the Superintendent ultimately agree on the use of money restricted for donations to class gift funds. Each year four to five classes provide gifts to the Military Academy. Classes are encouraged to commemorate their 10th, 25th, 40th and 50th reunions with a gift. For example, the Class of 1954 will present

the Academy with an Advanced Technology classroom. The room and its operating endowment will cost \$280,000 and be presented during the class's 40th reunion.

An unrestricted gift is one for which the donor does not specify an intended use for the money. Use is determined by an advisory committee recommending to the Superintendent selected projects for funding. This type of gift provides the maximum latitude to the Superintendent to fund the Military Academy's highest priorities at the time. Approximately one-third of the dollar value of gifts to the annual fund is unrestricted. In FY'91 this was \$563,227. These monies are allocated for projects and programs which benefit the Corps of Cadets and the Military Academy but for which appropriated funds are not available and are unlikely to become available. For the academic programs mentioned earlier, unrestricted money is added to restricted use money up to the required dollar level of funding for each program. In addition, unrestricted money has been used to sponsor academic forums, such as the Faulkner Concordance and Geography Symposium, which enhance the reputation of our faculty and the Academy. A cadet debate team trip to Japan and a cadet glacier research trip to Alaska are other examples of the uses of West Point Fund unrestricted money in the academic area.

The Cadet Activities Program relies heavily on an annual grant from the West Point Fund. In 1991 the grant was \$264,328. There are approximately 115 cadet extracurricular clubs and activities

which provide leisure time activity designed to complement cadet development and the goals of the United States Military Academy. West Point Fund money, when combined with income from the cadet activities fee (\$90 per cadet per year), provides funds for the budgets of these 115 cadet clubs and activities. These funds provide for club-related expenditures as follows: uniforms, equipment and transportation primarily for the 23 athletic clubs; honoraria and stipends for invited guests and coaches of 35 separate clubs; transportation support for several major glee club and choir trips through the year; spirit activity support; fine arts related support; and a variety of other purposes which directly assist cadets and their activities program. Other significant areas being granted West Point Fund support in 1991 are: Intercollegiate Athletics for training trips and highlights and recruiting films; and the Admissions Support and Preparatory Scholarship Programs.

Requirements for West Point Fund money continue to grow each year because of inflation and the mounting pressure on the federal budget. Your support, represented by a contribution to the West Point Fund, assists with the funding of a variety of activities and projects which add a margin of excellence to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets. Furthermore, your unrestricted donation permits the allocation of your money to the programs of greatest need. **SUPPORT WEST POINT BY YOUR ANNUAL PARTICIPATION.**

## West Point Fund Committee

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# West Point Fund Committee Annual Report

## 1 April 1990–31 March 1991

The Fiscal Year '91 fund raising effort on behalf of the Military Academy produced total income of \$4.61M. The West Point Fund Committee reports summaries of AOG Development activities in the ASSEMBLY. In the September issue was an article about individual contributors and another about corporate and foundation grants. Elsewhere in this issue is an article about considerations for restricted/unrestricted giving.

The West Point Fund was established in 1961 to finance, with private contributions, projects and activities of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets. The AOG only solicits funds to subsidize projects for which appropriated funds are not available or are unlikely to become available. As funding for a variety of programs has decreased, the importance of the West Point Fund in enhancing the quality of the West Point experience has increased. West Point Fund Committee members volunteer their time, business acumen and fund raising expertise to generate and manage contributions on behalf of the Military Academy. Members of the Committee for 1 July 1991–30 June 1992 are listed at the left. Significant details of the Annual Report are featured in the charts shown and the narrative that follows. A copy of the complete report will be provided upon request.

Gifts from all sources and for all purposes totaled \$4.61M compared to \$6.63M in FY'90, a decline of 30.1%. This was due to a drop in Planned Giving contributions from \$2.93M in FY'90 to \$.70M in FY'91, a decline of 76%. Direct Contributions for FY'91 were \$3.91M compared to \$3.71M in FY'90, an increase of 5.4%. Further highlights and a brief analysis follow:

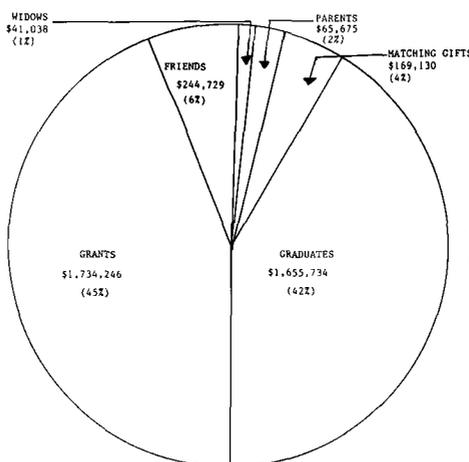
(1) Fifty-nine percent of Direct Contribution dollars received this year consisted of gifts of \$25,000 and over. This amounted to \$2.13M for FY'91, up 5.3% from FY'90. The largest of these gifts were from AT&T Foundation, \$555,580; Viewlogic Systems, Inc., \$536,200; COL Hilbert M. Wittkop, \$250,000; John M. Olin Foundation, Inc., \$170,000; Synercom Technology, Inc., \$150,000; Hewlett-Packard Company, \$113,600; Mr. Charles B. Chitty, \$100,000; Mr. Michael C. Mewhinney, \$95,000; United Services Automobile Association, \$86,000; Lifefitness, Inc., \$58,093; Mrs. Doty Appelbaum, \$50,000; Mr. Robert M. Blaik, \$38,000; Daughters of the U.S. Army, \$33,450; COL Henry R. Bodson, \$30,226; MG Robert A. Schow, \$25,156;

**Chart I**  
**Comparative Summary of Giving**

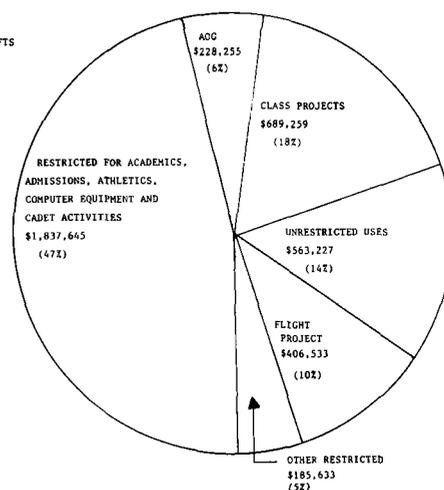
	FY'89	FY'90	FY'91
Number of Gifts	11,577	11,134	11,001
Number of Donors	8,922	8,876	8,403
Direct Contributions	\$3,326,229	\$3,710,684	\$3,910,552
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 748,390	\$ 581,053	\$ 563,227
Unrestricted Gift Ratio (1)	22.5%	15.7%	14.4%
Planned Gifts	\$2,013,689	\$2,928,463	\$ 700,781
Class Gifts	\$ 562,469	\$ 344,559	\$ 689,259
Graduate Participation (2)	21.6%	20.9%	19.5%

(1) As a % of direct contributions  
(2) As a % of graduates solicited

**Chart II**  
**Sources of Direct Donations**  
**FY 1991**



**Chart III**  
**Uses of Direct Contributions**  
**FY 1991**



**Chart IV**  
**Frequency Distribution of Contributions**

Giving Levels	FY'90		FY'91	
	Donors	Dollars Donated	Donors	Dollars Donated
Under \$25	901	\$ 12,820	751	\$ 10,749
25-49	1,571	43,112	1,442	38,782
50-99	2,625	136,632	2,485	131,964
100-249	2,714	351,910	2,685	341,098
250-499	385	119,980	424	128,423
500-999	377	208,441	309	172,876
1,000-4,999	253	407,308	250	416,667
5,000+	49	2,430,480	57	2,669,992
Total	8,875	\$3,710,684	8,403	\$3,910,552

and LTC Richard W. Maffry, \$25,000.

(2) Direct Contributions of less than \$25,000 totalled \$1.594M for FY'91, down 4.4% from FY'90. The number of gifts totalled 11,001 for FY'91, down 1.0% from FY'90. Graduate participation was 19.5% in FY'91 compared to 20.9%, in FY'90, down almost 7%. Average gift size in this category was \$145 in FY'91 compared to \$150 in FY'90. These gifts

can generally be attributed to the Annual Fund Drive and class gift campaigns.

(3) While there was a slight decrease in grant income from FY'90 to FY'91 (\$1.79M to \$1.73M), AOG still maintained a sizable growth over previous levels (\$.38M in FY'89). As in FY'90, this was due chiefly to improved grant processing staff efficiencies at USMA and Department of the Army.

(4) Donations to class gift accounts increased 50% to \$689K from \$345K in FY'90. To some extent class giving may have been impacted by the Flight Project which raised \$406,533 in FY'91.

(5) Donations for "unrestricted" use declined 3% to \$563K from \$581K in FY'90.

Donor recognition items again were awarded at the following levels: \$50 for a calendar; \$200 for a Cross stainless-steel pen & pencil set; and \$500 for a Cross gold-filled lapel pin. Also available to donors are the Major Donor Plaque and Special Recognition Plaque located in Eisenhower Hall. The plaques provide recognition to graduates and friends of West Point who contribute to the support of the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates through the West Point Fund. The criteria for inclusion on the Major Donor Plaque is \$3,000 in one calendar year or \$6,000 lifetime giving. The criterion for the Special Recognition Plaque is \$100,000 or more lifetime.

As stated earlier, FY'91 Planned Giving results, consisting of life income plans and realized bequests, were below those in FY'90. The decrease in appreciated equity holdings of potential donors made tax-advantaged life income commitments less attractive. This, of course, was due to poor market conditions stemming from the ongoing recession. There were 20 gifts received in FY'91 totalling \$700,781, compared with 25 gifts totalling \$2,928,463 in FY'90. Realized bequests totalled \$291,545 from the estates of 15 individuals. This was higher in number of gifts received, but lower in total value, than last year. The AMICUS, the Association's estate planning newsletter, has been distributed for over 10 years and now goes to over 5,000 alumni quarterly. It continues to have a major positive impact on Planned Giving.

Table 1 summarizes FY'91 Class Giving. These figures show the relative role of each class in promoting the margin of excellence desired at West Point. There were 8,403 donors (19.5% of all graduates solicited) who contributed \$1,655,734. Of this amount, \$689,259 went to Class Gift Accounts. Graduate participation in the annual campaign is at its lowest level since FY'85. The charts illustrate the trend of graduate giving.

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

**Table 1**  
**FY 1991 Class Giving**  
**(Dollars)**

Class	Donors	Total Amount* of Donations	Percent Participation	Class Gift** Account Balance
1912-1922	39	\$ 289,503	52%	\$ 20,585
1924	22	4,440	48%	9,318
1925	11	1,775	55%	CLOSED
1926	12	1,025	43%	259
1927	25	2,750	61%	42,857
1928	29	9,354	49%	1,909
1929	32	15,575	58%	3,940
1930	32	5,310	48%	CLOSED
1931	40	15,990	38%	81,055
1932	42	5,832	53%	30,360
1933	67	17,823	54%	2,487
1934	45	5,975	45%	860
1935	40	4,270	30%	CLOSED
1936	68	13,042	45%	21,196
1937	68	13,462	50%	72,421
1938	79	15,527	50%	80,330
1939	144	27,778	50%	31,107
1940	124	15,159	47%	54,504
1941	85	38,862	35%	61,353
1942	114	56,826	49%	138,301
Jan 1943	170	46,409	69%	61,450
Jun 1943	72	18,325	23%	21,368
1944	147	45,356	45%	52,051
1945	165	28,591	26%	11,071
1946	197	45,210	31%	15,995
1947	66	28,100	27%	32,593
1948	59	29,018	24%	71,585
1949	130	28,422	29%	61,725
1950	139	24,671	26%	46,180
1951	79	25,393	20%	679,092
1952	100	74,550	24%	35,593
1953	91	19,128	21%	175,006
1954	105	24,239	21%	3,915
1955	135	36,705	33%	163,640
1956	92	15,009	21%	38,267
1957	79	6,343	17%	24,430
1958	98	11,494	19%	121,392
1959	81	12,315	19%	23,268
1960	122	15,016	25%	49,123
1961	72	5,507	17%	4,091
1962	83	16,591	16%	6,112
1963	49	4,680	12%	3,547
1964	138	31,570	28%	324,085
1965	82	13,812	16%	8,162
1966	111	230,175	23%	328,336
1967	104	12,304	22%	28,238
1968	110	12,030	19%	4,663
1969	125	12,340	18%	29,859
1970	235	29,010	34%	114,514
1971	126	27,100	18%	60,527
1972	129	11,553	18%	30,770
1973	92	4,909	12%	5,576
1974	88	6,795	13%	28,160
1975	95	7,707	13%	9,203
1976	108	5,158	16%	8,282
1977	93	7,312	16%	8,609
1978	105	6,171	13%	4,736
1979	96	7,808	12%	7,955
1980	93	10,462	11%	1,461
1981	157	12,525	17%	28,753
1982	110	5,820	14%	1,233
1983	104	5,335	13%	15
1984	112	6,209	13%	1,189
1985	95	5,332	10%	1,873
1986	75	3,095	9%	2,709
1987	81	3,815	9%	3,017
1988	47	2,541	5%	6,338
1989	39	1,920	4%	51
1990	28	7,269	3%	0
1992	—	21,040***	—	0
1993	—	23,140***	—	0
TOTAL	6,240	\$1,655,608	19.5%	\$3,402,678

\*Graduate, ex-cadet, and class donations made to all accounts

\*\*Includes receipts from sources in addition to col. 3 (widows, corporate matching gifts, etc.) plus investment income

\*\*\*To Class Administrative Account



THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES OF THE  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

BALANCE SHEET  
March 31, 1991  
(With Comparative Totals for 1990)

ASSETS	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted, Endowment and Similar Funds	Agency Fund	Total All Funds	
					1991	1990
Cash						
Accounts receivable	\$ 177,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,603	\$ 19,807
Inventories	16,587	-	-	-	16,587	15,972
Investments	164,933	-	-	-	164,933	184,180
Equipment, net	116,389	171,757	27,167,245	917,930	28,375,321	26,795,028
Other assets	-	308,557	-	-	308,557	220,221
	<u>2,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,045</u>	<u>41,445</u>
	<u>\$479,557</u>	<u>\$480,314</u>	<u>\$27,167,245</u>	<u>\$917,930</u>	<u>\$29,045,046</u>	<u>\$27,276,653</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 29,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,102	\$ 6,603
Deferred compensation	-	-	-	917,930	917,930	814,648
Fund balances	<u>450,455</u>	<u>480,314</u>	<u>27,167,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,098,014</u>	<u>26,455,402</u>
	<u>\$479,557</u>	<u>\$480,314</u>	<u>\$27,167,245</u>	<u>\$917,930</u>	<u>\$29,045,046</u>	<u>\$27,276,653</u>

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
Year Ended March 31, 1991  
(With Comparative Totals for 1990)

	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted, Endowment and Similar Funds	Total All Funds	
				1991	1990
<b>Support and Revenue.</b>					
Contributions	\$ 36,985	\$ -	\$ 2,441,925	\$ 2,478,910	\$ 2,177,225
Bequests and grants	-	-	1,713,022	1,713,022	3,015,222
Royalties	-	-	16,280	16,280	61,137
Investment income and gains/losses on sales of securities	688,088	14,474	1,539,061	2,241,623	2,042,612
Sales - gift shop	392,325	-	-	392,325	300,599
Subscriptions and advertising	472,765	-	-	472,765	406,467
Dues and memberships	21,730	-	-	21,730	27,345
Other	68,320	-	284,340	350,660	77,588
	<u>1,678,213</u>	<u>14,474</u>	<u>5,994,628</u>	<u>7,687,315</u>	<u>8,108,195</u>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Awards, grants and contributions	-	-	3,473,175	3,473,175	2,832,853
Finance and services	300,829	12,061	-	312,890	315,176
Publications	615,756	6,272	-	622,028	483,282
Gift shop costs	376,757	2,895	-	379,652	282,797
Development	492,618	12,543	-	505,161	411,789
General and administrative	252,386	5,789	12,531	270,706	201,392
West Point societies	125,528	3,859	-	129,387	95,927
Preparatory scholarships	48,726	965	-	49,691	32,703
Other	143,965	36,442	122,006	302,413	154,352
	<u>2,356,165</u>	<u>80,826</u>	<u>3,607,712</u>	<u>6,044,703</u>	<u>4,810,271</u>
Reimbursement to Operating Fund of certain general, administrative and development expenses incurred on behalf of other funds	743,410	(383)	(743,027)	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	65,458	(66,735)	1,643,889	1,642,612	3,297,924
<b>Transfers</b>	<u>(280,780)</u>	<u>151,408</u>	<u>129,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fund balance	(215,322)	84,673	1,773,261	1,642,612	3,297,924
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>665,777</u>	<u>395,641</u>	<u>25,393,984</u>	<u>26,455,402</u>	<u>23,157,478</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 450,455</u>	<u>\$480,314</u>	<u>\$27,167,245</u>	<u>\$28,098,014</u>	<u>\$26,455,402</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
Year Ended March 31, 1991  
(With Comparative Totals for 1990)

	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted, Endowment and Similar Funds	Total All Funds	
				1991	1990
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 65,458	\$ (66,735)	\$ 1,643,889	\$ 1,642,612	\$ 3,297,924
Adjustments to reconcile excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation	-	51,647	-	51,647	39,127
Loss on disposal of equipment	-	20,066	-	20,066	2,088
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable	(615)	-	-	(615)	22,085
Inventories	19,247	-	-	19,247	(29,030)
Other assets	(600)	40,000	-	39,400	(41,445)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>22,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>22,499</u>	<u>(14,655)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>106,239</u>	<u>44,978</u>	<u>1,643,639</u>	<u>1,794,856</u>	<u>3,276,094</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
(Purchase) sale of investments, net	51,557	115,071	(1,643,639)	(1,477,011)	(3,289,808)
Purchase of equipment	-	(160,049)	-	(160,049)	(23,772)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>51,557</u>	<u>(44,978)</u>	<u>(1,643,639)</u>	<u>(1,637,060)</u>	<u>(3,313,580)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	157,796	-	-	157,796	(37,486)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>19,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,807</u>	<u>57,293</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 177,603</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 177,603</u>	<u>\$ 19,807</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Transfers	<u>\$(280,780)</u>	<u>\$ 151,408</u>	<u>\$ 129,372</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1.

Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Activities:

The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy (Association) is an organization dedicated to furthering the ideals and promoting the welfare of the United States Military Academy (Academy). The Association is exempt from income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code except to the extent of taxes on unrelated business income.

A summary of the Association's significant accounting policies follows:

Fund Accounting:

In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Association, its accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into fund groups. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by fund group.

Operating fund - accounts for all revenue and contributions not restricted by the donor or by agreement. Such amounts are used to fund the general day-to-day operations of the Association.

Equipment fund - accounts for all capital assets and amounts set aside for capital expenditures.

Restricted, endowment and similar funds - account for those resources which are restricted for specific purposes by donor, agreement or by the Board of Trustees. These funds include approximately \$17.5 million in endowment and similar funds, of which approximately \$10.8 million is subject to a restriction contained in the Association's constitution which specifies that these funds shall not be disposed of in whole or in part, except pursuant to the approval of two-thirds of the regular members of the Association present at an annual meeting. Bequests and grants in the accompanying statement of support and revenue, expenses and changes in fund balance includes approximately \$1.2 million in endowment capital additions.

Agency funds - account for those resources which the Association holds in custody for its executive officers pursuant to deferred compensation contracts.

Inventories:

Inventories consist of gift shop items and are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

Investments:

Investments are recorded at the cost or market value at date of gift. Separate investment accounts have been established pursuant to agreements with third parties. Unless specific prohibitive clauses are contained in the gift instruments, funds for investment have been combined into other investment pools. Revenues arising from the ownership or disposition of pooled investments are allocated to the various funds based on the percentage of ownership interest of such funds in the investment pool. Gains or losses on the sale of investments are determined based on the average cost of the investments.

Property and Equipment:

Expenditures for the acquisition of property and equipment are capitalized at cost. The fair value of donated furniture and equipment is similarly capitalized. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets (generally 10 years) on the straight-line method.

Donated Property:

Donated materials and equipment are reflected as contributions in the accompanying statements at their estimated value at date of receipt. Support and revenue, for 1991, includes approximately \$1.4 million of donated property.

Contributed Facilities:

The Association occupies without charge offices which are located at Cullum Hall at the Academy. However, the rental value of the premises is not recognized in the accompanying financial statements because no objective basis is available to measure that value.

Allocation of Administrative Expenses:

General and administrative expenses have been allocated to various funds based upon average fund balance.

Pension Benefits:

The Association has a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering all eligible employees. To be eligible, an employee must be 21 years of age and have one year of continuous service. The plan provides benefits based on the

average monthly compensation, as defined by the plan, of each participant. Benefits are subject to certain reductions if the employee retires before reaching age 65. The Association's funding policy is to make the minimum annual contribution that is required by the applicable regulations.

Comparative Amounts:

The amounts shown for 1990 in the accompanying financial statements are included to provide a basis for comparison with 1991 and are not intended to present all information necessary for a fair presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Certain items in the prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

Note 2.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The cost of providing the various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statement of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances. Accordingly, certain administrative and fund raising costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefitted.

Note 3.

Investments

Investments are presented in the financial statements in the aggregate at the lower of cost or fair market value.

	Cost	Market
Operating fund	\$ 118,389	\$ 129,731
Equipment fund	171,757	173,378
Restricted funds	27,167,245	29,127,540
Agency funds	<u>917,930</u>	<u>917,930</u>
	<u>\$28,375,321</u>	<u>\$30,348,579</u>

Investments are composed of the following:

	Cost	Market
Money market accounts	\$ 4,225,568	\$ 4,225,568
Commercial paper	-	-
Fixed income securities	15,025,720	15,427,580
Equity securities	8,949,511	10,520,909
Miscellaneous	<u>174,522</u>	<u>174,522</u>
	<u>\$28,375,321</u>	<u>\$30,348,579</u>

The following tabulation summarizes the relationship between carrying values and market value of investment assets:

	Carrying Value	Market Value	Excess of Market Over Cost
Balance at end of year	<u>\$28,375,321</u>	<u>\$30,348,579</u>	\$1,973,258
Balance at beginning of year	<u>\$26,795,028</u>	<u>\$28,168,399</u>	1,373,371
Increase in unrealized appreciation			599,887
Realized net gain for year			<u>452,481</u>
Total net gain for year			<u>\$1,052,368</u>

Note 4.

Equipment

A summary of equipment is as follows:

Records automation system	\$284,391
Other equipment	<u>257,227</u>
	541,618
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>233,061</u>
	<u>\$308,557</u>

Note 5.

Deferred Compensation

The Association has entered into contracts with its executive officers whereby they can defer specified amounts of their compensation. These amounts are invested on behalf of the executives and are payable to the executives upon their retirement. At March 31, 1991, \$917,390 was recorded in the Agency Fund pursuant to these contracts.

Note 6.

Pension Plan

Net pension cost for the Association's defined benefit pension plan consisted of the following components for the year ended March 31, 1991:

	1991
Service cost (benefits earned)	\$ 44,212
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	45,846
Actual return on plan assets	(112,183)
Net amortization and deferral	<u>21,509</u>
	<u>\$ (616)</u>

Note 6.

Pension Plan, Continued

The following table sets forth the plan's funded status as of March 31, 1991 and the amount recognized in the accompanying balance sheet as of March 31, 1991:

Actuarial present value of benefit obligations:	<u>1991</u>
Vested benefits	\$ <u>493,980</u>
Accumulated benefits	\$ <u>528,886</u>
Projected benefits	\$ (694,218)
Plan assets at fair value	<u>1,041,614</u>
Projected benefit obligation less than plan assets	347,396
Unrecognized net gain	(172,086)
Unrecognized transition asset	(212,708)
Unrecognized prior service cost	<u>33,482</u>
Liability	\$ <u>3,916</u>

The discount rate and rate of increase in future compensation levels used in determining the actuarial present value of the benefit obligations were 7.5% and 5%, respectively, at March 31, 1991. The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets used in 1991 was 8%.

Note 7.

Commitments and Contingencies

Alumni Center

The Board of Trustees of the Association has approved the expenditure of up to \$750,000 for the design of a new alumni center. The total cost of construction is expected to be \$4.5 to \$5.0 million. The Association anticipates receiving approximately \$3.0 million from an estate to fund a portion of the cost of construction. The remainder of the cost will be funded with existing funds and future fund raising. As of March 31, 1991 no costs have been incurred relative to the alumni center design or construction.

Gift Annuities

The Association receives certain gifts whereby it is contractually obligated to make periodic payments to the donor for the remainder of his or her life. The Association purchases annuity contracts from insurance companies. The net amount of the gift after subtracting the cost of the annuity contract is included in revenue, in the year received. At March 31, 1991, the Association was obligated to make semi-annual payments of approximately \$36,000 to various donors, which were completely covered by annuity contracts. Approximately 90% of the periodic payments were covered by annuity contracts with two insurance companies.

 Urbach Kahn & Werlin PC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy as of March 31, 1991, and the related statements of support and revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy as of March 31, 1991, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Urbach Kahn & Werlin PC*

Poughkeepsie, New York  
May 31, 1991



Tom Johnson, president, CNN in Atlanta Control Room

Photo: CNN, Inc.

were “raped and murdered?” Dukakis’ answer, and his cool demeanor as he gave it, drove a nail into the coffin that was his campaign. Later, political experts agreed that by the time Dukakis finished his answer the presidential race was over.

Bernard Shaw also asked George Bush a tough question about whether he would worry about the country if it came under President Dan Quayle should Bush suddenly die. That evening Bernard Shaw became famous throughout the world. The fact that he was a CNN anchor helped build its reputation as a network that asked the kinds of tough questions that were on the minds of so many.

The next major CNN coup took place during the spring and early summer of 1989. The issue then was China. CNN sent Bernard Shaw to Beijing. CBS sent Dan Rather. Peter Jennings of ABC and Tom Brokaw of NBC stayed home. Shaw’s purpose in going to China was to cover the visit of Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, who for the first time was meeting with senior leaders of the People’s Republic of China. In the background during the visit was the

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**Johnson called Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in the Pentagon and told him that he knew he was way out of bounds in raising this issue, but was it true that the Rashid Hotel was about to be bombed?**

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burgeoning Democracy movement of Chinese university students. Many had gathered in Tiananmen Square, in the heart of Beijing, to seek a restructuring of Chinese political leadership.

All of a sudden, with the Gorbachev visit coming to an end, the Chinese government threatened to suppress the student movement. CNN had good coverage of the events in Tiananmen Square. In fact, as the Chinese authori-

ties began their crackdown, it had the *only* live coverage, and the Chinese wanted to stop it. These developments, and CNN’s efforts to continue coverage from Beijing, became a story in itself. ABC, for instance, began covering the story of CNN’s efforts to hang on to its coverage even after the Gorbachev visit ended.

The attention of the world was focused on Tiananmen Square, and CNN was providing extensive coverage, not just to the United States, but to the world. Shaw said, “We all came here to cover a summit and we walked into a revolution.” His articulate coverage, plus the satellite feed out of Beijing, again brought CNN to the forefront, gave the network more practice in dealing with crisis situations, and enhanced the prestige of CNN throughout the world. This CNN coup in China and the short but dramatic history of CNN is told quite nicely in the book *CNN: The Inside Story* by Hank Whittemore, published by Little, Brown in 1989.

As the network approached its tenth anniversary on the first of June 1990, it had become one of the success stories of American business. It was being re-

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ceived in fifty-three million American homes by cable and in eighty-four countries. By the time the Gulf War broke out, it was reaching one hundred and eight countries. By 1990 there were seventeen hundred staffers and seventeen bureaus; by 1991 that had grown to eighteen hundred staffers and twenty-four bureaus. Yet in order to understand how these people pulled the news together, it is necessary to examine the technology, the newsgathering and sorting process, and the structure and functioning of the main CNN studio in Atlanta.

One of CNN's biggest strengths is its technical ability to pull together a large amount of information from various places and feed it into the control room in Atlanta. As a result, the producers had a variety of material to choose from, including live and taped shots, live telephone hookups, and military experts in Washington and Atlanta who could be on camera in less than two minutes. With a veritable cornucopia of interesting material at their command, these producers could quickly place a vital story on camera.

In order to turn this juggling act into compelling television, the producers needed a workable but flexible plan. Each day they had to have scripted stories, dozens of guest experts, and a great deal of satellite time (with the up-links and the down-links to and from the satellites well established). Success required decisive producers who could quickly monitor an enormous amount of information and identify and select the best stories.

This diverse menu of choices came about because there were many producers and reporters in the field feeding information to producers in the control room in Atlanta and telling them about present and upcoming stories. A crucial role was also played by highly competent technical people who could say, "Okay, we've got five minutes of satellite time left with Amman," or "We have ten minutes of satellite time coming out of Riyadh at the top of the hour."

Producers needed to grasp not only where the best stories were located but

whether they could bring them into Atlanta when the satellite was available. They also had to understand which alternative routes could be used if the satellite up-links or down-links were not working properly.

The control room (often called "A control" or the "pit") in Atlanta is the nerve center (or command post) for the entire operation. In this two-tiered booth are sixty television monitors for technicians, producers, and senior producers to survey. During the war the normal pit crew went from seven to twelve persons so that nothing important was missed, no telephone call went unanswered, and no sharp direction by a producer was ignored. The executive producers could communicate directly to dozens of reporters throughout the world through earpieces and at the same time give directions to anchors and military experts sitting at desks in Atlanta and Washington.

When a producer or executive producer gave a command through an earpiece, the reporter or guest or technician did what he or she was asked, and did it quickly. The hardest job was to talk live on camera while listening to directions from a producer. Usually the producer's directions were cryptic: "Wrap" meant finish your point and quit talking within the next ten or fifteen seconds; "stretch" meant keep talking. "Stretch" usually meant, in fact, that there was an unanticipated delay with the next story and that it was the reporter's job to keep talking for a while. (I loved it when I heard the word "stretch" through my earpiece, for I always had more to say about the subject at hand.) CNN officials, from top executive to junior technician, had planned for rapid-fire coverage emanating from many locations. The result, on occasion, was chaos, but at times it provided brilliant broadcast journalism.

CNN has an efficient way to keep busy reporters, producers, bookers, anchors, and staff people informed. It is the Basys computer system, an electronic mail system which permits CNN employees to communicate with each other and keep up-to-date on the thinking of top CNN officials, on events relating to the Gulf War, and on other newsworthy happenings. Throughout CNN there are computer terminals at hundreds of locations. On the central CNN computer during the war were two files of great importance: the "Read Me" file and the "Read Me War" file. Every key employee (reporter, producer, anchor, booker, executive) would go to a computer terminal and call up these files, which provided updates on major issues and policy decisions, when they arrived at work and at least every hour during the day.

Executive Vice-President Ed Turner (no relation to Ted Turner) served as chief news gatherer, and he used this

system to communicate to his staff around the globe. Using this computer system, CNN employees could call up the major American and European wire services, such as Associated Press, United Press International, Reuters, or Agence France Presse. They could also send and receive private messages to and from anyone else in CNN. Many organizations with which I have been associated in recent years have similar systems, but none uses them as extensively as does CNN. Without question the Basys system was an important part

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of the CNN success story. Little time was wasted trying to make telephone contact with busy people. "Telephone tag," that frustrating exercise of trying and failing to get someone on the telephone, was largely avoided by CNN throughout the war.

As the result of newly established satellite up-links, CNN had more opportunities to set up guest appearances than had ever been available in the past. For instance, CNN could use London for the first time as a regular base for guests. In the past, getting a live interview with the British prime minister or with the distinguished British military historian John Keegan had required setting up satellite time. Now such interviews became routine.

CNN also had the capacity, for the first time, to conduct regular live interviews with government officials and other experts in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Amman and Riyadh. This expanded coverage really paid off when the war broke out. Although the other networks had some fine producers and reporters in the field, they did not have as many people in as many key places, nor did they have enough satellite time to transmit extensive live coverage. There were some heavy economic costs for CNN for such coverage, of course. In fact, CNN spent more money on satellite time during the Gulf War than any of the other networks.

The other networks generally used tapes from overseas locations while CNN often came on live. CNN understood that when people are watching a war, they are interested in getting as much up-to-the-minute information as possible. They want to see the raw stuff, to learn about what's happening *now*. They do not want the kind of analysis that reduces the news to "this is what we think you ought to know about this issue."

In peacetime, most viewers may be quite comfortable with a once-a-day, carefully orchestrated twenty-one-minute presentation that the three major networks provide. But in a war situation, they want to make their own judgments about what they are seeing rather than having the news boiled down and analyzed for them. In this war, the viewers became "news junkies," and in considerable numbers they chose CNN, the network having the largest concentration of professional news junkies in the world.

The viewers were really caught up in what was happening, especially in times of great tension. They tended to forgive CNN when they saw the confusion and the anxiety on camera. When sirens wailed in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Riyadh, reporters had their cameras tied down, sent their camera crews to shelters and grabbed their gas masks. It might not have been polished television journalism emanating from a fancy studio in New York, but it was very real.

CNN's success also grew out of the fortunate fact that it had designed its control facility in the CNN center in Atlanta, its production and anchor desks, and its news area specifically for crisis situations. CNN executives knew that during crises (aircraft crashes, tornadoes, earthquakes, wars), CNN would attract its peak viewership. As a result, CNN developed a system for handling the most complex crisis in hopes of beating the competition during each and every emergency. As you might expect, this type of studio also proved easy to run on slow news days. Thus CNN executives chose to design a technically first-rate studio ready to accept lots of information, sort it out efficiently, and quickly broadcast it.

The large newsroom is directly behind the anchor desk with a massive window in between that screens out any noise. In this newsroom, which can be seen on camera immediately behind the twin anchors in Atlanta, are a series of three circular working areas. Around the periphery of each circle sit about ten staff writers. In the middle of the circle and sitting above the staff writers so he or she can observe the entire newsroom is a copy editor. This copy editor reads and edits all the copy that is being produced by the staff writers.

Behind these three script-writing areas are the national and international areas. These are also on a higher tier so the supervising producers and other key officials can closely watch the whole news-gathering operation. In one corner of the newsroom is the graphics area, and in the rear are many small booths for reviewing the latest television tape. On the same floor is a small library with tapes from the previous few days. These short tapes are numbered and can be

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grabbed and put on the air in a minute or two. Although a less chaotic place than the pit, the newsroom was a very busy place during the war. It was quite common to see someone running across the newsroom toward the pit wearing a frantic look.

The booking office is up a flight of stairs and adjacent to the offices of the CNN executives. The main library and the snack bar are immediately downstairs from the newsroom. Every key official in Atlanta is within a one-minute walk of the control room (the pit) which is adjacent to the anchor desk and the newsroom. It is in the pit that everything is pulled together by the producers and the executive producers.

CNN was ready with a substantial staff, a robust system, good satellite link-ups, and experience in dealing with many crises on a twenty-four-hour basis. Everything was in place for what would soon become a great media success. The coverage would emanate not only from the Persian Gulf region but from many other locations. In fact, some of the most dramatic CNN coverage would come from Israel.

The euphoria that most viewers experienced during the successful raids of the first night did not last long. By Day Two, the Scud attacks began, and many throughout the world held their breath.

### The Scuds and the Patriots

As war approached, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf and his staff were quite confident that Iraqi Scud missiles would not present a major problem. They were dead wrong. Herein is an example of military leaders examining the capability of a weapons system without fully considering its strategic significance. The Scud was an old, obsolete missile, so inaccurate that an impact within a mile or two of a target was about all that the Iraqis could expect. Contempt on the part of the military leaders of the Coalition for such an inaccurate weapons system led to complacency about its potential political and strategic consequences.

But there is much more to this story. Schwarzkopf had been told by his intel-

ligence advisors that the Iraqis had about a thousand Scud missiles but fewer than fifty Scud launchers. He therefore felt that the Scuds would be only a modest problem, since the launchers could be destroyed early in the war and, in the meantime, the Scuds could do little damage to military targets since they were so inaccurate.

Within forty-eight hours of the war's beginning, the Scuds were being launched toward Israel and Saudi Arabia, and Schwarzkopf faced a serious problem. In fact, this is one of the few areas where he got very specific guidance from Secretary of Defense Cheney. This guidance was simple, direct, and very firm. Locate and knock out those Scud launchers quickly and use all necessary resources to do so. Schwarzkopf followed his orders, even though it meant a significant diversion of aircraft and intelligence resources from his carefully planned air campaign. In this area, Schwarzkopf's famed temper came to the surface. How could his intelligence experts be so off the mark as far as the number of Scud launchers available to the Iraqi military? With his great array of intelligence assets, why couldn't we do a better job of counting and finding these launchers?

The failure was not just an intelligence failure. Tactical innovation, which was impressive in the campaign against Iraqi ground forces, came quite slowly in this area. For instance, the United States Space Command was able to give precise firing locations to Schwarzkopf's staff within three minutes of the Scud launch. Yet it took a couple of weeks, including a prod from the Pentagon, before a tactic was devised to put F-15Es on airborne alert so they could quickly receive the targeting information from Space Command and attack the launcher that had just fired a Scud. Once this tactic was devised, the numbers of Scud launchers destroyed each night increased. Nevertheless, the Scuds still fired almost every night and Schwarzkopf's and Cheney's frustration grew. The good news was that the number of Scuds fired slowly but steadily decreased so it became clear that Schwarzkopf was making progress in dealing with the problem.

The problem of Scuds being fired at Saudi Arabia was manageable since US Patriot missile batteries were in place and were intercepting the Scuds with impressive regularity. However, there were two significant problems with the Scud attacks on Saudi Arabia. The Patriot had been designed to shoot down supersonic aircraft, then upgraded to intercept tactical ballistic missiles. This upgrade was a wise decision, but the Patriot was unable to destroy, in every case, the Scud warhead itself. Second, the ground radar in the Patriot system

sometimes failed to detect an incoming missile. In Saudi Arabia, an undetected Scud slammed into a military barracks and killed twenty-eight Americans in the explosion of the warhead and in the fire that followed.

The problem of Scud attacks on Israel turned out to be a huge one. The Israelis could not intercept Scuds at all, and the urge of the Israeli military to retaliate against Iraq for these Scud attacks was palpable. Ironically, the Israelis had Patriot missiles, but their crews had not finished their training and, even more important, the Israeli Patriots did not have the upgrade package which would permit them to intercept ballistic missiles like the Scuds. Israelis lay naked before the Scuds of Saddam.

This difficult problem quickly led to one of the masterstrokes of the war. The dilemma for the United States government was how to protect Israel before Israel retaliated against Iraq. The great concern on the part of George Bush and many other Coalition leaders was the damage Israeli military action might have on the fragile Coalition. With the concurrence of the Israeli government, a quick decision was made: the United States would send Patriot missiles from Germany to Israel, and do it speedily. In the meantime, President Bush sent one of America's most skillful diplomats, Lawrence Eagleburger, to figuratively hold the hands of Israeli leaders until the

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Patriots were in place and fully operational. Within twenty-four hours of their arrival, the Patriots were operational and ready to intercept Scud missiles. Israel did not attack Iraq; the Coalition held together.

After the war was over an article in the *New York Times* raised serious questions about the efficacy of the Patriots in Israel. It argued that if the Patriot missiles had not been sent to Israel, there would have been less damage, since some of the Scud warheads which got through caused quite a bit of damage. However, it seems to me the strategic decision to send Patriots to Israel was correct, irrespective of the fact that it may not be certain that they did an effective job of intercepting Scuds.

The purpose of sending Patriots was to show American commitment, to try our best to intercept the missiles, and to prevent the Israelis from retaliating. All these goals were achieved. Secretary of Defense Cheney deserves the most credit for initiating and implementing this masterstroke. Other stars of this episode were the Patriot crews themselves and the crews of the C-5 aircraft who moved these missiles from Germany to Israel with such great care and alacrity.

President Bush later made a dramatic visit to the Raytheon factory in Massachusetts where the Patriots are manufactured to thank the workers for their contributions to the war effort. The Strategic Defense Initiative office in the Pentagon also took heart that an American missile could, in fact, intercept incoming ballistic missiles with excellent, albeit imperfect, results. Sophisticated technology, which had worked so well with Stealth fighters and precision-guided bombs, functioned with antimissile missiles. The future course of warfare and deterrence should be altered significantly as a result.

*End note: General Smith's other books include Taking Charge (Avery Publishing Group) and Assignment Pentagon (Brassey's U.S.). Copies of How CNN Fought the War (Birch Lane Press, 1991) and his other books are available in bookstores and by calling 1-800-448-4332.*

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### **Decker Dedication** (continued from page 15)

in the old Hancock House, and in 1955 the American Bar Association accredited the school's post-graduate program.

In 1957, after having served in England and Japan, he was promoted to brigadier general and ordered to Washington. There he served as Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Justice, supervising the International Affairs Division, Military Affairs Division, Legal Assistance Division, Military Justice Division, and the Appellate Divisions in the Office of The Judge Advocate General of the Army.

On 26 October 1960, President Eisenhower appointed of General Decker as The Judge Advocate General of the Army. He assumed his duties on 1 January 1961 and was confirmed by the Senate on 6 February 1961. During his tenure, both the press and the legal profession characterized the administration of justice in the Army as being exemplary. He was a chief proponent of Article 15, UCMJ, which took correction for minor offenses from the courts into the company orderly room for nonjudicial correction. As The Judge Advocate General, he also created the first independent military judiciary in the his-

tory of the United States. He was rated by the Vice Chief of Staff and the Chief of Staff of the Army as "... probably the best Judge Advocate General the Army has ever had." He retired on 1 January 1964, having served his country for almost 33 years.

The Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal were among his U.S. decorations, together with many campaign and service medals. He also received the Russian decoration, Order of Defense of the Motherland, First Class. Georgetown Law Center named him the Outstanding Alumnus for 1961; the University of Missouri recognized him for outstanding service to the legal profession in 1962; and in 1963 he received the University of Kansas Citation for Distinguished Service, the highest award given by the University.

General Decker's post-military endeavors were also impressive. With funds provided by the Ford Foundation, he worked with a specially selected advisory council between 1963-70, developing public defender projects in 32 states. He was instrumental in establishing state-wide public defender services;

tax support of assigned counsel systems; state law school support for assigned counsel in rural areas; extension of defense services to provide representation from arrest through final appeal; representation in misdemeanor cases; clinical criminal defense instruction in 47 law schools; programs for prevention of offenses; offender rehabilitation services; innovative sentences in lieu of confinement; and the promotion of bail reform.

Keenly interested in expanding legal services to all, General Decker formed his own organizations to promote defender services, advocate legal reforms, and pursue improvements in the criminal justice system and related subjects. He continued his active involvement in numerous committees of the American Bar Association and various Presidential and Congressional commissions until he passed away in 1983.

Major General Decker's extensive contributions to the legal profession in general, and to The Judge Advocate General's Corps and School, in particular, remain evident in many aspects of our practice to this day.

# Report from the Classes



**'15**  
COL E. DeTreville Ellis  
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Alice Mason died 24 Apr 91. The CI extends its sympathy to the family. LTC Cal Benedict '71, a grandson of our Charles Calvert Benedict, participated in the War in the Persian Gulf.

Mary Welby Cochran is still in The Shenandoah Health Care Ctr, Buena Vista, VA. She sends greetings and best wishes to '15. She gets up less often and says "anyone who is 97 should be able to do what she wants to do." Dale Saylor Morgan, daughter of our Henry B Saylor, wrote to your scribe on 17 Jul 91. I will quote parts. "My grandson, Pierce W Hammond, Jr., grad from WP on 1 Jun 91. My daughter Diane (Mrs Pierce W Hammond) is a granddaughter of Henry B Saylor, also the goddaughter of Dwight D Eisenhower. Her son, Pierce W Hammond Jr, is a great-grandson of Henry B. Saylor. Pierce received a star for excellence for his First CI yr. He also received the Omar W Bradley Award for Excellence in Research in History and the Consul General of Switzerland award for Excellence in Intercollegiate Debating. She also mentioned her brothers, Henry B Saylor, Jr, Jan '43, and John Milton Saylor '49.

Marguerite Gilkeson sent best wishes to '15. She attends church with her children and plays bridge 2-3 times a wk. Satchie Naiden sent kind regards and best wishes to '15. Mary Tate feels very well and sends best wishes to '15.

**'16**

**Apr '17**  
MG Frederick A. Irving  
1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd.  
Apt. 1110  
Arlington, VA 22202

**Aug '17**

**Jun '18**  
COL E. W. Gruhn  
15 Stillman Avenue  
Cornwall-on-Hudson,  
NY 12520  
Tel: 914-534-9464

**Nov '18**  
MG C. H. Chorpening  
8326 Windway Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78239  
Tel: 512-653-3306

In a recent ltr to me, Bryan Evans rep that he attended on 29 Apr the svcs for Virginia (Tip) Hatch at Arlington Cemetery. She was the widow of our classmate Melton Hatch and the mother of Henry J Hatch '57, who is the Ch of the Army Engrs.

In a telcon and ltr, Art Pulsifer reps that he is still struggling with his many physical ailments as most of us are, but he continues to have an upbeat attitude. In his ltr, Art also commented that the snapshot of me in the Jul ASSEMBLY with several cdts who attended our Founders Day here in San Ant would indicate that either I am shrinking or the cadets are taller than in our day. The answer is that both are true!

Ruth Hastings called me to state that she is feeling fine. However, on a recent visit to Distaff she saw Nell Gullatt, our only CI widow still there, and Nell is quite ill. No news from or about other CI widows in the Wash area.

There is no change in the status of our widows here with the exception that Carolyn Christiansen is outdoing me by having carpal tunnel syndrome opns on BOTH hands in the near future.

**'19**  
Mrs. Ralph H. Bassett  
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El Cajon, CA 92020  
Tel: 619-447-8412

I'd like to complete the item about Fred Marlow and his personalized "US-MA" auto license plate which was cut short in the Jul 91 issue. Fred says that while driving around the LA area, the license has caught the attention of several WP'ers who signaled him to stop at the curb for conversation. Enjoyable and interesting exchanges resulted.

John Hardin is "holding his own" while battling a summer cold in Aug. He

has not ventured out much during the extremely hot weather at his MD home. Bill Regan "has no news" but enjoys his life and has plenty of support from friends. Mike Smith also has a good support system and says he is "doing very well for his age."

In Aug, Alex Bennet was studying the use of a newly installed personal communications device and svc. It seemed to be an ideal and reassuring system for a person who lives alone, as he does. Velma is in a nursing care facility. Hughes Steele also lives alone in Winter Haven, FL, although I was unable to reach him. His son, Dr William T Steele, who owns and operates a med facility, rep that his father is doing very well and comes in regularly for check-ups. How convenient to have a physician in the family!

George & Connie Dillaway have relocated to 1135 Rachel Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93461; tel 805-237-2539 (unlisted), in late Jul. Before they had time to get settled, George found himself in the hosp with a rare skin infection of unknown origin, which affected his leg. He was relegated to an isolation rm, which made his 4-day stay seem ages longer. He praises Connie for her wonderful care throughout the ordeal.

Adna & Vivian Hamilton are doing fine at AF Vil I. Vivian has been sworn-in by the Mayor of San Ant as a mbr of the Airport Advisory Cmte for the Internatl Airport there. She represents a city councilman, preparing for and attending monthly mtgs. By the way, she is the only woman chosen for this cmte.

Syril & Billie Faine still live in the town of Florala, AL, which was founded by Billie's grandfather, James E Hughes, just after the Civil War. She enjoys contact with her close-knit family mbrs who live in the area and the frequent visits of her brother, COL James Hughes Price, who lives in Austin, TX.

In early summer, Ann Heiberg attended the wedding of a nephew in KY and is considering relocating to the Louisville area after less than a yr away. Anne Crawford takes pride in her grandson, LTC Thomas M Crawford III, who grad in Jun from the Air War Col and subsequently took cmd of a C-130 sqdn at Little Rock AFB, AR. From Knollwood, Conchita Sorley has moved from Apt 359 to 343. This move also changes the last 4

digits of her tel no, which are now 0343. Last spring she enjoyed a visit from Mary Stuart Barden Proctor, daughter of the late **Stu & Helen Barden**, who appears in the accompanying photo with **Dorothy Ferenbaugh**.



1919: Dorothy Ferenbaugh and Mary Stuart Barden Proctor (standing)

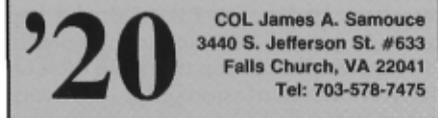
Dorothy's daughter, Dorothy Ann, is also a frequent visitor from NY, as is her brother, George Van Way from CA. Conchita further rep that **Anabel Jones** and **Rosalina Kerr** have given up their apts and now reside in the Knollwood Infirmary. A move to a different apt is also in the offing for **Marje Brannon**. I shall rep her new no in the next issue. **Hope Rogers** and **Gertrude Taylor** seem to be staying put, and their circumstances are little changed from the last rep.

From the Fairfax, **Katharine Flory** rep that she is OK and **Nancy Echols** seems to be improving after a bad yr. **Dade Wedemeyer** has given up her apt at the Fairfax and resides in the Health Ctr there. She is feeling well but has limited mobility. Her new address is 9160 Belvoir Woods Parkway, #310, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. Tel remains the same: (703) 780-6367.

Finally, I must rep the recent loss of two well-known widows. Mrs **John W Sheehy (Marion)** died on 29 Jun 91 in Fernview Convalescent Hosp in San Gabriel, CA. She had been holding her own very nicely until about 5 days before her death, when she began to weaken from a fever and other problems. After John was killed in Normandy in Jun 44, Marion remained in the San Fran area and developed a mag subscription agency, counting many of us among her clients. In 85 she moved to southern CA to be near her son, Dr James Luhn Sheehy of San Marino. She was buried next to Jack, her youngest son, at Mt Tamalpais Cemetery in San Rafael, CA on 6 Jul 91.

Mrs **Boyd "Brick" W Bartlett (Helen)** died on 24 May 91 in a Port Charlotte,

FL nursing care facility. She was a Phi Beta Kappa grad of Boston Univ and was active in scholarly and comm affairs wherever Brick's career took them. A great asset to the Cl of '19, her contributions included assisting Brick in his duties as VP, secy and treas of the Cl, and in planning and overseeing Cl reunions, especially during the 16 yrs he served as head of the Dept of Electricity at USMA. Helen lived in their ret home in Castine, ME until ill health occasioned her move to FL in 84 to be near her family. A graveside svc was held in Castine on 29 Jun 91.



The Cl of '20 extends all good wishes to our ret **ASSEMBLY** editor COL Paul W Child Jr '52 and his family on his well-earned second ret after guiding us scribes through all the trials and tribulations of such momentous milestones as 1) admission of women cadets, 2) vast increase in the size of the Corps, 3) computerized publication of **ASSEMBLY** and increase of its frequency to bi-monthly, and many others. And we heartily welcome our new **ASSEMBLY** editor LTC Julian M Olejniczak (Ret) '61, who comes to us highly qualified for this exacting office.



1920: Rehm, Anne Farrell Moore, Kay Withers Burns and Samouce at McQuarrie's funeral in Arlington

The Cl Governing Cmte, originally (1966) composed of 10 mbrs, has been gradually reduced over the past several yrs. By cmte ltr of 11 Jun 91 it now has 4 mbrs to govern the 14 remaining classmates. This yr's annual elections of two mbrs for the two-yr term (1 Oct 91-30 Sep 93) resulted in the re-election of **Kreuter** and **Rehm**, with **Engelhart**, **Routheau** and **Singer** competing. The two other mbrs of the cmte are **Hasbrouck** and **Samouce**, currently serving until 30 Sep 92.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Anne Farrell Moore** on the 26 Jul 91 death by cancer of her dear stepdaughter **Mary Moore Sloan**, wife of LTC John F

**Sloan (Ret) '56**. In Aug Anne visited her son **COL Frank Farrell Jr (Ret) '60** in Atl. There she also attended the 17 Apr wedding of **Charlie & Nina Gerhardt's** granddaughter. A few yrs back, **Charlie & Nina** introduced **Anne & Frank** to ea other at WP.



1920: Anne Holle at Charles' grave in Arlington

**Anne Holle** still continues therapy at WRAMC for the very severe burns and loss of four fingers of her right hand that she suffered in Jun 90. It will be some time yet before her damaged right thumb, hands, arms and extensive skin grafts are completely healed.

The **Rehms**, with son **COL Tom (Ret) '52 & Mary**, had their usual annual Myrtle Beach, SC vacation in Aug. **George** again checked out his favorite golf courses. **Marguerite** always enjoys these outings.

Things are picking up for the **Routheaus**. **Jo** is now able to walk without a cane, and **Eddie** walks about their apt or wherever but uses a special motorized scooter to get to the dining rm and other facilities at their Fairfax Army Ret home.

**Elton Samouce** has at last achieved significant progress from the severe thighbone break of Sep 90. After 10 mos, on 31 Jul, she finally discarded her wheelchair. She now manages rather unsteadily with a cane and still has a long way to go.

Last winter, **Kay Withers Burns** enjoyed a fabulous cruise in the **Java** and **China Seas**—Singapore, beautiful Indonesian cities and sites, world-famous Buddhist Temple Borobudur, snorkeling in Bali, Java Zoo in Surabaya (see pic—that's a real live lion cub she's holding while it's nuzzling its mother), straits of Malacca to Kuala Lumpur, Gulf of Thailand and Bangkok. . . then by plane for Hong Kong sights and home.

And on 15 Jun she was off to Pocono



1920: Kay Burns at Surabaya Zoo, Java

Lake Preserve, PA for the wedding of her granddaughter. Kay's youngest son, Dr (MAJ) Ben Withers and oldest grandson, MAJ George K Withers III, are now both at CGSC, Ft Leavenworth, KS—Ben from Walter Reed's Preventive Medicine and George from Off of JCS in the Pentagon.

'21-'22

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In a ltr from **Morris Marcus**, he reminded me that his first name is Morris, not Sully. You may recall in my CI notes, when Morris' wife died, I extended our sympathy to Sully, not Morris. I am sorry to have made this stupid error. I apologize. It's old age catching up with me.

I spent last summer with my daughter and her family at Victoria, BC, Canada. It was a most enjoyable two mos being with the family, the beautiful scenery and the excellent climate. When I left Jacksonville, the temperature was up in the 90's every day, whereas in Victoria it averaged 70 degrees every day. They say that FL is 400 mi long, 100 mi wide and 2 ft high. What a contrast between that and Vancouver Isl where Victoria is located. The rolling hills and mtns are beautiful. Victoria is growing fast. It is getting to be the ret city for Canadians.

Let's start thinking about our 70th Reunion. It is only 7 mos away.

'23

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With great regrets I rep the deaths of two classmates. After a short illness, **Joe Hicks** died 3 Jun at his home in Medford, OR. He is survived by **Helen** and 3 daughters. Following ret in 54, Joe organized and managed Jackson County

Civ Defense, wrote a col on birdwatching for the local newspaper and enjoyed gardening. Graveside funeral svcs were held for **Larry Skinner**, who died 24 Jun at a nursing facility in Salt Lake City after a long illness. Larry's wife **Kay** predeceased him. Larry is survived by sons **Richard '48** and **John**, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. **Bill Craigie** has expressed the CI' condolences to **Joe's** and **Larry's** families, and **Ken Sweany** has made the usual contribution to the WP Fund.

**Gil Hayden's** son **Bill '48** has informed me that his mother **Marion** died suddenly at Lackland from a massive heart attack on 19 Dec 89. Like Gil, she had been in good health up to her death. **George Buell x-'23** rep that **Fran** died on 15 Jun in Charleston after a severe stroke. Fran had 21 yrs of mil svc, 4 on active duty in WWII. She served in the WAAC and later as Ch of the American POW Div in the Pentagon. She was buried with full mil honors.

**George Stewart** is "feeling great" at 189 lbs, down from 231. George described Father's Day as a "circus" at the home of one of his sons. He has three: **George Jr '45**, a paratrooper wounded in Korea who has ret and turned over his motor agency to a son; **Mike**, a lawyer for Merrill Lynch; and **Pat**, the happy pastor of a parish in Havre, MT. There are also 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Stu Cowles'** exercise prog keeps him feeling "very healthy." Stu now weighs in at 173 lbs, so **George Stewart** has a worthy objective. Stu recently secured the battle sword of his father, **COL William Henry Harrison Cowles, CSA**, who served under **Jeb Stuart** and was wounded and left for dead on the battlefield. Picked up by a Yankee soldier, the sword was taken north and lately put up for auction. Stu's father died in 1901. His mother was his father's second wife and 30 yrs younger than his father. Purchased by the Cowles family, the sword will be displayed at the state museum in Raleigh.

**Mary Dwyer** still makes frequent shopping trips into **W Chester, PA** and visits her many friends and family mbrs in the Phila area. At last count, she had a duty roster of 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Grandson **CPT Steve Dwyer '80** is back at Aberdeen after flying OH-58 helicopters with the 82nd Abn Div in Desert Storm. He's happy to be reunited with wife **Gail (O'Sullivan '81)** and three sons, **Steve (6)**, **Chris (4)** and **Timothy John (2)**. Gail spent two wks' Res duty at WP in Jul as a PT instructor at **Buckner**. Another grandson, **CPT Joseph Dwyer**, is in **Mil Intel** and lives with his wife **Monica** in **Berlin**.

**John & Alice White** have been maintaining a busy summer work sched on

their farm and enjoying visits from family mbrs. Daughter **Susan** is now teaching at a col in **Scranton, PA**.



1923: Anna Perle & Joe Smith and Ruth & Wendell Johnson at Wendell's 90th birthday celebration at the Fairfax Ret Residence, Ft Belvoir, VA, 1 Jun 91

**Joe & Perle Smith** helped celebrate **Wendell Johnson's** big 90 on 1 Jun. Wendell's son & daughter-in-law, **Wendell Jr & Ellie**, put on a wonderful party for about 30 friends. Wendell's most treasured gift was a beautiful album depicting his 4 yrs at WP. A few days earlier, he & **Ruth** celebrated their 59th wedding anniv. While not exactly mobile, he rep that he can get around with help from "wheelchairs, motor scooters, and canes."

**Ken & Laura Sweany** celebrated their 67th anniv on 3 Jun. Son **Phil & Jean** and daughter **Jean Carol** were with them. Their Episcopalian rector came to their home for a family Eucharist svc followed by a family dinner. **Jean Carol** has just ret after 27 yrs in the English Dept at **St Paul's**, an Episcopal sch for girls. Earlier the state assoc of English teachers awarded her a plaque as the outstanding teacher of the yr. Their granddaughter grad with highest honors from the landscape architects prog at **UVA**. **Ken & Laura** enjoyed visits from grandchildren throughout the summer. They now have 6 great-grandchildren. Late word from **Ken** was that **Joe Smith** successfully survived a 6-hr opn for an aneurism on 30 Jul. **Ken** himself had a slight stroke in mid-Jul.

**Jim Hart x-'23** also suffered a minor stroke in early summer but is recovering nicely. **Paul Laning x-'23's** daughter informed me that **Paul & his wife** have been in a nursing home for two yrs (address: **Lutheran Memorial Home, 795 Bardshar Rd, Sandusky, OH 44870**). **Carroll Ford x-'23** rep that he & **Emily** are enjoying ret in **VT's Green Mtns**. After leaving WP, **Carroll** received his AB and PhD at **Cornell** and was an econ prof at many cols and univs. He ended his career as chancellor at **Babson Col** in **Wellesley, MA**.

**Eleanor & I** are both in good health again after major and minor surgeries last spring. We are enjoying our new

home and celebrated our 65th anniv on 1 Jul. A family party was held in early Aug with 5 children, 10 (of 12) grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren present.

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Betsy Adams (daughter of Alice & Leslie Fletcher) wrote that Alice was taken ill in Feb but is doing better now, although unable to live alone. Jenny Adams (granddaughter of Alice & Leslie and CI of '89!) is now stationed in Ger and enjoying the Army life.

Pete Sather's daughter, Jane Coles, sent a ltr saying that Pete celebrated his 91st birthday last Jan. Currently living in a ret home on Mercer Isl, WA, he is slowly recovering from a bout with throat cancer. There are 4 married grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Legally blind (he sees a little), Pete enjoys having Jane read our CI newsltrs to him. Jane sent her thanks and appreciation for all our efforts to keep the CI in touch.

Florence & Bob Dewey flew to Charlotte, NC for a wk's visit with their daughter and family. Bob's youngest grandson is now just two yrs old! His great-grandson is now just two also!

Kitty & Doug Smith continue to out-fun everyone. They have just returned from a short trip to Mexico.

Notification has been received from the AOG of the death of Hanlon E Davies. The details are unknown. If anyone has any info as to the date and place of death, as well as interment and next-of-kin, please let us know.

**'25** BG George P. Lynch  
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In the Sep issue of ASSEMBLY we announced that our CI Fund of \$2,093.63 was being donated to the AOG. Subsequently, Haydon Grubbs, our CI Secy, received a final CI dues check which raised the grand total of the fund to \$2,103.63. Haydon sent a check for that amount to Charlie Saltzman, who in turn forwarded the check to COL William L Harrison Jr of the AOG as an unrestricted gift.

A tel call from Henrietta Liwski indicated that she was facing another opn. Starting with a broken hip just prior to Pete's death, it has been one opn after another. The first left her with one leg shorter than the other. The following opn were attempts to correct the first. Let's hope this one is successful. Anyone with less grit and determination would probably have quit.

Received a nice ltr from Agnes Toms

in the UK. She is well and has been invited to attend a special gathering in NY of Ray's old regimental comrades.

As these notes so clearly indicate, news from mbrs of our CI family is very scarce at this time. It has been a nice summer, and apparently everyone is enjoying it instead of writing. Heidi & I also have enjoyed it. We visited my son George Jr '56 in the Palm Desert-San Diego area of CA and recently went salmon fishing off the WA coast. Heidi caught the biggest salmon on the boat.

Beat Navy, but in the meantime, write or call and tell me what you have been up to.

**'26** COL B. E. Thurston  
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Though Doc Jones has a clear and active mind, a long series of accidents and misfortunes, plus Parkinson's Disease, have practically paralyzed his motor functions, and he is now permanently in a nursing home near his Atl house. Thus, in the past 3 yrs, Doc has been hospitalized 6 times, followed by spells in a nursing home to recover strength. He & Betty had confidently expected to make the Reunion. In fact, they had engaged a rm in the Thayer when Doc fell, just after returning from a nursing home, fracturing his hip and collar bone so that traveling was impossible. However, the Joneses put on a Happy Birthday party for Doc with many guests on 18 Jul. Then on the 27th the couple set up a formal celebration of their 60th wedding anniv. Despite misfortunes and disappointments, Doc & Betty have persevered, and their fortitude amidst such a train of afflictions and frustrations must be admired and respected. Doc & Betty, the CI values your constancy, your staunch spirits in adversity and wishes you both well as you face whatever fate throws your way.

A hurried phone call from Elizabeth Barnes explains how she is almost overwhelmed. In Jan her son-in-law, Bill Shoemaker, held by many a sportswriter to be one of the great athletes of all time, was injured severely in an auto wreck, being almost completely paralyzed. Daughter Amanda moved Bill from a CA hosp to one in Denver for the best possible treatment. So Elizabeth not only cares for her granddaughter, who remains in CA, but also backs up her daughter in CO, who shuttles constantly from there to KY to keep an eye on Bill's affairs there. Bill has received a spectacular no of get well and sympathy ltrs from all over the world: on one level, from such as Onassis, and on another, from a semi-literate day laborer. The CI's sympathy, Elizabeth, and best wishes to all your family.

Katherine & Rod Smith stayed on at WP after the reunion, as he had more tasks to perform. Here you see him be-



1926: Rod Smith beside our CI tree.

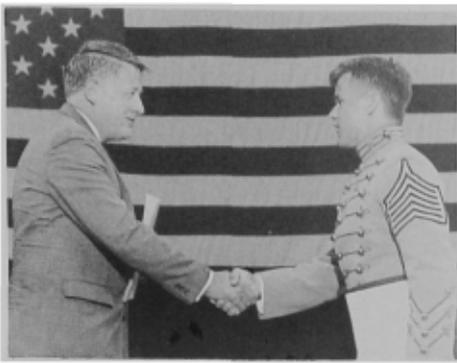
side the CI tree just outside the Supe's grounds. He attended the Convocation of Awards Ceremony on 31 May. There Rod tendered CDT Todd Pendleton a pair of heavy bronze bookends, honoring Rod's son who went directly from his post as instructor at WP to Vietnam, where he was KIA.



1926: MG C Rodney Smith presents Smith Memorial Award to Todd A Pendleton '91

Rod also handed to CDT Matthew R Lewis the prestigious Sewell P Tyng Award, given by a longtime friend, which goes to the #1 in Nuclear Engring. Vald's son, Bill, handed a pair of binocs to CDT Richard C Burney.

The Heiberg award, established by the CI in recognition of Vald's long (19 yrs) svc at WP as head of the Dept of Mech, goes to the cdt standing first in composite Applied Sci and Engring. Obiters, CDT Burney was also #1 in overall ci standing. And Russell P Reeder III gave CDT Michael Tritt a pewter tray, the Russell P Reeder Award for the outstanding Army baseball player. Rod relates that when the Grad Parade was half over, rain fell as in a cloudburst. The Smiths also stayed over for the grad ceremony where, he says, "Pres Bush



1926: COL William L. Heiberg presents Heiberg award to Richard O. Burney '91



1926: Mr. Russell P. Reeder III presenting COL Russell "Red" Reeder Jr. award to Michael J. Tripp '91

gave a rousing speech. . . full of praise for WP and the graduating cadets. I liked his 'you can't pin a sign on a pig and call it a horse.' Expected to hand out diplomas only to the distinguished cadets, he handed them to all nine hundred plus, shaking hands as ea cadet saluted." Stamina: try shaking a thousand hands in succession on a hot, humid day.

**Liz Plummer** explained why he & **Ellie**, who had confidently counted on going to the 65th Reunion, failed to show up. He came down with shingles. ". . . I was not a very pleasant person and still am weak but improving." The Plummers spent Mar in FL, even though the winter in ME was not severe. They have done so for 4 or 5 yrs. Formerly they used to travel in Europe, Japan and the East, but no longer because Ellie sickened after ea long trip. Liz hopes to be able to play golf soon. He modestly admits he's not good at it but enjoys the companionship and exercise. So get well quick, Liz. Let's hope that you & Ellie will show at the 70th Reunion.

The CI, through the 7 mbrs participating in the Reunion, sent the Supe, LTG Dave R. Palmer, a ltr of thanks for the efforts he and his administration had put into making our reunion a happy and memorable occasion. An excerpt from his graciously cordial reply follows: ". . . I am pleased that everything worked out so well and that the reunion was such a successful one. We enjoyed having the CI of '26 here—and look

forward to seeing more of you over the yrs. My own cl has its 35th this fall; we will consider it a grand success if we can match yours in satisfaction."

From Pine Bluff, AR, **Sally Creasy** writes that her state is having its usual brutal summer and plans to stay out of the heat as far as travel is concerned. ". . . After living in the desert for yrs, you wouldn't believe this humidity. Come fall and winter, Chicago and AZ or CA (be the good Lord willing) are in the pic." In the meantime, Sally stays busy with lots of volunteer work, primarily hosp, church and art ctr. In addition, she recounts, her bank sponsors a Classic Club for over-60's with yr-long activities such as plays, symphonies, art museums and short trips. Moreover, she has happy and frequent contacts with the mil at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. "I am blessed," she rejoices.

Less than a mo after having returned from WP, **Skinny Ringler** and son **Bill** traveled up to Pea Ridge, AR to grace the wedding of **Steve Zega & Kelly Hale**.



1926: Handsome groom & radiant bride: '26 great-grandson Steve & Kelly (Hale) Zega

Steve is the great-grandson of **Skinny & Wave** and also is the first great-grandson of the CI (see the *ASSEMBLY* summer 69 issue). **Skinny** says of him, "Wave & I were very proud of him, and if Wave were living today, she would be doubly proud as I am." Both **Kelly & Steve** are grads of U of AR. She works in the univ, and Steve is now a second-yr student in the univ's Law Sch; he is a 2LT in the AR NG. The CI wishes the **Zegas** as much happiness throughout their lives as their **Ringler** great-grandparents found.

A note from **Hal Forde** in his distinctive printing style claims that his batteries are still recharged, and he is off for a visit of a wk with his **Betsy's** family in WY and then in Sep for two wks in Switzerland. In between his travels, he and the scribe met together in San Diego, and the two had a glorious reassembly. They roomed together in San Diego, as they had in the Thayer at WP during the May jollifications.

The CI owes much to **Red Corderman**, and to all our other cl offs, who headed us up the past 5 yrs, and who now have

stepped down. Here's a list of the new offs: Pres **Vald Heiberg**; VP **Red Reeder**; Treas **Bill Deyo**; and Scribe **Ben Thurston**, who replace, respectively, **Red Corderman**, **Leon Johnson** (doubling as VP and Treas) and self. Many thanks from the CI to the past offs, who have functioned so illustriously, and great attainments for the newcomers.

The grievous news that **Hank Ross** died 27 Jul and was buried at WP must sadden us all. He had intended to come up from NYC for the alumni exercises and svcs during the reunion, but apparently his stroke worsened, and **Hank** did not show. He had a remarkable career, resigning from the Army in 27 and grad from Harvard Med Col in 32. He served as Post Surgeon at USMA during WWII and then went on to SHAEF. After the end of that war, he carved out a successful career as physician and surgeon in NYC. Then, having ret, and while traveling in Europe, **Hank** sustained a stroke, diagnosed it himself and set in train a treatment which prolonged his life. His wife had gone before him, and they left no children. His death is a doleful bereavement to the CI.



1926: William Deyo and cousin at the FL West Coast Founders Day 91 jollification

Though she had gone in Nov 90 to WP, together with daughter **Ellen** & son-in-law **John Schick '55** for his 35th Reunion, and had planned on making that trip in May, **Else Herte** "had to give up the idea." She has curtailed her traveling, though occasionally she visits grands and great-grands in San Diego and San Clemente. Son **Roy** & Mary live in Monterey, and all 3 get together often now that he has ret as city mgr of Salinas. Else notes that she has seen little real summer—lots of fog and plenty of cool or cold weather.

Three recent ltrs from **Don Booth** echo his dejection at being unable to travel to the reunion. His leg problems, blockages of the main arteries, are identical to those which the scribe suffered and rallied from 25 yrs ago. Don rep no worsening of his condition, so a recovery, which the CI hopes to see, is a definite possibility. Our best wishes to you and to **Ro**, and hasten to get well, **Don**.

# '27

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Once more it becomes our sad duty to announce the sudden death of a classmate, **Bob Aloe**, at San Ant on 20 Jul, by heart attack following a golf game. Interment will be at the cemetery at Ft Sam Houston. The CI extends its deepest sympathy to **Natalie** and to her family, whom we hope find comfort in the fact that his passing was quick and apparently without suffering. Bob was 86.

Word has also been received that **Eugenia Matthews**, widow of our classmate, **Willis Matthews**, died in Bethesda on 2 Jun. **Mac Miller** attended the funeral at Arlington. The sympathy of the CI is extended to the mbrs of the family.

The CI Chapel Book Cmte (**Davidson, Berrigan, McManus** and **Roth**), with the concurrence of **Trapnell** and **MacMiller**, felt that the remaining copies of the CI sponsored Book should be donated to the Chapel Altar Guild and to the AOG. A few books have been retained for CI use and can be obtained by writing to **Tom McManus**.

It was also decided by the cmte, and concurred by **Trap** and **Mac**, that the CI Fund should be closed out by turning it over to the AOG with the specific allocation to support activities of the steering grp planning the USMA Bicentennial observance. It is fitting that the Fund be used for this purpose for, in a way, that observance will also be a commemoration of the 75th anniv of the CI of '27's graduation (which itself took place during the 125th anniv of the founding of USMA in 1802).

Our hard-working secy-treas and frequent contributor to these notes, **Mac Miller**, rep that he & **Jean** will be moving to a ret ctr known as Knollwood (formerly the Army Distaff Hall). New address: 6200 Oregon Ave NW, Apt 355, Wash, DC 20015; tel (202) 541-0355 (effective 1 Aug). They are renting their former home to their son (LTC, Armor), who has been assigned to the Pentagon after 4 yrs at Ft Irwin in the Mojave Desert. **Mac** also rep that he has the green light to go ahead with the preliminary plans for our 65th next yr. Also, that **Trap** is still at his golf, winning a little and losing a little, but scores are not mentioned.

Your scribe rep the sale of his 42-ft cruiser, the *Merry Fey II*, probably marking the end of his nautical career. *Merry Fey II* is the successor to *Merry Fey I*, the boat **Paul & Mary** began their ret on by cruising from Chicago to Brownsville, TX via the Great Lakes, the Erie Canal, the Hudson River and the Inland Waterway. The *Merry Fey II* was enjoyed by friends and classmates during many beautiful trips on San Fran Bay

and the San Joaquin Delta during the past 23 yrs. May she provide as much pleasure to her new owner.

**Tom McManus** has recently returned from a trip east to Rehoboth Beach, DE to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, **Mary Lou McManus**, widow of his brother **George '25**. Interment was at WP where **George** is buried.

**Art Roth**, concerned about rumors that the raucous squealing of his hearing aids is making him a public nuisance, hastens to rep that he has now been fitted with two brand new hearing aids, incorporating the latest "state of the art" electronics, including a hook-up that eliminates "feedback." **Art** does not understand how this works, but these two new "boom boxes," which will attain decibel levels hitherto unknown to him, will enhance his social acceptability. He is getting no complaints about his false teeth, which are working nicely—he would never leave home without them. He went on to note that this is the kind of item you get when the input from the CI is sometimes lacking. How about word from around the country? There is a lot more to old age besides hearing aids and false teeth.

Plans for the 65th are being generated. Mark your calendar and consult your favorite airline for sr citizen special discount tickets—a real bargain, just in case you did not know. And, since our last reunion, a couple of major airlines have scheduled flights to Stewart Field, Newburgh, which takes most of the hassle out of the last 50 mi to USMA.

Hope we all can make it to our reunion! We all can thank **Art Roth** for this!—**Paul Berrigan**

# '28

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A nice long ltr from **Christine Nelson**, who lives at Knollwood in DC, has provided some interesting news. She recently attended the 131st anniv of the US Army Signal Corps at the monument of BG **Albert J Myer**, the Army's first Ch Signal Off, at Wipple Field, Ft Myer, VA. **Chris** said she was honored to place a lovely wreath of orange flowers and ribbons at the monument.

**Lucy Meehan**, recovering from a painful broken hip, was selected to be pres of the Chapel Guild at Knollwood. **Jo Wyman** traveled to CO for a granddaughter's wedding and is anticipating the marriage of another in the fall.

CPT **Thomas A Nelson '84**, who is **Chris Nelson's** grandson and was a CI guest during our 55th Reunion, deployed with the 1st Arm Div to Iraq from Ger, returning to Ger in late May. Another grandson, 1LT **Robert N Plontz USNA '87**, also went to the Gulf with the

2nd Marine Div in Aug 90 and came back to Camp Le Jeune in Apr 91. **Chris** kept the biggest yellow bow and flag on her door for the duration.

Just received in the mail an obit clipping from LTC **John R Gilchrist, USAF Ret**, of Little Rock, AR. The sad news is that his mother, **Mabel Moran Gilchrist, 83**, died on 19 Jul and is buried in Ft Logan Natl Cemetery. Besides **John**, she is survived by another son, **Robert**, who is MIA in Vietnam; a daughter, **Carole Bassett** of CA; 3 sisters; and 6 grandchildren. The CI extends condolences to the family.

# '29

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One of the last items in the CI notes in the Sep *ASSEMBLY* tickled my curiosity so I've done some further checking and find that 33 of our CI, 3 x-'29 and 3 sons of '29 are, or were, listed in *Who's Who* or *Who Was Who in America*. Percentage-wise, 11.04% of all our '29 grads were selected, which is about 2/3 higher than the top % rep by the AOG in their '33 handbook and over twice as high as for all WP living grads prior to '32. If you are curious and want to know who is on the list without going to the local library and looking it up, drop me a line, and I'll send you a copy. The only entry I found which included a quotation was **Bozo McKee's**, who quoted advice from his father, a great country dr who died at 93: "Son, when you are sure in your heart and your head that you are right give no quarter to anyone regardless of position; if you are not sure keep your big mouth shut!" Of the x-'29'ers **Holtzman** and **Kirkpatrick** became rear admirals and **Kirk, Finley Griffith** (a Steel exec) and **Ken Brinkhous** (a dr and prof) are the 3 in *Who's Who*. **Fred Chaffee's** son **Fred Jr** is a noted astronomer; **George R Evans' son George Jr**, among other things, emulated his father by becoming a VP and exec VP of US Gypsum and, later, an exec in the field of graphic arts. **Wilfred A Steiner Jr**, the son of our tuba-playing Charlestoner, is a lawyer in the Detroit area. You must take these figures with a grain of salt, for it's comparing apples and oranges. When the original AOG figures were compiled, the *Who's Who* was a single-volume pub every couple of yrs or more, while now it's in two volumes printed annually. Also, many things have changed in the 60 yrs since the data were compiled.

Here are some reports of the trips listed in the Jun and Sep issues. **Harvey & Marion McDonald Sheppard** visited **Hunt & Anita Bassett**, had dinner at the Riverside Rio Rio Restaurant and gave **Marion** and **Anita** a chance to catch up on many things that have happened since they were schoolmates at Punaho.



1929: Marion with Hunt & Anita Bassett outside their San Ant home, 17 Jun 91

They also saw close friends, including the Harbolds and Swoffords (on either side of '29), at the AF Vil and USA Towers. Two of Harvey's entries in the Texpex Stamp Convention were winners. **Pat O'Hara** didn't have too much to say about the trip he & **Betty** made to England and Wales, but he was most enthused about the forthcoming O'Hara family reunion in western TX in late Jul. Thirty-four adult descendants should be there. It's extra special for their own "mini-reunion" with their daughter, two sons and many grandchildren who will be together as a gp for the first time. Should anyone inquire about Pat's knee opn, he won't *tell* you—he'll *show* you a tape of the whole procedure. Hasn't slowed him much, for after they get back from TX they are planning trips to Nashville to see their son and the fall foliage; another to Atl; and, in Nov, to Oakland for their 45th anniv and Christopher's first Christmas. The **Nicholses'** river trip was so interesting I'm quoting and not paraphrasing his ltr. "We enjoyed our trip to New Orleans and boating with the Steam Boat *Mississippi Queen*. My first trip down the Mississippi River was with the Mississippi River Commission's paddleboat from Vicksburg to New Orleans in Aug 31 to educate **Terry Abbott, Jack Persons, Paul Thompson**. . . and CD Curran and Tom Lane '28. Then it was low water and all the scenery to see were sand bars, willows on the river bank and a few barges up or down the river. This time, 60 yrs later, **Jackie, Kenny D Nichols III, Nicole Thompson** (our two HS grads excused for the trip) saw a different scene. A relatively high flood, now receded to almost bank full, no sand bars, lots of willows, but now an industrial expansion along the river, tremendous oil refineries, grain silos, coal silos, ship bldg, other items not known to me, ocean freighters up to Baton Rouge, LA, thousands of river barges waiting to unload, and others loaded to go up river. Our land excursions to Natchez, Baton Rouge and New Orleans (including the French town) showed the prosperity that caused the river improvement of maintenance, and primarily by finding oil, all as compared to the Depression, with

cotton down to \$.03 a lb."

The '29 luncheon at the Fairfax was a big success and even over-budgeted, so the CI Fund was the recipient of some \$60.00, including that surplus, some **Fenn Sykes** had left over from previous functions and donations from **Tom & Sis Conley**, who couldn't make it.



1929: Senta Bell, Marge Ghormley and Dee Dee Armstrong



1929: Mary Jo Conner between Bobbie & Ralph Strauss



1929: Dee Dee Armstrong, Ken Nichols, Slim Vittrup and Daddy Sykes

Attendees were **Slim Vittrup, Jackie & Ken Nichols** (prime movers), **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss, Emma Rasmussen, Senta Bell, "Red" Calloway, Marge Ghormley, Charlotte Rumsey '55, Alice Nesbitt, Mary Jo Conner, Lola Keyes, Fenn Sykes, Ginger Ivory, Molly Winn and Dee Dee Armstrong**. See nearby pics for some who were there. Expect this will be followed by one in the fall, so if any of you are going to be in the DC area you might check as to the time and place.

**Bruce Easley** is now using a cane after a more complicated knee surgery than

**Pat's**. The old knee gave way on him, causing a bad fall and a decision to replace the whole knee. About the time you will be reading this, **Dot & I** hope to slip over from Sanibel Isl and get a first-hand report from **Bruce & Matilde**. **Midge Ward** enjoyed a visit with her daughter **Midge**, who came down from Indianapolis. Among other things, she rep on the reunion **Midge's** granddaughter and two grandsons had in San Fran and brought one of them for a full report.

In looking for some other info, I found what to me was a new **Edgar Allen Poe** story. He started out as a model plebe, but after his foster father remarried, Poe did a 180 and tried many ways to guarantee that he would be found. One was to appear in only the uniform prescribed for drill, i.e., "cross belts." Another item is the poem 'Adventures at the Mall' written by my friend, a Pinecrest resident and WWI vet, but I don't know the drivers:

A patient Pinecrest lady sat waiting  
For a parking space at Pinellas Mall  
When a sporty Corvette zipped  
around her  
And took it in no time at all!  
"That's mine," yelled the indignant  
shopper.  
"You smart aleck, you make me  
sick."  
"Come on," the punk grinned from  
the sidewalk.  
"That's life when you are young and  
you are quick."  
So the lady reversed her Mercedes  
And rammed the Corvette at full  
pitch.  
He SCREAMED and she answered,  
"Look sonny, that's life when you  
are old and you are rich!"

A few wks ago I wrote the new Supe, **LTG Graves**, congratulating him on behalf of the CI, and suggesting that he review the planned use of the **Dobie Kraft** bequest in "Honor of the CI of '29." He acknowledged it 3 Jul and said he'd asked the Acad Advancement Staff to be prepared to discuss it soon after he arrived. Another project I hope he reviews carefully is "privatizing" the opn of **Michie Stadium** and other facilities at WP.

**Paul Thompson** was invited to the "Change of Cmd" ceremony but was unable to attend because of the death of **Josette's** mother. He intends to discuss the bequest with **LTG Graves** before you read this.

Now that the potential union with the Army Ret Foundation at the Fairfax has fallen through, the AF Ret Off Comm is going ahead at **Falcons' Landing** near **Andrews AFB** but with **Haskell Comm Developers** instead of **Marriott**. **Haskell** provided the financing of the AF Vils I and II; AF Vil W; Army Ret Residence in San Ant; and **Fleet Landing** in Jacksonville, FL. They are looking forward to

occupancy in late 95.

A couple of issues ago I commented on some of the varied extra activities of '29'ers **Scott, Williamson and Sundt** in their civ communities. **Harding Palmer** would have been included had I known then what I do now. Most of us were more familiar with his brother Bruce's accomplishments, so I think it appropriate to list some of Harding's: his master's degree from FL State Univ; advanced studies of piano and foreign languages at Jacksonville Univ; becoming an off of many and mbr of about 15 geneological societies, including: the War of 1812; St George; Mayflower; Colonel Clergy; and Knights of the Garter of England. Other orgns in which he was active include Friends of Fine Arts, Library of JU; Jacksonville Art Museum; Cummer Gallery, etc. He found time to author 3 books; donate 5,000 books to the Brevard County libraries and 7,000 classical music books, with 3,000 classical recordings, to the Hayden Burns Library. Also he worked with the Assoc of Retarded Citizens. During WWII he served in the Pacific and later on MacArthur's staff in occupied Japan. After his ret from Patrick AFB, he was one of the few to receive the Meritorious Service Award, which is seldom made in peacetime.

**Mac McKenzie** recently fell, resulting in a broken hip, so he has been moved to the Annapolis Convalescent Ctr. Address now is c/o Anne M Hays, 913 Creek Dr, Annapolis, MD 21403. **Bo Hubbard's** phone is (301) 363-1929 (I don't know how he arranged to have a Cl no!). **Vivi Vestal** sent **Josie Cuno's** address (3006 McNeil, #428, Wichita Falls, TX 76309) and rep that since Josie has her pace-maker, her heart trouble's less bothersome. Vivi is expecting a visit from a family in Denmark they got to know well while stationed there. She hoped the hot TX weather wouldn't throw them completely. **Johnny Theimer, Dave & Charmian Angluin** and I have made frequent and determined efforts to locate **Kay Geary** with no success. Can anyone suggest another approach? Because of a returned invitation to the '29 luncheon, **Nick & Slim** found that **Ruth Shumate** was deceased. A memorial contribution has been made to the AOG's WP Fund.

**Martha Smith's** phone is (202) 965-9541 and **Frederic** has no "k." **Ken Brinkhous'** zip is 27516. **Stiner's** address is not yet available. Please make the above corrections in the appropriate section of your 91 Roster.

**Bill Francis** sent in a pic of the plaque to the "Memory of the Men of the 127 Anti Aircraft Gun Bn," mounted in the Natl Cemetery, Riverside, CA. **Jake Reynolds** cnded this outfit.

Bill may follow with a similar one for the 335th, his WWII outfit.

The Army Distaff Foundation, Inc have announced that the newly renovat-



1929: The plaque in the Natl Cemetery, Riverside, CA

ed and redecorated dining facility will be named "The Caraway Dining Room" in appreciation of a very generous bequest by **Della Caraway**. **William S McKee** wrote that he and his brother very much appreciated the remembrance of their mother by the Cl of '29.

**Billy Greear** took some time off from his fishing to send in a few notes. **Helen** gets in a lot of bridge; the hot afternoons limit his golf a bit. **Jim Stephenson** is busy with bridge and "doing good things." **Hunt Bassett** is in fine spirits, and **Evelyn Noble** is fine and does her own lawn when it needs it. **Helen Poinier** had a wonderful time on a cruise with her granddaughter—trying to keep up with her. **Caroline Jark** is fun and beautiful as always; **Betty Harkins** enjoyed a visit from her daughter & son-in-law (St Pete neighbors of ours); **Ann Hornor's** son-in-law & daughter and two boys are just leaving for duty in Saudi Arabia as a doctor; **Red Cooper** is keeping company with **Bruce Easley** and **Pat O'Hara** with knee surgery, and seemed in fine spirits.

**Paul Thompson** sent an article from *The Military Engineer* on the Pentagon, covering the concept of the bldg, the decision on the 5-sided shape because of the road network, and its construction in 16 mos by a peak labor force of 13,000 working around the clock to complete it in Jan 43. It's never had a badly needed overhaul, but one is now in the works, starting on the 50-yr-old heating and refrigeration plant, and embracing 8 phases extending into the XXI Century. The only significant ornament on the exterior is a limestone plaque listing the key participants in its construction, starting with FDR through Somervell and Graves to LTC **Clarence Renshaw** far down the list. Paul said "Rennie" was a truly great engr—how many other engr's can you think of who ever built a Pentagon?

**Nick** didn't mention it on the boat trip of 60 yrs ago, but one outcome of the TDY at the WES at Vicksburg was the whirlwind courtship of **Beth**, a local belle, by **Jack Person** and their marriage in Jackson at the conclusion of the TDY.

It's good to hear of the accomplishments of Cl grandsons. It's particularly

so as this grandfather, **Tom Adeock**, was an early casualty on active duty. His son, **Tom G '57**, is the uncle of CPT **John F Hunnell, USAF**, a fighter pilot who flew 35 combat missions in Desert Storm. He is now back at **Moody AFB** (named for our classmate) and is scheduled to attend Test Pilots' Sch at Edwards AFB.

Beat Navy!

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My **Mary** was scanning an old issue of the mag *Flying* (Feb 56) recently and found an article on Army aviation entitled "G.I. Fleet," p 24. Behold—there was a pic of two of our classmates, **Ham Howze** and **Carl Hutton**, as shown below. We think this is a great pic, and are happy to be able to share it with y'all.



1930: MG Hamilton Howze receiving Army aviator wings from BG Carl Hutton

**Herb Mitchell** sent me a very nice ltr on 14 Jul. He & **Site** were very fond of **Pie & Bernice Nyquist**, having served together in the PI, at the Inf Sch at Ft Benning and in DC. Herb also received a pic of Pie from Bernice, which I show below.



1930: Pie Nyquist's last pic, Tucson, Easter 91

In addition to the memorial svc held for **Pie** in Tucson on 20 May, a mil svc was held at the Arlington Natl Cemetery on 26 Jun. This svc was conducted by LTC Renner, USAF Chaplain, and Lincoln Barre, both of the Arlington Cem Staff. Those attending were BG George Reed '20, LTG AT McNamara '28, who

took post-grad work at Harvard with Pie, and the following classmates: **Andy O'Meara, Bill Carter, Pete King, Charlotte Brisach, Herb & Site Mitchell, Max & Amelia Janairo** and **Mary & Ben Beasley**. A new pavillion has been completed in the area of the Columbarium at Arlington. The beauty of this setting and the superb manner in which the svc was conducted left nothing to be desired.

**Charles (Beau) Beauchamp's** son wrote me a nice thank-you ltr from Korea, where he is still CDR CSCT #3. He appreciated the notes in the May 91 ASSEMBLY about his father. My sincere thanks to Charles Jr for his note and the excellent material he sent in about his dad.

**COL TH (Spike) Geltz '44** sent us a very nice ltr late in Jul from Monteagle, TN. He gave us the address and tel no of **Frank Waldrop** (he was under the impression that we were seeking this info, which we do need): address is General Delivery, Monteagle, TN 37356; tel (615) 924-2322. In the summer, **Frank & Eleanor** live just off I-24 between Chattanooga and Nashville. Our sincere thanks to you, Spike.

**Buck Folk** sent in a very welcome ltr dated 7 Jul. He wrote that he endured an 11-day hosp stay two yrs ago for a perforated ulcer. Then, in 90, he had a 34-day hosp stay with pancreatitis, which was much worse. Both have now been totally overcome, however, and Buck is now back on a schedule of regular exercise.

His wife **Herron** is not so fortunate. She has been in a nursing home with Alzheimer's for 3 1/2 yrs. Since the first 6 mos she has not known **Buck**. She was

first diagnosed in 83. At that time Buck joined an Alzheimer's support gp. Now, 50 mtgs later, he is very surprised to see how much the gp has helped him to cope with the physical and mental stress created by having an Alzheimer's patient in the family. Buck's advice: listen to (the late) Michael Landon and "live every minute, guys!"

To which we say AMEN, **Buck**, and many, many thanks for your welcome ltr. We wish you & **Herron** the very best there is in your circumstances.

Have YOU written to YOUR SCRIBE lately?

'31

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On the 10th of Jul my world collapsed when I said good-bye to **Betty**. In the space of just two mos, cancer took hold. She was gallant to the end. We laid her to rest in a grave next to my father & mother in Arlington on 12 Jul. Besides my daughter, two grandchildren, and my USNA '61 son-in-law, classmates and their ladies in attendance were **John & Wilma Davis, Bill & Fran Dick, Betty Hall, Virginia Hightower, Margot Hoover, Don & Virginia Little, Mac & Georgia McBride, Fern Schomburg, Lucy Troxel, Marian Wertz, Curly & Marion Wilson** and **Imogene Young** and daughter. **Eddleman '24, the Hurlbut '33, Iveses '45** and other close friends, including many from our life care home, joined us there.

The pic of **Dick Lawson, CofS, 24th**



1931: Dick Lawson briefs GEN MacArthur

Inf Div with Gen MacArthur was taken on Red Beach, Leyte, PI on the day of the landing, 24 Oct 44 as the X and XXIV Corps of my father's sixth Army initiated the recapture of the Philippines. This is where MacArthur waded ashore on that historic occasion to announce "I have returned."

Our Northwest territorials, **C<sup>2</sup> & Jeanne Smith** followed the reunion with a jaunt through the Mid-Atlantic region with a layover the first night at Carlisle Bks. The following day saw the beginning of a 72-hr "old home wk" at the Fairfax ret complex near Ft Belvoir, where many of our friends, including 4 of our classmates, 3 wives and 6 widows, live.

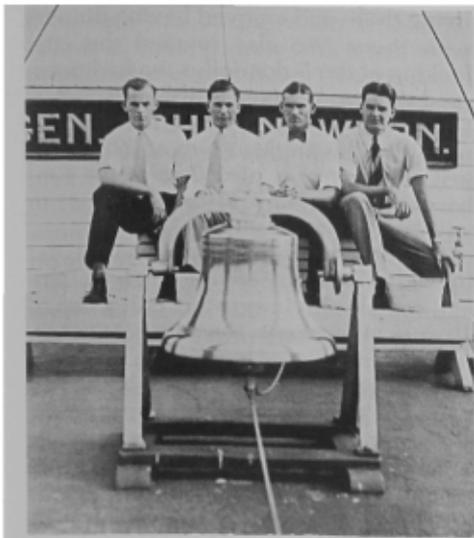
After a day at Lynchburg, **Dick & Pat Harrison's** town, they skirted down to Ft Monroe and Norfolk and thence up the Delmarva peninsula to Chincoteague, which is famous not only for those huge delicious oysters, but also for the wild Assateague Isl game preserve horses that posed for **C<sup>2</sup>**. Returning from MD's E to W shore, they enjoyed the hospitality, in Bowie, of **Mac & Georgia McBride**. The men spent 4 days on Mac's *Sea Spray*, sailing the Chesapeake in kindly weather and with a generally pleasant and accommodating breeze. Finally, after a day at Ft Myer, the one and only **Smith** in our CI & **Jeanne** flew back from the E Coast to the much cooler climes of WA, where **C Coburn** reminds me that Mark Twain once said "the mildest winter I ever spent was a summer in Seattle."

**Ted & Nina Parker** took a river cruise in Jul—this time, the Elbe. Nina, according to Ted, prefers rivers—"no waves!" Their eldest daughter, **Kathleen P O'Beirne**, has just pub a book titled *Pass It On*. Ted says it is pretty good, even if he does say it himself. It's about "how to thrive in the mil lifestyle."

On their way to their summer home in ME, **Dick & Pat Harrison** spent an overnight nostalgic visit with **Hotspur Lash** in New London, NH. At their destination they had quite a confab with **Klemm Boyd**, whose daughter **Barbie** has a summer place nearby in the ME woods. **Klemm** had just returned from a



1931: Army 48; Notre Dame 0, 10 Nov 45, Frankfurt, Ger. Celebrating were Cook, Brown SG, Carhart, Boyd, Westpheling, Daley, Moses, \*, Marnane, Levenick, Lichirie, \*, Howze, Fletcher and Lee (\* does anyone know who these two are?)



1931: Lawson, McGowen, McClelland and Feagin on yearling furlough engr boat trip on the Mississippi River

rendezvous with the Greek Isl. So far, Dick says, they have yet to contact Ray Cave, **Johnny Cave's** son, former ed of *Time* mag. **Glenn & Mary Farris** helped host, for 3 wks in Jul, a young French Lycée grad from Paris. Other hosts are Gainesvillians with children the age of the young Frenchman, whose father earned an MBA at the U of FL while Glenn was Intl Student Advisor on campus during 63-73. The Jul mtg of the Wash Gp hierarchy on the 19th provided a quorum with **Boyd, Davis, Dick, Eaton, both Kruegers, Little, McBride,**



1931: Georgia & Clyde McBride, producers of the 60th extravaganza

**Passarella and Wilson.**

My May *ASSEMBLY* col said we had lost track of some of our widows. Responding, **Ted Parker** advised that **Mim Ellis** died several yrs ago before **Walt's** death. **Fletcher Cole** phoned to give me **Kay Harris'** latest address as carried by *The Citadel*, where **Hugh** served as pres from 65-70. No sooner had Fletcher done



1931: Boyd, Little, the McBrides, a cadet, Perry and daughter, and the Bells

this than I learned from **Chuck Westpheling** where **Kay** actually is located. She is in a nursing home at 3825 Country Side Blvd, Palm Harbour, FL. Communications, however, should be directed to her sister, **Mrs Elizabeth Stokley**, who lives nearby at 120 Irwin St, Safety Harbour, FL 34695-2216. We still do not know the whereabouts of **Duke Burroughs** nor of 6 of our widows, **Ruth Beishline, Agnes Cave, Donna Gallup, Babs Leinster, Mary Rogers and Mildred Truly**. Please give me any info you may have at hand about any of them. **Hotspur Lash** gave me the sad news that **Don Webber** died in a hosp in Greensboro, NC on 1 Jul. **Alice** had gone before him on 6 Apr. They had lived in a ret facility where **Don** played in a bell choir, reminiscent of his talents displayed during his stage performances in Hundredth Night and Camp Illumination Shows, and during his cheer-leading antics with **Pumpelly, Hockenberry and Young**. According to his daughter, he had been hospitalized on 27 Jun for a recurrence of an earlier problem, felt fine the 30th and early the next day suffered a cardiac arrest. He was buried with **Alice** in Greensboro's Forest Lawn Cemetery, with honors provided by troops from Ft Bragg. **Don's** daughter, **Mrs Palmer Shelburne**, lives at 2311 Princess Ann St, Greensboro, NC 27408. **John Ruggles** found **Clifton MacLachlan's** name among the deaths listed in the annual report of the Army and AF Mutual Aid Assoc; he died in Apr 90 at Spring Valley, CA. **John McAleer** died 28 Jun at Vancouver, WA and is buried in St James Acres; **Helen** passed away in 88. They are survived by a son, daughter and two grandsons. In the Sep *ASSEMBLY*, I rep **John Brady's** death on 9 Dec 90. His ashes were entombed in Arlington's columbarium on 10 Aug 91. **Deena** was unable to attend the svcs. **Andy Adams, Lucy Troxel** and I represented the Cl. One of **John's** sisters, **Mrs Bettie B Mason**, continues to live in their hometown at 1065 Norman Dr, #T7, Annapolis, MD 21403; tel (301) 263-9521.

Several of our no have advised **Clyde McBride** that the 60th Reunion gp pic received was in wrinkled or bent condition. He has written *Atlantic Visuals*, 17 Estate Blvd, Newburgh, NY 12550, de-



1931: Curly & Marion Wilson with two sons and Dick Lane



1931: The Smiths, Wards, Trains and TW Parkers

scribing the unsatisfactory methods used in their mailing, and called for properly protected replacements at no cost. Those of you who didn't receive what you bargained for should bring your case to the attention of *Atlantic Visuals* and call for redress.

Remember that **Klemm Boyd** is our new treas; it is to him that your tax-deductible \$25 annual contributions to the "Cl Fund, USMA '31" are to be sent; his address: St Giles Rd, Gibson Isl, MD 21056.

'32

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**THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD.** In Jul **Pat & I** went to Wash to attend the luncheon at the Ft Myer O'Club that the scribes of the DC area gave to say farewell to *ASSEMBLY* editor **Paul K Child Jr '52** and to give the big hello to new editor LTC **Julian M Olejniczak** (pronounced O-luh-knee-chock, short title, **Jay**) '61. I am among a few thousand who hate to see **Paul** go because he really brought *ASSEMBLY* to new heights but when you gotta go, you gotta go.

**Jay** was chosen after several wks of screening applications and a no of personal interviews by the selection cmte. He seems to have everything in the book.

Infantry; two combat tours in Vietnam; Silver Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman. MA in English at Wisconsin U, then 3 yrs in the English Dept



1932: Ever the twain shall meet: the shortest and the longest journeys were made by host Charles Roades '55 (McLean, VA) and auslander Ken Zitzman (San Ant, TX)



1932: Asst Ed Linda Berman between Pat & Ken Zitzman



1932: The changing of the guard: Jay (L) and Paul

at USMA and after that a law degree and a business degree at the U of NC.

I'm glad to know that he has all of that going for him, because it is going to take a lot to replace Paul Child. I am also grateful to Charlie Roades, the '55 scribe, for setting up the luncheon.

The next day Pat & I had our first look-see at Ft Belvoir Woods Pkwy when we went there for lunch with almost all of our classmates and widows in the DC area. Ward & Mary Ellen Gillette, Titter Horner, Frank & Claire Jamison, Joslin Morris, Archie Lyon, Danny & Bobbie Sundt, Essie Baer and Mary Cain.

We gathered in Dannie & Bobbie Sundt's apt for a little light libation and some cheerful chitchat. Later we were joined at luncheon by Bill & Fran Dick '31, about whom we had asked especially. And yes, Bobbie did play that dreamy music on the piano without benefit of



1932: Titter Horner and Ward Gillette

music sheets, which she didn't need and would not have been able to see anyway.

As you all know by now, Belvoir Woods is a lovely set-up on beautiful grounds with all the amenities of Ft Belvoir nearby.



1932: Joslin Morris and Mary Ellen Gillette

Just strolling about the place after lunch, we met or had near misses with lots of friends from other classes with whom we had served over the yrs; Don Little '31, Fred Irving Apr '17, Red Reeder '26, Slim Vittrup '29, etc. Our only regret was that the guy who runs the magnificent place, Anne Brucker's son Willis '64, was taking a day off.

I wanted to say hello to him again and warn him to check for leaks. I had picked the date, time and place for the luncheon, stipulated the guest list and when I tried to find out whom to pay for the very pleasant meal, all I got was "No spicka' da Engleesh."

Before leaving DC we relived old times. Pat & I ea have a married cousin

living there and enjoyed having dinners with them. We also roamed the city, looking at the 5 domiciles we had occupied at various times in the past.

The course of our peregrination took us to the Textile Museum at 2320 S St, just off Mass Ave, next door to the Embassy of Myanmar. (Myanmar is not in any of my atlases either.)

A two-rm suite in the museum is labeled the **Marion Sterling Pugh** Gallery and contains an interesting collection of 10 rugs of ancient Egypt c. 1550 AD, ranging from an 8' x 10' to a 12" fragment. I regret that we did not have time to go out to Little Fiddlers Green again so Marion & Johnny could show us their main collection.

**ONLY YESTERDAY!** Eddie Farnsworth's records make the Smithsonian staff look like a bunch of amateurs. From time to time he has sent me some old gems, but this time he has cleaned house—the works. See pic.



1932: Eddie Farnsworth at top speed during the auction

He sent me, at no charge, such gems as a formal ltr dtd 8 Feb 32 from Cadet LT **Godwin** to Cadet CPT **Farnsworth** giving Cadet 1st CPT **McConnell's** instructions re plebes; "double time to all formations, gym, lunch, cl or chapel. . . . If you can't find anything else for them to do, let 'em run the stairs for a few tours."

Close-up photos of the Wash Senators opening game in 50 show Pres Truman throwing out the ball (first left-handed, then right-handed). Flanking the pres are Margaret and Bess Truman, the presidential aide, GEN **Bob Landry**, Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, VP **Barkley** and Nats mgr **Bucky Harris**.

Plebe-yr rm asgmts as of Sep 1928 include all the guys who were found that Christmas, most of whom (but not all) have floated away. Addresses on furlough, 1930, and the orders for grad leave of 3 mos with pay (which was shortened to one mo with pay or rep to duty at the end of one mo.)

Old, browned newsclips tell of the deaths of **Bill Beard**, **Frank Howard**, **Howie Martindell** and **Duke Ondrick**.

A 1914-15 AAA Rep says that 7 of the 12 scheduled hockey games had to be cancelled because of warm weather.

(The rink was on the Plain with sideboards of banked snow which had to be rebuilt after every thaw. "If a concrete rink, as suggested last yr, could be built in back of the gymnasium the no of playing days could undoubtedly be doubled.")

That's where the rink was when we were plebes, and we had the added luxury of having some practices and most home games at the Bear Mtn rink until **Smith Rink** (named after the Supe, our **Bill's** father) was christened to open the 1930-31 season.

A current ltr from Albert Vanderbush, Dir of Intercollegiate Athletics, thanked **Eddie** for the many documents **Eddie** gave him for USMA. For everything else, the Auction House put out a special illustrated circular offering selections from an autographed baseball from the 1925 World Series to camel saddles and an Indian Sikhs knife.

**CORRECTIONS CORRECTED.** In a recent issue I rep that **Jack & Betty Welborn** had moved into a new vets' home in S Portland, ME. However, a subsequent ltr from Betty said that only Jack had moved there. She remains at the address on your roster: 22 Greenbrair Way, S Portland, ME 04106. Betty wrote that the home is only 10 mins away from her residence, and the arrangement leaves Jack happy, which makes Betty happy. She urges anyone who is in the area to drop in and say hello to Jack & her. Meanwhile, **Betty** keeps physically and mentally active with her golf and bridge.

**HE SAID THE WORLD IS ROUND, OH!** When **Anne Brucker** was a little girl she lived in Guam, where her Coast Guard father was the Govr Gen or whatever the equivalent term was in those days. Her special delight was accompanying daddy on his inspection tours of the archipelago aboard the official yacht. It is obvious that she has never shaken the habit.



1932: Archie Lyon, Bill Davidson Jr, Jay Morris, Joslin Morris and Willis & Ann Brucker

With her pal, Abby Boylan, widow of Vince '39, she took the AOG Elbe cruise in late Jul; then, about the time you are reading this, she will be off to Norway, 3 wks in the S of France (she includes this

to torture me) and on to a wk in England. After that, she will be off on another freighter trip of 60 days to the far E with Jean Quinn, widow of Howard '30. It will be their 4th trip together; previously to Russia, AK and Africa, says Anne.

But just don't forget, dear **Anne**, there is one trip you are going to make that will be bigger than any of those; to WP in May to celebrate our 60th.

**THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A CLASS SCRIBE!** To get the feel of how the younger grads participated in the desert war, I recently read through the clcols of those who grad in the last 5 yrs. '87 was particularly good—all the personal news including that of many classmates involved in Desert Shield. Well-written, with the personal feeling of a classmate that I try so hard to get. This guy knows his stuff, I said to myself. Then I read the last paragraph, "If you noticed something different about this article, it's because your scribe, Wayne, was deployed to Saudi Arabia, 30 Dec 90, and he asked his mother to take charge of this col. I would appreciate hearing from CI offs about their writing this col until Wayne returns."

Way to go, Tootsie! I'm not going to call you Mom or Mrs Green, because I figure that I was a 1LT when you were born. I'm glad that your son knows a good replacement when he needs one.

**A HOT TIP FOR OUR 60TH!** Times change and for all of you guys and gals who, like **Pat** & me, are flying to WP for our 60th in May, this might be useful.

Major airlines now have flights from Chicago, Atl, Raleigh-Durham and Pittsburgh that go non-stop to Stewart Field, which is now a major airport, 16 mi from WP (at Newburgh). You remember Newburgh. We were billeted in the Holiday Inn there for one of our reunions, and going down to WP every day for the activities was a breeze.

Now we shall have our qtrs in the Thayer, and it will be just a one-shot run to it when we land and another when we leave. Any travel agency should have the details.

Meanwhile, keep sending me the news. The next deadline is when you get some.

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**THE DEADLINES** for these **ASSEMBLY** notes, it seems, roll around at an ever-quickening pace, as do the mos and yrs. . . . What's becomes of all that time that we had just yesterday? With 6-issues-a-yr, however, **ASSEMBLY** news is more timely. So at risk of repeating: your deadline for getting those good notes and pics to me is: (1) whenever you can drop me a line, phonecall, even a post-

card; and (2) NLT the 6th of ea even-numbered mo. Hearty thanks!



1933: Zitzman, Sparrow and Olejniczak—clearly Ken has just told a whopper!

More scribbling subjects: on the initiative of my neighbor, COL Chuck Roades '55, a score of scribes, including '32's hoary-in-svc Ken Zitzman & his sprightly **Pat**, lunched at Ft Myer 24 Jul to honor COL Paul Child, the departing Assoc VP for Pub/AOG, his replacement, LTC Jay Olejniczak, and Mrs Linda Berman, asst editor of **ASSEMBLY**. (See acct of the luncheon elsewhere in this issue.) '33 salutes Paul Child for all that he accomplished on his watch, thanks Linda for her unvarying and cheerful support, and extends a hearty welcome to our new chief.

Finally, your scribe is grateful for the calls and ltrs from readers who liked the "Mil vs Media" article (Jul **ASSEMBLY**); it has now appeared in 3 mil-related and 3 civ pubs.

Though we hardly dare say it, we're grateful too that, as of this writing, there are no known '33 casualties to rep.

"I play 9 holes twice a wk with a cart," writes **Jim Boswell** to Abe Lincoln, "and take walks the other days. In early Jun I flew to Lancaster, PA (Amish country) for the annual reunion of the 7th Inf Regt Assn (I was CO in Korea, and there were some 10 offs who were with me and 8 Belgians, whose bn was attached to us.) All told, there were over 200 present including WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. Great fun. . . 'Hope I'll be on hand for our 60th in 1993!"

From **Doug Cairns**, a fine newsfult ltr: "Our grandson, Rob's son, Craig Cairns, is an ROTC Honor Grad, CI of '86, from St Bonaventure Col, NY and an RA CPT—Apache pilot and flight ldr with the 1st Inf Div at Riley; he participated in the Gulf War. Our daughter Mimi's son, CPT Todd Brooks (USFA '86), is stationed at Grand Forks, ND as a navigator and def sys opns with a B1 bomber crew. Two days ago we added one more to the Long Gray Line: Chris Cairns, Rob's other son, entered USMA 1 Jul with the CI of '95. He is the last of that generation to enter the mil."

Thanks, Doug—you & Lil have much

to be proud of!

**El Conway** rep a great-granddaughter: "Dana Ruth Helmer, 7 lb, 14 oz, born 14 Jun 91, Fairbanks, AK. . . . So next wk I'm flying to AK with daughter Ruth & Walter Willms, the grandparents. Grandson Daniel Walter Helmer is now 2 1/2 yrs old, so we look forward to seeing him again too. . . . In short, I'm off to the "Last Frontier"—the land of byootful mtns, clean air, friendly folk, mooseburgers, salmon and Mt McKinley pizzas—where men are men and women win the IDITAROD!"



1933: Hurlly (R) admonishes his son-in-law, Carl Moritz (USNA '62), while Senter & Peggy Whipple look on

"Polly & I had lunch with **Chet & Tita deCavre** over on the eastern shore of VA on 20 Jul," writes **Hurlly**. "We were guests of the Needels (parents of COL Chris Needel '65) and neighbors of the deCavres. Chet & Tita were looking great and planning to come to the CI Lunch (DC area) again in Oct."

**Sam Donnelly**, responding to "Mil vs Media": "I got along fairly well with the media when I was on active duty, but they gave me a hard time when I was with AEC, responsible for supervising Rocky Flats. The fire there aroused great interest from the press, who printed many unfactual pieces.

"All's well with us. We went to Padre Isl and Corpus Christi 4 Jul, then later to Ft Worth and Dallas. Many of our family live in TX. We now have 4 great-grandsons—I hope that perhaps one will go to WP. P.S. Talked to **John Honeysutt** this a.m. Es & he are in fine fettle."

We have only now (early Aug) learned that **Dottie Hartel** had a stroke 24 May and has been hospitalized in Williamsburg and Newport News since. "She maintains her plucky spirit," says **Fritz**, who is with her daily, "and we are determined that all will yet be well." Drs Linda, Mary and Carla are helping. "Prayers, not flowers!" is the word. At latest rep, she is improving and is being transferred to a convalescent ctr in Williamsburg. The CI sends its best wishes to a most gallant couple.

A clipping from **Dorothy Johnson** about her & Johnny's son, Bob: "Dx-ed during the pre-season practice period as

having a cancerous kidney, Coach Bob Johnson underwent emergency surgery, then rebounded with a vigor that stunned his physicians. . . . and became a regional celebrity during the season. When his basketball team made it to the natl ranking of top 5 small-col teams, Johnson was splashed on the pages of *Roanoke Times* and *World News* in a story exploring his bout with cancer, his personal pride at being a vet of the Vietnam War and his ability to turn around the Emory and Henry prog to (a new) record. Named 'S Region Coach of the Yr,' he became one of 8 finalists for 'Natl Coach of the Yr.'" Dorothy, we share in your pride.

"I was pleased to see the pic of the Canadian geese at Lake Quivira," writes **Bea Jones**. "Five of them stayed on, and one pair had babies—we occasionally see them swimming in the lake—one adult in front, then the babies, the other [adult] protecting the rear.

"Recently returned from CO-Fitzsimons (Denver), where I attended the wedding of my granddaughter, Lisa Lawrence (daughter of Linda & Chris Lawrence '59) & Scott Gillion, both recently returned from Desert Storm—quite a special event! Father Cyril Coverly, who had married Linda & Chris, also performed the nuptials for Lisa & Scott. (Father C had been Episcopal Chaplain at Sill; he is now ret in the Denver area.)"



1933: '33's Honolulu lunch bunch: Hallock, Doleman, Disosway, Hurlbut, Andrews and Tubbs

"I don't recommend rubber cleats on wet grass," writes **Jean (Arnette) Myers (to Abe)**: "I'm just now (10 Jun) able to write, since my last golf game (3 Apr) got me my first broken bone. After hitting the ball, I went flying also and broke my right wrist in 2 places when I landed. Being right-handed, I even had to run to the neighbors to get a can opened. . . . but this wk I'm trying to get my half-acre back in shape while I can still find my way out.

"Our Australia-NZ trip last fall was so much fun that we're ready to return. Since we can't do it now, we've settled on HI for Sep, going to the Hale Koa and cruising the other isls on the *Indepen-*

*dence*. Our gp includes my sister, Nancy (Grubbs) Gard, Florence Cahill, **Blackie's** daughter, and two others.

"In May I went to Austin for TX U grad of two of **Blackie's** grandchildren. He would have been so proud, but at least he knew they were on their way to this. . . ."



1933: Photogenic couple! Lylian & Bob Tripp at Founders Day 91, San Fran

"It was time for a move—a good decision for me," sez **Jennie Pittman**. "My new address: 2020 S Monroe St, Denver, CO 80210." Jennie also offered, and your scribe accepted, a donation of *Howitzers* of our predecessors ('30, '31 and '32), which occasionally are useful references in our labors.

A mid-Jun note from **Joey Polk** posts us on **Jimmy's** courageous post-opn battle back to good health. "The dr says he's stable and improved. . . . We are grateful for modern medicines. He looks better and is up and about ea afternoon with family and friends."

From **Bud Powell** a telecon to rep his & **Clo's** move to a ret residence, The Atrium, 2141 NW 41st St, Apt 5306, Gainesville, FL 32606; tel (904) 335-4732. "We're both reasonably well," says Bud, "though Clo (who suffers from macular degeneration) is now legally blind." They hope to make the 60th. Good to hear from you, Bud—it's been a long time!

A welcome note from **Roy Reynolds**: "Just back from a trip to Jackson Hole, WY. It didn't involve a tennis tournament; however, I did visit friends there whom I met on one of my tennis trips. Beautiful country—blue skies, wide open spaces, mtns and no humidity or smog! Air you could breathe without concern for adverse effects. . . ."

"We live in two places," rep **Ellie & Alden Sibley** in a welcome newsful ltr, "ME and NY, and are waiting for something to force us to decide whether this is a good design. . . . The spirit is willing, but days grow shorter and airplanes

don't fly at our convenience. The sooty old choo-choos were wonderful for escape from pressure. . . .

"Since the aim of this ltr is to tell you that we're still living, we're tempted to wax philosophical—why not? One result of slowing down is that we don't have to figure out a whole day's program beforehand, or rush out to meet a deadline. We ea do our own thing, which means we don't see too much of ea other because we choose to do different things—thus we have subjects to talk about. Silence, too, can be golden. . . . When we drive to ME we take 3 days to do what used to take 6 hrs, stopping along the way in motels. . . . Admittedly, we take forever to deal with the mail and the news—environmental hazards in all senses. Anyway, here we still are!"



1933: Sim Whipple's rt ear (L foreground) frames lovely daughter-in-law Reyna & son Ben

Bert & June Sparrow are Elderhosteling again, in Jun to Glenville St Col (in the mtns of WV), where the courses included Continuity and Change in Chinese Politics, The Power of Your Mind, and Improving Your Golf. Thus enlightened, we made a swing through OH and MI, seeking to impress relatives. . . . At the end of Aug we head for New England, to lobster with Harry & Gracie King before an EH wk at St Andrews-by-the-Sea, in New Brunswick, for courses on Antique and Book Collecting, Artists and Artisans, and Bay of Fundy Aquaculture. By then insufferably educated, we may try it all out on the Sibleys en route home. . . .

"That M-vs-M article," sez Steve Stephenson, "has motivated me to get off my duff and write, although I've been so busy watching golf and tennis on TV, trying to learn how to run my VCR and camcorder, all plus med appts, I just don't have the git-up-and-go to do things that are really important. . . .

"I have little to rep about myself. After ret from 10 yrs in the Riverside Pub Library, I devoted my time mainly to enjoying family and old friends. In 88 we became interested in some sort of ret residence, with no yard to keep nor maintenance jobs to plague me. We wound up at The Village, a semi-condo

here in Hemet. The mgt is sincere, industrious and friendly, the food excellent—what more could one ask?"

A welcome telecon from Art Tyson, to whom I mentioned the Sheridan article. Art recalled that he and Dick had joined the Army together, had adjacent bunks during recruit trng at Ft Bragg, and went together to the Corps Area WP Prep Sch at Ft McPherson. The Com? Pop Goode. Art is still in touch with a mbr of the Sheridan family, to whom we'll send a copy of the article.



1933: Presentation of '33 CI Gift to Rob Otto '91: Parents Bill '66 & Marilyn Otto, Rob, Steve Fuqua, Sam Otto and uncle Steve Otto x-'64

#### CLASS MATTERS

Cl of '33 Memorial Terrace (Clock-Sundial area S of Ike Hall) is now identified by its new name-plaque. We'll pub a pic as soon as one becomes available.

William O Darby Foundation, Ft Smith, AR. Memorializing our classmate Bill Darby, this foundation has been formally established under the laws of the State of AR. There are 19 mbrs on the Bd of Dirs, including some ret offs and Darby's sister (Mrs Lyndall Watkins). The Foundation purchased and restored Darby's boyhood home, now the Darby House, which has about 300 visitors per wk.

Emory S Dockery Jr, Exec Dir, wrote our Pres Abe requesting copies of the Cl Roster and a donation to cover the cost of a plaque to be placed in a rm with a display of memorabilia from Darby's cadet days at USMA.

In response a roster was sent for use in soliciting memorabilia from Cl mbrs, with the request that it not be passed on for other purposes, and a contribution of \$333 was made to the Foundation.

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Communications come via phone, typed, FAX and this one is, remarkably, handwritten. It's from Stilson Smith in CA. "I was attacked about a yr-and-a-half ago by a little-known virus called Guil- liam Beret, which attacks the central

nervous sys. At first I was paralyzed from the waist down. However, I am now regaining gradually some feeling in and use of my legs, but I still can't stand unassisted or walk. Coincidentally, the patient across from me. . . got the virus about a yr earlier, but he can walk short distances unassisted, so I have some hope for improvement. I was finally able to get into the VA hosp at Long Beach, CA, where I am getting several kinds of excellent therapy. I have not run into any other WP'ers here, but Dale Huber, who lives nearby, comes in to see me every wk or so. Dale had a heart attack a few yrs ago (as did I), but he is in fair shape now (as good as most of us). His wife Madeline is having med problems.

"Seeing the obit about Tirso Fajada reminded me that I was probably the last of our Cl to talk to him. Sung & I were on a cruise in 84, and we stopped in Manila for half a day. I asked our Filipino hostess if she knew him, and she said, 'Oh, yes. He is a natl hero.' She was able to get Tirso on the phone, and I talked to him, but we were not there long enough for us to meet."



1934: Si & Frances Gilman, Francie & Johnny Stevens, Loretta Lewis, Faith Edson, Gene & Hope Corrigan and Betty Ann & Dan Cheston at the Fairfax, Ft Belvoir

Anna & Bill Wise: "Our new home in AF Vil II is nearing completion and we could move in anytime. I know you are aware Dick Legg died in his sleep Sun night 14-15 Jul. You may not know the details. Dick had moved to a ret home in N Denver in order to be near his daughter, Karen Utley, who is with IBM and lives in Boulder. His health had been declining for several yrs, and he was on oxygen full-time. His weight was down to 125 lbs. He had spent the wkend with Karen, returning to his apt late Sun afternoon. He phoned Karen and went to bed. The nurse checked on him Mon morning and found he had died during the night. His younger daughter, Rachel, came from her home in MI. Dick wanted to be cremated and his ashes scattered on Mt Hermon, where he had scattered Helen's ashes 5 yrs ago.

"Dick was the only classmate I had seen much of through the yrs. We cmded two of the three fighter gps in New

Guinea in the early part of WW II. We both came back to the Pentagon and both went to Italy. Soon after V-E Day, we both returned to the ZI—and emded two fighter bases in FL. After V-J Day we were both assigned to the Air Univ. Following that, we were separated, but got together again for two-plus yrs in Madison, WI.

“**Dick & Helen** went to CA, when he ret; **Anna & I** stayed here in CO. In a few yrs the **Leggs** returned to CO, bought a home about 60 mi from us. We saw ea other frequently, until **Dick** died.”

On 6 Jul **Dave (EO) Davis** called. He sobbed, “I just wanted to rep that **Elma**, my wife (yes, I remember her well) just died after a long illness. Now she can be without pain and happy in her new home. OK, **Davis**, signing off.” Still overcome, he added, “**Maybelle**, our daughter, has been with us a while. **Elma** died of a combination of illnesses. She had much cholesterol, for one thing. She had excellent care at the USMA hosp but was transferred down the Hudson to be under specialist care.

“After a svc at the Catholic Chapel, she will be buried in the Cadet Cem.” Later in the fall, he plans “to spend some time in MI and CO with my children.” **Jeanne Finkenauer** represented the CI at the funeral. **Ruth & Ralph Bucknam** had, instead, a court appt to recover damages from an inventor who had used one of **Ralph’s** violin designs. **Dave** called for info regarding reservations for the mini-reunion and promised to invite **Jeanne Finkenauer** to drive down with him.



1934: DC area classmates & spouses at the Kern picnic: the **Corrigans**, **Chestons**, **Loretta Lewis**, the **Lucille Browns** and the guests of honor, **Anne & Bill**

The next 8 very sentimental paragraphs come from **Paul Hanley**, in more or less chronological order. “On 12 Jun, **Willa (Jody) Richey Hanley** passed away. At her memorial svc on 21 Jun at USAA Towers, San Ant, our CI was represented by **Jo & Pinky Alness**, **Cy Betts**, **Irma & Ted Hoffman**, **Saralu & John Hutchinson**, **Virgie Jablonsky**, **Larry Savage**, **Charley White**, **Patsy & Jack White** and **Jane Dahlberg**, friend of the CI. Other classes were represented by **Lois & Jim Stephenson ’29**, **Becky (Mrs**

**Frederick) Crabb ’30**, **Barbara & George (Charley) Carver ’33**, **Kathleen (Mrs James) Landrum ’36**, **Sally (Mrs Luis) Mercado ’37**, **Helen & Ken Skaer ’38**, **Pat (Mrs Edward) Kurth** and **Gayle (Mrs Harmon) Lampley ’39**. They were joined by residents and other friends to pay final respects to this gracious and talented lady who was **Paul’s** wife for over 56 yrs.”

**Paul’s** ltr of 21 Jun was so sympathetic, I prevailed on him to let us publish it. “As I told you, **Jody** asked me to avoid discussions of her problems and/or symptoms. She was seldom out of the apt from Jan until she went to St Luke’s Hosp in May. She was transferred in Jun to Parkland West, the health care facility assoc with USAA Towers.

“Her brother **George & Gerry** came from Tyler, and our daughter **Sheila**, plus daughter **Heather & Stanley Rosenfeld**, came a few days thereafter. I was in very poor shape; their arrivals were a godsend. We kept a vigil with **Jody** around the clock. She died with dignity and without pain.

“The outpouring of ltrs, calls and expressions of compassion and sympathy has helped dull the ache for me. Today’s svc was a big help.”

This elegy came from **Paul** as we went to press. “I just got back from a trip by car to CA. On the way out, I spent time with **Virginia & Dale Smith**, who are getting ready to move into AF Vil W near March Field. **Dale** is looking for a publisher for his latest, *Heaven Can Be Real*, and he almost convinced me.

“In Carmel I met family and friends for a svc to remember **Jody**, honor her and celebrate her life. After the svc, 5 family mbrs (4 generations from age 80 to 1 1/2) took her ashes and sprinkled them on the beach and surf of her beloved ocean.

“I spent some time in Palo Alto and had the good fortune to see **Dottie Franklin**. Coming back I spent a night at Ft Bliss. **Polly Elliott** served a gourmet dinner to **Alex Stuart** and me, and we reminisced on seeing a wedding pic which included **Bill Gross**, **Hudson Upham**, **Jim Snee**, **Dale Smith**, **Helen Legg**, me and, of course, **Polly & Charlie**.

“I’m sure you know that **Jo & Pinky Alness** have moved into USAA Towers.”

Reports from **Cy Betts** provide the following obit. **Hal Browning** died 26 Jul in Marin County, CA, his & **Teenie’s** home for 30 yrs. He was cremated and the ashes buried at WP near his mother & dad. I looked up **Hal’s** father 1901 and his grandfather 1867 in the *Register*. Both had distinguished mil careers which should strike awe in the hearts of us who may have served in combat, but never far from established supply channels or telephone communications with cmd hdqtrs.

The graveside svc was attended by **Teenie**, daughter **Helen Lavery** (who was named for her **Browning** grandmother and provided most of this info) and granddaughter **Maren Nelson Martin**, progeny of daughter **Anne**. The CI was represented by the beautiful and ever-faithful **Jeanne Finkenauer**.

**Hal’s** health held up until last yr, when a fractured hip was followed much later by a massive brain hemorrhage from which he never recovered consciousness. He died two wks later. The arrangements for **Hal’s** funeral are another eulogy for **Grace Foster**, AOG’s Mother Superior.

**Teenie** has been consoled in her bereavement by **Dottie Franklin**, widowed last yr and living near the Presidio. **Teenie** is considering migrating to the E Coast to be near family in FL. We invite her to bring her musical talent near us.

**Jeanne Finkenauer** checked in with: “Yesterday I arranged flower memorial for the CI and attended the graveside svc for **Hal Browning**. **Dave (EO) Davis** (the other of our two remaining qualified reps at WP) left Mon for MI to visit his son. Since **Elma** died **Dave** has been alone. This trip will be good for him. **Grace Foster** [mentioned above] was delighted with the compliments the CI has paid her. On **Cy’s** instructions I sent her a large bouquet of roses from the CI. The Pres of AOG presented her with a copy of your ltr and CI Notes col in the ASSEMBLY about her activities on behalf of our CI, so she knows how very much we appreciate her kindness.”

**Mary (Mrs James O) Baker**, now living in Highland Falls, to whom I had recently sent photos of the cake she had sculpted, baked and presented to classmates assembled at our 50th Reunion, writes: “I was elated over the pics you sent. They brought many happy memories.” Thanking me, **Mary** poetized, “To my greatest fan of ’34, honors should go now and before for his splendid work and dedication to hold fast on film the CI unification. Later he sends pics to those who live alone, along with his charming ltrs, a higher spirit he has won. This you have accomplished again today as my spirit soared with love to say, ‘I thank you, my dearest WP friend, and may God guide you with His loving hand.’ You gotta know **Mary** to appreciate what goes into her poesy. She encl a pic of cream-puffs formed like swans which she “made for friends who gave me transportation when my car was stolen, and to the efficient police who found the car. For my special friends I make a special cake and write poetic messages which gives me pleasure. With love and best wishes to all.”

**Alex Stuart** writes on stationery of The Natl Character Lab: “My ASSEMBLY just arrived, and I was shocked to learn about the death of **Bob Finkenauer**, with



1934: Mary Baker, CL cake baker, cordon bleu, with swan-sculpted cream puffs she baked and presented to friends

whom I served at the Acad in the early forties. Some good news from here: **Ellen Peca** is due in next wk to visit young Pete, a district judge here, and family. She is inviting them, the **Waughs, Moormans, Charlotte Hubbard, Polly Elliott** and me to lunch. Polly and I are entertaining the same crowd here at dinner. Polly's son Torchy is presenting a paper at an internatl mtg of mech engr in Paris next yr, so the Elliott family and I are planning 'to do' Europe in the spring. Polly's grandson, CB Elliott IV '90, has returned to his station in Ger from the Gulf War and will join us.

"When I reunion in Williamsburg, I plan to visit my 3 great-grandsons: one in VA Beach, fathered by USNA '90, and two civ types in Phila. Will spend a wk in DC working to push 3 bills through Congress: one on character education in public schs, one on character corrections and another on character therapy. Ashley is now my first step great-granddaughter and resides in LA, where my daughter Suzy Herta lives."



1934: Bob & Rita Kyser at their life care comm in Evans, GA on Memorial Day

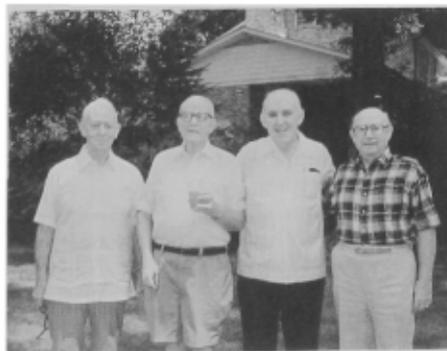
This ltr is from Rose Marie Hardman who enclosed the photo. "I am an employee of Brandon Wilde, Augusta's Life Care Community. I have a son, who is a rising 'cow', Cl of '93. **Robert C Kyser & Marguerite (Rita)** met when he was a 'yearling.' They married in the Protestant Chapel 13 Jun 34. Their union produced two sons, Robert Jr of CA and Richard Ivan of GA. Highlights of GEN Kyser's 35-yr career include: staff of

GEN Bradley planning OVERLORD, CG COMZ EUR where he developed shipping procedures still used worldwide and, when demanded by DeGaulle, moved all US personnel and supplies from French soil. GEN Kyser was recently selected as Distinguished Mbr, the Qtrmaster Regt. P.S. Beat Navy!" Let's give that lady a title: **Rose Marie Hardman '34.**



1934: Anne & Bill Kern with almost their entire family—see PS Brown's ltr herewith

"PS (P Stanley) Brown with Lucille rep a big social event in the DC calendar: "**Bill Kern's** family gave him a delightful picnic this summer on son Jack's pretty lawn. Now get this! All of Anne & Bill's family were there, including a mo-old baby from Ger, and all of the family fighters from the Gulf. Encl are picnic pics of his family, classmates and BW's of '34. **Francie & Johnny Stevens** and **Frances & Si Gilman** arrived too late to have their tin-types taken. The family and classmates make an interesting gp—both husbands & wives are all tied into the mil, one way or another. Pics of the Gulf fighters, husbands & wives appeared in the Jul ASSEMBLY. If you missed them, get out your copy and check the pic of Kern, Mullen and Northam, heroes of Desert Storm. Cille joins in love to all."



1934: Corrigan, Cheston, Kern and PS Brown, or are these handsome youths the grandsons?

From "Dud" (James D) Wilmeth: "I went to see **Jean Paul Craig**, CO "F" Co '34, & his BW **Bonnie**. The live in Arlington, not the DC one but the TX one on the Brazos, where Sam Houston created the Great State of TX. Jean is diet-

thin, but is not related to Jenny Craig, the dietician (sic!). His hair is thin on top, but he has more down the back of his neck than Paul Hanley, who looks more and more like William Jennings Bryan. Jean reminisced about days of early 42, when he was stationed in Singapore. The Japanese came down the peninsula, and he nearly got caught, but got away in a sampan that took him to a rowboat that took him to a outboard motorboat that took him to a fishing trawler that took him to a British cruiser that took him to Australia. He still carries the accent. Failing to get the Japanese invaders to sign a memo receipt for his home, his car, his clothes or for 5 fifths of Johnny Walker Black Label, he is suing the Japanese govt for remuneration. Since no country other than the US pays retribution, I doubt if he even gets 5 fifths of Suntori.

"We are moving from 'Hapydaze,' our improved fishing shack on three acres, to a two-bdrm condo in Ft Worth at 4312 Bellaire Dr S, #217, TX 76109. Among the stored stuff we uncovered were my ltrs to my mother in 30-34. Samples: 6 Aug—still surviving and eating 3 meals a day—maybe. I really don't fit in this place but I'll stick it out until they throw me out. We've joined the Corps. **Pete Bennett** and I climbed the ramps of Ft Putnam last Sun, vainly wishing we were on one of the boats that constantly ply the Hudson River. 23 Sep—they spare no expense here in trng the football team. They've roped off about an acre and put canvas around it with [lights and] a mounted guard, and they run team signals at night. 30 Sep—we trimmed Boston last Sat and will do the same to Furman this Sat. I am now in "F" Co, no longer New Cadet 3rd Co. 5 Oct—Army 54/Furman 0. As we return to classes, the crowds of visitors return to points N, S and W. I suppose never again will I experience the free, open, almost reckless happiness of civ life. 19 Oct—we left Fri night on 4 special trains. We went to the diner and ordered anything we wanted; it was already paid for. The next morn we detrained in Boston and paraded to Boston Common. At the game Harvard was favored but Bowman, midget QB of Army, took on the 6-foot giants of the Crimson and in 3 plays had a touchdown. Twelve thousand out-yelled 60,000! 2 Nov—thank you for the sack of pecans. My AL roommate **Bob Kyser** and I enjoyed them. **Charlie Fell**, OH, passed them—the cracking process was too hard. 15 Nov—Pittsburgh gave us the heartiest reception I have experienced. We were away from the Acad 49 hrs, the longest trip ever. 27 Nov—next wk, final exams. They alone will tell whether some of us will be continuing as cadets. 30 Nov—final exams! They will determine whether I remain a Kaydet or sell apples on NY streets; whether I will

be part of the 1200 mule team or of the 5,000,000 unemployed. 7 Dec—Army Athletic Assoc just opened the new hockey rink. I have ordered a pair of ice skates. 20 Dec—No gala Christmas decorations. Here, where smiles are contraband and happiness a breach of discipline, Christmas is looked upon with apathy. A Christmas interspersed with drumbeats and bugle calls is not at all to my liking. All of the upperclassmen are away and we have the bks to ourselves. I an enclosing rotogravure of the A-N game. The Navy took the headlines, but you know who took the game!"



1934: Pete, Nat and Evelyn Ward with Muff & Jerry Blair at Newport News James River Country Club

Evelyn & Pete Ward "spent a spring wk at Nags Head, then in summer to St Michaels, MD, a paradise for romantics: active harbor, sailboats, cruises and ferries which we rode. Son Nat led gp of Vietnam vets starting from San Diego and picking up several thousand en route in their natl 'Run for the Wall.' They traveled by motorcycle and, arriving at the Pentagon, were addressed by GEN Colin Powell. Their 'Run' was a plug for MIA's and POW's."

"Commodore" Jim & Louise Snee rep that he leads a FL yacht club; they regretted missing VA reunion but "will see you all in 94."

There's still time for you dolls & guys to get reservations at the mini in Williamsburg, 5-7 Nov. With more than 30 reservations we have a goodly percentage of the ambulatory self-care of '34. To participate, refer to your CI notice or call 1-800-HISTORY and give the word to our benevolent materfamilias, Ruth Exton.

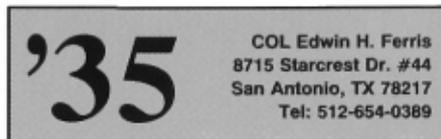
Lil & Bob Tyson and Beth Lyon did just that. Bob is on the reunion cmte. Beth is a popular "CI friend" at reunions, having formerly been married to our deceased classmate William L Rogers.

My deadline coincides with the date this issue is delivered to you. A word about photographs. The subjects must have clearly defined features and dress. There is no photographer or printer in the world who can improve on what you send to me. Finally, have your snapshots printed on glossy paper. It does not cost



1934: Don Shive '37 and Muff Blair at DC mtg of ASSEMBLY scribes honoring AOG editors

any more and they will print like that last one above.



Our losses continue, this time Marcus "Sammy" Griffin on 25 Jun in Spartanburg, SC. We have kept you informed on his condition as it continually worsened and was rep by Somers & Lucy Dick, who have been a tower of strength to Ann during his illness from inception/diagnosis through confinement to nursing facility and demise. Interment was held at Arlington on 2 Jul; honorary pallbearers were Al Robbins, Carmon Rogers, Art Fickel, Charlie Leonard, Milt Taylor and Les Wheeler. In attendance were Somers & Lucy Dick, Bill Chapman, Ham Twitchell, Marge Leonard, Jean Robbins and Rosalie Rogers. Ann is holding up well and welcomes word from any of the CI.

The "Peninsula Chapter" of '35 in the Williamsburg, VA area recognized our 56th anniv on the precise date (12 Jun, for those with "shaky" memories!) w/progressive assemblies at Nat & Ginny Martin's and Chuck & Ann Symroski's; libations and "boodle" were in ample supply. Present, besides hosts, were Betty & Joe Moore, Dottie & Joe Russell, Betty & Bob Strauss, Maureen Brown and Bob Tucker. We cite this gp as our "most neighborly," with 6 of the 7 families having the same postal zip and the Moores right on the fringe in Hampton.

Seneca Foote's 80th birthday was observed by a family gathering at their home.

We recall Sharon fondly of "Driving Miss Daisy" casting fame; she's now teaching theatrics in Atlanta. Son is dir of a ret facility in MI. (Discounts for USMA '35?) Congrats, Seneca, and to all, as you reach that memorable plateau, let's have pics and news commemorating same. Also on the birthday circuit, Leah Rhoades, on Jack's 77th here, engineered a "bash" of major proportions built around the "This-is-Your-Life" theme. She clandestinely brought his brother from FL and son Rick '68 (Instr



1935: The 56th in Williamsburg: Chuck Symroski, Nat Martin, Bob Strauss, Joe Moore, Joe Russell and Bob Tucker



1935: "Peninsula Chapter" of '35: Maureen Brown, Bob Tucker, Betty & Joe Moore and Ann & Chuck Symroski



1935: "Peninsula Chapter" continued: Ginny & Nat Martin, Dottie & Joe Russell and Bob & Betty Strauss



1935: Seneca Foote and family at "4-score"

at NWC) from DC and entertained at an indoor picnic-style gala at the ARC. Frank & Jane Fiore, on 29 Jul, attended the swearing-in ceremony of son-in-law Stapleton Roy at the Dept of State, as



1935: Daughter Sandy Fiore Roy looks on as Mr Gookin, Dept State Asst Ch Protocol, swears in Fiore's son-in-law, Stapleton Roy

latter became US Ambassador to the People's Rep of China.

Frank states that the male mbrs of his family still are drawn to institutions of higher learning on the Hudson; this time grandson David has been accepted at Vassar. "A total reversal of form," he stated, but wholly pleasing to daughter Sandy, a cum laude alumna of the same institution. The Fiorees were joined by **Tommy & Fern Lang** and **Charlie & Marge Leonard** at the family compound in Paris, ME for a wk of golf and "lobstering" and spent much time with **Bud & Jill Schlanser** at their summer abode. Bud is finalizing details for the forthcoming mini at Cancun for fall 92, details of which will be in CI hands under separate cover.

**Ralph & Sally Haines** were in the UK Jun-Jul, first with a San Ant church gp visiting a counterpart Anglican parish in Sussex.



1935: Sally & Ralph at Manor House in Balcombe, Sussex

They stayed with the lord & lady of the manor and took part in parish activities. After a 5-day visit in London with the gp, they struck out for a two-wk trip through the Shires via Britrail and rented car (with all the thrills of left-side traffic!)

Their trip closed with an Anglican conference in Canterbury and a larger interdenominational conf in Brighton, which featured reps from over 100 countries; sessions were conducted in 4 languages and sves demonstrated many church traditions and natl cultures. After a 40-day absence they returned home, consoled that "35 is still alive"—if bare-



1935: Ralph & Sally at Stonehenge

ly! In early Aug they were in DC for Ralph's attendance at the Army Leadership Seminar for GENs to update natl security issues.

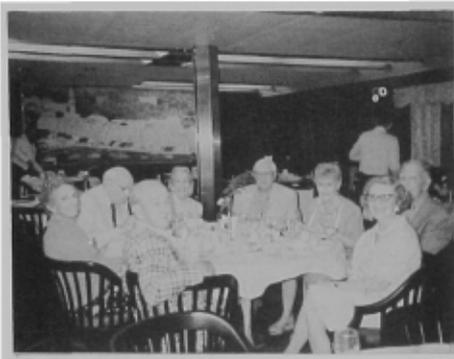
They were guests at a CI gathering at the Fairfax hosted by **Les & Dottie Wheeler**, attended by 19 CI family mbrs. They were very impressed with the Fairfax and appreciative of the warm fellowship extended.

**Glenn Thompson** sent an acct of a junket to E Coast and his first visit to WP in decades. His fixed opinion—"I prefer it the way we knew it!" He came out second in a bout with an escalator in Denver Airport (knee implant gave way), culminating in lacerations and abrasions but no fractures—too close for comfort. So—Glenn's no 1 standing in plebe gym didn't prepare him to cope with electric stairways and rebuilt knees. **Will Hinkle** sent brief report with change of address: 10406 Indiana Ave, No 46, Riverside, CA 92503; tel (714) 688-1600. He's 100% ret and plans CA as

permanent residence. With the proximity of AF Vil W, ought to be ample chance to renew old friendships. From **Joy Critz** comes news of her relocation: 7814 Onyx Ct, SW, Tacoma, WA 98498. Daughter **Renee Critz Miller**, wife of MAJ, USAF (AFA '78) **McChord AFB**, had grandson **Geoffrey Harrison** named after our own **Harry**. Joy's working towards a degree at WA Univ in Commo, with 20-22 hrs to go to grad. **Bill & Eulalie Proctor** sent news clips of the athletic feats of two CI granddaughters, both "Kates." Miss Starbird (**Charlie & Marge Leonard** are grandparents) was featured as leading scorer on her team in an intl prep basketball tournament and Miss Shanahan, Proctor's granddaughter, was cited as outstanding third-base "person" on the Eugene, OR softball team headed for a natl tournament in Sacramento. Short note from **Jack "Butch" Bristor** assures us he's doing OK and passes on regards with a promise to keep in touch. We draw encouragement from **Ham Twitchell's** appearance at Sammy Griffin's rites to conclude a vast improvement in his physical condition, formed by DC gp, who added, "this is Ham's first participation in a CI function since early '90." **Bernie Waterman** is having first yearly check-up at Neurology, WRGH since surgical removal of subdural hematoma. His recovery is right on track but slower than anticipated. **Harry Lewis** sent cheerful news on his **Edith's** favorable outcome from intestinal surgery and removal of lymphoma. She is at home regaining strength—even anticipating another cruise in Nov.



1935: The '35 welcome for the Haineses at the Fairfax: Jean Robbins, Charlotte Chapman, Rosalie Rogers, Edna Hill, Marguerite Bowyer, Kay St John, Les Wheeler, Art & Sally Fickel, Margaret Orth, Mike Bowyer, Bill Chapman, Al Robbins, Carmon Rogers, Sally Haines, Milt & Irene Taylor, Ralph Haines and Dottie Wheeler



1935: The '35 table aboard the *Costa Riviera*. (clockwise) Stu Fries, Meg Eckhardt, Bill & Ellie Howell, Harry & Edith Lewis, George Eckhardt and Helen Fries

Again, a reminder. On receipt of any *ASSEMBLY*, it's a flag to get notes in promptly—not later than 10 days. In this manner, news will never be "stale."

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We are not immune, and so Nature again exacted her relentless "weeding process" among us "octies" (octogenarians) during the space since our last col. **Warren Blair** died of heart failure on 19 Jul. **Jean** stated that he did not survive long after his first attack. He was buried in Akron.

The **Arnolds** have written to state again how sorry they were for not arriving for our 55th (they both got sick en route to WP). A lucky phone call caught **Sally Beard** between trips (again). We think this last time she was headed out to CA for a stay. **Rod Vitty '55** took over the greatly successful insurance empire that **Herb Cady** built in Phila. He, CT General and Phila have bestowed honors and praise upon our classmate for several yrs. Someone said that if Herb had stayed in the svcs, he would have worn 4 stars, unquestionably! It seems that this writer has an extremely cooperative ally, scribe, computer expert, etc in **Dave Chaffin**. He recently attended in DC a gathering of a bunch of *ASSEMBLY* scribes. He also rep that **Ben Evans** sleeps a lot and may be somewhat short of breath. The **Chappelears** enjoyed a wonderful 15 days on the road, returning from reunion. **Louis** described in detail Nature's glories. He also offered San Diego as a splendid spot for our next reunion—many of us wish we could have one! How about you???

Received a note from **Chick Childs** by misdirecting a note to **Jack Chiles**! Perhaps this would prove a way to hear from '36'ers; however, we get so much junk mail, I don't think "we" should appreciate bum addresses! Chick, we apologize! Although, we were delighted to hear from you. **Ken & Karie Dawalt**

spent some enjoyable time in Santa Fe and suggested it as a place for the next reunion. We have somewhat followed up on this, and **Nan Cole** has been charmingly responsive. Ken said he conversed with **Jim Goodwin**, **Barbara & Bud Rogers** and **Bob Fergusson**. **Betty Dickson** sent greetings following our 55th. She finds herself on the way to Martha's Vineyard and possibly—a little later—to England. She is happy to have two sons living near her. **Dorothy Duin** successfully acquired a second miniature after putting her ad in *ASSEMBLY*. She said Jerry & she had such a good time at our reunion. A very old and historical episode popped up at our 55th. If we have it correctly, when **Brice Jones'** delicious vintage was served at the banquet, the **Hesses** asked the wine's origin. They were told it was from the **Crutler** winery. The name had a familiar ring to Whitey. Then—ILLUMINATION! That was the name of a famous "MAJ" whom Hess' dad always told him about when Mr Hess Sr was in Siberia after WWI. So **Ellie Jones** and **Helen Hess** have been involved in ltrs, diaries, etc, c. 1917, reminiscing about Ellie's and Whitey's fathers. **Wright Hiatt** claims the reunion was a great success. He says **Paule** & he visited many friends in Bordeaux, Tours and Montpellier. Back in HI, "Hi" states that, despite his painful handicap (bad back), he seems to have all kinds of involvements—such as assisting state legislators, mbr of 6 bds and secy of Amer Civil Engrs. He tells that he'll deliver a tech paper on HI in San Diego in Sep. The **Hiesters** have recovered from the reunion and are hustling as usual. **Dave**, a NY dir in Rotary, is getting ready for ski season. Both are going to a 50th Pearl Harbor memorial in Dec. **Hosmer** had a very good visit with all the **Ellerts** in Cleveland. He especially enjoyed chatting with son Ed, who for a time was USMA '85 and the Cl youngest. He also describes a large family reunion at AF Acad. He said that **Aileen** & he had attended some most interesting Elderhostel studies in NY. Received a warm ltr from **Brad Hosmer**, who explained that the continuity between the first AFA grad (himself) and his present challenge in "superintending" these cadets is symbolized clearly by his use of the small suitcase that **Howell Estes** and the Cl of '36 gave him upon his grad. Be this augur, challenge, or metaphor, it is inspiring and sobering to ponder "how" '36 has become a part of vast occurrences in the last 60 yrs of this great Nation!

A note arrived from **Elisabeth Katz** on her return from England. She hopes to be at our next reunion. **Jane Kinard Dellinger** had lunch with the **Hayeses** in Jul. She also had seen the **Walkers**, who'd returned for a Salinas rodeo. **Marg Kling** expressed her reunion pleasure. They were the only non-grads to honor

the occasion this yr! **Jim Landrum** called in Aug and chatted about reunions—he's in favor. As of Jul, **Larry Laurion** had not started radiation, but his breathing was fairly good. In early Jul, the **Gages** did a WWII reunion in MN and WI. Had an hr's visit with **Al McCormick** at St Paul Airport. **Fran McElheny** wrote in Jul about the great impression she had returning to the Point in May and remembering when she & Dan chaperoned a plebe hop one Christmas; when **Liz** came over to marry **Henry Katz**; when **Doc & Nancy Mohlere** were such good neighbors; etc. She says her nostalgia was triggered by a "neat book" they are reading. It's set at the time of the Civil War and is called "Band of Brothers." Speaking of Mohlere, he called in Jul and said he had a granddaughter living in Atl. We looked in on her and now expect Doc to do likewise. **Ned Norris** wrote (from Ger) that it's obvious why he can't get to our reunions. He says **Anni** is VP of an Amer golf club and busy. **Westy** called when nearby in Jun. **Jimmie Ripple** wrote to say that her back is much better and, again, how much they missed not getting to WP. **Jane Schwering** wrote that she's sorry to have missed our reunion, but that daughter Betty Jane had a priority need. Jane says she visits frequently with **Helen Greene** and **Marion Godfray**. It was especially nice for all when 9 widows showed up for our 55th. And it was even nicer when their enjoyment was stated. One of these was **Helen Spencer**, who indicated what a nice time she'd had. The **Swains** had a great reunion. And it was nice that they had such a good family attendance. Got a card from **Clint True**, who stated from White Mtns, AZ that he and **Helen Nazzaro** were having their own "micro-mini-reunion."

We acknowledge and offer well wishes to LTC Jay Olejniczak '61 who becomes, with this issue, the new *ASSEMBLY* Editor.

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As rep earlier, the **Comptons** missed the Seattle Mini. **Tom** had mailed an explanation of absence to **John Eriksen** at the Edgewater, but it was returned because John was not registered there.

**Tom** wanted us to know the details of his problem in order to dispel any wild rumors. In his early life he had to drop out of maneuvers because of illness and "I heard that I had been carried out of the jungle on a mule litter and had not survived. Actually, I was stricken at Waikiki. . . my unit's initial defense position." Fri, 13 Mar, the medics found a small cancer in his mouth where he had been biting for many yrs. After pulling 3



1937: Hospitality suite at the Edgewater Hotel. Fellows, Shive, Chase and Fitzgerald

blocking molars, a 6-wk treatment was begun. "Generally, Ruby sounds off the days for me, but I missed this morn by letting her sit at ease since it was a holiday. . . . It's like being back at work. Up at 0700 ea wkday and off for Naval Hosp Oakland. On the table at 1100 and off at 1120, then back past the wrecks on the freeway in time to intercept the mailman with our daily load of junk paper." 5 Jun to Travis (180 mi RT vs 90) for several more wks being shot with another-type gun (stayed the wk). Now regular checks until declared clean in 5 yrs. "Hope this works better than the Soviet 5-Yr plans. Side effects have been sore mouth and tongue, dry throat and epidermis in spots. But heck, I had a sore mouth when all this started." Tom appreciated the many calls and cards. "My health was treated in a no of prayer chains from Carolina to CA. Not caring to risk overlooking any power, I was happy to note that there was a broad mixture of Christian sects plus lamentations of a good Jewish friend. Regretted not knowing someone on Desert Storm who could point a few Muslims toward Mecca and have them entreat Allah in favor of this infidel." In Jul, Tom & Ruby went to a family reunion in Bellevue, OH, his hometown and the scenes of his childhood. He has had ltrs from Charlie Stark, "breezy as ever." Charlie has a daughter in Seattle, and we expected to see him there, but he didn't show. "He promises to do Roy Mapes' obit, just as Marty Green promised to do Meyer Edwards'. I have a little I'd like to put in ea. Both of them affected my life positively, and I'd like to acknowledge their gifts."

Eighteen of us attended the 20 Jun luncheon at Ft McNair O'Club. Hank Byroade was on board, recovered from the emergency opn rep previously. Bob Gildart rep that the *Poughkeepsie Journal* devoted its entire front pg to GEN Schwarzkopf, unlike the skimpy coverage in his not-too-favorite *Wash Post*. As a result of Bob's discovery that there was no likeness of Tom Truxtun in the La X Mem at WP dedicated to him, the CI commissioned Claudine Evans to do a portrait for this purpose. It is planned to present it to USMA at our 55th. Others at

the luncheon, besides Finn, Hoska, Maliszewski and me, were Duncan, Cain, Diercks, Drum, Green, Hyzer, Lemmon, Palmer, Seedlock, Teeter, White and Wilhoit.



1937: The Fraziers and Metztes with the Bard at Elsinore Castle, Denmark

The day before, the Fraziers left on the AOG-sponsored tour of Scandinavian capitols. The Metztes and other old friends made for a very enjoyable vacation. John even captured on film the exact spot in Oslo where Trixie Z tried to leave her faceprint on an earlier tour. Pat and John then joined some others for a 260-mi excursion from Helsinki to Leningrad and wrote a detailed acct for the friends they left behind. Their 5-star Mercedes bus was very comfortable, the dreaded Russian border guards were unusually friendly and the scenery monotonous (white birch and pine trees). They passed a lake this side of Leningrad where the rich Russians' large summer homes had been divided into condos. Their 2400-bed hotel on the Gulf of Finland was for foreign tourists only. It was adequately furnished and had plenty of rather scratchy TP. They had to take all meals at the hotel, and there was no choice of menu. The waiters just served the food and tried to sell strings of amber beads and \$20 jars of caviar. Food was not typically Russian (borsch and red cabbage). Their tea was delicious. There was a duty-free store in the hotel—a joint venture with Shannon Airport in Ireland. Only foreign money was accepted. Tues morn a city tour, back to the hotel for lunch and then a tour of St Isaac's Cathedral, into which the Fraziers had not been allowed 3 yrs ago. After dinner they were treated to a folk dance exhibition. Wed morn, a hydrofoil trip to the Summer Palace and to the Hermitage after lunch, where their guide Marina conducted an excellent tour. They liked this young Russian girl, who was very intelligent and spoke perfect English.

After dinner, the ballet. Entrepreneurship was evident in the outdoor markets. Before leaving the next day everyone tried to buy \$5 Soviet mil winter hats (soldier's name inside), in spite of warnings of confiscation at the border, but they weren't inspected anyway. Locals seemed happy, well-dressed and queued up only for cosmetics. Dollars were in demand, streets in need of repair, apts appeared run-down while palaces were freshly painted. On the overnight ferry from Helsinki to Stockholm their tour guide George had American flags and champagne on ea table in celebration of the 4th of Jul.

On 5 Jul, I checked with Jitka Byroade to see how Hank was doing and found that the previous Sun she had to rush him to Sibley Hosp for an emergency opn like the last one—adhesions. He has recovered and, as of 3 Aug, he was mowing the lawn.

Most of the Jun lunch bunch returned for the Jul one except for Hank, Lemmon (who was visiting their Canadian friends in Quebec, a ret BG & wife), Seedlock and White. They were replaced by Frazier, Griffin, Bud Hines, Oden and Prentiss, for a total of 19. Bill Lewis is proudly wearing Phil Sterling's ring. He contacted Esther after reading the note in my last col. Bill had lost his in 71 when admitted to the Patuxent Naval Hosp with a badly broken left wrist and other serious injuries. He's missed having a ring and greatly appreciates Phil's, which is identical to the one he lost—garnet setting in yellow gold. At the luncheon I heard that Roy Lutes was not well and spent some time in DeWitt Hosp; also that the Eubanks will not be going to the 55th because of a previous commitment for Perry to swear into the Army one of his grandsons, who is an honor cadet. This is the third grandson he will have sworn in, two for the Army and one for the Navy. I recently talked to Stan Smith, who had called me for Bill Lewis' phone no. Stan feels pretty good after his opn. Bill Lewis planned a stop-over in Mystic on their way to Nova Scotia but had to cancel that trip because Margaret was not quite up to it after her opn. After individual rebates from the Seattle mini, the CI fund received a one-grand check. That reunion was a bargain. Again, congrats to the sponsors.

Back in Apr, Sally Taylor went to Spain to attend the investiture ceremonies of the Intl Hunting Order of St Hubertus who, according to legend, was a knight in Austria back around 400 AD. While hunting, he saw a big stag with a glowing cross between his antlers. The Order meets annually in different parts of the world. Frank, being the great hunter he was, was inducted at their mtg in San Fran in 85. The mbrship includes many former royalty, etc. The one in Spain was held in a castle with a Spanish

duke wielding the sword, after which there was grand feasting and pageantry. Sally and a gp then went by van to Madrid and then to the Royal Acad Sch of the Horse for a special showing and lunch in the palace. They also spent two nights in the Rock Hotel in Gibraltar. What a grand and unusual vacation! Thanks for sharing it with us.



1937: The Wilhoys, Greens and EY Burton with Charleyrene & Bud Hines in their Fairfax apt (Pudge was snapping pic)

On 8 Aug I received a nice ltr from the Burtons. They had a great time visiting friends in the Fairfax in May. Son Tuffy, who cmds Ft Buchanan, scored a big hit with his speech in Spanish at the 4th of Jul celebration for returning Desert Shield soldiers. **Rene Lopez-Duprey** wrote: "Most eloquent, he stole the show (se robo el show)." A clip from El Nuevo Dio, 5 Jul 91 sent by Rene: "Los soldados y familiares presentes interrumpieron el discurso de Burton con aplausos, al parecer dando justo valor al gesto del alto militar norteamericano que se asegurabade que su mensaje de agradecimiento llegara a los soldados y sus familias. Vestido con el uniforme de fatiga, libre de comejos linguisticos y sin ostentar aires de alcurnia, Burton dio una leccion a ciertos lideres locales." Rene credits Tuffy, rather than the local politicos, for saving Buchanan from closure and said that next they'll be running him for govr in 92. The Burtons' Special Forces grandson returned to Ger from Desert Shield. Their grandson with the minors (Atl Browns) jumped up to double A, but it's hard to make the majors.

The elder Burtons are both in fine health, and, in spite of the heat, EY still is on the course every day. I wonder if he shot a 78 on his birthday, 6 Aug? Congratulations anyway!

It is nice to see **Wil Wilhoyt** back to his jovial self again. He appears to be fully recovered from his recent hospitalizations. Unfortunately, **Dolly** is now having problems and may be a candidate for a left hip replacement. Medication is helping ameliorate the pain. I recently learned some interesting info about her family tree. Her grandfather had 6 sons; the oldest, Uncle Durward Saunders Wilson, was Cl of '10; her father, William



1937: The River Parade Fiesta, San Ant: the Ohmans, Grahams and Burtons with Sally Mercado in Apr

Rosser Wilson, started with '15 but grad with '16 due to health problems; Uncle Carl Wilson was Cl of '18; two other uncles went to Johns Hopkins, became drs and entered the Army, one becoming the first flight surgeon; the sixth entered the Foreign Svc.



1937: The Ungers and Margaret Lewis in Bermuda

A word about the recent special bull announcing **Finn's** ret as Cl Pres after almost 20 yrs of dedicated svc, moderating our monthly mtgs, smoothing ruffled feathers, guiding us to wise decisions on Cl matters, always the kind gentleman, consoling the bereaved. It is easy to see why he was entrusted with the many high positions he held on active duty and in ret. I have not had the pleasure of serving with or near him while on active duty but recall with considerable amusement the day in 40 at Ft Totten, NY when COL Bucher asked us to chaperone 1LT Unger and his date, daughter Bayly Bucher, at the A-N Game. I don't remember anything else about it, but I guess we did all right.

Many thanks to Bob Seedlock for the comprehensive coverage of John Blaha and his Atlantis crew in "Florida Today." After 3 delays, the Atlantis vaulted into orbit from Cape Canaveral 2 Aug,

carrying an immense communications satellite which was spring-ejected from the Atlantis and then rocket-propelled to a 22,300 orbit. John said "it was the best ride in the world." The two-time shuttle vet had already logged 239 hrs in space before this flight. After the Challenger disaster, he contributed significantly to hardware modification and survivability procedures. In Vietnam he flew 361 combat missions and has logged over 5,000 hrs in 33 different aircraft. They returned to Cape Canaveral 11 Aug after a "picture perfect" mission with John at the controls. We share a special pride with his mother, **Frances**, for this outstanding Cl son and regret that his father didn't live to see his many accomplishments.

# '38

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On 6 Aug **Bill Wansboro** died of a massive heart attack while he & **Dorothy** were visiting her sister in Cleveland. **Lynch, Machen** and **Tillson** were honorary pallbearers when Bill was buried with full mil honors at Westover Mem Cemetery in Augusta, GA. Surviving relatives include Dorothy; sister Susan Allen of Albany, NY; 3 sons, William Jr of Laurence, SC, Thomas E of Augusta and Peter J of Palm Harbor, FL; two daughters, Teresa Shepherd of Atl and Shirley Ann Wansboro of NYC; and 3 grandchildren. We sympathize deeply with his family in mourning his passing.

On 10 Aug **Ed Machen** told me that **Jim Lynch, John Tillson** and he had visited **Ken Mearns**, who is now a patient at the VA hosp in Augusta. He rep that Ken was pleased to see them and is receiving long-term care. Ken's daughter, Mrs Frank Allen (Susan), lives nearby at 823 Dogwood Lane, Augusta, GA 30909; tel (404) 738-0086. During May, Ed & Doris enjoyed a celebration of their wedding anniv with their children at the beach. Ed plays golf regularly, but Doris is no longer physically able to participate.

An 18 May news release stated that Dr T Michael Harrington is the new chairman of the Family Medicare Dept, Univ of AL (UAB), Birmingham. He had been vice-chairman of that dept for about two yrs and has been at UAB for 7 yrs. Dean James Pittman, UAB Med Sch, said, "We are lucky to have him. He's an excellent fellow." Since this news release, he has been made a full prof, UAB Med Sch. Mike, now 41, grad from Notre Dame Univ (NDU) and from Med Sch, UVA. He is a mbr of NDU Bd of Trustees and is also pres of NDU Alumni Assoc. Needless to say, parents **Dorothy & Tracy Harrington** are very proud of their son's many outstanding accomplishments. We

are much impressed and look to Mike's promising future.

On 28 Jun **Miriam Lewis** talked with **Junie Lotz** at the local car wash. He & **Shirley** had been in NVA a few days, visiting her mother and former NVA neighbors. Junie had WRAMC appts and made business contacts while here. He was en route to the airport to return to FL. On 13 Jun the Lotzes visited for 3 days at Fleet Landing Ret Ctr with the **Colemans**, **Eubanks** and **Moore**s (the latter had lived in Collingwood, NVA). **COL (Ret) Perry Eubank** is USMA '37 H Co, & **Shirley** is daughter of the late **GEN Fulton Gardiner '04**.



1938: Shirley Lotz, the Eubanks, Junie Lotz and Pat & JB Coleman, 13 Jun 91

On 10 Aug, Shirley is back in NVA on business and visiting her mother while Junie remains at home in FL. Both have travel plans during ea remaining mo this yr.

Since 9 Jul **Don & Ann Blackburn** can be reached at home: 3431 Winding Oaks Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236; tel (813) 383-9297. Our classmate **LE Johnson Jr** visited NVA briefly for an annual 4th of Jul party with his former neighbors at Lake Barcroft. He asked a local golfing buddy to be remembered to his classmates and their families here. On 11 Jul **Iver Peterson** moved to 2923 Chelton Dr, CO Springs, CO 80909. On 12 Jul from **Dick Simms**, Pascagoula, MS: "Just a short note to let you know that on 15 Jun Fran & I celebrated our 53rd wedding anniversary—53 yrs of connubial bliss—how about that? Actually, our romance goes back a bit further than that. Fran was my OAO at WP for 4 yrs. That makes 57 yrs—I wonder how many of our classmates can say that? We are still going strong. This pic was made a few wks ago on the occasion of the annual dinner/dance of the local TROA Chapter of Keesler AFB in Biloxi. As Winston Churchill would say, we had a rousing good time there.

On 5 Jul from **Bob Breitweiser**, New Bern, NC: "This past mo one of my granddaughters and one of **Trevor Dupuy's** daughters grad from Warren Wilson Col near Asheville, NC. I wasn't able to attend, but Trevor and my son Bob Jr did.

Bob said he enjoyed his chat with



1938: Dick & Fran Simms at TROA Annual Dinner Dance, Kessler AFB



1938: Bob Breitweiser Jr and Trevor Dupuy at Warren Wilson Col near Asheville, NC

Trevor very much. Regards from NC and hope to see you WN '38'ers at Williamsburg." Note that Bob's PO box no has changed from 2454 to 12454. On 28 Jul, more from **Junie Lotz**: "Three days in Honolulu and 7 days on board ship plus 4 days in Kauai with son Roger and 2 grandchildren. If you are looking for a good rest, don't consider the Hawaiian Am 7-day cruise. There are multiple activities everyday. Couldn't get a response from **Sternberg's** phone. Talked to **Beck**, who won't make mini, but he sends aloha to all classmates and families. **Shirley & I** too send aloha!" After attending his daughter's grad, Trevor went to the grad of his son that same wknd from St John's in Annapolis. He has traveled recently to Sweden and later to Switzerland and then to SHAPE HQ to see **GEN Galvin**.

On 15 Jul **Frances Cornwall**, Paul's widow, has returned to her home at 3904 Chesapeake Ave, Hampton, VA 23369; tel (804) 723-8525. Since Paul's death she has been very busy with problems in Cocoa Beach and in Hampton. She expects to visit NVA soon, and we hope that she may come to the mini reunion.

On 29 Jul came a ltr from **Rosalie Folda Valentine**: "At this moment I am studying Russian and preparing for a



1938: Dolores & John Damon with Anne Brown at '38 luncheon at Ft McNair

two-wk trip to Moscow. Son **Jaroslav Folda III** is an art historian and will give a paper there at the Intl Byzantine Studies Congress. I am quite flattered that he invited me to join him to attend the Congress. We will also go to Leningrad and Kiev later. An interesting aside will be a visit to Prague en route back to NY. Jerry's roots are there. The Folda home-stead still stands with the name Folda over the entrance door. Jaro will spend a wk in Prague where we will meet him en route to Moscow. He is a Prof at UNC where he has taught for 20 yrs. He is now writing a two-volume book on *The Art of the Crusaders in the Holy Land*. He started it while he was a Fellow at the Natl Humanities Ctr, only a short distance from Chapel Hill, where he spent one yr. Jaro & Linda, his charming and very talented wife, have two lovely daughters—one now at UVA and one at William & Mary."

On 29 Jul from **Bill Strand**, San Ant, TX: "**Mert Singer** is very busy operating two new cos. He is a broker marketing paper container products of all kinds, and he rep that business is good. The **Battersons** had a joint birthday party in Jul, with daughter **Karelle** and son **Paul** helping them celebrate. **Tug Hallinger** is making good progress after quadruple-bypass heart surgery. He & **Lynn** are working on a swimming prog and looking forward to traveling again. Bill flew to WI to help his mother celebrate her 98th birthday in Aug. **Neil Van Sickle**, his son Paul and grandson Mark spent two wks in Jun salmon fishing in Noatka Sound, British Columbia. Ea caught his limit, but Mark took honors by catching a 20-pounder." On 30 Jul from **Hugh Wallace**, San Ant, TX: "The summer has evidently warmed up old bones and aching muscles in my calling gp, so there are a no of items. The **Coiras** spent a wk in Gunnison, CO with the **Macombers** in Jun, and all got in some good fishing. **Jeff & Babbi Irvin** attended grad from AWC of son **Ross '68**, who won top honors for best thesis submitted. A short visit to Syracuse with **Ross** and his family followed. The **Kieffers** are leaving for a trip to Seward, AK, to attend marriage of their oldest grandchild. They hope to

contact the **Isbells** while there. Bill has been in Las Vegas the past wk for a bridge tournament at supermasters level. They are looking forward to visit by their youngest son and family before the AK trip. **Maria Knox** made a trip to the Galápagos Isls to experience the flora and fauna of Darwin; she said it was a most interesting experience. Daughter Teresa and two grandsons visited this summer from Grand Forks, ND. **Omar & Maria** took a trip on a narrow-gauge railroad in NM between Cumbres and Chama, seeing the Rockies and canyons in glorious bloom from wildflowers. **Doug & Lo Polhamus** had a summer get-together with all 3 kids and 7 grandkids on hand. **Mona Preuss** had a visit by son Mark and grandson Kurt from Seattle. They made lots of use of the pool and patio at her new garden apt. **Jo (Ryan) & Carl Houston** made an extensive trip after their May marriage—to Langley AFB to visit son Mike (headed for asgmt w/Joint Staff) and family; then to visit new great-grandson; then to GA for huge welcome from all Carl's family. All in all, quite a wedding trip! **Ken & Helen Skaer** visited CA to attend his brother's 60th wedding anniv. **Jan & I** had a restful time in Cancun first two wks in Jun, doing nothing but sleep and lie in the sun; then, in the eve, lie about flying and other experiences with other fly boys present. One of our daughters and her husband came down from Houston for a wk with us."

On 7 Aug from **Carter Duncan**: "Just a note to tell you that I had lunch and dinner with **Clar & Pat Beck** in Kauai last mo. He gave me a grand tour of the isl and a visit to his elegant country estate high in the hills. In San Fran and Bay area I had lunch with **Tony & Dimps Chanco**—one a birthday party for me. I read recently of the death of **Phil B Armour** (my cadet roommate plebe fall). He was found plebe Christmas. I will be sending you a new address soon. My 102-yr-old mother died 11 Mar, and I have been looking for another place to live ever since. FL seems a likely prospect." His temporary address is 7303 Zircon Dr, SW, Tacoma, WA 98498.

**Bill Walson**, our Mini 91 cmte banker, rep he has received deposits covering 118 classmates, wives, widows, other family mbrs or guests who will attend the reunion in Williamsburg. This is a heartening response. **Nim Collins** has joined this cmte and will handle arrangements for the two scheduled banquets. An action package giving final details for the mini will be sent in early Sep after Nim, Thelma and Jim return from an Aug trip to Williamsburg to firm up further details. If, at the last min, you see your way clear to attend and have not made reservations, don't hesitate to phone **Jim Brazek** at (301) 656-6962. He promises to squeeze you in.

On 11 Aug the **Browns, Lewises and Mrazeks** enjoyed a casual Sun afternoon as guests of **Alice & Dick Stilwell** in their lovely home in McLean. Before and after a delicious dinner conv ranged from health and aging problems to swimming and the PGA Golf Tournament. Dick related some of his experiences in N Korea, while leading a gp of ret 4-star GENs at a conf there in Jun and also during related visits to China and S Korea. The Mrazeks led discussions of preparations for the mini-reunion.

Subscribers to *ASSEMBLY* should receive the Nov issue containing these Cl notes before the mini-reunion. The Jan issue should have much info about it. We hope to see you there!

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The Marshall Medal to **Andy Goodpaster**: AUSA's highest award was presented this Oct to Andy for his worldwide accomplishments as Army off, foreign policy expert, diplomat, educator, mil strategist, author, scholar, statesman and presidential adviser. It's highly gratifying to see Andy get this significant recognition, which his quiet and selfless svc earned. Our Cl is justifiably proud!

Pearl Harbor 50th—**Stan Dziuban's** planning for mini-reunion of anniv of this attack is proceeding nicely "with help from Honolulu classmates. A 4-10 Dec program of sightseeing and entertainment will be based at a hotel near the Hale Koa and at an excellent rate. Probable attendees: **Beiers, Bob Cassidy, Crandalls, Jan (Harrison) Lathrop, McDavids, Medinnises, Wickboldts, Peggy Wintermute**, plus Stan and Oahu residents, with some possibles still considering. All '39'ers and friends are welcome; if interested, contact Stan ASAP, vite, schnell!

Best wishes to **Sam Samuel & Bettie Reynolds** Trout who were married on 19 Jul in Roanoke. Bettie had been Sam's HS sweetheart, whom he had not seen for 54 yrs until recently. They'll live in both CO and VA, "sharing ea other's mtns"—CO until late Oct, then VA (see address later herein). Proud granddad also rep on '39 grandson Jeff, USAFA '90—top grad of his AF flying sch cl who got one of only 5 slots given to active AF. ('39 genes again?)

Wedding bells also rang on W Coast. **Joan Nolan's** move to AF Vil W led to her finding a new partner. On 7 Jul she married **Robert W Relfe**, AF COL Ret, after which they took off on RV trip thru NW including Lake Louise. Our best wishes to both.

**Bill McCaffrey's** astute review of Bob Woodward's *The Commanders* in AUSA's Jul issue of *Army* prudently sug-



1939: Sam & Bettie Samuel, married 19 Jul

gests that readers approach the book with a fair degree of skepticism and read it as historical fiction, at least until additional works are published with conventional documentation!

**Curly & Marian Edwards** attended the USAFA grad in May, where Curly "pinned" and swore in Marian's grandson. The delightful occasion also included a public ceremony highlighted by a speech by Pres Bush.



1939: Derek DeCloedt, USAFA '91 (Marian Edwards' grandson) and Curly Edwards after USAFA ceremony

**Mike & Alys Krisman** flew to CA in May for grandson's grad from Pomona Col, where Mike administered oath of off as 2LT USAR, and for memorable visit in **Habeckers'** historic home, where 25 assorted **Krismans** descended. (This hospitality is a reversal of Mike & Alys' normal role in their WP/Highland Falls location.) Back home, Alys is Red Cross volunteer and Mike works on two blood banks; they've lunched with the **Laitmans** and often with the **Hulls**. For their 52nd anniv they took a cruise to AK.

**John & Judy Ray** this past spring trekked from MA to Key W to visit son's family, with slight detour for pilgrimage to San Ant. John, after teaching children 4 mos to 4 yrs, became the student, learning to compensate for loss of detailed central vision. John's father and amazing look-alike, **Martin Ray '10**, who dealt with same problem for 23 yrs, is John's model. "It's not what is lost that counts, but what one does with what he has." (Right on, John!)

**Bud & Jackie Newcomer** for their 50th took a Carib cruise on the Regency Line.



1939: Grandson Douglas J Scott being administered oath of off by Mike Krisman at Pomona Col

Ralph's covered his second cataract removal which caused his missing our 50th, his 6th grandchild (already identified as a boy) due this Thanksgiving, golden anniv next Oct, and microcomputing hobby, including part-time consulting job. Family is scattered—CA, MO, PA and VA. Chan Lewis continues to serve as volunteer on Hosp Bd, Water Authority, Zoning Bd and Civ Svc Commission, while Patricia is still an active golfer and volunteer for various orgns. Son, grad of Colgate, is VP of UP RR in NE. Daughter Leslie, USMA '85 (whom we remember at our 45th), #2 in cl and Marshall Scholar, is no longer on AD at Ft Hood, but CPT/husband USMA '83 is back from long stay with 1st Cav in Saudi Arabia. Younger daughter is at UCLA studying for master's degree in sculpture.



1939: Jake Jacoby and Sal Manzo in HI, Mar 91

join in admin of US Olympic Festival at LA, a test for 92 Olympics. He stated that Jack Habecker and Tom Shanley, among his VIP guests and looking great, could probably get into their cadet uniforms! They rep that their seats were second row with many of boxing's "big wheels"—judges, referees, and other VIPs, of whom Speedy, of course, is one. He then joined Dottie at Bert & Gert McCollam's home in the CA Sierras.



1939: Ray '10 and Ray '39 in Jul 45 at Dick's Folly

Daughter Mary (with 2 grandsons) visited here this summer from their home in France's alpine area. Mary's husband loves tennis, but Bud can still beat him—much to husband's disgust.



1939: Frank (a ret atty) & Winette Holt and Pat Kurth during the Kurths' swing through Thomasville, GA

Charlie & Nina Kepple made their annual motorhome trek to cooler parts this summer—from AZ to Ontario for square dance festival, Niagara Falls for family reunion, and VA and MD; after tour of Scandinavia, more VA and NC reunions and return to AZ via S route—AL, LA and Dallas for daughter's wedding in Sep. He predicts this is their last long motorhome jaunt E; hereafter, by air!

Gayle Lampley enjoys living in USAA Towers in San Ant near daughter. Son '70 is AF LTC in Pentagon. Two daughters in col; 2 grandsons—USFA '86, now AF CPT in CA, and an 11th grader.

Sal Manzo recently had 3 stimulating articles published in Greater Houston's DBA mag—"Business Plans, Do or Die," "A Father's Business Advice to his Son," and "A Portrait of an Entrepreneur." (Two bits says that Sal would send copy on request.)

From the W Coast, Jane Sullivan, Riggs' better half and a talented organist, gives popular wkly concerts at AF Vil W; listeners sample wine and cheese, but effort is underway to find a sponsor. Huey Long's tennis game is postponed awaiting recovery from knee opn in Jul. Joe & Kay Reynolds in Jul returned from 3rd trip to AK via Space A. Speedy Hull, after 4 yrs of "ins and outs" of hosps for a bad heart, attained stability enough to



1939: Rachel & Jim Keller before whale watching in New England

The Fairfax near Belvoir is the next location for Bob & Fern Curtin, whose DC home may have been sold by now—apt first, then cottage when available. Jim Roberts is in the nursing section, and Buzz Chapman is in the assisted living section of the Health Care Ctr.

Ralph Hanchin and Chan Lewis dutifully responded with their Jul birth mo ltrs.



1939: Ken Yarnall, Bob Cassidy, BJ & Huey Long, Helen Miller, Charles & Pat Brombach, Lucille Shanley, Bob Miller, Tom Shanley, Bob McMahon (host in tower apt on water's edge, Coronado) and Stan Dziuban kneeling in front

CO contingent: the following pic was probably taken during the only time all were not gallivanting all over!



1939: Bud Stocking, Roger Lilly, Ray Allen, Sam Samuel, Bill Bradley and Fritz Fredericks

Sam Samuel took Carib cruise last Dec; then visit with son in Little Rock; N IL, Baltimore and DC, Roanoke (guess why?), Jackson Hole and AK, fishing,

plus WA and OR coasts! **Fritz & Anita Fredericks** assembled entire family of 15 last winter in Puerto Vallarta. (Son Carl, the '39 "caboose," grad from U of CO in 91.) **Roger & Betty Lilly** enjoyed Feb in Jamaica with family and cruise in Aug to AK, a repeat with local friends. **Bill & June Bradley** celebrated their 50th anniv with family aboard one of the world's largest sailing ships, the *Windspirit*, in AK waters, up narrow fjords and near centuries-old glaciers.



1939: The Bradley family with 4 daughters and 2 sons-in-law aboard sailing ship *Windspirit*; Bill's in foreground and June's at far right

Taps—We sadly rep that **George Jumper** died last Thanksgiving (22 Nov 90) after an illness of several yrs which, per **Bob Cassidy**, prevented his attending our 50th. Norm Farrell also talked to **Anita** and expressed sympathy, to which we add ours. **Speedy Hull**, while in CA, talked with Anita and rep that she is doing well and will remain at current address for a while.

Changes to Directory—**Manzo**: (home) 4036 Ruskin St, Houston, TX 77005-4335; (713) 669-0953 and (bus) 1100 Milam, 25th Fl, Houston, TX 77002; (713) 651-7220. **Taylor, Livingston N Jr**: nickname **Livie** (not Libby). **Holt**, add **Winette** (wife's name). **Nolan**: change to (Nolan, Joan) Mrs Robert W Relfe. **Pickard**: tel (619) 459-8444. **Samuel**: add second address: 2954 Rosalind Av SW, Roanoke, VA 24014.

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While we're here at the start of the col, look at the new (O) phone no shown above. Your CI now provides this "800" no to let classmates call in news items or related matters TOLL-FREE. This will make the news a little more timely, as well as cutting some of your ltr-writing. The (O) no ties into a phone in my study at home with an answering machine to take your msg if I'm not there when you call. So, the next time you come across something of interest to the CI, call 800-GRAND-40 and leave your name

and the story. Why GRAND-40? I went to AT&T armed with a long list of possible combinations, such as CLASS-40, FAMED-40, and SUPER-40, that would be easy to remember; GRAND-40 was the only combination on my list not already assigned.

Credit for this high-tech info collection idea goes to Chuck Roades, '55 scribe, who installed a similar sys in his home for his cl about 6 mos ago. I found out about this late in Jul, when Chuck arranged a lunch for about 20 cl scribes from the DC area to honor *ASSEMBLY* editor Paul Child '52, who ret 1 Sep, and his successor, Jay Olejniczak '61. We scribes enjoyed the visitors, the lunch, and the description by host Roades of how well his sys works.



1940: Newlyweds AJ & Jan (Ferrill) Russell with Bob Brewer at Wash area Apr brunch



1940: JB Bonham, Mary Fuller, Bobbie Bonham and Larry Fuller at Wash area Apr brunch

*USMA '40 in 92*, the gala mini in Nashville, TN is on the track and moving ahead fast. In early Aug, I asked **Marv & Mary Jacobs** for an update on their planning, with **John & Bettye Graf**, for our affair at the Opryland Hotel 10-13 Jun 92. Marv wrote that, of 357 notices mailed, he'd had responses from 250 classmates and widows, with more dribbling in daily. Of these, 66 said yes or probably yes, 55 said they might come, and 129 said probably or absolutely no. When he factors in wives of classmates coming, Marv expects about 120 persons. That's an encouraging response from a gp in which many classmates, for health and other reasons, can't commit far in advance. Marv says he'll be glad to hear anytime from anyone who



1940: Tom & Dorothy Gordon at Founders Day 91, WP Soc of Triangle (NC)

wants to change from a negative to a positive status.

In Aug, **Walt Winton** said that **Abrams**, our publisher, was still on sched for publication of *The Illustrated History of WP*, our 50th anniv gift to WP. Thus, when you read this about late-Oct, you should have received your complimentary copy of the special ed shipped by UPS to ea living grad of '40 and to ea CI widow or next-of-kin we can locate. If by late-Oct you haven't received your copy (at the address you verified for me this past summer for this shipment), call me on 1-800-GRAND-40 and lay out the facts.

**Bill Francisco** wrote that classmates in the San Ant area follow a tradition of ea hosting a luncheon on his birthday. Bill said, "The wives decided not to be included, so we're getting quite familiar with ea other's experiences. **Stan Smith** is preparing to move to the CO Springs area, so **Ed Verner** will be our only AF mbr. **Dan Briggs** is back on the golf



1940: Bill & Faith Kintner.

course and, hopefully, **Babs'** ankle will recover from the break last spring so she can be out enjoying 100-degree weather with Dan. Nancy & I find the 0730 shotgun start a great solution to the heat. **Morry Shoss** won 4 gold medals at the Special Olympics and feels that, with a little encouragement, the rest of us should compete. The dreamer!"

**Lanny & Nora Witt** wrote that, with **Syd & Sug Fisher** and **Vicki Moore** (**Jim's** widow), they had gathered at **Jenks & Maggie Floyd's** place in Ruidoso, NM to help celebrate Jenk's 75th birthday.



1940: Jenks Floyd at his 75th, backed by (middle) Vicki Moore and Maggie Floyd; (rear) Syd Fisher and Nora & Lanny Witt

For some yrs, the Floyds have had a second home in the high country near Ruidoso, about 130 mi from their home in El Paso—an ideal place for any kind of celebration.

**Willy & Dabs Buck** wrote from Sherman, TX, N of Dallas, that **Lee & Marion Fritter** recently flew in from NH for a G Co mini-visit. The Fritters had "expressed a desire to see TX, so we set out on a trip to the Big Bend country on the Mexican border, with appropriate stops along the way. We then made a side trip through Mexico en route to San Ant to see **Morry & Flora Shoss**. The Fritters were speaking Tex-Mex when they left."

**Peppy Millican** wrote that she's moving from Los Altos Hills to a ret comm, where her address will be 23500 Cristo Rey Dr, Residence 509H, Cupertino, CA 95014. Peppy went on, "I had a most wonderful summer trip to Antarctica in Jan. This was a true adventure, with days of force 7 and 8 gales on the way down and back and lots of pack ice to plow through.

We visited many penguins; toured the Ross ice shelf, McMurdo Sound, and McMurdo Station; and had 3 trips on the mainland. Then we hit a rock under the



1940: Willy Buck, Morry Shoss and Lee Fritter in San Ant



1940: Peppy Millican in Cape Hallett, Antarctica

ice pack and poked a hole in the ship's bottom! Now I'd love to go back!"

**John & Julie McLean** frequently take fishing trips on interesting rivers about the country. This summer they skipped the fishing and took a Smithsonian tour through the canyons and mesas of the SW. They're still talking about the grandeur of the CO River and how the Grand Canyon made them feel humble and small. John says, "During the tour, we had experts pouring hrs of fascinating info into our willing but frequently hot and tired minds. There's a mind-boggling jump from their discussion of rock aged millions of yrs to the relatively recent historic developments of Indian cultures; the experts are nimbler than I."

**Bill & Kathy Porte** wrote they and 32 other family mbrs were in CO Springs to see Bill's grandson Rick Purington grad from USAFA. While there, the Portes visited **Bottle & Jacquie Kasper** in Carbondale and picked up good reports of their family and of Bottle's excellent recovery from recent surgery.

I've been corresponding with **Helen Smith, Page's** widow, in CO Springs about getting her subscription to **ASSEMBLY** restarted. The subscription wasn't a big problem, but what I found was that Helen spent most of the first qtr of this yr in the hosp with a viral pneumonia that kept her on the touch-and-go list. Even now, in mid-Aug, she's at home, mostly recovered but still using oxygen. She finds time, though, to keep in touch with all the '40 contingent in her area.



1940: Bill Porte and grandson Rick Purington, USAFA '91

**Thad & Jean Nosek** spent much of the summer in Poland. They sent me a postal card with a Polish postage stamp so big it covered most of the address area. In the little space remaining, Thad diplomatically said, "The people are gracious and hospitable and their religious intensity is as deep and strong as ever. They are coping, hopefully, with their new political freedom, social upheaval, and economic chaos."

Shortly before I closed out these notes, I talked with **Sam Goodwin** at the Crossed Sabers Ranch. Sam rep that he & **Kiki** are both healthy and well after Sam's brief hosp earlier in the yr. Now he's undertaking all normal activities of a gentleman rancher. Sam noted that, even as we talked, he was about to sound Boots and Saddles and mount up with a visiting grandson for a ride about the ranch. There must be something about the mtn air in NM. Sam also rep that **Bob Fate** of Santa Fe recently had a highly successful hip replacement; Bob's now more active than before.

I'm sorry I must rep a couple of items of bad news. First, **Frank Sullivan** wrote from Port St Lucie, FL, enclosing a local news clip saying that **Mike Paulick's** widow, **Gladys**, had died in nearby Stuart, FL on 2 Jul. Gladys was an Army nurse when Mike met and married her in Europe during WWII. After Mike ret, they settled in Stuart, where Mike died 4 yrs ago. They are survived by 3 sons and 3 daughters (all nearby in FL or in Gladys' native state of NE) to whom the Cl offers its deep sympathy.

Next, I was sorry to get a note from **Dick Shagrin** saying he lost his **Margaret** when several strokes over a 12-day period culminated in her peaceful death on 17 Jul. Margaret had been disabled since 81 when, in the course of an earlier stroke, she fell and broke her hip. She struggled bravely over the yrs following that accident to retain as much mobility and to participate with Dick in as many activities as possible. We offer our condolences to Dick, who remains at 4317 Densmore Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103.

We look forward to seeing you in Jun at the Opryland in Nashville.

# '41

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[Written by **Ben A Spiller.**] Hello again. If you'll glance at the by-line above, you will see that this is BA coming at you, not **Burt** this time. Some of us are being invited to be guest columnists *de temps de temps*, so now it's my *temp*.



1941: More of *Flirtation Walk*. Get that hat on straight, Dumbjohn Powell!

Maybe start with a little Reunion trivia. . . . Do you know who made First Line at the 50th Reunion—i.e., had the most attendees? A Co did. It ran like this: A Co—18; B Co—17; D Co—16; C, G & K Co's—15; E Co—14; I and M Co's—13; F Co—12; and H and L Co's—11.

As pre- and post-reunion stories keep coming in, let's go with a few of those. We got a kick out of our regular columnist's attempt to get **Paul Skowronek's** parachute jump onto the Plain just prior to Alumni Parade into the Guinness Book of Records. It was a noble effort, but the corresponding secy regretted to **Burt** that "what you propose is not currently suitable for pub in the Guinness Book of Records. . . . We receive over 10,000 enquiries a yr, and only a very small proportion are used to establish new categories." Too bad there wasn't a category already in existence. Maybe when Paul is 80 and jumps at the 55th, we can insist.

On 31 May **Hugh Foster**, claiming to have "fully active cranial adjuncts," wrote a lengthy, bureaucratic memo to friends **Jack Norton**, **Andrus** and **Cleary** accusing those lads of "Image Dimming (aka Memory, Loss of)" because the 3 stoutly maintained that we never paraded with fixed bayonets as cadets.

Foster goes through an elaborate proof wherein he viewed old archival motion pics which CLEARLY showed the Corps parading with fixed M-1898



1941: Pat O'Brien playing a 1st Sgt in *Flirtation Walk*, filmed at West Point in 1934

chrome-plated bayonets during the 38–41 timeframe. He just about had us convinced until an affidavit appeared at the end listing those claiming to have seen the films. First was his own wife **Mary Jane Foster** (disqualified) and second, **Thomas Winston Curley & wife** (very dubious indeed). Besides, who'd believe anyone who wrote an affidavit with a dateline Turkey Lane, Furlong, PA? Come on, **Hugh**, give us a break.



1941: 1st Co the first day of Beast Bks. Easily identified are Vince Carlson, Pete Dilts, et al. And what's this? Bud Thompson, Yearling Corporal?

**Jim Cox** sent along a nice newspaper piece from the *Gaston Gazette*, published in his hometown of Gastonia, NC just W of Charlotte, in which the feature writer describes Jim's life and career and forecasts his "heading N in a few days to be at WP for a grand reunion of all those good buddies who grad from the Acad 50 yrs ago." The writer quotes **Jim** as saying, "It will be a joyful time and a sad time. We will renew old acquaintances and remember the good times we had. But we will know an ache in our heart for those comrades who fell to enemy fire. . . ."

The **Andruses**, while on a trip to Scandinavia in Jul, attempted (unsuccessfully) to contact COL **Willie Grut** in Stockholm, the Swedish off who had won the Gold Medal to **Biss Moore's** Silver in the 48 Olympics. They went head-to-head in 5 events, riding, fencing, pistol shooting, swimming and long-distance running, and COL **Grut** had written a nice ltr which appears on page 210 of *Gold '41* in

which he says that if **Biss** hadn't finished 21st in Pistol, he would have won the Gold. If you haven't read the **Biss Moore** story on pp 209–10 of the 50-yr book, look it up—it's fascinating. **Biss & Willie Grut** remained friends over the yrs, with the latter visiting the **Moore's** in Lawrenceville in 59. I shouldn't use this space to needle my fellow scribe about this story, but I can't resist. When I was proofing the copy for this particular item, I remarked to **Burt**, "There's something wrong with the way you've spelled 'Pentathelon.' I can't tell you how it's spelled, but as an old English teacher, I can just tell you—that isn't it. We looked it up in the good book, and sure enough there it was: Pentathlon. Can't you just hear **Biss** over the years telling the scribe-in-chief, "I liked your story about me, old boy, but don't you think it's time you learned how to spell my event?"



1941: 6th Co, Beast Bks, Jul 41. Hey Jack, you're supposed to look straight to the front when you're a file closer

The first CA item is **Doris Mullane's**, who sends an article from the *Mills Hosp Health News* in San Mateo in which her own dramatic story of receiving an implanted cardioverter defibrillator is recounted. It seems **Doris** had collapsed in the San Fran airport from a severe arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat) after returning from Mexico with daughter **Fran**. She was taken to the coronary unit of *Peninsular Hosp* and after treatment, being judged otherwise in good mental and physical health, was considered an excellent candidate for the implant, which was successfully done. **Doris** then became a charter mbr of a support gp called *Mended Hearts*, which helps people with all kinds of heart problems, including the one she experienced. Nice going, **Doris**! It was good to see both you and **Fran** at the reunion.

That other perennial Californian **Bud Thompson** is largely responsible for the big pic display in this issue. Except for the great shots of the **Harvey's** 50th wedding anniv celebration and **Harriet Linnell's** son and son-in-law in *Opn Desert Storm*, the rest of the pics are from **Bud**. Being a kid living on post at *USMA* in 34, he was there when *Flirtation Walk* was filmed, starring **Dick Powell**, **Ruby Keeler** and **Pat**



1941: The Harveys, Harry & Nancy, celebrate their 50th anniv aboard the *MS Westward*, enjoying the company of all the Harvey gang



1941: Late pic from "Desert Storm" taken 25 Dec 90. Both LTC's and bn cmdrs, George Eyster and Bob Lossius '72 are the son and son-in-law of Harriet Linnell

O'Brien, and was able to grab onto the 4 shots shown here.

His sister Rhode, who took his place at the 50th Reunion when Bud had to cancel at the last min, was 13 then and got a cameo part in the film, asking "Why is that man crying, Mommie?" as Pat O'Brien shed appropriate tears while watching Grad Parade. The other pics are shots of cadet life during our time there. Would you believe that Bud and Rod O'Connor were both yearling corporals on the Beast Detail when we entered, and, after altercations with the Acad Dept, joined the Cl of '41, and we let them survive? That's real brotherhood.

On a more serious but still light note, we're pleased to announce the first pinning of a Cl son with stars. On 27 Jun, **Walt & Midge** were proud and delighted to participate in the ceremony whereby Walter E Mather Jr was promoted to BG and assumed the job of asst div cmdr (Maneuver) of the 1st Cavalry Div. Young Walter, who grad with the Cl of '67, has had a distinguished and quite varied career as an inf soldier. Going to Vietnam soon after grad, he cmded a platoon in the 173rd Abn Bde and, later, a rifle co in the 101st Abn Div. He then earned a master's degree at GA Tech and subsequently attended both the Naval Cmd and Staff Col and the AWC, doing an extra yr at the latter as a mbr of the CofS, Army Strategic Fellows.



1941: Bud tosses fellow cheerleader (year?)

His staff and cmd jobs included War Plans Division of OPS on the Army Staff and duty with SHAPE, plus cmd of the 1st Bde, 24th Inf Div when they departed for Saudia Arabia in Dec 90. His latest job before becoming asst div cmdr was CofS XVIII Abn Corps. The Cl of '41 shares the joy of this happy time and wishes the whole family well. GEN & Linda Mather have two daughters, Tricia (15) and Tracey (11).

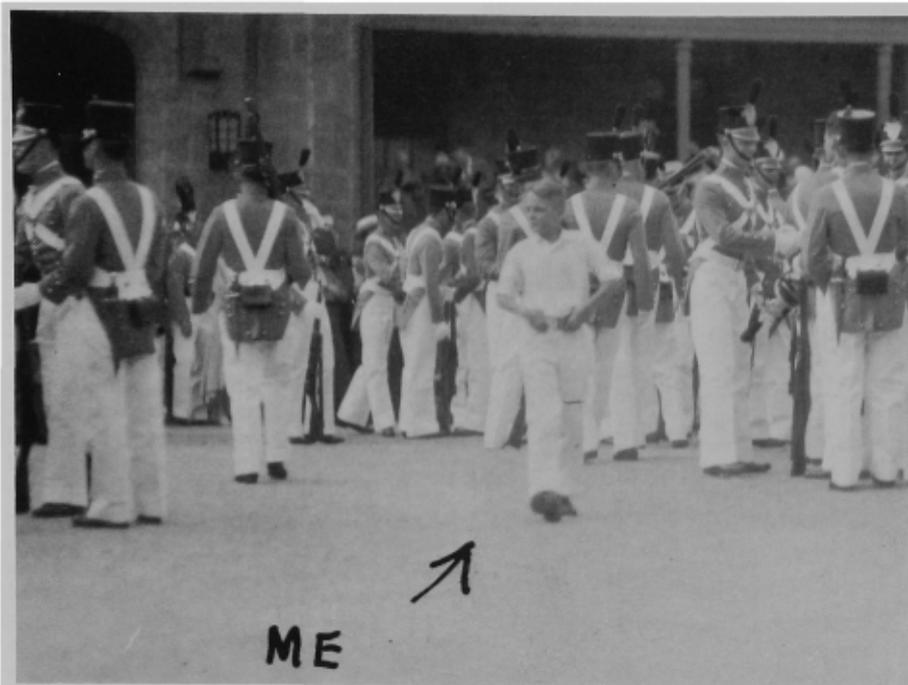
Thanks to **Curt Chapman** for sending in a piece from *Smithsonian* mag describing the perils of a cl scribe from Yale, Cl of '43, who bit his fingernails and about went crazy trying to get people to send in news and ltrs so he would have something to write up in his cl col in the Yale alumni mag. Finally, in desperation, he invented a glamorous classmate, Dave Henderson, who sent him newsy and colorful bits outlining his escapades on his yacht and inviting all visiting '43'ers to spend time with him & Marge in their villa in Mexico "where the margaritas are flowing and there are plenty of spare bedrooms." Finally, after 6 yrs the items from the fictional Dave became too racy, and the writer decided he had to arrange his demise in an accident. The piece had a good lead, "I didn't want to kill Dave Henderson. Though I didn't know him well, I had grown surprisingly fond of him through his ltrs over the past 6 yrs. . . ."



Courtesy of Bud Thompson, here is Dick Powell in Warner Brothers' 1934 film *Flirtation Walk*, playing at first captain. He's obviously a civ. Look at where those hands are!

Of course we don't have that problem, as you '41'ers are generous with your ltrs and newsy tidbits. However, as *ASSEMBLY* is now at 6 issues per yr rather than the old 4, it is going to get harder to find good copy to fill the space. So please keep those cards, pics and ltrs flowing.

Finally, although it's been fun being with you, I need to close on a somber note and rep the bad as well as the happy stories. We were saddened to learn of the passing of 4 of our beloved ones since the last col was published. They are **Dick Von Schiltz** in Garrison, NY; **Dick Couch** in Harwich Port, MA; **Dottie Henschke** in Denver; and **Bob Tuttle** in San Jose, CA. The Cl sends condolences,



1941: Here is Bud at age 12, at 1930 Recognition, ready to raid the trash cans for those great 78 rpm's left behind by graduates and new yearlings on furlough. Now his secret is out

and we hope that the prayers of everyone will be with all these families.

'42

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With our rainy season passing the bounds of all reason, it's a sacrifice to take time out from bldg our ark to pen these notes, but duty calls! I may even set a record by beating the ed's deadline because we're off to Orlando to meet grandson Chris on that date! Now to find a magic potion to help us keep up with a 10-yr-old at Epcot! Despite the daily downpours, our golf course has remained playable but for one day, thus giving me something to do to keep out of trouble, if not out of "trouble!"

Bob Dwan, Jun '43, was thoughtful enough to send the snap of **Bud Roecker**. Bud's not eager to parade his problems, but Bob and I convinced him that all of those who have missed seeing him would be pleased to have a look at him—and his therapists—or sadists, as he calls them!

**Jack & Lee Colladay** paid a late-May visit to son Jack in San Ant. With logistic support from **Bud & Cald Ryder** plus **Ink & Esther Gates**, a no of the locals were assembled for a soiree at Jack's pad. Unfortunately, the pic of the total assemblage was a bit too distant, so I include only the ugly element! Kudos to Jack for identifying all participants shown—**Ink, Lynn Lerch '44, Al Shutz, Jack, John Murphy, Frank Koisch, Don Bolton and Bud**. May others follow his example!



1942: Sympathy for your ailments, Bud, but envy of your spt staff



1942: San Ant stalwarts party with the Colladays

My AMAA cohorts advised of the death of **Ed Farrington's** mother in May after a long illness. Our sympathy to the

family, although I'm sure that Ed welcomes the end of her suffering and his exhausting trips to HI.

**Phil Wyman** rep the spring '42 golf tourney in DC to be the best yet. The two-man team scramble proved to be especially enjoyable to **Marsh Waller** and **John Sitterson**, the low net winners, and **Floyd Robinson** and **Carl Ulsaker**, runners-up, as well as low gross winners **Larry Vogel, John Reid** and **Sam Koster**, a trio because of **Jim Newman's** illness—from which I trust he continues to recover. Out-of-towners who participated were **Andy Anderson, Dick Horridge** and **Hal Rice**.



Carl, Larry and Floyd hopefully await their awards.



1942: Andy, Dick and Hal wonder why they didn't just send in their money!

Noted in the last **ASSEMBLY** that the invocation at the Dayton WP Soc Founders Day was given by **Lynn Sifford**, who also led the gr in the Cadet Prayer. Congrats on your contribution, Lynn, with the hope that you had a copy in **BIG** print!

**Fran Roberts** sent me the Annual Report for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, now serving more than a million boys and a half-million girls! He's a mbr of the Natl Adv Bd, and the fact that he's listed as a distinguished alumnus should in no way dim the lustre of the job the clubs have done—or dissuade you from digging down if they reach out to you!

**Bill Gernert** took time out from his annual fishing expedition to Canada to remind us of the Army-AF game in CO Springs on 9 Nov. All are welcome for drinks and buffet at their place Fri

night—neighbors permitting! Perhaps too late for his 1 Oct deadline, but he offers to make reservations at the Bozradmoor Tavern for dinner and dancing on Sat night. Bill sent along the bad news that **Joe Hennessee** was hospitalized with water on the lungs. Our recent call to the **Offleys** determined that there's been no change in **Gerry's** situation, but that **Joe's** having a rough time. Though this will hardly be in time, our prayers are with him & **Marie**. The **Gernerts'** modest travel schedule—CA in May to see **Deb** and family, two out-of-town funerals in Jun, an early Jul wedding in Cincinnati before his fishing trip, an AK trip in early Aug and off to OH immediately thereafter! Ugh—or at least wow!

**Poncho Palfrey** ventured to San Ant to visit **Charlie & Peggy Fergusson**. Sez they'd have a rush of visitors if he told of his sumptuous treatment—so he didn't! Saw the **McAdams**, **Baxters** and **Retzers** as well as his goddaughter **Murray Roberts Graff** and sons while there. Back home on 4 Jul he witnessed **Tom Rienzi** march down the aisle in full mil regalia with daughter **Sherri**, leave her at the altar while he dashed through the nearest door to return as the Deacon and perform the wedding ceremony! The reception at the Cannon Club "included a cast of hundreds—a party that the City of Honolulu will long remember."

**Jim & Norma Cockrell's** annual exhibition of undue affection was to take place on 17 Aug when the DC Contingent descended for the patio picnic. Boat rides, courtesy of **Floyd Robinson**, slide shows, courtesy of **John Westenhoff**, and the video of '42, which **Jeff Davis**, **Bobo Clagett** and others worked on so hard will be competing with tall tales of questionable veracity and organ recitals, punctuated by bouts of eating and imbibing!

During the course of **Betty Clay's** vacation at Marco with various mbrs of their younger set, **Barbara & I** enjoyed a lengthy visit and lunch with her. Due to her inexperience in such matters, I managed to outfumble her when the check arrived! Lucky for me that **Lu** didn't know until the bill came in! In these days of brief cocktail chit-chat, what a pleasure to have a real old-fashioned conversation. **Betty** loves their place at Marco and can't wait to get back. A news article on Army tng quoted **COL Robert Seger**, the Tng Cmd Dir of Tng Dev on the benefits of "hands-on" tng as it is being practiced. We all know that the COL is **Niki Horridge's** husband and the fine son-in-law of **Dick & Claire!** To my delight, the article was most favorable, giving great credit to **Bob** and others in the tng cycle for the splendid performance of the troops in Desert Storm.

**Bill Plott** is planning a golf gaggle at the Homestead on 21–23 May 92. Those not in the regular gp but intrigued with

the thought of a stopover at such a renowned golfing resort should get in touch with **Bill** for details.

**Larry Caruthers** wrote that **May & Nancy Hunter** did another bang-up job on their annual crabfest picnic on 27 Jun. There were 39 on hand to guzzle **Bloody Marys** and stuff themselves on crab salad, watermelon and appropriate extras. **Jonathan & Becky Ulsaker** were there, and, judging by the way **Pat** was fussing over her, **Larry** guesses that **Jonathan** is following in his father's footsteps! **Al Hunter** sent the snap of himself, **May**, **Joel Dilworth**, **Larry**, **Carl & Nancy**.



1942: Four workers and two drones

To my distress, I've just learned from **Frank Williams** that his oldest son **Joe** was also in Saudi from Dec to May as a MAJ with the 11th Avn Bde. **Joe** headed the Task Force charged with VII Corps Air Traffic Control. He's an ROTC grad of Bama, now back at Schwabisch Hall with his family. **Frank** now has his off at home, 4-day work wks and those days oft interrupted by frequent coffee breaks and long lunch hrs! Apologies for the omission—and perhaps a gentle reminder to all to keep me posted!

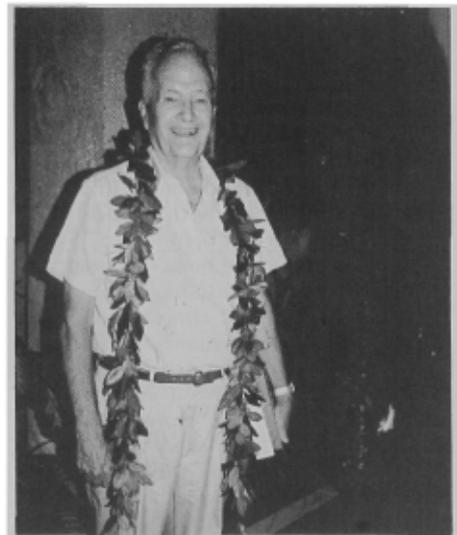


1942: Another '42 offspring, MAJ Joe Williams, carrying on the tradition in Desert Storm

**John & Jean Baker** not only put on another hugely successful bash in Castine, but **John** also took the time and effort to send me an after-action report. Honors for the most eager eaters—lobster type—had to be shared by Californians **John & Nell Mattina**, **Matt & Rita Redlinger** and **Marty & Nancy Martinez**. Others of the clan on hand were **Larry &**

**Jane Adams**, **Larry & May Caruthers**, **Lee Hamerly**, deserving of at least an \* for his lengthy travel, **Hank & Pat Harmeling**, **Pete & Nancy Russell**, **Jack & Carolyn Deane**, **Tom & Elma Hanley**, **Al & Nancy Hunter**, **John Reid** and **Sam & Cherie Koster**, with various and sundry other friends on hand for one or another occasion. Interspersed with the gustatorial activities were sailing, 4th of Jul fireworks, shows and, probably, some golf. USNA '40 joined at several dinners, the last being in conjunction with the Navy League. A special highlight was the lobster dinner put on by the **Deanes** at their place. **Larry Caruthers** voted **Jack** the best lobster cook **Down E!** **Jack** wanted to crow about having won a battle over the city fathers who wanted to zing him over a 6' zoning violation. The contractor was finally held accountable! Tough people, these crusty old soldiers! P.S. to **John Baker**. My ASSEMBLY deadlines are roughly the middle of even-numbered mos, necessitating at least a wk's grace period for me. **John** advises that an early Jun clam-bake is a possibility after the reunion next yr.

With **Poncho Palfrey** having stolen **Tom Rienzi's** thunder by a prior rep on **Sherri's** wedding, I can only thank **Tom**



1942: Looks like the reception was a blast!



1942: The Deacon, Sherri & Bob. Did they respond "I do" or "Yes, sir?"

for having the energy and at least 29 cents left over to verify it, adding that the mother of the bride looked dazzling and that **Rita Blair** was also among the many celebrants. The Deacon also sent along the accompanying pix. Along with the annual solicitation ltr for the WP Fund was a list of those not subscribing to **ASSEMBLY**, 66 in number and a blow to my professional pride! If any Co reps wish to follow up, just send me a list and I'll identify the non-participants.

And like the TV ad says, to those who keep me on their mailing list, "we thank you for your support!"

<p>Jan '43</p>	<p>Rex D. Minckler 4032 North 40th Street Arlington, VA 22207 Tel: 703-538-4907</p>

Who that has attended the Acad since our era has not heard legendary tales about a cadet nicknamed "the Mole," who explored/exploited the underground steam tunnels and storm sewers of "the Rock?" The Pointer mag has printed cartoons and anecdotes about "the Mole" from time to time, and my son Dave was intrigued to hear of "the Mole's" ventures when he was a cadet in the mid-60s. Sadly, our classmate "**Smokey Joe**" (alias "**the Mole**") **Lovett** died in Orlando, FL on 28 Jul 91; he was suffering with cancer of the jaw. According to **Pappy Doyle** (who was "Smokey Joe's" cadet roommate and FL "neighbor" in Clearwater), the memorial svc for **John Rossignol Lovett** in the Pine Castle Mem Chapel of Orlando on 31 Jul 91 was filled to overflowing with friends of all ages paying their last respects to "Smok-ey Joe"—a nickname he acquired at WP and which appears with his biographical sketch in our Jan '43 *Howitzer*. During the memorial svc, a man who grew up with "Smokey Joe" in Atl told "how he very reluctantly followed an exuberant 11-yr-old through the storm sewers of Atlanta," which is where/when "Smok-ey" was first dubbed "the Mole." His underground escapades at the Acad were, therefore, simply an extension of his youthful activities in Atl. Young "Smokey" also strung wire all over his neighborhood in Atl so as to provide a tel network with his friends. Later, at WP, **Pappy Doyle** assisted "Smokey" in the installation of a tel plug in the back of their gun rack, which was ingeniously connected through existing conduits and junction boxes so as to provide them with an outside line. For Sat inspections, they even polished and displayed the tel that they would upon occasion connect to the hidden plug, which no one ever located. "Absent-from-bks" for night trips to NYC to hear the Three Sons at the Piccadilly Circus Bar resulted in many mos of confinement and an estimated minimum of at least 300 hrs on the

area for both Joe and Pappy. As Pappy relates the story, we had our own "private lanes" on the area from which "Smokey" systematically deposited tobacco juice on the same pillar so that there is reportedly still a faint trace of it there today. "Smokey Joe" ret from the AF at McCoy AFB in Orlando in 61 and became the pres and CEO of Orlando Industrial Developers, Inc. In 71 he passed the FL bd exams to become a general contractor and was actively engaged in this field until he died. At his memorial svc, the funeral home distributed two leaflets, one of which showed "Smokey Joe" in the cockpit of an old P-47 aircraft with "the Mole" and a cartoon-like character painted on the fuselage and the other of which listed his survivors as 3 sons, 6 daughters, 3 sisters, 18 grandchildren and one great-grandson. We have conveyed our deepest condolences to Sarah; may "the Mole" continue to live among the legends of WP.



Jan '43: "Smokey Joe" (alias "the Mole") Lovett, who died in Orlando, FL on 28 Jul 91, as he appeared at MacDill AFB, FL in 51



Jan '43: Boots Minckler, Clarence Davenport and Jack & Jackie Armstrong at Charlie Heltzel's funeral in the Arlington Natl Cemetery on 29 May 91

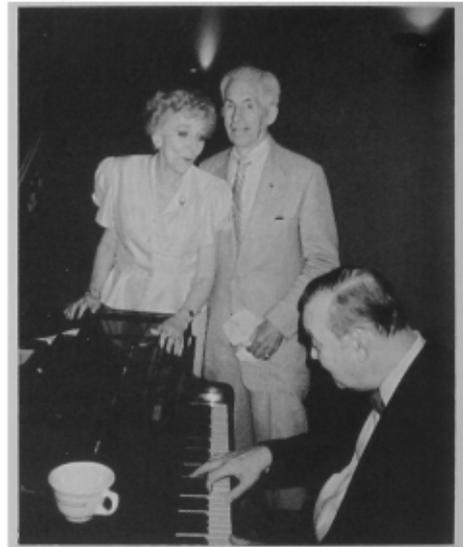
Meanwhile, we offer our congratulations to:

**Jim Hackler**, who was elected pres of the Internat Golf Fellowship Rotary at the Woodlawns in Houston, TX with **Jim J & Jean Cobb** and **Tut & Frances Frakes** in attendance.

**George L Rebh** (son of **George A & Jeanne Rebh**), who married Elizabeth Anne Ervin in St Anthony's Catholic Church in Falls Church, VA on 15 Jun



Jan '43: George Rebh with sons, George L (left) and Richard, at George L's wedding reception, Ft Myer, VA, 15 Jun 91



Jan '43: Marie Conmy sings with Joe's approval and Alex Smith at the keyboard during young George Rebh's wedding reception



Jan '43: Ted Seith receives the AF Exceptionally Meritorious Svc Award from LTG Carns (VCS/AF) on his ret as dir of the AF Aid Soc

91, with his brother Richard from CA as best man.

**Ted Seith**, who ret from his "post-USAF ret" position as dir of the AF Aid Soc in order to spend more time with **Marge** at their home-away-from-home on the rugged New England coast near W Southport, ME. With the acquisition of a 28-ft, sleep-aboard lobster boat named *The Bodacious*, Ted & Marge have become real seafarers.

**Bill Knowlton**, whose excellent article in the 15 Jul 91 ed of the *Army Times* strongly supports the utilization of mil off as instructors/professors in the Academic Dept at WP.



**Jan '43:** A flashback to our springtime mini-reunion in Atl with George & Edna Maertens and Bill & Peggy Knowlton

**Dawn Thompson (Don's wife)**, who is now pres of the Montgomery County (MD) Art Assoc and is currently doing oil painting on artificial ivory.

**Bob "McD,"** who will have a new northside elementary sch in San Ant (on land donated by USAA) named in his honor.

**Sarah Marshall (Bob & Kiki Marshall's talented actress-daughter)**, to whom I listened on Natl Public Radio the other eve (5 Aug 91) as I was driving home from the Pentagon. She was describing her new showcase play ("The Healing") which she not only wrote (while she was teaching in the Berkshires) but also directed. It's unique in that it was written for festival competition and is only 10 mins long.

**Buck Stahle**, whose grandson (Mike Groh) quarterbacked Randolph HS to the NJ football championship by kicking a 37-yd field goal to beat Montclair in the last second of play.

**Eugene Landrum** (our CI Assoc), who has matched the individual contribution goal of our other classmates for our 50th anniv gift to USMA.

**Mike Robinson**, who suffered a blackout 14 Jun 91, had a heart pacemaker implanted the following morn and departed 30 Jun 91 on a two-wk cruise to AK aboard the *SS Universe* via the Inside Passage and Valdez. According to Mike, the voyage was greatly enhanced by guest prof from several univs who lectured on various aspects of AK from geology to history. Other travelers among our classmates & wives included the **Woods and Buckners**, whose scuba-diving cruise to the Galápagos Isls is reflected in the snapshot that appears in these notes, and **Ralph & Sally Hofmann**, who cruised from Charleston, SC to Martinique, Antigua, St Thomas and return aboard the *QE 2*.

**Pat & Maria Wardell**, who became "3-time grandparents" with the arrival of



**Jan '43:** "Jacques" & Cecily Wood with John & Ann Buckner at the Equator in Ecuador during their scuba-diving cruise to the Galápagos Isls

Elaine Marie Altman, via their daughter Ann, in Pottsville, PA on 24 Apr 91.

By now, each classmate, wife and widow should have received a new CI Roster dated 1 Jul 91 from **Pat Wardell** (CI Secy). Included with this roster was a questionnaire from **Bill Knowlton** asking whether or not you plan to attend our 50th Reunion at USMA 23-26 May 93 (health and whatever other problems you may have permitting) and your preference with respect to staying at the Hotel Thayer or elsewhere. Your response to Bill's questionnaire is urgently requested!



**Jan '43:** John Buckner with son John Jr (USAFA '69), who just assumed cmd of the USAF Instrument Flight Ctr at Randolph AFB, TX and grandson Greg (a 3rd classman at the USAFA)

In this context, **Nancy Benson** is preparing a section of our 50th Anniv Yrbk that identifies/sketches all of our sons/daughters and grandchildren who have grad from the Svc Acads. Thus far, she has identified 18 from USMA (including **Frank Kajencki's** grandson, Anthony, who is now a yearling), 15 from USAFA and 3 from USNA. If your son/daughter/grandchild (or others that you may be aware of) was a grad and has not been "registered" with Nancy, please do so ASAP!

Unfortunately, no sooner had **Pat Wardell** put the new roster in the mail than he received word of the following major changes:

**Frank & Billie Shaw**, who moved into their new home at 3232 Calle Celestial,



**Jan '43:** Sid & Helen Peterman pose for Bob Bullard in Atl



**Jan '43:** Another Bob Bullard snapshot with Shirley Fishel, Ed McGough and Bob Fishel

Santa Fe, NM 87501; and

**John (Whizzer) & Louise White**, who moved from Cupertino, CA to 6201 Jericho Rd, Meridean, ID 83642-5217.

So, please keep **Pat** advised of any changes in your address as soon as they occur. Now, it's your turn to pick up a pen and drop me a line telling me what you are doing. . . .

Jun '43	COL William W. Cover
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"Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen. . . ." And here it is, complete with the **Van Aukens and Raspers**, last Jun. "This was our final port of call," Van wrote, "after a great cruise that started in Nice, France and put in at Spain, Portugal, France, England and Germany, before ending in Denmark."

**Jim Phillips** advises that the classmates in the San Ant area now number 20, distributed as follows: USAF 10, Inf 4, FA 3 and EN 2. It is safe to say that this gp is second in size only to the Wash DC metro area, which now has about 50. After thorough consultation, the San Ant gp organized themselves for lunch on 18 Jun in the Plaza Club high (21st floor) atop the Frost Bldg. Arrangements were made by **Jim Keck** and **KP Kilpatrick**, and 14 were present. The excellent photo below was obtained by Jim's use of a tripod and carefully planned settings so that a passing waiter could simply press the button. Way to go! In the pic are (seated L to R)



**Jun '43:** Van & Sue Van Auken and Mary & Art Rasper

Craig Teller, Al Metts and Ed Renth; (standing) Fletcher Veach, Hal Knowles, Tom Garrett, Sam Pinnell, Ed Shaifer, Ernie Hinds, Kit Carson, Jim Keck, Rip Collins, Jim Phillips, and KP Kilpatrick.

Future similar gatherings are planned to be bi-monthly on the first Thur, with the Aug mtg to be arranged by Craig Teller and Ed Renth. For info, if passing through, call **Jim Phillips** at (512) 755-8321 or **Jim Keck** at (512) 677-8871.

**Joe & Joan O'Hare** are proud to relate that their US Army lawyer son, Patrick D O'Hare, has been promoted to MAJ in the JAG Corps, awarded the first OLC to his MSM for svc with the Dept of Justice and designated to attend the Adv Course at the JAG Sch (UVA) in Charlottesville, VA. . . . From **Tom Foulk**, too, we also hear about a son, namely LTC(P) Tom Foulk III, who cmded the 7th Avn Bn of the 159th Army Avn Regt, VII Corps in Saudi Arabia during the late Gulf War and continues as CO of the same unit, now in Ger. Tom is a '69 ROTC grad of WVA Univ, got his wings as an Army AV, served in Vietnam in 71 and then stayed in the svc. (I wish the photo below had been available in time for the article on USMA connections in the Gulf War in the Jul ASSEMBLY.)



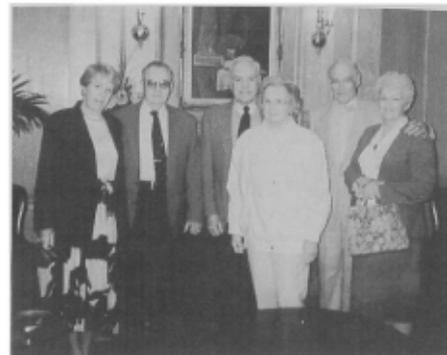
**Jun '43:** LTC (P) Tom Foulk III in Saudi

What if 3 classmates & their wives met for a mini-reunion, and then all 3 wrote reports and sent multiple photos to their scribe, the elusive **Krobar**? No scribe could ask for more cooperative loyalty, and Krobar sends grateful thanks. Your pics are great, and I only wish I could use them all. **Norm Pehrson** wrote, "On 5 Jun,



**Jun '43:** Organized for lunch in San Ant

while **Ruth & I** were visiting our son and his family in Somerset, MA on the occasion of our granddaughter's grad from HS, we met with **Bob & Carol deCamp** and **John & Rosemary Lucas** for a Cape Cod mini-reunion. Bob made the arrangements, and we had a delightful lunch at the Daniel Webster Inn in Sandwich, MA. . . . Like all reunions of classmates, this one came off as though we had last seen ea other only yesterday."



**Jun '43:** Rosemary & John Lucas, Norm & Ruth Pehrson and Bob & Carol deCamp

**Bob** added: "The passage of time between mtgs evaporated for us. Civ friends have noted this, but they really can't comprehend the instant revival of camaraderie. But WE know why. . . ."

**Deke Childs** tells me that the scene below is from a recent foreign attachés' reception in DC at which he and two of his cronies slipped past the door check.

Reverting now to the CI lunch of 8 Jun at the Chesapeake Hills Country Club, rep upon last time, thanks are due to **Quint Atkinson** for the following photo from that notable occasion.

**Jack**, your old **Duke of Novak**, & **Viv-**



**Jun '43:** Deke Childs, Bruce Arnold and Bill Scott



**Jun '43:** Ann & Bernie Rogers with Diana Hamblen

ian have a son in Steamboat Springs, CO who has provided them with a half-pg newspaper article from the *Steamboat Pilot* for 4 Jul 91. This extensive article is entitled "Profile—Robin Olds," with two pics, and is an interview intended as a commemorative piece for the natl holiday. In it, Robin reviewed his career throughout the wars and historic times since we graduated. He gave Pres Bush high praise for the war to liberate Ku-

wait, because "he told the mil what he wanted them to do, and then he let them do it."

Out of 6 close and far family mbrs who grad from USMA, **John Hull** says that not one has ever come close to wearing academic stars as a cadet. But that chain has been broken. LT Pearce Hammond '91, grandson of John, wore stars during his first cl yr. And it seems there is a grandnephew, now a yearling, who still has a shot at it. Whew, is this a dynasty or what?



Jun '43: John Hull with graduating grandson, Pearce Hammond Jr '91

Classmates in the LA area (the southern counties of CA) have a bi-monthly luncheon get-together and also gather round at other times. **Chuck Dickinson** rep on an elegant chicken and salmon barbecue hosted by the **Schwartzes** in late Jun. On hand were hosts **Juanita and Dave Schwartz**, **Marion & Chuck Dickinson**, **Pres & Ann Easley**, **Phil & Ginny Eastman**, **Jane Farley**, **Kay & Dave Galas**, **Wes & Shirley Maughan**, **Ruth Pehrson** (Norm absent on business), **Paula & Dan Shea**, **Elaine & Jay Wethe**, **Pat (Buyers) & Kris Krisjanson**, as well as **Barbara & Dave Barger** from Jan '43.

Here in the DC/NVA area, **Connie & Dick McAdam** had a few "awesome hat wearers" from the **Chowder and Marching Soc of NVA** in for the eve on 3 Aug. Found there were **Liz & Quint Atkinson**, **Ruby & Harry Heintzelman**, **Lynn & Alan Jones**, **Lois & Jack McGregor**, **Evelyn & Hank Morgan**, **Anna and Mo Mozingo**, **Miriam & Bill Roos** and the peripatetic **Krobar**. And someone caught this shot of some of them!

Return to the OK Corral—or, Ready on the Firing Line! Dedicated readers of this col will recall that about two yrs ago we revealed that **Cactus Jack McGregor** was conducting pistol qualification courses for security guard applicants at a Park Svc range on the Bull Run battlefield, not far from Fairfax. Under his eagle eye, several Jun '43 marksmen



Jun '43: Miriam Roos, Lois McGregor, Alan Jones, Connie McAdam and Lynn Jones

qualified in May 89, and on 8 Aug 91 a gp returned to try it again. In the photo below are seen on the line **Krobar**, **Umlauf** and **McAdam**, supervised by Range Off **McGregor**. Also present were the indomitable **Atkinson** (pic credits) and **Bill Roos**.



Jun '43: "On the firing line"

The morn's shootout, under a cool, gray sky, was much enjoyed by all these non-golfers. Scores are not going to be revealed, but it may be said that **Umlauf the Dutchman** had the best numbers. Anyway, 6 men went out and 6 came back, and that's important! Furthermore, the 3 formations of wild geese that passed overhead during the morn were completely undisturbed by it all.



Jun '43: Cactus Jack McGregor presenting certificate to "Top Gun" Dutch Umlauf

As the new Supe (CI of '61) takes over at USMA, a new ed also takes over at **ASSEMBLY**: **Jay Olejniczak**, also USMA '61. In late Jul, **Paul Child**, our esteemed ret ed, along with **Jay and asst ed Linda**

**Berman**, left the **Hudson Highlands** for a trip to Wash DC for a mtg with area scribes arranged by **Chuck Roades '55**. Some 20 scribes, mostly from the DC metro area, attended. This was, for me at least, one of the most enjoyable events of the summer, for we got to say "goodbye" to **Paul**, to meet **Jay and Linda**, to meet other scribes (for the first time, in most cases), and to exchange ideas about **ASSEMBLY** policies and procedures. Incidentally, many of you have wondered at times about what seems to be odd abbreviations used in the CI notes. Eds make these up to save keystrokes in notes from about 75 scribes and press runs of about 23,000 copies ea issue. This creativity is employed sparingly and with great care. However, during **Chuck Roades** speech of appreciation to **Paul Child**, he presented **Paul** with a framed cartoon liberally dusted with these strange abbreviations.

On 24 Jul I received a note from **Bruce McDowell** so poignant in its brevity that I take the liberty of reproducing it in its entirety: "I'm sorry to rep the death of my loving wife, **Katie**, on 21 Jun 91 from acute leukemia. Her ashes were spread on the Atlantic Ocean off **Jekyll Isl** ('Katie's Ocean'). God bless her. . . Bruce."

If you look in this space in **ASSEMBLY** for Sep 91 you will see in the acct of the memorial svc for **John Cochran** on 4 May at **Lexington, VA**, that among those present were **Bill & Teddy Wilson**. Then about 6 wks later came a call from **Bill Malone**. **Charles A Wilson Jr** (usually known as "Bill") had died of multiple aneurism complications at the **Mt Vernon Hosp in Alexandria, VA** on 23 Jun 91. Cremation followed, with a memorial svc at the **Ft Belvoir post chapel** on 27 Jun and a following reception at the **O'Club**. Many classmates & wives were present from the DC area. Final interment will take place at the **Woodland Cemetery in Conandaigua, NY**. **Teddy & Bill** had lived in **Roanoke, VA** before moving to the **Fairfax ret ctr** in 90. **Teddy** will continue there, at 9002 **Belvoir Woods Pkwy #410, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060**. Their 3 sons are **Charles A Wilson III** and **Robert C Wilson** of **Centreville, VA** and **Phillip K Wilson** of **Jacksonville, FL**.

Next, there came a call one day from **Bud Bolling** in **Dallas**. **Howard Coffman's** wife **Carolyn**, after long suffering with a brain tumor, died on 26 Jul 91 at home in **Dallas**. A memorial svc was held at the **Episcopal Church of the Ascension** on 31 Jul, and the CI was represented. At **WP**, a funeral svc was conducted at the **Old Cadet Chapel** on 8 Aug at 1000 hrs, followed by interment in the **WP Cemetery**. In addition to **Howard** and the family, **Jack Morris** and **Nancy & Bill Malone** were present at the **WP** svcs. Both **Carolyn & Howard** were from **Hop-**

kinsville, KY, and she grad from the U of KY in 42. After marrying Howard in 43, Carolyn raised her family during the next 30 yrs and participated actively in Army comm affairs, was pres of many women's clubs and served in PTA's, Army Emergency Relief, day care work and Red Cross volunteer svc at posts in the USA, the Philippines, Ger and Okinawa. After Howard's ret from active mil svc, Carolyn continued to be active in comm and church affairs. A dedicated sorority mbr, she represented Alpha Gamma Delta in the Dallas Pan-Hellenic Assoc and was pres of that body. Carolyn & Howard's children include two daughters, Elizabeth Tindle of Rock Isl, IL and Ann Kerr of Dallas, as well as 3 granddaughters.

Never before have I had to rep 4 deaths in one col, and I never want to do it again. Yes, there is one more. I have just been advised by ltr from the AOG that our classmate, **Sidney Katz**, died on 31 Jul 91 at White House Station, NJ. His wife, **Rosetta**, resides at 709 Rt 523 S, White House Station, NJ 08889. In a tel conv, she informed me that Sidney died of emphysema and was buried in the Flemington Jewish Comm Cemetery in Flemington, NJ. . . . To **Rosetta Katz**, **Howard Coffman**, **Teddy Wilson** and **Bruce McDowell**, we send our profound sympathy from the Cl of Jun '43.

Labor Day is fast approaching now. Soon—hurrah!—the frost will be on the pumpkin, the corn will be in the shock, and the hay will all be rolled up in those huge, cylindrical rolls they use now instead of stacks. And the sound of the football will again be heard throughout the land—matter of fact, I can hear it now. Beat Navy!

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**Don Henderson** is doing a great job of organizing a project to write memorial articles for ea of our deceased classmates. When he started the project there were 125 classmates for whom no article had been written. Now all but 20 of our deceased classmates have sponsors. **Bill McGuinness** wrote me that in the 1st Bn 2nd Regt every one of the deceased classmates has had a memorial article published in *ASSEMBLY*, written, or under preparation. Congratulations, 1st Bn, 2nd Regt! In a recent Cl mailing you'll find the current status for all of our Cl. **John Swartz** had an excellent sugges-

tion. Even though you may not be a sponsor, if you know a character-revealing incident or a positive personality trait about any of our deceased classmates, send the info to the sponsor (call me for names). This will make the memorial article a better tribute to our classmate.

We each need to get in gear and write a memorial article about ourselves. **Don** calls this the "Write It Now" or WIN project. It's the only way that we'll be able to keep current. And who better knows the info that should be included?

**Al Sheppard** called to tell me that **Barney Dailey** died on 19 Jun in Augusta, GA. Al planned to go to the funeral. **Harry Walker** called to say that **Tom Devlin** died on 21 Jun. Harry said he talked to Tom in Mar. Tom was buried in Warrenton, OR. **Jim Elkey** told me that **Hutch Hutcheson** died on 20 Jul in Columbus, GA and that **Dick Gorder** died on 10 Aug in Poulsbo, WA. We'll miss these 4 classmates. Our sympathy is with their families and friends.

**Harry Walker** is working as a financial planner. He was 68 on Memorial Day this yr when he fell from a ladder, but he says he is OK now. Al Sheppard planned to visit **DeWitt Nunn** in VA and **George Withey** in NH during the summer. Al enjoys watching the Masters golf tourney ea yr—hasn't missed it for 20 yrs.

**John Murphy** wrote that he & **Peggy** placed 34 white carnations on graves of classmates interred at WP. This Memorial Day tribute was a sad experience for them, but they're glad they have been privileged to know so many of these. Our Cl was represented in the first annual alumni golf tournament held at WP golf course 27-29 Jun by **Rut Rutledge**, **Joe Van Cleve** and **John**. Rut won "closest to the hole" on the 9th hole and also low gross for classes from the 40's. John was the oldest grad in the tournament—what an honor! The whole affair was a lot of fun. John says, "It's to be an annual event, so let's get more '45'ers to play next yr."

Decoration of Cl graves in DC area was on 26 May. Thirty-three were in Arlington Natl Cemetery, two in Fairfax Memorial and one in Alexandria Natl. Those participating make it a happy occasion when all can have pleasant memories and reunion with those who are buried. Participants are divided into 3 gps at Arlington. At ea grave they place a flower with a black, gold and gray ribbon. They then review memories of deceased. Ea gp has a book with a biographical pg for ea grave to be visited. It is not only a day of recognition for deceased classmates but a rededication of their high regard for our Alma Mater. Participating were **Rocky & Mimi Bret**, **Barney & Rosanne Broughton**, **George Daoust**, **Jim Elkey**, **Bill Gardiner**, **Gene Gelini** with daughter **Jill**, **Dick Groves**,

**Jim Holcomb**, **Ray Jones**, **Bill Ochs**, **Bob & Genee Parr**, **George Smith**, **Bob Stetekluh**, **Bill & Zigi Stewart** with grandson **Eric**, **Bob Waddington** and **Dick Williams**.



1945: Grave decoration, Memorial Day at Arlington Natl Cemetery: Rosanne & Barney Broughton, Bill Ochs and Mimi Brett



1945: Grave decoration, Memorial Day at Arlington Natl Cemetery: Ray Jones, Rocky Brett, Bob Waddington and Bill Gardiner

**Genee & Bob Parr** spent early part of May on trip to MI, IN, KY and TN where Bob added 4 battlefields to his collection: Tippecanoe, Ft Donelson, Shiloh and Stones River. While at Ft Campbell O'Club they discovered wall plaques honoring **Dot Root** and **Jim Hanket** as former pres of OWC.

**Sam Lessey** departed as dir of Selective Svc Sys in Mar. He received the agency's Distinguished Svc Award and then, in Apr, received the Army's Outstanding Civ Svc Medal. Sam served the agency for over 3 yrs. Draft registration maintained a record of 98% of eligible men during his tenure.

**Tom Longino** sent the pic of **Hodges** and **Longinos** at breakfast the day after Founders Day dinner of WP Soc of Upstate SC. **Rupe Hodges** delivered a moving "oldest grad" speech at dinner, which was also attended by **Betty & Charlie Greer**. Tom met **Randy Heard** and **Henry Hutcheson** in Raleigh to drive to **Kitch Josey's** funeral—an impressive but sad event. **Lou & Tom** spent a pleasant Sun with **CB & Tom Maertens** in May. He also had seen **Al Childress** and **Barney Dailey** in late spring, both of whom appeared then to be on the mend from recent sickness.



1945: Breakfast morn after Founders Day in Greenville, SC: Lou Longino, Rupe Hodges, Tom Longino (standing) and Brenda Hodges

Bob Wright '46 wrote that one of his grandsons was confirmed in United Episcopal Church at Charlotte Hall, MD on 5 May by Bishop **Al Knight**. Bob and Al were in "G-1" together. Bob explained that the United Episcopal Church is one of several offshoots of the Episcopal denomination on acct of disagreement with recent changes in the philosophy of the church.

**Fitz-P Fitzpatrick, Verg Givens and Toby Gandy** attended the annual European symposium of the Soc of Experimental Test Pilots in Bath, England the last part of May. Prior to the affair **Jan & Verg** had taken a do-it-yourself barge tour of the canals of Wales and were planning more sightseeing later. The Gandys went to Scotland after the symposium, rented a house and a car and planned to tour Scotland. They recently bought hot-air balloon #3. The Fitzpatricks are still flying their second one. Both couples planned to be in Albuquerque in Oct for the Intl Balloon Fiesta—Gandy's 14th and Fitzpatrick's 13th. As part of a package deal, the Fitzpatricks flew to England on the Concorde and returned on *Queen Elizabeth 2* via Spain and Portugal. Fitz-P ret two yrs ago after 13 yrs as VP for Figgie Intl—some dumb rule about age 65 for sr execs. At the time he wasn't too happy about it, but it only took about 3 days to adapt. (It took Pat a little longer—she told Tom Curtis that Fitz-P was flunking ret.) They've been visiting kids, symposia and averaging two cruises per yr. In Jan it was French Polynesia for 3 wks. (Scribes note: tough life!)

**George Benson** was inducted into the Attaché Hall of Fame in Jun. George had 3 tours in Indonesia between 1956-72, ending as Defense Attaché. Since ret George has often been called upon by sr Wash officials and several US ambassadors to clarify US policies to Indonesian officials or Indonesian policies to American officials. We're all proud of you, George.

In a ltr to **Jim Elkey, Keith Nusbaum** wrote that he was on an extended visit to Cheyenne, WY waiting arrival of repair parts for his trailer. It was mid-Jun when he was rear-ended and needed repair before continuing on trip to Yukon and



1945: Test Pilots' symposium in Bath, England: (seated) Pat & Fitz-P Fitzpatrick, Jan & Verg Givens and (standing) Bobbi & Toby Gandy



1945: Attaché Hall of Fame at George Benson's induction, spring 91: Joe Benson, Jan '43, son Rich, daughter Bonnie, George & Barbara Benson, son Duke and daughter Monica

AK. He was hit by a pick-up towing a trailer with 6 buffalo. Now how many ret FA COLs have been hit in tailgate by a small herd of buffalo in this century?

**Mose & Gloria Wright** traveled to CA in May. They visited more than 20 relatives and friends. Among those were the **Roots and Brauchers**. **Jim & Betty** are long-time Californians. Jim runs a beautiful condo devel just E of Carmel. **Paul & Brookes**, originally from IL, settled in Newport Beach when Paul worked there some yrs ago in an engring firm. Paul plays tennis every day and says that otherwise he is completely worthless. Their home is lovely. Mose is planning to have another "H-1" luncheon at the 50th reunion. Mose said he was expecting a visit in UT from **Dave & Kathleen Clymer** on their way from Phoenix to their cabin in Jackson Hole the end of Jul.

**K Stewart** sent me a clip from the *Indianapolis Star* that featured **Pat Hurley**. Pat was honored 12 Jul at the city's Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art by being named the first recipient of the Eiteljorg Award. Pat had 23 of his paintings on exhibit at the museum. **K & Joan** visited Ft Leavenworth in Jun to attend their son's grad from CGSC. Their son is a test pilot in AF and is a 4th-generation "soldier" and grad from CGSC. While there, **K & Joan** had dinner with the **Hoges and Weavers**



1945: Newport Beach, CA, May 91: Brookes & Paul Braucher and Gloria Wright



1945: Carmel, CA, May 91: Mose Wright and Bette & Jim Root

and had a wonderful time.

**Axle Briggs** rep a mini-reunion of **Baileys and Briggses**. It occurred during a floor show at Patrick AFB O'Club on 15 Jul. Business mtg was held in a phone booth; **Al Bailey** was elected pres for life. They plan annual mtgs.



1945: Patrick AFB Club, 15 Jul 91: Al & Eileen Bailey (L) and Axle & Gloria Briggs (R) with reclining chorus girl in ctr (live!)

The *NY Times* on 3 Jun rep a long-delayed award of posthumous Silver Star for a CPT in the Vietnam War. The Army had rejected evidence submitted by his widow, but she appealed and **William D Clark**, Dep Asst Secy Army, overruled Bds and saw to it that medal was awarded.

**Arch & Prudence Arnold, Rolfe & Calista Hillman, and Bill & Jessie Sibert** visited **Jim & Nancy Munson** at their summer place at Menauhant, Cape Cod on 15 Jul. **Nell Preston** had left to return to San Ant early that day. The following morn the Munsons, Arnolds and Hill-

mans drove over to **Jim Edwards'** family home at Barstable to join **Jackie Glynn, Rock & Wynn McBride** and **George & Nancy Withey** for a full day of this-and-that—an impromptu Cape Cod micro-mini-reunion.



1945: Jim & Nancy Munson's summer cottage, Menauhant, Cape Cod, 15 Jul 91: Jim Munson, Bill Sibert, Rolfe Hillman and Arch Arnold

**Gene Love** wrote to ask that any of us who can, please write to **Al Thompson**. Gene talked to Al's wife **Mary**, and she says he finds visits difficult but loves to have ltrs read to him. Al is at home and is suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease. Gene says those serving with Al in the AF and those who were in "G-2" would be those he would most appreciate writing to him.

One of the social events of the summer in the DC area is the annual '45 picnic. Sixty people attended this yr's affair on 11 Aug at **George Daoust's** beautiful home in Great Falls. The food was outstanding and included tenderloins of pork and beef, baked gourmet spinach and yummy desserts. Hosts were the **Ochs, McDaniels, Ray Jones** and **Daousts**, who supervised the cooking. Others brought the dips and desserts. Out-of-the-area classmates attending included **Lou & Edna Schelter** from Richmond, **Bart Kerr** from CA (he was visiting his mother in DC), **Frank & Joan Kane** from Carlisle, PA and **Andy & Loretta Favret** from Waynesboro, PA.

Beat Navy!

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(185) Tonight the Super Bowl Champion Giants will play Cleveland in an exhibition game, and you'll read this a few wks after we've all gotten together for our 45th Reunion. Our reunion news will be in the Jan 92 issue of *ASSEMBLY*, just about right to help renew the memories of what, I expect, will have been a very memorable occasion.

Just received **Jim Loomer's** annual rep and roster for the DC mtgs and affairs. This coming yr their mtgs will be as follows: 26 Oct 91—CI dinner at Ft

McNair, D-2 sponsor, **Walt Dumas** coordinator; in Dec—CI luncheon at Pentagon, E-1 sponsor, **Ben Hanson** coordinator; in Jan 92—WP Soc winter luncheon at Ft Myer; 18 Jan 92—CI dinner at Ft Myer; E-2 sponsor, **Pete Burnell** coordinator; in Mar 92—Founders Day Dinner at Mark Radisson Hotel; in Mar also a CI luncheon, F-1, **Charlie Barker** (my records say he was in E-1); in May WP Soc spring luncheon at Ft Myer; and, on 15 May 92, a CI dinner at Bolling AFB, F-2, **FR "Wig" Baker**. Jim also forwarded some 90 notes given to him by classmates when they paid last yr's roster dues. He found them among his papers when he was preparing for the 91 mailing and offers his apologies to those overlooked. Where appropriate, I have included such notes in the next paragraph.

Late in 90 **Frank Blazey** attended the beautiful wedding of **Jack Whitener's** daughter. **Charlie Jaco** was also present. **Harry & Theda Davis** visited with **Bob Eichenberg** and daughter **Gina** last Nov out in CA. Bob is expanding his sch equipment business, and **Gina** is a lawyer. Harry ret from TRW after 16 yrs there, preceded by his ret from the Army. **Steve Edwards** sold his Williamsburg home and is building a new home in the vicinity of Chapel Hill, NC. Might even be in it by now. **Harry & Ann Floyd** were in Paris and the S of France in May 90. Said it was a great trip.

I have two notes from **Bob Steele**, one via **Loome** and the other direct to me. Bob has written to inform the CI that his beloved **Pat** died of chronic lymphocytic leukemia on 18 Apr 91. She fought the disease for 5 yrs until Christmas 90, when the cancerous cell growth overtook the radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Her last extended trip was to Chicago in Oct 90 to attend the wedding of their youngest daughter **Robin** to **Michael Ruback**. Her last local outing was to attend the wedding of their son **Newell** to **Mary Quance** in Feb 91. A memorial svc was held at Ft Myer on 23 Apr, and her ashes were buried at WP on 20 Jun. The CI extends to Bob and his family our deepest sympathy. The other note, via **Loome**, was dated Sep 90 and informs us that **Newell** has opened the first fly fishing store in the DC area. It is called *The Angler's Lie* and is located in Arlington on Lee Hwy (Rt 29). Show your CI ring and you'll get a discount on most everything except rods and reels, **Bob** says.

**Jack McWhorter** has requested that I make another request for you to return the questionnaire he mailed regarding your history. He's only received 180 so far—that's only 26% of us. This is not a repeat of the short *Register* history; **Jack** is preparing a chronicle of the CI and wants as much personal info on ea classmate as he can get. Many of you have

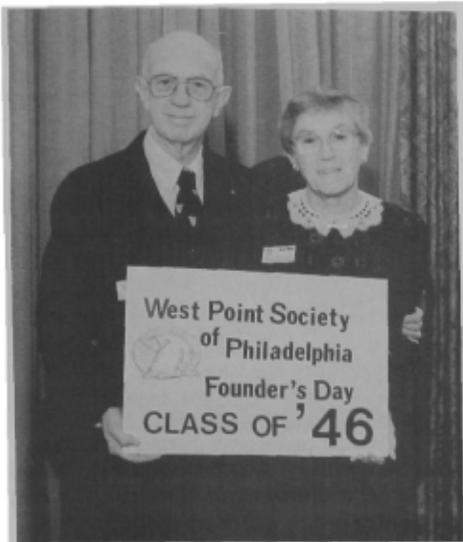
just returned from the reunion; why not sit down and do it now! He is esp interested in those of us who got out early and spent most of their careers in a civ capacity.

**McWhorter** has recently learned that **Tom Pfeifer** (E-2) died in Aug 73, a fact he has relayed to AOG. **Jack** is in touch with his widow **Betty**, who is still living at the address shown in the *Register* in Santa Ana, CA. **Jack** is working on **Bob Key's** obit, with the help of two daughters and an aunt. He has also located **Jerry Halloran's** widow **Janet** in Peterborough, NH; this was via a blind ltr to USAA. Via the same method he has located a daughter of **Tom McCormick**, but she hasn't responded to **Jack's** blind ltr yet. Thanks to **Ed Flaherty** and **Jesse Cohen**, **Jack** has located a daughter of **Bill Powers**, G-1. When **Jack** talked to her he learned that **Bill's** widow **Joyce** died last Oct in Ft Lauderdale, FL. **Jack** states that he is very pleased with the return: so far, 83 draft obits or contingency planning outlines for obits. **Jack** retains a copy and mails one to AOG. If you have misplaced your outline, why not get another copy from **Jack** and fill that out when you get it?

Still another death to rep—**Frank Richter** died unexpectedly in Boston on 28 Jun 91, while on a business trip. **Bill Stone**, G-2, wrote to let me know. Again, to all of the above bereaved, I wish to express the deepest sympathy of the CI.

Short Notes: As you now know, **Dick Gruenther** has been elected as a CI Trustee of the AOG for the yr 1 Jul 91—30 Jun 92. Recently received annual rep of Army Distaff Foundation, **Cal Benedict**, Exec Dir. Noted as life mbrs: **Dick & Donna Beckner**, **Cal & Gene Benedict**, **Hal & Margaret Hallgren**, **Joe Jansen**, **George & Joanne Patton** and **Al Torgerson**. Hope I didn't miss anyone. **Wes Posvar** has ret as U of Pitt's pres. **Tad Skladzien's** 90 ltr to the editor of the *Arlington Journal* suggests that flag burners "should be tarred, feathered and run out of the country." Over 30% of the CI are non-subscribers to *ASSEMBLY*. Why not join us and keep up on the news of your classmates?

A photo of **Bill & Mary Bamber**, taken when they attended the WP Soc of Phila Founders Day dinner, spring 91, follows. Unknown to one another, **Fred Frech** and **Ray & Marion Boyd** booked passage on a coastal steamer cruising the coast of Norway this past Jun. They picked the same date for the same reason: the price was going up the next day. They were assigned adjoining cabins, same sitting for meals and the same table. They are both A-1 files and had not seen ea other since grad. Enclosed is a photo showing **Fred Alderson**, **Bob Williams**, **Fos Cowey**, **Pat O'Neill** and **Jim Thomas** (who mailed same) when they had a mini-reunion of Div Arty, 11th AB



1946: The Bambers at Founders Day 91



1946: Frech, Juan and the Boyds, Jun 91



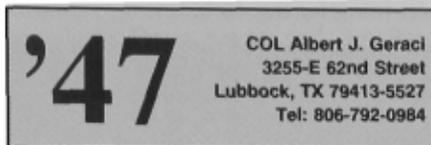
1946: Ft Campbell, 22 Jun 91



1946: The Freeds, Apr 91

on 22 Jun at Ft Campbell, KY. The final photo is of Kitty & DeBow Freed taken when the new performing arts ctr at OH Northern Univ was named in their hon-

or. Freed is pres of the Univ, and the ctr's gala opening was held in Apr 91. Kitty is a grad of Univ of TX and holds a master's from the U of KS.



Lubbock looks "lush jungle green" right now instead of "semi-arid brown," norm for end of Jul. Can you believe all the playa lakes are overflowing? We have just returned from the hot springs at Hot Springs, AR, where an enjoyable time was had with son Stephen and his delightful, newly-announced fiancée, Christine Nelson—tennis playing, swimming, boating, eating, etc.; burned my finger in the bubbling-up, 142.5 degrees hot, spring water once.



1947: Son Steve, Christine Nelson and your scribe at Hot Springs, AR

And now it is time to send in another col. I refrain from making any long philosophical statements this time but look forward to you all sending in newsy, meaningful, computer-typed ltrs. For hives not wanting to write, please respond to the following test which will give you a measure of your present mental flexibility and creativity. Insert the proper words for the first-ltr initials in the equation which will make it generally, acceptably correct. (For instance,  $57 = HV$  is 57 equals the number of Heinz Varieties). So tell me what is:  $200 = D$  for PG in M?

**Barb Boerger** is continuing to be a better correspondent than most. She may need help to dispose of the massive Boerger belongings and paraphernalia of 23 yrs accumulated at "324" soon. Perhaps she is thinking of moving closer to the grandkids, of which there are now 4, Ryan Coulter having arrived in Jun. Barb's mother's spirits got a boost recently when she, at 90+, became the Poster Lady for the Marin County Hosp Foundation. . . **Joe Addison** brought me up-to-date on his travels to Sequim, WA (the "e" is silent), where his brother's family resides. He made contact with **Mary & John Delistraty** and **Dorothy & Graham Kent** up there. They all had a

great time at the Lion's Club and at GC's place, eating some of his steaks that Dorothy did not cook in Olympia. . .

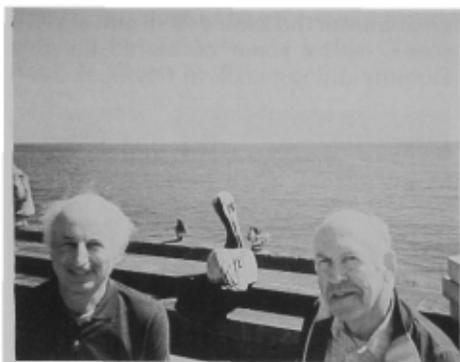


1947: John Delistraty, Joe Addison and Graham Kent before dinner

We are very pleased that **Willis Knipe** is recovering nicely from his extended prostate surgery. We knew he would. Anyone so successful in overcoming ground and air obstacles in Russia can certainly overcome a few American med obstacles. Willie expects to win the race with his granddaughter Virginia (from daughter Julia) in becoming potty-trained first. Before entering the hosp, Willis had completed extensive repairs on their Audi 5000S (5 yrs and 106 K mi) in order to ensure perfect opn for Dorothy. Immediately, the brakes failed, but Dorothy didn't get too mad; she went out and brought a beautiful, new pearl-white 200-turbo Audi! Our Audi's (6 yrs) brakes are still working. Moreover, at Hot Springs recently, during a severe golf-size hail thunderstorm, our Audi's paint and metal endured not a scratch!

We all, except **Bill Coghill**, should have ret in AK; then he could be visiting us all every yr. The latest to fly up to Anchorage to visit **Gerry & Bill** and cruise back are the **Nairns** and **Congers** in Jul. The Coghills have been very busy preparing to celebrate "COGGIES" 75th yr of serving the Nenana comm, with Bill's two brothers (and their families), Robert and (Lt Gov) John. COGGIES is an outlet store like Sam Walton's. Bill gave the grad address to the Nenana HS in May. (It also was his 50th reunion; he had grad in 41 as a cl of one!) Pics show mtgs of **Forrest Crowe** and **Bill Byers '48** with Bill when the Coghills were in Santa Barbara in Mar. Next yr ILO Santa Barbara, the Coghills will go on the USAA cruise to Aust, NZ, etc. and desire classmate accompaniment. I congratulate Bill on his great grad address to Nenana HS grads and on his continued high spirits!

When the **Mastins** came by Lubbock recently on their Roswell Mineral and Gem Club annual trek to various mtgs, **Jane** dropped off pics of the mini in Roswell (at the **Dunhams'**, I think). I recognize the trees and the house. Other



1947: Forrest Crowe and Bill Coghill at Santa Barbara



1947: Bill Byers '48 and Bill Coghill at Santa Barbara



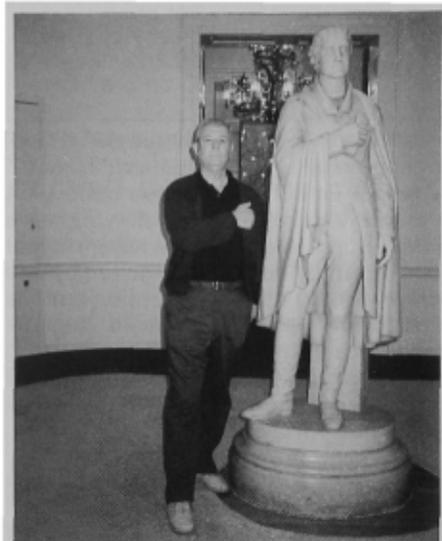
1947: Mil Steinborn, Jane Mastin and Lannie Dunham in Roswell



1947: Jack Dunham, John Mastin and Dick Steinborn in Roswell

details I have forgotten. . . . I love to receive notes/ltrs from **Meg Sargent**; she has one of her latest portrait paintings (of son Ken) on the front pg of the note (**Howie** rarely writes). You must all plan to return for the 45th, if only to see Meg's portrait of Gen Dave Palmer in Wash

Hall and of Kristin Baker in the new Museum at "Ladycliff". . . **Bob Rosen** called in Jun; **Bobbi** took the call, which indicated only a possible 180 people returning for the 45th!



1947: Bill Webb and Thomas Jefferson at Univ of VA in Charlottesville



1947: Jimmie Johnson, Jean Burner and John Gerrity in DC, May 91

**June & Jean Burner** visited many classmates and did much sightseeing in DC during their May trip from MI. We should designate June as our official photographer for the 45th. . . Like many parents, **Bob Sattem's** had retained over the yrs pics and news clips of our activities during Beast. Unfortunately, are not able to print pic of **Mike Greenberg** attacking with bayonet taken from *NY News* in Jul 44. Many thanks Bob, especially for the old mil stamps!

**Jack Faith**, slowing down a bit, now only playing continuous golf and tennis and working less, has sent me two pics. On 29 Jun, **Mary & Bill Mahlum's** daughter Lissa was married in Cooperstown, NY in a lovely wedding ceremony and festivities that brought back many extended family mbrs for a reunion. Unfortunately, the pic with scores spread out in front of Bill's expensive house could not be printed. Later, the Faiths joined others at a mini at **Sue & Mal Wright's** new home in Hanover, PA (tsk, tsk, I don't have the address),



1947: Jack Faith, Mal Wright, Bob Haldane, Mike Maloney, Elize Haldane, Mockie Maloney, Sue Wright and Jill Faith

much of which Mal constructed himself with surgical precision, including all the cabinetry.

Take care. We're all on Medicare now.

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We regret to announce that our Cl scribe, **Bob Petersen**, passed away while vacationing in Canada and was interred in Arlington Natl Cemetery on 3 Sep. The soldier that he was, he submitted this, his last column, before he left for his vacation. The newly-designated scribe is **Bob Ward**.

We also regret to announce that **Merle Sheffield** passed away and was interred at WP on 16 Sep.

"How many of you knew that **Dave Mallett** is a beer connoisseur? The Asheville (NC) *Citizen-Times* newspaper says he is, in a clip that was passed on to me by **Lowell Genebach**. Dave stocks over 100 varieties at his "Weinhaus" in Asheville and even conducts beer tastings! Ah! How can the land of the Southern Baptists and the deep S culture survive this craze? Meanwhile, **Lowell & Elly Genebach** rep they're off on an auto tour of the Rockies, linking up with son Dennis and family in Yellowstone for further travel to Glacier and Waterton Lakes. Dennis' oldest daughter (the Genebachs' eldest grandchild) is to be married in Oct. Thanks to a note from **Anne Griffith** (who works in the White House), we learned that it has just been announced that MAJ William B Caldwell IV has been selected as one of the 16 White House Fellows beginning in Sep 91. The 16 Fellows were chosen from nearly 800 applicants and will serve one yr as mbrs of the White House staff or as Special Assistants to mbrs of the Cabinet. In addition to their work asgmts, there is an education prog paralleling their asgmts at the highest levels of the Fed Govt. We know that father **William B Caldwell III** is proud and happy. Meanwhile, back here in the E, 3 old Engr Corps '48 retirees took

their lovely spouses out to dinner, and all smiled for the camera. What's more



1948: Sandy Egbert, Waggener, Massie Dorsey, Egbert, Mary Ella Waggener and Dorsey

unusual is that **Waggener, Egbert and Dorsey** all look great in their coats and ties. All right, all you flabby and out-of-shape classmates out there, get in shape like **Marianne Kiernan**. She just got back from a two-wk backpack trip in the Blue Ridge and Smokie Mtns of NC.

"It's time to remind you all again of our regional CI reps, starting with **Hugh Perry** (even though he winters in FL) in NH, VT, MA, CT and NJ. **Frank Cancelliere** has PA, NY, OH and DE. **Bud Wagoner** will keep in touch with those in NC, SC, TN and KY. **Bill Caldwell** handles our deep southerners in GA, AL, MS and LA. **Les Carter** has the state of FL, where more of you seem to be headed. **Ash Foote** keeps track of TX AND two AR classmates. **Jim Hooker** carries on for us in CO, KS, MT, NE and OK. **Jim McCray** will keep in touch with our AZ, NM and UT mbrs; **Jack Withers** with those of you in "northern CA," as well as OR and WA. **Bill Cook** has agreed to keep the LA area classmates up-to-date; and **Bill Byers** will keep in touch with the rest of "southern CA" and HI contingents. **Whitey Emerson** is our newest rep and oversees those of you located in IL, MI, IA, MN and MO. The reps and I welcome your news and views; let us know what you are up to.



1948: Letty Starry, Margie & Ken Pressman and Marge Barondes

"From time to time we come across some pics of people that haven't been

featured in some time in this col, and it's fun to pass them on for you all. In the first pic we have **Ken & Margie Pressman** enjoying **Letty Starry's** and **Marge Barondes'** co at a recent party. Don't ask me where **Donn Starry** and **Art Barondes** were at the time—probably "talking to the men," as we all have a wont to do. And in the second, **Stan Harsh**, amidst all the bottles on the table which are not all theirs, has his "eyes only" for his frau **Jane**.



1948: Jane & Stan Harsh

"How many of you remember back in May when I told you that the **Butlers** and **Stellings** were going to do Australia this past summer? This pic shows that they kept their word as **Ann & Blaine Butler** and **Hank & Lucille Stelling** hoist a toast to the rest of us from the Stelling's Australian "Gold Coast" condo.



1948: The Stellings and Butlers in Australia

"Thanks, guys & dolls, for remembering all of us stuck back here. **Ash & "Happy" Foote** breezed quickly through DC in Jun while visiting their daughter & son-in-law. Ash called and rep that he is all but ret-ret now but works about 40 hrs a mo for a firm. He had seen two classmates recently in El Paso, TX: **Al & Austy Pabst**, who were visiting their daughter Terry, a nurse stationed at William Beaumont Hosp, and **Lake Churchill**, who's doing fine now after surgery last Christmas. Congratulations to **Bob & Judy Cushing** for getting the May 92 '48 regional reunion under control. You all should have received the first informational notice; the next to come is in early Feb 92—the planned program sounds great. Watch

for your good airline deals in the mos ahead.

"**Sid Berry, Joe Bratton, Tom Ware** and **Jerry Jones** recently visited **Tom Jones** at the Martinsburg, WVA, VA Hosp where Tom has been the past several yrs. Tom was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease in 84, but the progress of the disease has been atypical from all that we usually read and hear. Tom remembers "old faces" and has not lost a sense of people he knows. The syndrome has not progressed as rapidly with Tom as it has with many. His symptoms seem more typical of a stroke victim, in that his speech is most affected. He can still form and articulate some words, including first names of his friends. Tom Ware also said he had occasion to talk on the phone recently with **Charlie Wurster** and found him in good health and snapping back from an illness earlier this past yr. Glad to hear it, Charlie—keep in touch! **Roger Conover** dropped me a note and enclosed a smashing pic of classmates in their so-called "northern outpost" (read New England except Conover in NJ). Look for pic of spouses in next issue. So everyone gaze on the following pic and catch up with how well-preserved your classmates are in the northeast US—**Roger & Adi Conover, Harry & Sally Buckley, Glenn & Kit Wilhide, Jim & Betty Walk** and **Merle & Joyce Sheffield**. It's great to see you all looking so well. Why didn't you all stand with your spouses and make it easier to connect everyone!



1948: Conover, Buckley, Wilhide, Walk and Sheffield

"Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to **John McEnery** and children, Douglas and John Jr, over the death of **Connie McEnery**. A memorial svc was held in Carmel, CA with interment at WP on 8 Jul."

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**Virginia "Ginny" Hoffman**, Bill's wife, died on 11 Jul in Fairfax Station, VA. Svcs were held on 15 Jul, and burial was at Arlington Natl Cemetery. She is sur-

vived by daughter, Dale Marie Duncan, and granddaughter, Julie Marie Duncan. Ginny, whom Bill describes as a very healthy woman who did not go to drs, told him she was not feeling well earlier this yr. Med examination revealed ovarian cancer, and, in Mar, Ginny underwent surgery and later two chemotherapy series. Bill says that with this type of cancer Ginny went downhill very fast. At the svc were **Dave Bolte, Jack Carr, Bob Estes, Dick Gillespie, Harry Griffith, Wes Knapp, Wayne Norby, Larry Ogden, Bob Pfeiffer, Ed Yellman** and your scribe. Bill says Larry Ogden has been esp supportive.

Recently a ltr arrived from Grover Asmus '46 concerning the battle death of Les "Kirk" Kirkpatrick in 50. Grover says it was a sad experience that he wanted to share, but he delayed and, as the yrs passed, was not able to find Les' next-of-kin. Grover and Les were in the 2d Bn, 19th Regt, 24th Div and had become friendly. Les had been through several fire fights without incident when, near Anju, N Korea, he asked Grover, if he were killed, to see that **Kitty** got his ring. Grover says that although Les always had a positive attitude, "it was as if he had a premonition of something about to happen."

On the night of 5 Nov the Chinese attacked and Les's co took the brunt. Sgt Red Cloud, fighting a few ft from Les, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The bn fell back before counter-attacking two days later. When Les' body was found, Grover was notified immediately and went to the spot. Les was lying on the ground, fully clothed, and looked as if he were asleep with his head resting on his helmet. Grover said that was odd,

as American boots and clothes were esp valuable and usually were taken by the enemy in that cold climate. But there was no ring.

Nearby was a gp of stripped bodies; one was a LT with whom Les had been friendly. Grover has had a long time to think of what might have happened. He concludes that Les had also asked the other officer to retrieve his ring and that he probably had done so before being killed himself. The ring was then lost when he was stripped. Grover believes the reason Les remained untouched was "the Chinese saw another American go to him and place his head on his helmet. They must have assumed that Les's body had been booby-trapped and decided not to tempt fate, in spite of the value of his clothing."

Grover praises Les as a person and as a leader. He hopes his ltr, which I have only summarized, "may at last bring some measure of solace to his family and friends." If readers know of anyone who should get a copy of the full ltr, please let me know. Grover can be reached at 518 N Linden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Also being sought by a classmate is current info re **Carolyn Bush**, widow of **Doug** (KIA 25 Mar 51), who has since remarried.

In Nov 90 the CI Bd adopted the policy that we would memorialize ea deceased classmate in the WP Memory Book. This book consists of leather-bound, loose-leaf volumes, located in the AOG reception area of Cullum Hall. As memorial gifts are made to USMA (The WP Fund) in honor of a deceased grad, a parchment pg is added to the book for that individual. On the pg, in calligraphy, are the individual's name and a list of those

donating in his memory. The next-of-kin is notified of ea donation; the dollar amount is omitted. Treas **Duane Smith**, who has been in charge of this matter, says that action to memorialize deceased classmates has been brought up-to-date.

**Duane** reps that, in addition to the existing pages initiated by earlier donations from the CI, 70 new pages were created. Also the CI was added as a listed donor on 24 pages which had been initiated by other donors. Of these 94 only 25 next-of-kin could be notified because of lack of current addresses. **Duane** has received expressions of appreciation to the CI from several of those who were notified. He hopes that, via readers of these CI notes, info of these memorial pages will reach some family mbrs who could not be notified.

Back to the present—and future: **Bill Dirkes** says that, as of 8 Aug, he has deposits from 171 classmates & spouses for the 22–26 Jan 92 mini-reunion at the Sheraton San Marcos Resort in Phoenix/Chandler, AZ. From the photos in the brochure, it looks like a magnificent place. Bill says he & **Bonnie** have checked it out, and it's great. This all sounds like fun! Bill asked me to make two points: (1) if you are planning to attend and have not yet sent in your full payment, please do so ASAP, and (2) if your plans have been uncertain, and you have not made a deposit, he has arranged with the hotel to accommodate late participants. Everybody is welcome.

The first photo was taken at **Jack Rust's** home on 21 Jun. Jack writes: "The occasion was a very impromptu mini-reunion of B-squad football types from '49, '50 and '51 to honor our very popular and legendary coach, "Dopey" Stephens (then MAJ Jack B, now COL, Ret), during his visit with wife Jackie to NM. Albuquerque area '49'ers and even a few A-squaders made for a total of 45 people." Standing in the rear are **Bobbie Jack Stuart, Jack Hammack** (99% invisible), **Tiger Howell, Jimmy Hartinger, Tom Moses, Andy Lay, Gene Mechling, Bob Liddicoet and Bob Kemble**. In front are **Frank Wolak** and **Jack**. **Bob Ronald** was present but 100% invisible in the photo. Jack says that Dopey is a very special person, and it was a great occasion. He adds that he is looking forward to the 42.5 reunion.

**John Costa** has furnished a list of attendees at the 15 Jun gathering at **Dick Morton's** home in Carlisle, PA to visit with and honor **Dick Stauffer**. It was warm this yr, and some ventured into the pool. Present were **Dick & Margo Stauffer, Dick & Maryanne Morton, Bob & Alice Nulsen, Hal & Adele Lombard, Paul & Pat Monahan, Dave & Marylee Bolte, Hillman & Nancy Dickinson, Gene & Ann Mechling, Kirby & Anne Lamar, Harry & Ann Griffith, Duane & Jean Smith, Al & Dorene Fagg, John &**



1949: B-squad football alumni and friends in Albuquerque

Teddy Costa, Craig Betts, Ted Boland, George Sylvester, Al English, Jud Conner, Pat Donohoe, Abbott Greenleaf and your scribe & Sachiko.



1949: The Monahans find a pal

John Costa tells me I can rep that he is doing consulting and contract work for the CIA, using both foreign language skills and experience. And speaking of a foreign experience, that's Paul & Pat Monahan in the above photo, apparently having made pals with some sort of primate during their tour of SW Asia. And the latest update on Charlie Smith: Geny has caught up with him in Lake Worth, FL, and he is studying English. Charlie says he prefers to live in Rio. (Remember the kissing photo in the last issue?) But Geny likes it better in the US. So stay tuned for the next episode in this drama.



1949: A tacky party in CO Springs

Bill Moore writes: "As you can tell from the photo, the '49'ers in CO Springs are alive and well." Bill & Jane threw a Tacky Party on 11 Jul, and the photo shows the '49'ers present: Bill Moore, Jack & Arden Madison, Pat & Jack Forrest, Ed & Betty Lorenz (x-'49) and Jane Moore. Pat Forrest won first prize for being the tackiest. Bill also sent along a photo of Jonnie & Gerhard Schulz, who visited the Moores in Jun on the way to Estes Park, CO.

In the last photo below are Fell & Ed Wilford (from Phila) with Bob & Rae Makinney (from Phoenix), doing the tourist thing in HI. They spent a wk on Kauai Isl and another in Honolulu at a mil hotel on Waikiki Beach.

The photo provides evidence that they



1949: Jonnie & Jerry Schulz during visit with Bill & Jane Moore



1949: The Wilfords and Makinneys after the solar eclipse

viewed the big solar eclipse while there; note the tee-shirts on Bob and Ed. In the background is the memorial to the sunken battleship *USS Arizona*. Ed adds that he & Fell visited Disney World in May and telephoned the Toths in Orlando. Lynn Wilford (from Dallas), Ed's daughter, visiting the DC area for a cl reunion, tells me Ed is enjoying doing a lot of traveling these days.

Don Keith claims the golden-tongued Kirby Lamar succeeded in recruiting him as chair of the planning (and execution?) cmtte for the 45th Reunion. Don hopes to discuss ideas at the upcoming 42.5 gathering. It seems only fair that Don do some work this time to atone for his posh treatment when he managed to end up in a wheelchair with his leg in a cast at our 40th Reunion. Via Wayne Norby comes word that Homer Long has moved from Alexandria, VA to 18-7 Remington Dr, Freehold, NJ 07728. A card from Joe Guthrie says he has left CA and gives his new address as 33855 Old Coyte Rd, Huson, MT 59846.

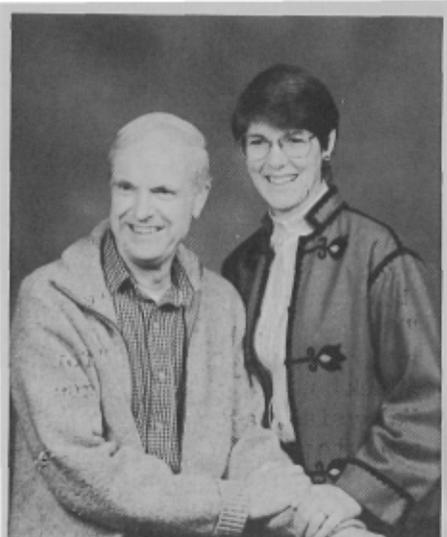
The next Pentagon luncheon after you receive this ASSEMBLY will be 19 Nov. Call our host, Art Kingdom, at (703) 569-9360 for reservations or to verify that the date has not been changed.

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Hard to realize that summer is passing fast and that the fall colors will be starting when you read this. Where do the mos and yrs go?

Despite the passing of time, we seem to be on the go more than ever, with some making permanent moves. The most dramatic move is that by Chuck & Peggy Tonningsen, who are on their way to Penang, Malaysia to work with the Penang Discipleship Tng Sch. Their new address is PO Box 422, 10750 Penang, W Malaysia.



1950: The Tonningsens

Since returning from their mission in India, they have been busy in Seattle with part-time work, helping with YWAM Seattle King's Kids "Boot Camp," house sitting, caring for an elderly woman, seeing friends and visiting with a family in Victoria, BC.

The other permanent change is a move by Mark & Gloria Jones to the Peninsula. We hate to see them leave the DC area, but they are close enough to make some CI events. In fact, Mark was up for the men's lunch at the Marriott in Jul. Their new address is 100 The Green, Kingmill on the James, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Any others out there who have new addresses, please send them along so that we can keep up with you and so that you will get the notices of reunions, minis, memorials, etc. Of course, if any of you have other news, please send it along.

Had a note from Dave Pettit telling of the tour he and Joy Viskochil made of Portugal and Spain by bus last May. The weather was perfect in all areas visited, and the tour guide and their companions were delightful. Moreover, there was plenty to see. Sounded to me like a real

recommendation.

Another visitor to Europe is **Marty Kammerer**, who has taken a non-paying position to teach English to Czech Army and AF offs for the next yr. In early Aug **Ed Freedman** and **Jim Howell** escorted him to Newport News, VA to be sure he got aboard the "luxury liner" *Watergina* for Antwerp. He then goes by rail to Prague, where he will be part of a major effort to upgrade language skills.

In early Jun, **Herb & Faith Herbert** journeyed down to their old stomping grounds at Carlisle, PA for the wedding of the son of **Godfrey Crowe '51**, staying overnight with **Hooper & Helen Adams**. Then, in Jul, Herb led the AOG tour to AK. A postcard from them said that the temp was 55 degrees with 21 hrs of daylight. They took a narrow gauge railroad to the top of White Pass at Skagway, then a helicopter to one of the glaciers. The scenery was fantastic, and the cruise up the inland passage breathtaking. After leaving the cruise, they spent another 8 days on their own, going as far N as Point Barrow and over to Kodiak Isl, the Kenai Peninsula and Seward. As though that were not enough, in Aug they went to Canada to see relatives and to spend a weekend in the Thousand Isls with the alumni dir for the Royal Mil Col.

**Mel Johnsrud** and his brother **Sherm** are still on the road. After celebrating the 4th with the CI here in DC, they headed out to Las Vegas, with side trips to Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon, and then down to Tampa. After a few days back in DC, they were off to visit friends in Atl. Stay tuned for the next episode.

At the end of Jul, **Mary Pogue** came up from Charlottesville to visit **Phil & Lorel Bolte**. Phil stays very busy with his consulting and several volunteer bds, but we manage to get in a game or two of racquetball most wks.

Several bits of news and items of interest. Can you believe that **Frank & Dede King's** daughter Carol was pro-

moted to LTC in the USAF on 1 Aug? She is assigned to NATO Central Air Forces, dealing with cross-servicing aircraft. That keeps her traveling all over Europe, inspecting bases. The Kings' son Charles, a Special Forces MAJ with fluency in Arabic and newly graduated from Leavenworth, found himself in Riyadh last Aug until the end of the war. Before he could get settled in qtrs at Devens, he was back in Turkey. Currently he has his co at Incirlik.

**Ken & Loris Ebner's** son KR had quite an exciting time in Desert Storm. He is an Engr LT whose plt was in spt of 3-67 Armor of the Tiger Bde. That bde was attached to the 2nd Marine Div. The bn's exploits were chronicled in *Newsweek* on 11 Mar. After his return to Hood, KR brought his wife and new son up to NJ for baptizing at Ft Monmouth Chapel. In addition, Ken & Loris had a welcome home party for him, including **Joe & Rose Buccolo, Andy & Doris Byers, Bob & Shelia Ehrlich** and **Lou & Renate Reinken**. As if that were not enough summer excitement, the Ebners are now off on a (shopping?) trip to Hong Kong and Bangkok. They should see a lot of changes since their asgmt to Bangkok in the 70's.

**Bill Davis** continues in his good works. A newspaper article told of his helping to save the life of a friend while they were sailing in the Bahamas last May. When his friend, a diabetic, began to lose consciousness, Bill sailed the boat back to harbor, at the same time keeping the man conscious until insulin could be injected. Great work, Bill.

**Don Coscarelli's** wife **Kate** has published a new novel, *Leading Lady*, which has gotten good reviews. Look for it at your favorite bookstore.

*The Wash Post* carried a short article on the resignation of **Eddie Ramos** as Philippine Def Minister. Apparently this is a move to permit him time to prepare a campaign for the presidency next May.

Got an interesting card from **Uzal Ent**. He is writing a history of the Pusan Perimeter phase of the Korean War from the "foxhole" level. He has prepared a very extensive questionnaire for his research. Any of you who served in that phase and who are interested in the effort might contact him at 37 Golfview Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

In Jul **Ben & Malvene Lewis** were in the DC area after visiting daughter **Debbie '80 & Michael**, both of whom are teaching at WP. While Ben was "doing some work," Malvene was enjoying a chance to work out at the Sporting Club at Tyson's. Both of them love their new place at Melbourne, FL. Their son **Alan (USNA '80)** and his family had been stationed at Subic Bay when the volcano erupted but returned to the states because of the extensive damage to the

base. They apparently had quite a harrowing time getting out.

A note from **John & Jane Fox** in Trenton, NJ said they had a delightful trip to Egypt in May. Jane also said that the recent heat wave here was welcomed by son Jeff, since he is dir of manufacturing engring for Emerson Quiet Kool air conditioners. The Foxes hope to gather their children this summer for the first time in 12 yrs. Having Sue in CO and Kathy in San Diego makes timing difficult.

Met **Pete Farrell** on the metro in Jul. He still looks every bit the lawyer, but he tells me that by Oct it will be golf slacks instead of 3-piece suits for him. When I saw him he was on his way to play a round with his wife **Joan**.

**Dick & Treva Rein** had a surprise in Mar. Son Rich's wife Sue had a baby boy Michael at home and then, two hrs later, had Mark in the hosp. Ea were 3 lbs, 3 oz and spent two mos in neonatal care. When they came home, Dick & Treva flew out to help with them and their 2-1/2-yr-old brother. During that trip the Reins drove down to San Diego to have a good visit with **Chuck & Diane Friedlander**. Then, in Aug, Dick & Treva spent a wk in Raleigh, NC, babysitting 21-mo-old Danielle while son Doug & Donna were off. That left son Mark back in MD checking on the house and yard. In addition to all that, the Reins were in FL in Feb, GA and NC in May, DE and PA in Jul and HI in Aug, with more trips planned.

On 26 Jun **Larry & Jo Jackley's** daughter **Jill & Michael** had **Kelly Elizabeth Baskin** in Atl, where Jill is VP, Assets Mgt Div, for Shearson's SE region. Michael is Adv mgr for the *Gwinnet Daily News*. Jo went down for two wks to help out with the baby and two-yr-old Sean, while Larry went down in mid-Aug to take the official family portraits. Also in Jul, son John brought his family (wife Janet, daughter Julia and son Robert) back from OR for a stay at the beach with Larry & Jo. John's insider's book on Congress is due out from Gateway Pub in Jan. The Jackleys' other daughter, Anne, also joined them at the beach. She is starting a new job with *Sports Illustrated* as the mgr of all their non-publishing computers in NY and 7 branches. She also will manage, from a rented cruiseship, *SI's* computer set-up for the Barcelona Summer Olympics.

The latest **Genuario** arrived 14 Jul, when **Rose & Lou's** son **Louis & wife Laura** had **Arthur Harrison Genuario** in Alexandria, VA. He weighed in at 9 lbs, 5 oz. Lou rep that their grandson at the beginning of the line, **Donn Hart**, is doing well and surviving **Beast Bks**.

A mo earlier, on 14 Jun, **Dave & Carolyn Cameron** became grandparents again when daughter **Susie & Tom Reres** had a little girl, **Shannon Elizabeth**, 7



1950: Viskochil and Pettit in Spain

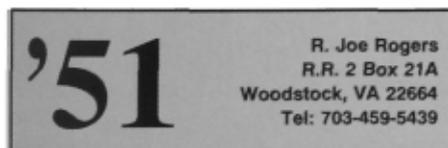
lbs, 12 oz. Grandparents are doing well, as are mother and daughter.

In a note from **Dick Wyrrough** came word that their first grandson—second grandchild—was born in May, with a third due in Dec. Dick was just back from a 6-wk visit in Ecuador and Mexico and is getting his certification as a personal financial planner. He & **Franci** plan to move to Frederick, MD when they sell their place in Upper Marlboro.

Several marriages to rep. Up in Cape Elizabeth, ME at Spurwink Church, **Reg & Sally Lombard's** daughter, **Kristen Cronk Lombard**, married **Graham Daniel Deniso** on 18 Aug. The day before, also up in New England, **John & Eileen Jones's** son, **John Patrick**, married **Anne Cowel** on Cape Cod. The Joneses' daughter **Victoria** came up from Huntsville, where she is an elect engr, while their son **Jeff**, a C-141 pilot, flew in from Davis, CA for the event. On 31 Aug **Jim & Linde Howell** saw their son **Michael Raymond** wed **Kimberly Rossi** in Fairfax, VA. That will be good practice for them, since they have 3 unmarried daughters.

I am sorry to follow such happy news with some sad, but there are two deaths to rep. **Jack (William W) Palmer** died 12 Jul at Walter Reed after a long bout with cancer. He was buried at a family plot in WV. **Julia** lives at 1000 Leighmill Rd, Great Falls, VA 22006. **Herta McCleary**, **John's** wife, died 8 Aug in San Diego, CA, also of cancer. She was buried in Monterey, CA. **John's** address is 32047 Royceton Ct, Westlake Vil, CA 91361. The sympathies of the Cl are with both families.

Til next time.



**Cl Activities:** It is always fun to celebrate Independence Day at **Godfrey & Pat Crowe's**. From their deck, normally it is possible to see the DC fireworks. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate this yr, but a great time was had by all classmates in attendance. Thanks, **Godfrey & Pat**.

Thanks also to **Don McGann** and **Hank Evans** for their efforts in hosting the CO mini-reunion 7-10 Nov in conjunction with the A-AF Game. Looking forward to pics of this gp.

**Regional Spotlight-NW:** To reps **Pete Foss**, **Al Lichtenberg**, **Ron Roberge**, **Tom Odderstol** and deputy reps **Tony Delano**, **Chuck Satuloff**, **Sandy Cortner** and **Derrick Samuelson**, a special thanks for getting your info in early so that **Jean & I** could go on a Baltic cruise and get the col put together in time for this issue.

**Pete Foss** rep that **Nadine Bicher** hosted the Boston area WP Soc for dessert



1951: GEN Westmoreland, Sam Dickens and Buzz Aldrin at the portrait presentation during the 40th Reunion



1951: Judy & Walt Johnson, Cathy Prehn and Carolyn & Buddy Hoff at Ellen Rogers' wedding



1951: Superhost Godfrey Crowe and Tinky Hyatt at Godfrey & Pat Crowe's 4th of Jul party



1951: The smiling Rogerses: Joe, Ellen, Jean and Bill at Ellen's wedding to LT Mike Brown USMC



1951: Walt Klein, Jean Leffler and Joan Klein at the Crowes' 4th of Jul party

**Tom Horgan** (Londonderry, NH) is consulting. His daughter is a new VP at Merrill Lynch. One son is a pharmacist and the other is a marine biologist. **Marv & Jackie Krupinsky** (Litchfield, ME) went to Ger after the reunion as guests of the mayor of Neu-Ulm. Marv and 6 other former Wiley Bks cmdrs were presented commemorative medals on the occasion of the base closure. Ambassador (GEN) **Vernon Walters** attended, and Marv said that a great time was had by all. In Ger that normally means there was lots to eat and an adequate supply of beer.

and coffee after their spring luncheon. She is a prof at BU, and **George** is pres of a large Boston engring firm. The **John Daighs** visited **Chuck & Jackie Canham** in Newport, RI prior to our reunion. LTC & Mrs **John Daigh Jr**, MC and USMA '74, also visited the Canhams (daughter & son-in-law) en route to a new asgmt at Fitzsimmons Army Med Ctr. **Bruce & Pat Emblad** (Wellesley, MA) were scheduled to vacation in France in Sep with son **David**, who is on a round-the-world trip. Bruce mentioned attending a B-squad football reunion in Albuquerque, NM with **John Ballard** and **Frank Bashore**.

**Ted & Betty Greisinger** (Needham, MA) are considering a permanent move to FL. They have a winery at Dundee, NY, and **Ted** is a trustee for BU and a dir of a pharmaceutical firm.



1951: Bette Bacon, Cathy Prehn, Bud Bacon and Marge & Ab Webber during the Reunion

**Mert & Elsie Bangerter** visited **Tony & Pat Delano** (Easton, CT) prior to the reunion. Tony said that the video of Cl activities shown at the reunion had been assembled from home movies taken by **Molly Storck**, **John Storck's** sister.



1951: Roy Herte, Russ Walthour and Pete Prehn during the Reunion

Thanks, Molly, for the scenes of fun times 40 yrs ago.

**Tony Delano** was recently named chm of the Planned-Giving Sub-Cmte of the WP Fund. As such he will be planning and advising us how to give to WP through trusts, insurance and wills. He said he will be canvassing the CI actively on this matter. **Herb Roth** (Sherborn, MA) is also a mbr of the WP Fund Cmte. **Herb & Delores** also attended the CI reunion.



1951: Four of '51's lovely ladies: Tinky Hyatt, Ann Pendleton, Clara McMullen and Susan Giordano during the Reunion

**Pete & Marie Foss** (Rockport, MA) rep that all is fine from their Atlantic Coast vil. Pete continues as a prof at N Shore Comm Col—his 18th yr there. Marie commutes daily to Cambridge, where she is working for the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Marie also serves on the town Finance Cmte. Pete advises the local Congressman by interviewing svc acad applicants ea yr. They both attended the WP Soc picnic held at the Patton Farm in Jun.

**Al Lichtenberg** rep that, after 35 yrs with Eastmen Kodak, **Charlie Witmer** (Rochester, NY) still does some consulting with the firm, but mostly enjoys travel, painting, sculpture and writing poetry.

**Chuck & Elaine Satuloff** (Harrison, NY) now have 4 grandchildren, the youngest, a one-yr-old, and also enjoy wine collecting (and wine drinking), reading, tennis and travel.

**Tom Odderstol** rep that he & **Barbara** took a big hit when their infant business

got caught in the recession. Consequently, they have sold their Bernardsville, NJ home and now have a townhouse with two guest bdrms plus pool and tennis in Basking Ridge, NJ. They welcome classmates. Tom has gone to work for the IRS (why weren't you there earlier when I needed a friend?). Barbara is working on her Ph.D. dissertation. Son Eric (LT USN) was married to Sarah Kvale last Dec. Tom also said that he went to MI for a 63-hole golf wknd, and he & Barb planned to vacation in VA with friends.

**Derrick Samuelson** continues his intl mergers and acquisitions work for IT&T. Now, however, Diana makes most of the trips with him; like recently, to England proper and to Wales. For fun, the last 12 mos they've made the ski scene in VT, NH and CO with other trips to HI and San Diego.

**George & Joan Filchak** rep they're on sched for 92 ret and move to KY—a state they again had visited last Dec and Aug.

**Karen McIntosh**, now a nurse at Columbia Presbyterian Hosp, rep that her mother **Peggy** is in good spirits and is visiting friends on the FL W coast. Peggy has sold none of the various McIntosh properties yet—a shrewd lady!

**Ron Roberge** rep the sad news that **Joan Barnes** died following a protracted illness. **Don** still lives in Radnor, PA and is still with GE doing computer applications work.

**D'arcy Charney** is no longer with Public Affairs, PA Emergency Mgt Agency (PEMA), because she was a victim of PA budget woes. She is now doing freelance writing, and her by-line has appeared in *The Harrisburg Patriot*.

**Sandy Cortner**, who was also with PEMA, ret last Jun and was recognized for his outstanding svc at a well-attended ret luncheon. This allows a lot more time for Nancy and the golf course.

**Joan & Charlie Crowe** were proud parents at the wedding of their son **Charles R** & the lovely **Joyce Bradsher** last Jun. The wedding was along the scenic yellow Breeches River on the grounds of Allentown, where we had an enjoyable mini-reunion a yr ago last spring.

**Red & Jean Leffler** drove up from



1951: Howie Steele and Fred Rockwell present plaques of appreciation to Red Leffler and Frank Vellella

Alexandria to reinforce the local contingent of classmates. **Lee & Jean Duke** continue to enjoy the quiet life of Burning Tree Lodge in Enola, PA. Lee has stepped down as a township supervisor of Silver Springs and now enjoys providing unsolicited advice from the sidelines.

**Frank Fischl** has completed his tour of duty with the PA Public Utility Commission and has taken up ret full-time with **Anne** in Allentown. He will be spending even more time on the golf course as he seeks out classmates to challenge.

**John Gardner** rep that he ret from AMP in 89 and is involved in trying to keep his property in mint condition. He is active in church work and was happy to see daughter **Diane** grad from Penn state in 91. **Gio Giordano** says that Dorset Financial Svcs is doing well and that he has no immediate ret plans. He enjoys golf with classmates at Allentown; Stone Harbor, NJ; FL and Palm Springs, CA. Anyone want to challenge our cross-country hustler?

**Ron Roberge** ret from full-time employment with Ketron in Jan 91, but he has been doing some consulting work with Ketron and also with the Red Cross. He has been helping the RC evaluate their disaster response plans and procedures. Daughter **Cassandra** married **Ken Helms** in a Sonoma, CA wedding 1 Sep 90, the last of **Ron & Scotty's** combined 6 children to take the vows. How sweet it is!



1951: Pres Fred Rockwell thanks Gerry Hendricks and John Byers for a job well done on our 40th Reunion

*From here and there:* **Barnett DeRamus** writes from Tuscaloosa, AL that he & **Betsy** really enjoyed the 40th Reunion, their first. He also sent some great pics for use in the reunion bk. Many thanks.

**Fred Henney** (Yorktown, VA) is a Prof of English at Thomas Nelson Comm Col in Hampton, VA and reps that his "little" co, Aton Press, published its first book, *Calbert and His Adventures*, a children's adventure story written by **Carolee**. He thanks all classmates who bought copies. Carolee has just finished an occult mystery-romance novel about a col English teacher, and it is scheduled for

publication this fall. Son Fred Jr was PAO for the Navy Battle Gp Cmdr in the Red Sea during Desert Storm, and you may have seen his comments in print as a "spokesman for the US Navy." His new asgmt is a real hardship tour—the Pentagon.

**Roy Herte** forwarded the info that, in commemoration of the 50th anniv of the attack on Pearl Harbor, **Dan Myers** has written a book titled *Remembering Pearl Harbor Fifty Years Later*. It is a paperback with 128 pp of text, photos and maps. Anyone who wants a copy can send \$10.00 (check only) to 1634 Makiki St, Apt 604, Honolulu, HI 96822. Dan says it is a dynamite book, a real bargain and a collector's item. Last Jan Dan ret from Merrill Lynch to devote full-time to writing. **Beth** has a few more yrs as an epidemiologist at the U of HI Cancer Research Ctr before her ret. Dan also tells us that all 5 kids are doing well, and Dan & Beth are grandparents 4 times.

**Howie Steele** informed me that **George Psihas** has been promoted to corp VP and gen mgr of Land Sys Div of General Dynamics. (Translated: He is in charge of tanks.) Congrats, George & **Bessie**.

That's it for this issue. Thanks to all who have provided input. Keep those cards and ltrs coming.

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I am sorry to rep that **Gar Weed** died 28 Jun 91 following a yr-long bout with cancer. He had been living in Topeka, KS and was buried at Ft Leavenworth. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.

**Dave Lyon's** ltr found me in NH, where an old typewriter and I labor at the moment. He & **Mariann** spent most of May investigating the attractions of Quebec and Ontario. He has been working on obits for **Hatton** and **McLemore**. The latter will be written by **Kent Knutson**, whose address, if you can contribute, is PO Box 1092, Morehead, MN 56560. **Lou Churchill** also will help with **Pondus**'.

In Jul **Dave** had a long chat with **Jim Day** and, much to his surprise, found Jim at home in Bursleson, TX, recovering from triple-bypass heart surgery. Seems he experienced some symptoms in May, so he reported in to Carswell AFB and was hospitalized. He was medevaced to Scott AFB and thence to WA Med Ctr in St Louis for the opn on 12 Jun. Jim is now doing well, is slimmer and has no complaints except for the usual slow healing of leg wounds (for vein removal).

**Fred Stevens** gave me a rep on his late winter trip to England and Wales. He writes: "When I was on exchange with

the British Army (63–66), I could not have foreseen that it created a bond of friendships which **Betsy** & I have maintained over the yrs. I was very pleased, therefore, when **Betsy** (now a Minister of Religious Education) chose a return trip there for her sabbatical leave. We spent Feb through Apr in various parts of Wales and England, sometimes returning to well-known places and sometimes enjoying quiet countryside or seaside not previously visited. While **Betsy** did some work-related sermons and mtgs, including giving a seminar at Oxford, I studied history and did some family research. We both enjoyed several evenings at the theater and esp the visits with our old friends. Many of the friends we made 25 yrs ago were still in touch with us through Christmas card exchanges, asgmts here and a previous trip by us in 78. We shared the stories of the yrs, the maturing of children and the blessings of grandchildren. Some of the "children" were on active duty in the Gulf. Our own children and granddaughter were able to join us for a portion of the time. With them we enjoyed the arrival of spring flowers and newborn lambs on the English countryside. After a beautiful spring there, we returned to another spring in MA, so 91 is already a memorable yr for us."

We were pleased to host **Tom & Jan Ayers** for another visit to New England this summer. Again, we joined **Ed & Ann Thompson** and **Steve & Caroline Nichols** for lunch in ME. Ed has edited a book entitled *Secret New England: Spies of the American Revolution*. It is published by the New England Chapter, Assoc of Former Intelligence Offs, Suite 235, 50 Main St, Kennebunk, ME 04043. The cost is \$13.95, plus \$2.70 for postage and handling. The book has 8 chapters on spies from both sides and includes a guidebook to over a hundred sites throughout New England. Steve served as chf proofreader. In addition to keeping the town of West Buxton up to date, Steve provided "color" for local TV coverage of the Gulf War and gained local but considerable recognition for his apt commentary; he didn't second-guess the cmdr, according to a local viewer.

The **Nicholoses** keep in touch with **Corwin & Ann Mitchell**, whose son Christopher served as a tanker in the Gulf with an armor unit attached to the Marines. Corwin is a mgt consultant, and **Ann** keeps a beautiful garden around their pool at home in Lunenburg, MA.

**Deryle Whipple** has reaffirmed his invitation to all to partake of the warm atmosphere in his hometown of Perry, GA, where he & **Jane** are quite obviously enjoying ret. He, among others, has asked the reunion cmte to include golf in the reunion plans. Consider it done.

In this regard, the CI will receive shortly, if not already by the time you

read this, a ltr from **Tom Rehm** explaining the itinerary for next 24–27 May. The cmte has developed a fairly firm schedule of events, has put the Marriott under contract to host us at Tarrytown and has arranged for buses. Tom's ltr will carry the details of the reunion, lay out the anticipated costs and indicate the required mailings and responses to occur next spring. And I have been asked to remind all that we are required to elect a CI Pres at the reunion—details for this will be included in the aforementioned ltr.

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Several of you responded to my yelp for help. I appreciate it. There is, therefore, more news than usual—both good and bad.

**Bob Blum's** wife, **Ann** (Kathryn Ann Gillespie Blum), died 30 Jul after a 6-wk bout with cancer. Svcs were held at St Margaret's Episcopal Church in Annapolis, where she & Bob had been very active. Interment was in Arlington Natl Cemetery.

**Jerry Goetz** died of cancer 14 Aug at home. Svcs were held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Herndon, VA. He was buried in Arlington Natl Cemetery with full mil honors.

I find that I spend a lot of time talking to myself about this col, trying to decide how or whether to write something. You wouldn't think so from reading it, I hope, but I do put considerable effort into the wording of some of these paragraphs. I see this job as that of being a reporter rather than a commentator. I have a fear of getting a name wrong, or trying to be humorous and causing hurt feelings or embarrassment. Above all, if I could, I would skip writing about illnesses or deaths, but I know that you need to know these things, and many of you don't get the word until you see it here. Just keep in mind that reporting illness and death is not something that I want to become good at through practice; and let me apologize in advance if I write it stupidly or awkwardly.

The Wash contingent of the CI had a luncheon, "with wives," at Potowmack Landing on 25 Jun. It was well attended, and I was given the following: **Max Noah** says that **Rog Peterson** is a grandfather; his daughter **Dianne** recently bore a son. **Cliff Neilson** says that **Harry Halterman** is in Bath, ME. **Richard Benz** told us that **Jack Young** is teaching at Marion Mil Inst in AL. **Walt Henderson** had two items: **John** (Velvet Tonsils) **Toman** was here for a visit from his home in Frisco; and **Bob Fernandez** moved from HI to El Cajon, CA. **Bud Tardiff** has no developments to rep on reunion arrangements.

Whitey Miller, our CI secy, is working hard on correcting and augmenting the info in the CI Roster. He plans to send a mailing to everyone to get info. Please cooperate and do it promptly. Don't do as I do. If I set something aside on my desk to be done at my first opportunity, it won't see the light of day again for about 3 yrs.



1953: SAME mtg, Seattle, 22-24 May: (standing) Rog Peterson, Louise Eineigl, Norm Delbridge (and unidentified attendee); (seated) Liz Peterson, Max & Priscilla Noah and Tony Smith '58 (brother of Rod Smith)

Ray Eineigl sent a photo and some news. He lives in Seattle but has been working "TDY" in Boston. He is with HDR Engr Inc and had worked on a cut-and-cover tunnel for the western end of I-90 in Seattle. Now they want to do something similar at the other end of I-90, in Boston. Before getting the Boston job, Ray had volunteered to chair the Finance and Budget Cmte for the 71st Annual Mtg of the Soc of American Mil Engrs (SAME). So he worked on that during monthly home visits. The photo shows some of '53 who attended. Ray says he has seen Art Phipps and Erhart Demand in Boston.

Vald Heiberg sent a report from the Carolinas: "Army track flourished during our 4 yrs at WP. Three former mbrs are represented in Charlotte: Bruce Hardy's wife Jean lives in Charlotte, while Bruce's furniture business keeps him out of town a lot during the wk but home on wknds. Keith Kahl has a daughter in Charlotte. Keith has a sr mgt position with Martin Marietta in Oak Ridge, TN and is working on clean-up activities there. Vald Heiberg moved to Charlotte in Jul, where he works for a large construction firm. His wife Kitty divides her time between Charlotte, the DC area and auctions in PA, where she feeds her antique business."

Al & Jane Grum recently went to Ger to see two daughters who are in the Army there. One had just returned from Kuwait.

Weemo Wubbena sent a ltr, even though we are both in the DC area and see one another at the luncheons, because of the detail he included. He & Marie attended Ann Blum's funeral and

saw Jim Bambery and Bill Harris from this area, as well as Jay Tanzer and family from NH and Cliff & Mildred Worthy from MI.

Weemo & Marie have been planning a trip, a big tour of the US, for quite a while; finally they did it. They drove across the southern route to CA, up the W Coast to Canada, across the Rockies, down through MT and WY to CO and then home—2 mos and 10,240+ mi. Along the way, they missed a few classmates and saw a few. Hutch & Pat Hutchison have a marvelous home in El Paso that looks like it belongs in a movie set. Pat had a recent bout with cancer, but the prognosis is good now. Hutch rep that John Oblinger has recovered nicely from a heart attack and is prospering as a banker, but Bob Daly was forced by arthritis to ret from supervising the opn of a large shopping mall.



1953: The Gary Colonnas at Founders Day 91, Ft Leavenworth

They visited Bill & Barb Cole, who have a lovely home in the northern part of San Diego. Bill recently ret from General Dynamics, as I mentioned in the last ASSEMBLY, and is busy enjoying CA—but not the drought. Steve & Lyn Vogel live in paradise and love it—Camarillo, CA, that is, a few mi inland from Ventura, N of L.A. Steve has a vicious daily commute and works too hard but relaxes and enjoys life in their unique Mexican-style ranch house. Herb & Ann Peckham are supervising the bldg of their dream house on a hilltop in Gilroy, CA on 101, about 20 mi N of Ft Ord. Herb is the co-owner of Computer Literacy Press, which publishes a series of how-to books for sch use. Weemo says they have a super-granddaughter, Sarah, and baby-sit at least once a wk.

Weemo & Marie made it home in time for Weemo to be best man at the wedding of Earl Chambers to Mary Ann Hawthorne. The ceremony and reception were held on 4 Aug at The Barns of

Wolf Trap. Attending were Mary Ann's mother and brother from NY and her sister from Richmond, VA, Herb's mother and sister from TX, Marie, Norm & Margi Delbridge, Ed & Jan Andrews, Cliff & Jan Landry, Keith & Wanda Born, Graham & Norma McIntyre and Walt & Ann Henderson. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

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The Wash Post of 30 Jul informed us that George Kourakos died of cancer on 28 Jul at the Bethesda Naval Hosp, MD. Treas Doug Stuart arranged for flowers and a hasty notification sys was effected. Several classmates & spouses attended the viewing on 30 Jul, the memorial svc the next day at Ft Myer and the burial at Arlington Natl Cemetery. The CI extends its deepest sympathy to George's wife Marie and their families. George was remarkable in having been both an e.m. and 1LT before attending the US-MA Prep Sch and WP. He & Marie lived in Fairfax.

For 3 wks in Jun-Jul, Jay & May Lun Gould visited China as Citizan Ambassadors at the invitation of the Chinese Soc of Aeronautics and Astronautics. A highlight was their tour of missile and aircraft facilities. Jay is a Prof and Dir of the Total Quality Mgt program at the Def Sys Mgt Col at Ft Belvoir, teaching a TQM course there and around the US. More importantly, he took the gp photo of our DC area buffet at Bolling AFB in Apr.

Somewhere in there are the Bob Adamses, Ed Aguannos, Tom Browns, Stan Choates, Lief Ericksons, Bill Emleys, Walt Evans, Don Gastons, John Gheens, Jay Goulds, Jack Millers, Roy Muths, Jim Obendorfer, Gerry Parshalls, Chet Ptolunek, Mark Reeses, Larry Skibbies and Jim Zirkels.

Roy & Fay Muth became first-time grandparents in Jun, when daughter Leigh & Tourne Shipman brought into the world their first child, Mazie Fay, in Fairfax, VA. Roy said it was almost as painless as his 100th jump. The happy new threesome lives in Springfield, VA.

Alert readers Beale & Betty Minturn rep that, on 10 Jul, Bob Marcrum was operated on at Walter Reed for removal of a large growth from where he formerly sat down. Several classmates visited Bob during his convalescence. Bob & Louise live in Tinton Falls, NJ, and Bob works in NYC. Also on the sick list, according to the Minturns, is Ray Pace, who was in Mt Vernon Hosp, Alexandria, VA on 11 Jul for repair of an aneurysm. Ray & Mary live in Alexandria. Beale manages a florist shop in Falls Church.

Walt Evans learned that Lee & Betty Levensky lost their 17-yr-old son Peter

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1954: Sitting—and standing—above the Swedish meatballs at Bolling AFB, Wash, DC, Apr 91

from injuries received when his car was struck by a truck. Lee has become the Legislative Dir for MADD in NJ. He & Betty have two daughters and live in N Long Beach, NJ.

Over the 4th of Jul, Chet & Monica Piolunek flew to Niagara Falls for a drink of water. The Falls is a most impressive phenomenon but, as the Englishman said, what's to prevent it? In Apr, Monica and daughter Carol also flew to Clearwater, FL to visit Monica's brother's family.

Jay Massaro filed from Austin, TX that he visited the Netherlands in Apr and biked the Ijsselmeer Dike, which is legal in that country, freezing his buns pedaling into the N Sea gale.



1954: Jay Massaro fresh-frozen from biking on the Ijsselmeer Dike in the Netherlands in Apr 91

In Jun, Jay was in a gp assembled by John & Bernice Gilboux in San Ant to honor Pete & Barbara Leone, who were visiting. Others attending: Bill & Nancy Dean, Lee & Ludi Gilbreth, Bill & Eddice Jessee, Tex (!) & Martha

McVeigh, Don & Carole Old, Joe & Gretchen Peisinger and Craig & Mary Jane Spence. Jay wisely departed before the second collection.

Jim & Georgine Randall register from Diamond Bar, CA, where in Sep Jim established himself as a consultant in rotating machinery, both clockwise and the other way, which I forget. He can help you even if you wear a digital watch.

Updating the 40th Reunion, Gift Chm Jack Miller says that our poll results showed a strong interest in sponsoring a high-tech computer classroom at WP. The expectation is that the CI amass \$280k by Oct 94 to pay for it. Jack schmoozed (which is legal in this country) with Bill Hilsman, who was in town from his thriving business in King of Prussia, PA, and also heard from Chuck Stodter, who moved from Europe to Falls Church, joining the DC gp. Jack & Barbara have put their former lakeside house up for sale. The location is great, esp if you want to be near York, PA.

Some classmates have expressed concern that several of our recent CI deaths went unreported for lengthy periods. We all respect a family's desire for privacy, but everyone should be aware that the CI has a proper abiding interest in ea other's condition and welfare. In our limited capacities, we can still write or visit the sick, send cards, advise the family, or just spread the word. This is a reminder to classmates, spouses and families to inform someone when something serious happens: phone the nearest classmate or his spouse or contact a CI off or the scribe. Don't suffer through a time of crisis without some well-meant spt.

Thanks to all you literature lovers out there.

Once again, classmates, I must begin with saddening news of the recent passing of our classmate, John Rock, who had for yrs made his home in Los Altos, CA with his loving wife Joan and their son Eric. John passed away on Tues, 23 Jul from sudden heart failure. Funeral svcs were held on Fri, 26 Jul at the St Williams Catholic Church in Los Altos. In attendance were several classmates: Will Holbrook, Paul Smor, Chick Bosshard and Ed Mendell. Also attending were Kathy Cini, wife of Al Cini, Bob Gould (x-'56) and Ralph Adams, current pres of the WP Soc of Silicon Valley. Ed Mendell, who was John's roommate, delivered what Will Holbrook rep was a very poignant eulogy, blending both the joyful and the serious aspects of John's life. John was buried at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos. He had been a consulting engr with Lockheed for the past 12 yrs, was a lover of music and sports—esp golf and fishing—and was a devoted husband and father. I remember John's strong MA Yankee twang and super sense of humor that was always capped with an almost-shy smile. For some reason, in those onerous days of Plebe wrestling classes, I always wound up paired with John, who towered over me and had little problem tying me up with those long strong arms and legs—hardly even broke a sweat! As Will Holbrook says so appropriately, we will all miss John Rock, esp his company-mates from M-2. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Joan and Eric; well done, dear friend; be thou at peace.



1955: Chick Bosshard, John Rock, Ed Mendell and Will Holbrook

Well, I'm pleased to rep that the TOLL-FREE tel no that I have installed

for CI news is beginning to pick up some steam! I've had an increasing no of calls over the past two mos, so maybe the idea is paying off. Let me rep some of the contacts that have come across 800-521-9680. First of all, I have heard from at least 5 classmates regarding the possibilities of doing the Bermuda cruise in conjunction with our 40th Reunion; those that have phoned so far are all interested, so while it's not a ground swell, it is an early indicator that there is some spt for the idea. As time goes on, **Norm Blahuta**, who is doing the long-term look at the idea from here in the DC area, will want to hear from more and more with initial reactions, so please either send me a postcard with your reactions or leave a message on the answering machine, unless I grab it first, and then be prepared to give me a news dump. **Vicki** stands ready to chat as well. **Paul Lenio** called from AZ to chat for awhile; his med practice is doing well there and his daughter Susan is now assigned to WP on the Mil Tng faculty. She is a CI of '84 grad, now a CPT.

**Ski Ordway** also called to advise that he had attended the wedding of **Bill Maus'** daughter in CO Springs to a young AF off who instructs at USAFA. Bill is still teaching HS in SC and enjoying the challenges. Ski was also extolling the idea of the 93 Mini-reunion in CO, which is being very seriously planned for by both **Richie Cardillo** and **Quent Bates**. Quent was in DC recently, and we chatted about a reunion proposal package he had sent to me through **Bob Camp**. The whole cadre of classmates in CO is getting excited about this idea, and I expect we'll see some more definite proposals early in 92. From this distance, the plans now are to gather in CO Springs across a Wed-Fri/Sat timeframe, with sightseeing trips as a sidebar to the reunion. Depending on stated 'druthers, a USAFA football game could be factored into the schedule, as well as a golf outing for those interested.

**Bob Camp** also rep that **Dick & Sally Bean's** daughter Leslie was married on 13 Jul to CPT Edward Nugent Jr in CO Springs. Attending were **Quent & Anna Bates**, **John & Irma Martling** (who hosted a little '55 gathering at their Frasier, CO ranch in late Jul), **Ski & Ute Ordway**, **Sue Graham** and **Bob Camp**. Bob also advised in a later ltr that he had heard from **Bill & Pat Lucas** from Midlothian, VA and was planning to see **Dick Prater** while visiting Atl in late Jul. I hope to get reports on all these gatherings.

Received a very nice note from **RB & Helene Brown** from their home in Kalispell, MT, where they have resided for nearly 19 yrs following RB's ret. He teaches math at Flathead Valley Comm Col, and Helene is in charge of a home-stead that frequently sees their two daughters, Kathy and Sue, and their fam-

ilies, esp 5 very special grandchildren. RB says they don't see too many classmates in MT, since it is "on the road to nowhere," but would certainly relish the chance should anyone pass that way. Thanks for the great update, Bob. I used to fly into the very pretty city of Kalispell yrs ago, when my sqdn used it as a dispersal base from our main base in Tacoma. That was when airplanes had propellers!



1955: Helene & RB Brown in Kalispell, MT

Had a nice call from **Ken Fagan** x-'55 who is getting well-settled in his new place in Ocala, FL. Ken rep that he is doing some auto race photography, his specialty for some time. Good to hear from the Ripper.

Our historian, **Dan Ludwig**, rep that he & **Donna** attended an Engr Educ Conf in New Orleans in Jun and ran into **Del Jacobs**, who was attending from his CA place of business. Dan Says Del was one of the featured speakers and, during the course of the convention, was notified by his parent co, Northrup, that he had been made VP for Adv Design. Congratulations, Del, and thanks, Dan, for the ltr and snapshot. Dan is beginning now to do the research for the preparation of the 40th Reunion CI book, so you can expect some sort of request from him in the not-too-distant future. That is a monumental undertaking and certainly one in which Dan & Donna have the expertise. I still frequently use the one Dan prepared for the 30th Reunion. A great piece of work!



1955: Del Jacobs and Dan Ludwig

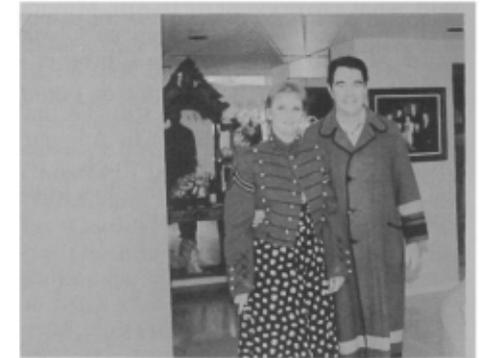
Also received a very handsome announcement from the Weibel and Logan

Investment Mgt Co of Memphis, TN with the proud proclamation that **Jim Keegan** was recently named a mng dir of their firm of Weibel, Huffman, Keegan as of 1 May. Jim has a long and very distinguished career in the business, having served as pres of two cos and govr and chm of NASDAQ Inc. Sincere congratulations, Jim, in this new challenging position.

A short note from **Jack & Marlowe Viney** included two snaps taken at the **Tom Phillips'** party for classmates that celebrated the 40th anniv of our swearing-in as plebes (hard to believe!) As the photos attest, **Jack**, **Bill McWilliams** and **EJ O'Brien** have lost none of that first-day ardor of two-score yrs ago. Wonder if these guys enjoyed this drill as much then? Marlowe at least still fits into the FD Coat!



1955: Jack Viney, Bill McWilliams and EJ O'Brien



1955: Clothing formation with Marlowe & Jack Viney

**Pete Hornbarger** availed himself of the TOLL-FREE no recently to chat for a while and apprise me that he is still hard at the insurance business in Buffalo, NY and to share with me that his son, Craig, now in the AF as a surgeon-in-residency at Travis AFB Hosp, is thoroughly enjoying the mil and his asgmt in CA. Pete still bangs the tennis ball as vigorously as he did in WP days and enjoys his work with Conn Mutual.

Finally, a couple of very nice photos of classmates who have gathered at Founders Day functions across the land: our Veep, **Rod Vitty** & his lovely **Pat**, who attended in Phila, and **Don & Mary Andrews** with **Bob & Annette Henry**,



1955: Rod & Pat Vitty

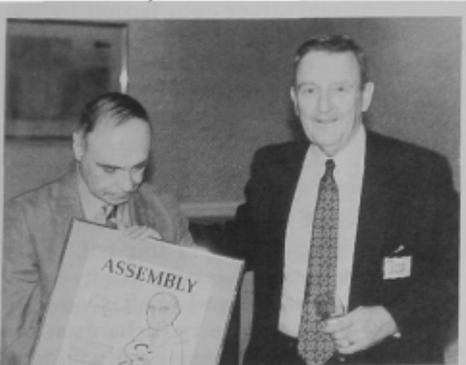


1955: Don & Mary Andrews and Annette & Bob Henry

who attended in the Triangle area of NC. See, Bob, I know who you are!

In closing, let me tell you that I recently had the pleasure of hosting a luncheon here at Ft Myer for the outgoing ed of *ASSEMBLY*, Paul Child '52. We'll all miss this great gent as our ed.

Among those who attended were 20 scribes from various classes ranging from '32-'81; we all shared our scribe



1955: Paul Child, outgoing ed of *ASSEMBLY*, and your scribe

techniques and secrets, and what I found was that I'm a pretty fortunate guy in that my classmates keep me in the know, share their news with me and are a sound and constant source of input. In short, guys, you're great! Keep the flow of info up, use the TOLL-FREE NO (another way in which '55 is leading the way!) and take good care of yourselves.

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This col is being written in early Aug, covering news received since 8 Jun. When you receive this issue, my next deadline will be 13 Dec.

Maury Cralle called with the sad news that Mary Sloan passed away from cancer on 26 Jul 91 in Arlington, VA. Mary was teaching 4th/5th grades at Page Elem Sch in Arlington. Our sympathy goes out to Jack, daughters Stacey and Marri- anne, and son Jack Jr.

Classmates in the DC area gathered on successive days in Jun to witness the ret of two of a dwindling no of '56'ers still on active duty.



1956: I-2 Co-mates: Conn Anderson, Arv West and Bill Schrage

First, on 26 Jun at Ft Belvoir, there was a splendid ceremony for Arv West, ret as CG of Ft Belvoir and as DCG, MDW. The Army Band, Old Guard and Fife and Drum Corps sent Arv & Barb off in style. At the entrance to the post was a large banner which read "BG & Mrs West—Thanks for Caring." MG Bill Streeter, CG MDW, did the honors. Barb left with her arms full of flowers and Arv with his trademark big grin at full wattage. GEN Streeter also credited Arv with having adopted the "EEL" as the official symbol of Ft Belvoir. (Your guess is as good as mine!!!)

The Wests are headed for MO, where Arv will become State Highway Safety Dir. Classmates attending (list not all-inclusive) were Conn Anderson and Bill Schrage (both I-2 Co mates), Dirk & Ann Lueders, Tommy Griffin, Mary & Bob Quackenbush, Dick Woods, Bob Sorley, John Foss, Frank Matthews, Rick Brown, Paul Winkel, Tony Jezior, JJ



1956: Dirk & Ann Lueders, Tommy Griffin and Mary & Bob Quackenbush at Arv West's ret ceremony

McGinn and Maury Cralle, who sent great photo coverage of the ceremony and also is the asst dep cmdr for Devel at Ft Belvoir.



1956: Dick Woods, John Foss and Bob Sorley at Arv West's ret ceremony

The second ceremony, on 27 Jun at Bolling AFB, honored John Shaud, who, when he ret, was the most sr off in the AF by grade and length of svc. GEN Merrill McPeak, AF CofS, was eloquent in his praise of John, calling him "one of the most respected and loved GENs in AF history." John & Janelle, he continued, "are people of character." GEN McPeak also illustrated John's diplomacy and tact by recalling an occasion when he was attending an A/AF football game. When everyone kept pressing John as to his football loyalty—AF or A, John answered simply: "Beat Navy!" John's new position will be as the ch of the AF Aid Soc in the DC area.

Although I do not have the specifics on the ret ceremonies, Tommy Griffin, CofS, Allied Forces Southern Europe; John Foss, CG TRADOC and Norm Schwarzkopf, CINC, CENTCOM, have also hung up their uniforms for the last time. I believe that leaves '56 with only two remaining on active duty, Bob Hammond, Strategic Def Cmd, and Jim Anderson, Master of the Sword. Hope I haven't overlooked anyone!

On 23 Jun, Mike & Ann Conrad and Arv & Barb West both celebrated their 35th wedding annivs. Sharing that very special moment with them at an anniv brunch were Bill Cody, Maury Cralle



1956: Mike & Ann Conrad and Barb & Arv West and grandchildren at 35th wedding anniv reception

and **Bill Weihl**. Congrats also to **Bud & Harriet Lewis**, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniv on 14 Sep in Santa Monica, CA.



1956: Bud & Harriet Lewis, 14 Sep 56

Before I forget it, I need to advise all of the *NEW* date for the 5th annual remembrance of our deceased classmates at the Vietnam Memorial. **Bill Schrage's** note states that the get-together for this yr will be 10 Nov (Sun) with the assembly time still at 1000 hrs (rain or shine), followed by brunch at the A-N Country Club at 1100 hrs. Everyone is to meet at the E entrance to the Memorial (Constitution and 21st St). Experience has shown that more classmates are able to attend on a wknd. Call Bill at (703) 451-3419 if you need additional info.

**Jerry Lake's** great ltr deserves a partial reprint as follows: "A recent visit to WP prompts me to write (for the first time ever). It was most impressive to walk around the Plain, eat in the mess hall and even walk into the room in S Bks occupied so long ago by **Al Thelin**, **Jesse Blackwell** and me. Very good memories indeed." Jerry's wife, **Claudette**, earned her Ph.D. in May from U of OK and is now teaching at the U of MD, while Jerry is currently a prof at the Def Sys Mgt Col. Son Jay (an F-111 pilot), wife Brenda and



1956: Jerry & Claudette Lake

two children live in England; daughter Judy lives in TX with AF husband Mark and granddaughter; and son Chip works in DC as a computer expert.

**Ward & Judy LeHardy** continue their preparation for their "4-yr odyssey" around the world. They sent a postcard from St George's Bermuda to prove their navigating skills during a trial run. (Is it true that you started out for Key West, Ward??) Don't forget: immediately after our 35th Reunion, Ward & Judy will have started on their glorious adventure, and we'll provide updates in "LeHardy's Log."

Now that Christmas is fast approaching and you're always wondering what to buy as a gift, I have the perfect solution. Soon to be in your local bookstores are two books—the first by **Bob Sorley** on GEN Creighton W Abrams, who, as you know, was the lead bn cmdr for GEN Patton's Third Army during WWII; and the second by **Perry Smith** on *How CNN Fought the War: A View from the Inside*. When the snow is on the ground and your golf swing is awaiting your arthritis to heal, these two books will be good companions.

The DC luncheon was held in Jul at the Ft McNair Off Open Mess, and, for the first time, yours truly was in DC and able to attend. You'll be pleased to know it was a "classy" affair, not at all like the beer-chugging parties so reminiscent of our get-togethers on the wknd when we were firsties! I thought I would be a cinch to win the "long-distance award" until **George Wien** showed up from Plano, TX. Among the other notables attending were **San Alward**, **Conn Anderson**, **Harry Christopher**, **Bill Crites**, **Tom Cody**, **Lee Denson**, **Gene Dewey**, **Dick Dowell**, **Don Ernst**, **Bob Flory**, **Gene Fox**, **Gene A Fox**, **Tommy Griffin**, **Fred Holmes**, **Bob Hull**, **Sam Kem**, **Ward LeHardy**, **Dirk Leuders**, **Jim McNulty**, **Jack Nicholson**, **Bob Quackenbush**, **Bill Schrage**, **Bob Sorley**, **Ben Tindell**, **Bill Weihl**, **Ken Withers** and **Dick Woods**. For those planning business or vacation trips to DC, try to dovetail it with the 3rd Wed of Jan, Apr, Jul or Oct for a chance to visit with a large gathering of classmates. If other geographical areas of the US are planning any similar '56 lun-

cheons, etc, let me know in advance, and I'll help get the word out. The L.A. and Atl contingents come to mind as gps that have a very active social calendar.

I need some help in locating **Alice Celeste**, **Ray's** wife. As you remember, Ray was KIA in Vietnam on 22 Nov 65. In 64, Ray pinned his original 2LT bars on a young OCS grad, **Robert J Huston**, who in turn pinned them on his own son, **R Patrick Huston**, USMA '90. Mr Huston Sr wants to share this special 34-yr journey of Ray's gold bars with Alice.



1956: Reception for Norm Schwarzkopf at WP: Doc Bahnsen, Gerry Richardson, John Snodgrass and Peggy Bahnsen

Here are a few tidbits about WP that you may find interesting. The planned construction of an alumni ctr on the site of old Smith Rink addresses the ongoing complaint of most grads that USMA alumni, when visiting WP, are accorded the status and the amenities that any other tourist enjoys, i.e. Spartan, at best! Upon completion, the Alumni Ctr will be a kind of Grant Hall, Cullum Hall and Hostess Off rolled into one.

Congress recently decreased the size of the Corps to 4,000. This no is not nearly as bad a cut as some of us expected. In fact, according to the the Supe's Off, 4,000 is an optimum no in terms of living space in the Cadet Bks.

As your Bugle Notes will tell you, on 16 Mar 1802, Thomas Jefferson signed into law the Act of Congress that created USMA. On the drawing boards for the 2002 Bicentennial Celebration (cmte headed by **Bill Raiford '52**) are a commemorative stamp issued by the Postal Svc, a special silver coin issued by the US Mint at WP, 3 Presidential visits to the Acad and a simultaneous, worldwide Founders Day satellite link-up by the Army SC with the Cadet Mess Hall.

Last, but not least, plans are also underway to issue, at no cost to ea grad, one case of MRE's!!!

Our 35th Reunion will be a very fond memory when you read this col, and I would like to take this opportunity to say a special "Thanks and Well Done" to **Farrell Patrick** and **Gerry Richardson** and the entire cmte for their hard work and dedication to both WP and the Cl of '56.

Along the same line, this issue com-



1956: Were we ever so young?! Les McChristian, Dave Moore, George Stapleton and Al Renshaw



1956: Stapleton-Meekison-Parr wedding at WP: Malcolm, Doug, George, Teri, Tom, Lynell, Sande, Mark, (in front) Jessica and Holly

pletes my first yr's stewardship of our *ASSEMBLY* notes. Although it is a labor of love and lots of fun to be a small part of WP again, there is still "labor" involved six times ea yr. My admiration grows steadily for **Stan & Betty Wilker**, who took on this task for all of us for 34 yrs. Lest we forget, once again, Stan—THANKS!!!



1956: "Father of the bride" George Stapleton with Teri Meekison Parr

As for the **Stapletons**, **Lynell's** daughter Teri was married to Tom Parr of NY/NJ at WP in May. The best part was,

however, that I (being the father of 3 sons) was the "father of the bride." **Dave & Lu Palmer** joined us on this very memorable family occasion.

In closing, a few key dates are: 10 Nov—Vietnam Memorial Ceremony; 7 Dec—BEAT NAVY!!!; 15 Jan 92—DC CI luncheon.

P.S. Good news—I have located **Alice Celeste** and have passed on the info to her about Ray's 2LT bars.

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It's been a hot summer so far, and **Bernice & I** are looking forward to a cool vacation at the CI reunion in CO Springs from 7-10 Nov. If you haven't made your reservations yet, call **Jack Murphy** or **Tom Hicklin** immediately. Their nos are (303) 226-5878 and (303) 973-3441, respectively. Speaking of hot summers, the Soviet coup attempt which took place last wk (you can tell how late I am in writing this) certainly threatened to set intl relations back a step, but seems now to have actually advanced the cause of peace.

I'm sorry to rep that **Tom Garrigan** was admitted to Walter Reed with lung cancer and an inoperable brain tumor which developed from the cancer. He received radiation treatment, which appears to have been successful, and is now at home (703-836-5014). I know that you join with me in extending to Tom our prayers for a complete recovery. He says he'll see you at CO Springs in Nov. I have also learned, through the circuitous route of **Dick Stephenson** to **Hal Dyson** to me, that **Mike Petruno** is suffering from lymphoma, but have no details. A ltr from **Les Prichard** (covered later in the col) also mentions Mike's illness.

**Lou Circeo** wrote to say that **Bill Ray** now officially has joined him at GA Tech and included two articles about their respective activities. Bill penned a note on the ltr threatening me with bodily harm if I included the pic from the article in the col, but he's safe because newspaper pics are not very reproducible. In the last col I said he was hired to oversee the construction of bldgs that will be part of the Olympic Vil for the 94 Olympics. Change that to 96. I'm going to quote one paragraph because it sounds so typical of a construction mgr. Let me know if you agree. "While it may sound like a liberal deadline to spectators, it is considered somewhat ambitious to Tech and city planners who are hustling to get the projects underway. There is not a lot of room for slippage," Mr Ray said. "Because a lot of construction has to be scheduled sequentially, we have to build a lot of it in 91 and 92 if we're going to complete the rest by 95 and 96. The

construction will include two new dormitories, the graduate living ctr and an undergrad residence hall, all of which are expected to be under construction within the next yr, assuming that Tech receives the funding in Sep." Good luck, Bill. The article about Lou's work described an environmentally sound "asbestos destruction technique that efficiently melts the cancer-causing fibers into chunks of glassy material." According to Lou, this is the first time "a plasma, or ionized gas, has been used to melt asbestos." It is interesting to note that CERL, the Army lab Lou used to direct, is one of the sponsors of this experiment. Sounds like this work could be a real environmental breakthrough. Thanks for the info, Lou. Got a ltr and a couple of



1957: John Hocker, Don Kutyna and John Peckham

pics from **John Hocker**, who is the dir of the Tech Opns Div of MM. The pics were taken at the AIAA C3I Conference in Monterey, CA, and there are two pics because **Don Kutyna** and **Ed Soyster** were not there at the same time.



1957: John Hocker, Ed Soyster and John Peckham

The conference was hosted by MM, along with AIAA, and John's job was to organize the entire affair. According to a TASC dir who attended, it was very successful. Don was a principal speaker on C3I and space, and Ed chaired a panel of experts on the new challenges of US security. **John Peckham**, who stayed for the entire conf, was there as a participant from GD and will be running a conf on his own, MILCOM 92, on the W coast. John also sent some family

news. Daughter Constance was married one yr ago to Greg Buchalter, a Public Health Svc MD grad of the Uniformed Svcs Inst of Health Sci. He interned at Bethesda Naval Hosp, and they moved in Jun to Salt Lake City, where he will do his residency in otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat surgery) at the Univ of UT Hosp. Constance, who had been working for a govt agency as a branch ch of computer graphics, took an extended leave of absence. Son Guy grad from the USAFA in 88 with an EE degree and is assigned to USAF/ESD at Hanscom AFB, Boston. After working on a program for two yrs, he was assigned as the XO for the C/S. Wife **Barbara** is a realtor with Prudential Preferred Properties in Bethesda. Thanks, John, for the pics and for catching us up on the family. **John Loberg** sent me an announcement for the Cl picnic at **Wally Summers'** Eagle-hearth Ranch in Booneville on 22 Jun, and even included a map. I must say that the map is a true work of art, and it would be very difficult to get lost. Thanks for the invite, John, but where are the pics you promised? One of my former roomies, **Ed Olsmith**, wrote to claim the reward for naming the characters in the hunting pic. They were **Steve Glick** and **Stan Cass** on an elk hunt. Ed had dinner with Steve in San Ant and tried to claim the prize, but Steve referred him to me. I hereby declare Ed the winner, since no one else even tried. Steve has to award the prize. Ed may have to wait a while since Steve & **Carol** went on safari to New Zealand in Jul, and Ed didn't say for how long, although he did express the hope that our relations with that country would survive the safari. As for Ed, he's doing well in S.A. and would like to have some visitors. Be sure to take golf clubs. During Desert Storm, Ed was a dependent for 5 mos when they sent his wife **Liola**, who is a USAF COL nurse, to Ger. He said that being a dependent sure beats being a ret as far as priority for Army svcs. However, there will be no more call-ups for her since she will ret in Sep, with 24 yrs' svc. Thanks for the ltr, Ed, and I hope I got your wife's name right. If not, write again. Let me know what prize you get from Steve. Got a long computer-printed ltr from **Les Prichard**, who currently hails from Albuquerque, NM. Les was happy to hear that the CO Springs reunion is going to be more than a local get-together because he really is looking forward to seeing more than "ol' fighter pilots." He also hopes to get **Paul Chase** and **Mike Petrino** to attend. Paul and Les meet often at the KAFB O'Club and attend annual ski gatherings of ol' fighter pilots. Paul got married at Winter Park in Feb 90, and 35 of his buddies joined the couple for their honeymoon. I guess they do things differently now than when **Bernice** & I got married. Paul now has a

young son and daughter and has "little league" in his future. Mike and Les had been going to UNM basketball games together, but Mike has been afflicted with cancer since Mar and they have been out of touch. Les also bumps into **Cliff Goodson** on occasion. Probably the major reason for Les wanting to go to CO Springs is that one of his 18-yr-old twins, **Craig**, entered the AFA this summer. Eldest son **Keith** has completed two yrs at UNM, and **Kevin** will start there this fall. Apparently **Craig** is the only one who believes Les' admonition that "if you ain't a fighter pilot, you ain't. . ." **Craig** got there on his own, turning down offers of ltrs from Cl luminaries. Well, at least you convinced one of your sons. Les did explain that he didn't get married until his mid-30s and has just completed coaching 9 yrs of little league and soccer—hence his glee at Chase's situation. Now for one of those rare moments. Les was wearing an "Army Black Knights" ball cap when he dropped **Craig** off at the AFA, and a familiar-looking guy who was wandering around finally came up to him and asked where he got the "stupid hat?" Les said he had a "stupid ring" to go with it and it looks similar to yours. The other guy turned out to be **Jack Hill**, a B-2 classmate I've been wondering about for about 20 yrs. Jack was also dropping off a son (from the second of 3 marriages). Jack left the Army after two flying tours and being shot down twice in Vietnam and has been with UA for 23 yrs. That's a great "small world" story. While I was typing this I got a call from **Jack Hill** to tell me the story of his running into Les. Jack actually has 5 kids. **Ryan**, the son at AFA, has a twin sister **Laurie**, who is attending the U of IL. Jack is a Flight CPT and flies the Chicago-Tokyo route. Since he & **Dean (Nadine)** live in a Cleveland suburb, he even commutes to work by plane. He also says that Les has an immense handlebar mustache, which Les forgot to mention. Les, you and Jack don't have to worry about who is going to be the father of the last cadet. We still have classmates whose wives are just having babies. On the business side, Les wrote that, when he breaks away from playing golf, he flies for a local photogrammetry firm doing aerial photography for mapping and surveying purposes. Recently, while in Roswell, NM, he called Dr **Bill Liakos** and identified himself as an investigator for the *National Enquirer* doing a story on famous people living in small towns. The question was, "Did you walk or run across the Plain at WP in Jun 57?" After seconds of silence, but before **Bill** could hang up, Les identified himself and earned a "gotcha." Les had to turn down an offer of a home-cooked, low-fat meal, but **Bill** did promise to try to get to the reunion. Thanks for a truly great ltr, Les, and for locating **Jack**

Hill.

Have noted that the '55 scribe has an 800 no for collecting news. What do you think of that idea?

Got a ltr with pic from **Joe Shimek**. Noting that Joe lives in Monterey, CA, I have to quote the first paragraph. "'Tis a wonderous thing you do, keeping us folks out here in the provinces informed of the doings of all the rest of '57. 'Good on ya,' as our Aussie neighbors say, and enjoy." Makes one wonder if that's the same Monterey where **John Hocker** had his mtg. Joe said that **Whit Hall** called to announce the picnic at the **Summers'** place and sent me the same poopsheet that **John Loberg** sent. It's like getting the mail in stereo. Joe was already enrolled in the summer course of the Col of Piping (from Edinburgh) which is held near L.A. every yr and was not able to attend or give us an eyewitness acct of **Wally** guarding his flock of 200 sheep with drawn saber. He's confident that **John Loberg** will adequately describe the event, and so am I.



1957: Alida & Joe Shimek (notice the bib numbers)

The pic is of Joe & **Alida** just after finishing the 6th running of the annual **Big Sur Intl Marathon**. They've done them all so far. It's a local event and they feel obligated. From the pic, I'd say they enjoyed it, and note the no on the bibs. Joe said they have friends in high places.

**Fred Smith** writes from his home in Bethlehem, CT and includes a pic of **Giles Harlow**, **John Stokes** and himself, standing along the shore of the **Never-sink River** in **Claryville, NY**. **Giles & Ann** have 120 acres of land there, and a qtr of a mi is along the river, touted to be one of the best trout streams in the E. **Giles**, who is a 30-yr vet of the sport, gave them fly-fishing lessons, as did **Giles** neighbor, **Len White**, who has written many books on the subject. Unfortunately, the trout failed to rise to the occasion, and they had to settle for the



1957: Giles Harlow, Fred Smith and John Stokes on the Neversink River

thrill of nibbles. They were saved by the pies and jams that Ann makes from wild blueberries and raspberries and by the steaks that Giles cooked over the fire which was keeping them warm (in Jul). Fred commented on Carl Vouno's magnificent farewell speech at his ret ceremony and expressed the hope that the present and future Army leadership will always keep it in front of them. One of the key pts was never compromise training and training standards. Fred also noted that Natl Guard and Res Forces participated in the review, esp in light of the trp composition during Desert Storm.

I had intended to include some pics from Carl's ret ceremony but have not received them as yet—and he promised. It was a very moving and inspiring ceremony, with speeches by Dep Secy Def Atwood, Secy Army Stone and Carl. Secy Atwood read a ltr from Pres Bush, and Secy Stone pointed out, very appropriately, that Carl was the unsung hero of Desert Storm. GEN Powell was also present, but there wasn't enough time for everyone to speak. Most important, Carl's mother, brother, wife, son and daughter and their respective spouses, were present, and I'm sure they were very proud, as was the very large turnout of classmates—esp when Carl recognized us at the beginning of his comments. Carl told the two secys that his mother believed every word they said about him.

Len Wishart planned on ret on 26 Jul, but was asked to delay until late fall. Ed Soyster will ret on 1 Oct. Dick Kenyon is running the aircraft Maint opn at Ft Rucker as a contractor. Ray Ketchum had a heart attack in May and was subjected to double-bypass surgery. Fortunately, he seems to be recovered. And with that, I bid you all goodbye for now. Be sure to write and join us in CO Springs.

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66th col. Yet again this col must begin with sad news contained in a ltr from

**Rich Gell:** "The timing of your ltr (aside: Lawton's ltr to Gell) prompts me to respond to let my friends and acquaintances know that my wife of 31 yrs, **Joanna** (she changed her name in 82 from Joanne), passed away on 24 Apr 91 at home here in MS." Little one can add other than to express the sympathies of the CI to Rich and their children.

It does not seem like 31 yrs ago that **Judy & I** went to the **Joanne Bettie-Rich Gell** wedding in Ger. At the time I was in the 8th Avn Co in Bad Kreuznach, and Rich was in the 12th Engr Bn stationed at Dexeim. Rich did enclose a recent photo of Joanna and daughter Julianna (13).

More sad news is that **Roy Kirkpatrick** is still in RI Gen Hosp with very serious coronary problems. **Lorna** and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Jennifer, and Roy's two older sons have all been keeping vigil since late May/early Jun when he was first admitted. **Bob Glasgow '33** first alerted us. Since then **Dick Bauchspies** (lives in RI) and **Mike Davall** (Roy's K-2 CCQ) have been in touch with Lorna and K-2 Co-mates about Roy. Please add Roy to your prayer lists.

Switching to happier news, we had a good gp of classmates in St Louis on 30 May for **Andy & J Anderson's** ret party.

According to **Butch Ordway**, "Andy stood up well to a marathon roasting at a gorgeous country club by a host of mil and civs who over a no of yrs obviously got to know and respect Andy & J quite well. Andy is now on his own in the REAL WORLD. Word is, effective 1 Jun, he will be losing a lot more golf matches and poker games than ever before."

On 20 Jun the III US Corps turned out in style for the change-of-cmd and ret ceremony for **Dick & Bev Graves**. Your scribe flew to TX with **Bill Tuttle** to attend the ceremony and take his own pics. You may remember reading here in prior yrs that **Mark Sigurski** attended **Butch Saint's** ceremony upon becoming



1958: Joanna Gell with daughter Julianna (13), early in 91



1958: Andy & "J" Anderson and Bill Tuttle

the cmdr of III Corps, and then the change-of-cmd from Butch to Dick. Both times Mark promised photos, which never made it to the col. *My* photos will make it to a *future* col because the roll of film is not yet developed.

Classmates & wives attending the reception and review in addition to **Bill** and me were **Charlie & Patsy Densford**, **Linc & Ann Jones**, **Pat Mayer** (husband **Fred** was in Houston) and **Gene & JoAnn Wentworth**.

**Dick** was decorated with the DSM by Ed Burba '59, CINCFORSCOM. Even more memorable for this former soldier was Ed Burba's presenting **Bev Graves** with the Army Civ Svc Award. **Dick & Bev** both rendered outstanding svc to the country and Army during Desert Shield/Storm with the deployment of III Corps units to the Gulf and the care of the families left at Ft Hood. Congratulations to both—rumor has it they are in DC area to live in and to sell a house before returning to Austin, TX.

Active Duty. By the time you read this, think we'll be down to 6 total, 3 in the USA: **GEN Butch Saint**, CINCUSAREUR; **GEN Bill Tuttle**, Cmdr AMC; and **CH COL Ted Hepner**, Cmd Ch at Ft Campbell. One in USAF: **LTC Leo Smith**, Vice Cmdr SAC. And, of course, we are still two for two in the Royal Thai Army with **GEN Pete Kullivanijaya** and **GEN Sammy Sookmak**.

Weddings. **Gene Scales** wrote on 9 Jun, "Enclosed please find a photo of me & Lana with **Ray & Gerry Coffey** at the wedding of our daughter Julia to John Maurice Carle Jr. They were married in Dallas on 1 Dec 90. They are about to move to San Fran where John will join his firm's home office. Julia will begin trng next wk to fly for American. That after a successful career with two independent oil cos." Congratulations to John Carle for his good sense to join '58 via Julia Scales and to the parents of the bride for footing the bills and surviving the festivities.

And on 15 Jun **Bob Higgins'** son Neil took Mary Thompson for his bride, as rep in the last col. Bob made great remarks at the rehearsal dinner he & **Janine** arranged. He explained that Neil had two fathers present (Bob and Janine's new



1958: Andreson retirement.



1958: Gene & Lana Scales, John & Julia (Scales) Carle and Gerry & Ray Coffey, 1 Dec 90

husband of 9–10 yrs), that in weddings there is a best man, but in families there is no best son (elder son Robert was Neil's best man). Here is a pic of various Higginses in the receiving line.



1958: Bride Mary, groom Neil, brother Robert and Bob & Jan Higgins

While on the USAF Learjet with Tuttle, I learned that **Bill & Helen's** son Bob was married "last wknd" (think that was 15 Jun). Bob has a BA in theology,

Lutheran Sch of theology in Chicago, and GMU Law Sch, now en route to Ph.D. at UVA after the wedding—en route to a teaching career. His bride is an ordained Lutheran minister. The Tuttle's younger son John graduated from William & Mary and has completed his second yr at Harvard Law Sch.

**LOST AND FOUND.** Your Exec Cmte Chm is working overtime on this project and has found **Doug Detlie** in CA. **Don & Fran Forney** are in Rochester, NY, where Don has spent 23 yrs with Eastman Kodak as a financial analyst. Seems **Lawton** located them via the undertaker in Frackville, PA (Don's hometown) who assisted in the funerals for Don's parents. Sad that Don has joined a no of us in the orphan category, but glad that he & Fran are no longer lost.

Also found is **Dick Warner**, again via the hometown route, this time Berwick PA. Lawton talked to Dick's mother. Dick was on the road "selling signs," as in billboard advertising. Now what we need is to get Detlie, Forney and Warner to attend a reunion, mini or WP.

Another classmate to resurface recently is **Tom Kelly**. Scribe had lunch with Tom, **Mark Sigurski**, **Bob Moore** and **George Lawton** in DC. Tom is now with Westinghouse Hanford as a health physicist (mgr, Radiological Engr). Tom moved to Richland, WA from Amarillo, TX (about 10 yrs in TX after USA ret) last yr. His son Kevin '80 (first of '58 progeny to grad) returned from Desert Storm, where he cmded an air cav trp in 3 ACR. Back at Ft Bliss, he is now regt S-3 and is expecting second child in Dec (you can figure out when Kevin got home!).



1958: Dick Franklin, Alex Peniero and son Tony at Founders Day 91, Phoenix

**FIRST LTRS.** **Walt Plau** wrote on 30 Apr (ltr was lost in my files and found recently; sorry for the delay, Walt): "Patsy & I ret to the hills of Western NC last fall after spending 5-1/2 yrs in Ger... time was split between Heidelberg and Stuttgart... the most enjoyable 5-1/2 yrs of our lives... traveling from Norway to Greece, Spain to Czechoslovakia... Last Jul I flew to this area, found and bought our "dream house" in the gorgeous hill country around Asheville, NC." They saw **Butch Saint** in Heidelberg "inspecting" a local winefest with the mayor. Walt continues, "We have no idea what the future holds, but the present is FANTASTIC. I'll let you know (write again) in 33 yrs what we decided to do with our time. Until then, GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!" Great first ltr. My only complaint is the frequency—or infrequency—of 33 yrs.



1958: Lynne & Jack Bradshaw and Jane & Ben Crosby at Founders Day 91, Chicago

Next first ltr is from **Stan Dus**, who writes, "I thought I'd put your mind at ease and rep in as the 5th first-time attendee at Bar Harbor. How soon one is forgotten when he is the first in the Cl to ret! Seriously, **Carol & I** thoroughly enjoyed the reunion and are looking forward to Bangkok next yr. Since this is the first time I've written to you, I guess it's

also time to break down and contribute to the CI Memorial Fund. Please put the enclosed check in the correct channels. See you in Bangkok." Another grand first ltr. For those of you who have not yet written, try it, you might like it. Rest assured that your scribe will definitely love it.

**Stan's** check was payable to me. Normally I return such checks with instructions to make payable to WP Fund, '58 Memorial, mail to AOG, USMA, WP, NY 10996-1780, etc. That way you get credit with AOG and IRS for the contribution. Messed up this time—simply endorsed it to AOG and sent copy to Stan for his tax files. Then I got a thank-you ltr from AOG. Had to append a note to it asking that credit be given where due, i.e., Stan **Dus**. Sent copies to AOG and donor. Message for you other first-time givers: please send your check directly to AOG. Then sit down and write your friendly scribe.

More from **Gene Scales'** ltr: "Yesterday we had a wonderful luncheon at Krause's Deli in New Braunfels. The food was fine and the company (all from San Ant unless otherwise noted) was magnificent: **Stan Bacon** (Austin), **Glenn Hall** (Austin), **Dale Cockle** (Burnet), **Chuck Teeter** (McQueeney), **John Buchanan**, **Dick Buckalew**, **Bud Davenport**, **Buck Griffin**, **Paul Haushill**, yours truly and **Linc Jones** (en route to TX, probably Houston)."

**Gene** continues, "**Buck** talked about mini at S Padre and I chided **Teeter** for not having checked into the '58 net. **Paul Haushill** won the door prize, a rendition on audiotape of the "Thirteen Days of the Fall of the Alamo" by local historian Henry Guerra. With a vow to do it ag'in, we adjourned about 1400. **Hayden**,

**Mace** and **Soper** were properly notified but could not join us." In DC we call that AWOL.

**Sue Geipel** sent a long ltr to **Lawton** which will be useful in preparing **Ernie's** obit for the *ASSEMBLY*. Sue rep that **Ernie's** two children, **Eric** and **Donna**, are both married and living in CA. **Eric & Laurie** live in **Folsom** with son **Deric** and daughter **Stephanie**. **Donna & John** and daughter **Nicole** live in **Orangvale**. Sue lives in **Phoenix** (she returned there after **Ernie's** death in 80).

**Ray Coffey** writes, "I endorse the mini in Thailand. Ten yrs there only leaves us with a strong desire to return. **Chiang Mai** is the largest up-country town. It has many attractions worth seeing, cooler than Bangkok, has access to hill tribes, etc—one of my favorite towns. **Phuket** is the world's most glamorous, romantic spot. The seafood, the beaches, the isl cruises, etc are a must for anyone going to Thailand."

**Ray** continues, "Bangkok night life is a must for anyone who hasn't been to **Patpong Rd**. I strongly recommend that those who attend should stretch the mini into a real vacation and take time to see the floating mkts, the elephants working teak logs, the temple ruins of the old capitol, etc. . . . **Gerry** was the only foreign journalist allowed to travel up-country with the King & Queen while we were in Thailand, so we maintain some pretty good contacts."

"Who would believe it has been more than 26 yrs since I saw you (**Lawton**) last at a Special Forces briefing in **Pleiku!**" So begins a ltr from **Bill Murphy**, who continues, "**Bill Tuttle** knows my current address and must have turned me in, because now I've gotten a fair amount

of mail from USMA-related activities, all of it welcome. . . it was like visiting with friends from long ago, reading your interesting newsltr of CI happenings." Chest up, **Lawton**.

**Murphy** had his CI ring stolen when his house was burglarized about 10 yrs ago. Any info on how to replace the ring would be appreciated. He also asks who is the D2 CCQ to get in touch with. Answer: **Bill Gillette** (actually, **Lawton** replied to **Bill** long ago).

**Bob & Mary Ann Pointer** were W for son **Bill's** grad from USAFA on 29 May. **Pat & Betty Donovan** also attended, and then the 4 of them took a 3-day jeep trip through the mtns.

**Lawton** wrote to classmates in arrears, according to my records, on the 30th Reunion Book, seeking either postage money (\$5) or book money from reunion pick-up (\$40). His ltr generated some money and some great replies, which will appear in next issue (I'm out of space).



1958: Phil Ackerman and Pete Hastings '60

Admin announcements: (1) **Bob Pointer** rep that he has 144 responses as of 9 Aug re Thailand mini in 92: 84 classmates will go and 60 might, for potential of 292 travelers!

(2) DC lunches in 92 may switch to second Wed of ea mo except Dec (no lunch in Dec). Should make it easier for out-of-town classmates to attend while traveling to DC. What do you think?

(3) Would you believe that 179 of us did not subscribe to *ASSEMBLY* for Sep 91-Jul 92? Sadly, it is true. Six issues, bi-monthly, bargain—just overlooked the suspense? Not too late. Others are long-term, repeat offenders. Nine of the repeaters are from my own co, H-2. Perhaps your scribe is part of the problem rather than the solution. Now to see if I can make the printer attached to this strange PC work. . . Cheers from Bristol, England.



1958: Founders Day 91, Wash, DC

# '59

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Fred Franks has received his fourth star and now cmds TRADOC out of Ft Monroe. He had cmded VII Corps in Ger since Aug 89 and the 1st Armd Div before that. His key role in Opn Desert Storm ices his reputation as one of our most seasoned cmdrs of heavy forces. Fred, in a recent ltr to Dave Fried, typically gave all the credit to his trps. "Their courage, great skills, teamwork, toughness and willingness to carry the fight to the enemy in sandstorms and in the rain, day and night, and soundly defeat the Iraqi Army will be forever stamped in the desert sands of Iraq and Kuwait. Led by superb NCOs and tactically skilled offs, they were the steel, thunder and lightning in the VII Corps' left hook." Well said, Fred, and we know you had a lot to do with it, too. Jerry Fogel points out that, with Fred at TRADOC and Ed Burba at FORSCOM, the CI is pretty well taking care of things.



1959: GEN Gordon Sullivan and Denise Franks assist at Fred's promotion

Gerry & Marsha Stadler hosted a summer party at the qtrs at Ft McNair on 23 Jun. George Kleb was responsible for preventing rain, so he erected a tent during a downpour the afternoon before with help from Stadler, Jay Madden and Jack O'Brien. Although the weather was a bit iffy for the wet run, the rain held off until the revels had almost ended. It was a great party with great food, according to my sources, and we look forward to a repeat next yr. Attendees this yr included Lou & Alison Beard, Dick & Donna Bennett, Tom & Anne Boyle, Frank & Pat Campbell, Rich Clark, Bill Cohen, Mike & Judy Duggan, Phil & Rosa Gibbs, Mike Gillette and Art & Joyce Griffin.

Also attending were John & Elaine Guthrie, Powell & Joanne Hutton, Jack & Zee Knebel, Nick Krawciw, Dick LeClere, Jay & Kathleen Madden, Fred & Marlene Malek, Fred & Suzanne Manzo, Fred & Dot McConville, Chuck & Carol Millick, Marv Moss, John



1959: Summer party at Ft McNair

& Margaret Mc Nerney, Jack & Barbara O'Brien, Ed & Pat Robinson, Bill & Butch Rowe, Jim Walsh, Bob & Elaine Weekley, John & Sharyn Wilson and Stan & Barbara Zagalak.

The gp briefly interrupted the festivities to hold the annual CI mtg, and the standing cmte was re-elected unanimously to serve for another yr. Stadler's nominating cmte, quite conservative, it is said, refused to nominate anyone new. News and photos of the day were provided by Boyle and Walsh.



1959: The Walshes and Rowses at summer party, Ft McNair

Gil Roesler, our Program Cmte chm, rep that this yr's \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Greek & Kit Johnson's daughter, Kelly Lynn, who will continue her studies in therapeutic recreational svc at the U of CT and hopes to enter a master's program in physical therapy in the future. This summer she filled her spare time with night classes and an internship at Spaulding Rehab Hosp. The selection panel, composed this yr of Powell Hutton (chm), Frank Besson, Fred Manzo, Fred McConville and Nick Krawciw, was greatly impressed by Kelly's devotion to her goal and the selflessness evident in her application. Her parents live in Andover, MA, and Greek is dir of Engring for Massport in Boston. The CI wishes Kelly the very best and is proud to have a small part in her development.

Don Reinhard has signed on with Brown & Root to retrograde ammo out of Saudi Arabia. He says it will take him a yr to clean up the mess Fred Franks was able to make in 100 hrs. He invites

classmates passing through the area to drop in but notes that there won't be any beer.

Don & Mary Helen, his bride of 32 yrs, are in Norcross, GA. They have 4 children: Karl '82 is at UTX working on an MSEE for an asgmt in the juice dept beginning next summer. Susan '84 cmded a heavy maint co that supported the main attack in Iraq. She goes to GA Tech this Sep and to the Math Dept in two yrs. Elaine '86 got out of the Army last Jun, courtesy of Gramm-Rudman. She started med sch in Phila this summer. Eric (20) is planning on going to col somewhere, says dad, and meanwhile plays a mean game of rugby.

Ed & Lee Stauch live near Aberdeen Proving Ground, where Ed is ch of the Opns Research Div at HQ, Test and Evaluation Cmd (TECOM). He says they are proud of the way their weapons performed in spt of the trps in Desert Storm. The tough paces they put equipment through in testing really paid off. For the last 15 yrs Ed has been a volunteer tutor in HS math and science. About 200 kids go through the program ea yr, says Ed, and it helps to keep them interested in sch.

The Stauches have 3 children. Anne-marie (31), an actuary doing pension consulting, presented Ed & Lee with their first grandchild, Matthew Bernard Boehnlein, on 28 Mar. Tom (30) is now a sr resident in orthopaedics at GWU. He & Chris are expecting their first child in Jan. Barbara (27) received her Ph.D. in neuropharmacology plus an MBA from Johns Hopkins in May. She is now doing research at ICI Corp in Wilmington and is on the med sch faculty of U of PA. Way to go, Stauches!



1959: The Hilmes family: 1LT Gary, CPT Bruce '83, Jerry, Geri, Doug and Andrew '94

Jerry Hilmes sends the family pic taken at the wedding of his son, Bruce '83, to Di Greenlee on 8 Jun at the 1st Cav Div Chapel at Ft Hood. Jerry & Geri saw the newlyweds again over the 4 Jul holiday at their Ft McNair qtrs along with Andrew '94, who had served as saber crew coordinator at the wedding, and some of his cdt friends. They watched the Mall fireworks extravaganza



1959: The Stadlers surrounded by friends at the summer party, Ft McNair

from their backyard. Di is a KS sunflower schoolteacher, according to Jerry. She & Bruce are now en route to Syracuse U, where Bruce will work towards an MS in computer sci in order to teach at WP. He should arrive when brother Andrew is a first classman.

Of the other **Hilmes** sons, Gary is an OPFOR LT at Ft Irwin, CA, and he & Sabine have the world's two most beautiful children, according to grandpa. And Doug & Kelly are in Chicago, where he's with SUN Microsys and working on an MBA from Northwestern. At Jerry's writing, he & Geri had just returned from a vacation in Bermuda with **Jim & Joan Van Loben Sels**. They were tough on those motorscooters, says Jerry. He adds that **Bill & Norma Mullen** are now at Ft McPherson, where Bill is the new Dep J3 of FORSCOM. He previously had cmded the 1st Inf Div (FWD) in Ger.



1959: Bill Mullen bids farewell to Admiral Wellershof as the 1st Inf Div (FWD) departs Ger

**Charlie Tennant**, who has 5 grandsons and wonders if that is a CI record, spends his free time officiating HS football, bas-

ketball and baseball. This spring he worked the plate in the CA state small sch softball finals. He & **Mary Jo** live in Westlake Vil, CA, where Charlie is a site spt mgr for GTE/Contel Federal Sys. They operate 16 computer sites around the world that perform intelligence processing for DoD.

The **Tennants** have 4 children. Steve (31) is an Army CPT of Engrs at Beal AFB, CA; Cathy (30) is married and living in AZ; Susie (29) is a regional record co mgr in Seattle; and Bill (26) is an Army SGT and air traffic controller at Ft Rucker, AL.



1959: In the USSR: Capka '71, Schandler '52, Stadler and Morelock '69

**Gerry Stadler** rep that daughter Stephanie (21) grad from Baylor last May and that he & Marsha are enjoying the pay raise. Once back in DC, Stephanie worked on the Desert Storm mother of all parades. Gerry sends a photo taken in May in the USSR, where he led a gp of NWC and ICAF students on a two-wk visit in Russia, GA and Estonia. The pic was taken after they placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Piskavrevskoe Cemetery in Leningrad.

In the pic are 4 USMA grads from 4 classes.

**Jim Walters** has been an active collector of 54mm toy soldiers since he was a teenager, and some of his hand-painted lead pieces date from 1893. He & **Pat** live in Alexandria, and Jim's real work is as a sr sys engr for GE in nearby Crystal City. His gp spts the "star wars" program as the sys engr and integration contractor. Jim's specialties are in battle mgt, cmd and control and related communications.

There are 3 **Walters** children. Cheri Cockerham (31) is dir of contract admin svcs for ICF, Inc, an environmental co in Fairfax, VA; Mike (30), who is getting married in Oct, works at Rudee's Restaurant in VA Beach; and Pamela (26) is a program analyst for Sherikon, Inc, in Arlington, VA.

**Jim & Janet Turner** are in Memphis, where Jim is VP and sr portfolio mgr for First TN Bank's investment mgt subsidiary. He oversees bond portfolios for pension and trust funds and gets lessons in humility by trying to predict where interest rates are going. Jim, who can still wear his cadet uniform, is taking tennis lessons with Janet and still plays an occasional game of golf. They both teach special ed Sun Sch for the handicapped. Recently they developed an interest in the Pacific NW after visiting Jim's old roomie, **Bill Toskey**, & **Linda** in Port Townsend, WA. They like it better than Memphis, says Jim.

**Jim** has 3 daughters by his first marriage. Michelle (30) is single; Melanie (28) and Catherine (24) are married; and Catherine has two sons. All 3 daughters are in col, the two eldest returning for undergrad degrees and the youngest set to grad from CO State next yr. **Janet** has a son (24) who'll get his degree from Memphis State this fall and has applied for a stint in the Peace Corps.

**Chuck & Barb Lutz** are enjoying the quiet life on the beautiful campus of UT



1959: Bill Callaghan graduates from SMU Law Sch

State U in Logan. Chuck teaches in the Col of Business and was honored as Intl Prof of the Yr last Apr by the Intl Students Assoc. At the commencement exercises in Jun he was selected by students and faculty to receive a special award for teaching excellence. Give 'em hell, Chuck. Barb says they receive an occasional visit from **Jim & Marian Taylor**, who live in O'Fallon, IL. Barb and Marian are sisters.

**Otie Tibbetts**, who is an anesthesiologist in Auburn, ME, writes that the area is quite depressed. He says that he & **Maureen** are working longer and harder and enjoying it less. Son David (28) married Christine Gaudette last 3 Nov, and both are in USAR; Elizabeth (23) is living in CA and plans to marry David Pullar this fall; and Andrew (21) is in his sr yr at Bryant Col.

**Roger & Rinny Ware** are in Littleton, CO, from whence Rog presides over Guaranty Natl Corp of Englewood, CO, an insurance co with \$260 mil in sales. He is also on the bd of Orion Capital Corp. They have raised 4 boys. Roger Jr (31) is the new father of twin girls and has two other children; Keith has one child, one on the way and is a mgr at Disney World; and Mark and Glenn, both grads of U of CO, are single, live at home and work in the ins industry. We have a dynasty.

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**Frederick C Rice** wrote to inform us that **Susan Rowe** accepted an invitation from the Reverend Robert Schuller to visit the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA over the Memorial Day weekend and to appear on his "Tower of Power" TV show. He interviewed her about the spiritual qualities which helped **Nick** to survive his 5 yrs in captivity and how her own faith has helped her endure his loss and to gather the strength to continue. Rev Schuller's sermon was a very moving description of some of **Nick's** most trying times as a POW, and he described **Nick's** escape in such eloquent terms that Susan called it "the best it's ever been described by anyone other than **Nick** himself." The scheduled air date for the show was set for 7 Jul. If anyone who wasn't able to catch the show would like a copy of it, send a blank VHS tape and some return postage to **Frederick C Rice**, 22235 Zaragoza, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, and he will send a copy.

When **Susan** called **Fred** to tell him she was coming to CA, it was on short notice, so most of our 30-plus classmates were already committed for the long wknd. Those who were able to attend the svc included **Fred & Joan Rice**, **Bert**

& **Katy Spivy**, who drove 500 mi from Lake Tahoe to be there, **Gene & Sally Wilson** and **Bill & Bhatra McLaughlin**. There was also a contingent from the Special Forces Assoc, including 90-yr old COL Aaron Bank, who founded Special Forces in 52.

Brief rundown on classmates: **Spivy** is a prof of Computer Sci at Lake Tahoe Comm Col; **Rice** is an environmental/waste mgt consultant; **Wilson** is the dir of Army Programs at Litton; and **McLaughlin** does hazardous waste remediation for Chem Waste Mgt.

**Ed Post** wrote from Wash, DC to show us that the Cl of '60 was represented at the Desert Storm welcome home parade in the Nation's Capitol. **Fred Bidgood**, who helped set up and run the parade, got **Ed & Joyce** front row seats in the grandstand and patriotic T-shirts to show their true colors. The Cl of '60 hats they couldn't resist! The pic below shows (L-R) **Pat & Ken Richeson** and **Ed & Joyce Post**. They had a great day at this super-patriotic event.



1960: **Pat & Ken Richeson** and **Ed & Joyce Post**

**Ken** and **Ed** both work in downtown DC. In fact, their offs are right across from ea other. **Pat** works for Paine Webber and **Joyce** is a HS history teacher in Fairfax county. They're all going like '60 in their second careers but can't suppress the surge of pride in their first careers as the trps go marching by!

**Francis Farrell** wrote to say that he & **Jean** had a great day skiing with **Bud Mease** in UT last Mar.

They also spent one eve with **Tony &**



1960: **Bud** and **Frank** in the Deer Valley Ski Lodge

**Jean Blackstone**, **Tim & Judy Schatzman**, **Frank & Ute Finn** and **Bud & Susan Mease**—all of whom had gathered for a mini-reunion at the slopes (a Mease-organized affair). **Bud** and **Frank** thought it might be a good idea to try another ski reunion at Park City or Deer Valley (or other ski areas?) next Mar. If anyone is interested, please write to **Frank Farrell** at 7705 Brigham Dr, Dunwoody, GA 30350, or call (404) 396-0246. **Bud** has volunteered to do the local groundwork!

More recently in Jun, **Jean & Frank** had a very pleasant night on the town in Alexandria, VA with **Joyce & Ed Post**, **Sharon & Trent Crosby** and **Joan & Jim Wiley**. They hope to go with the "Trivial Pursuit Gp" to the A-N game in Dec.

On the personal side—**Frank & Jean** are looking forward to the return to the US of their son **Robert & Natale** and their granddaughter **Karin**. **Robert** will be completing his tour in Ger as a CE LT. Oldest son **Frank** is a commercial real estate broker in Atl and youngest son **David** is a UGA student studying abroad in Austria. After 9 yrs they still love living in Atl and look forward to the Olympic games sched in GA in 96. **Frank & Jean** hope to see many of their classmates during the Olympics (if not sooner).

**Paul & Pal Cerjan** shared their recent good news with Mr & Mrs scribe. On 9 Aug 91, **Paul** was promoted to LTG by SACEUR GEN Galvin in a very pleasant and touching ceremony to a packed house at the AWC. There was a reception and dinner that evening with a "roast" and many encomia heaped on our latest 3-star. Best comment was from the college's CofS who stated, "If you can't work for this guy (**Paul**), you can't work for anybody in the Army." Very moving, indeed. **Paul's** the new Army DCINC Europe. They left for Europe and Heidelberg on 19 Aug and should be hard at work by now.

Send more news—All for now, folks!

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**Harken** back 31 yrs ago. . . what were you doing? The Ring Hop was only a few warm thoughts ago; crisp autumn air made the climb to Michie Stadium a pleasure; we all looked forward to a great football season; and few had ideas about careers, families, reunions and 91. . . when one of our own would be the Supe. Who would have thought that we would have to weather our own crisis of Vietnam and then stand as witness to our sons' and daughters' crises of Desert Storm; why, even had we considered the sands of Saudi Arabia, deployment there would have been on camels; ours was a

time of tail-finned Fords, mentholated cigarettes, a wknd bus to Port Authority and a single at the "Piccadilly" for 8 bucks. Looking at the *Pointer* for 30 Sep 60 brought forth these and other thoughts; on the cover were our cheerleaders, **Bob Cain, Chuck Westpheling, Jay Cook, Henmar Gabriel, Jim Connolly, Gene Goodell and Dick Cullum**. Inside were photos of **Howie Roberts, Lynn Bender, Bev Powell and Kaiser Bazan**, which recalled those fields of friendly strife that sowed seeds that today have borne fruits of victory. Ah, the way we are today!!

In another issue of the *Pointer* was a photo of **Marsha Romm** of Brooklyn, NY, known since 1961 as **Marsha Starsman**. Now it is 91, and she & **Ray** hosted a terrific boat outing that included **Elaine & Mike Xenos, Jan & Pat Hillier and Dawn & Bob Glass**. Marsha & Ray's son **Scott (USNA '86)** is at the NPGS; daughter **Margo's** husband, who was Scott's roomie, flew A-6's from the T Roosevelt during Desert Storm.

It was during Desert Storm that **JB Taylor** earned his second star, which was pinned on in Riyadh by **Sally**, who was assisted by Ambassador **Charles Freeman** and **LTG John Yeosock**; **Larry Butterworth** and **RJ Wooten** stood by to cheer JB on.

Later the ceremony was repeated, with Crown Prince **Abdulla bin Abdul Aziz** doing the pinning at the Saudi royal palace. Earlier in Jan, JB promoted son **Dave** to CPT a few days before the div cross the LD.

In Sep **Dave** grad from the Arm Adv Crs, where **JB** is scheduled to be the grad speaker. During the conflict the Taylors frequently hosted **Wendy & Hank Van**



1961: LTG Yeosock, Amb Freeman and Sally promoting JB Taylor



1961: JB Taylor promotes son Dave in Saudi Arabia

**Gorder, Bob Frix and Bob Kee**, who had been there as the LnO to the French forces. **Sally & JB** expect to be at #30. **Pam Barney** answered our call for info about participation in Desert Storm. In her ltr from the plains of central Europe, she rep that **Dan and Bob Oliver** did the ret trick at Ft Dix and then **Dan** continued S to Tampa to help son **Scott** relocate there with Price-Waterhouse. **Scott** served in Desert Storm, being called up with the

623 Trans Co, which supported XVIII Abn Corps. **Pam & Dan** will spend the next yr in Ger, where she is teaching for DODDS.

We have learned that **Eleanor & Ed Bruner's** son **David '88** & **Nicki '89** arrived in Saudi Arabia after the first 100 hrs with a 3 ID Blackhawk bn. They ended up in Iraq, where he flew and she served as an S-2, taking part in Opn Provide Comfort; they lived in the Kurdish town of Zakhu and later moved to Silopi, Turkey. From the sights and sounds, our next generation of soldiers will have their own unique experiences in unusual places with strange-sounding names, just as we have had. **Ed** is now at the Library of Congress as a mil analyst for ground forces and is excited about staying in touch with Army issues. **Gail & Dick Clarke** have also celebrated the safe return of sons **Richard '84** and **Scott '88**. Respectively, they served as CO, Long Range Surveillance Det/101 Abn, and Spt Plt Ldr, 1 ID. In Jul **Scott** married **Judith Ledford** of Tullahoma, TN; third son **Mike & Karen** live in Pittsburgh. **Dick** also advises that **Mike Ekman** (classmate, not son) ret at Ft Eustis; **Linda & Glynn Mallory** were there to send off the **Ekman's**, who are now ensconced in a lovely home overlooking Norfolk Harbor.

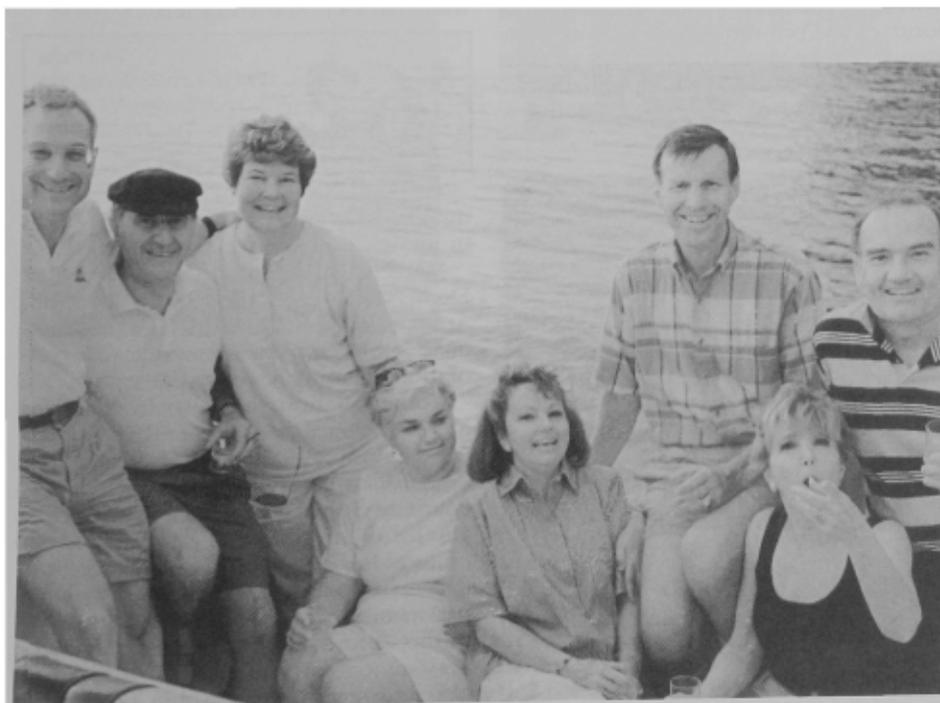
In Jul, who saw the western edition of the *Wall Street Journal*? There was **Paul Vallely**, posing for a brokerage firm ad as a happily-invested grandfather; is he our CI first pro male model?



1961: At the Magnesses': Legge, Starsman, Rauch, Rosenkranz, Judie & Wayne Ploger and Krupa (scribe's guest)

Other news notes: the **Budges** did some exciting things in the BVI this summer, and **Mike Urette** ret from the USAR.

Also in Jul, the DC area contingent "luaued" at **Dhana & Tom Magness'**. Special guests were sons **Tom '85** and **John '86**, who served respectively in the 16th Engr/1 AD and as CO (AV) in the 4/2 ACR. The rest of the crowd, coming from as far away as Phila, (**Myra & Shane Olshansky**), included **Emmy & Reggie Brown, Trish & Dick Buckner, Sue & Paul DeVries, Esthella & Joe Clema, Nancy Evetts, Dawn & Bob Glass, Gracie & Howard Graves, Carole & Chuck Hodell, Denise & Barney Legge, Rachel & Ken Meissner,**



1961: Great times at the Starmans'



1961: Karen Urette and Mike being retired by John Roth '63



1961: The Ellises '56 and Budes in the Caribbean

Mary Frances & Hank Kenny, George Kopcsak and his fiancée, Michele Howard, Judy & Webb Kremer, Gale & Bob McConnell, Lucy & Joe Paone, Judie & Wayne Ploger, Joan & Frank Ruach, Lu-Ann & Bill Reno, Barbara & Bob Rosenkranz and the Starsmans.

The event was well done, with a lot of elbow grease and sweat by DeVries and Glass, who also are putting together a coordination gp to handle CI activities in the DC region. Suggestions and volunteers are welcome!!



1961: Graves becomes the Supe: Windsor, Vanderbush, Hannon, (you-know-who), Olejniczak, Olshansky and Counts; not pictured are Gen Sullivan, Kilkenny and Baldwin

Barely a wk after being at the **Magnesses'**, **Howard Graves** again was sworn in at WP—this time as the Supe; the CSA did the honors.



1961: Our CI model: Valley and "little ones"

News from further N is that **Bobbie & Bill Williamson** are on Cape Cod, where they ret in 87. He is VP and gen mgr for the public transportation svcs on the Cape; Bobbie is handling some of the financial opns of a local rest home, leaving plenty of time for the important things in life: sun, beach, boating, fishing and golf. Last 3 Nov daughter Laurie married Scott Phillips at Ft Monroe; **Betsy & Jack Dorr** and their 3 daughters were there.

**Bobbie & Bill** (now very proud grandparents) have daughter Debbie in VA; daughter Sandie & Tom Roberts and Ryan (born in Jul) live in Allentown, PA. Son Scott is a U of MA '92, and son Tim is at U of VT with a 4-yr ROTC scholarship.

From nearby Gloucester comes news from **Billie & Ken Hruby**. Coinciding with #30 will be Ken's solo show located in "Ike" Hall's CI of '29 gallery. **Pat Hoy** will write the catalog intro, and it will be kind of a "pre-retrospective," as Ken puts it. Pat heads up the creative writing program at Harvard and has published in *Sewanee Review*, as well as doing a

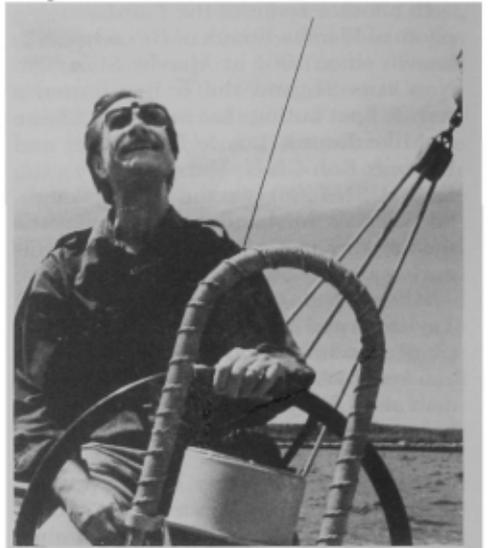


1961: Bobbie & Bill Williamson and Betsy & Jack Dorr at wedding of Laurie Williamson & Scott Phillips, Ft Monroe, VA, 10 Nov 90

couple of texts and a book of essays—not bad. . . .

On 29 Jun **Paul & Sue DeVries** gave their daughter Dawn (LT, AN) in marriage to Victor d'Addio in an afternoon ceremony at the Catholic chapel at WP. The young couple is stationed at Ft Benning, GA. Pix next issue.

The ending note here is that Ken reminds us of **John Eilson's** passing in Feb after battling a brain tumor for quite some time. Our sympathies and concerns for **Sandy, Carrie and Chris** were well-represented by **Chip Smith**, the **Sciples** and the **McCarthys**.



1961: John Eilson at the helm one last time

Ken's photo of John at the helm of the Hruby's wooden cutter, *The Conquest*, best captures his own poignant reminiscence. Let's remember him and others while we look back at "the way we were" in Oct. See you there.

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This summer is just flying by, and it is time for another article. Got a few items in the mail to pass on, so on with it.

Many of you may already know that **Denny Reimer** is the new Vice CofS, Army. We can take pride in our classmate achieving four-star rank. Congratulations, Denny.

Congratulations are also in order for **Marsh Carter**. He was recently named as pres and ch operating off of State Street Boston Corp, whose main subsidiary is the State Street Bank, custodian for over \$900 bil in financial assets. Marsh phoned to give the news, and, needless to say, he sounded very pleased with his new position. Marsh also serves as a mbr of the exec cmte and BOD of CEDEL, the Luxembourg-based intl securities clearing org and is co-chm of the US working gp for the Gp of Thirty, which



1962: Founders Day 91, Wash, DC



1962: Wayne Downing gets his third star from mom and the vice-ch

Capital and Rufus is doing another start-up firm.

**Chris Robbins** wrote a lengthy ltr not intended as news for the *ASSEMBLY*, but I think a part is worth sharing. Chris had returned to WP for the first annual golf tournament. Part of the time was devoted to the usual briefing given to returning grads, and Chris remarked,



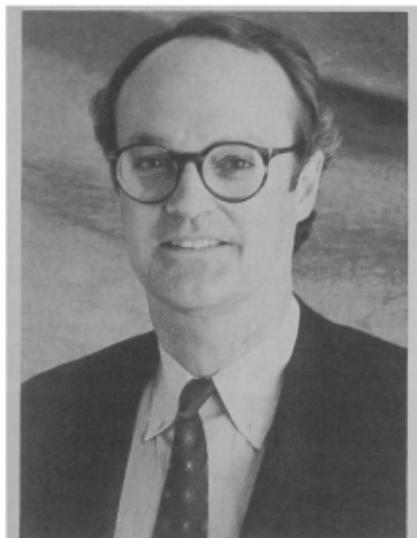
1962: Wayne Downing and Jim Heldman skiing at Lake Tahoe

"My overall reflection on these presentations was that there is today, as there perhaps has always been, a dedicated and historically-tuned gp of offs on the WP cadre who are earnestly seeking, and in large part successfully finding, ways to ensure WP retains its relevance, its appeal and its success as the foremost provider of leadership to our country." Another point made, which most of us miss, was the pleasure of mingling with grads of all classes. Chris' roommate in Grant Bks (S Area to us) was from the Cl of '56.

**Gus Zenker** sent along photos from the 58th Mil Opns Research Soc Symposium held at WP 11-13 Jun 91. **Jim Kays** hosted the '62 bunch as well as serving as host to the symposium.

The **Zenkers** are still settled in St Louis and, as Gus says, "... living in fear of the collapse of the Mil-Ind Complex." Son "EG" & wife are doing well in CA with Aero Jet. Daughter Sue & husband work with Gus at E&S Corp. Daughter Dahri & dr husband reside in Georgetown, DC, and Dahri will be commuting to Wharton for MBA. Daughter Natale &

develops recommendations for revamping world securities clearance and settlement processes. Marsh & Missy will be moving to Cambridge, MA.



1962: Marsh Carter, recently named pres and COO of State Street Boston Corp

**Denny Reimer** was able to get to Ft Bragg to help **Wayne Downing's** mom pin on Wayne's third star and also present Wayne with the flag at the change of cmd. Wayne's new position is CG, US Army Special Opns Cmd. More to follow on Wayne, but here are some pics of the event at Ft Bragg. I'd be remiss if I failed to give credit where credit is due: Denny's aide, Rosner '76, has done a great job of getting these pics to me by the deadline. (As a former aide, I take



1962: Wayne accepts colors from Denny as he takes cmd of the US Army Special Opns Cmd

every opportunity to recognize the "horse holders.")

I am a little late on this one, but I received a ltr in Jun from **Jim Heldman**, who writes, "In late Apr, H-2 roommates **Wayne Downing** and **Jim Heldman** got together for a few days of R&R in N CA following Wayne's return from Desert Storm. . . . They managed two super days of skiing at Lake Tahoe and 3 days of surfing the N CA coast in open-sea kayaks. . . . Jim lives in the San Fran Bay area and works for Teradata." Jim also rep having lunch with **Frank Caufield** and **Rufus Crow** in San Fran. Frank continues to do well with his US Venture



1962: ORSA symposium: Lil McEnany, Marlene Garvey, Jeanie Kays, Dick Garvey and Dick Helmuth

LT husband and daughter are back in Darmstadt with Army CE. Son John is awaiting flight sch at Ft Rucker, and son Bob is finishing HS. **Dar & Guss** say that any classmate passing through the "Gateway to the W" is required to call.



1962: At Lake Popolopen: (seated) Marlene & Dick Garvey, Jeanie Kays, unknown, and Dick Helmuth; (standing) Darleen & Gus Zenker and Brian McEnany

**Seth Hudak** writes that he is still on active duty with USCG and may be the last "under 06 to do that." He sent a card from his recent vacation in Aspen.

**Bob Tarbet** and family have relocated to Lindale, TX, where Bob is Priest-in-Charge of a small Episcopal Church in that quiet agricultural area 15 mi N of Tyler. **Beverly** is working on her MS and, while it is a nuisance, doesn't let it dampen her spirits. Son **Chris** is with them while daughter **Jenny** & her husband and two sons live near Seattle. Bob closes with, "Country living is great! Movers and shakers, eat your heart out!"

The plan for our CI gift has firmed up, and we're well on our way towards raising \$500K, obtaining all the necessary approvals and lining up all that sweat-causing equipment that will make the Arvin Gymnasium as world-class as the Acad itself. If you haven't responded to **Mike Grebe's** fund-raising cmte, you need to do it quickly, generously and in recognition of what you gained in your 4 yrs at WP. If you are working with **Al Ruschatz** in equipping, **Phil Stewart** on the facility, **Chuck Dominy** on admin, **Lee Taylor** on finances, or in general spt

of **Jim Heigl**, our chm, keep up the hard work. Let's pull together to meet our commitment to those who will follow us, as we enjoyed the fruits of those who preceded us. Look for more progress reports in the next **ASSEMBLY**.

That's it for news sent my way. A few admin notes. We still have a fairly large portion of our CI who do not subscribe to the **ASSEMBLY**. When talking to a classmate, check them on this, and, if they are not receiving the **ASSEMBLY**, give a gentle push to sign up. Secondly, please respond to the mailing on the 30th Reunion. The cmte is working hard to plan an enjoyable event, and they need your input. Talk to you in two mos.

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**Ralph Rasmussen** has been elected pres of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc in San Rafael, CA. He & **Dianne** live in Novato, CA with two daughters, **Tiffany** and **Lara**. **Lara** has completed her second yr of vet sch at the U of CA at Davis. **Ralph** has spent the past 20 yrs in commercial banking and is currently an exec VP of the Bank of CA in San Fran. Nice note from **Art Conlon**. He & **Bonnie** reside in Houston, TX, where he works for AMOCO Production Co and **Bonnie's** back in sch as a 3rd-semester col student. **Art** recently went on a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with his old roommate of two yrs, **Pete Kelly**, and son **Pete IV**. **Pete** is a VP with N American Phillips and lives in Rumson, NJ with wife **Karen** and one other child.



1963: Peter Kelly (with son) and Art Conlon

While at Carlisle for two wks, **Art** saw **Curt Esposito**, **John Counts** and **Bill Boice**. This gp had to listen to **Tom Carney** give a lecture and retaliated by singing Happy Birthday—**Tom** has hit the big 5-0. By the way, **Art's** address is 1159 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450.

Some news about our flag offs: **Dave Cole** ret from his job as Mil Attaché in Mexico City and has accepted the position of pres, Wackenbut Applied Tech Ctr Inc, Fairfax, VA. **Bill Boice** is on his way from Carlisle to cmd the 1st AR Div

in Ger. **Pat Stevens** is now cmding the Engr Div, Lower MS Valley, in Vicksburg, MS. **Al Genetti** moved to OH to assume cmd of the OH River Div in Cincinnati.



1963: Ann & Charles Hogg with daughter Courtenay Elizabeth

**Charlie Hogg** is alive and well and living in Baltimore. As a matter of fact, he & **Ann** have been very busy lately and are proud to announce the birth of daughter **Courtenay Elizabeth**, born on 19 Nov 89. She was named for classmate **Austin Courtenay Brightnam** and was born on his birthday. **Charles** works in Annapolis for a large non-profit orgn that trains developmentally disabled adults. **Charles & Ann** also have a son **Trey**; their address is 6009 Charlesmeade Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212.

On 9 Jul **Lynn Cook** was in Wash on business, and this provided an opportunity for dinner with **McKinnon** (new VP of Planning for USAIR in Wash), **LaFond**, **Summers** and **Myers**. The CI gifts to USMA were discussed, and it was finally decided to shoot for a presentation at our 35th Reunion. More on this later.

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Hope the summer has been a pleasant one for ea of you. It's been frantic around here, but I did pay a nostalgic trip to Okinawa and Bangkok for a few wks. They were having water rationing in Okie, but Bangkok, ah Bangkok, was as fine as ever. Spent some time there with **Ed Corcoran** & his wife, my sister **Jan**. **Ed** is the Army attaché. Next wk it's back to Japan for a final trip and a visit with **Joe Arnold**. Plan to spend Labor Day wknd with **Roy Buckner** playing golf in Kawai.

**Marty & Donna Michlik** spent Memorial Day in Hanover, PA with **Dan Klunk**

for a day of marching and beer drinking with the local American Legion. Fortunately for us, there was a photographer present who captured the happy marchers: from right to left (for a change), Dan's father, USNA '35, Marty, Dan with facial hair and Charlie McClintock, who



1964: Memorial Day 91

started with us plebe yr and is now a LTC, Bn Cmdr, in the PA Natl Guard.

Pat Howard Graves reacted to the appointment of Howard Graves '61 as the new Supe by recalling receipt of a ltr during plebe gloom period addressed to Cadet Howard Graves. Although Pat didn't go by Howard and did not know anyone from Lubbock from whence the ltr came, a ltr was a ltr. He knew he had committed a grave (no pun intended) error when the ltr began, "Dear son." This transgression ultimately resulted in a summons from Bde Adj H Graves, an unenviable journey to the 8th and 1/2 Div and a stern lecture from the future Supe on how to redirect improperly opened mail. Beat it back, dumb squat!

Another atty doing well, John Raymond, rep in from Norge, VA, announcing this summer's grad of son Joe from the USCGA. Joe failed to follow his father's example and finished first in the cl in conduct rating (fewest demerits)—from my perspective, a truly astounding feat. Who had the fewest demerits in our Cl?



1964: John Raymond with son Joe USCGA '91

Hal Smith, who I am sure shares my view that demerits were the natural order of things, confessed to very gray-hog-like feelings as he anticipated watching his number two son, Scott, join the Cl of

'95 in Jul. I won't repeat his words here, but suffice it to say he waxed eloquent on the subject of seeing a son join the Long Gray Line. Hal & Dannie are living in Lancaster, PA, with Hal in the real estate business.

Mike Miller, who is in devel in Orlando, is also a budding writer who has a book on his Vietnam experiences coming out in the near future. He has also designed a Vietnam Veterans logo to identify those of us who served in the last "real war"[see Jul ASSEMBLY, pg 45]. He has put the thing out in the form of decals, bumper stickers, T-shirts, hats, etc. If you are interested in getting something, write Mike at 4118 Montrose Ct, Orlando, FL 32812.

You may have heard that Mrs Holland, former Cadet Hostess, passed away recently. Joe Palco had been in touch with her recently and passed on the good wishes of the Cl. Joe continues to work as a ceramics engr for GE in Schenectady. Sara is an RN in Albany, and the kids are all out of the nest.

I ret 1 Oct. Been too busy to think about the future, but I'll write when I get work. Aloha.

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Greetings once again from Chicago! On a recent visit to Atl I had the chance to meet with some classmates over lunch.



1965: Coll, Brown, Slutsky, Schaltenbrand and Morrissey, Atl, Aug 91

The session was arranged by Ken Slutsky. Ken called a no of classmates in the area and was able to get 5 of them together. The 6th, Emory Pylant, had to cancel at the last min because of a mtg called by his two-star boss. Emory, as previously rep, took Wayne Scholl's job as the engr for Forces Cmd.

Steve Morrissey came and rep that he is slowly getting out of the real estate business and has set up a holding co for investments. Other than having his usual dry sense of humor, Steve rep that he probably will be spending more time (than his normal 7-8 trips per yr) skiing in CO. Steve mentioned the 6-7 class-

mates that went to Harvard to get an MBA with him. One in particular, Ed Klink, is in Carmel, IN enjoying the fruits of inventing a unique car wax in his bathroom tub. Ed is apparently getting involved in the ski scene in CO also. Steve was in DC in early Jul for Dan Benton's promotion ceremony. Dan will take over as the ADC of the 8th Inf, a job from which Wes Taylor just returned. Linda Taylor was at the promotion party, but Wes was TDY somewhere. I told this gp in Atl of my clear recollection, just following the successful Grenada invasion, of the (then) 42-yr-old Wes telling me, with a very straight face, that in the preceding yr he had spent about 280 days in the field. When I inquired what "in the field" meant, he informed me that light Inf was just that, i.e., sleeping on the ground. My idea of fun is camping out once every 280 yrs. Also at the promotion ceremony was Barrie Zais, who is going to Ft Carson to join Picler; he will be the C/S. Steve & Beverly are bldg a new house outside Atl, and, judging by the comments of our gp, this is not the first house they have built. Their two boys are 12 and 15 and doing very well for themselves. Steve also just bought a CO business, which gives him even more reason to go skiing.

My old buddy, Ray Schaltenbrand, also was there. I haven't seen Ray in a no of laps around the pool. Ray is now an exec with Lang Properties, a big real estate firm owned by a huge British firm. His firm also happens to be the developer/owner of the ret home where my mom lives in Atl. The land on which the home was built was acquired by Ray. Ray inquired as to how Bernie Kistler's widow and children were doing—anyone know?

Ray made the observation that it was highly unusual to get a gp of WP'ers together, such as this gp, each of whom was married to the same woman for over 25 yrs.

Neil Brown also joined our gp. Neil is still with AT&T, where he has spent all of his business career. He is responsible for dealing with the regulatory agencies and provides most of the expert witness- es for the SE. He is back into franchising again; this time he's involved with a vending machine opn that dispenses fresh French fries. It looked like a good opportunity to him, so he has acquired the franchise rights for all of GA and tried to buy the entire co. He lives in Roswell, not too far from Ken.

Ken rep that there were a no of other classmates in the Atl area. One no longer at his reported address is my old friend Ron Wells, who has fallen off our radar screen. If anybody knows Ron's whereabouts, give me a yell. All in all, it was a great way to spend a couple of hrs on a lazy summer afternoon rehashing old battles. Ken, thanks again! See Neil



1965: Neil & Ingrid Brown, Christmas 90. . .



1965: . . . and their children, Collin, Kristin and Mark

Brown's family pix (above).

Morrissey and Schaltenbrand "promise" their family pix will be forthcoming.

Jim Webb wrote from Glendale, AZ after returning from his parents' celebration—the guilt of not writing to the friendly scribe was apparently overwhelming, esp after 25 yrs. He & Diana have lived there since his Aug 87 ret. He's the dir of JR ROTC at Phoenix Union HS (1,000 cdt/8 schs). Their 3 daughters are married and also live in Glendale with 6 grandkids. Jim rep that brother-in-law Wally Divers is a USAF Col/Ob-Gyn at Norton AFB, CA where he's the ch med IG. Walt & Rita have two sons, Allen and Kevin. Allen starts at USAFA this summer. Jim also rep that Steve Harman ret in Jul from Ft Huachuca. They saw Steve & Ann last yr in Phoenix. He also occasionally sees Dennis Hawker.

Pete Lounsbury sent along a great pic of his family at oldest son Todd's grad



1965: Peter Lounsbury and family at son Todd's graduation from USAFA, Jun 91

from USAFA. They had lunch with John & Karen Pickler while they were out there. John is still the ADC at the 4th ID. John's boss was Pete's first co cmdr in USAREUR. While getting ready for the grad parade they ran into Tony Livic, who was there watching a nephew graduate. Steve rep that the guest speaker was the CinC, who also managed a hug for ea of the female grads. As Pete said, can you imagine getting hugged by the big guy at your grad? Son Todd will go to Vance AFB in OK for pilot tng. Pete also rep that Jim & Carol Tomaswick will be grandparents in Aug.

Jerry Lipsit wrote from nearby Buffalo Grove that his co (Centel) was recently acquired, and he, like most other middle mgrs, got the worst of it. If anyone's looking for an experienced mgr, call Jerry here in Chicago. From New Orleans we received notice that Lee & Janet Atteberry's son Chris (LT, USAF) was married at Vance AFB. Let's hope that Lee made it back from S America for this one.

Dan Christman assumed cmd of the US Army Engr Ctr at Ft Leonard Wood in Jul. If anyone has pics, please send them. Speaking of BG's, I've called Tragemann at Leavenworth on several occasions but no reply. Dick, if you're out there, let us hear what's cookin'. While at USMA for R-Day we ran into Fred & Maralee Laughlin.



1965: Maralee & Fred Laughlin at R-Day at USMA, 1 Jul 91.

Fred sent along a family photo; note Ryan '95 on the rt. Ryan has decided to take USMA "one chapter at a time"—not a bad philosophy for that place.



1965: The Fred Laughlin family

Speaking of USMA '95, in addition to Ryan and our daughter Shannon, we also have CI offspring Dunn Yoshitani.

Skip O'Donnell rep that he will be moving to Pgh with Westinghouse to design their new submarine propulsion sys. He views it as a new job with great opportunity—the old one was getting a little boring. Marilyn will stay in ID to finish her master's (Jan 92) in special ed and then join Skip in Pgh. Skip, we're in the process of buying a co that does a lot of business in Pgh, so hopefully we'll see more of you. That is my old stomping ground, so be careful. The eyes from Dormont will be upon you. Our CI CPPO, Joe Sanchez, informs me that there will be an A-N after-game victory celebration on 7 Dec. He has reserved 20 rms at the Hyatt Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill, NJ. If you want a rm, call the Hyatt at (609) 662-1234 and make your own reservation (\$76/night). Tell the Hyatt people that you are with the USMA '65 gp. There will be a get-together Fri night before the game, but no formal transportation is planned. Our ch party-planning off would appreciate some idea of how many will attend. Please let him know at (609) 443-2218.

While at USMAPS grad recently, I ran into Lee Hewitt again. He presented a plaque for outstanding achievement to one of the grads.



1965: Lee Hewitt presenting plaque

Good news from USMA. Bob Doughy rep that John Wattendorf was recently selected to be Head of the Behavioral Sci and Ldrship Dept for the next 3-4 yrs. Thus he will become our third Dept Head (Bob and Jim Golden). Bob, incidentally, is writing a book to replace the old mil hist tomes, which, by the sound of his ltrs and tel call, is an all-consuming exercise. Knowing Bob, it'll be an outstanding achievement. Clair Gill wrote from Honolulu where he & Sherry, his bride of 22 yrs, had been firmly enconced since last yr.

In the pic, you can see Bob Wolff, who



1965: Dave & Sheila Bangert, Sherry & Clair Gill, Chris Kinard and Bob Wolff

was visiting in conjunction with his job in engring and house spt. To the left of Bob is long-lost classmate **Chris Kinard**, who works for AMFAC/JMB, HI as their VP for Human Resources. Chris gets to negotiate labor contracts with the sugar workers on the isl. To Chris' left are Clair & Sherry. To Sherry's left are **Sheila & Dave Bangert**, who met while Dave was working intl construction somewhere. Tiring of that life of vagabond existence, Dave went off to Harvard to get his Ph.D. He now teaches at the U of HI and has been doing extensive consulting work. This summer, for the second yr in a row, he's off to Eastern Europe to help re-establish their capitalistic economies. Several wks after this pic, the Bangerts had a great party, in their lovely highrise overlooking Diamond Head, for **Tad & Hiro Ono**. They had just arrived so that Tad can set up an environmental svcs orgn for Metcalf & Eddy and do those things across the Pacific. Concerning the **Gills**, last yr Clair Jr went back to his HS in Stuttgart to graduate and have a reunion with his old friends. Then the Gills dropped him off at USMA for



1965: The Clair Gill family

R-Day 90.

Sherry is back doing part-time physical therapy and loves the hosp work. Clair has graciously invited friendly scribe & spouse to visit. Spouse has immediately accepted said invitation and will call from the airport.

Still no word from **Mike O'Grady** in Martinez, GA. We are preparing a search-and-seize patrol. We received a great ltr from **Sonny Arkangel**, who is in

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX, updating me on the fact that Strength and Drive was well represented in Desert Storm. As previously (and erroneously) rep, we had more than just **Loco** and **Tragemann** over there. **Sonny** was initially assigned to Eisenhower Med Ctr, where he joined the 24th ID as it spearheaded the "Hail Mary" flanking maneuver into the rear of the enemy to cut off their withdrawal. Based on the div surgeon's analysis that he was "too sr and had too much combat time," he was assigned to the Div Spt Bn. But the CG had an assault CP, and they needed a trauma team, so **Sonny** put together a team of about 7 and off they went. As he says, never try to do a complete physical exam on a body that has not seen open air, sunlight or a bath for wks unless you are anosmic or wearing a gas mask yourself. He returned to CONUS in Apr, where he experienced the 21 mi of yellow ribbons in a fantastic welcome-home parade.

I got a quick update from **Joe DeFrancisco** on the Pentagon contingent: **Wes Taylor** is back from Ger in DCSOPS; **John C Thompson** is a BG in J-3 awaiting reassignment; **Bob Guy** is with the IG at Ft Belvoir; **Orland Mullen** is a BG running the new, big-budget light helicopter project for the Army. **John Longhouser** is also at the Pentagon, where he's a BG in SARDA (basically an R&D unit); and finally, our old friend, **Max Thurman**, is doing extremely well working for AUSA and doing a lot of public speaking.

Well folks, that's about it for now. Great ltrs and even better pics. As you can see from the above, words are great, but pics are super. It is impossible to send your friendly scribe too many ltrs or too many pics—the CI's appetite for same is ferocious! Keep 'em coming.

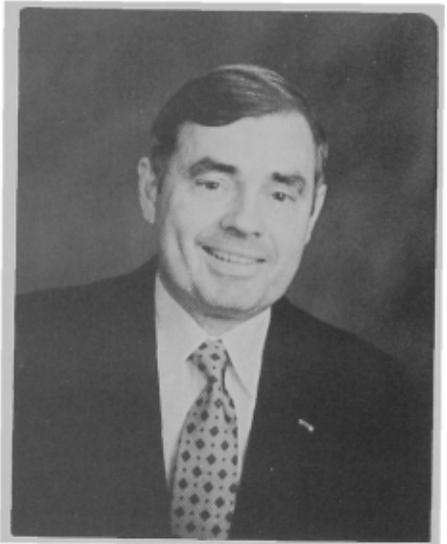
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Was it good for you? The long-awaited 25th extravaganza has come and gone, and I can't even write about it because today is 15 Aug 91, my deadline for the Oct issue. Many thanks on behalf of the entire CI to classmates **Roseborough, Hayes, Mulligan, Leach** and **Donnithorne** for their tireless efforts over the past yr. In anticipation of the event, very few chose to send any news for this issue. This will be my shortest article ever, I hope.

FLASH... "Hazel Green, KY, **Jerry Cecil**, a Morgan County farmer and Res Army COL, announced his candidacy for the US Congress in 92." Jerry's note says that "I am confident my blood brothers will assist if they can. . . ." Jerry was a candidate in the Democratic primary in 90 and received 32% of the votes cast, with only about \$20,000 in campaign

contributions. Anyone wishing to provide spt can contact **Jerry** at "Cecil for Congress," Box 220, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone (606) 662-4444.



1966: "Cecil for Congress"

**Al & Kathy Sirutis** are the proud parents of a new boy, **Douglas Matthew**, born 22 Jun 91. **Paul & Penney Roggenkamp** are in Seattle, where Paul is mgr of Tacoma Mall, the state's largest mall. They live on a small farm and raise thoroughbred race horses. Paul was looking for **Jon Steel, John Lester** and **Hank Simon** as part of his Slum & Gravy project. Unfortunately, I did not have good addresses for any of them.

This has to be one for the "better late than never" category. **Sam Bartholomew** sent me a short note with a photo from last fall. Sam, **Tom Beasley** and **Doc Crants** hosted a reception prior to the Army-Vanderbilt game at the Correction Corp of America's HQ. Sam's law firm, Stokes & Bartholomew, now has 26 partners. They are headquartered in Nashville, TN. Thanks, Sam.



1966: Kobes, Denney and Larson on the Wisconsin River, Jul 91



1966: Stowers, Beasley, Huston, Sacra, Turbish, Laipple, Silliman, Cecil, Brittan, Trella, Chitty, Crants and Bartholomew at Nashville reunion

Tom Zurla gave me Rick & Kathleen Larson's phone and address. I called Rick, who told me that he was recently separated from Citibank in the Chicago area. He sees Frank Kobes and Bob Denney frequently. They had recently taken a camping trip with their boys, and, luckily, a photo made it in time. Rick has two boys, Mat (20) at Bowdin Col, and Brad (16) in HS.

I hope our ASSEMBLY subscription blitz begins to take effect soon. Even I can afford to subscribe at the current price. I welcome any news or info you may have. You may not think anyone wants to know how you are, where you are or what you are doing (in some cases, you may be right). But what about your old beast roommate, your ranger buddy or the guys in your co? We all love to read about ea other, so don't hold back. Write so we can all enjoy the news. Thanks for your kind comments and spt over the past year—Kes.

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15 Jun 91: Never fails: within a day or two after I mail in a set of CI notes—a wk late because I have been waiting in vain for you slugs to get off your petty bourgeois tushes and send me some mail—I get mail. Two ltrs today. The first, from Mike Winton, is dated 15 May. Let's hear it for the Postal Svc. Mike would like to know if any classmates are interested in joining him in providing a gift, as well as long-term spt and companionship, to 2LT Bill Pierce, a mbr of the CI of '91.

Many of you will probably remember Pierce as the author of an article entitled "Silver Taps" (Oct 88 issue of ASSEMBLY), in which he eloquently paid tribute to our CI on the occasion of our 20th Reunion. It was a beautifully written piece. If any of you want to join in Mike's grad gift effort to LT Pierce—or perhaps provide a lifetime supply of your no-longer-needed rank insignia, etc, contact Mike at PO Box 829, Mukilteo, WA 98275. Mike also reps seeing Jack Ziemke on the local 5 o'clock news back in Apr, expressing pleasure that the dead whale in front of his house was being towed away.

Second ltr today was from Jim Milliken, who rep being alive and well and still working for ARAMCO in Saudi Arabia. The oil well fires in Kuwait are causing real health problems, esp for people with any kind of respiratory trouble. Jim doesn't seem to be in any hurry to come home, though. He sent along a neat audiotape of the sounds of the war, from Patriot missile firings to the Iraqi version of Tokyo Rose propaganda broadcasts. 9 Jul: From Little Rock, AR comes word of a new business venture launched by our CI bookie, Tom Murphy. Info Technologies Inc, or InfoTech, is a voice-processing co that provides businesses and entrepreneurs access to the equipment, telephone lines and spt they need to sell info over the phone. Hope it works out for him; I have a sneaking suspicion he needed a legitimate cover for his computerized bookie svc.

15 Jul: Most, if not all of you, should have received the mailing from Bruce Bacci and Jeff Madsen regarding the 25th Reunion and the need to shake



1967: Tom, June and John Murphy

everyone out of the woodwork to make sure that they show up. Let's all set ourselves to this task now. The more the merrier; the 20th was great, and there's no reason the 25th can't be even better—even if Dewey does show up again. Someone in Europe will probably have to wake Dewey up from his perpetual nap, though, to let him know what's going on. Looking back to the 20th, Craig Butler has given me a spark of inspiration: why not have a CI ugly-tie contest at the 25th Reunion? We could even have prizes. First prize would be a copy of the videotape of my wife Suzi's 40th birthday celebration at the 20th Reunion—the videotape Hobie Pilsbury swore he would send me but never has. Second prize would be a 10-min tour of Dewey's wine cellar, with the option of taking home the bottle of your choice, for those really hard-up. One contest rule: no ties with Tom White's baby pic on them are allowed—that would be an automatic winner, and would be in very bad taste. Let me know what you think. 19 Jul: Nice note from Jim Saine today, along with the pic of him pinning jump wings on his son Sam '93 following Sam's grad from jump sch on 3 Jul. Sam had bit of a firefight with the academic dept last yr, but, when the smoke finally cleared, he ended up in control of the high ground. Bad news is that it will take him an extra few mos to grad—as in Dec instead of Jun—but that just means he'll have a little more time to haze plebes before becoming one himself all over again. They do still have plebes at WooPoo, don't they? Or is that something else that went the way of good B-robos, shower formations and grades posted in sallyports?

25 Jul: Two ltrs in less than a wk from Randy Pais, both hand-written. What the hell have I done to deserve this, I ask? Fortunately, he also sent a couple of pics. Seems the Army Rugby Team was in Houston back in May to compete in the Natl Championships (they lost to Cal in the final), and, since Randy had played the big role in raising money to spt the team's trip, they invited him to WP to play in the annual alumni game.

The first pic shows Randy trying to take the ball from someone much younger,



1967: Randy Pais (second from rt) playing in the alumni rugby game at WP, May 91

bigger and stronger than he. His judgment obviously has not improved with age. The second photo is a shot of classmates and families who watched the Army team play in Houston. From L-R are Jerry Walker, Joanne Parr, Jackie Pais, Tom Parr, Randy Pais, Hank Uberecken and John Murrell, with his 2 sons.

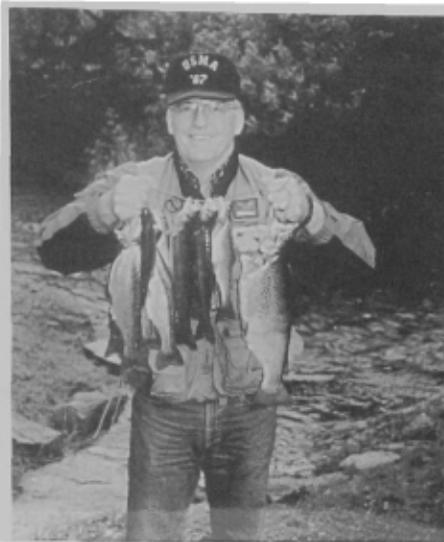


1967: CI gathering in Houston for the Army rugby game, May 91

31 Jul: Some-guys-never-give-up dept: **George Dials** once again has insulted our intelligence by sending along a pic of himself holding up a string of dead fish (that obviously came from the local Safeway) with some cozy WVA stream in the background for effect.

It's bad enough that he persists in this canard, but he makes it worse by buying fish that aren't even legal keeping size. The only guy I know of that would actually brag about catching fish that small is **Dave Hale**, and he would probably use poison to catch them. George also sent along a pic that he said was a 4-1/2-lb rainbow trout, but it was so blurry that it looked like a wet cat to me. After serving a stint as the WVA Energy Commissioner, George has returned to the coal industry as pres, Massey Coal Svcs, a subsidiary of AT Massey Coal Co. Pam continues her work as the asst mgr of the WVA Symphony. Their son Bill is a grad student at Penn; daughter Heather is now a jr at Curtis Inst of Music in Phila, continuing her studies in voice and opera. Anybody passing through Charleston, WVA is welcome to stop by for a coal-dust cocktail.

8 Aug: Usual pre-deadline ltr from the



1967: George Dials shows off some tiny bassfish

Editor of this rag arrived today. In this one, he sent along a computer printout of all the mbrs of the CI who don't subscribe to *ASSEMBLY*. Quite a lengthy list—195 cheapskates out there. At least I hope that's the reason the list is so long. I would much rather believe that those folks who don't subscribe are simply too cheap to fork over \$15 or so to AOG every yr rather than believe that they simply don't give a damn about the CI or the institution. Come on, guys. If you're reading this swill and your name's on the list (and you know if it is or not), get off your butt and chip in. It won't ruin your bank acct, and you might regain some long-lost friendships.

10 Aug: An invitation with C/S of the Army ltrhead in today's usual pile of junk mail. I am invited to **Dave Hale's** promotion to BG on Fri, 16 Aug. I don't believe they're actually going to go through with this. How typical: **Janet** goes off to fight the war in the Gulf while **Dave** stays in the Five-Sided Wind Tunnel, and **HE** gets promoted. It just seems like yesterday we were in Ranger Sch together, and I could hear the Great Turkey crying "momma" in the middle of the night. And, of course, there was the night he snuck away from our patrol in the mtns and went to a local farmhouse to beg food. Oh well, at least now he can foot the bill for all the future CI luncheons in the Pentagon, since he will be staying in the bldg. I guess there is some justice in that—being a BG in the Pentagon is a lot like being a plebe. **Jack Wood** will be coming in to take Hale's old job—at least they're bringing in some talent to undo whatever damage he managed to inflict. Another guy now in the bldg is **Doug Starr**, fresh from his triumphs as cmdr of the 3d ACR in the Gulf, to serve as the XO for the new Army C/S.

12 Aug: This goes in the mail today—want to get off on the right foot with the



1967: Jim Saine pins jump wings on son Sam '93, Jul 91

new ed, so I'll only be a day or two late. It just dawned on me that we haven't had a winner of the Welsh Rarebit Award for Pheonmenal Mediocrity for quite some time. I was looking through the '67 *Howitzer* recently and have decided that this issue's tribute should go to the guys in C-3 Firstie Yr. No contest. Pop it up, guys. Next time, a trip through my Yearling Yr H-Reports or, "Why I Got to Spend All Football Season Walking Back and Forth in Central Area." Start making your reunion plans NOW. Somebody at WP, start planning the reunion NOW. BEAT NAVY!

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I keep hoping that some classmate will return from that dream vacation and forward lots of news and pics; however, nothing yet. Or maybe you're settling down after that extended tour in Saudi, as a recalled reservist or ret CONUS backup, and you're going to tell us all about it. In any event, the recession can't be so bad that you can't afford a stamp or a phone call. If so, you're not going to want to hear what our Treas, **Jim Thome**, has to rep.

As you remember at our 20th, we unanimously agreed that the CI should give a gift to WP. After ruling out a special AI classroom, bldg a new Snuffy's in Highland Falls and a car wash on Post—all too practical—we decided to raise the money first and worry about the actual gift after we raised our millions. Well, this fall will be 3 yrs since we all agreed to send 50% of our annual take-home salaries—or about \$100/yr—to the '68 CI Gift Fund. **Jim** rep that, to date, we're on target—if there were only 15 of us in the CI. . . Actually, from the list I got from the AOG of *ASSEMBLY*

non-subscribers, that might be all there are left of us—but even old gullible Gerard doubts it. Jim is sure there are lots of checks in the mail; however, he thought that a short reminder prior to his punching out of the mil net would be in order and help the plan. Since the gift project off, Gary Halstead, departed USMA for CA last yr, Jim and Dan Kaufman assumed the “interim” reigns and did an outstanding job reminding ea other that something ought to be done. With Jim & Pat’s departure, Dan (heretofore to be known as the stuckee) is looking for an inbound-to-WP, energetic, hard-driving, forceful classmate to assume the leadership as exec dir and first VP (a title that would look great on any resume) of the ’68 CI Gift Project. For those of you with that MBA bottom-line mentality, it will be very difficult for us to present a meaningful (aka, expensive) gift at our 25th reunion. But that’s OK because we can’t stay at WP for our 25th anyway—and we’re still divided over that. There’s the Doug Cummings, Ray Puffer and Gary Halstead camp, that recommends a CI ski wk in the W; then there’s the Stott Carleton, Dan Adams, Ted Trauner and John Keane camp, that votes to board a boat somewhere in the S (like Aruba) and sail up the Hudson to a ball game at WP; then there are Andy & Betty Shaffer, who own a boat in the western mtns and will go with either scenario. In any event, we need to come up with some bucks, Rabble, and here’s how to do it: make out a check to “WP Fund” and send it to the AOG, USMA, WP, NY 10996 with a note directing the check to be deposited into the “CI of ’68 Gift Fund.” Honest, we’re not asking for a lot from any one of you—just a bit from all of us. Up ’til ’69, we were the largest cl to grad—surely we can come up with enough operating capital by our 25th Reunion to project a conservative goal for a gift by our 30th.



1968: The Thals, Gordie Sayre, Gordie Crupper and the Johnsons at the Swans’

As for the Thomes, Jim ret from WP in early Aug after finishing two yrs as an Asst Prof in the Dept of Sys Engring (formerly Dept of Engring) and over a yr as Asst Dean for Plans and Opns. Pat received a GS promotion, moved from

the USMA Dept of Admissions and has been working in DEH. Jim will take his Ph.D to Stockton, CA as the ch of the Sci and Math Div at San Joaquin Delta Col. Jim Jr ’93, an acorn that must have been swept away in a hurricane, spent the summer in DCLT at Ft Leonard Wood; participated in the ’91 US Olympic Festival in LA in team handball; and continues to be on the Dean’s List and a Supe’s award recipient. Jim & Pat’s other son, Chris (USFA ’94), still loves to fly, earned his jump wings and completed SERE during the summer.

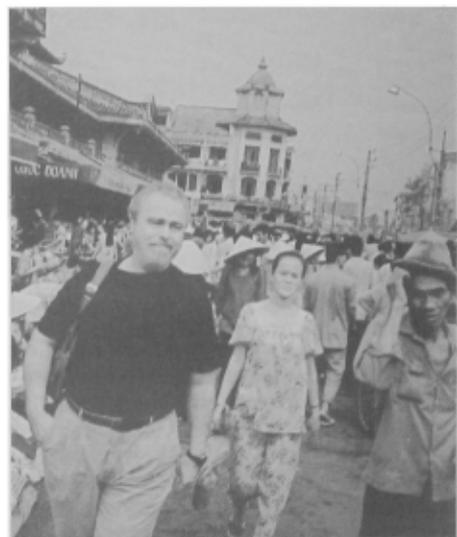
Art Coogler dropped a quick note in Jun while on leave from Saudi. He’s been the cmdr of the 122d Med Det (Dental) since Dec 90 in Saudi and the Theater Dental Surgeon since last Apr. He reps that his dentists were busy in Saudi and Kuwait and are more than ready to come home. By the time you read this, he will have redeployed; however, with all the “downsizing” of USAREUR, we’re not sure where “home” will be. Art also noted that he had visited with Bill Nash, who was still glowing from the exploits of his bde in Kuwait in early Jun. Bill has since redeployed with his bde to Kirchgoens. Bill mentioned that Larry Jordan had been promoted to BG at Camp Thunder Rock in Kuwait and that he had served as a Div ADC during Desert Storm.



1968: Gordie Crupper, Ralph Tildon, Mike Fellows and Ross Nagy at the Swans’

Another classmate caught up in the fervor of Desert Make-a-Living was marvelous Marv Markley, who volunteered to return to Vietnam for Schlumberger Overseas SA. By my calculations, Marv is the second classmate to return to that country since the end of our war there; the first was Gary Roberson, who was a mbr of the original negotiating and inspection team to go to Hanoi and vic to ensure all returnable POWs and remains were accounted for. Anyway, due to an organizational change, Marv is now advising on oil and gas well production in Thailand and Vietnam. While he can’t “do business” in Vietnam, he can advise and give seminars in Saigon and Vung Tau to employees of Petro-Vietnam and Viet-Sov-Petro. He reps that Saigon is not the Ho Chi Minh City he expect-

ed—a lot less traffic, few cars, and the \$ still reigns supreme.



1968: The Marvelous One advising again in Vietnam

The PCS season is slow this yr. Dick & Kathy Shipley (558 Grahm Rd, San Ant, TX 78234) have moved on post to Ft Sam. Joe & Barbara Fowler must have moved all of 40 mi—from Carlisle to 9509 Sylvan Dell, Columbia, MD—so Joe can be closer to his Army Claims Svc job at Ft Meade and attend CI activities in the DC area, and they can both revel in the glory of having an outrageous mortgage.

Dave & Susan Ohle stormed into town in early Aug, but we wouldn’t have known about it if it hadn’t been for Jay (who paid the phone bill) & Pat Johnson. Since Dave hadn’t received orders to become the XO to the DA DCSOPS ’til 19 Jul and was to rep NLT 1 Aug, they arrived on the mainland from HI with no household goods or transportation. Fortunately, Ralph Tuccillo had stopped off in HI to see the Ohles on his way to ROC about the time Dave got his orders. Ralph had a Volvo—parked in Boston—to sell. Soooo, the guys done the deal in HI, Ralph moved on to the Far E and the Ohles flew in to Stewart AFB, stayed with the Com in his qtrs for a couple of days and moved on to pick up the car. While in HI, Dave contacted Pete Sowa in ROK to have Pete strike ’68 CI coins to present as gifts to sons and daughters of classmates who grad from svc acads. The initial shipment was too late to present to mbrs of the CI of ’91; however, if parents will keep in touch, we’ll make sure these nifty medallions get to their intended recipients.

While talking with Dave & Susan—and simultaneously running up the Johnsons’ phone bill—Pat volunteered to hostess the New Year’s Day reception again—a fete I heartily recommend. Start your diet on 2 Jan. From what I could hear in the background, the gals



1968: Jay Johnson and Pete Swan at the Johnsons'

haven't changed a bit—Pat's a charter mbr of the hair-color-of-the-mo club and Susan lambasted me for name misspellings two articles ago. Now, she wants to proof everything pertaining to the **Ohles**. Pat also recommended we coordinate early to get a '68 car to hook on the GEN's train to the A-N Game. We'll discuss that at the 10 Sep luncheon. If we can get **Ted Trauner** and **Jim Cima** to check back in, we could have another REAL party.

Speaking of parties, **George Nippell** called and left a msg on the answering machine that his father sent him a 35-lb king salmon, and he needed some help eating it. Then, he went on TDY just after he gave his bride **Patty** a mission order to put a party, consisting of classmates he knew, together for the wknd. **Patty** works 'til 10 pm to pay for their 40-ft sailboat docked in Annapolis, and I don't know who she got together. We were taking our son to col that wknd; however, upon our return, we smelled no foul odors and heard of a run on Chardonnay at the CI VI Store, so we can only assume a good time was had by all—whoever they were.

**Mike Murphy** dropped a note to let us know the latest from the American Embassy in London. **Diana** visited the US in early Jul to see their daughter **Krista** Ellen enter USNA. Mike couldn't make it since he was in charge of all DoD spt to the Pres while he was in the UK at the G-7 conf. Mike rep that **Bruce Korda** departed the UK for Pentagonia, where he will work on Army procurement. **Lou Speer** also left to return to Ford in Dearborn/Detroit. Mike noted that Lou looks as fit and trim as the day he graduated; however, he seems to be pursued by **John Cruden's** toupée salesman. We have one more yr to get to London, since Mike extended for a yr to allow son Ryan to grad from HS.

**Jack Munson** faxed me a 19 Jul article from *Inside the Air Force* in which JCS opns planner **Bob Balog** was extensively quoted regarding upgrading JOPES. Apparently an admiral also espoused Bob's ideas at an Automated Msn Planning Soc symposium; however, the AF liked the way Bob got the ideas across with better

detail and more flair. Way to go, Bob! The *Bugle Notes* told us what plebes outranked, and Bob demonstrated that Army offs are even better.



1968: Nelie Laughton, Ross Nagy and Jerry Hansen at a CI luncheon

Another Pentagoner to make points was **Nelie Laughton**, who brought raves from a firstie in DC on duty in the MANPRINT off of ODCSPER. Nelie's direction, focus and inspiration kept the cadet from going too crazy in a desk job that sends O4s over the edge. I got this piece of info only after providing the firstie with a 3-pack of **John Wing's** brew. . . .

While one of our ARINC mgrs was briefing an Enron VP on a tool we devised to help congeneration orgns stock the correct spare parts to negate downtime, the VP stated that his co did not require such a tool; however, Enron would be happy to furnish reliability data for the ARINC project for the good of the industry. The ARINC mgr was impressed and thankful, and we should all be proud that **John Wing**, chm and CEO of Enron Congeneration, has fostered such openness and dedication to US industry.



1968: Part of the '68 crew, including Mike Brennen, Chuck Jones, Mike Fellows and Jack Cochran, watching the cadets form up for march-in at the A/N Game

**Jack Cochran** has traded his greens for pinstripes. He & **Bevi** left WP in late Aug, headed for sunny San Diego and a vice-presidency in **Trauner** (that's right—Trauner) Consulting Svcs. John will be a freshman at Occidental and Chris a sr at Poway HS. Jack & Bevi

welcome any visitors. Their address is 17834 St Andrews Dr, Poway, CA.

This has not been a swell summer for the **Henry Riser** family. A culmination to a series of devastating family tragedies occurred in early Aug when Henry was taken into the hosp at 5 am for an emergency appendectomy, which finally transpired at 3 pm—after registering a 30 on a 1–10 pain meter. Friend and classmate **Stott Carleton** was present, scrubbed, went into the OR and administered the staples to patch Henry up. Since Scott is an oral surgeon, I understand Henry's scar resembles a jaw and the staples will set off airline metal detectors for yrs to come.

If you ever thought I was out of news, you certainly know it now. All I can do for entertainment is blow spit bubbles and moan. Thanks to **Jeff Rogers** for letting me know that **Myles Crowe** was the mystery person in the last ROK Founders Day photo. Remember, I have a list of who doesn't subscribe, so I can tell lots of tall tales and not have to apologize 'til a reunion—or 'til the person I told on resubscribes. We're in an important time of our lives, Rabble. We're making some big moves, and we're also settling down. We need to stay in touch because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—Dave.

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This col is being written on 7 Aug, covering news received since 14 Jun. When you receive this issue, my next deadline will be 15 Dec.

As indicated above, our family has made a major move since I last wrote to you. On 28 Jun I was nominated by the Pres as ambassador to Ger, and I was confirmed by the Senate on 30 Jul. I look forward to continuing to serve the Pres and Secy Baker by representing US interests with a close friend and ally at a unique moment in its history. I also hope to see more of **Holly** and the children than the previous 30 mos have allowed, and I look forward to seeing many of the CI in Ger.

Since this may be the last col you will read before Christmas, let me say two important things: first, Beat Navy! Second, please contribute to the CI Gift Fund in your yr-end giving. We are making good progress but need more contributions to realize our goal of a gift that will keep giving—by generating enough interest income to provide for annual or periodic projects from the CI. And, to ensure safety of deposits, the Fund's by-laws were recently amended to provide that all contributions will continue to be invested only in US govt securities or govt-insured accts.



1969: The McBanes, Lobdells, Colaciccos and Morans at Founders Day 91, Heidelberg, Ger

As I write, **Jim Adamson** is circling the Earth on his second Shuttle mission. The last one was just before the 20th Reunion, so I assume Jim wants to ensure continuing tall tales (no pun intended!) at the 25th.

The CI summer gathering will be held in two wks, so I'll have coverage next time around. The omens look good, however: **Kip Schaaf** called to say he was flying in from CA, **Deborah & Tom Lowry** were planning to come from Charlotte, NC and **Ken Wanless** has done his usual masterful preparatory work. Also, while accompanying his father to a WWII Marine Corps reunion in Columbus, OH, **Pat Spann** visited **Gail & Bob Setzer**, who were also hoping to attend the DC gathering.



1969: The Schulzes, Demetrious and Prosches at Founders Day 91, Ft Carson

**Eileen & Casey Brower** opened the mil mail with a nice note from WP. Casey said **Ed Schwabe** has turned over cmd of 1-1 Inf at WP and is now in the Hist Dept. Casey also had spoken to **Skip Bacevich**, who cmds 11th ACR on duty in the Persian Gulf.

Meanwhile, **Marianne & Bob Ivany** have arrived at Ft Bliss, where Bob now cmds 3rd ACR.

In transition is **Dave Merhar**, who ret on 1 Oct. **Jan & he** will live in Heidelberg, where Jan will teach and Dave will run his own business.

**Bill Ward** opened mail from the civ side with word that he was making progress on obits for **Ed Watson** and **Joe Sowa**. I encourage all who are writing obits to accelerate efforts; our goal is to



1969: John & Betty Ahlbrecht at Founders Day 91, Korea

have all obits submitted by the 25th Reunion.

**Greg Jones** sent a nice note and photo from Ft Lauderdale, where he is a personal injury litigator with Bud Neswacheny '68. After all his yrs in the Cav, Greg has taken up horseback riding in the form of cattle drives. The drives, he says, are nothing like the movie *City Slickers*, but more like *Recondo* with horses. (I wonder if they serve franks and beans or "ham and claymores" around the old campfire?)

**Raynelle & Bill Damon** have moved from DC to Coeur d'Alene, ID, where Bill is deputy forest supervisor for the ID Panhandle Natl Forest—a mere 2.5 mil acres!

**Gussie & Randy Wilson** sent a card with their new address: 21781 Ontur, Mission Viejo, CA 92692.

**Joe Gelineau** sent the last ltr from Brussels, where he is with Westinghouse. He is also planning on coming to the summer gathering after recent trips to the Gulf and Eastern Europe.

**Dennie Haydon** stopped by on a recent trip to DC during which he and others were working to save Doubleday Field at WP. From WP, **Tom Piazza** rep that **John Bolger** is a recently-arrived RTO, while **Chris Sautter** has left for a position in Paris.



1969: Greg Jones on the trail in CO



1969: Joe Gelineau (arms crossed) in Kuwait two wks after liberation

**George Albrecht** sent a program from this yr's Natl Def Univ graduation, which listed as grads from the Natl War Col and Industrial Col of the Armed Forces our own **Bill Jones, Kersey, Morelock and Tesdahl**.

That's it for this time. Have a great fall and drop me a note at my new locale. God bless to all in '69.

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Our fearless ldr for the CI of '70, **Dave Brown**, sent me a rep from the CI Fund. As of 31 Mar 91 we had over \$114K in our acct (on a cost basis), which comes to over \$123K (on a mkt basis). That must mean something significant to our financial gurus but sounds like  $1+1=3$  to me. These results are based on contributions of \$24,462.50 during the yr previous, along with \$3657 in investment revenue. Which just goes to show that YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION to USMA through the "CI of 70 Gift Fund;" then, in a few yrs, we can afford to give something REALLY nice to our Rockbound Highland Home. Dave did not amplify this official correspondence with even a hint of info of a personal nature, so we will have to assume that he is still alive and well and continuing to mend broken hearts in his cardiology practice in Dallas, TX.

**Pete Jones** rummaged through about 25 rolls of film to find the one shot of him from Desert Storm that delivered a taste of war rather than one of going down to the corner gas station. The BMP was along a supply route from Log Base (LB) Nellingen (Iraq fuel site) to Kuwait and had been destroyed by the IID a few days earlier. LB Nellingen, with a capacity of 1.85 mil gallons, was established by Pete's 300th S&S Bn (a composite Natl Guard and Res unit) and was set up and operational 30 mi inside the Iraqi border within 12 hrs. Over 10 mil gallons were distributed to combat forces. No sooner did Pete come back from the Storm than he was named as VP Opns for Cabot Safety Corp. This, on top of recov-



1970: Pete Jones vs BMP, Desert Storm, Iraq

ering from the deployment, required a redeployment of family from Indianapolis to Southbridge, MA. See what a little combat experience can do for you?



1970: Debra & Bob Richardson, back from the Storm

**Bob Richardson** is also back from the sandbox. He led Engr TF12, which spted the 1 Bde, 3 AD. They marked minefields, blew commo lines, destroyed abandoned armored vehicles and ammo and provided humanitarian aid to the civs near Safwan in S Iraq. Bob & **Debra** are now making their home in Alexandria, since Bob relinquished cmd of the 12th Engr Bn of 3 AD on 26 Jun to assume duties at the Pentagon in the Asst Ch of Engr Off. Debra is now working as the budget off for Ft Belvoir.

**Jim Crawford** has been dying for wks to tell all about the marvelous first annual Cl of '70 Golf Tour at Coeur d'Alene, ID. The golfing headcount included **Tom & Sue Anthony** with Brian and Leslie, **Dave & Debbie Brown** with Kevin, Karen and Kristine, **Bill & Starr Campbell** (both of whom played), **Nelson & Lil Johnson**, **Gil & Ann Pritchard**, **John & Paula Roberts** (who left the kids at grandma's), **Dave & Karen Young** (who were celebrating their 21st anniv), **Mike Zolidis** and **Jim & Jo Ann Crawford** with mom Crawford and Sarah. **Jim & Kelly Belotty** joined them for one of the



1970: The Youngs, Browns and Campbells during 91 Golf Tour



1970: 91 Golf Tour boat people: Young, Campbell, Anthony, Zolidis, Johnson, Pritchard and Crawford

evening dinners, but, because of his Air Guard drill that wknd, they couldn't stay for the games. Jim is an engring prof in Spokane. No wonder Crawford likes these games so well—he walked off with \$70 of the \$125 in prizes, including total low net. Roberts gleaned 4 of the 8 money awards, including total low gross, while Pritchard was the only other participant to cop a prize. Next yr's golf event is expected to be in Tampa, mostly because Crawford has moved to Southern Cmd at McDill AFB. Watch this space for further details.



1970: The Anthonys, Zolidis, and better halves of Crawford, Roberts and Johnson at 91 Golf Tour

The *Official Army Book of Lists* reveals that there are a no of changes to watch out for. In the Movin' Out Dept, **John Shull** hung up his spurs in Apr and **Mike Mahan**, **Art Lucia**, **Terry Hilderbrand** and **Loren Todd** reverted to civ



1970: The Roberts, Pritchards, Brown and Johnsons at the 91 Golf Tour

status in May. In the Movin' Up Dept, a whole crowd of guys appear to be going to the War Col, including **Terry Young**, **Hank Zimon**, **Jim Ward**, **Rich Rutledge**, **Bill Saunders**, **Tom Nicholson**, **Don Goff**, **Perry Baltimore**, **Tom Armeli**, **John Hostettler**, **Allan Marple**, **Frank Gehrki** and **Steve Cook** (as he was clearing his archives for a relocation to Carlisle, PA, Steve passed on a snapshot from John Reese's change of cmd last yr). See rapid fire for the Movin' Along Dept.



1970: The Barths, Reeses and Cooks at Reese's change of cmd, 90

After 17 yrs of bachelorhood, **Will Etzler** has made an entry into the Ball & Chain Dept with his recent marriage to **Raquel Peralta** at Ft Buchanan, PR last May—you may remember her as Will's drag at the 20th Reunion. Now he & Raquel look forward to Will's Sep ret date. Home will remain in the Ft Benning area, at least for a while; the Etzlers say, "Y'all come!" as you head through Columbus, GA. Will also rep that **Larry White** took cmd of the 11th Inf Regt at Ft Benning on 13 Jun.

**Bill Roedy** did something really amazing. At his age, he walked a non-stop 60 mi benefit for the Starlight Foundation in its efforts to obtain a specially equipped mini-bus to help the critically, chronically or terminally ill children of Britain. Bill claims it was harder than a marathon—it took him 17.5 hrs to complete the trek. Presumably, the pledges collected were able to cover the cost of the new vehicle. Bill, as you know, is the CEO and managing dir of MTV Europe.

News Flash! A recent press release



1970: Newlyweds Will & Raquel Etzler, May 91

from CRS Sirrinc (CRSS) Engrs of Greenville, SC notes that **Vance Hutchison** has been appointed as VP Sales & Marketing for process markets. The release goes on to say that the mktks focus on chemicals, pharmaceuticals, plastics, polymers, films, fibers and fiberglass, which appears to me to be a rather broad focus. CRSS is a diversified industrial design and construction svcs firm which has interests in the independent power/cogeneration industry and acid rain/pollution controls.



1970: Vance Hutchison, new VP, CRSS Engrs Inc, spring 91

Rapid fire, developed from next to nothing. **Steve Wesbrook** is moving on to a high-visibility asgmt in the Pentagon. Other lucky SOBs going to the pentapuzzle are **Steve Storm** and **John Norton**. Joining them in the DC area, but managing to avoid entry into the impact area are **Richard Beahm** (Alexandria), **Perry Casto**, **Ralph Churchill** (Ft McNair) and **Mark Meranda**. If I can trust the *Official Army Book of Lists*, then I will have a



1970: Nick & Jodi Costantino, Penn & Jeanne Watkinson and Ray & Sheila Anderson at Founders Day 91, Triangle, NC

new neighbor soon, as **Wayne Pembrock** is scheduled to come to Ft Harrison.

The editor should be proud of me. This is the first col being produced on my new computer. Now any mistakes that you find, you can't blame on me any more—they are all clearly computer errors. What is really means, however, is that now I can make my mistakes about 20 times quicker than I could before. . . .

That just about ends the game for this one. But if we could only hear from **Frank Whitlock**, **Charlie Miles** or **Tom McChesney**, then we would REALLY have some news.

Remember, if you want to see your name in bold print in an intilly-distributed mag this fall, send a note, a postcard, some junk mail or SOMETHING (with a

pic). Then I'll ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good. Delta Charlie Fox Out.

'71

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After submitting this article for publication, I was notified that **Bob Wade** was killed in a helicopter accident outside Aurora, Colorado on 5 September. As an aviator lieutenant colonel in the Colorado National Guard, he was performing night training at the time of the accident. He was buried at West Point on 12 September. Although other details are not yet available, we again mourn the loss of one of our finest Professionally Done soldiers. Our sympathies are extended to Bob's family and friends as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Most fun I've had since, since. . . some parts of the Firstie trip. Although I won't be completely sober until Dec, I think I had a great time at the Reunion. Although these notes will greet you after the Homecoming wknd, I will feedback lies shared at that memorable occasion in upcoming issues.

Let me enhance your reading pleasure with the first co newsltr (my hope is that other folks will want to lend some credibility to the affair by penning their reminiscences and forwarding me a copy); this one is sort of a pre-reunion laydown used to entice folks to get to the ancestral home of the Beanhead in Oct. Herewith some B-3 blather from **Don Smith**. As I have mentioned earlier, **Terry Thomason** has taken his atty's shingle and posted it somewhere in the



1971: Founders Day 91, Heidelberg, Ger



1971: The McClellands and Tetus in Maui



1971: Founders Day 91, Seoul, Korea.



1971: Founders Day 91, Ft Carson

Korean boonies, which explains his notable absence from the reunion. Not to despair though: **Kathi** and HS freshman **Becky** made the trip to the Morning Calm also. Oldest daughter **Paige** is hitting the books (and probably a beach volleyball) at the U of HI. **Terry McGuire** recently switched corporate ladders when he signed up with Bear Stearns Asset Mgt. As marketing and client svcs rep, he maintains offices in San Fran and L.A. **Dick Ryder** works for (or is) Plan Tech, a mgmt consulting firm for the auto industry. If you ever get the

urge to design a new car devel program, **Dick's** your man. Not satisfied with chasing **Noriega** out in 89, **Dwayne Aaron** decided to take his Special Forces tng to Iraq and do the same thing with **Hussein**. Let's see, in a 20-yr career, **Dwayne** must have at least 13 at Bragg! You're an understanding woman, **Glo**.

Just to show that my crab-bashing is an aberration, I would like to pass on a note about our erstwhile seafarer, CPT (Select) **Werthmuller**. **Roy** should pin on his 0-6 stripe later this yr. He continues to serve on the *USS White Plains*, which spts the *Nimitz* battlegroup in the Persian Gulf, until Nov. Pop up your tentacles, squid.

Also braving the cultural, as well as mil, challenge of a Gulf asgmt, **Tom Suermann** recently became the cmd engr for the Multinatl Peacekeeping Force in El Gorah, the Sinai. Tom's first-born, **Mike**, a yearling at USAFA, completed glider and survival tng this past summer. Tom mentioned that **Pat Finnegan** also had an opportunity to excel in Saudi Arabia while serving in the legal off of XVIII Abn Corps. I'll bet there was a lot of maneuver damage to pay for.

**Chris Cardine**, **Randy Oliver** and **Bob Shively** are also letting folks know that the Professionally Done CI has something to offer. Ea was recently selected to be a PM for an Army sys: **Chris** with Block III Armaments (tank stuff), **Randy** with Fixed Wing, and **Bob** with Cmd and Control Sys. These heady contributions will no doubt lead us into the 21st Century. Although, **Bob**, I've never seen a squad radio that worked longer than 5 min or farther than 500 ft!

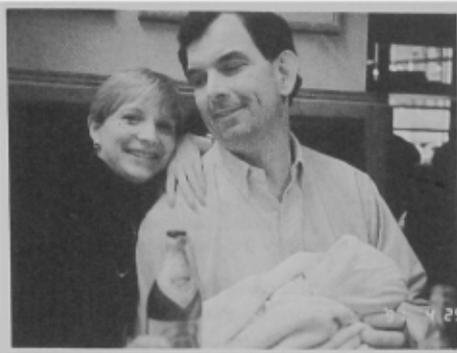
The enclosed photo depicts the mini D-2 reunion in Maui featuring the **McClelland** and **Tetu** clans. **Bill** was in transition from bn cmd in Korea to the Adv Mil Studies Sch at Leavenworth. **Mac** was enjoying a deserved respite from the challenges that come with his job as VP and controller of American Can in Baltimore. **Bob**, **Cathy** & **Mac's** eldest, is a soph at VA Tech, and two daughters are in HS.

Now I know why the Army had that "Stripes for Skills" program. That old competitor, **Bob Mohn**, when he learned of **Jeff Rock's** newborn, wrote to announce



1971: The families Witschonke, Tokarsky, Morrison and Seletsky

that he & **Shelly** are enjoying Late Night with Dave Letterman with Professionally Done Charlie, born 2 Mar 91. No wonder they gave you guys 6 stripes.



1971: Lisa, Bob and Meg Weiss

Just up the road from the San Fran Mohns in Sacramento, **Bob & Lisa Weiss** put the "P" in Professionally Done babies with the blessed birth of Margaret Elizabeth on 18 Mar. Meg was conceived through the miracle of in vitro fertilization on the first try. Bob is a managing dir for SEI Corp and runs the W Coast region shop. He remains in the Res with the 6253rd Gen Hosp. Bob was 72 hrs away from hitting the tarmac when Desert Storm ended.



1971: Opns researchers (?) at WP

This yr finds many of our classmates hanging up those A-squad boots that have been on display all this time. It seems like yesterday that **Bard Mansager**, **Pat McDonald** and I set sail for our Inf plt in HI. Bard & Pat have now returned home to CA; Bard to academia in Monterey and Pat to business in the L.A. area. Now let's see, where is my resume. . .

'72

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Sorry we missed last issue due to technical difficulties. I hope you have been able to stand the wait until this time. There were some reports of the '72 contingent either returned or awaiting return from Desert Storm. Among those who participated:

**Jeff McCauslano** (3-17 FA), **Mike**

**Kobbe** (2-2 ACR), **Hank Kinnison** (101st Abn), **Frank Hancock** (101st), **Tory Becker** (MD), **Dan Merritt**, **Wojdakowski**, **Sterling West** (MD) and **Rick Kerin**. There were many others (mentioned in previous issues), but I don't think these classmates have been mentioned yet. There is no late report on who may still be there, so if anybody knows, please update us.



1972: Desert Storm leaders

Received a nice note from Ernest Hinds II, Jun '43 in San Ant with a pic of 4 generations of Hinds men (see Sep 91 ASSEMBLY, pg 70 for photo). The newest is **John Nicholas**, son of '72's **Ernest Hinds III**. The gp included Ernest's grandfather, **John Hamilton Hinds**, Nov '18. The pic is a treasure in the Hinds family.



1972: AWC 91, Carlisle Bks

**Gary Speer** has returned to Ft Lewis to cmd the 2d Ranger Bn. Just prior, he was at Carlisle Bks for his War Col stint. **Bruce Scott** attended the same cl and has returned to Ger to activate the Engr Regt for one of the divs (don't know which). **Wayne Kirkbride** has PCS'd to sunny HI as G-5/PAO of the 25th Inf Div. He recently completed his post-grad work in Intl Economics at Old Dominion Univ. His latest book, *Special Forces in Latin America: Bull Simons to Just Cause*, was published just before he left for HI. Wayne mentioned that **Bill Pavlick's** son Eric is a plebe this yr. Several others also mentioned in his note included **Don & Rosa Tilton**, **Dave Barnhart**, **Jim Hickey**, **Floyd & Jean Whitney** and **Brad & Lynn Holtz**.

Dr Sterling West was mentioned ear-

lier as a participant in Desert Storm. He has since returned to Fitzsimmons Army Med Ctr in Denver and was picked up below the zone for 0-6. He rep seeing **Ed Freund** on his way to Ger as an activated reservist to support Desert Storm.

I must have failed to mention the first annual "Lost and Founders Day" held at WP last spring. The idea was the brainstorm of **John & Joyce Lasala**, who decided it was unfair, or something, that WP does not celebrate Founders Day.



1972: Paul Oskvarek, Mike McDannell, Paul Capofari, Jeb Baker, John LaSala, Mark Robershotte and Steve Baranzky

So they hosted a '72 gathering and had a gp including **Mike & Debbie McDannell**, **Jeb & Lynn Baker**, **Paul and Denise Oskvarek**, **Mark & Nan Robershotte**, **Paul & Sharon Capofari** and **Steve & Sheila Baranzky**. Baker and Capofari got "oldest" and "youngest" grad, respectively—not bad for two lawyers! Joyce still works as a WP tour guide and hosted the House Ways and Means Cmte last spring. She's busy at it again this fall.

The next Cl luncheon in the DC area will be on 15 Nov. Contact **Bob Curran** at (301) 622-6443 for further info.

Thanks for your spt, and we'll see you next time.

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In addition to the whereabouts of classmates which have been brought to my attention, this col will address obits of deceased classmates, the Cl database, a classmate running for public off and the change of ASSEMBLY editors. I am writing based on material received by 13 Aug. Next suspense is 15 Oct (note the two-mo interval, making ASSEMBLY a 6-issue/yr pub with a circulation of 22,000). AOG sent me a printout of AS-

**SEMBLY** non-subscribers from our CI—they total 439! This may acct for sometimes spotty reporting on the CI, which numbered 954. AOG is prepared to assist by mailing a ltr from the CI pres, Standing Cmte pres or scribe. All that is required is that we pay about \$130 in postage. This brings us again to the subject of the CI Fund, a necessary subject for discussion at the 4 Oct 91 CI mtg.

In response to our request, AOG sent me the names of 12 deceased classmates for whom we are lacking 11 obits for the "Be Thou At Peace" section (CPT **Paul A Baldy's** obit appeared in Dec 82). We need volunteers to write obits for Mr **James V Elsey**; MAJ **George S Perkins**; CPT **Mark D Venske**; Mr **Charles E Beresky**; 1LT (Ret) **Gaylyn F Jones**; LTC **David H Pickett**; 1LT (Ret) **Harold E Weinberg, II**; Mr **David N Dulong**; MAJ **Michael C Naum**; Mr **David W Schmitz**; and Mr **Alan D Worland**. This is not a pleasant task, so few would jump at the chance. However, consider the importance of reflecting and composing a meaningful statement about a classmate that would have meaning for all of us, and esp for his family.

**Ran Danhof**, our VP, wrote to inform me that Mr **Ward C Goessling Jr '49** had a copy of the '73 *Howitzer*. I immediately asked him to send it to me and will make use of it unless someone has a stronger desire for it. It is inscribed "To My Parents." Ron is working at Sterling Software on some classified projects, according to his daughter **Stacy**. They also have a son **Jim**. Ron's address is 8116 Matchlock Cove, Austin, TX 78729; tel (512) 331-6156 (home) and (817) 547-4343 (off). Hope all is well, Ron; thanks for the ltr.



1973: The Quinnans: Gail & Ed with Ryan, Sean and Kelley

Received a nice note from **Ed Quinnan**, who has cmded the 7th ID's Attack Bn since Sep 89. Next, he will be cmdr of Ft Ord's Airfield. He writes, "Gail & I have been blessed with 3 great children, **Ryan** (12), **Sean** (9) and our little girl, **Kelley** (4). Gail is starting her own nursing business, and we are placing down roots for our eventual ret on the Monterey Peninsula. Other '73'ers in the area

are **Ron Grosso** at DLI, **George Chobany**, a financial planner, and LTC **Tom Hodgini**, who cmdes the 14th Engr Bn.

Other cmdrs that I have heard of include LTC **Bob Morris**, a former roommate with whom I had lost touch but wish every success to him & **Linda**, Matt and Zach. He cmdes the 84 Engr Bn, Schofield Bks, HI 96857. On a hot Wash Day, 16 Jun (it seems they all have been hot here), **Jay & Sevea O'Brien** hosted a farewell for LTC **Jim & Sharon Schroeder** and their children, **James** (12) and **Cathy** (8). Jim will cmd the 304th Signal Bn, APO SF 96301-0034, and the family will accompany him to Korea. Also in attendance to say "so long" were **Ritt & Ingrid Dallaire** (with their two girls), **Kenn Riordan** and I. **Tom Leney's** sqdn at Ft Stewart is nominally combat-ready after Desert Storm. **John Hazel** wrote a nice note. He was promoted to LTC at Ft Monmouth's Provost Marshal's Off on 1 Aug. Congratulations!



1973: John Hazel with children Mandy and Joey

**Don Atkins** tells me that LTC **Jim Young** is PM, Adv Apache in AVSCOM, St Louis, along with LTC **Al Bacon**, who is PM, Guardrail.

Others in cmd he has heard of include LTC **Steve Ankley**, cmding the 322d in the 25th ID, LTC **John Everett**, an SF Bn cmd designee and LTC **Bob Portante**, who took the 4/325 in the 82d. Don's wife **Cindy** is doing fine after a serious but successful opn. **Mark Clouse** kept in careful touch with Donny, lending spt. Mark & Mary have moved into a new house in Charlotte; it will be a happy home, knowing the Clouse family.

**Jay O'Brien** is running for the VA House of Delegates and has a first rate opn underway. It is an open seat, i.e., no incumbent. We are trying to spt him in this effort with telephoning, get-togethers and contributions. If you are in uniform or govt svc, the Hatch Act limits your involvement in political activity, but do what you are willing to do to spt Jay's effort.

On 13 Jun we joined forces with the CI of '74 to listen to **Fred Barnes** of *The New Republic*, a regular participant on "The McLaughlin Gp." The 89 Media Guide gave Mr Barnes 4 stars, its highest rating.

The guide called him "a great political reporter-columnist" whose material is "exquisitely timed." In 89, *The Washingtonian* listed Mr Barnes as one of Wash's top 50 journalists. We were not disappointed. Despite the fact he arrived late and had to choke down a sandwich and talk at the same time, his commentary was lively and to the point. Thanks to '74 for setting that affair up.

We are attempting to establish our own CI database, and you may have received copies of the blank form to return to me. It will serve several purposes. Your address is good for CI col info and also useful for reunion, CI Gift and job transition info.

Ever faithful, **Butch Baker** has written. I quote from his ltr: "**John Rocco** is working and living in the KS City area with **Mary** and children **Andrew** (13), **Jason** (10) and **Jeffery** (2 1/2). John works for Pfizer Pharmaceutical and is the dir of Opns, US Animal Health Business. He is active in the KC WP Soc. John received a long ltr from **Mike Burton**, who cmded the 4-34 AR, 3AD during the Gulf War. Mike's bn experienced 40 hrs of continuous combat, destroying 40 enemy tanks, 60 APC's and "a bunch" of spt vehicles. Mike's bn had no combat casualties. Butch also included LTC & Mrs **Kevin Rice's** address: 433 Baldwin Rd SB, Wahiawa, HI 96786. Thanks, Butch, for the update. Also in the KC area is **Rick Poccia** and family. According to a mutual friend, Rick is doing very well in banking and is pres of the local Intl Relations Council there.

**Steve Freeman's** wife **Cecilia** informs me that Steve is in OSD E Europe desk. They spent 88-90 in Moscow and have two children.



1973: Rick & Mary Saunders at younger son Matthew's baptism

**Doug MacIntyre** will conduct our CI mtg on 4 Oct in the Pentagon Exec Dining Rm; this mtg will be history by the time this is published. Doug should be well rested, as he and his family just returned from a vacation. Where do you go when you live on Cape Cod? They went to Niagara Falls, hitting the halls of fame along the way, fishing and soaring. Sounds like fun for **Liz**, **Robert** (14), **Carter** (12) and **Stewart** (9). Carter hit his

first homerun, and his dad's pride was palpable.

We are undergoing a changing of the guard at the AOG. The editor of *ASSEMBLY* and the *REGISTER* is changing. On behalf of the CI, I thank ret editor Paul Child and wish incoming editor Jay Olejniczak every success. Linda Berman is the asst editor and has helped me with the transition. In a mtg of scribes to mark the change, it came to light that CI of '55 has a toll-free no for the scribe, paid for out of a CI fund; it costs \$20 for the svc and about \$20 for the calls. Obviously, I have an interest in this and would welcome your ideas on both the fund and the 800 no.

I look forward to hearing from you, and for those who offered me their help and sympathy, I am most appreciative. I welcome the chance to spt the CI—with your help, of course. As always—Pat.

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Greetings! It sure is nice being close to a nerve ctr of CI news, and it certainly beats trying to keep tabs from Lost Dorf, Ger. Now I see classmates everyday roaming the halls, rings and corridors of the Pentagon. On with the news.

Tam update. As rep last time, Tam Pham & Kim Chi made the trip to the US on 31 May. Since then they have settled in near his sister in Gaithersburg, MD and continue to adjust to their new environment, learning to drive and commencing job hunting. Many thanks go out to both those inside and outside the CI who have given their spt. As Tam noted upon his arrival in the US, "Now I am positive that the nightmare is behind us and that the spirit of our Alma Mater, together with the time-tested camaraderie among us all, has strongly sustained generations of WP grads. I sincerely hope we will have chances to exchange experiences, in several aspects, in what we have been through. Until then, my heart-felt thanks to you all for your great spt accorded to a friend in need." He can be reached at 19108 Harkness Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; phone (301) 840-2199.

Pat McBrayer continues to lead the spt for Tam in this important time of readjustment. Some folks are still inquiring about the Fund, and spt is still needed; write to Free Tam Fund, c/o Pat McBrayer, Osteotech Inc, 1151 E Shrewsbury Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702; phone (908) 542-2800.

Those of you unfamiliar with mil happenings should be informed that a few significant events have happened or are coming up for our Army folks. First, this fall saw our normal due course guys being promoted to LTC from the list

released last yr. Guys on other lists (drs, zoomies, etc) have different timelines; many have already realized the milestone.

The second event is the release of the bn cmd list. This marks the 3rd yr of classmates selected for cmd. Many folks have asked about the previous gp, so I think it's good to summarize. Two yrs ago we had Larry Adair, Guy Bourn, Mike Kirby, Skip Sharp, Steve Speakes and Tim Turner. Last yr was John Battiste, Denny Dimengo, Bill Martinez, Dave Petraeus, Bill Betson, Marty Dempsey, Tom Goedkoop, Russ Goehring, Bob Mixon, Kurt Norman, Rich Rowe, Fuzzy Webster, Chip Wentz, Ed Cerutti, Gordy Moore, Tim Peterson, Robert Reese, Al Turner, Rudy Veit, Greg Bean, Jim Mudd, Kerry Pierce, Dave McCracken, Keith Alexander, Brian Geehan and Dave Hohnstine.

And now in the most recently released list, the FY 92 Cmd List, are 36 more green tabbers. By branch: IN: Jim Coggin, Ed Filiberti, Greg Gardner, John Shortal and Eric Wildemann; AR: Phil Coker, Lou Gelling, Marty Robbins and Rick Wallace; FA: Mike Combest, Colin Dunn, Jerry Johnson, Dennis Lewis and Jack McDonald; ADA: Dave Neely, Kerry Parker, Greg Parlier and John Welt; AVN: Tom Hinkel, Jim Kelley, John Martin, Jim Mitcham, Pat Thomas and Tom Wills; EN: Dave Fastabend, Joe Miller and Jerry Mohr; Signal: Larry Frank, Bruce Hock and Bob Weber; MP: Tony Stamilio; MI: Tom Gandy; Psyops and CA: Hy Rothstein; Trans Term: Scott Larrabee and Ken Popielis; and Finance: Bob Donoho.

Too many lists? I hope it's the last one for a bit. The biggest questions for these guys are what unit they'll get and when they'll get it. The turmoil of unit inactivations and downsizing of the Army has impacted almost all orgns. Still, it's a great gp, and we wish them well.

A good update on JAG types comes from Kasey Warner, who's currently teaching Trial Advocacy and Criminal Evidence at the JAG Sch, Charlottesville, VA. He also has 4 kids, the oldest being 14. Last summer Bob McFetridge joined him, coming from C&GS, and he'll teach Admin and Civil Law. Also, GW Roberts, a non-JAG type, is the Sch's Opns Off, responsible for JAG basic and turning civ lawyers into soldiers. Locations of other '74 JAGs: Ray Saunders (Monmouth), Rob Minor (Ger), Don Dubia (HI), Dennis Phillips (DC), Craig Wittman (Ger), Milt Spaulding (Ger) and Harry Williams (Korea).

Bill Doe attended Kerry Pierce's change of cmd on 3 Jul 91 at Ft Carson. Kerry assumed cmd of the 4th Engr Bn, 4th ID; wife Terry is also a LTC at the Carson Hosp. Also attending were Joe Leboeuf, the outgoing Bn XO. Joe & his wife were recently selected for USMA



1974: Kerry Pierce (R) assumes cmd of 4th Engr Bn, Ft Carson, from Wayne Boy '72, 3 Jul 91

PAP positions—Joe in BS&L, Maureen in DPE. Also there were Guy Bourn, already cmding an FA bn there, and Fuzzy Webster, assuming cmd of an armor bn in the near future. As for Bill, he continues to toil as a Ph.D candidate at CO State and hopes to finish by next summer. Bill is currently researching the environmental impact of Army maneuvers on watershed hydrology in the Pinon Canyon tng areas in SE CO. He and his family—Adam (9), Stephen (7) and Maggie (2)—are enjoying CO, the Rockies, etc.



1974: Maggie, Bill, Stephen and Adam Doe in the Rockies

John Martin works across the hall from me and passes on the following D-1 Duck and other news: Jim Fishback is back from England and in the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, J-8 (OR). He, Bea and kids are living in Montclair. Gene Dickey and family were coming up from NC to join the Fishbacks, Martins and Charlie Llewellyn for a "Duck" party.

Charley & Greer are expecting #5, who will join 3 sisters and a baby brother (born summer 90). Charley wants to stay in the DC area but has outgrown his house; he's still doing well in real estate in Rockville, MD. Steve Hashem did Desert Storm with his Res unit, leaving the 1st of the yr and spending 4-5 mos in SWA; he's now back in his civ job in Phila. John visited with the Albrechts in OK City; Bill & Franke had been in TX, LA, OK and are now back in Dallas. Bill is a survivor in the oil business. Tom Froneberger was also activated for the Gulf crisis but spent his time in the States. John & Marsha Martin are looking forward to moving back to Korea for bn cmd next yr. In the meantime, it's more Army football. Marsha was glad to hear of all the '74 wives who were grads of New South Post/Pershing Center (a.k.a. Ladycliff).

John on other news: Dan Hulsey is working in the USAF fighter mafia in the Pentagon; also playing max racquetball in true AF fashion. Paul Lemley is a research dr at Ft Detrick, MD; he & Catherine bought a farmhouse in Gettysburg and love it. Thanks, John.



1974: Ben Withers with Kathie & Dave McCracken at Ft Bragg, Apr 91

An old forwarded ltr from Ben Withers caught up to me. He had visited Bragg last Spring and saw Dave & Kathie McCracken; Dave was to take cmd of the 1st Bn, 1st Spec War Tng Gp in Jun 91; he basically will be in charge of all Special Forces qual courses, both EM and off. Kathie, who's an RN, had just taken a job as HIV educator at the prev med activity. Ben also saw his old Beast roomie Skip Whitman, who is ch of orthopaedics at Womack Army Hosp, Bragg. He had been in Saudi, where he headed a forward surgical team with the 82nd. Diane & his 5th child, Kyle, was born 23 Jan 91 while Skip was deployed. Ben also sees Jerry Dixon a lot while TDY in HI. Ben reflects that Jerry was his roommate in the NYC hotel (the Pres?) the night prior to R-Day at Beast. Their 3rd mate that night, Bennie Hollister, resigned prior to Reorg Wk. Anyway, Jerry is a resident in gen surgery at Tripler AMC, HI and due to graduate in Jun 92. Lastly, Ben & Alison happened

upon Jim & Mary O'Rourke at the Capitol Zoo; Jim lives in King-of-Prussia, PA and was visiting the area. Ben is now at Leavenworth for CGSC.

More on the Pentagon files: Rich Benton is with the Engrs; Jay (Peggy) Byrne, John (Debbie) Twohig and Terry (Theresa) Freeze are all in the PA&E; Bob (Judi) Humphreys works with the Army budget; Dennis (Pat) Miller and Don Wilbourn are in R&D; Dave Buto, Tom Reidy, Bob (Linda) Metheny and Mitch Dossett are in DIA. Tom has a res commission and Mitch is a GS-15 with a degree in EE. Denise (Louise) Rochette is in the AI Ctr; Mike Rogers is in the Off of the Secy of the Army and recently picked up to be a PM in special ops aircraft; John (Jerri) Van Fleet is in DA Intel; Joint Staff: Howie (Barbara) Berner is in the J-2; Jim (Julie) Mitcham is with J-3 and Jeff (Maripat) Rogers is in J-8; Chuck (Priscilla) Herrick is on the IG staff and Ray (Peggy) Peterson is in OSD, working the CFE Treaty conditions and going TDY to Vienna. Summer arrivals to this great off complex include Terry Youngbluth to DCSOPS (from Stewart); Gary (Regina) Anderson (from Ger); Bruce Hock (from Korea) to Personnel; and Rick (Mary) Preece to OSD (from Ger).

Ralph Marks rep on some folks in OPTEC (formerly OTEA) in the DC suburbs. Along with him there are Don & Patty Fritz, Dave & Mary Ann Deykes, Barry Black, Steve Monks and Charlie Gates. Doug & Jacqueline Mow rep on some of the civs in the DC area. He works real estate in the Arlington area while also serving his Res time, mostly with the 29th IN Div, most recently as their PAO and Deputy G-3. His sister is married to John Mainwaring, who was flying for the 11 ACR at Fulda.

A few final shots. Besides Mike Rogers, we had two other buds picked up on the Product Mgr list: Drew Ellis, to work adv FA sys armaments and Andy Green, to work anti-tactical missile def.

Jim Grunseth sent in a pic and update from Elkhorn, WI. Julie is still battling cancer and needs our prayers. At Stewart are Lou Gelling as the deputy cmdr of 2-4 Cav, 24th ID; also, Jeff Sachau with the G-3, as is Ted Davis.

Some of you have reflected on the recent Gulf War being the most significant event of our 17 yrs since grad. And, for those of us on active duty, the reality of the drawdown is certainly another significant event, along with the inactivations, promotions, passovers, etc; there's just a lot of key things happening to our classmates right now. From the catbird seat in DCSPER, our yr gp will be handled as have yr gps in the past at this time of svc, whereas reduction measures, RIFs, etc, may be needed on younger yr gps so to shape them by 95. So hang in there Rabble. Send some



1974: The Grunseth family

news... from Hood, Campbell, Monroe, and civs! My next deadlines are 13 Dec and then 14 Feb. Beat Navy!

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Greetings to All Mbrs of *Courage and Drive '75*. It is summer in TX and very hot. Am home for the wknd after a wk in the field and am getting ready to leave for another wk of the TX sun. It looks as though I'll be spending the autumn in Ger for REFORGER; hope to touch base with some of our classmates stationed there. Please note the new ofc phone no. After 16 mos as the XO for 1/6 Cav Sq, I've just taken over as XO of 3/6 Cav Sqdn. The change has been quite a challenge, but I am enjoying my new unit.

On with the news. . . .

Jim Dunphy sent a great ltr from "Disneyland on the Potomac." Jim is working hard at the Bd of Veterans Appeals. He was recalled to active duty for 29 days in Dec in spt of Desert Shield when he became the ch (and only mbr) of the Latin American Security, Current Intelligence Div, DCSINT. Jim says this is one of those "If I tell you, I have to kill you" type jobs, so I guess we won't be getting a job description for a future issue. Sally is now working with the VA. Can she tell us more about her job, Jim?

Jim sends news of other classmates. . . . Cliff Nakayama is continuing to work for the def contractor who built the Bradley. The Nakamayas added a daughter to the clan last yr and now have two girls and one boy. After being out of touch for 8 yrs, Jim made contact with Ron Anderson. Ron is in Norfolk, is married and has "a number of kids." Ron, a more detailed update would be much appreciated. Brad Kormann is also in the DC area—working for the NAVY!!—in their "black" programs.

He & Kitty have two boys. **Deane Williams** is also in the DC area and is teaching at the Def Mapping Sch at Ft Belvoir. Also found at Belvoir is (Jim's description deleted) **Al Wedemeyer**. **Augie Fucci** is working for the AF at the Pentagon. Jim says he runs into him at the big events, such as the twilight tattoo and the victory parade. **Wes Hayes** is running (we all hope successfully) for State Senator in SC. Jim's hoping that when Wes makes his way to the White House, Jim will be able to get assigned as ambassador to Barbados. When Jim and Wes last spoke, Wes emphasized that any gifts to AOG be designated for the Cl Fund. Sounds like **Jerry Johnson** will have job security for quite some time. He works for the co that makes the Patriot Missile. He wanted to attend the reunion, but wife **Donna** reps that he was on Johnston Atoll at the time. **Bill & Carole Kocisak** returned from Ger recently and are stationed at Ft Campbell, where Bill works on the budget at the hosp. Bill & Carole have 3 children. Jim writes that the main reason for his ltr is to let the Cl know that (on the "classmating" of Al Wedemeyer) Jim has been designated Cl Rep for the local WP Soc. He will be getting mailing labels for the DC, MD and N VA areas and hopes to start a Cl soc going there. Jim can be reached at (home) 703-425-9568 or (work) 233-7662. Jim, many thanks for a great ltr.



1975: Dave Blackledge and Dave Williams in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 30 Jan 91

**Dave Blackledge** sent a welcome ltr from Guaynabo, PR. He admits that it's pretty bad when it takes a war to get him to send his first ltr to the scribe in 16 yrs. Any ltr is welcome, no matter what the time frame. Dave left active duty at the 6-yr mark and went to work for Procter & Gamble in Green Bay, WI. Dave says '75 is well represented at P&G in Green Bay: **John Hodges**, **Ray Menard**, and **Dan Cappell**. John now works for Scott Paper in Mobile, AL. Dave stayed in Green Bay until '88 when he was transferred to Greenville, SC (is green your favorite color?) where he had responsibility for the manufacture of all the Pepto Bismol sold in the US and Canada. Last yr Dave was transferred to the manufacturing plant in PR to assume the position of Health Care Opns Mgr. He now has



1975: Dave Blackledge and daughter Danielle (L) with "Any Soldier" pen pal Danielle Boehmcke in Long Isl, NY after ticker-tape parade, 10 Jun 91

responsibility for the manufacture of Sinex, Vaporub, Dramamine, etc. Dave & **Linda** have 3 daughters: Heidi (13), Danielle (11) and Noel (7). He says they enjoy life in PR—great weather, friendly people, and the beautiful Caribbean. They are all busy learning/relearning Spanish. While in Phila to attend the A-N Game, Dave was notified that his Res unit was being sent to Op Desert Shield/Storm. Dave was able to stay in town long enough to watch Army beat Navy and say goodbye to his parents and siblings. Then on back to PR to say goodbye to his wife and children. Dave is in the 360th Civ Affairs Bde out of Columbia, SC and says the commute from PR for monthly drills is a long one. Dave's unit comes under the Army Special Opns Cmd and is capstoned to XVIII Abn Corps. In Saudi, Dave was pulled up to XVIII Corps HQ to become the G5 Plans Off. Dave worked in the Corps Battlefield Mgt Ctr with **Tony Cerri** (who was on loan from instructor duty at Leavenworth and was serving as the ARCENT LNO), **Dave Buckley** (on loan from the Lessons Learned Cmte at Leavenworth), **Howard Barton**, **Dave Williams** (both in the XVIII Anb Corps G3 shop) and **Gary Melton** (BMC).

Dave also got a call from **Mike Pinckney**, who was in Riyadh with the 96th Civ Affairs Bn. Dave says that life is just about back to normal and had nice things to say about how well P&G looked out for his family during his absence. One nice aspect of the Blackledges' life in PR is a special friend nearby. **Sari Jo Burnett**, widow of our classmate **John (Fritz) Burnett**, lives in PR with her 4 children: Ginny Mae (14), Sarita (12), Marisol (10) and Fritz (8). Dave says Little Fritz looks just like his dad. Dave and Fritz were Ranger buddies and FAOBC classmates, and Linda and Sari Jo were best friends



1975: Doug Campbell at Founders Day 91, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

at Ladycliff. Dave says that Sari Jo was a big help in their move to PR and was a great comfort to Linda and the children in Dave's absence. Dave would like to extend an invitation to any classmates coming through PR... and my wife **Kathy** is ready to leave right now!! Dave, thanks so much for a great ltr. We look forward to hearing from you again.

**Tom Warren** sent a great update from Lake Charles, LA, where he says he is learning to be a civ again. Like **Tom Grubbs**, he, too, is now eligible to join the VFW and is grateful that his war stories are rather mundane. Tom missed **Roger Kaplan** when he was at Ft Bragg last Jan, but Roger had stopped by Tom's home several mos before. At the time Hussein decided to annex Kuwait, Tom was working as a general engr on the Fuel and Water Quality Team at the Belvoir Research, Devel and Engring Ctr at Belvoir. (Tom rep that **Al Wedemeyer** works there in the Combat Engring Directorate.) It seems Tom had some agonizing career decisions to make in light of the Gulf Crisis. He received a call from **Russ Killebrew** in Baton Rouge, LA that Russ' co, Woodward-Clyde Consultants, was hiring engrs. Tom was accepted at Russ' co in Oct, and then his civ affairs unit in Riverdale, MD was activated in Jan. He flew back to DC and joined them in time to ship to Ft Bragg. Tom's unit, 354th CA Bde, spent about two wks at Ft Bragg qualifying for deployment. They flew to Saudi and experienced their first SCUD alert before getting their feet firmly on the ground. Tom went to VII Corps Rear HQ, where he worked in G-5 throughout the ground campaign. He then went to VII Corps Tactical CP in Southern Iraq. Tom says there was a lot of civ affairs activity as the Corps coped with the flood of refugees into the US-held area. During this period Tom Warren met up with **Tom Grubbs** in Safwan, where he

was working with displaced civs at the Emergency Asst Ctr. When VII Corps pulled back from Iraq, Tom ended up at the King Khalid Mil City, affectionally dubbed the "Emerald City" because of the green roofs on the mosques. He ran into **Jim Benn**, who was ending a CH-47 co there. Tom also met up with **George Hazel**, who was at VII Corps Tac working with the engr. George kept everyone abreast of the efforts of Task Force Demo. Tom's unit then reconsolidated in Khobar, where he says everyone was in a frenzy of shopping for gifts prior to going home. He says he was surprised at the thought of shopping for gifts at the end of a war, but he got an even bigger surprise with Opn Provide Comfort. Instead of going home, the 354th got to see Turkey and Northern Iraq. Tom was sent to Zakho, Iraq to provide CA spt to Joint Task Force Bravo as the Kurds came down from the hills. Tom worked as the S-4 in spting the CA cos running the DC camps and made some supply runs into Dahouk as well. When it looked like the Kurds could go home, the CA units got to go home as well. After 5 days of out-processing at Ft Bragg, Tom got to turn in his green ID card for a second time. He says that his **Cheryl** did great as a first-time Army wife under very trying conditions. Cheryl works as an engr with Woodward-Clyde and is finishing her Ph.D dissertation in petroleum engring. Tom, welcome home to you and to all of our Desert Shield/Storm classmates. Cheryl, best of luck on your dissertation.



1975: Steve & Ginny Bittner and Mary Nell & George Berry (chauffeur) at Founders Day 91, Phila

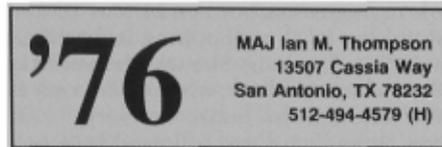
**Tom Eccleston** sent a note from Lansing, KS. Tom returned from Saudi in mid-Apr and PCS'd to Ft Leavenworth. He is currently preparing to be an instructor in tactics. He rep that CTAC (Ctr for Army Tactics) is loaded with '75'ers: **Bill Campsey**, **Tony Cerri**, **Bob Durbin**, **Jerry Hopkins**, **Pat Leake**, **Jan Lekander**, **Lee Smith** and **John Vosilus**. Tom also saw **Rich Zak** and **Steve Wallace**, who will be working as instructors in other depts.

**John Cimral** has been promoted to sr VP at Bachman Info Sys, Inc. His areas of responsibility include product architecture, software devel, quality assurance,

documentation and production mgt. John resides in Framingham, MA with his wife and two daughters.

Many thanks to all those of you who wrote. By the time you read this col, we should be preparing for another Army victory in Phila.

Take care and God Bless.



Greetings from San Ant. I hope this message finds all of our classmates well. As was brought out at the time of the last article, the CI acct with the AOG is running somewhat dry. If you have the \$'s, it would help considerably if ea of us sends a check to the AOG for the CI admin acct. It will help with many of the CI activities.



1976: Guy Swan, Rumallah Oil Field area, Iraq, Mar 91

A note from **Guy Swan** includes the accompanying pic with an armored vehicle that looks a little the worse for wear. Guy's been moving back and forth somewhat, first going to the Gulf with the 1st AD, returning to Ger, moving to the 11th ACR and then heading back to Kuwait. He arrived on 12 Jun and will be there for another 6 mos. Needless to say, **Melanie** is getting a bit tired of this deployment stuff, moving their household goods from Ansbach to Fulda while Guy cavorts in the sand. Also, there with Guy is **Rob Soeldner**, who's with the Regtl S-3 section, also with the 11th ACR.



1976: The Robinsons

The second ltr comes from **Bruce Robinson**, who includes a pic of the family next to the heading "We've Moved." They're now at the Naval Postgrad Sch, where Bruce's getting his Ph.D in math and expects to head to USMA afterwards. Bruce recently saw **Bill Seymour** at CGSC, after which he was heading to Ft Devens.



1976: Brian Shellum and Bob Radin, Mar 91

The next note comes from **Brian & Diane Shellum**. He, like many others, is now back in Erlangen, Ger after almost 4 mos to the day in Saudi. Brian enclosed a pic of him and **Bob Radin** standing next to a T-72 tank in Iraq. Both were with the 2nd Bde, 1st AD throughout the war. Brian's note also refers to the fact that he spent a considerable amount of time between his return in May and 4 Jun getting prepared for the VP's visit. Hopefully, afterwards he was able to take some leave. Classmates he's seen recently include **Pete Tuebner** and **Scott Stephenson**. Pete's in Bamberg, just up the road from Brian, and Scott finished up CGSC and headed to Berlin afterwards to be the S-3 of the newly-expanded AR bn there.

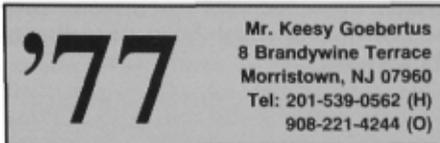
A final note came from the off of MG Glynn Mallory '61, who included the pics of Founders Day at the Kuwait City Chapter (Provisional) of the AOG, held on 20 Mar 91. The event was held at the



1976: Founders Day 91, Kuwait City

Al-Sabah family palace, which had served as gen hqs for the Iraqi III Corps during the battle.

Those are the notes for this edition. We'll see everyone at the reunion! Till then, all the best—Ian.



Let's start this col with a request: COL Jack Grubbs '64 is writing the obit on **Nick Iorio** and would like to hear of any "vignettes" concerning—as he puts it—the "Italian Stallion." Notes can be sent to COL Grubbs c/o D/Geography and Environmental Engring.

It is mid-Aug and summer is quickly coming to a close. **Sue**, the kids and I will be going to ME to wrap-up our summer in a few days. On the way up, we will be stopping in Newport, RI to see **Andy Chmar** and **Gail Watkins**. Andy and Gail are attending the NWC after a tour in Ger. After their course they will be CA bound, Gail to get her Ph.D at Stanford (she will be going back to USMA as a PAP) and Andy will most likely be assigned to the Presidio.

As you know, I sometimes find myself short of material. Not always being able to count on classmates to write, I have learned to count on their wives, parents, reliable news releases and now, a **BROTHER!!!** Yes!!! I received a great ltr from **Jim Wartski '82**, brother of **Joe Wartski**. Joe, **Debra**, **Joey Jr** and **Diana** are currently stationed at Ft Bragg and apparently doing quite well. Joe's previous asgmt was in Panama. It so happened that Christmas 89 was the time Joe's parents decided to join them in Panama. . . . They all had a very exciting time with Just Cause (the invasion of Panama) framing their holiday. Needless to say, the Wartskis stayed much longer than planned. Joe and family returned to the States in Jul 90 and rep to Ft Bragg for duty. After some leave, Joe was ready to settle in—well, almost. Desert Shield soon came calling, and he was back in the "hot spot." Jim also bumped into two other '77 D-1'ers (Delta-One Dawgs). While at CAS3 he linked up with **Greg Adams**, who was attending CGSC; his wife and 3 boys are doing well. Jim had nothing short of wonderful things to say about the Adams family. Since Jim had left for his extended schooling two mos after his baby girl was born, he was a little homesick, and it was very nice to have the Adamses look after him while he was on TDY away from family. Jim is now assigned to PM TRADE in Orlando, FL. In Jul of this yr, Jim was joined by **Mike Johnson** (the third D-1'er in this story). Mike is in Avn branch but is now serving in the Acquisition Corps. Mike had gotten out and was working for the

govt in a civil svc position for a couple of yrs before getting back into the green uniform. Well, thanks for all that news, Jim; I really appreciate it.

Got a quick note from **Denis & Cheryl Zambetti**, who are still in the San Fran Bay area. As you can see by the pic below, they are the proud parents of **Alexa Augustina**, born on 11 May 91 and weighing in at a whopping 9 lbs 15 oz and 23 inches long. She was delivered at San Ramon Med Ctr, where Denis got to stay through the entire delivery. . . . It was "great" and was followed by a celebration dinner at the hosp—champagne, salmon and steak. Needless to say, they've had a few sleepless nights, although Alexa has gone through a few nights without interruption.



1977: Cheryl, Alexa and Denis Zambetti

**Denis** went to WP the wk of 9 Jun to attend the Mil Acad Liaison Off course. He is responsible for 7 HS in the San Ramon, Pleasanton and Livermore area. Denis' roommate was **Tom Strehle**; both of them had a great time staying out with the cadets until 0200 hrs nightly. Tom works as the employment mgr for Raychem. Denis also spoke to **Dave Chadwick**, who is doing well in Reston, VA, and **Roy Panzarella '78**, who had just left CGSC en route to Garmish for two yrs as a Russian specialist. Roy attended DLI and Tufts Univ for his master's. Denis searched for our Cl gift—the stereo at Grant Hall—to no avail. . . speakers were there but not much else. It was clear to Denis that we need to get a better Cl gift. . . "perhaps a bench like '78's in front of Grant Hall." Denis closed with a query on our 15th Reunion, so that leads nicely into my next bit of news.

Our 15th Reunion will be the wknd of 8–11 Oct 92. I have spoken to **Ray Bosse** (USMA swimming coach) and **Phil Pierson** (Spanish "P"), who have agreed to co-chair the reunion for us. They are some of the few classmates left at WP. In the next few mos you will be getting a ltr with more info. I plan to help Ray and Phil out, so I expect that we will be tapping on the shoulders of some of you who are in the Greater NYC area for additional help. If you are interested in helping, please give Ray, Phil or me a

call. Their home nos are (914) 446-4540 (Ray) and (914) 446-7323 (Phil). I am looking forward to the reunion; **Sue & I** hope to see many of you there. . . and yes. . . we will be talking about a "better" Cl gift.

While trying to figure out what classmates were going to be at USMA during the reunion I also spoke to a couple of classmates. **Kurt Andrews** will be going to Panama in Dec/Jan and sounded very upbeat. **Hoa Generazio** is a Math "P" and will be there one more yr. **Hoa, Susan, Christopher (8), twins Andrew and Alaina (6) and Victoria (16 mos)** are doing well, even though the qtrs are small for the size of their family.

I also got a chance to speak briefly with **Jim Malcolm**. He had just returned from 6 mos in Kuwait and was trying to re-establish some routine to his life. As an orthopaedic surgeon, I guess that is not an easy thing to do. **Jim, Donna** and the kids are still in the DC area, though I am not sure which hosp. We spoke about the Cl reunion and our financial status. Apparently we have approximately 19K in the Cl Fund and 7K in the Gift Fund. **Jim** and I will be speaking to **Ray Bosse** and **Phil Pierson** to determine what might be available to spend for the reunion.

I spoke to **Blake Peck** in mid-Jul. The Pecks had **Courtney**, their third child, last Dec. Things are going well with his new co, having gone from 3 to 13 employees. Blake proceeded to give a bunch of news on classmates in the DC area—looking at my notes, I hope I get most of this right. **Chris & Sue Odderstol** had their 4th child, a girl, in Jul 90. He is working for Mobil in Tysons Corner. **Mark, Regina** and **Ryan Ellis** live in the Omaha area, where Mark is a corporate lawyer and a JAG off in the Res. **Burt & Sally King** are in the KS City area, where he has gone into private practice. Last winter was a rough one for the Kings: Sally had pneumonia and Matthew had to undergo foot surgery. Luckily, everyone is doing well now. **John & Jan Charvat** are both JAG offs in the DC area. Next yr they are planning to go to the U of VA at Charlottesville. **Al Wilson** is now with DCSOPS in the Pentagon, having arrived at the end of 90; he & his wife have 3 boys. **Randy & Camile Buckner** are still in the Norfolk area and have 2 or 3 children (I'm not sure). **Steve Rotkoff** just finished CGSC, and he & **Libbi** are now in Ger. **Jerry Dittman** arrived at CGSC from Ft Hood in Aug 91; while there he was working with the Facility Engr and was at MI State ROTC prior to that.

**Rich Kellett** was happy to see that he was not the "only one who hasn't written." He had spoken to a few friends involved in Desert Storm. As expected, they were busy and wanted to come home! Rich will be changing jobs to work for the Gen Svcs Admin (GSA) to

perform mgt reviews of Fed agencies regarding purchasing procedures for general purpose computing equipment. In closing, Rich wanted me to pass on that he had just finished reading the *Long Gray Line*, which is about the CI of '66. The book proved not to be what he expected, but rather a "moving and very worthwhile" book. It provides a sense of perspective to our own pre- and post-WP experiences.

In the early part of the summer I received a ltr from **Mark Preston**. He, **Jan**, **Melissa** (5) and **Jennifer** are all doing well in Fairport, NY (a suburb of Rochester). Jan is teaching French and Spanish in the Fairport schs, and Mark is still at Sentry Gp (the co that makes all of those fire-proof safes) as engring mgr. Though there was not a lot of news to rep, the "Ice Storm of 91" is worth mentioning. On the night of 3-4 Mar, the Rochester area was hit with a devastating ice storm. About 350,000 homes were without power. It took two wks to get power restored to the final unlucky few, and some people lost phone svc for almost a mo. The Prestons were hit moderately hard. They had 7 trees fall because of the weight of the ice and some fences destroyed. Fortunately, only a little damage was done to the roof and sides of the house. It was bad—but in comparison to the neighbors, not so bad. . . and it is that story which Mark wanted to pass on. The story is about our friend, classmate and "local hero" **Frank Saul**. **Frank**, **Nancy** (and **Frankie**, **Matt** and **Kelly**) live about 60 mi away, near Buffalo. The Prestons and Sauls usually get together a couple of times a yr and keep in regular contact. Well, the ice storm was all over the news, so Frank called Mark up late the first day to bust his chops a little bit about how Buffalo is much better prepared than Rochester for this type of winter weather and, in general, to haze him a little bit about their predicament. Well, when Frank heard how bad it really was, he went out and got a 5KW generator from one of the rental places and headed for Preston's place. Apparently it was the only generator Frank could find. People in the Rochester area had driven as much as 150 mi to get small generators to keep their basement sump pumps running. Well, in either case, Frank arrived with this *monster* generator, and he said his *mission* was to get power to the Preston gas furnace (which had an electric blower) and to keep as many basements dry as possible. It was clear that Frank had learned a lot from our Juice classes. He had to backfeed power into the panel box, then re-wire some of the leads to the circuit brakers, and voila! Heat, lights and many creature comforts returned. Frank spent the night with Mark and family and helped them get some tree debris out to the road. Frank's "electric

substation" provided power to 4 homes. Additionally, they "trailer mounted" the generator and moved it every 3-4 hrs to a friend's house, helping another 3 families. Frank spent a day-and-a-half helping everyone out. Not only was his generator a big help, but Frank's good nature, sense of humor and antics kept everyone in stitches when tensions were getting tight. After Frank left, his substation was a source of power for another 4 days. What a wonderful story. I would like to add my word of thanks to Mark for passing it on and a hardy congratulations to our "local hero," Frank Saul!

**Greg Copperthite** has recently moved to northern NJ. The Copperthites live about 30 mins from us, and I hope to see Greg soon. **Charlotte** is a sr environmental atty for Hess Oil, and Greg is a sys analyst for Gitano. Their kids, **Amanda** (7) and **Arthur** (4), are doing well and adjusting to the move from Denver.

Well, that about does it for me. I hope most of you mark your calendars for our 15-yr reunion on 8-11 Oct 92. Keep the ltrs and calls coming; I appreciate all of your words of spt and encouragement—**Keesy**.

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Greetings. Thanks to **Paul Harwig** for being my stand-in when I was unable to write this col. I am pleased, however, to return to my duties as scribe.

Everyone is busy with the end of the war, the PCS season and many classmates beginning "the best yr of their lives," but I only have two ltrs for this issue. If you don't like the brevity of this col, do something about it—write me so I'll have more info to rep. Now on with the news. The first ltr is from **James Roberts**. He is keeping busy as the mayor of his town, serving on the Bd of Dirs, as well as being an active trial atty. He recently finished trying a case in Mobile, AL on behalf of a small shipbuilder against General Electric. After 3 yrs of pretrial discovery and a 5-wk trial, the three attys representing the shipbuilders won a \$51.3 mil verdict. This is the largest verdict in the history of AL and one of the largest in the country where the defendant breached a "teaming agreement" involving the federal procurement process. **James** & **Susan** keep busy with their 4 children in a "bdrm comm" N of Birmingham. With Little League season in full swing and two

mbrs of the family playing full-time, mom & dad are kept very busy providing taxi svc. Thanks, **James**, for the update and write again soon.

The second ltr is from **Kevin McKedy**. He, **Pam** and **Mallory** are just finishing the last yr of their tour at WP with the Hist Dept, but during this last yr Kevin was deployed to the Gulf. Kevin sent a full accounting of his deployment, which I will highlight here: Dec 90—WP was tasked to provide 25 offs to ARCENT; Kevin (and many others) volunteered to go. Through Feb 91—preparation to go: Fri, 1 Feb, Kevin was notified he was going to ARCENT and had to rep to Ft Knox Mon, 4 Feb; Fri, 8 Feb he departed Ft Knox via 747 to King Fahd. There he was assigned to VII Corps and further to 1st AR Div; once there he got himself assigned to his old unit, the 3rd Bde, 31D (rounding out 1st AD). Finally, 14 Feb—assigned to his old BN 4-64 AR. Since Kevin had served from 84-87 with this unit, he found several familiar faces, mostly in the enlisted ranks. 14-17 Feb—he moved W of the Wadi-al-Batin as an Asst S-3. 17-24 Feb—final fine-tuning for combat opns. Kevin writes, "My feelings, quite frankly, were mixed. After training all my life for this moment, I still was not in a hurry to get shot at. On the other hand, there was an inexorable itch to 'see the elephant,' to experience armored combat." The ground campaign kicked off on 24 Feb; 4-64 was not scheduled to start until the 25th. The tempo quickened, and they were off at 1615 on the 24th, headed N, to attack through a log ctr and reorganize 100 km into Iraq; then on to the Republican Guards. His bn took 70 POW's on the 25th; their condition evoked pity, for they had no will to fight and were unprepared. On the 26th the bn took its first casualties, and the pity quickly evaporated in the heat of the desert. The bn was now going E and gaining ground on the retreating Republican Guards. On the 27th they caught the Medinah Div in the open and spent 3 hours sitting on the ridgeline, blasting away at the Div (Kevin noted that the T-72 nearly always "popped" its turret when hit). As they continued E they encountered another armored unit. While engaging them to their front, the bn was treated to the explosion of an ammo dump to their L; it was almost movie-like, with rockets and explosions randomly littering the sky. About 1900 they received their orders to continue, followed by on-again and off-again signals; finally they moved out at 0630 and engaged only a couple of targets. At 0800 the Pres announced that the war was over. Several days later Kevin was promoted in front of a burned-out T-55, flanked by an M1 and M2, with a burning oilwell in the background. In mid-Apr the div returned to Saudi Arabia, and

Kevin flew home on 22 Apr. Kevin, Pam and Mallory are scheduled to go to Ger next summer. As for this yr, Kevin is again teaching in the Hist Dept but now with a 3ID combat patch. He has been awarded a semester to do research and work on his dissertation for his Ph.D.

I could not include all of Kevin's ltr. I had to greatly edit it, for it was 7 pp long. However, it was an inspiring first-hand acct of "what it was like in armored desert warfare" that was expertly written. Thanks, Kevin, for sharing the emotions and experiences of your exploits in the Gulf.

Well, I sincerely hope that everyone is doing well and is happy in his or her individual endeavors. Until next issue, God Bless—Scott.

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News has been very thin. I understand how busy we all are building careers, raising children, mowing lawns and the like; but there is still time to write briefly to tell your classmates about your life. Pix are nice, too—remember that the relevant Cl mbr should be included in the pic, as AOG cannot allow solo shots of your adorable children or pets.

Alan & Kathryn Duff wrote from Humble, TX (the home of Uriah Heep, perhaps?) which is approximately 27 mi from Houston. Al is a corporate kind of guy, so when Quaker Oats offered him the chance to excel in TX as employee relations mgr for Continental Coffee, a recent acquisition, he decided that a move was in order, even though he had lived in PA for only a yr. Al is starting a Human Relations dept from scratch, so he is wading through all the intricacies of ensuring that the proper humans have the proper relations in the proper settings. For mil guys who don't understand human relations stuff, just think of an S-1 and babysitter put together.

Al says that Kathryn and Alan Jr seek relief from the Houston heat by swimming in the subdiv pool. The Duff home is open for visitors, but they recommend Oct-Mar to avoid the heat. Al recently went to 3 wks of flight tng at Rucker, where he saw many friends and classmates.

Dianne Bracey wrote from Newark, DE. She works for DuPont in NJ as a production supervisor. Her husband, Brad Bond, has his own software co. She sent a photo of herself, Brad and Tim & Petra Walsh. Tim recently started a new job as dir of opns for Gannon Tech in the DC area. Petra works for IMF (hmmm... I recently started my own country and could use a few million in start-up capital—now I know where to seek it... ). The photo was taken at a recent Grateful Dead concert in DC. I always knew there was something slightly flaky about people

who parted their hair down the middle: they listened to the Dead and balked at drying out the sinks for AMI; now they marry people named Petra. Time to call the FBI for a background check.



1980: Deadheads Tim & Petra Walsh, Bracey and Bond—have they no shame?

That's all the news, except for mine, of course. The eye of Hurricane Bob passed over our house yesterday—fortunately, there was not too much damage. At first it was hard to take seriously a hurricane named "Bob" (what's next? Hurricane Ernie? Hurricane Tiffany?), but it headed right up Narragansett Bay and shut the entire state down. I am now writing this in my off without lights or phone, and we may not have power in our house for a wk. Send batteries with your next ltr.

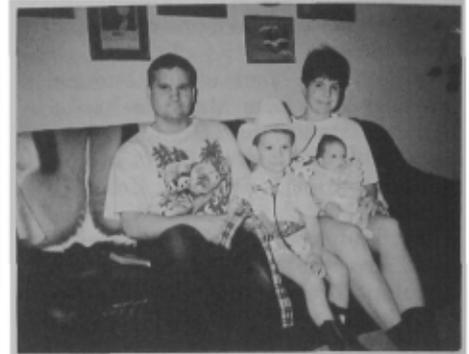
Have seen several classmates lately. Saw Bruce & Josie Dow and Don Maggioni and family at the WP Soc of New England's annual picnic at the Patton farm N of Boston. Don and I went to see a Red Sox game at Fenway a couple of wks later. Bruce is in an electronic something-or-other co in Cambridge, and Josie is in some secret, sinister Fed kind of agency in downtown Boston. (I don't take very specific notes at picnics—sorry.) Don is in an environmental engring co, and he also owns and runs a couple of "Boston Body" health clubs.

That's all the news. Until next col, best wishes, and God bless you all—Bill.

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Hope everyone's summer was great. Am anticipating seeing and talking to all the faithful correspondents at the Reunion. The first news is from Elizabeth (Salvador) Schowalter. She received her second degree in Jun—a BS in elementary ed with middle sch endorsements in Math, Sci and Social Studies. And she & Steve '80 had their second child, Bridget Elizabeth, on 4 Apr 91. Steven, her big brother, is almost 4 now. The whole family is on their way to HI (Ft Schafter) the day after the reunion. Steve will be working for a yr as an Opns Off for the Pacific Cmd. Liz plans on enjoying her

time on the beach with her children and is looking forward to the change after being landlocked for over 7 yrs in Ger and OK. She keeps in touch with Gail (O'Sullivan) Dwyer, Linda (West) Harmon, Kathy (Freely) Browning and Wayne Young. All are looking forward to getting together in Oct.



1981: Steve, Liz, Steven Jr and Bridget Showalter

Charlie Lane wrote for the first time ever in Jun. He is working on an MS in info sys at the U of CO. Steve Bullock is also there, working on a telecommunications degree. During spring break Charlie's wife Brenda hurt her knee while skiing at Copper Mtn. They went to Fitzsimmons Army Med Ctr in Denver, and the dr referred Brenda to the Orthopaedics section of the hosp. The orthopaedist turned out to be Todd Hockenbury. Todd and Charlie were both in D-2 and had not seen ea other since Grad Day. Todd & Dawn will PCS to Ger when Todd graduates from his residency program. By the way, Todd took good care of Brenda's knee, and she didn't require surgery. Both Todd and Charlie are looking forward to the reunion.



1981: Todd Hockenbury and Brenda & Charlie Lane in Todd's office at Fitzsimmons Hosp

Kathy (Humphreys) Ladig wrote from Leavenworth where she is busy answering calls for "Lessons Learned" on Des-

ert Shield/Storm. She enclosed two newspaper articles, one on **Debbie (Lopez) Fix**, who was interviewed by the local paper as the Ft Leavenworth HQs co cmdr, and the other on **Kathleen (Davis) Batton**, who is working on designing new women's Army green uniforms at the US Army Natick Research, Devel and Engring Ctr in MA.



1981: Debbie (Lopez) Fix



1981: Kathleen (Davis) Batton (on left)

**Pete Goebel** wrote and sent a pic taken in Dec 90 at a CA A-N Game get-together. He was at DLI for German and is now at IN Univ working on an MA in W European Studies. **Chuck & Harlene (Nelson) Coutteau** were hosts at their house in Monterey. They were both at the NPGS. **George Baker** was at DLI for Russian, and **Pete Brigham** and **John Katz** finished Russian in Dec 90. **Jim Karditzas** started Korean in Jun 90 along with **Bryan Dohrn**. **Mark Weitekamp** finished NPGS in Dec 90.

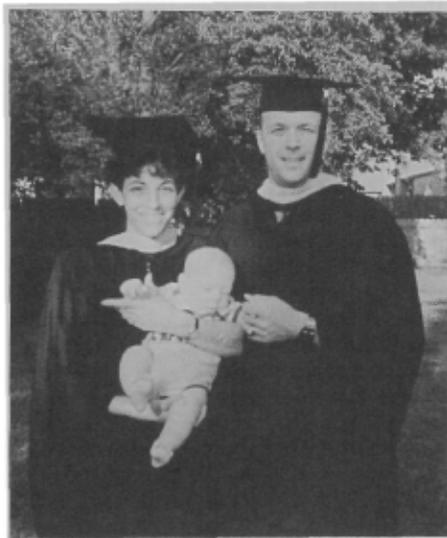
**Mark Reisweber** wrote from the D/BS&L. He & **Deb** (Delgirono '82) and their son **Kenny**, born 6 Feb 91, arrived at WP in May. **John Taylor** is also a new mbr of BS&L. Mark happened to run into **Lance Mannion** in May, too. Lance was just returned from the Middle East and couldn't say exactly what he had been doing there, except that it had something to do with the oil fires. He & **April** had a son, **Bernie**, in Apr. He had to sell his



1981: Goebel, the Bakers, Coutteaus, Karditzas and Weitekamps in CA, Dec 90

Annapolis Dairy Queen franchise, so, unfortunately, there will be no more Goat Buster parfaits. Lance saw **Mark McKearn** and "**Geo**" **Bilafer** while he was in the Gulf. **Mac & Kathy** had a baby girl last Oct, and "**Geo**" & **Ruta** had a baby boy (their second) in Mar. **Mark & Deb** plan on having a 10-yr G-3 Gopher Lyceum mtg at their place at WP, probably on 12 Oct after the formal.

Finally, one of our "lost" classmates,



1981: Deb & Mark Reisweber and Kenny



1981: Carmen & John DiNome

who happened to be in C-2 with **Dirk & me**, gave us a call. **Mike & Leigh Feland** have 3 boys: **Ian (5)**, **Lars (4)** and **Noel (1)**. They live in SC where Mike works for Michelin Tire Co.

Thank you to all who wrote, and know we're thinking of all of you on this 10-yr anniv of our graduation—NJS.

# '82

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Hello '82. Short article this time. Got behind the old power curve. No excuse, sir. Col will be the size of a Soc paper next time.

**Kevin Keating** says hello from DC. He's climbing the corporate ladder selling cardiovascular drugs with **Marion Merrell Dow**. **Keats** is quite the persuasive salesman.

**Bill & Shannon Roller** write from Phila. **Bill** recently grad from Wharton Sch of Business and took a position as sr sys analyst with Shared Med Sys, a computer co specializing in healthcare. **Tony Vertin** was in **Bill's** Wharton cl. **Shannon** was an Army nurse when they met, and, in Aug 86, they were married. They spent some yrs apart, but the Army finally got them together at Ft Devens. Their son **Tom** was born two yrs ago.

**Pete Vozzo's** mother drops a line to tell us about his recent accomplishment. **Pete** is stationed at Ft Rucker working in an ORSA asgmt. His work with Apache Procurement Analysis was recognized with DA's Dr Wilbur Payne Memorial Award for Excellence in Sys Analysis. Congrats, **Pete**.

Until next issue, Beat Navy!

# '83

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Welcome classmates, football fans and whoever else is reading this during the cool, fall season. Ah, the simple things in life can bring so much pleasure. Today I was working with **Stuart**, my 18-mo-old son, trying to get him to kick the soccer ball into the goal instead of carrying and tossing it. Finally, he kicked it with all his might—a good 10 feet—right into the goal. His face lit up like the 4th of Jul, and he was so proud! Where's the video camera when you need it? Oh well, onward with more worldly news.

**Brendan O'Shea**, yeah, you all remember him—I mean, after all, he says he's only been "procrastinating for 8 yrs" about dropping us all a line. So now the good news: **Brendan** got married to **Teri** in 85 and has 2 girls; **Megan (3)** and **Courtney (2)**. He left the Army in 88 to

be an engr with Mobil Oil in NYC. He joined the Res, 411th Engr Bde in Brooklyn. After two yrs, he joined the Corps of Engrs Div of Merck & Co, Inc in NJ. His first asgmt was to commute to Munich to build the German HQ. On 3 Dec, the day they closed on their "house in the backwoods of NJ," his Res unit was called for duty in the Persian Gulf. "We arrived in Saudi Arabia on Christmas Day—needless to say, I was not amused. The first classmate I ran into was my old roommate, Steve Sabarese, with 5th SF Gp."



1983: Steve Sabarese and Brendan O'Shea near the Saudi-Kuwaiti border shortly before the ground offensive

He also crossed paths with Eric Steiber, who was with the 1st ID. He safely returned home in Apr and really enjoyed participating in the "Welcome Home" ticker-tape parade in NYC this past June.

Well, it must be something in the air—Brian MacDonald also decided to write after 8 yrs! He married Kelly about 6 mos after grad and now has two daughters: Britney (4) and Cory (1).



1983: Brian at home with Cory, Britney and Kelly

He left the Army in Jun 89 for a sales position with Techsonic Ind, Inc and moved to Atl ("Lawrenceville to be exact. Yeah, I know I could have hand-

delivered one of these)." Since then they have moved to Milwaukee and now to Sioux Falls, SD for a sales position with Abbott Laboratories. His twin brother, **Bruce MacDonald**, has lived in L.A. now for two yrs with **Molly**. He is in sales for a rep group. They headed to WP this past "June Wk." On the way they visited Heather & Kevin McPoyle '82 in PA, and then spent the night with **Karen & John Lennon** in New Brunswick, NJ. When they reached WP, they stayed with **Sarah & Pete Martin**. Pete has finished his master's in ldrship. **John Pothin** lives two doors down. He also ran into LTC Tom Maertens '70 at the Grad Parade. He taught us and teaches again in C & GS. "He is applying for permanent professorship. He's well deserving." They also visited with **Kathey & Dave Schleiden** a few times in Chicago. He's a brand mgr with Kraft mayonnaise. He's had business dealings with **Dale Hruby** and Jack Bowen '82 at Leo Burnett Advertising Agency. They have responsibility for military recruiting. **Ken Hensen** also works there as an acct exec on the Pert Shampoo acct.

**Bruce Hilmes** got married to **Diana** of Salina, Kansas on 8 Jun at Ft Hood. "I got engaged to Di just prior to departing for Saudi Arabia on 8 Oct.

**Marty Garrity**, **Travis Flewelling**, **Garth Anderson**, **Dave Lemelin**, **Barry Bort**, **Tom Loper** and **Jeff Lau** also deployed with the 1st Cav Div. **Dave Harper**, **Matt Brand** and **Nate White** deployed with the Tiger Bde of the 2nd AD. We all returned healthy and ready to move on to more ambitious projects." Shortly after the wedding they headed to CAS3, where they ran into **Tim Dean**, **Dave**



1983: "Di" & Bruce Hilmes on their wedding day.

**Schneider**, **Ed Sauer**, **Joy Gibbon**, **John McGuinness**, **Regina Johnson**, **Brook Myers**, **Lee Kolbo**, **Bryce Johnson** and **Eric Steiber**, along with **Marty Garrity** and **Garth Anderson**. Next they'll head to Syracuse Univ for a master's in computers and then to WP in fall 93. **Marty** headed for his master's at Univ of CO at Boulder. **Garth** will attend the Univ of Ill. **Dave Lemelin** is now MG **Tillelli's** aide.

**Barbara & Ron Costello** had **Brian**, their 3rd baby, this past Jan. He joins **Brad** (4) and **Corey** (2). "We just bought a TV, so **Brian** should be our last child." **Ron's** at Cornell getting his master's in environmental toxicology en route to WP to teach chem in fall 92. **Patty & Mark Murtagh** had their first child, **Sean**, last Dec. They are living in **Mark's** hometown of Cranston, RI. He works with **Eddie Collazzo** at GTE in Mass. **Patty** is a speech pathologist at a local hosp. **Mark** is also an FA off in the local Res. **Renee & Bill Selman** are living in **Burke, VA**, and he's working for **Mobil** in **DC**. **Renee** is a sales rep for **Ortho Phar-**



1983: Homecoming in Brooklyn with Courtney, Brendan, Teri and Megan

maceuticals. They have one child, Brad (3). Bill is in the IRR. **Sylvia & Curt Nutbrown** "recently returned from Ger, and Curt is now a feared FA asgmts off on Stovall Street." They have a boy, Patrick. **Sue & Hal Jungerheld** live outside Atl, where Hal works for a mgt consulting firm. "In addition, I've run into **Frank Giordano** at an Army-Cornell Lax game. He is the brother-in-law of Jim Knowlton '82, who is also at Cornell. Jim and Frank are both married to the sisters of the **Pollack** [sic] brothers (**Kevin & Keith**) of our Cl. Confused yet?"

**Terri & Dallas Jones** have moved to Houston, where Terri is now the mid-day DJ on one of Houston's largest radio stations. Dallas has earned the status of CFP (Certified Financial Planner) and is now part of the prestigious firm of Houston Asset Mgt Inc.

Thanks for all your ltrs and spt, and I'll see you next time. Go Army! BEAT NAVY!

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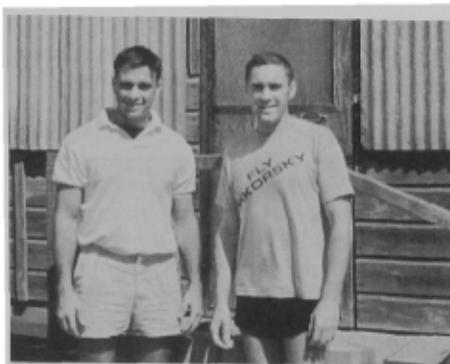
Here we are, the "Best of the Corps," back for another col from your friendly neighborhood class scribe! Am writing this the wk after the bar exam, so I'm not sure how many brain cells I have left to apply to this endeavor — please bear with me! With that disclaimer, let's get on with the news!

Received a note from a classmate that we've probably all been thinking about since Operation Just Cause down in Panama a couple of yrs ago. **Cesar Candanedo** left the Panamanian Army after that opn and is now working for a co in Panama's free trade zone. He had been doing well before he was involved in a recent accident which left him in a coma for 13 days! Miraculously, his recovery has been swift, and he will have no lasting injuries. Cesar says he is listed in the Panamanian phone book, and I have his address. He'd like to hear from some of his WP buddies. If you'd like to write, drop me a line and I will get his address to you. Thanks for the update, Cesar, and best of luck with your job and your recovery!!

You'll recall from last issue that **Frank Lacitignola** is serving as CO of an MI co in Honduras and that **Alan Fessenden** is down there also. Well, Frank sent a photo showing the living qtrs in Hondo, appropriately called a "hootch."

I don't know, though. From the attire Frank and Al are wearing, it seems that Honduras life is pretty easy-going! Just kidding, fellas! I know from personal experience that Hondo can be a bear at times! Good luck and thanks for the photo, Frank!

This seems to be the issue for long-lost



1984: Frank Lacitignola and Al Fessenden in Hondo

classmates! **Jack Picciuto** wrote to me, even though he says that "I never thought I would be writing." Jack wrote to alleviate any fears (and quell any rumors) that he had fallen off the edge of the earth! So here's a full update on Jack! He was married back in June 1986 to **Maryellen** (Conway '86). Both Jack & Maryellen were in Desert Storm for 5 1/2 months and had to leave their little girl **Kelsey** (born in Mar 1990) with Maryellen's folks. As the photo shows, the locals in "the sandbox" were really friendly!!



1984: Jack Picciuto and a friend in the Saudi desert

Jack noted that he was in BDU's (as opposed to "a comfortable flight suit") in the photo only so he wouldn't "\_\_\_ off the ground pigs." Since this is an equal opportunity column, I would welcome any responses from ground pounders anywhere! Well, Jack is now back in Hanau, FRG where he is an AH-64 pilot and has been in cmd for 20 mos. Happily, his family is reunited once again! Jack had hoped to come to the 5-yr Reunion but was in jump sch (of all places!). Jack said it took him 5 yrs of begging to get Avn branch to send him, so he figured he had better take the slot! Thanks for the info, Jack! You really don't have to wait 7 yrs to write again! Just kidding! Great job over in Desert Storm. We're proud of you!

I also got a note from **Pam (Prentiss) & Brent Johnson**. You may recall that Pam & Brent were down at Ft Bragg when **Dianne** & I were there several yrs ago! Well, Pam writes with an update of what's happened since Ft Bragg! Pam &

Brent both left the Army in the summer of 89. Pam became a full-time mom to their daughter **Leslie**, and Brent went to work for Merck Pharmaceuticals in Wilson, NC near their new home in Rocky Mount, NC. But this yr, things have begun to move in a new direction for the Johnson family. First, there is a new mbr, **Nathan Charles**, who was born this past Apr! Congratulations!! As the photo shows, the Johnsons have a great-looking family!



1984: The Johnson family

It also appears that the Army team might have a healthy prospect here—**Nathan** weighs 15 pounds at 2 1/2 mos! But, the new addition was just the beginning of the changes! Pam, Brent and kids will have moved across the country to Denver by the time this is published! Brent will be attending law sch at Denver Univ, and Pam will be reentering the job market. The Johnsons are excited about the move and looking forward to being near Brent's parents, who live in Denver. Good luck, folks!

Pam also sent a BUNCH of info on other classmates. **Deirdre (Painter) Cozens** is back at Hunter Army Airfield ending an ord co after serving in Desert Storm. **Lance Lawson** is also back from Desert Storm, returning to Fort Bragg and to his lovely wife **Karen**. Lance just became co of his second engr co. (AIRBORNE, Lance! Had to get that airborne in there, buddy!) **Susan (DeBenedictis) Lee** is CO of a physical training co at Ft McClellan and is the proud mom of a daughter, **Kristen**, born back in Jul 90. Congrats, Sue! **Crissy (Gayagas) Collyar** finished up cmd in Ger last yr and is currently in DC working for transportation branch after attending the adv cse and CAS3. **Patty (Aceves) Carlson** left the green machine in 88 and is now the city administrator for the town of Mauldin, SC. **Alma (Cobb) Hulse** also left the Army in 88 and is working for a co in Chicago. Alma is the proud mom of a son, **Matthew**, born in fall 1989. Congrats, Alma! **Robert Oglesby** graduated from med sch in 1988. He currently has a fellowship at Walter Reed AMC after serving his residency at Ft Sam Houston. **Charlie Millar** left the Army in 89 and is currently working as a stockbroker in

DC. He & Maura are the proud parents of a daughter, Amelia, and are expecting their second child later this yr. **Karie (Kidnocker) & Bill Barber** are currently at Ft Bragg. Karie left the Army in 89 and is kept busy by their two daughters. **Mel & Robin (Speight '85) Hogan** are stationed at Ft Benning. Robin left the green machine in 90. The Hogans are also the proud parents of two daughters, Katherine and Sarah. Finally, **Mark Pannenber** left the Army in fall 90 and is working for a surgical instrument co in Cleveland, OH. Mark married lovely **Beth** in Nov 90, and Brent attended the wedding. While there he saw **Paul Haist, Josh Cronin** and **Stu Pandza**. WOW!! Thanks for all of that great info, Pam!! Best of luck in Denver and write again soon!! Good luck in law sch, Brent! I think you'll enjoy it!



1984: John & Ladonna (Leeth '86) Adams with Michael Perry '85 and guest

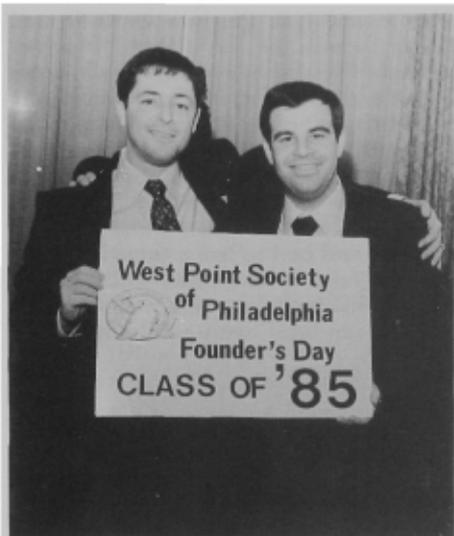
Finally, I got a phone call from my good friend and old WP roommate, **Ed Morris**, back in August. Ed is currently at Ft Monroe, VA with **Carrie**. "Where is Ft Monroe?," you might be asking. Well, it is in Newport News, VA, and Ed says its the most beautiful post he's ever seen. Ed is working in the Off Ldrship Devel Div of TRADOC. He works mostly with precommissioning programs, although he says that his main job in these days of budget crunching is finding money! Ed was yet another classmate who did us proud over in Desert Storm. He went through the ground war with the 1st ACR. Great job!! Ed passed along news about **Dave Breuhan** as well. Ed and Dave had been together since prep sch, serving in Ger together and with the 3rd ACR, where they both cmded cav trps at the same time. Dave recently left the Army. Thanks for the call, buddy, and we'll speak to you soon!

When this is published, I'll be down with the rest of our FLEP'ers who graduated this yr, going through the JAG Basic Course. More on that next time. Again, keep the ltrs coming to the same address in CT, and **Dianne** will forward them to me. Until next time, stay safe, stay happy and, as always, BEAT NAVY!

'85

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Hello, gang! I am writing to you from Ft Leavenworth while attending the Tac Cmdrs Devel Crs (a crs which reminds me of how much we lack in total integration of combat multipliers!). Ran into "Cisco" **Moreno** the other night. She's doing super and will be finishing CAS3 in a few short wks. She wrote a mo or so ago and told me about several other classmates from Ft Lewis.



1985: Proud civs in Phila!

**Cisco** is currently working on I Corps staff and has seen **Jamie Zucker, Noel (Finch) Guarino, Mike Rubitski** (hello Mike & Toni!), **Scott Husing** and **Ty Stark**. **Cisco** is getting her master's in health administration at night and is spending her free time on the river with her dog and two cats. OK, I own a cat, which makes the river part tough to believe!

Received a flyer, and it seems ol' **Sean McDevitt** is running for US Congress. Here I thought you had to be a certain age. We wish him the best of luck. I need a seed in Congress anyway—my congressman doesn't listen to me.



1985: Orion's ldrs!

**Pamela (Cardin) Martis** is doing well

and is currently stationed at Ft Riley. She has branch transferred to MP's. The best news is the birth of **Joseph Scott** in Oct 89. While she was in Saudi, she got to see her brother **Steve '86**. (Pamela, I am sure you are enjoying every min with your husband and son now that you are back.) Looks like she will head back to DLI to study Russian and then head back to Garmisch. (Pam, I have misplaced my Bugle Notes this wk, but I think you can get a copy from the cadet store if you call them.) Of course, if you haven't heard about the Corps, chances are it is only a 1/4" thick because they don't have to really study anymore. Okay, I'll say it. . . "the Corps has!"



1985: Dan Williams with his Inf spt vehicle!

**Big Dan & Wendy Williams** are doing super. After an early cmd at Ft Bragg, Dan got selected to be an Apache advisor to the SC NG. They are doing super and enjoy as much time as they can with their daughter **Jenny**. He rep that **Mike Aid** was working as a Blackhawk maint off at Rucker, and **Pete Morrissey** left the Army to go to business sch.



1985: Daddy's little girl!

**Phil & Karen Helbling** are doing super. **Phil** took cmd of a co with 1-21 Inf. Look at the photo and tell me that isn't daddy's little girl. Speaking of cmds, I will update you on all the other classmates here. **Dave Gerard** took cmd in 1-14 Inf, **John Quackenbush** took cmd of an attack helicopter sqdn, **Rob Ulses** took cmd of a Blackhawk sqdn and **Paul Howell** took cmd of another co in 1-21 alongside **Phil**. Hey, the big news is that **John Quackenbush** is engaged to marry a wonderful girl, **Donna**, in Feb. Okay,

wake up and spray some cold water on your face, it's true! John held out, and I have to tell you it was worth it—I am sure he'll agree.

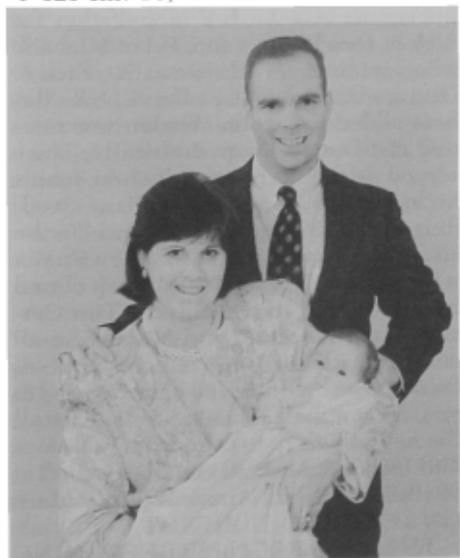


1985: America's finest!

Founders Day in Saudi produced a great shot of some of American's finest. Some old buddies—Wayne Lowe, an ol' Gopher, Drew "O.D." O'Donnell from the Prep Sch, Mike Stoneham and more. Great job, fellas.

Darrell Irvin recently got married to the former Miss Miriem Alieze in GA. The ol' "Teddy Bear" has settled down... Cancel Christmas! We are happy for the both of you and wish you the best.

Jim Tully and business are still doing great. Orion Consulting made the Jun 91 edition of *INC* mag. He laundry-listed about 12 guys who are now out and also listed a few who attended Desert Storm from Bragg. Ernie Benner was in Special Forces, Bob Waldo was in the Corps Arty and Mr Vincent Marchionni was in the 4-325 Inf! Yo, Vinnie!



1985: The Schute family

Harry & Patty Schute wrote from Ft Knox, where he is currently working in the Dir of Total Armor Force Readiness responsible for fixing any problem with the tank community. He ran into several classmates at CAS3, including newly-weds Ivan Pawlowitz, Vic Stephenson, Dirk Kreunan and Jeff Mrochek. He also

rep that Phil Dyer, Keith Cook and Jeff Parrish all have gotten out and are working in the big business world. Good to here from you, Harry. Keep in touch and take care of that beautiful family.



1985: The Cal family

Paul & Lynette Cal were recently blessed with the birth of their son, Andrew Michael. Paul is changing cmd to HHC of 4-12 Inf in Baumholder, Ger. Great hearing from you, Gopher.

Bryan Hug wrote after returning from Saudi to Ft Hood. He was married in 88 to a girl he met in Ger. He and Mike Goodwin were in the "Tiger" bde attached to the Marines who took Kuwait City. You all did a great job. Bryan had only one misfortune and that was missing the birth of his daughter Cassandra in Feb. She was two mos old when he saw her for the first time.

The last pic is of part of the gang here at Schofield. The rest of us were at JRTC handing it to the world-class OPFOR (who are really awesome, if you have never fought them before!)

That's all I have for now. Keep in mind—if you don't like the col, only you

and your pen have the ability to change that. Let me hear from all of you. I am keeping all the addresses I get now in my new computer, so if you need one I might have it for you. Give me a call. You have my best, '85.

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IS THERE A DR IN THE HOUSE! ELVIS LIVES! EX-ARMY STAR HAS HIS DAY ON COURT! INFANTRY GUYS TELL ALL! ARTY GUYS TOP INF GUYS—ACTUALLY TELL MORE... AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES! These stories and more in this edition.

You probably never thought that you would refer to your own classmates as "Sir." Although many of us may have accidentally popped off with a mis-directed "Sir" in *Beast Bks* as a classmate surprised us while ping-pong around a corner, we have some honest-to-goodness CPTs in the CI. By publishing time, the majority of the CI should be sporting new railroad tracks, but this gp pinned on their new brass upon their grad from the Uniformed Svcs Univ of Health Sciences Sch of Med back on 19 May. So for now, "Congratulations, Sir." Dave Della-Guistina, you don't know how it pained me so to call you "Sir," but do I



1985: Surf's up gang in HI!

also have to call you dr! Here are our grads and their respective internships in parentheses:

CPT **Paul Whitecar** (Ob/Gyn, Brooke AMC, San Ant, TX)

CPT **Kris Peterson** (Psychiatry, WRAMC, Wash, DC)

CPT **Paul Pasquina** (Transitional, Eisenhower AMC, GA)

CPT **William Corr** (Family Practice, Womack ACH, NC)

CPT **Alexander Stojadinovic** (Surgery, WRAMC, Wash, DC)

CPT **David Della-Guistina** (Transitional, Madigan AMC, Wash)

CPT **Anthony Johnson** (Transitional, Fitzsimmons AMC, CO)

CPT **Kevin Winkle** (Pediatrics, Madigan AMC, Wash)

Congratulations, one and all. But there's more. CPT **Daniel Rodriguez** grad from MIT, Boston with a Ph.D in econometrics and was whisked away to Ranger Sch, grad on 4 Jun 91 and was headed for Panama after IMPOC. Dan, Sir, most guys can't spell econometrics—great job and good luck. This news break was brought to you courtesy of **Anthony & Rinna Johnson** (1565 S Ironton St, Aurora, CO 80012).

EX-ARMY STAR STILL HAS HIS DAY ON COURT, read the Stars and Stripes headlines. "Although the competition isn't the NBA, the CBA or even the NCAA, **Kevin Houston** doesn't appear to mind. These days he can be found playing for Hudson Valley in such events as the Empire State Games." Last yr he tried out at the NJ Nets and Wash Bullets camps and took a stab at the free agent camp of the Albany Patroons of the CBA. "Obviously, being down there with the best of the best was a lot of fun,"

he said of the NBA camps. "I felt accepted, and I was treated well by everybody. I got a fair shot, but unfortunately, I couldn't make it stick."

Over the past several yrs **Kevin** has played for the All-Army team and is presently working as an engr with NY Tel. Rest assured, however, basketball is not far from his mind.

**MIKE REPETSKI TALKS WITH ELVIS IN THE DESERT!** Weirder things have happened, but less than 150 mi from Baghdad in late Feb 91, Mike shared his MRE lunch with none other than the KING! As the pic indicates, these encounters are nothing new to the locals who have constructed shrines to the man from Memphis.



1987: "Saddam—ain't nothin' but a hound dog"

While daddy was off meeting Elvis and basically ridding the world of tyranny, **Melissa Repetski** was making it happen on the homefront. On 11 Feb 91 Melissa gave birth to Mary Katherine.

Several classmates and their wives/girlfriends helped her out until Mike returned from the desert. If you recall, Mike & Melissa met as penpals while he



1987: Mary K Repetski: daddy's little Rakkasan

was in the Sinai with the MFO. Six mos later they were married at the WP Catholic Chapel on 10 Dec 89. Just something about that desert isn't there. Melissa had a boatload of info about the CI. First, its IOAC time, ladies and gentleman. **Tim & Becky Currier** planned to arrive in Oct, as did **Dave Whiddon** and his fiancée, **Missy Pagel**. Courtesy of Ft Drum, **Brad Herndon** and **Jobey Sweeney** were headed for Benning in Oct also. Brad mentioned that **Trent Andrews** is currently at Ft Sill, OK for FAOAC before heading to Korea. **Dave & Luanne Hilburn** have returned to the US of A from Ger and began IOAC in Jul 91. **Jeff Opperman** & new bride **Julie** are at Ft Rucker for AOAC. Jeff is godfather for **Rick & Dee White's** son, **Brian Michael**, who was born on Christmas 90. Rick & Dee are stationed at Ft Drum, NY. Melissa added that **John Whalen** was married last Dec to **Tracy**. Ironically, Tracy served as the flight attendant on John's flight home from Mike & Melissa's wedding in Dec 89. I guess love was "in the air." John is stationed at Ft Lewis, WA with the 2nd Ranger Bn. Melissa closed by noting that **Big Al Bilyeu**, **Tim Currier**, **Dave Whiddon** and Mike were all co XO's with the 1-187 out of Campbell for Opn Desert Storm. Al has extended to stay at Campbell. Thanks so much for all the news that's fit to print from Ft Campbell. Mike & Melissa can be reached at 6916 Bullet Blvd, Apt A-11, Columbus, GA 31907.

**THE BOURBON STREET NINE GET IT TOGETHER.** Feast your eyes on this next pic. This Feb 91 gathering of **Pat Mathes**, **Melanie & Mark Vilardi**, **Altina & Brent Layman**, **Bonnie & Darren Johnson** and **Mike Mathes** set New Orleans on its head.

**Mark Vilardi** added a note with this pic. He opted for an early out in Jun 90 after leaving Ger for a 5-mo stint as an XO at Redstone Arsenal. He was previ-



1987: "Is there a dr in the house?" USUHS graduates, May 91



1987: "A ragin' Cajun" reunion, courtesy of Mark & Melanie Vilardi

ously working in Huntsville, AL for Rockwell Intl but was planning a move to Pittsburgh, PA in Aug to attend Carnegie-Mellon Univ to get an MBA.

**John Sipes** and **Marty Holland** wrote from FAOAC CI 5-91 to prime me for a flood of mail from Ft Sill in fall 91. Bring it on, guys!

**Fred Krawchuk** wrote from the Adv Crs at Benning. At IOAC 3-91 we find **Boogie Burks**, **Dan Deleo**, **Randy Kirby**, **Joe Felter**, **Jim Gawryszewski**, **Tim Green**, **Gunter Seeger** and **Ken Sampson**. **Nate Hope** is lending his FA expertise to the CI as well. Dan and Randy already have follow-on assignments to the 82nd. Boogie just got married on 21 Jun 91. **Pat Mathes** and **Bill Weathersby** are in IOAC CI 2-91. **Dan Maroun** and **Rob Buscher** returned from the desert last spring. Dan is newly married and at Ft Dix. Rob was still at Ft Stewart as of last Jun. Fred also has heard from **Chris Valentine**, who returned from the desert to **Peggy** and their child at Ft Bragg. **Sig Mison**, our Philippine classmate, was in Orlando, FL recently. He is doing great and asked Fred to pass best wishes on to everyone. **Bryndol Sones** recently tied the knot, finished up his asgmt at Ft Dix as an aide-de-camp and was on his way to IOAC in Aug. **Mike & Valerie Lacey** were leaving HI and the 25th IN this summer. Mike was accepted into the Army's JAG program and was to begin law sch this summer. **Jeff & Liana Vezeau** are living in Newman, GA. Jeff is working for the James River Co. Fred closes by reminding us that **Kevin Vink** is attending IOAC after a successful tour in the desert.

Thanks to all who have written and still read. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, BEAT THE HELL OUT OF NAVY, and enjoy a peaceful Christmas season.

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**Scot Arey** made it back to Ger from SWA and sent these two pix.

Scot said that the two activities shown are what he spent the majority of his time



1988: The much-sought-after swimsuit issue



1988: "And when I'm not reading. . ."

doing, except for a certain 100 hrs, of course. Scot also wanted to publicly chastise one of our classmates for his lack of communicative skills: "**Greg Haack**—you bum, the mail sys still works from HI to Ger!"



1988: How to secure a water-crossing site

**David Chapman** dropped me a note to say that most of our classmates who attended the VII Corps trip section to SWA returned in good health around May. **Nick Steele** came back to a wonderful surprise. **Nick & Jill** are now the proud parents of **Nicholas Tyler**—congratulations.

**Mark Wittlin** sent a postcard from the British Isles. Mark and his parents are touring Europe in his new Saab 9000S. Mark will soon return to USAREUR to be a bde tng off.

**Leo O'Donnell** thought that you might like to see some real soldiers doing some real soldiering.

It's obvious who the consummate warrior really is—he is never out of uniform, right **Gwen**? Leo also sent this rare photo of night MOUT opns: a daring foursome forages for CI I resupply at the "Pizza Sheik" in downtown Dhahran.



1988: Watch us clear this bldg!

**Tyler L Randolph** is back at Ft Bragg. Tyler says war is hell, esp when you have to work with your old TAC off (MAJ Seaton) in the Arty Bde TOC. Tyler got married on 3 Aug 90 to a blonde-haired,

blue-eyed southern belle named Tracey Tanner. Congratulations.



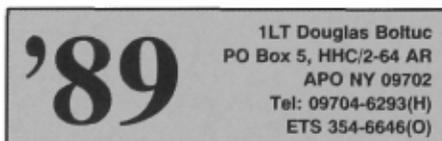
1988: Jackie & Jim Hall



1988: Donna & Brian Sweeney at Brian's promotion

Finally, some last-min pics of **Jackie & Jim Hall** at the Chicago Founders Day this yr and **Donna & Brian Sweeney** at Brian's promotion to CPT.

Until next issue, take care.



Well, believe it or not, do not have very much to say this time. I suppose everyone is just returning to normalcy (is that really a word?). Imagine we all have taken lots of leave time and have not desired to write our distinguished CI historian.

Nevertheless, **John Carey**, one of our civ persuasionists, says hello from the social plethora of Brooklyn, NY, where he is working for the US Atty Gen. In Aug 91 he will return to UVA for his

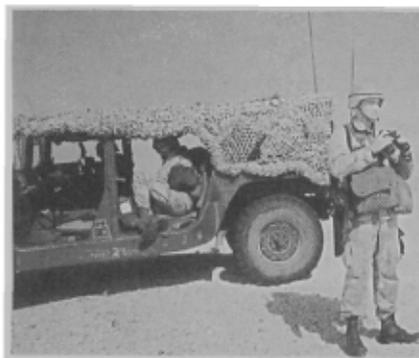
second yr of law sch. Good luck, John!



1989: Jeannine & Dan Jordan outside Fayetteville Courthouse after their wedding, 16 Aug 90

**Dan Jordan** sends his best from good old Ft Bragg. Dan married a lovely girl named **Jeannine** (you never wrote her maiden name, Dan!)

Later on, **Dan** did his thing in the desert and even found time to draw up



1989: Dan surveys the battlefield

his version of the Patton statue pose.

Dan ran into such old amigos as **Jeff Castille**, **Mark Jennings** and **Eric Miller**, to name a few. Good luck to Dan & **Jeannine**.

I have no gripes or rumors this time, but I can tell you a story of a hot Aug afternoon wherein **John Fortson**, **Troy Perry**, **Andy Riebe** and I endured a long parade for the 3d ID change of cmd. Boy, you thought the Supe's award parade was long—try 8 bdes passing in review!! Andy, in his ever-enthusiastic tone, remarked, "You'd think this stuff was over. . . I guess it never ends."

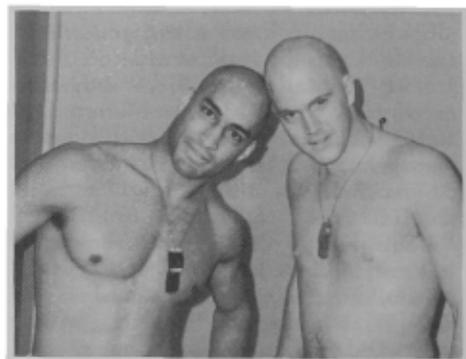
See you at the club or in the field. Remember, we strengthen the line—**Doug Boltuc**.

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Was down at Ft Benning for Abn Sch a couple of wks ago and spent my wknds at Ft Rucker with our CI pres. **Mark** and I are more than just friends now, as his sister **Eleanor** is now my bride-to-be. Aren't you glad you never let any of your friends date your sister?

One wknd, **Mark** threw a 70's party, complete with disco light, **Bee Gees** and bell-bottoms. There were a lot of classmates there, and I will put some of the fashion photos in the next **ASSEMBLY**. I promised **Jamie Danner** (E-3), the domesticated pilot, that I would tell the CI about his new-found skills in quiche-making, demonstrated when he is not eating it, and his new method of air freshening—boiling potpourri. He has not had the method patented yet, but he plans to ride the idea to fame and fortune. All is well at the home of Army avn, and our classmates will soon be off to their first asgmts wearing the coveted silver wings.



1990: Jason Kelley and Vann Knight before Ranger Sch

Here is a photo that did not make the last article. It is our CI VP, **Jason Kelley**, and **Vann Knight** displaying their Ranger hairdos before starting the course. Jason's cl set a record for the no of frostbite cases, and, by the second phase, the RI's let him wear his BDU's.

**Jeff Kopp** (E-3) tied the knot 21 Jul 90 at the Cadet Chapel, marrying **Denise Kanode**. Attending the wedding were **Jamie Danner** (E-3), **Paul Kuznik** (E-3), **Harry Moreno** (E-3), **Jamie Gough** (E-3), **Don Minton** (G-3) and **Frank Clark** (F-4). The Koppes now reside in Wertheim, Ger, where Jeff is an FDO for C Btry, 3-35 FA.

**Diana Leach** (B-4) sent me a ltr from the 79th Engr Bn in Karlsruhe, Ger. She is a vertical construction plat ldr, along with our classmates, **Margaret Manry** (A-1), **Brendan Fitzpatrick** (C-2) and **George Thiebes** (D-1). Also in the 79th is **Paul Owen** (D-1), acting as a horizontal construction plat ldr. For those of us



1990: Denise & Jeff Kopp

non-engrs, Diana informed me that vertical construction deals with bldgs and upright structures, while horizontal includes roads and runways. They have a lot of work and tell me that the trips are great.

Also in Deutschland, Steve Ziegler (E-1) sent me this photo of Joe Tsagronis (I-1), himself, Ted Valmassei (H-3), Dave Williams (G-1) and Jim Ross (I-1) enjoying a few beers at the O'Club. They are all in the 5-3 FA Bn in Giessen, and, besides throwing a few back at the O'Club, they frequent the local univ bars to keep themselves busy on the wknds.

That is all the CI news. Send me some photos and let me know how the Army is treating you. By the way, if you have sent me photos and want them back, let me know, and I will mail them to you.



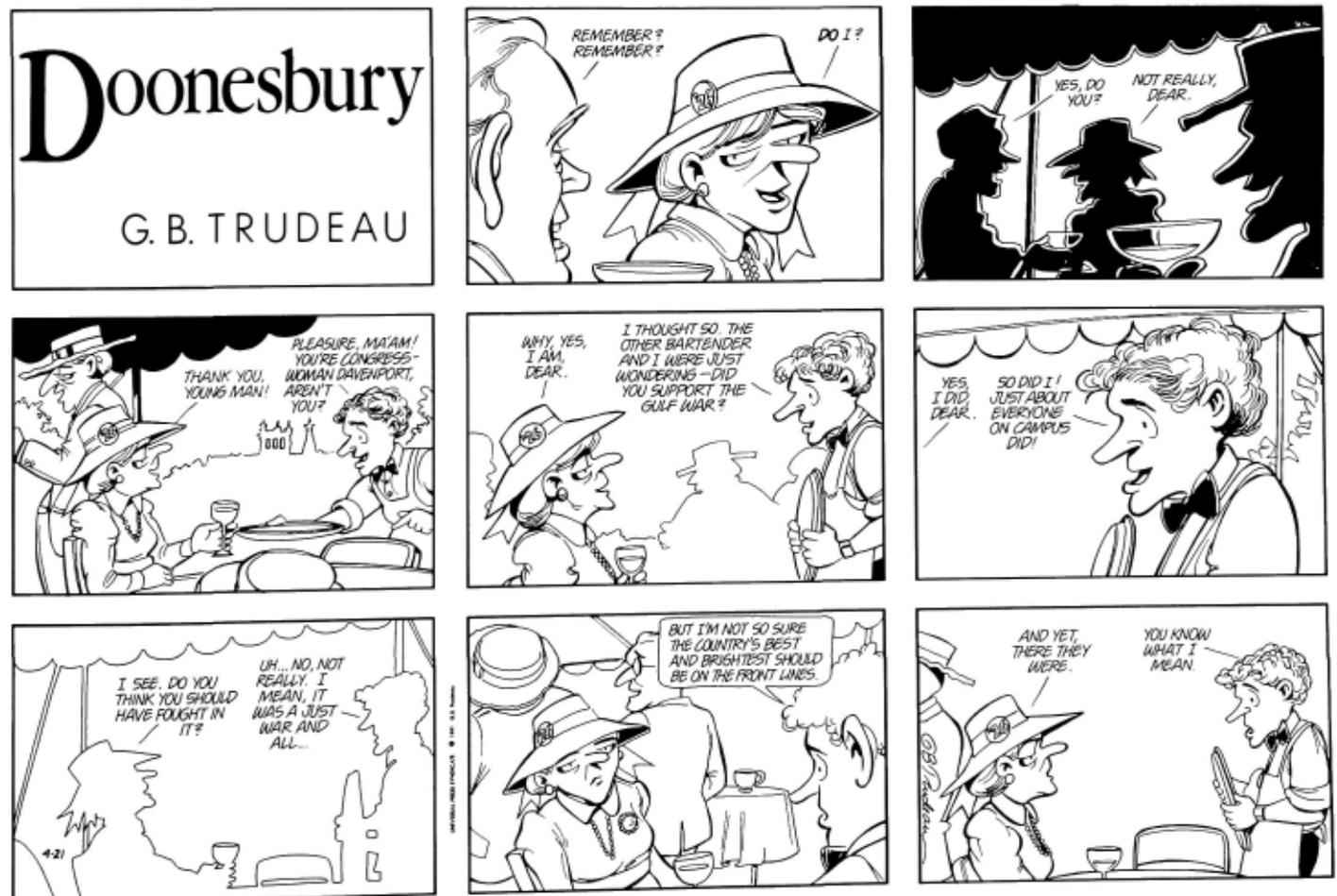
1990: Joe Tsagronis, Steve Ziegler, Ted Valmassei, Dave Williams and Jim Ross

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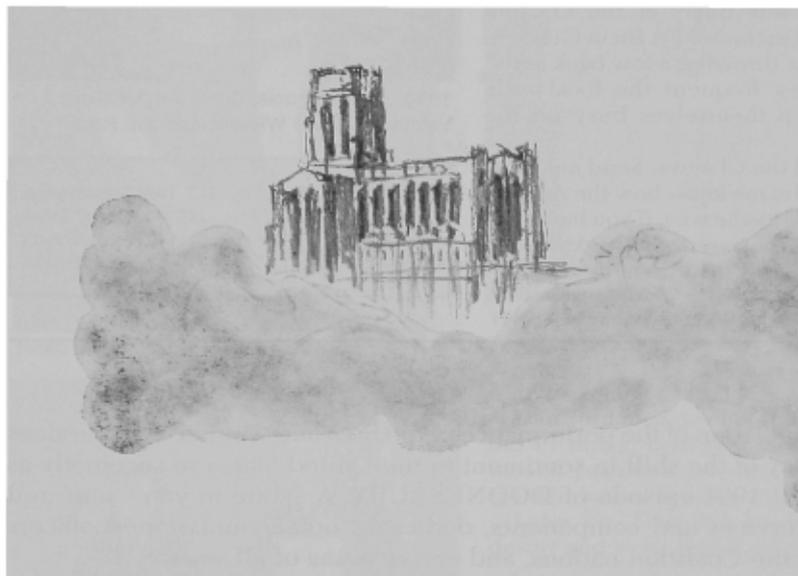
Much has been said, done and written in appreciation of the performance of the men and women of all services in Desert Storm. Few have captured the poignancy of the shift in sentiment in the United States so succinctly as the brilliant cartoonist Gary Trudeau in this April 1991 episode of DOONESBURY. A salute to you—sons and daughters of West Point, fellow officers of all services and components, dedicated non-commissioned officers everywhere, sons and daughters of America and the Coalition nations, and our veterans of all wars.



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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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### Walter Driscoll Smith

NO. 4012 CLASS OF 1901

Died 20 September 1955 in Washington, DC, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Walter Driscoll Smith

WALTER DRISCOLL SMITH was born in Cumberland, Maryland on 16 November 1875, the son of Page John Smith and Sarah Dorothy (Ways) Smith. His father had served in the Civil War in the 106th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Walter was the fifth of eight children, two of whom died as infants.

Walter graduated from high school at the age of 15 and then attended two years at the Philadelphia School of Fine Arts and four years at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, where he played four years of football. He entered the Military Academy just before his 22nd birthday, playing four more years of football, the last two years as captain of the team. In later years, when Sergeant Marty Maher was asked to select an all-time Army All-American football team in the 1940's, he selected W. D. Smith as end and described him as "one of the greatest players [who] ever wore an Army uniform."

The class graduated early in February 1901 because of the war, and Walter was commissioned in the Cavalry. He married Florence Beverly Egerton of Baltimore in March 1901 and was assigned to the newly activated 11th Cavalry at Fort Myer, Virginia. He sailed with the regiment and his new bride to the Philippines and served with the 2nd Squadron, operating against General Malvar in Batangas Province during the insurrection.

He returned with the regiment to Fort Des Moines, Iowa in 1904, and in February 1905 his daughter Beverly was born. The Smiths moved to West Point

that same year, and Walter served as an instructor in Mathematics, assistant quartermaster and assistant football coach. While the Smiths were at West Point, Florence's sister Mattie married Ernest Joseph King, USNA 1901, at the Cadet Chapel. Walter and Ernest were lifelong friends. Ernest later was appointed Fleet Admiral, Commander of the Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations during World War II. Walter would allow the young naval officer to play in the war games at USMA. King preferred to play cavalry commander, because he felt cavalry tactics more nearly simulated the more mobile naval tactics.

In 1909 the Smiths moved to Panama where Walter was detailed to the Quartermaster Corps and was responsible for moving homes and buildings to make room for the digging of the canal. He received the special Panama Canal Award for his service. In 1911 the Smiths' first son, Charles Calvert Egerton, was born. In 1913, just before the first ships sailed through the canal, Walter was assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas in the 2nd Cavalry, chasing Pancho Villa along the Texas border. In 1914 the Smiths moved to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont with the 2nd Cavalry. Here their daughter Dorothy was born.

Walter returned to West Point in 1915 to serve as D Company tactical officer, US Corps of Cadets. His son, Page Egerton, was born at West Point in 1917. That same year Walter transferred to the Field Artillery, joined the Dixie Division at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and sailed with them to France in December. After a month with a British division, Walter joined General Pershing's Headquarters as chief of the Organization and Equipment Division. He took his brother-in-law Ernest J. King on a tour of the battlefields and also saw his friend from cadet days, Douglas MacArthur, returning from leading an infantry assault.

After his war service in France, Walter returned to his family as a full colonel with a Purple Heart, the French Legion of Honor, Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus (Officer) of Italy. He was assigned to the War Department General Staff and subsequently attended the Army War College in 1920-21, the Command and General Staff School in 1921-23, and the Naval War College in 1923-24. His daughter Beverly married Lieutenant Francis B. Kane (USMA '22) in 1924.

Walter was again assigned to the War Department as Chief of the Transportation Branch, G-4. In 1928-29 he was assigned to Fort Hoyle, Maryland. In 1929 his oldest son entered the Military Academy but was discharged for medical reasons in 1932. After a tour on the faculty at Fort Leavenworth, Walter returned in 1931 to be the chief historian at the Army War College in Washington,

DC. In the years between the two world wars Walter took Ernest King on tours of the battlefields of Gettysburg and Antietam. Admiral King in his memoirs later described the value of these visits in developing his own concepts of naval strategy and tactics. In 1935 Walter was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 82nd Division in Columbia, South Carolina. His youngest son, Page, entered the Military Academy and graduated in 1940. Walter retired as a brigadier general in 1939 but was recalled to active duty during World War II as a military researcher at The Library of Congress. During the war, Admiral King would visit Walter at his home on Army-Navy Drive in Arlington, discuss the conduct of the war and relax with his old friend of many years.

Walter's beloved wife Florie died in 1948. After his second retirement he studied French at Georgetown Language School under the GI Bill and then traveled to visit his daughter Beverly, whose husband was the military attaché in Portugal. Walter later traveled extensively through Europe and then spent his final years at the Army-Navy Town Club in Washington, DC, where he lived long enough to see five of his great-grandchildren from his grandson, Francis B. Kane, Jr. (USMA '45). He was always in top physical condition and even in his last years demonstrated the correct manner of doing pushups to his oldest great-grandson. He continued his avid reading and study of history until his death.

Walter died in Walter Reed Hospital on 20 September 1955 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with his wife, Florie. He was survived by four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. From his four children he currently is survived by 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Of his great-grandchildren three have graduated from the Military Academy: Christopher Kane (USMA 1972), Arthur G. Kane (USMA 1982) and Page A. Karsteter (USMA 1988).



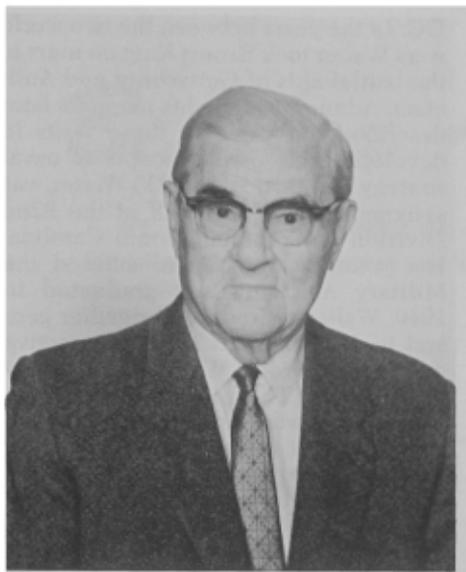
### Houston Latimer Whiteside

NO. 5087 CLASS OF 1912

Died 29 May 1990 in Hutchinson, Kansas, aged 99 years.

Interment: the family plot in Hutchinson, Kansas.

HOUSTON L. WHITESIDE (Whitey to his West Point friends) was born in his family home in Hutchinson on 13 June 1890, the son of William Houston and Julia Latimer Whiteside. His father was a lawyer, judge and founder of the *Hutchinson News* in 1872. The younger Whiteside was reared in the spacious



Houston Latimer Whiteside

Houston was an avid fisherman and bird hunter. Much of his time was spent traveling to Mexico and various rivers and lakes in the United States and Canada. He loved his home in Cascade, Colorado, as fishing and sport were close at hand.

Houston Whiteside's passing marked the end of an era for Hutchinson, Kansas, that began when Judge Whiteside came to the area in 1873. Houston died just 13 days before his 100th birthday. He led a splendid and full civil and military life.

*Major Carl Morton (Ret), his nephew*



**John Thornton Knight, Jr.**

NO. 5770 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 15 January 1989 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 94 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

family home and resided there at the time of his death almost a century later.

Because of failing health, Judge Whiteside gave up his law practice in 1906, and these health problems played an important role in his son's future. Fearing that he wouldn't be able to put his son through college, he sought to secure an appointment to West Point for Houston.

After attending public schools in Hutchinson through his junior year in high school, Houston was sent to a preparatory school in Highland Falls, New York in 1907 to prepare him for the Military Academy's stringent entrance examination.

Houston won his appointment to West Point and completed his courses there in 1912. Along the way he made captain of the baseball team. His place at the Academy was taken by another Kansan—Dwight D. Eisenhower. At the request of his father, Houston resigned from the Army in 1915 but rejoined at the beginning of World War I as an artilleryman. He served at Camp Jackson as adjutant to the commanding general, assisting in the training of troops to go overseas. Houston worked his way up to major during this period. At the end of World War I, he was prevented from joining the newly-formed Army Air Corps in Texas because his father would not give the required parental permission. He resigned to go home and manage the family businesses and farms. He did this successfully and with acumen until World War II.

He rejoined the Army at Fort Sill with the rank of colonel and an assignment to the Artillery School—in charge of the war-time Officer Candidate School. After the war he resigned again and returned to Hutchinson. He never married, although there were a number of eager aspirants.



John Thornton Knight, Jr.

JOHN THORNTON KNIGHT, JR., "Jack" as he was known throughout his long life, was born on 9 May 1894 at Fort Reno, Indian Territory (now El Reno, Oklahoma). His father, Brigadier General John Thornton Knight, USMA 1884, was then a first lieutenant serving as regimental quartermaster of the 3rd US Cavalry. His mother, Edith M. Young, was the daughter of Lieutenant General S.B.M. Young, first president of the Army War College, last commanding general and first Chief of Staff of the US Army.

Jack was appointed from the 3rd District of Virginia and entered the United States Military Academy on 15 June 1914. Europe was going to war, but plebe and yearling years at West Point progressed normally until the end of second class summer leave. The Class of 1917 graduated in April, less than a month after the United States declared

war, and on 9 May, Jack's birthday, the Commandant announced in the mess hall that the Class of 1918 would be graduated on 30 August 1917.

In the spring of 1914, just before he entered the United States Military Academy, Jack met Mary Tigner Holmes, daughter of Commander U.T. Holmes, USNA Class of 1890, and Florence Fielding Lawson Holmes. Mary was to be the only love of his life. On 3 December 1917 they were married in Saint Louis, halfway between her home in Washington, DC, and his station at Camp Stanley.

"Jack is our leader" reads the 1917-18 *Howitzer*. "He has been one of our moving spirits ever since his cheery smile first greeted us in Beast Barracks. Jack has been ever watchful in upholding the spirit and traditions of West Point, and it will be in this role that we shall always remember him. His generous ways, splendid ideals and winning personality will carry him far, and with him will go the esteem of his classmates."

Jack was a leader. For three years he was a member of the football team and the wrestling team. He participated on both the outdoor and indoor track teams, was a hop manager and was elected president of his class. He was first captain of the Corps of Cadets and the first man to receive the rank of cadet major. He was the 1918 recipient of the Knox Trophy presented annually by the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution to the graduating cadet with the highest rating in military efficiency.

Upon graduation from the Academy Jack was commissioned a second lieutenant with immediate promotion to temporary first lieutenant and assigned to the 20th Field Artillery, Fifth Division at Camp Stanley, on the outskirts of San Antonio, Texas. The Fifth Division sailed for France in May 1918. After a few months as regimental adjutant, Jack was promoted to captain and given command of a battery of Field Artillery in combat in the Vosges Mountains, the St. Mihiel and the Defensive Sector of the Second Army. He was wounded twice in combat and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart.

Recognizing that his head wounds were causing a loss of hearing which would, and did, continually worsen throughout his life, Jack resigned from the service in 1920. For the next 22 years he engaged in civilian pursuits in engineering and personnel management. Starting as a moulder in the shops of Northwestern Malleable Iron, in less than a year Jack was superintendent of construction for the Joliet Railway Supply Company. He then went to work for Balaban and Katz, who constructed most of the large "movie palaces" of the day.



visiting at Camp Meade, Maryland. They were married in Washington, DC on 12 March 1921. Her great charm combined with his outgoing friendliness added many firm friends to their already long list. During their happy marriage two children were born, Clarence Miles Mendenhall III (October 1923) and Andree Mahoney Mendenhall (July 1931), both in Hawaii.

A pleasant and interesting Army career continued for Clarence Jr. He served with Infantry organizations in the Eastern U.S. until he was transferred to the Coast Artillery in 1923 at Fort Wright, New London, Connecticut. Duty followed in Hawaii; Virginia (Fort Monroe as a student in various officers schools throughout the years); California; Georgia; North Carolina; South Carolina; and Florida. Then duty in World War II with the G-2 Section, Headquarters First Army, throughout France, Belgium and Germany. Unusual assignments in the service were the Limitation Armament Conference, Washington, DC, 1922, and the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage, Paris, France, 1930.

In 1946 Clarence Jr. took early retirement to assist his aging parents in their citrus and avocado production at La Habra, California until the sale of their property. About 1951 the family built a beautiful home in the hills of Laguna Beach with a fine view of the sea. Here they were joined in 1974 by Clarence III and his family, who gave them loving care. Hobbies of sailing and lawn bowling brought Clarence Jr. great pleasure during his happy retirement. As a child he had sailed with his father on Long Island Sound, and now he continued sailing with family and friends until 1973 when his activities were curtailed by diminishing eyesight. He also began lawn bowling when he moved to Laguna Beach and shared his two sports with many friends.

After a long hospital illness, Andree, Clarence Jr.'s great love, died on 13 December 1977 at Beeman's Sanitarium, Whittier, California. Clarence Jr. joined her in 1988. He is survived by a son and daughter, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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**Ernest Avner Suttles**

NO. 7866 CLASS OF 1925

Died 13 October 1990 in Biloxi, Mississippi, aged 89 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York, and Caney Cemetery in Mississippi.

ERNEST AVNER SUTTLES was born 12 September 1901 in Baxterville, Mississippi, the son of Oliver and Mary Thompson Suttles. He was the second of



**Ernest Avner Suttles**

three boys—his older brother was Oscar Suttles and his younger brother was Earl Ralston. As Ernest's brother stuttered, Ernest very early in life became known as 'Soap Suttles' and was known at West Point and throughout his Army career as "Soap."

"Soap" had a pressing business during his high school days in Baxterville and was also the janitor at the school. Soap left home after high school to go to business college in Bowling Green, Kentucky, but he then joined the Army and took the test to attend West Point. He was accepted in 1921 and entered with the Class of 1925. Ernest loved West Point, but he had to work very hard to keep up his grades.

After graduating from West Point, he served his country in many places around the world. In 1943 he carried out plans to assemble Army vehicles in North Africa to provide the Allies with critically needed transportation for supplies and equipment in the European Theater, and he was successful in getting the French Foreign Legion to experiment with the use of jeeps in desert operations. In 1952 he succeeded in getting the military to modify and use many civilian-type vehicles to supplement military vehicles that were always in short supply.

Soap retired from the Army in 1955, and he and his wife, Jeanette Manning Suttles (whom he married in 1948), came home to Maryland. They soon moved to Dover, Delaware, as he had taken a job with Metropolitan Life Insurance. He quit Met Life about 1960, and he and Jean traveled all over the world until her death in 1982.

In 1986 Soap came back to Mississippi to be close to relatives in Baxterville and Columbia. He died at home in Biloxi, Mississippi on 13 October 1990 at the age of 89 years, 1 month and 1 day.

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**Joy Thomas Wrean**

NO. 8160 CLASS OF 1927

Died 6 October 1987 in El Paso, Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



**Joy Thomas Wrean**

MY HUSBAND, JOY T. WREAN, entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York on 1 July 1923. He graduated with his class in June 1927.

We met on a blind date at the Astor Hotel Christmas party in 1924. It was love at first sight! The miniature Joy gave me was the first one given by a member of the Class of 1927. I have worn it proudly ever since.

Joy's first assignment was as a battery officer at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Our first child, Ann, was born at Fort Monroe, Virginia in 1933. William was born at Fort Sheridan, Illinois in 1935. Joy was a dedicated officer and a devoted father. His men and his family always came first with him.

In 1932, Joy was a student at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He served as a battery commander in 1933-34 and performed CCC duty from 1934-35 in Wisconsin. A highlight of his career came in the fall of 1942 and early in 1944. The following is an extract from a 1944 press release: "Somewhere in New Guinea: Colonel Joy T. Wrean helped plan and direct the successful anti-aircraft defenses at a time when the Japanese were sending 50-100 planes over Port Moresby almost nightly. With only a handful of planes available at this time, anti-aircraft was virtually the only defense the Allies had against the marauders. The invading planes were turned back or deflected from their targets again and again, usually without inflicting any damage. And credit for this goes to Colonel Wrean and his anti-

aircraft units. Many enemy planes were shot down by the courageous gunners during this period. . . .” In recognition of this service Joy was awarded the Legion of Merit.

He returned to the United States in January 1945 and assumed command of the Military District of Tennessee. From August 1946–49 he was assigned to the Officers Reserve Corps in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1949, Joy was group commander of the 97th AAA Group in Okinawa. From 1952–54 he was the director of the Gunnery Department of the Anti-Aircraft School at Fort Bliss, Texas. From 1954 until he retired in 1957, he served with NATO at Izmir, Turkey.

Joy once received a letter from an officer who had served under him. The gist of the letter is as follows: “The criteria of a man’s eligibility for immortality is, a professor of mine once said, ‘that through his efforts some men were made a little better, that he contributed some enrichment to the lives of his fellow men.’ That criteria certainly applies to you, sir. You have made me a richer and fuller person just through having had the opportunity to talk and work and associate with you. I’m sure your influence on others is the same.”

This letter is representative of the type of loyalty Joy inspired in his officers and men throughout his career in the Army. He inspired the same love and loyalty in his family and friends.

*his widow, Mrs. Joy T. Wrean*

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**John Francis Farra, Jr.**

NO. 8448 CLASS OF 1928

Died 27 January 1990 in Orange Park, Florida, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



John Francis Farra, Jr.

JOHN FRANCIS FARRA, JR. was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania on 29 March 1906, the second son of John F., Sr. and Ella May Ammerman Farra. He attended public school in Shamokin, Pennsylvania and was appointed by Congressman Herbert W. Cummings to the USMA Class of 1928.

Following graduation from West Point, he was assigned to the Infantry, where he experienced various phases of training from 1928–31 at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio; Camp Knox, Kentucky; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

It was at Fort Leavenworth that he married Nancy Webster Sterling (deceased 15 February 1975), daughter of E. Kearsley Sterling (West Point Class of 1901) and Anne Wilson Post Sterling.

He and his bride enjoyed their honeymoon trip aboard a troop transport ship en route to his next duty station, Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

His career then spanned the following assignments: student officer, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia; 34th Infantry, Fort George C. Meade, Maryland; detailed to Quartermaster Corps at Fort McKinley, Fort Williams, and Fort Preble, Maine as assistant to Harbor Quartermaster; student officer, Quartermaster School, Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; assistant to the Post Quartermaster, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; executive officer for the director of Civilian Personnel, Office of the Quartermaster General; Headquarters ASF; and Headquarters SOS NATO. He retired in 1945, having attained the rank of colonel.

He had two daughters, the late Nancy Sterling Farra Dickson (born in the Territory of Hawaii, 15 July 1932; she died in Trenton, New Jersey on 19 March 1990) and Frances Ammerman Farra Mayfield (born at Governors Island, New York, 20 April 1939), four grandsons, one granddaughter and seven great-grandchildren.

In 1979 Pennsylvania winters had become too severe for him, and he left his beloved native state to be near his younger daughter and her family in Orange Park, Florida. There he spent the remaining years of his life.

We bid farewell to the patriarch of our family, our devoted father and a proud son of West Point. We pray for his eternal peace as he joins the LONG GRAY LINE.

*Frances Ammerman Farra Mayfield*



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**Roy Eugene Hattan**

NO. 8557 CLASS OF 1929

Died 25 February 1986 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 77 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.



Roy Eugene Hattan

ROY WAS BORN in Denver, Colorado, on 13 August 1908, the son of William Wright and Mollie Aumiller Hattan. After completing elementary and high school there he was appointed to West Point by United States Representative Vaile.

From the time of his graduation in 1929 as a Field Artillery second lieutenant, Roy showed a high proficiency as a commander and as an instructor, from his first assignment to his last.

In 1931, Roy married Ruth Langley Phifer of Statesville, North Carolina. Barbara Jean was born in 1936 and Robert Leland in 1943.

At the outbreak of World War II Roy was a math instructor at West Point and, in early 1944, went to the European Theater to command the 808th Field Artillery Battalion until V-E Day. For that service he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

After the war, Roy continued to utilize his proven capabilities in positions of significant responsibility: chief of the Artillery and Light Aviation Section in the G-3 Section of Fourth Army, S-3 of the Division Artillery of the 24th Infantry Division and as executive officer of the G-3 Section of Japan Logistical Command.

When he was assigned as an action officer in the North American Branch of the Operations Division in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 during the Korean War, his ability was a key factor in the sound and efficient handling of staff actions pertaining to Canadian-

United States relations in joint military activities and matters of political-military interest. During his service with the 24th Division in Korea, Roy earned the Silver Star and Legion of Merit.

Later, he served as chief of the Troop Training and Inspection Branch and then as Chief of the Training division in the G-3 Section of Fourth Army. Roy was responsible in large measure for the planning and conduct of training activities, tests and inspections of all units assigned to that Army.

Roy's service culminated in his performance as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Trinity, a lovely school with high standards, is reminiscent of those small, high-quality universities that dotted New England when we were cadets.

My only intimate, daily contact with Roy was for six months during Operation Sage Brush in 1955. Starting from scratch and with no restrictions, the General Staff designed a new Infantry division for the future, using all the "lessons learned" in World War II and the Korean War. Roy was in the key G-3 position, and I was the division signal officer.

For three months our staff used its experienced cadre to train new recruits in an entirely new concept of combat operations.

We then went to the woods of Louisiana for three months of realistic maneuvers—cold and rainy, no amenities. Our crusty commanding general had just come from being a division commander for two years in the Korean War. His favorite expression to us was, "You hafta' be loose in the saddle." In private bull sessions, Roy adapted it to "You hafta' be loose in the noose." We were all close, and, when the CG heard of it, he beamed.

In preparing this article with Barbara, she told me about the fascinating little study she had made about the (supposedly) unlucky number 13 connected with her father. Roy was born on Friday, 13 August 1908 in Denver, Colorado. He graduated from high school on 13 June 1925. He received his appointment to West Point on 13 August 1925 and graduated on 13 June 1929. Upon graduation his orders were to report to his first station on 13 September. He married attractive Ruth Langley Phifer in San Antonio on 3 Jan 31—13 and 13 backwards. Roy's second tour of duty was to the 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks. Roy was promoted to captain on 13 June 1939 and to major on 13 June 1946 (permanent grades). On his first tour of duty overseas he was assigned to state-room 13, compartment 13 on the ship which carried him to war. As a lieutenant colonel, he graduated from the Army Ground Forces Pilot Course on 13 June 1947. On still another assignment over-

seas, Roy left Camp Stoneman on 13 September 1949 and was assigned compartment 13. Thirteen may be an unlucky number for some people but not for Roy Hattan, his family or the US Army.

Roy had a long, full life. He is survived by his widow, Ruth (215 Calumet, San Antonio, Texas 78209); daughter, Barbara Hattan Stokes (4142 Hillswind, San Antonio, Texas 78217) and son, Captain Robert L. Hattan, USN, who is in command of the *USS Prairie* (wife Eileen and son Robert Austin live at 1350 Ridgeview Way, Bonita, California 92002).

*Ken Zitzman '32, with the complete cooperation of Ruth and Barbara*

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### Marshall Stubbs

NO. 8701 CLASS OF 1929

Died 20 November 1990 in Raleigh, North Carolina, aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Marshall Stubbs

MARSHALL STUBBS was born on 13 June 1906 in Superior, Nebraska, the son of Frank Hall Stubbs and Avis Long Stubbs. He attended grammar school in Kansas City, Missouri and high school in Superior, Nebraska. He received his appointment to West Point from Senator Norris of Nebraska.

His classmates knew him as an individual of ideal character who was always sincere and congenial. They enjoyed his pleasing manner and ever-beaming personality.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Regular Army on 13 June 1929—his birthday—he first served in the Infantry and was assigned to the 17th Infantry. The next highlight of that year was his marriage to Harriett Rodes on 22 June 1929 in Washington, DC. He continued to serve with the 17th Infantry until he

went to the Infantry School at Fort Benning in 1932. A highlight of his tour with the 17th was the birth of their first daughter, Harriett, in 1931. His next assignment was with the 35th Infantry in Hawaii. He then decided to transfer to the Chemical Warfare Service in 1934—a decision that proved to be highly advantageous to the CWS, the Army and the nation.

His first tour in the CWS was at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. The second family highlight was the birth of their second daughter, Helen, in 1935. Following this tour, he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was awarded a master of science degree in chemical engineering in 1939. He then returned to Edgewood Arsenal, where he spent two years in technical and production assignments.

In September 1941 he was assigned to the Office of the Chief, Chemical Warfare Service, and was responsible for assisting in the production of incendiary bombs and shells. In June 1942 he went to Denver, Colorado to initiate the construction and organization of Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

He served in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II in several important assignments. He arrived in England in April 1943 and was the chemical officer of the 8th Air Force Service Command. When the 9th Air Force returned to England, he was assigned to its service command and organized the chemical section of the headquarters. In January 1944 he was assigned to the Advanced Section of the Communications Zone, where he served as the chemical officer (and later G-4) until its inactivation in July 1945. Prior to his return to the United States in 1947, he served with the European Theatre General Board, which was responsible for compiling a history of World War II, and also served in the planning and control offices of the US Forces, European Theater.

Upon his return to the United States he was assigned to the Research and Development Division at the Army Chemical Center. Following his graduation from the National War College in 1952, he was named Chief, Research and Development Division, Office of the Chief Chemical Officer. He remained in this assignment until January 1954, when he became the commanding officer of the Chemical Corps Material Command. On 30 July 1954, he was promoted to brigadier general and, on 1 August 1954, assumed command of the First Logistical Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The highlight of his military career came in September 1958 when he was made the Chief Chemical Officer and promoted to major general. Then came the decision in 1961 to reorganize the

Army and do away with Technical Service chiefs. Marshall's distinguished service ended when he retired on 31 October 1963 while serving on the Army staff as director of CBR Operations, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development.

During his distinguished career he was awarded numerous awards and decorations, to include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Ordre de Leopold with Palm, Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgium) and numerous Service Medals.

He is survived by his beloved wife Harriett, his daughter Harriett, who has a Ph.D. and works at North Carolina State University, and his daughter, Mrs. Helen Stubbs Smyly.

The character of Marshall published during his years as a cadet continued and grew during his many years of distinguished service. As a cadet, he was described in these words: "The only real friend and 'wife' is the one who stays with us through bad weather; the foundations of an ideal 'house' are in the atmosphere of congeniality that such a one can cause to pervade it. The ideal of character certainly can never be denied this young and ever-so-sincere son of the Middle West." The character of Marshall never faltered in life or in his service to his beloved Army and country. He was admired, loved and respected by all who had the good fortune to know him, to serve with or for him and to appreciate and enjoy his leadership, loyalty and friendship. He was truly a man of God who followed the code of Duty, Honor, Country to the fullest in every aspect of his life. He will never be forgotten; may he rest in peace forever.

*Major General John G. Appel*

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**James Julius Winn**

NO. 8719 CLASS OF 1929

Died 30 December 1990 in Martinsburg, West Virginia, aged 83 years.

Interment: Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

COLONEL JAMES J. WINN of Leesburg, Virginia and Nantucket, Massachusetts died on Sunday, 30 December 1990, after a protracted illness. He was 83.

Colonel Winn was married to Molly Pender Brown, daughter of the late Katherine Tupper Marshall. Mrs. Marshall was the wife of General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff during World War II, and later Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense.

A 1925 graduate of Marion Military Institute at Marion, Alabama and a 1929 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, Colo-



**James Julius Winn**

nel Winn was a career Army officer with over 30 years of active duty. Shortly after his commissioning, he was assigned as a military aide to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House. During World War II, Colonel Winn commanded the 955th Field Artillery Battalion at several major engagements from Normandy to Bohemia, including St. Lo, the Falaise Pocket, Remagen Bridge, the capture of Leipzig and the capture of Paris, where the 955th was one of the first American units to enter Paris after its liberation from the Germans in August 1944. Under Colonel Winn's command the 955th particularly distinguished itself in the Battle of the Bulge, when, during four days in December 1944, it fired 242 tons of shells in a continuous barrage that was later credited with preventing an enemy breakthrough along the northern flank in Belgium.

In 1946-47 Colonel Winn served as American liaison officer to the British Army in India. He again saw combat during the Korean Conflict, when he served as senior artillery adviser to the Republic of Korea's First Field Army. In 1954-55 Colonel Winn served in Japan as deputy operations officer, US Army Forces Far East. His last active duty assignment was as commanding officer of Fort Ritchie, Maryland.

Colonel Winn's decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star for Valor with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm and the Korean Taeggeug. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati of the state of South Carolina. He was born in Clayton, Alabama on 22 August 1907 to Guy Westmoreland Winn and Ellene Glenn.

In addition to his wife, Colonel Winn is survived by two sisters: Mary Winn Bruton of Columbia, South Carolina and

Louise Winn Faulk of Corpus Christi, Texas; three children: James J. Winn, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, Katherine Winn Winston of Los Angeles, California and Ellene Winn Mobbs of Washington, DC; and seven grandchildren.

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**Millard Loren Haskin**

NO. 9906 CLASS OF 1933

Died 26 February 1990 in San Diego, California, aged 79 years.

Interment: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California.



**Millard Loren Haskin**

MIL HASKIN epitomizes the era when "men were made of iron and flying machines were made of wood."

Millard Loren Haskin was born 27 March 1910 in Harper, Kansas, the son of Irwin and Retta Haskin. The simple yet strenuous life of a cattle rancher, he said, conditioned him to cope with many of the problems he was to encounter later. He was graduated in 1928 from Harper High School and the next year was appointed to West Point by the Honorable Clifford R. Hope.

Because of Mil's powerful physical stature, he naturally gravitated toward physical sports, and his years at the Academy were marked by his stellar performance on the football field. His classmates also learned to appreciate his "good ole boy" Kansas common sense advice when faced with the rigors of cadet life.

Graduating in 1933, Mil opted for the Air Corps, attended flying school at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas and rated pilot and observer in 1934. He then began an Air Force career that spanned the years between the 100-mph open-cockpit biplane and the supersonic Mach 2 jet.

Initially assigned to the 9th Bomb Group, he became interested in aerial bombing and gunnery. He then helped develop and served as an instructor at a school devoted to gunnery, bombing, navigation, blind flying and armament equipment.

Recognition of Mil's expertise in these areas resulted in an assignment to Wright Field as a Research and Development Engineering officer. Here he worked in the Engineering Division as an armament project officer on the B-19, B-18, B-15 and B-17—experimental aircraft which were to provide the basis for the highly successful Army Air Corps operational bombers of World War II.

In 1938 he was detailed to the Argentine Air Force in Buenos Aires as a technical and tactical advisor and instructor. Here he helped instruct Argentine Air Force personnel in bombing, gunnery, instrument flying, engineering and maintenance.

Returning to the States in 1940, Mil was soon involved in a variety of Army Air Corps duties. During World War II he spent 44 months in the Southwest Pacific as squadron commander, group executive and group commander of the 22nd Bomb Group, which he led to the Pacific Arena. He received many decorations and awards for his service during this period.

Returning to the States, Mil was assigned as chief of the Personal Equipment Laboratory, Wright Field from 1945–47, and he participated in the Bikini Atom Bomb tests, helping to research and develop appropriate safety equipment for flyers and ground personnel. He served as host officer for Andrei Gromyko when the Soviet leader attended the tests as a guest of the United States Government. During this two-year period he met and married Sara (Sally) A. White, and their daughter Lauren was born.

In 1948 he was transferred to Washington, DC, where he attended the Industrial War College.

Subsequent assignments included Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC; director of Maintenance Engineering, Warner Robbins Air Material Area; Commander, Southern Air Material Area, Pacific (SAMAP) and Deputy Commander of the Middletown Air Material Area.

Upon retirement in 1960, Mil and Sally purchased Breezeway Farm near Hershey, Pennsylvania to settle down as "landed gentry." Not for long, however. Mil was involved in numerous activities as a consultant and as board member of various corporations.

In 1967 he was appointed director of Engineering and Maintenance in the Bureau of State Parks, Department of Environmental Resources for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, instituting

reforms and improvements which are evident to this day.

Failing health finally forced Mil to retire completely. In 1978 he and Sally sold Breezeway and moved to San Diego. Here they spent his last years enjoying southern California and taking trips.

He finally succumbed to ailments he had picked up during his military service in the Pacific Theater and to Alzheimer's. He is survived by Sally, his wife of 44 years, daughter Lauren, son Ralph and five grandchildren. His oldest son, Millard Jr., is buried at Arlington Cemetery and his second son Edward (a 1959 graduate of West Point) is buried at West Point. He also leaves many saddened friends who had come to know Mil as a loyal, supportive friend, always ready to lend a helping hand when needed.

Mil loved West Point in both word and deed, and seized every opportunity to laud his alma mater. As a final tribute, we who were privileged to know Mil well feel we are all better off for having known him. So are countless others who benefitted from Mil's contributions to America's airpower.

*Irvin R. Perkin, USMA Class of 1941.*

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### Maurice Evans Kaiser

NO. 9794 CLASS OF 1933

Died 1 January 1989 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 81 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Maurice Evans Kaiser

MAURICE EVANS KAISER returned to West Point for the last time on 6 January 1989 and was interred with full military honors alongside his wife Ethel on a grey, snowy day. In attendance were his family and a few classmates and friends.

Maurice (Moe to his friends) was born in Stockton, California on 22 October

1907, the elder of the surviving children of Alexander and Edna Kaiser. The family moved to San Francisco when Maurice was quite young, and, by the time he was in his early teens, they had settled in Sacramento, where his father was an officer of the California-Western States Life Insurance Company. Maurice was introduced to target rifle shooting at an early age and had a natural talent for the sport. He joined local rifle clubs to hone his skills and to develop the keen competitive spirit and sense of team loyalty that were to be the hallmarks of his life. By the time he graduated from Sacramento High School in 1926, where he was captain and adjutant of the California High School Cadet Detachment and captain of the rifle team, Maurice was determined to seek entrance to the US Military Academy and began a concerted effort to that end. On the physical side, he undertook a strenuous regimen of development which included running, swimming and fencing, favoring the more colorful sabre and gaining unusual proficiency in a short time. On the academic side, he sought special tutoring at his high school in mathematics, English and the sciences, and, later on, he enrolled in Drew Preparatory School to prepare specifically for the West Point entrance examinations. To increase his chances for an appointment to the Academy, he joined the 25th Coast Artillery, California National Guard, rising to the rank of sergeant in two years. Thus, by the time he was appointed to West Point by Congressman Curry, he had enjoyed a wealth of military, individual and team competitive experiences which would serve him well over the ensuing 60 years of his life.

Despite a number of brushes with the Tactical Department and several academic crises, Maurice genuinely enjoyed cadet life at West Point. Particularly rewarding were his achievements as an athlete, winning a minor "A" on the rifle team as a yearling, the Intercollegiate Sabre Championship as a second classman and just missing a repeat and the team championship as captain of the fencing team his first class year. Also while a cadet, he met and courted Ethel Henney of Hastings-On-Hudson, New York, and they were married 14 June 1933, the day after graduation.

As a newly-commissioned second lieutenant of Infantry, Maurice's first assignment was with the 18th Infantry, First Infantry Division, Fort Wadsworth, New York, where in June 1934 his son, James Burr, was born. In 1937 Maurice attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia and Tank School. Upon graduation from the latter, he was assigned to the 66th Infantry (Light Tanks). In April 1940 the Kaisers' second child, daughter Edna Jane, was born. While at Fort Benning, Maurice contin-

ued to do some fencing, and he was also assigned to the Infantry Rifle Team—an interesting and challenging diversion from the more routine garrison and training duties of the pre-war Army. A good part of the summers of 1938–40 were spent at Camp Perry, Ohio preparing for and participating in the National Matches or at St. Petersburg, Florida for the National Mid-winter Matches.

Prior to going to Europe as Assistant G-3 and, later, Deputy Chief of Staff, XIII Corps, Maurice served in the Second and Third Armored Divisions and II Armored Corps, attended Command and General Staff College, participated in the Carolina and Louisiana Maneuvers and served a short stint at the Desert Training Center in California. Ethel and the children moved to San Jose, California while Maurice was in Europe, and, after V-J day, the family once again reunited and enjoyed being stationed briefly at the Presidios of Monterey and San Francisco before traveling to Peiping, China, where Maurice served with the Marshall Mission. Following evacuation to Tokyo, Japan, where Maurice served on General MacArthur's staff at GHQ, the Kaisers returned to the States in 1948 for the Armed Forces Staff College and to take up an assignment as Deputy G-1, Third Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia. In 1951 Maurice activated and took command of the 16th Armored Group and reopened the Desert Armored Training Center at Camp Irwin in the Mojave Desert. It was an assignment he reveled in, as he was afforded unusual latitude in setting out tank gunnery ranges and tank and combined arms exercises—of up to battalion size—that would not only conform to principles and techniques he had learned at the service schools but also would reflect lessons learned during World War II from both friend and foe alike. After Camp Irwin came the Army War College, a three-year stint as Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans at Headquarters AF North in Oslo, Norway and, in 1957, a series of assignments with the NATO Standing Group in Washington. At his retirement in 1963 he was serving as director of the Standing Group. By that time both James and Edna had completed their undergraduate education, had married and were well-established on their own.

Upon retirement, Maurice decided to resume competitive rifle shooting on almost a full-time basis while reserving a significant portion of time for golf and other activities that he and Ethel enjoyed doing together. He was very active in coaching and developing "junior" shooters and coached the Virginia State Rifle Team at the National Matches, making a major contribution towards the team's winning the National Civilian Championship six years out of seven. As

an individual competitor, he won a National Rifle Championship in 1969, won a place on the US International Rifle Team in 1970 and 1973 and set a number of national records which still stand . . . including one at age 80!

In the autumn of 1972 it was discovered that Ethel had developed cancer and that there was nothing that could be done to slow or halt its progress. Maurice was almost constantly by her bedside until she died the following January. As the spring and summer of 1973 wore on, he resumed his activities. Friends introduced him to Ryland Breen, a recently widowed Army wife and avid golfer. They became constant companions. In 1984 Maurice found that he, too, had cancer. After recovering from surgery and radiation treatments, he resumed his normal activities, especially shooting and golf, almost as if nothing had happened. In the spring of 1988, however, and again later that year, he was readmitted to Walter Reed and informed that nothing more could be done. He returned home to be cared for by Ryland and his family and visited frequently by friends. He died peacefully on New Year's Day in 1989.

Maurice was very proud of his graduation from West Point, and, more modestly, the achievements of his military career. His decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and the Special Breast Order of Yun Hui from the Republic of China. He also valued the association with his classmates, that deepened as the years went by. He is survived by his son James of Vienna, Virginia (USMA '57), daughter Edna (Midge) Martin of Vernon Hills, Illinois, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

J.B.K.

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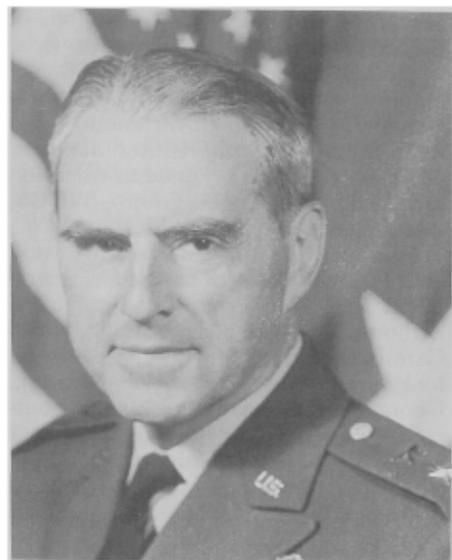
**John Francis Franklin, Jr.**

NO. 10059 CLASS OF 1934

Died 29 July 1990 in San Mateo, California, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

JOHN FRANCIS FRANKLIN, JR., son of John F. (USMA '03) and Satilla Moran Franklin, was born in Manila, Philippine Islands on 4 January 1911 while his father was on duty with the 7th Infantry Regiment. Johnny, as he was known to his many friends, quickly learned the demands placed upon an Army family. During his formative years his father was away participating in the Vera Cruz Campaign of 1914, the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in 1916 and the American Expeditionary Force in France in 1918. He developed an excellent background for a military career at several



**John Francis Franklin, Jr.**

different Army posts and graduated from Columbus (Georgia) High School in 1928. Inspired by his parents' competency in horsemanship, Johnny became an accomplished rider and polo player and was a member of his uncle's polo team.

While seeking an appointment to West Point he attended the West Point Preparatory School at Fort McPherson in 1928–29. With no appointment on the horizon, Johnny enlisted in the New York National Guard in 1929 and prepared himself by attending Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall-on-Hudson. He then won a competitive appointment to West Point from the NYNG in 1930 and entered the Academy on 1 July.

His serious attitude towards life was noted by his classmates and was a respected characteristic throughout his career. As a cadet Johnny was an ardent polo player, a member of the Academy Polo Team for four years and selected Cavalry as his branch of service upon graduation in June 1934. After a short tour at Randolph Field, Texas, Johnny was assigned to the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, serving with that unit during its transition from a horse to a mechanized regiment. He was assigned to the Tactics Department of the Cavalry School at Fort Riley in 1939 and attended the Command and General Staff College in 1947. In July 1942 he deployed as the G-3 of a Joint Task Force to the Solomons, a distant outpost in the South Pacific. After a brief stint as a battalion executive officer, he continued in his G-3 assignment until July 1943 when he took command of the Armored Training Regiment at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was transferred in May 1944 to the Operations Division, War Department General Staff in recognition of his wide-ranging experience.

Johnny was selected to accompany General Marshall's Mission to China in 1946, and he served as the executive













John Neary Davis

the war he was awarded two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for wounds received in Sicily.

In 1946 John was ordered to Ohio State University for two years to work toward his doctoral degree in management (receiving his Ph.D. in 1964). He was then assigned to the US Military Academy as an instructor. In addition to his teaching duties, he helped develop the initial phases of the newly organized Psychology and Leadership Department.

In 1952 he was ordered to the 7th Infantry Division, 31st Infantry in Korea where he was decorated with a third Silver Star and four additional Bronze Stars for his actions on Porkchop Hill. After completion of the Army War College in 1957, he served on the Staff Headquarters, US Army Europe and then commanded the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division in Aschaffenburg, Germany.

In 1961, after 22 years' service, John evaluated what he had accomplished and decided to retire and pursue his other interests in management and teaching. He taught at the School of Commerce, New York University, and then, in 1965, he joined the Roth School of Business Administration at Long Island University as an associate professor. In 1968 he became a full professor and dean of the school's graduate program. Two years later he was appointed to the position of vice-president for Business Affairs of C. W. Post Center of Long Island University, a position he held for nine years. During the time of his academic pursuits he authored several writings on personnel and management, as well as serving as a consultant to PepsiCo, American Management Association, Mobil and IBM.

In 1979 he retired a second time and with Chris, his wife of 40 years, moved to Longwood, Florida and Linville, North

Carolina, where he could spend more time playing golf, sailing, camping and building furniture and houses. They also both loved to dance—ballroom, round dancing and square dancing.

John and Chris have two children: daughter Patricia is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and son John Philip is a 1968 graduate of the Naval Academy and a captain who has commanded two nuclear submarines.

John gave his all to West Point and the Army. Having decided to pursue a civilian career, he pursued another equally successful life, both of which are a tribute to him and to his Alma Mater.



**Philip William Long**

NO. 11564 CLASS OF 1939

Died 18 March 1980 in Dallas, Texas, aged 61 years.

Interment: Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas.



Philip William Long

PHILIP WILLIAM LONG was born on 26 June 1918 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of Philip R. and Laura Mooney Long. His parents lived in Columbus, Indiana, where Mrs. Long's family, the Mooneys, had a large tannery. Philip graduated from the local high school in 1934 and attended Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois, for one year in preparation for West Point. He was appointed to USMA by Representative Eugene B. Crowe of the 9th Indiana Congressional District.

As a high school graduate at age 16, Phil Long had just celebrated his 17th birthday upon entering West Point as one of its youngest cadets. In spite of his youth, he maintained an academic standing in the middle of his class, graduating 230th in a class of 456. His youth, however, may have influenced his temperament and personality. The '39 *Howitzer*

describes him as a "... quiet, unassuming individual, reticent almost to the extreme. . . unperturbable. . . never seems to get into a storm." His cadet activities were limited to the Camera Club his last three years.

Commissioned in the Field Artillery, his first station was the Panama Canal Zone, where he was married on 10 July 1940 to Victoria Florence Brady, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Robert C. Brady. From this marriage, two children were born—Victoria Ann in 1942 and Philip William Jr. in 1947.

Long was promoted to major in 1942 and assigned to Camp Edwards, Massachusetts in command of the Shore Battalion in the 542nd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment of the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade. After training there, the regiment moved to Camp Ord, California for transportation to Australia, arriving in January 1943. As a training project, his unit built a native stone chapel, St. Christopher's, which is still maintained as an Australian memorial to the American troops who trained there.

For the next 21 months the 542nd and its Shore Battalion commanded by Long saw extensive service and combat. Joint forces overcame the Japanese enemy in bitter fighting from New Guinea to the Philippines in support of the 41st, 24th, 40th and Americal Divisions. In May 1944, during the Biak operation on New Guinea, the landing at the village of Bosnek required the landing force to move immediately to the left and right since cliffs impeded any forward progress. The commanding officer of the 542nd reported that Long's "shore party performed superbly as always. . . . Two days after the landing, the infantry battalion proceeding toward the airfields was cut off by Japanese emerging from caves. A rescue force of amphibious tractors commanded by Phil was dispatched. Under heavy fire the entire battalion was successfully withdrawn. Phil received the Silver Star for this action." He also received the Bronze Star and all the SW Pacific campaign ribbons.

On Leyte in December 1944 the Regiment was charged with all the cargo unloading on Red Beach, one of the two northern beaches. "With Long's usual attention to detail, everything ran smoothly and elicited high praise from Admiral Barbey, commanding the Seventh Amphibious Forces," the regimental commander reported.

After Leyte came Panay, Negro, Cebu and Bohol. Following V-J Day, Long's unit was moved to Yokohama on 8 September 1945.

He resigned from the Army in 1946 and entered business in his home area of southern Indiana. In 1947 he was a student at Ohio State University. Following a divorce and a new marriage to Elsie D. McCutcheon in 1960, two more







nix. His aviation training was cut short, however, when he was seriously injured in an aircraft accident in July 1942. He was flying a Stearman biplane and practicing stalls when he failed to come out of one.

The crash was so severe that, although he had been sitting in the back seat while piloting the aircraft, he ended up in the front seat after the crash. He was hospitalized at Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas with extensive injuries: broken jaw, broken spine requiring pins to stabilize, broken hip and one leg partially paralyzed.

He was unable to leave Brooke General Hospital and return to West Point to rejoin his class for graduation in January 1943. He was graduated late on 27 May 1943, but when discharged from the hospital he was unable to pass the physical examination for a Regular Army commission and was appointed a second lieutenant, AUS, with limited duty on 5 June 1943. He then returned to USMA to serve as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics. For the four years he was on the USMA faculty he tried very hard to pass the physical but could not. He was therefore transferred to the Inactive Army Reserve as major, Corps of Engineers, on 19 October 1947.

He married Barbara Ferguson Smith of Philadelphia on 11 September 1945. They had met when he was a cadet and she a sophomore at Smith College. By the time Frank returned to West Point from his long stay in the hospital to teach mathematics, Barbara was in the Navy in New York City.

Upon leaving the West Point faculty and becoming a civilian, he worked as a mechanical engineer with International Harvesting Company in Chicago, Illinois from October 1947 until April 1949. Barbara and Frank found the post-war housing situation in the Chicago area very unsatisfactory and decided to return to Frank's home area in Arizona.

From 1949-55 he was the manager of Comstock Steel, a company that sold and erected steel buildings in Tucson, Arizona. In 1955 he became a contracting engineer with the Consolidated Western Steel division of US Steel in Phoenix, a position he held until his death.

Professional and family life prospered for Frank and Barbara in Tucson and Phoenix. They had three sons: Peter, born in 1950; Bruce in 1952; and Douglas in 1956. Frank was very active with the Boy Scouts because of his three sons, and he did a good job. All three boys attained Eagle Scout rank. Frank also became an accomplished handyman; he personally hand-built a cabin in the mountains near Payson, Arizona for family vacations. The family still uses it.

Frank died in Phoenix on 17 December 1964 as the result of a single-vehicle automobile accident. His automobile

toppled a large pole, and he was killed. The family believes that he was either dead or temporarily paralyzed or otherwise immobilized immediately before his car crashed into the pole. Whatever the problem which developed at that instant, they believe it resulted from his air crash injuries.

Barbara continues to live in Phoenix; their three sons have produced three grandchildren. Peter is in business in Salt Lake City in hospital supplies; Bruce is an attorney in Flagstaff; and Douglas is with IBM in Phoenix.

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### John Gray Wheelock, III

NO.13179 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 5 April 1989 in Fort Polk, Louisiana, aged 70 years.

Cremated: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



John Gray Wheelock, III

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN GRAY WHEELLOCK III fought in three wars: the first with the 15th Cavalry against the Germans in World War II, the second as Deputy J3, MACV and subsequently Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 4th Infantry Division against the North Vietnamese during the Vietnam conflict, and the last against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) following his retirement from the U.S. Army. ALS did what the Germans and North Vietnamese were unable to accomplish. Gray died on 5 April 1989 at the U.S. Army hospital at Fort Polk, Louisiana. While the technical decision goes to ALS, the moral victory was Gray's. He died with his courage and dignity intact and with his love for his country, the Army, his family and his friends undiminished.

Born in Moline, Illinois on 14 May 1918, the only child of John Gray II and

Charlotte S. Wheelock, he was provided with an upbringing strong on integrity, independence and love of adventure. He attended public schools in Illinois and St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, where he graduated in 1936—with academic honors but, ironically, as a rear-rank private, "under arrest" for tangling with a professor. Following graduation his parents turned him loose to work on the steamboat *Capitol*, plying the Mississippi River and roaming at will, provided he sent a postcard home daily and showed up each fall for college. He had difficulty fulfilling his boyhood ambition of attending West Point, spending one year at the University of Illinois and two at Bowdoin College before finally entering USMA on 1 July 1939.

Gray delighted in smart repartee and, during plebe year, helped prove conclusively that a chin and neck could, in fact, be fashioned into an integral unit. Members of the Class of '41, apparently sensing some underlying worth beneath his 'BJ' exterior, down-played his transgressions and channeled his energy into positions as company clerk and secretary of the squash club. He subsequently commanded a Beast Barracks company and Company G-2, earning such respect that the plebes of the latter, at graduation, presented him with his first and most cherished military memento—an engraved wristwatch. At graduation, admiring the spirit and élan of his officers at West Point, he "jined the Cavalry." Following Cavalry School, and maneuvers in Louisiana and California, he deployed to Europe in March 1944 and was soon promoted to captain.

Gray served in four European campaigns as troop commander and as operations officer for the 15th Cavalry. Habitually at the front in combat, he was wounded twice and decorated for valor four times. He received a battlefield promotion to major in December 1944 and, following V-E Day, became squadron executive officer and then squadron commander, leaving an enduring imprint on the 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. At a reunion more than 30 years after World War II, a friend noted that "the person everyone asked about, first and foremost, was Gray. He was also the person they most wanted to tell stories about—all favorable."

In the post-war period, he served as executive officer, 15th Constabulary Squadron and, later, of the 17th Cavalry Squadron. While in Heidelberg he met, courted and married Carolyn M. Michel of Saginaw, Michigan. She gave him two children and supported him faithfully until her unexpected and untimely death in 1971 while he was CG of Fort Polk.

His assignments throughout the remainder of his 30-year career were var-





the son of Maurice Earle and Margery E. Nolan. He never saw his father, an Army officer who was killed in a polo accident in Texas before Marshall was born.

As an only child, Marshall grew up in California, where his mother was a school teacher. He graduated from Hollywood High School in 1937 and studied at UCLA from 1937–39. Then he enlisted in the Army and attended the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Scott, California. Upon completion of his year at Fort Scott, he returned to UCLA for another year.

While at UCLA he was a member of the ROTC program. In his last year he was promoted to colonel—the cadet commander—and received an appointment to the United States Military Academy from Congressman Lee E. Geyer of the 17th Congressional District in California. Entering the Academy fulfilled a childhood ambition.

His ROTC and Army experience stood him in good stead at West Point. As was noted in the 1944 *Howitzer*, “Marshall was a very conscientious, hard worker at both academics and his gym work. The Air Corps has a good, hard-working man who will go far.” Marshall received his numerals in gymnastics plebe year and an “A” in his last two years. In addition, he was a member of the weight-lifting club and the Catholic choir.

During plebe Christmas he met Louise Haigh from Long Island, who was destined to become his wife and the mother of their three sons, Marshall d’Alary, Randolph Gibson and Randolph Gibson II. Randolph Gibson Nolan was born and died in the month of June 1950 at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois.

Commissioned in the Air Corps upon graduation on 6 June 1944, Marshall went through flight and transition training and soon was instructing in B-24’s. Subsequent assignments included Post Engineer; Commander of an Engineer Aviation Company; B-29 Aircraft Commander; Adjutant and Personnel Officer of Air Base Groups; and the Bomber Training Requirements Office of the USAF.

In 1952 he earned a master’s degree in mathematics at the University of Illinois and then served his (as he described it) “most enjoyable tour—teaching at West Point from 1952–55 with the finest personnel and cadets ever assembled.”

After completion of the Air Command and Staff College, he served at the SAC Trajectory Center and the Aero Space Laboratories at Wright Patterson AFB. His work often involved the computer aspects of ICBMs and anti-ICBMs.

Marshall retired in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel. When he looked back on his career, he felt that he had saved taxpayers many millions of dollars by “destroying ‘empires’ rather than building them.” He was proud of having initiated

combat tactics which became standard and of often having held assignments which previously had been filled concurrently by several officers. Reflecting the earlier comments about Marshall in the *Howitzer*, Louise describes him as “one of the original overachievers.”

In retirement he became involved in organic gardening in order to provide a more nourishing and tasteful diet and get away from chemicals. He enjoyed running, completed 1,000 miles in 1973 and was “still going strong.” He also put his knowledge of computers and mathematics to use as an analyst in the stock and gold markets.

Marshall Emerson Nolan was killed in an automobile-truck collision on 11 August 1987 and is buried at the National Cemetery at Fort Bliss, Texas. He left his wife Louise; two sons, Marshall and Randolph II; and seven grandchildren. He also left a legacy of faith. In recent years he had achieved a strong belief in Jesus Christ and in Resurrection. In a note to Louise, which she found among his belongings, he told her in effect: *don’t mourn because I am absent from my body. I will be with the Lord and I’ll be waiting for you.*

Marshall was a devoted admirer and supporter of the Military Academy. Throughout his career he believed firmly in “Duty, Honor, Country” and constantly strove to live up to the spirit of these words. His untimely death leaves a gap in our ranks.

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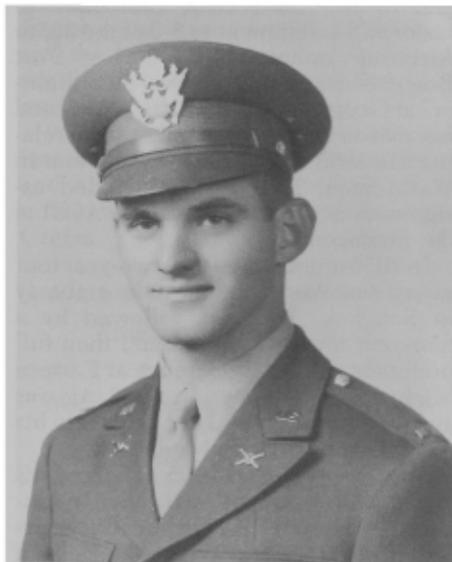
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**Robert Nicholas Rudelic**

NO. 14431 CLASS OF 1944

Died 31 March 1945 in Cebu, the Philippines, aged 22 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Robert Nicholas Rudelic

ROBERT NICHOLAS RUDELIC was born 29 October 1922 in Detroit, Michigan to Matia (Mike) and Anna Rudelic. His father, an immigrant from Yugoslavia, was a successful Detroit truck dealer. As one of his roommates said, “Nick came from hard-working, first-generation parents who thrived on patriotism and worshipped the Academy’s code “Duty, Honor, Country.”

Nick Rudelic attended Mackenzie High School in Detroit for a year-and-a-half. In September 1937 he entered St. John’s Military Academy at Delafield, Wisconsin, where he participated in the ROTC program and played football, baseball and basketball. He graduated from St. John’s on 10 June 1940, and that fall he enrolled as an engineering student at Purdue University, where he also played baseball.

In June 1941, he prevailed over eight competitors and received an appointment to the United States Military Academy from Congressman John L. Lesinski of the 16th Congressional District of Michigan. *The Detroit News* noted that Rudelic “. . . has the distinction of being the first Yugoslavian ever to be admitted to West Point.”

His year of college and his ROTC experience facilitated his adjustment to the Point. In the 1944 *Howitzer* a classmate writes: “For the *n*th time an obnoxious yearling growled, ‘Mr. Rudelic, you haven’t got wrinkle one.’ Nick asked, ‘All Right, sir?’ Nick has been hard on the tacs and vice versa. Who dominated whom will always be a good question. His indomitable spirit has won him Corps-wide recognition. His unbeatable fight will win him the high place he deserves in the Army.”

As a cadet, he was on A-Squad baseball. The 1944 *Howitzer* includes a picture of him, suited up and in a catcher’s stance, entitled “Rudelic, the Mad Russian, receiving.” Nick also played B-Squad football, wrestled and played handball. He sang in the choir and was in the cadet concert orchestra.

Graduating on 6 June 1944, Nick married his childhood love, Mercedes Diaz, and was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps. Afraid that the war would pass him by, he transferred to the Infantry and volunteered for overseas service.

He was assigned to the 132nd Infantry Regiment of the Americal Division during the campaign on Leyte in the Pacific. Colonel Claude M. McQuarrie, USMA 1920, the regimental commander, was about to assign Nick to regimental headquarters, but Nick asked to go to rifle company. He was assigned as a platoon leader in F Company, 132nd Infantry. His company commander, Captain Smith, said that Nick “began to lead from the start.” (His emphasis.)

The Americal Division, after completing mopping-up operations on Leyte,

landed on Cebu Island on 22 March 1945 with the mission of clearing out the Japanese forces and securing a staging base for the assault on Japan. The 132nd Infantry landed on the right flank, moved northeast to clear the coastal plains and then turned northwest to secure the water supply of Cebu City. The landing was smooth, but the later fighting was bitter.

On 31 March, Nick was at the head of his platoon and led the company's attack on Hills 26 and 27. In the words of Captain Smith, "Lieutenant Rudelic had quick success at first and ran to tell me how well it was going and said, 'I love it, I love it,' and went back to his platoon where he was struck with machine gun fire." From the history of the 132nd Infantry, "A single bullet pierced the lieutenant's heart; he died instantly. His outstanding leadership motivated his platoon to continue the assault and take the vital hill." Captain Smith says that the battle for hills 26 and 27 was the roughest that he could remember. They had been told there were 65 Japanese on the hill; there were 1,700.

In reporting Nick's death, *The Detroit News* noted that his widow Mercedes was a WAC sergeant, his brother Sam was preparing to enter West Point and his sister Tillie was a WAC. Sam entered the USMA Class of 1949 but did not graduate. Nick also was survived by his parents and sister Zora.

Robert Nicholas Rudelic, First Lieutenant, Infantry, US Army, was returned from the Far East and buried in the United States Military Academy Cemetery on 25 February 1949. He had told Captain Smith that he was at the bottom of his class at West Point, but that he would make them proud of him some day. We can certainly be proud of this fine, strong-willed individual who died a valiant soldier's death, leading his men in battle. We can only wonder what life might have held for one who so clearly exemplified all those ideals for which the United States Military Academy stands.

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**Neil Rice Ayer**

NO. 16647 CLASS OF 1948

Died 22 December 1990 in Wenham, Massachusetts, aged 64 years.

Interment: Wenham Cemetery, Wenham, Massachusetts.

NEIL RICE AYER of Wenham, Massachusetts died peacefully in his home, Great Elm Farm, Saturday, 22 December, after a four-year battle with cancer. He was born on 12 February 1926 at Ledyard Farm in Wenham, to Frederick Ayer and Hilda Rice Ayer. Neil received his early education at Shore Country Day School



Neil Rice Ayer

in Beverly and, later, at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham.

Neil was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Massachusetts, entered Beast Barracks on 1 July 1944, graduated with his class on 8 June 1948 and was commissioned a second lieutenant, United States Infantry. His branch preference was the Cavalry, but at this time it was clear that the Army soon would abandon horses, much to Neil's regret. Neil was posted to his first station at Fort Riley, where he played polo and rode in horse shows just before the last contingent of horses was phased out of the Army. He was next assigned to Fort Benning in preparation for troop duty in West Germany.

Neil and Helen Skidmore Harrison of Washington, DC were married in Washington on 25 June 1949. They sailed for West Germany as newlyweds, only to find that Neil's unit, the 26th Infantry, "The Blue Spaders," was undergoing intensive training at Grafenwohr in preparation for "Operation Harvest." The newlyweds were separated for the next several months, with Helen staying in Bamberg and Neil with his troops in the field. Neil served three years with the 26th Regiment, first as a machinegun platoon leader and finally as the regimental security platoon leader. His tour of duty in Germany ended in 1952, and he and Helen returned to the United States, where he was assigned as an ROTC instructor at Johns Hopkins University. Neil, now Captain Ayer, taught there until resigning his commission.

Neil entered Harvard Business School and was awarded his MBA in 1954. He then went to work with his father in the family investment firm, Ayer Tenens Corporation, Inc. in Boston, now Essex Street Associates in Beverly, where he served until his death. Active in local business and public service, Neil was elected to the board of directors of the

Beverly Hospital in 1955 and succeeded his father as president of the board in 1961. His skills as an organizer and fundraiser made possible the construction of many new facilities at the hospital, including intensive care, kidney dialysis and emergency facilities.

Neil's lifelong passion was horses. At age six he began competitive riding, and at seven he began hunting. He was appointed Honorary Whipper In for the Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton at age 16, and later went on to become Master of Foxhounds there from 1968-84. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Master of Foxhounds Association in Boston from 1969-86. Neil also found time in the late 1950's to lead the revival of polo at the Myopia Hunt Club and served as captain of polo from 1960-67. He continued to play polo until 1971 when he broke his neck in a game. He recovered and continued to ride and hunt until Thanksgiving 1990, five weeks before his death.

Neil's most important contribution to equestrian sports was his total commitment to three-day eventing. Denny Emerson, president of the United States Combined Training Association, wrote, "Neil basically rescued the USCTA in 1971 and was president for eleven years. He ran the first major international three-day event in modern or 'post-military' times in America at Ledyard in 1973 on a course Neil designed. He followed this with two other international events in 1975 and 1977, and over the years ran Ledyard 'on command' to help either the U.S. Equestrian Team or USCTA. Neil was the foremost cross-country course designer in the world and was the architect of the courses at the Rancho Santa Fe venue of the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984 and the World Championships in Gawler, Australia in 1986. Countless other events across America bear the stamp of his design or his influence. How appropriate that this past Ledyard was the most triumphant success ever and that Neil was still well enough to personally direct the event and to feel the warmth, affection and admiration of the hundreds of riders and friends who participated." In 1988 Neil was named Combined Training Horseman of the Year.

In 1987 Neil was diagnosed with advanced prostrate cancer, but he continued all his activities during the months following surgery, adding a world tour which included Africa for a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, bicycle touring in Europe, hiking in New Zealand, sightseeing in Anarctica and dogsledding in Alaska.

Neil was a man of vision and action. He looked beyond what other people thought was possible and brought most of his projects to fruition despite the doubts and fears which might otherwise have deterred the most worthy efforts of

others. He had tremendous faith in people and made them understand the importance and goodness of their actions. He valued a job well done and measured people by their virtues, rather than by their relative status. He did everything with an air of festivity, a sense of theatre and the desire for all to have a good time.

Neil is survived by his widow, Helen Harrison Ayer, two sisters, and four children. He gave of himself unstintingly to his family, community and to the sport he loved. He lived according to the ideals of his Alma Mater, "Duty, Honor, Country." Be Thou at Peace!

*His family, friends and classmates of '48.*

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**Paul Ray Hinckley**

NO.17340 CLASS OF 1949

Died 12 April 1984 in Salt Lake City, Utah, aged 59 years.

Cremated: ashes scattered in Zions National Park in Southern Utah.



**Paul Ray Hinckley**

OUR GOOD FRIEND AND CLASSMATE, PAUL RAY HINCKLEY, died of cancer on 12 April 1984. His classmates in Company I-1 missed his friendly smile, good humor and companionship on our 40th Reunion Bermuda cruise, learning subsequently that he had passed away.

Paul was born 11 March 1925 in Provo, Utah to Abrelia and Robert H. Hinckley. He attended Ogden City schools and later the New Mexico Military Institute. Following the lead of his older brother, Robert H. Hinckley, Jr., USMA Class of '42, Paul entered West Point in 1945. Without Paul, plebe year would have been an even more dreadful experience for those of us in his cadet company, and the remaining three years would not have been enriched by his friendship. Upon graduation, Paul was assigned to

the infantry, but flying was his real interest. On 1 May 1950 his requested service transfer was approved, and he was able to pursue the career also chosen by his brother, a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. Leaving Fort Benning for flight training, Paul and his young bride, the former Jeanne Fecteau, bade farewell to all of their Army friends, most of whom never saw them again. But they kept hearing about Paul. He became a pilot and saw combat in the Korean war. In 1954 he resigned his commission to pursue a career in the aerospace industry. He was well-known for his skills as a professional photographer and his specialty of unique aerial photographs.

Sadly, tragedy struck early in Paul's life. After only four short, happy years of marriage, Jeanne died of polio. His third wife, the former Muriel Targett, preceded him in death. Paul is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert Long of Phoenix, Arizona and Mrs. Kevin Meyer of Sacramento, California, and a son, Hugh D. "Newt" Hinckley of Salt Lake City, Utah. He also leaves two grandchildren, and his brothers, Robert H. Hinckley, Jr. and John Hinckley, and his sister, Betty Nibley.

It would be difficult to improve upon Robert H. Hinckley, Jr.'s tribute:

"Paul Ray Hinckley was my brother and one of my dearest friends. In a close-knit family of four children, as the youngest, he was our blithe spirit. He had the wonderful characteristic of doing tasks earlier and better than the rest of us.

"He had the great quality of getting all of his opportunities in the right perspective and in the correct order. In his life, he used his sense of humor as his armor to get him through some very, very difficult knotholes.

"In his last contest with lung cancer over an extended period of time, he demonstrated the fine art of using courage and humor to help him over the last barrier.

"As my brother and steadfast friend, he contributed to and elevated the quality of my life."

*Paul's roommates*

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**Kenneth Harold Joyce**

NO.22650 CLASS OF 1959

Died 23 October 1962 in Germany, aged 25 years.

Interment: Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, New York.

NEVER DID A FINER MAN THAN KEN JOYCE go through West Point. Without fanfare, Ken solidly personified those qualities that we associate with the Long Gray Line.

Ken brought to West Point a small-town openness, sincerity and modesty plus those traditional family and community values that nourished him in nearby Elmsford, New York. Born 15



**Kenneth Harold Joyce**

March 1937, he stood out in his community at an early age and won many hometown honors. He was a very active member of St. Marks Lutheran Church; he served as a Boy Scout and camp counselor; he worked hard both inside and outside of school—delivering newspapers and finding summer jobs. At Alexander Hamilton High School he was salutarian of his graduating class, president of the student body, president of the Honor Society and captain of, and most valuable player on, the high school football team. His family and his community were proud of his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy.

At West Point Ken demonstrated the same quiet, powerful spirit as a member of the Corps. He played Corps Squad football and hockey, toughing it out through plebe and yearling year, although it was often "touch and go" for him with some of the academic departments. He participated in a variety of other extracurricular activities, but none with more enthusiasm than the ski club. I can still see him on his skis in the sinks—in his underwear, ski poles in hand—practicing the slalom on an OD blanket, getting ready for a ski trip. Ken's best academic subject was English because he was articulate and well read. In Company E-2 we remember him as the patient and helpful first sergeant during First Class year.

Ken carried his sense of purpose, strength and humor with him through the Artillery basic course, Ranger school and flight school. During his first duty assignment as an Army pilot based at Ashaffenberg, Germany with the 3d Aviation Company, U.S. Army Europe, he met the challenges of supporting field exercises in Germany under the most difficult flying conditions. Not one to take risks, but never one to turn down a challenge, he was flying in support of such a field exercise when he had the tragic accident that, on 23 October 1962,

took the young life of this 25-year-old first lieutenant.

The unusual and special personality of Ken Joyce will always be etched in our memories. His character never varied. We will remember him as serious about his work but humorous and easy-going in his way with people. Ken was not flashy, but solid—both in stature and in character. He always could be counted on, no matter how many others might find excuses. Ken was never a quitter and never a complainer, no matter how tough the going. My favorite anecdote about him occurred in Ranger training. Ken often picked up for others when they reached their limits, because his reserves of spirit and mental and physical toughness were limitless. On one night of long patrolling he took over responsibility for carrying the .30 cal machinegun because the assigned bearers were worn out. He carried that heavy .30 cal on his shoulder for the rest of that frigid night, in addition to his own heavy load of equipment, through streams and forests and up and down countless hills. When we finally reached the ambush site, the gunner tried to take the gun back from Ken, but it had frozen solid to the shoulder of Ken's field jacket.

Kenny Joyce has been deeply missed by his family, his classmates and his many friends.

Bob Weekley '59

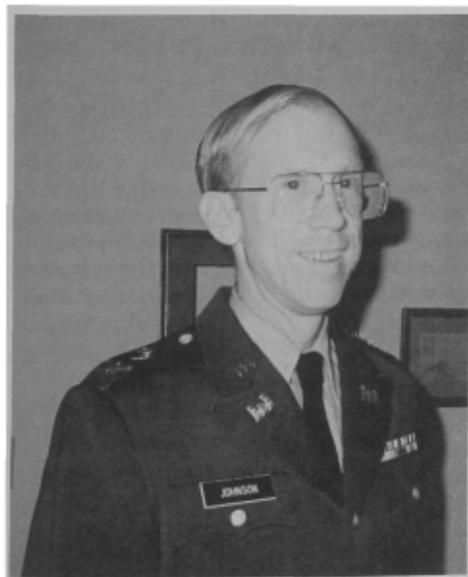
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**Thomas Hawkins Johnson**

NO. 25511 CLASS OF 1965

Died 26 June 1990 in Washington, DC, aged 46 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



**Thomas Hawkins Johnson**

THOMAS HAWKINS JOHNSON was born in Boston, Massachusetts on 11 November 1943, the son of John Frank and Eliza-

beth Johnson. Tom's father, USMA January 1943, was attending the Harvard/MIT Radar School. Shortly thereafter, Tom's father was assigned as an instructor in the Department of Electricity at West Point and remained at the Academy until September 1947, when Tom was almost four years old. Therefore, Tom's earliest childhood memories were of the Academy. Tom grew up in the Army with its attendant pattern of relocations stateside and abroad, but he was always an outstanding student. In this regard he did not require any prodding. Rather, he was intensely interested in academics and fiercely competitive. During his high school years it became apparent that Tom had the intelligence, interest and drive to excel in multiple areas. In addition to a quick grasp of science and math, he was interested in dramatics, creative writing and public speaking. He founded a school literary magazine, was active in the dramatic society, won a statewide public speaking contest and was a National Merit Scholar. It was during these years that Tom also embarked on a lifelong career as a poet, sending some of his poems to Archibald MacLeish for critique. Mr. MacLeish recognized Tom's talent and encouraged him. The two became fast friends, and Tom often visited MacLeish during the remainder of the elder poet's life. Since his childhood, Tom had determined to attend West Point; both its historic challenge and his family's ties drew him. He competed for two appointments to West Point and one to the Air Force Academy. He won all three. He accepted a presidential appointment to enter West Point at age 17.

Tom sparked at West Point because of his intellect and varied interests. His extraordinary talent as a creative poet and writer appeared, whether it was in directly typing a 9.0 composition in less than an hour or in the creation of a lovely poem to satisfy a 6.0 theme on "some aspect of Southeast Asia." He served as an intellectual leader of classmates, whether writing for the First Night Show or giving impromptu lectures on classical music criticism. One roommate wrote in the Class *Howitzer*, "He... probably coached more goats through turnouts in more subjects than any man in Academy history." Tom graduated in 1965, wearing stars for all four years and winning the Law award. He took a commission in the Air Force because of the Air Force's promise to send him for his doctorate. And, in fact, within a few years he received his Ph.D. in plasma physics from the University of California at Davis/Livermore.

Tom served at DASA and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, where he tackled problems in computational plasma physics with originality and insight. From 1975-77 he was chief of the phys-

ics section at the Laboratory, beginning a long career of leadership in national science policy. In 1977, although an Air Force officer, he was assigned to West Point as an instructor in the English Department. Tom's extraordinary intellectual breadth was soon realized and he was tasked to teach classes in a wide range of disciplines. His courses included "Laser Physics," "Tradition and Innovation in Modern Poetry," "Numerical Solutions of Partial Differential Equations," "Film Analysis and Criticism," "Electricity and Magnetism" and a "T. S. Eliot Colloquium." Tom transferred from the Air Force back to the Army in order to accept a tenured full professorship in Applied Physics at West Point. He also was made director of the Science Research Laboratory and Associate Dean for Academic Research. In addition, Tom was a popular adjunct professor at Columbia University, where he taught in the Political Science Department. He gave seminars on arms control and science policy at Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Cornell and Yale Universities and contributed seminal articles in the same subject area.

From 1981-83, on special leave from West Point, he served as special assistant to the President's Science Advisor and executive director of the White House Science Council.

Tom was a first-class physicist and statesman of science. He was an authority on fusion, lasers, satellite communications and nuclear weapons. He was a visiting scientist at the Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos Laboratories and was a consultant to the Central Intelligence Agency. He was the 1986 recipient of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers' Donald G. Fink prize for the best review article published by the Institute during the year. He was the author of many technical articles on laser and plasma physics and was a reviewer and editor for several scientific journals. His work for the Defense Department included service with the Defense and Army Science Boards, and as an advisor to the National Security Council and the House Armed Services Committee. For the Department of Energy, he played a major role in setting the national policy on fusion energy research, the superconductor supercollider and biomedical research. Upon learning of his death, Defense Secretary Richard B. Cheney hailed Dr. Johnson's work on the Strategic Defense Initiative, high energy lasers and nuclear safety.

Throughout this intense academic activity, Tom's creativity as a poet continued and increased. He often said, "I earn my living doing physics, but my first love is poetry." He was the author of many literary essays and poems that appeared in *The New Republic*, *The Sewanee Review*, *The Southern Review* and *The*

*American Soldier*, among other publications. He leaves an unparalleled legacy of poetry on famous Americans, the human condition and science.

In 1989 Tom accepted a temporary assignment in Washington as special assistant to the Secretary of Energy. Early in this assignment his fatal illness was diagnosed. He was retired as a colonel in April 1990 and died of cancer at Walter Reed Army Hospital on 26 June 1990.

Tom had planned to retire from the

Army in the summer of 1990 and had already accepted a tenured professorship from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, effective the fall of 1990.

Tom left his wife, Cynthia Galas Johnson, and three young daughters, Jennifer, Emily and Laura, all residents of Cornwall-On-Hudson, New York. We, his family and close friends, have suffered a great loss. Our country has lost one of its finest science leaders and a man of great integrity. Tom had great

intellectual curiosity over a wide range of disciplines, and it would be difficult to name a person who had made better use of the time given to him on earth. Tom is buried near the Old Cadet Chapel at his beloved West Point. His marker reads simply, "Thomas Hawkins Johnson, Colonel, United States Army, Poet-Physicist."

*His father, John Frank Johnson; his brother, Nick Johnson; and his classmate, Rick Ozgood*

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## Letters to the Editor (Continued from page 4)

by the media that the war deserves their support. Unless these two institutions develop mutual respect for, and understanding of, their different but intimately linked responsibilities to the people, alienation and hostility will prevail, and the Republic will suffer.

While General Sparrow nowhere claims that the media cost us the war in Vietnam, there is at least a whiff of this popular (among some circles) canard in his references to aiding the enemy and "gross misreporting." I believe press bashing is counterproductive and the military profession should focus on understanding its own mistakes in the Vietnam War.

Wise military leaders know that the media are made up of much the same mix as the military: a great majority of dedicated professionals who carry out their responsibilities to the public—and to the military—with integrity and courage and a small minority who do not always measure up to the standards of their profession. The military profession needs to take a far more insightful and balanced view of its relationship to the media than provided by General Sparrow's article.

The marriage may be inconvenient, but it will remain indissoluble at least as long as the United States remains a democracy!

I recommend you invite an appropriate representative of the media to respond.

Harry J. Shaw  
Class of 1945

*Editor's Note: See CNN article on page 6. For further discussion of the "Military vs Media" controversy, read "Ethics and Responsibility in Broadcasting" (Aug 1991 Military Review, pp. 64-76).*

### Exploits of Irish-Americans

George Pappas' article "West Point's Foreign Legion" in the July issue of *ASSEMBLY* was an excellent account of graduates who fought for various causes.

As an Irish Republican graduate of USMA, I wish to elaborate on the exploits of fellow Irish-American graduate, John Y. F. Blake (Class of 1880). Blake resigned his commission in the U.S. Cavalry in 1889 and went gold mining in South Africa. In 1899 it became obvious in South Africa that war between the Boers and the British was inevitable. A decision was made to form an Irish Brigade to oppose British imperialism in South Africa. . . . The Brigade was composed of native-born Irish, South-African Irish, and Irish-Americans. . . . Blake was an Irish-American soldier with Republican views, valuable combat experience in the Apache Wars in Arizona, and therefore was unanimous choice as the commander of the Boer Irish Brigade. John Y. F. Blake was subsequently commissioned a colonel by Boer President Kruger. Colonel Blake regarded his leadership of the Boer Irish as the highlight of his career, and later published a book, *A West Pointer with the Boers* (Angel Guardian Press, Boston, 1903).

The Irish Brigade was involved in many engagements against the English and received tributes as to the Irish volunteers' courage and abilities on the battlefield. The brigade's remarkable record was achieved in spite of the fact that it never totalled more than 180 officers and men. Blake's brigade was in existence for about twelve months. As the year 1900 progressed the warfare assumed a character wherein foreign soldiers with little or no knowledge on the veldt became more of a liability than an advantage to the Boer republics, and most of the volunteer brigades were disbanded before the end of that year. . . .

Donal Óg OhArrachtáin  
(Don Harrington)  
Class of 1980  
Irish Brigade Association

### Funerals on Fridays Before Football Games

I read with great interest the May '91 article (p. 35-36) and Mr. A. Ross Wol-

len's letter in the September '91 issue concerning not conducting funerals on West Point on Fridays before home football games.

As the Academy's Deputy Provost Marshal for two and a half years and as the Provost Marshal since Graduation '91, it is not the policy of this office to decline *on-post* funerals on Fridays before home football games. The policy that both Mr. Wollen and the May '91 article refer to applies to *off-post* funerals only. Travel time and the peculiarities of off-post funerals keep soldiers away from West Point for long periods of time. This impacts on the health and welfare of our soldiers and on the preparation for Saturday's game, which, for the military police, begins at 0330 hrs. On Saturdays of home football games, on-post funerals are not conducted on West Point due to traffic congestion and the complete commitment of all military police personnel.

Anthony G. Sahagian  
Major, U.S. Army  
Provost Marshal

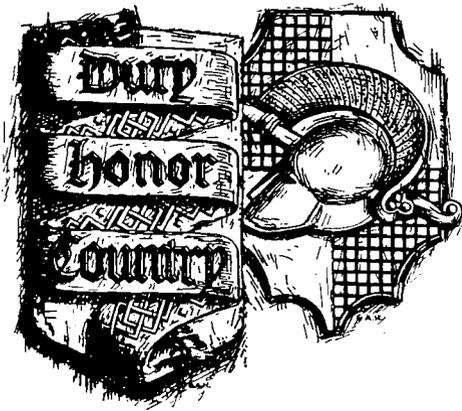
### Kasimir's Etching Popular

Re William Ochs' letter, September issue of *ASSEMBLY*: it's a small world, and it's blessed with plenty of Kasimirs.

Years ago, wandering down a Munich street, window gazing, I noticed in the window of an art gallery an etching of a scene that somehow seemed familiar. I entered the store. *Ja, mein Herr*, it was an etching made by an Austrian artist at a place called West Point in America.

It was love at first sight. The price was right (DM 500, if I remember correctly), I bought the piece and it hangs in the entrance corridor of our home. Of course, I noticed the same Kasimir on the back cover of the May issue of *ASSEMBLY*, but I never knew that still another copy hangs in Quarters 100. (My wife and I had thought of offering our etching to USMA, but it looks like General and Mrs. Irving beat us to it).

Paul W. Thompson  
Class of 1929



## Last Roll Call

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the September 1991 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Carroll F. Sullivan	1921 ....	7 April	1991 .... Menlo Park, California
Harlan H. Taylor	1922 ....	5 February	1991 .... Menlo Park, California
Robert L. Taylor	1922 ....	29 August	1991 .... Temple, Texas
Harry D. McHugh	1924 ....	4 September	1991 .... Blanco, Texas
Briant H. Wells, Jr.	1924 ....	11 August	1991 .... South Laguna, California
Robert C. Aloe	1927 ....	20 July	1991 .... San Antonio, Texas
Aloysius J. Lepping	1927 ....	5 September	1991 .... San Antonio, Texas
Ralph W. Zwicker	1927 ....	9 August	1991 .... Fort Belvoir, Virginia
William T. Hefley	1928 ....	15 August	1991 .... Shalimar, Florida
Randolph B. Hubard	1929 ....	28 August	1991 .... Owings Mills, Maryland
Joshua R. Messersmith	1933 ....	7 September	1991 .... Sun City, Arizona
Harold W. Browning	1934 ....	26 July	1991 .... Greenbrae, California
Warren S. Blair	1936 ....	19 July	1991 .... Medina, Ohio
Andrew D. Chaffin, Jr.	1936 ....	12 September	1991 .... Alexandria, Virginia
Benjamin F. Evans, Jr.	1936 ....	2 September	1991 .... Reston, Virginia
Henry D. Lind	1936 ....	1 September	1991 .... Seaside, California
Peter C. Hyzer	1937 ....	16 September	1991 .... Washington, DC
William P. Wansboro	1938 ....	6 August	1991 .... Cleveland, Ohio
Belmont S. Evans, Jr.	1939 ....	10 June	1991 .... Reston, Virginia
William M. Van Harlingen, Jr.	1939 ....	18 August	1991 .... Southbury, Connecticut
Robert M. Tuttle	1941 ....	31 July	1991 .... San Jose, California
Donald F. Blake	1942 ....	2 October	1990 .... San Diego, California
Thomas P. Furey	1942 ....	24 August	1991 .... Fort Ord, California
Sidney Katz	Jun-1943 ....	31 July	1991 .... White House Station, New Jersey
Robert D. Sonstelie	Jun-1943 ....	24 August	1991 .... Issaquah, Washington
Clarence W. Cyr	1944 ....	15 August	1991 .... Washington, DC
Edgar N. Millington	1944 ....	28 August	1991 .... Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Thomas H. Devlin	1945 ....	21 June	1991 .... Seaside, Oregon
Charles R. Gorder	1945 ....	10 August	1991 .... Poulsbo, Washington
Henry E. Hutcheson, Jr.	1945 ....	20 July	1991 .... Columbus, Georgia
Walter J. Slazak	1945 ....	26 January	1991 .... Buffalo, New York
John T. Jones	1946 ....	2 September	1991 .... Reston, Virginia
Robert J. Petersen	1948 ....	27 August	1991 .... Montreal, Canada
Merle G. Sheffield	1948 ....	26 August	1991 .... Boston, Massachusetts
Charles W. Anderson, Jr.	1949 ....	1 October	1989 .... Englewood, Ohio
Mark McGuire	1950 ....	11 September	1991 .... Oakton, Virginia
Jerald L. Goetz	1953 ....	14 August	1991 .... Fairfax, Virginia
George S. Kourakos	1954 ....	28 July	1991 .... Bethesda, Maryland
Rawleigh H. Ralls, III	1955 ....	30 July	1991 .... Little Rock, Arkansas
Roy S. Kirkpatrick	1958 ....	26 August	1991 .... Providence, Rhode Island
Gerald J. Lhotak	1959 ....	17 September	1991 .... Maylene, Alabama
Philip V. Harper, Jr.	1965 ....	12 August	1991 .... Richmond, Virginia
Robert R. G. Wade	1971 ....	4 September	1991 .... Aurora, Colorado

