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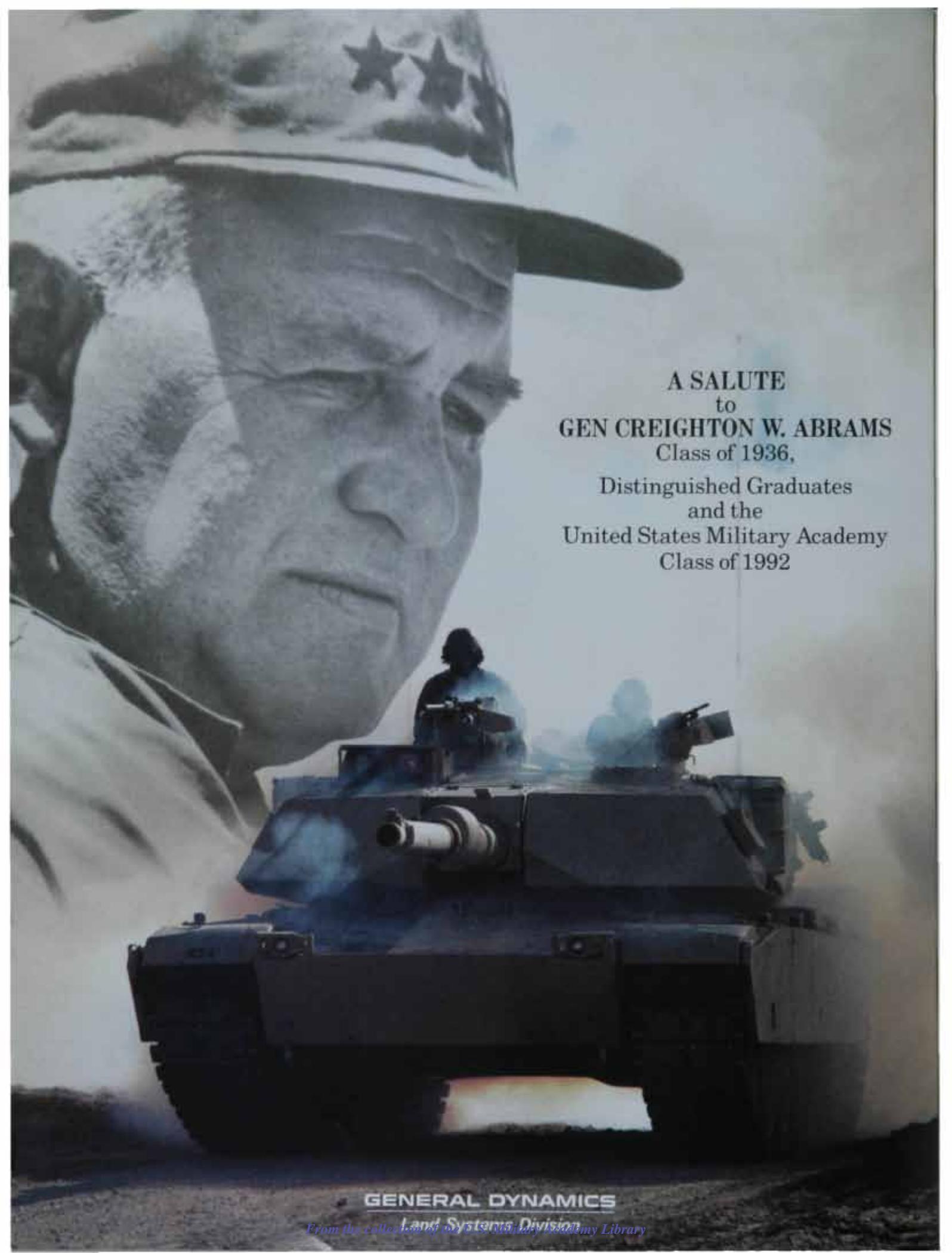


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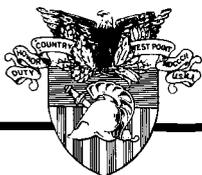


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## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

## UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

Dear Graduates and Friends of USMA,

The arrival of spring this year brought with it my first opportunity to visit a large number of West Point societies as they celebrated Founders Day. It was a great pleasure for me to meet with many of you and to witness your support for the Academy. The objective of the Academy leaders who represented West Point at Founders Day events this year was to bring our societies up-to-date on both the state of programs within the Academy and the status of several external issues we face, such as the size of the Corps of Cadets, the active-duty service obligation, and the Regular Army commission.

In this letter, I hope to bring you all up-to-date on the legislative issues that affect the Academy. In particular I want to report on the 13 March hearings before the Military Manpower and Compensation Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, chaired by Congresswoman Beverly Bryon. The Department of Defense was represented by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel as well as the personnel chiefs from each service. Following their testimony, all three service academy superintendents were invited to testify. Each of the issues affecting the Military Academy was touched upon to one degree or another during the hearings.

The Army DCSPER, Lieutenant General Tom Carney (USMA '63), testified on the Army's interest in restoring the grant of the Regular Army commission to graduates of the Military Academy and to selected officers of ROTC and OCS. As most of you know, present legislation restricts the award of Regular Army commissions to officers who have served at least one year on active duty, effective 30 September 1996. General Carney was eloquent in defending a long-standing tradition of all the services. He said that

... the major part of our argument is emotional, and not quantifiable. It is about symbols and what they represent. Much of what makes the Army great is based on emotion—the love of country,

pride in the uniform, pride in the unit, and love of fellow soldiers—the tight cohesion built in our Army as we train hard and execute difficult and dangerous missions. The Regular Army commission is an important element of the emotional bond that ties our band of professional officers. It represents a goal to be won—the recognition of excellence for our cadets, whether ROTC, OCS or West Point.

Despite the arguments in favor of the former system of RA commissioning, Assistant Secretary of Defense Jehn testified that a change to the new legislation will be sought by DoD only if we encounter ill effects on officer accessions or performance. This is also the Department of Defense position on a second issue, the active duty service obligation. Beginning with the Class of 1996, all academy graduates will incur a service obligation of six years. The Army has stated a preference for a commitment of four years active and four years reserve, but the DoD position is that we will monitor the future effects of the new law. Our current very impressive candidate population for the Class of 1996 does not provide evidence yet of any negative impact of the six-year obligation.

The subcommittee expressed interest in how the "downsizing" of the Army would affect the distribution of officer accessions among the several accession sources. While the output from all of the Army's accession sources will be reduced, there appeared to be consensus among the DoD representatives and the subcommittee members that the planned reduction of the academies to 4000 cadets each is reasonable and should be maintained. This assumes, of course, that the Armed Forces will not experience significant reductions beyond those planned.

In my own testimony before the subcommittee, I first reinforced the fundamental rationale for why America needs the Military Academy. I noted that the Army relies upon five different sources of commissioned officers—USMA, ROTC, OCS (state and federal), and direct appointments—each of which makes a unique and

valuable contribution to the Army. The Military Academy earns its place on that team of commissioning sources for the following reasons:

The reputation of West Point among American youth is extremely strong, and the Academy attracts students who could have attended any college in the nation. For example, average combined SAT scores of entering classes have routinely been in excess of 1200, placing the Academy on a par with the most selective colleges in America.

While at West Point, cadets receive an unparalleled military education as well as a first-rate undergraduate education tailored for the military professional. As a result of that curriculum, West Point is a major supplier to the Army of officers with a technical background in the sciences and engineering. While last year we provided only 25% of the Army basic branch accessions, that 25% met over 80% of the Army's annual requirement for physical science and engineering degrees, with the vast majority of those officers assigned to the combat arms.

Still, the most important outcome of an Academy education is that these highly-talented young people are imbued with strong traditions of character, leadership, and service to the nation. Immersed for four years in a culture rich in patriotic, moral, and professional values, the experience enables and inspires them to serve in the Army longer and more successfully than officers from any other source. For example, consider a typical Army officer year group, such as 1972. As it approaches twenty years of service, 35% of the Military Academy graduates in the year group are still on active duty; 21% of the officers commissioned from other sources are still on active duty. A further example: West Point graduates invariably exceed the Army average rates of selection for promotion. During the past three years, selection to major for West Point officers was 80%, all oth-

ers—64%; selection to lieutenant colonel, 76% versus 59%; colonels, 46% versus 38%.

And, the Academy accomplishes this at a real cost no greater than any feasible alternative.

I also sought the subcommittee's support of legislation to authorize us to grant master's degrees to the Tactical Officer graduates of our Eisenhower Program of Graduate Studies in Leader Development. I pointed out that West Point is an unusual institution with an unusual purpose and mission. As Maxwell Taylor put it almost fifty years ago, "We must not forget that West Point is essentially a school for leaders." For a Tactical Officer to understand thoroughly the complex process of developing young leaders and to acquire the ability to facilitate that process is a major profes-

sional challenge, one that requires rigorous professional preparation. The purpose of the Eisenhower Program is to provide that preparation. The program has been shown beyond question to be academically rigorous in every respect. In fact, a member of the team of educators who visited West Point described the Eisenhower Program as a "standard setting program in terms of leadership education and a model for curriculum design in higher education." I concluded with the several advantages which come from teaching the program at West Point and noted that no other college in the nation offers a program as well-suited to the needs of Tactical Officers.

At this writing, we expect that the Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel of the Senate Armed Services Committee will invite the services to testify later in the

spring regarding the above and other issues. We hope very much that that will be an opportunity to complete the full circle of communication with all parties who are interested in the future role of the academies.

It is our goal to include each of you in that circle of communication as well. Working with the leadership of the Association of Graduates, through our local West Point Society presidents, we will strive to keep you posted on these events as they unfold.

From Gracie and me, best wishes and God's blessings.



HOWARD D. GRAVES  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army  
Superintendent

## Letters to the Editor



### THE LONG GRAY LINE

The term "Long Gray Line" is probably best defined by the words of "The Corps." The Long Gray Line might be composed of those who are presently part of the Corps of Cadets and those who have at one time been members of the Corps, whether presently living or dead. The lines of the song confirm that the Long Gray Line extends from the present and returns to the origin of the Corps of Cadets, and includes all who have been members in between. In addition, the use of the word *us* implies that the Long Gray Line is made up of all present and former members of the Corps from the lowliest plebe to the earliest graduate.

As to when one becomes a member of the Long Gray Line, it is not necessarily a specific date on the Cadet calendar, but it is that time when a cadet, or a former cadet, or even a graduate, realizes in his heart and in his mind the importance of the precepts of the motto of the Military Academy: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, and begins to apply these precepts to his daily life. Thus, one could become a member of the Long Gray Line on any of the calendar events listed in Colonel Pappas' column or on any date in between or, conceivably, one might never become a member of the Long Gray Line.

Leon B. Musser '46

I found it nearly impossible to come up with a definition of who has the right and expectation to be considered a part of the Long Gray Line . . . Nor when a person can be considered eligible to join the formation of that exclusive organization. I cite a few examples.

At my Ft. Benning advanced class we had a tactics instructor who was very good. He was well decorated, a lieutenant colonel when few of our classmates had reached that level. He seemed to be familiar. He had been found plebe Christmas in math. When we shook hands he expressed how much it hurt him not to have finished the Point and graduated. "I still look back on that time, although short, as a major and wonderful part of my life."

We have a classmate who has been lost to all. He was terminated from the Army under less than desirable circumstances after World War II.

One classmate wrote to his West Point roommate that he no longer had any love or respect for his country. And still he draws his retirement with no twinge of conscience.

At least four classmates died before graduation. They each were wearing our grey uniforms and had a basic love for the Academy. Didn't they join the Long Gray Line?

My point in all this is that the missing

factor of who and when the individual does join the Long Gray Line is how the individual perceives himself. No other person can induct him into the exclusive ranks nor can another member exclude one who has served with the Corps of Cadets. There is no membership card, no initiation ritual or fee. We have only one standard . . . DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

We instinctively know most who have joined that great formation after their deaths. Are we members now? I think so. At least we "Follow, close order, behind . . ." and " . . . swear to honor the Corps, the Corps, the Corps!"

By God, I'm proud to feel that I also have the honor to be part of that formation, either now or in the not-too-distant future, however one looks at the entry requirement.

Ray Gordon '44

When I add up and balance my thoughts and link them to The Corps, The Alma Mater and the print by Ben Maile of the Long Gray Line, I conclude that our motto—DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY—is perhaps the solid foundation that could make a decision that will stand the test of time. All of these came about as West Point matured, so changes, such as the graduation

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The Association of Graduates honors the first four recipients of the Distinguished Graduate Award: General James A. Van Fleet '15; General Matthew B. Ridgway '17; General Andrew J. Goodpaster '39; and Doctor Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr. '52. The Award is sponsored by the Class of 1951. Photo credit: Roger Pettengill/Academy Photo.

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

This has been—and still is—a difficult year for some 14,000 of our graduates on active duty. As the Army continues to struggle in its efforts to reduce strength to a still-undetermined floor, many graduates are forced to make hard career choices.

If you are now retired from the service or have been in civilian life for several years, you may not recognize the new acronyms that describe the bewildering options facing young officers today. First, there is SERB. That's the Selective Early Retirement Board. Briefly, it means that lieutenant colonels and colonels who are eligible for retirement may be ordered to retire whether or not they wish to do so.

Since the Army is "downsizing" over the next few years, it must also reduce the strength of junior officers in its ranks. This year, the 1978 and 1982 year groups have been told they are at risk—anyone may be subject to a RIF (Reduction in Force). Who will be separated? No one really knows—it depends on the final desired end strength, and that number has not yet been determined.

If an officer is separated, he or she will receive a lump-sum severance payment. For officers with 18 years or less of active duty service, if they elect to resign, there is a choice between VSI (Voluntary Separation Incentive) and SSB (Special Separation Benefit). In the case of VSI the officer receives an annual stipend for a period equal to twice the number of years of active service. The SSB provides a one-time lump-sum settlement. This sum is considerably greater than the severance pay which the officer will receive if he or she is involuntarily separated under the RIF.

Many of our graduates really would prefer to stay on active duty, but if they stand a chance of being caught in the RIF, resigning first may be a more attractive option. Obviously, if enough officers resign, fewer of the painful forced separations will be necessary. If I've convinced you that the decision process is complicated, with considerable uncertainty involved, I've accomplished my goal. The bottom line is that a lot of our graduates now are leaving the Army.

In this time of turmoil, with graduates leaving the service in unprecedented numbers, I believe that the Association of Graduates has a moral responsibility to assist our alumni as they relocate to the civilian sector. Which leads us to the key questions: What should we do? What can we do? And what are we doing right now?

It's important to note that the Board of Trustees of the Association believes we should become involved in assisting our graduates in career transition. This, in a sense, is a departure from the long-held philosophy that the AOG should not become involved in assisting graduates leaving the service, if for no other reason than to avoid the appearance that the AOG is encouraging graduates to enter civilian life. But times have changed, and the attitude of the Association's Board also has changed.

One of our Trustees, Bill Murdy '64, chairs an ad hoc West Point Career Assistance Committee that had its first meeting this spring in New York City to consider the problem and exchange information and ideas. Some of the committee members were graduates; all were active in job placement firms or were business executives.

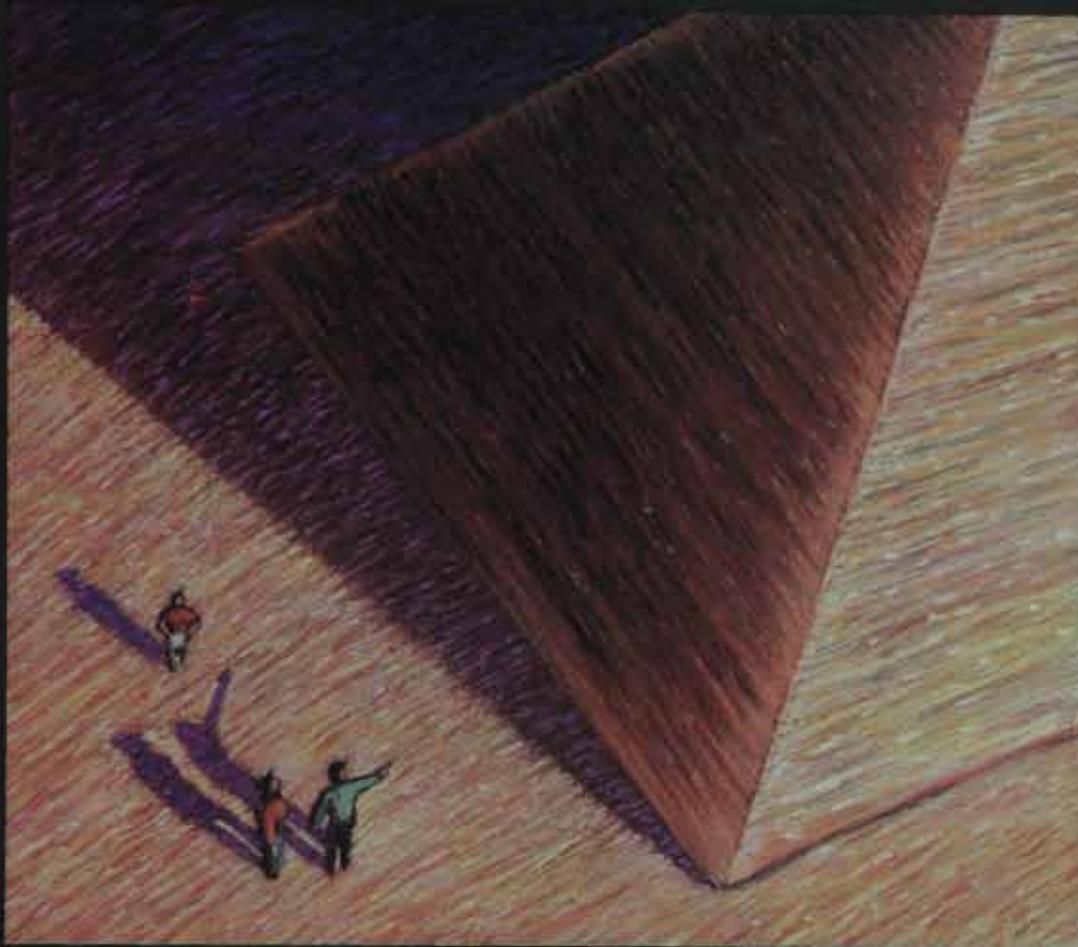
While the committee did not come up with a definite course of action to be implemented immediately, they did arrive at a list of tasks we should take on in order to assist our graduates leaving the service. These are (1) education and training ("packaging" the job-seeker); (2) networking—encouraging that special connection many universities maintain between graduates in business and those seeking a position. This can be simply mentoring, or perhaps just a friendly ear with possible referral ideas; (3) informing selected corporate leaders of the advantage of hiring USMA graduates; and (4) placement—assisting the graduate in getting in touch with a reliable and conscientious placement service.

Over the next several months the AOG will begin work in as many of these areas as we can. Of course, we will closely coordinate our efforts with our West Point societies, many of whom already have Career Advisory Committees, and all of whom are aware of the need to help our graduates seeking civilian jobs. John Snodgrass '56, AOG Vice-President for the West Point Societies Program, will supervise our activity in assisting graduates. We plan to develop a basic reference library, available for graduate use, and to expand our computer data base by collecting information from graduates working in the civilian sector. We'd like to know for whom they work, their current position and whether they would be willing to assist graduates leaving the service with advice and referrals. On a selective basis, we may be able to reach corporate leaders through graduates working for the company and in that way explain the advantages of hiring West Pointers. We are also in contact with a number of placement firms, some staffed by graduates and some particularly interested in placing service academy graduates. We know these firms can be helpful.

The ad hoc committee made a strong point of advising us *not* to raise expectations that our staff is unable to fulfill. As I write, we are moving slowly, but we are making a beginning. If you are now in the job market, by all means contact the AOG. We do have some information and contacts we can provide you. Equally important, if you can offer a job, or influence someone in personnel management, please let our staff know. We will keep you advised on these pages as this new program gets under way.

Sincerely

Denis F. Mullane, President  
Association of Graduates, USMA



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# 1992 Distinguished Graduate Award

For the past 35 years, the Association of Graduates and the United States Military Academy have presented the Thayer Award to that American citizen and member of the civilian community whose service and accomplishments in the natural interest draw wholesome comparison to those ideals expressed in the West Point motto, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. Although the Thayer Award has been presented to three graduates—Generals Eisenhower, MacArthur and Bradley, their selections were exceptions to the established criteria—that the award would recognize those citizens of the civilian community only—this to allay any implications of self service which might arise if graduates were chosen as recipients.

During the past decade a number of graduates, classes and societies have premised distinguished graduates to receive the Thayer Award. These recommendations could not be accepted as they were outside the criteria. The Association of Graduates, in its long range planning conference of 1990, recognized the fact that no means existed to honor those West Point graduates whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplified the ideals of West Point. Accordingly. . .

## DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD

The Distinguished Graduate Award was created by the Association of Graduates in 1991 and is sponsored by the USMA Class of 1951. The award honors those West Point graduates whose outstanding service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify the ideals expressed in the West Point motto: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

The first graduates to be honored are General James A. Van Fleet, '15, General Matthew B. Ridgway, '17, General Andrew J. Goodpaster, '39, and Dr. Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr., '52.

General Van Fleet received his award in March 1992, on the occasion of his 100th birthday in his hometown of Polk City, Florida. The award was presented by Denis F. Mullane, AOG President.

General Howard D. Graves, USMA Superintendent, will present the Distinguished Graduate Award to General Ridgway at his home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 18 June.

General Goodpaster and Dr. Sundt were honored at the Alumni Review at West Point on 26 May and further recognized during the Graduation ceremonies on 30 May.

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### General James Alward Van Fleet

As a military commander, educator, and statesman, James Alward Van Fleet has rendered a lifetime of extraordinary service to the United States, to the international community of freedom loving nations and to his fellow citizens. In successive positions of increasing responsibility in the national interest, General Van Fleet has exemplified outstanding devotion to the principles expressed in the motto of the United States Military Academy—DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

General Van Fleet's contributions to the security of the United States and the western world are without parallel among living American soldiers. His 38 years of military service are replete with extraordinary accomplishment. In World War I he was twice cited for gallantry as he led the 17th Machine Gun Battalion in the final Allied offensive that ended the war. In World War II he led his regiment in the D-Day assault of Utah Beach. Later in the Allied counter offensive in the Ardennes, he commanded the 90th Division, spearheading the Third Army drive to relieve the embattled defenders of Bastogne. VE Day found General Van Fleet commanding the III Corps in the final drive to destroy the German Army.

During the turbulent years immediately following World War II, President Truman called upon General Van Fleet to serve as the Chief United States Military Advisor to be beleaguered Greek nation, verging on collapse in its struggle against communist led guerrillas. General Van Fleet's unflagging energy, his superb military and political insight, and his ability to advise and influence a proud ally, led to the ultimate destruction of the communist insurgency and the salvation of Greece as a free nation.

During the Korean conflict, General Van Fleet again answered his nation's call. Promoted to general, he was named commander of the Eighth Army. Under his dynamic and forceful leadership, United Nations forces halted the advancing enemy and in a brilliant campaign of devastating offensive operations, forced the North Koreans and Chinese to the peace table.

In 1953, General Van Fleet retired from active military service. During his military career he was repeatedly recognized for

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### General Matthew Bunker Ridgway

A distinguished soldier who has led American and Allied troops in every theatre of action and at every level of command in peace and in combat, Matthew Bunker Ridgway has served his country with courage, steadfast dedication to duty, and a high sense of honor over a career spanning 38 years and three major wars.

Less than two months after graduating from the Military Academy in April 1917, he commanded a company of the 3rd U.S. Infantry. Returning to West Point in 1918, Captain Ridgway taught Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages, served as instructor in the Department of Tactics, and held the appointment of Graduate Manager of Athletics for three years.

During the years between the world wars, Matthew Ridgway served in command and staff positions with the 15th, 9th, and 33rd Infantry Regiments, and with the Second and Fourth Armies. His government also called on him to perform many key assignments in South America and Central America, working with the American Electoral mission to Nicaragua and Secretary of the Nicaraguan National Board of Elections; as Secretary of the Commission of Inquiry and Conciliation for Bolivia and Paraguay; and accompanying the Chief of Staff designate, General George C. Marshall on a mission to Brazil in 1939.

From the War Plans Division of the War Department General Staff in 1942, Matthew Ridgway joined the 82nd Infantry Division. He reorganized this unit as our first airborne division, and then commanded the division through some of the most difficult fighting in World War II. General Ridgway's dynamic and outstanding leadership of the 82nd Airborne Division, and later of the XVIII Airborne Corps, enabled American airborne troops to establish an enviable record of success in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes, and Central Europe.

Always with his troops at the point of heaviest combat, he was twice awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, twice awarded the Silver Star, twice the Legion of Merit, twice the Distinguished Service Medal, twice the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor, and he also was wounded in action.

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### General Andrew Jackson Goodpaster

As a soldier, statesman, author on matters of National Defense, and respected advisor to four Presidents of the United States, Andrew Jackson Goodpaster has served his country with distinction during a career that began when he graduated from West Point and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Engineers in 1939. In thirty-nine years of active military service, General Goodpaster was repeatedly called upon to fulfill positions of high responsibility and unparalleled importance to the Army and the nation.

Less than four years after graduation he commanded a Combat Engineer Battalion in North Africa and Italy in World War II. During this command assignment he was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star and was twice wounded in action. In 1944 he returned to the Joint War Plans Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he remained until 1947, when he left the Pentagon for three years at Princeton University. His studies resulted in the award of graduate degrees in civil engineering and political science, and a doctorate in international relations.

Four years of service with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe prepared him for a pivotal assignment as Staff Secretary and Defense Liaison Officer to the President of the United States. General Goodpaster's seven years of service to President Eisenhower and President Kennedy gained him the trust and admiration of every member of the legislative and executive branches of the government with whom he came in contact. His diplomacy, his encyclopedic knowledge of military and Defense Department affairs, and his keen grasp of critical issues and international events significantly strengthened the Office of the Chief Executive during the height of the Cold War.

General Goodpaster returned to Europe to command the 8th Infantry Division before being recalled to the Pentagon to serve successively as Special Assistant (Policy) to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Director of the Joint Staff.

His far reaching knowledge of world affairs and his reputation as the Army's most brilliant mind brought him assign-

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### Doctor Thoralf Mauritz Sundt, Jr.

Throughout his forty years of public service, first as lieutenant in the United States Army and then as one of the world's leading neurosurgeons, Thoralf Mauritz Sundt, Jr. has consistently demonstrated his care and concern for his fellow man.

A 1952 graduate of the United States Military Academy, Dr. Sundt served as an engineer platoon leader and company commander with the 32nd Regimental Combat Team of the 7th Infantry Division in the Korean War, where he was decorated for valor. Two years later, when the Army refused his request for a leave of absence to attend medical school, he resigned from the service to pursue the study of medicine at the University of Tennessee-Memphis.

In 1964 Dr. Sundt completed his studies in the field of neurosurgery and neurology at the Mayo Clinic and embarked on his chosen profession, a course of action that would lead him to international prominence in the field of neurosurgery. In 1979 Dr. Sundt was named Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Mayo Clinic.

A tireless and dedicated surgeon, Dr. Sundt has performed over 3,000 complicated neurological procedures and has also found time to author over 260 journal articles in the field of neurosurgery. His 1978 article, with Dr. Whisnant, in the *New England Journal of Medicine* is considered a classic in the field of open intracranial surgery on aneurysms.

In a career studded with honors, Dr. Sundt was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1986 by the Mayo Fellow's Association; he was named the outstanding alumnus of the University of Tennessee-Memphis College of Medicine in 1988; appointed Honorary President of the International Workshop on Intracranial Aneurysms in Atami, Japan in 1989; he received the Distinguished Mayo Clinician Award in 1990; and he was awarded the Grass Prize and Medal from the Society of Neurological Surgery in 1991. In 1989-1990 he served as Vice-Chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, and also in 1989 he became editor of the *Journal of Neurosurgery*.

A creative and innovative thinker, Dr. Sundt has been lauded for his thoughtful devotion to patient care. He is one of the pioneers in the use of surgical microscopes

in neurosurgery, and he has invented and designed numerous devices that have significantly reduced the dangers associated with delicate neurosurgical techniques.

As a soldier, as an outstanding surgeon, as a leader in advancing the frontiers of knowledge in neurosurgery, and as a humanitarian, Dr. Sundt has, by his every action and decision, upheld the motto of the Military Academy: "Duty, Honor, Country."

For his extraordinary accomplishments in the field of medicine, for his courage and selfless dedication in the face of personal illness and pain, the Association of Graduates salutes Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr. and is proud to award him the 1992 Distinguished Graduate Award.

### General James Alward Van Fleet

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his extraordinary accomplishments. His military decorations include: three Distinguished Service Crosses, four Distinguished Service Medals, three Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. He has been decorated by eight foreign nations.

The full measure of General Van Fleet's contribution to the nation is apparent in his continuing service to his fellow citizens. As a successful cattle rancher in Florida, in his literary contributions to the history of his era, as a founder and trustee of the George G. Marshall Foundation and as advisor to Presidents his extraordinary services continue.

Throughout his lifetime of service to his country and to his fellow man, General Van Fleet has made lasting and invaluable contributions to the welfare and security of the United States and the nations of the free world. His life of selfless accomplishment exemplifies uncommon dedication and devotion to his country, is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and clearly reflects the values expressed in the motto of West Point. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby presents the 1992 Distinguished Graduate Award to General James A. Van Fleet.

# Creighton Abrams and West Point

By Lieutenant Colonel Lewis S. Sorley, III (Retired), Class of 1956

Creighton W. Abrams, USMA 1936, rose from a very modest background as the son of a railroad mechanic in a semi-rural New England town to the top leadership position of deployed U.S. forces in the latter years of the Vietnam War, then as Army Chief of Staff sought to restore standards of professionalism badly eroded during the long years of that traumatic experience. One measure of his success is that the leaders of today's Army credit him with instituting the reforms and beginning the programs that led to victory in Desert Storm.

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**"It is soldiers who pay most of the human cost. In war, it is extraordinary how it all comes down to the character of one man."**

**—General Creighton Abrams**

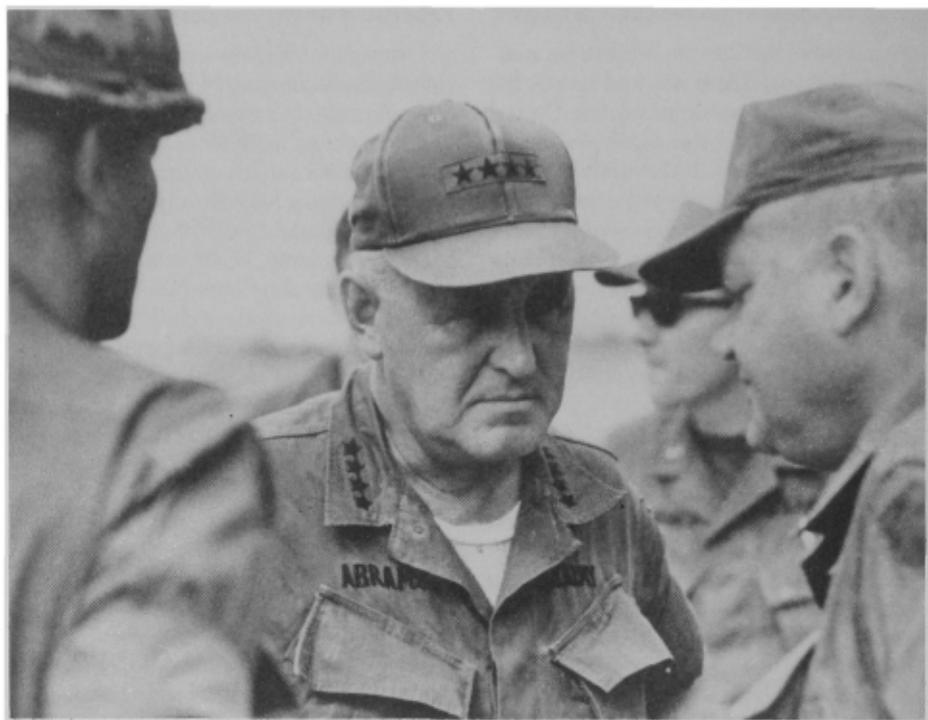
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Abrams came to West Point almost by default and, throughout his career, remained somewhat ambivalent about the Military Academy. In his senior year at Agawam High School, Abrams was awarded a scholarship to Brown University, based on his academic and athletic abilities. But his family lacked the money for books and other expenses, so he reluctantly turned it down. Then Abrams heard a talk about West Point by Dr. Frederic W. Plummer, the principal of nearby Northampton High, who had himself attended West Point briefly as a member of the Class of 1890 before deciding to go into education instead.

Abrams took a competitive examination for an appointment to West Point from Congressman William J. Granfield, who happened to have two appointments that year. When the results were in, one of the principal appointments went to Lawrence Laurion from Northampton, Abrams' sometime debate opponent. Abrams was nominated as second alternate for the other appointment. "Fortunately for him and for our country," said Laurion, "the

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Commanding in Vietnam, Abrams talks with soldiers. (Photo credit: US Army Armor School)

principal and first alternate both failed the West Point entrance exam."

When word came that he had passed the examinations and would be admitted as a cadet, Abrams was jubilant. His mother called him at school to tell him she had just received a letter from the War Department. "Now, we were just people living in the country, and a letter from the War Department was one which came from on high," Abrams later recalled. "I had her open it, and she found it was a letter of appointment to the Academy. My mother cried over the phone."

Her son had no doubts: "I was elated," he said. "I knew that this was what I preferred to do. I didn't know exactly why, but there was no question that this was my choice." When he said his goodbyes and headed for West Point, it was the first time he had ever been outside his native state of Massachusetts.

West Point today bears little resemblance to the Military Academy which Abrams and his classmates entered in the summer of 1932. The site is still the same remote and rocky promontory overlooking the Hudson River, but—as most graduates know—the atmosphere and isolation of cadet life have been radically changed. Abrams would have approved of the

changes and, indeed, during his term as Army Chief of Staff, had a hand in bringing them about.

From the beginning Abrams was alienated by some aspects of the cadet experience. As demonstrated by his years in high school, and even before, he was self-motivated, self-disciplined, responsible. His life to that point had been rather simple, even Spartan, and he was accustomed to hard work; it was not the rigors of the existence that concerned him. He was also logical and practical and thus found many of the nit-picking aspects of cadet life to be aggravatingly nonsensical. Later he told reporter Will Lang how he felt about it: "The Military Academy was hard to take. People there were hard to take. They were frequently rude and issuing orders continually. We plebes had to pick up things, and then set them right down, put on our coat, and then take it off, and I was punished if upperclassmen found paper in my wastebasket. Now, a wastebasket is a simple, functional thing, and that's where paper belongs. How silly can one get?"

In particular, Abrams resented the harsh treatment given the plebes: "It was a pretty brutal experience. The hazing was degrading and certainly not character-building." So strongly did he feel about it

that, he later claimed, he did not wish to continue. "I would gladly have resigned anytime, but didn't see how I could then go home to face my friends and family." But Abrams' roommate, Hilwert "Bill" Streeter, expressed skepticism about such assertions: "Abe liked it, I think. He would never admit it. Instead, he'd always say that he would have resigned long ago if he had ever had time to make out a resignation. But, he said, 'They never give me time to get a resignation typed up.' He'd always maintain that. But, of course, I didn't put much stock in it."

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As graduation neared, and branch choices were made, Abrams selected the Cavalry. "When he got into horses," said Streeter, "he was just as dedicated to that as anything else he set out to do." Others agreed. "Wherever you find Abe, you'll find action. The two are inseparable," said the class yearbook, the *Howitzer*. "We believe the horses will have to work hard to keep up with him."

Abrams went from the Horse Cavalry to the newly-building Mechanized Force and, by the time of the Normandy invasion, was commanding the 37th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division. He led from the front, and often his outfit was in the van of General Patton's Third Army. It was Abrams, in his tank *Thunderbolt*, who led the forces that punched through to relieve the encircled 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, and his style of leadership made a strong impression on his men.

"He would mix in wherever the toughest battle was," remembered one tank driver. "It made us feel more like fighting harder when you could see a great man like Abe right alongside of you." And, said a tank commander, some forty years later: "I could close my eyes and see Abe in the turret of his tank, big long cigar in his mouth. He would raise his hand and drop it, and say 'Roll them,' and off we would go. Attack! No stopping for anything. And I remember his big smile and hard handshake when I got my Silver Star."

In the midst of these battles, Abrams maintained a rich and tender correspondence with Julie, the Vassar student he met as a cadet and married soon after graduation. The letters back and forth were, he told her, "the last link between me and



Abrams and fellow battalion commander Harold Cohen with bottle of captured champagne, WW II. (Photo credit: 4th Armored Division Association Historical Collection)

normalcy. When all things are evaluated and added up, home and family are the real things that matter."

Many of the letters are revealing not only of how he felt about Julie, but about having been a cadet. It had been for him, at least in retrospect, a surprisingly moving experience. "For me I can hear the last strains of the 'Star Spangled Banner' across the Plain at West Point," he wrote one day in the spring. "I can hear the majestic beat of 'The Corps' at chapel, I can hear the noble words of the cadet prayer, and with all this I can see in Grant Hall the girl who stole my heart, my most beautiful girl, my sweetheart, my wife forever and ever."

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When, a lifetime later, Abrams became Chief of Staff, he had for the first time some responsibility for West Point. Given his always somewhat ambivalent outlook on that institution, it was interesting to see what he would do about it when he had the chance.

Earlier, while Vice Chief of Staff,

Abrams had visited an Officers Candidate School and come away with very negative feelings, based primarily on the amount of time and effort being put into such things as producing remarkably shiny barracks floors. "I thought of what we want in our officer corps: character, integrity, respect for and devotion to the fundamental precepts of our government and our evolving way of life, intelligence, professional competence in a highly technical age, and a fundamental belief and confidence in human beings," he had written afterward, expressing "serious doubt that the OCS program today is tuned to the requirements of today."

That handwritten synopsis of the essential qualities for leadership in the United States Army applied no less to West Point than it did to OCS. And he had some strong views on how to develop such qualities. In April 1974 he sent for Major General Sidney Berry, then commanding the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Berry reported to Abrams in his Pentagon office and was told that Abrams was sending him to West Point as Superintendent. "Build on what a man is—don't tear him down," begin Berry's notes of the meeting.

Berry had been scheduled for a fifteen-minute meeting with Abrams. Just as he arrived Abrams' executive officer got a call saying that the JCS meeting scheduled for that afternoon had been canceled, so Berry wound up spending two and a half hours with the Chief of Staff. Abrams told him that he was concerned with West

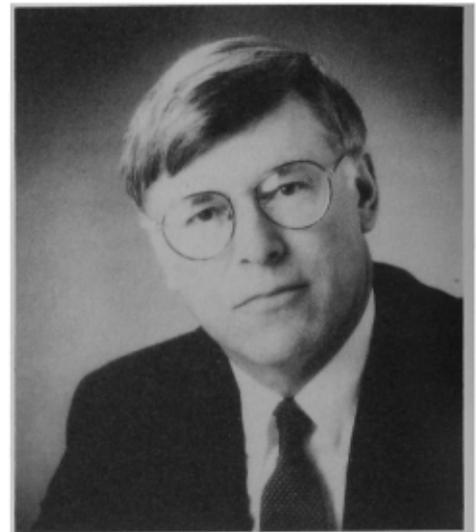
Point's isolation, that it did not resemble the real Army, and thus that its graduates were unprepared to deal with the professional environment in which they had to operate after graduation and commissioning. While many made the transition successfully, he said, it was due to their own God-given talents and not any help they had gotten from the system. Abrams told Berry he should strive to build a bridge that one could travel without too much risk from the Military Academy to the field Army.

Abrams made clear his disdain for West Pointers who were proud and selfish. He told Berry he had been gravely disappointed in a lot of West Pointers during World War II because they couldn't relate to the problem and wouldn't get down in the mud with their soldiers. He said he even had classmates who avoided combat. He used as epithets words like "self-centered, arrogant, careerist." He said that to serve and

to lead was an opportunity and a privilege, and that West Pointers must understand and believe that. And, he said, we need lieutenants who like to work with men.

"West Point's goal should be to develop leaders who make the difference between winning and losing," said Abrams, and he explained why this was so important. "Ultimately the Army makes the difference between survival and disappearance of the country, between anarchy and civil authority, between victory and defeat," he said. "And it is soldiers who pay most of the human cost. In war, it is extraordinary how it all comes down to the character of one man."

[Adapted from *Thunderbolt: General Creighton Abrams and the Army of his Times*, being published by Simon & Schuster in September 1992. An audio version will be brought out simultaneously by "Books on Tape."] ]



Lewis S. Sorley, III  
(Photo credit: Richard Greenhouse)

### General Matthew Bunker Ridgway

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At the end of the war, General Ridgway commanded the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. He then served as the United States Army Representative to the United Nations Military Staff Commission and as Senior United States Delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board. These assignments were again followed by a command tour as Commander-in-Chief, Caribbean Command.

Recognized as the Army's leading field commander, General Ridgway was relieved as Deputy Chief of Staff of the United States Army and reassigned as Commanding General, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea in 1950. In 1951, he replaced General MacArthur as Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command and Supreme Commander for Allied Powers. General Ridgway took command of an Army that had suffered serious reverses and whose moral was low. His inspired leadership and indomitable spirit brought hope where there had been none before; his vigor of mind and his presence at every critical action brought success to a revitalized Army.

A short tour as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe was followed by his final assignment on active duty, as Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

Following his retirement, General Ridgway worked tirelessly in the interests of a strong national defense; he has authored numerous articles and books that have alerted this nation to the dangers of military complacency.

General Matthew Ridgway's life epitomizes

the very finest qualities of the American soldier. He was steadfast and fearless in battle, dauntless and tough-minded in the face of adversity, and always honest and perceptive in performing his duty at the highest levels of command.

Throughout a military career that brought him to the pinnacle of his profession, he was dedicated to the principles and ideals that established this great nation. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy takes pride in presenting the 1992 Distinguished Graduate Award to Matthew Bunker Ridgway, Class of 1917.

### General Andrew Jackson Goodpaster

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ments as the Senior U.S. Army Member, Military Staff Committee of the United Nations and as a member of the U.S. Delegation for Negotiations with North Vietnam in Paris. These additional duties occurred while he served full-time as Commandant of the National War College.

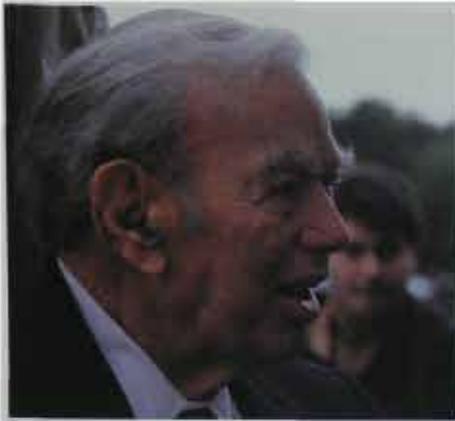
General Goodpaster was appointed Deputy Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, a position he held for one year prior to his final active duty tour as Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. His five year command of all allied forces in Europe came during a critical and unsettled period for the NATO alliance. Beset by internal problems and the threat of overwhelming superiority by Soviet and Eastern bloc ground forces, it was through General Goodpaster's decisive leadership, organization skills, and unflagging dedication

that NATO remained strong through the decade of the seventies.

In 1977, General Goodpaster was recalled to active duty to take the Superintendency of the United States Military Academy. Named by the Secretary of Defense and the Army as the one officer whose leadership ability and widely respected scholarship could resolve the problems troubling the Military Academy, General Goodpaster once again answered his country's call to duty. His four years as Superintendent at West Point were marked by a resurgence of the values that have ever maintained the U.S. Military Academy premier among universities and military colleges worldwide.

Among his many decorations, General Goodpaster was awarded the Army, Navy, and Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, two Defense Distinguished Service Medals, two Legion of Merits, and the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. In 1984, President Reagan presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to General Goodpaster.

The Association of Graduates echoes the words of President Reagan in stating that General Goodpaster's work over a selfless career of public service has made a measurable contribution to the security and freedom of the United States and to the cause of peace. General Goodpaster's professional life has epitomized the words of the West Point motto: "Duty, Honor, Country." Accordingly, the Association of Graduates takes pride in presenting the 1992 Distinguished Graduate Award to Andrew J. Goodpaster, USMA Class of 1939.



(U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard M. Arndt)

# General James Van Fleet Turns 100

By Staff Sgt. Richard M. Arndt  
USMA Academy Relations NCOIC

**P**olk City is an unlikely place for college students to spend spring break. A drive through the center of the tiny Florida community takes about 30 seconds—just long enough to see the dozen or so businesses and town buildings that make up the “downtown” area.

Nevertheless, the small central-Florida town was host to 23 USMA cadets and an estimated 1,500 visitors who filled the

their reasons for participating in the ceremony were similar.

“I thought it would be a good experience to see General Van Fleet,” said Cadet Justin Perusek. “I’m interested in military history, and he’s been a part of some of the most important moments in our military.”

Cadet Brett Smith said he thought the cadets’ presence at the ceremony was vitally important. “General Van Fleet has seen a lot of things change over his lifetime, but the Academy and its cadets are among the few things that stay the same,” he said.

For Cadet Keith Gallew, the chance to

Van Fleet has shown to his country.

“We wanted to show him that we appreciate his efforts. A 100th birthday is a momentous occasion, and reason enough to celebrate in itself, but even more, we’re here out of respect for what he’s done in the past. Everything that we aspire to be, he’s already done. It’s the epitome of the Long Gray Line. It’s a family, a brotherhood of sorts. Just because you graduate doesn’t mean you leave that family.”

While the cadets represented the newest strands to be woven into the Long Gray Line, they weren’t the only members of that line to honor Van Fleet. The Associa-



Cadet Keith Gallew presents GEN. (Ret.) James A. Van Fleet with a proclamation from West Point honoring Van Fleet’s 100th birthday. The presentation was part of the general’s birthday celebration held in Polk City, FL. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard M. Arndt)

community’s Freedom Park 19 March to wish a happy 100th birthday to one of USMA’s oldest living graduates—General (Ret) James Alward Van Fleet, Class of 1915.

The cadets converged on Polk City from various locations in the south, where they were spending their spring break leaves. While they came from different locations,

take part in the celebration was an honor. “It’s really a once-in-a-lifetime deal,” he said. “It’s a chance to meet a general who’s done so much for his country, and who epitomizes what we’re going to West Point for.”

Cadet James Ward said that what drew him to the ceremony was the desire to show his appreciation for the dedication



Gen. (Ret.) James A. Van Fleet gestures during his birthday celebration in Polk City, FL. Van Fleet was 100 years old on 19 March. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard M. Arndt)

tion of Graduates of West Point, represented by Association President Denis F. Mullane, honored Van Fleet with the first-ever presentation of the Distinguished Graduate Award.

“This is the first time we’ve ever given this award,” Mullane said. “In the past, we’ve not had any way to recognize distinguished graduates. West Point doesn’t award honorary degrees, and graduates aren’t eligible for the Thayer Award.

“The qualifications for the Distinguished Graduate Award are that it must be someone whose accomplishments are noteworthy, and who has lived his life in

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# Fostering Lifetime Fitness in the West Pointer

by Linda G. Berman, Editor, ASSEMBLY

The seeds of lifetime health are implanted in cadets during their four years in the Corps, nurtured during their active-duty military service and sometimes even flourish upon retirement.

At West Point, the Office of the Commandant is primarily involved with the military training of cadets. As a result, the Com's office is also involved with their physical development, the aim of which is to transform cadets into officers expert in the physical training of their units and platoons. Officers are expected to train others to be physically fit, and also to maintain and promote fitness. The majority of this training occurs during the summer at Cadet Basic Training (Beast Barracks) and Cadet Field Training (Camp Buckner).

Cadet Basic Training focuses on transforming cadets from civilians into members of the military. This is accomplished, in part, by 1 to 2 hours of physical training (PT) daily, including strength and agility exercises, resistance exercises, grass drills and 1 to 3 mile runs. Beast Barracks culminates in a 10-mile hike, in full gear with a full combat load (rucksack), back to West Point from Lake Frederick. At Camp Buckner, yearlings are led by cows and firsties in athletic contests as well as daily runs.

Colonel James R. Siket, Brigade Tactical Officer, heads the Brigade Tactical Department and has responsibility for overseeing the Leadership Development branch. According to him, cadets are re-

quired to be in the physical shape necessary to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) every semester (April and August). Cadets are expected to meet the following criteria: perform 50-100 push-ups in two minutes (30-70 for women); do 70-100 sit-ups in two minutes (slightly more for women, surprisingly); and complete a two-mile run in 10.5-14 minutes (12.5-16.3 minutes for women). Although standards differ depending on gender, Colonel Siket notes that the same level of fitness is measured for both men and women, i.e., the same amount of effort is needed to pass the test.

While at the Academy, cadets must participate in some form of athletics, either at the intramural, club squad or intercollegiate/Corps Squad level. Time is allotted expressly for this purpose several hours each week. By participating in some sort of Physical Education program, all cadets are prepared for the Indoor Obstacle Course Test (IOCT) given annually to measure agility, endurance and strength.

Mr. Herb Kroeten heads the intramural athletics program through the Department of Physical Education. He oversees 16 intramural sports, including team handball, soccer, football, wrestling, boxing, basketball, swimming, rugby and more. Company teams play each other in every sport, and all cadets must participate each term unless they play varsity or club sports. By giving cadets experience in competitive sports on a team level, intramural sports

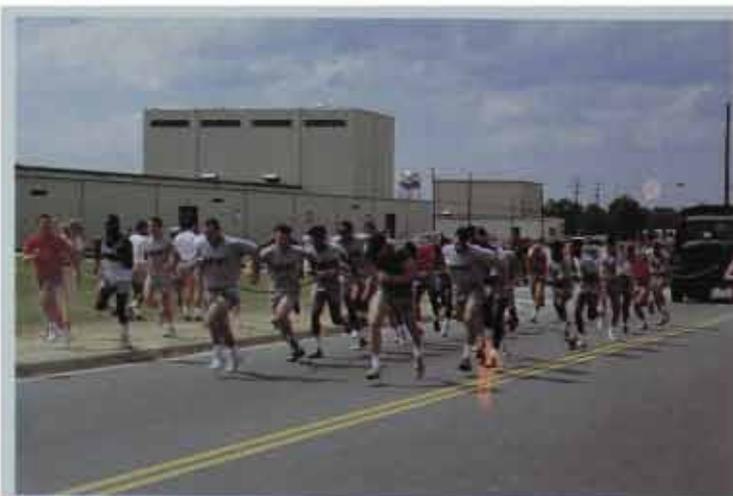
encourage teamwork and enable cadets to maintain an acceptable level of physical fitness.

Mr. Kroethen has been employed by the Department of Physical Education since 1948. Reflecting on his 44 years at West Point, he notes, "Cadets are in better shape now than they were in the beginning of my tenure, possibly attributed to more rigid physical standards. Being in physical shape contributes to the overall objective of physical development. Hopefully, when cadets leave West Point, they will be in better shape and will maintain a good level of fitness throughout their lifetimes."

Once cadets graduate and begin their active-duty service in the Army, physical fitness continues to be important. Officers continue to be tested annually on the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), now evaluated according to age group in the three categories (timed two-mile run and number of sit-ups and push-ups performed in two minutes each). According to Major Robert Smith, Division Training Officer of the 82nd Airborne (Ft. Bragg, NC), time is allotted for physical training from 0630-0800 every morning; PT may include calisthenics, upper-body strengthening exercises, weight-lifting and athletics such as softball and football. Monthly, units participate in a "ruckmarch" of 20 kilometers (12.6 miles), in full equipment and carrying at least a 35-lb. rucksack. To train for this requirement, a 6-mile march at least once each week is obligatory. In



The 82nd Airborne playing a softball game.



Members of the 82nd Airborne keeping in shape.



A Fit to Win instructor leads an aerobics class.



The skin-fold caliper test, administered by the Fit to Win program, measures body fat, one indication of physical fitness.

addition, units train for the monthly 4-mile formation run by running 4 to 6 miles/day two or three days/week. Besides keeping active-duty soldiers healthy and in good physical condition, there is a definite purpose to this regimen: "The mission of the 82nd Airborne is to be ready to go within 18 hours if necessary. Since we don't have the luxury of training time, we must be ready at all times and must have the endurance to get the job done once we're on the ground," says Major Smith.

Special programs to encourage physical fitness are offered to other members of the military across the country in non-troop assignments. In 1987, the "Fit to Win" program began. This program serves Department of the Army military personnel (both active duty and retired) and is under the administration of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The Fit to Win program was the result of an American University research staff project on corporate fitness (made possible with an Army grant). Mr. Mark Jacobs, a health educator in the Fit to Win program at the Pentagon, explains that this health promotion program is available to 8,000 people stationed at the Pentagon. In 1991 over 1,000 people were enrolled (approximately twice as many men join the program as women). Each of the 55 Army agencies in the Pentagon has a point of contact representing the project and encouraging participation. The program offers a computerized health risk assessment, which analyzes many elements of health including blood pressure and cholesterol readings. The assessment shows areas of risk, such as stress, smoking, high cholesterol, poor eating habits and excess body fat. Classes are offered in reducing stress, quitting smoking, lowering cholesterol and improving nutrition to address these areas of concern. In addition, all participants are encouraged to join Fit

to Win's exercise classes. Mr. Jacobs comments that, when participants are retested 24 sessions after their baseline evaluation, they have "improved across the boards in all areas of fitness—more muscle mass, better endurance and cardio-vascular fitness and flexibility."

Between 100 to 150 Fit to Win programs are now in existence throughout the country. Headquarters is at the Health Services Command at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and each chapter is locally funded. According to Mr. Jacobs, "The goal of Fit to Win is to increase and maintain healthy behaviors and improve total health by encouraging behavioral lifestyle changes along with regular exercise."

According to the Fitness and Health Supplement of the *Army Times* (20 April), one in six Americans plays softball, placing it at the top of a 1990 Gallup poll on sports participation. Participation in the Army is also high. At Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for example, 275 teams play in 17 men's and two women's leagues. The post's 21 fields are in constant use from May through August, says Steve Johnson, intramural sports coordinator.

On active duty, it is important to make the time to include fitness in your life. Captain M.J. Brewer, a health promotion officer at the Army's Human Resources Directorate at the Pentagon, says that, whatever the obstacle—be it bad weather, inhospitable terrain, harried schedules or traffic congestion—staying fit takes commitment. "People who are generally committed to staying fit will find a way to make personal fitness a priority because they realize the beneficial role that regular exercise plays in their lives."

Upon leaving military service, many retired officers and those who have entered the civilian workforce continue to live ac-

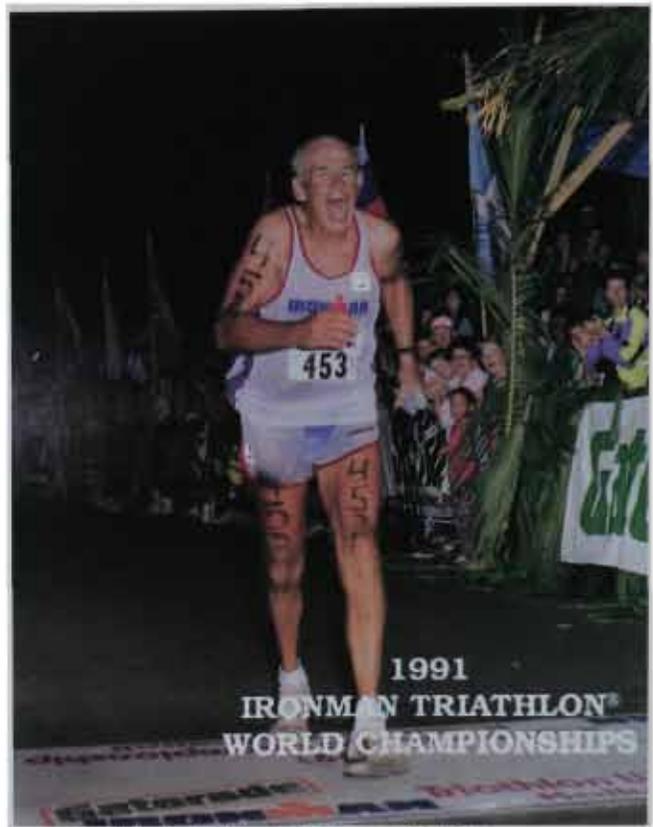
tive lifestyles. A glimpse at the class columns in *ASSEMBLY* reveals graduates playing tennis, skiing, playing golf. In the most recent issue (May 1992), two marathon runners are pictured. Their stories follow.

Colonel Cliff Riordan (Ret.), Class of 1938, retired from active duty in 1968. By 1975 he retired for the second time from the civilian workforce. At his wife's and daughter's insistence, he "fought the urge to be a couch potato" and took up running, starting gradually by running between telephone poles. By 1979 he was in good enough shape to compete in his first race. He finished the two-mile "Fun Run" in Ocala, Florida in under 19 minutes. Since then, he has consistently won races in his age group. In 1983, he won the 13th Annual Gainesville Marathon (in the 60+ age group) and, more recently, won the two Marine Corps Marathons in 1990 and 1991 (in the 75-79 age group). The nearby photo shows Colonel Riordan finishing the 1991 Marathon, a 26.2-mile run, in 5:51.26. He ran his most recent marathon with his daughter in Washington, DC on 5 April. Again he placed first in his age group (75-79), this time in the "Cherry Blossom Race." Next he plans to run in the 1992 Marine Corps Marathon in Nov.

To train for marathons, Colonel Riordan belongs to the Gainesville Health and Fitness Center and to the Florida Track Club. Through his track club, he takes running clinics on improving his form and style. He also arranged a six-person running group, and every Sunday the group runs between 10 to 20 miles. During the week, Colonel Riordan alternates shorter runs of 3 to 4 miles three days a week with swimming and weightlifting. He says, "Exercise makes me feel good about myself. Besides, I want to look good, especially for my 55th Reunion in 1993!"



Colonel (Ret) Cliff Riordan finishing the 1991 Marine Corps Marathon.



Larry Fox at the finish of the 1991 Ironman Triathlon.

Another graduate who takes fitness to heart is Mr. Larry Fox, Class of 1945. Mr. Fox recently ran his *ninth* Gatorade Ironman Triathlon World Championship, placing 4th in his age group (65+) in the 1991 event. The Ironman Triathlon, held annually on the island of Kona, Hawaii, combines a 26.2-mile marathon with a 2.4-mile swim and a 112-mile bike race. Mr. Fox completed the event in just over 16 hours. In 1990, he was the oldest American finisher of the Triathlon.

Mr. Fox retired from the military in 1965 after serving 20 years in the Infantry in various assignments and then became a high school math teacher. He also was an assistant coach in a variety of sports, including track and cross-country. Inspired by Bill Bowerman's book, *Jogging*, he joined "the California running boom" (as he describes it) with fellow co-workers and, for many years, ran in local races. In 1969 he participated in his first marathon, the "Ocean to Bay," running from Half Moon Bay to Belmont, California. Since then, he has run in over 80 marathons, including nine at Boston and twenty at Pike's Peak. His training for these events (averaging about two a year) includes swimming and bicycling three days a week.

At 69, Mr. Fox says, "I hope to participate in the 1995 Ironman Triathlon. It would be a fitting way to celebrate my 50th

anniversary of graduation from West Point!"

Graduates make fitness a part of their lives in other sports besides marathon running. Bennie L. Davis, Class of 1950, retired from the Air Force in 1985 as a four-star general. Athletic as a cadet (he was a tackle on Army's Football Team 1946-49 and was also on the Wrestling Team), General Davis committed himself to lifetime exercise after quitting competitive sports upon graduation. He reduced his weight from 235 pounds as a plebe ("heavy for a lineman") to approximately 175 by the age of 40 and has maintained this healthier weight ever since. Today, he plays golf 4 or 5 times a week, carrying his own clubs and walking 5-6 miles in between shots. He also uses a rowing machine for 20 to 25 minutes every day.

General Davis says, "I exercise for longevity; weight control; and to feel better. I have a family background of heart attacks (the men in my family died early); by exercising and eating right I have kept my cholesterol level low, my triglycerides in check and my blood pressure down."

Dave Hiester, Class of 1936, has incorporated fitness in his life for more than the past fifty years. Brigadier General Hiester's first station after graduation and commissioning in Field Artillery was at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont as Athletic Officer for the post. While issuing skis to

soldiers, officers and their dependents, he and his family also became interested in the sport; he has skied ever since.

Retiring in 1967, General Hiester returned to the West Point area in 1971 to become the assistant to the president of Ladycliff College and, within a few years, also became a West Point ski instructor. During the winter season, he gives lessons twice a week and offers "adventure training" to soldiers as well. He skis approximately four times a week (more when he visits his winter home in Stowe, Vermont) and averages between 50 and 60 ski days a year. To keep in shape between ski outings, he exercises on a Nordic Track 3 or 4 times/week. Besides the health benefits of the sport, General Hiester says that he skis "for the fun of it! I get to know my students and other skiers on the slopes (he's at the low expert level), which makes it very social. I even ski with someone who's 87—that's nine years my senior!—in Vermont."

The finest example of one who has made physical fitness a life-long pursuit is West Point's oldest living graduate, Colonel E. DeTreville Ellis, Class of 1915. At 102, he still walks 2 1/2 miles each day (outdoors if possible). He writes, "I never expected to get this old! I guess that [walking every day], and my days as a Cavalry officer and playing polo in 'the long ago' helps to 'keep me going.'" Let him serve as an inspiration to us all.

# Colonel Peter D. Heimdahl '61 Retires as Professor and Head of the Department of Civil & Mechanical Engineering

Colonel Peter D. Heimdahl, Professor and Head of the Department of Civil & Mechanical Engineering at USMA, will retire on 30 June 1992. This will bring a distinguished military career with more than 31 years of military service, 16 of which were served at West Point, to a close.

Colonel Heimdahl was born in Litchfield, Minnesota, 6 August 1939, and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1957. He graduated as a distinguished cadet in the USMA Class of 1961 and was commissioned in the Field Artillery.

He attended the Airborne School, Ranger School and Field Artillery Basic Course before being assigned to Germany, where he held various firing battery positions, including battery commander. His assignments included duty in Vietnam, Korea, Germany and the United States, and his areas of responsibility were battery and group level, including command of a Field Artillery battalion at Fort Sill, Oklahoma during 1978-79.

Colonel Heimdahl attended the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. In 1967 he received a master of science degree in Theory and Applied Mechanics and his PhD in 1969 from the University of Illinois. It was in 1969 that Colonel Heimdahl first joined the Department of Mechanics. Ten years later he was assigned as a Permanent Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanics and was appointed Professor and Head of that department in 1985. In July 1989, when the Department of Mechanics merged with the civil and mechanical engineering elements of the former Department of Engineering, he became the Head of the Department of Civil & Mechanical Engineering.

While at West Point, he has served



Colonel Peter D. Heimdahl

seven years as Professor, USMA. As head of D/C&ME, he has responsibility for two accredited majors programs and two core sequences. His accredited mechanical engineering major contains stems in aeronautical engineering, automotive engineering, energy transfer, and mechanical systems. His accredited civil engineering sequence contains a variety of courses in structural engineering, hydrology, and concrete and steel design. The success of the programs led to two flawless accreditations by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), unparalleled teaching excellence by his faculty, and the superb performance of his students in formal evaluations, such as the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Ex-

amination.

Colonel Heimdahl has directed or been involved with a wide range of Academy activities to include chairman of the Math-Science-Engineering Committee; member of the General Committee, Academic Board, Admissions Committee, Policy Board, and Curriculum Committee; officer representative of the Army Lacrosse Team (1984-87); and chairman of the Academy's first ABET Accreditation Committee (1979-82). He has played an active role in summer research programs that place cadets and faculty members in Department of the Army, Department of Defense, and Department of Energy laboratories. In addition, he has consistently taken on a major teaching load in the department, teaching such subjects as Engineering Mechanics, Statics and Dynamics, Mechanics of Materials, Elasticity, and Structural Design. He is a member of numerous educational, scholarly, and professional organizations: Phi Kappa Phi, a scholastic honor society; American Society for Civil Engineers; American Society for Mechanical Engineers; American Society for Engineering Education; Society for Experimental Mechanics; and Society for American Military Engineers. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Among Colonel Heimdahl's military decorations are the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Services Commendation Medal.

Colonel Heimdahl and his wife Pat, also of Minnesota, plan to live in Menomonie, Wisconsin following retirement. Colonel Heimdahl has a position with the University of Wisconsin at Menomonie as Professor and Associate Dean. They have two children: a daughter, Warrant Officer 1 Dana, and a son Peter.

# The Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force Graduates Questionnaire

Last fall, MG (USAFR Ret) Wendell B. Sell '40, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association, suggested that the AOG investigate a possible problem that had come to his attention in his many contacts with USMA graduates who served—and are serving—in the Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force. As Wendell Sell saw it, “. . . there has been criticism that Air Force graduates have been somewhat ignored by the AOG.” The President approved the project, and the AOG staff prepared and mailed a questionnaire to all Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force graduates for whom the Association has good addresses. A total of 3,081 questionnaires were mailed out, and replies were received from 1,590 graduates. This response of 51.6% was gratifying.

Wendell Sell died on 17 January 1992 before he could see the results of his efforts. The Association is grateful to him for his initiative in identifying a source of concern to many graduates and for his generosity in personally paying for the printing and mailing of the questionnaire.

The purpose of this article is to report the results of the survey.

In reviewing the statistical answers to the questions, please note that the various replies to each query do not necessarily add up to 1,590, the number of graduates who sent in questionnaires. Some respondents did not answer all of the questions; and some gave more than one answer to multiple-choice questions. The survey, with number of replies to each question indicated beside the various choices, is shown in the box accompanying this article. Also, please accept our apologies, in advance, for referring to the Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force graduates who replied to this survey by the generic term: “Air Force grads,” done for ease in reading.

From Question 1, almost half of the respondents believe we show more concern for Army than Air Force graduates. A few individuals commented that we shouldn't worry about the situation: West Point is basically an academy for Army officers, most of the graduates were commissioned in the Army, so greater concern for Army grads is reasonable and normal.

The answers to Question 2 told us that 85% of our Air Force grads still have strong or average ties to their alma mater.

The few that reported weakened ties said it is due to a career of service with few, if any, connections to the Army or West Point. The majority were aware of our “Flight Memorial” fund-raising project; and over half contributed to it.

In retrospect, perhaps we could have done a better job when we worded Question 5. It appears that a significant number of Air Force graduates do belong to a West Point society. One-third said they don't know of a society in their area, or said they don't belong. In Questions 6 and 7, we continued to ask about our Air Force graduates' relationships with West Point societies. Over half of the respondents do attend Founders Day dinners and 25% attend every year, if they can make it. Locations are about evenly divided between Army posts, Air Force bases and civilian facilities.

We believe that the next two questions, Questions 8 and 9, are very important. Some 84% of those replying indicated they subscribe to *ASSEMBLY* magazine. This shouldn't be taken as representative of the entire body of Air Force graduates, since there is probably a strong correlation between subscribers (graduates interested and concerned about West Point and their class) and those 51.6% who returned the questionnaire. Nevertheless, 84% subscribers is an encouraging response!

*ASSEMBLY* magazine is the primary means of communication between the Association and its members. Therefore, Question 9, asking Air Force grads how they would rate *ASSEMBLY* coverage in both articles and class notes, is significant. A few graduates (181) said they don't read *ASSEMBLY*. Of the 1,337 who *do* read the magazine, 17% said the coverage is excellent, and another 63% said it was average and had no complaints. With 80% of our respondents indicating satisfaction with the magazine, we should be pleased. However, 20% of the replies believe our coverage of Air Force matters is poor and that Air Force grads are slighted. Of those who added a comment, almost all praised our Class scribes and made a point of saying the scribes are even-handed in dealing with Army and Air Force grads and always make an effort to include Air Force grads in class columns. And, in fact, five of our scribes did serve in the Air Force. *But*, the comments of the 20% who believe *AS-*

*SEMBLY* coverage is poor all suggested more articles on the contributions USMA graduates have made in establishing and developing the United States Air Force, the role played by West Point graduates in strategic and tactical air warfare and the contributions of our graduates in founding and nurturing the Air Force Academy.

In Question 10, we asked how often Air Force graduates return to West Point for reunions. An encouraging 50% come to class reunions, and another 35% return occasionally. Only 15% never return to West Point for a reunion.

Before opening up the forum to comments, we asked the key question—do you think relations between the AOG (and West Point) and Air Force grads need to be improved? Over two-thirds of the respondents said NO. Yet, while only one-third saw a need for improved relations, over half of the 1,590 graduates who replied to the survey gave us comments on the three discussion questions we added at the end of the questionnaire. The questions were:

—If improvement is needed, in your opinion, what are the areas that need the most attention?

—What can we, in the AOG, do to improve communications between the Military Academy, the AOG and our Air Force grads?

—Any further comments?

We were surprised at the number of graduates who made comments. These comments were obviously the result of serious reflection: they were pithy, incisive, interesting and thoughtful. Many graduates wrote more than one page, often placing their comments in an historical perspective. Here are the major points that were made.

*What perception?* Many respondents who believe no problem exists wonder what all the concern is about. They said that they always have been treated just like their Army classmates; being in the Army Air Corps or Air Force had not diminished their loyalty to their alma mater. One retired general officer said, “A grad is a grad is a grad! Why should the service make a difference any more than being a civilian or retiree?” These replies often thanked us for our concern, but said we were wasting our time on a non-issue.

*West Point Societies.* The suggestion

was made that our societies could make a strong effort to include Air Force grads in their activities. "Why not have each Army grad contact an Air Force grad in his area and invite him?" suggested one of our respondents. A few graduates commented that they sometimes feel like an outsider at Founders Day gatherings; and that the function was considered by the organizers to be an "Army" function. Another opinion expressed was that communication is a two-way street; and Air Force grads should be more active in joining societies and participating in society functions.

*Articles in ASSEMBLY recognizing the Air Force.* The majority of those who commented pointed out that ASSEMBLY should recognize the achievements of our graduates in establishing the Army Air Corps and the United States Air Force. Suggested topics included historical articles on the Army Air Corps; articles on the development of air power through all of our major conflicts; and biographical articles on the pioneer airmen who have led our nation's air forces.

*It's too late!* Several alumni said that the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates have waited too long. West Point has not commissioned graduates in the Air Force for many years and the number of Army Air Corps and Air Force graduates is becoming fewer every year. One graduate told us, "You should have thought of this about thirty years ago!"

*The Flight Memorial.* There were many criticisms of the Flight Memorial project. Some comments: (1) The opinion and views of Air Force grads were not solicited in the design of the project; (2) the memorial for H. H. Arnold '07, an auditorium named for him in a building named for someone else at West Point, is "...scant and grudging appreciation" for his accomplishments; (3) the Military Academy has not erected a statue in memory of Arnold, the only graduate to achieve five-star rank in both the Army and the Air Force, indicative of the fact that Air Force grads are consciously slighted or ignored at West Point; (4) the AOG received some very bad advice as to what form the memorial should take and the resultant statue is not appropriate; and (5) "Contribution to Flight" sounds like a NASA engineering award!

*Recognition!* Our questionnaire touched a responsive chord in many graduates. The inescapable conclusion is that a lot of Air Force grads were glad to have an opportunity to express their opinion on a subject of deep and lasting concern to them. Here are some additional remarks that carry the flavor of all:

#### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AIR CORPS AND U.S. AIR FORCE USMA GRADUATES

Q. 1. How would you describe your feelings about the concern shown for Air Force grads by the Association of Graduates (and West Point)?	Choice	Number Checked
	a. Strong concern for Air Force grads	32
	b. No difference between concern for Army & Air Force grads	805
	c. Slightly more concern for Army grads	391
	d. Definitely more concern for Army than Air Force grads	295
Q 2. How would you describe your own ties and affinity to West Point?		
	a. Strong	622
	b. About average	687
	c. Weak	237
Q 3. Are you aware of the recently completed fund raising effort of the AOG to honor graduates of the Military Academy who have served in some capacity in flight?		
	a. Yes	1079
	b. No	473
Q 4. If "YES", did you contribute to the financial success of this \$850,000 project?		
	a. Yes	608
	b. No	589
Q 5. Which statement (s) best describe your relationship with West Point Societies?		
	a. I am a member of a West Point Society	618
	b. I am not a member of a West Point Society	379
	c. I am a member of a society, but I rarely attend society meetings	445
	d. I have never been approached by a West Point Society, but there is one in my present area	19
	e. I know of no society in my area	128
Q 6. How often do you attend Founders Day Dinners at a West Point Society?		
	a. I attend every year if I can possibly make it	424
	b. I attend occasionally	442
	c. I rarely or never attend	688
Q 7. At what type of facility?		
	a. Army Post	423
	b. Air Force Base	305
	c. Civilian restaurant	485
	d. Not applicable - I don't attend	402
Q 8. Do you subscribe to ASSEMBLY magazine?		
	a. Yes	1306
	b. No	240
Q 9. In your opinion, how effective is ASSEMBLY in covering Air Force grads in articles and in your class notes?		
	a. Very effective - excellent coverage	226
	b. Average - no major complaints	846
	c. Poor - Air Force grads are slighted	265
	d. Don't know - seldom read ASSEMBLY	181
Q 10. Do you return to West Point (or plan to return) for your class reunions?		
	a. Yes	781
	b. Occasionally	540
	c. No, never return	227
Q 11. Do you believe relations between the AOG (including the Military Academy) and Air Force grads need to be improved?		
	a. Yes	439
	b. No	939

"...Recognize that we exist! And pay tribute to our achievements!"

"...The Academy and the AOG usually act as though Air Force graduates don't exist, except when soliciting money!"

"...Tell the cadets that those who flew

contributed something that they can be proud of, and maybe our younger grads are unaware of the contribution West Pointers have made to the Air Force."

"...In varying degrees of subtlety, those Graduates who remained on the ground

have impressed on those of us who flew that we are somehow not real members of the Club. . .like all inter-service rivalries, the whole matter is ridiculous, but I doubt if any directives or actions...are going to change it. . .Be of good cheer; in another thirty or forty years, all of us mavericks who went by air will be dead!"

One graduate placed the issue in perspective with these thoughts:

"The former Air Cadets all recognize the fact that, since 1947, we have served in a separate service and that the USMA is an Army institution. However, for the vast majority of 'blue-suit' West Pointers, USMA is still our Alma Mater. The feelings for 'our school' run deep, and we want to be remembered, recognized and acknowledged as paid-up members of The Long Gray Line.

"The Academy classes which provided graduates to the Air Force, and the numbers involved are a matter of record. This matter will resolve itself actuarially some time in the early 21st Century. In the meantime, however, I believe that 'the problem' can and should be handled very easily.

"Personally, I feel the majority fall in the

category that feel ignored and overlooked by the Academy and the AOG, except when fundraising is involved.

"With this group as target, it becomes very easy for the Academy and the AOG to fix 'the problem.' Starting with the Academy reunions, homecomings and similar graduate gatherings should include the type of recognition given to the Class of 1946 at their Alumni Parade last September.

"The Air Force members were recognized in the remarks of the parade announcer, and the Air Force Song was played at the Pass in Review march.

"The Superintendent and other Academy officials who address the alumni gatherings should remember to acknowledge Air Force members in their remarks. This is important!

"The AOG can best help by publishing more articles which pertain to the history, tradition and personal achievements of USMA graduates who served in the Air Corps/ Air Force. We are proud of West Point, and we are proud that West Point has contributed so much to the Air Force. It's only natural that we should expect that West Point should reciprocate by recog-

nizing, with equal pride, these contributions - and us."

The suggestion was made that the AOG insure adequate Air Force representation on our staff, Board of Trustees and various committees. As of this date, none of the AOG executive staff were commissioned in the Air Force; however, four of the 36 serving trustees-at-large were commissioned in the Army Air Corps or the Air Force.

The AOG believes this survey served a worthwhile purpose, and that there are actions that can be taken to strengthen the ties that bind together all of our graduates. In the area of reunions at West Point, society activities, representation on boards and committees, recognition in *ASSEMBLY* through appropriate articles, and by making our young graduates and cadets aware of their heritage, we can make a difference.

On behalf of the President of the Association and everyone on our staff, we are grateful to the time and effort our Air Force graduates gave us in presenting their forthright opinions. We'll take your guidance and advice to heart!

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# Stewart Field [is Fifty!]

**A**ugust 25, 1942—red letter day in the history of the United States Military Academy.

On that day, USMA started basic flying training for 269 second class cadets at Stewart Field, 15 miles northwest of West Point, New York. The men who qualify will graduate with wings as 2nd Lieutenants in the Army Air Corps.

At Stewart Field, Air Cadets of the Military Academy will eventually receive both basic and advanced flying instruction. Although not immediately contemplated, it is reasonable to suppose that Stewart will one day also offer the primary training now given the cadets at Army Air Force schools throughout the country.

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The second classmen, for instance, reported on 25 August from some 35 different primary schools across the breadth of the nation. One hundred ninety-four members of the First Class are at this writing taking their basic training at such fields as Randolph, Gunter and Shaw, and will not return to West Point in all probability until December.

Coincident with the starting of the vast flying program at the Academy, the Field, still under process of construction, was formally dedicated. Some 10,000 persons gathered at the Field to witness the brief but impressive ceremonies, at which Major General Francis B. Wilby, Superintendent of the Academy, and Colonel John M. Weikert, commanding officer of Stewart Field, spoke.

[The] decision to introduce flying training at the Academy was made less than a year ago in order to give the rapidly-expanding Air Forces the benefits of West Point training for many of their future leaders.

“This decision, in my opinion,” said General Wilby in his dedicatory address, “was one of the most momentous decisions in the history of the Military Academy, if not in the life of our nation.”

Pointing out that “the airplane has revolutionized methods of warfare,” General Wilby said:

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**Stewart Field cadets would be trained “to meet and prevail over the best that the ruthless Axis partners can send against them. Their wings will carry the hope of the United Nations,” he [Colonel Weikert] said.**

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“... I am thankful that from this day on, all of us here at the Military Academy, in the academic departments, the tactical department or in the Corps of Cadets, whether flyers or non-flyers, will have the benefits of contact with, or instructions in, the latest and one of the finest and best flying schools in America—Stewart Field.”

Colonel Weikert accepted from General Wilby a plaque commemorating the official dedication of the field and told the audience that at Stewart Field cadets would be trained “to meet and prevail over the best that the ruthless Axis partners can send against them. Their wings will carry the hope of the United Nations,” he said.

Immediately after the conclusion of the ceremonies, which were broadcast over a nation-wide network by the Mutual Broadcasting Company, 48 basic training planes roared from the field in mass flight.

The City of Newburgh, for as long as 14 years, had been interested in an airport. A long series of maneuvers led finally to the offer from the late Samuel L. Stewart to donate approximately 222 acres on the Cohecton Turnpike for a municipal airport. November of 1930 saw the first actual construction of the airport as a municipal enterprise.

Through work-relief agencies the port was slowly developed until the winter of 1934, when Major General William D. Connor, Superintendent of USMA, began a search for possible sites for a training field.

On 28 October 1935, the Newburgh City Council deeded Stewart Field to the Federal government and in January 1936, the War Department sponsored a bill to authorize the acceptance of Newburgh's offer of its field for West Point training. The measure was approved by Congress and signed by the President in May. September brought War Department acceptance of the title.

Work continued slowly through the years but, when over 1,200 acres had been acquired and the green signal go given,

work was moved into high gear and will continue until the project is completed. First regular instruction of USMA cadets began on 19 September 1941 with classes in flying, engineering and operations. Then on 29 October, the Stewart Field lands were finally and definitely made part of the Academy with the exchange of the city's deed for a U.S. Treasury check of \$1.

Eventually more than 2,000 officers and enlisted men will make up the personnel of the Field. Already a number of the eventually-more-than-100 Georgian-type buildings at the great flying field are occupied, and the remainder are moving nearer completion daily. In these buildings flying instructors, ground crews, maintenance and administrative personnel will live, mess and pass their leisure hours.

Each school squadron of some 200 men has been assigned a complete unit of six buildings; in each unit there are three barracks, a mess hall, a recreation building, and an administration-supply building. Complete in every detail, Stewart Field has its own theatre building, post office, headquarters building, chapel and a complete automatic-dial telephone system.

Besides Stewart Field, three auxiliary airports, all in the immediate vicinity, are under construction. These are at Montgomery, Galeville and New Hackensack and have a combined area of 1,433 acres. They will be used almost exclusively for practice takeoffs and landings.

Although the Field probably will not be completed for a year, the intensive training program for the Cadets will not suffer or be delayed. Air Cadets are transported to and from West Point in large olive drab buses for each day of instruction. Regular academic and tactical courses are received at West Point with the remainder of their non-flying classmates.

Flying training is elective at the Academy, but rigorous physical examinations reduce the number of cadets who take the course. At present the percentages of cadets taking flying are as follows: 1st class, 43%; 2nd class, 45% (third and fourth classes have not as yet been given the opportunity to elect).

The Army Air Force Basic-Advanced Flying School, USMA, at Stewart Field, is commanded by Colonel John M. Weikert as Commandant, has as its director of training, Colonel James R. Andersen. The Ground School section is under the direction of Lt. Col. L. I. Davis, and Lt. Col. Benjamin Webster is director of flying.

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# MORE TO THE POINT

By Colonel George S. Pappas (Ret.), USMA 1944

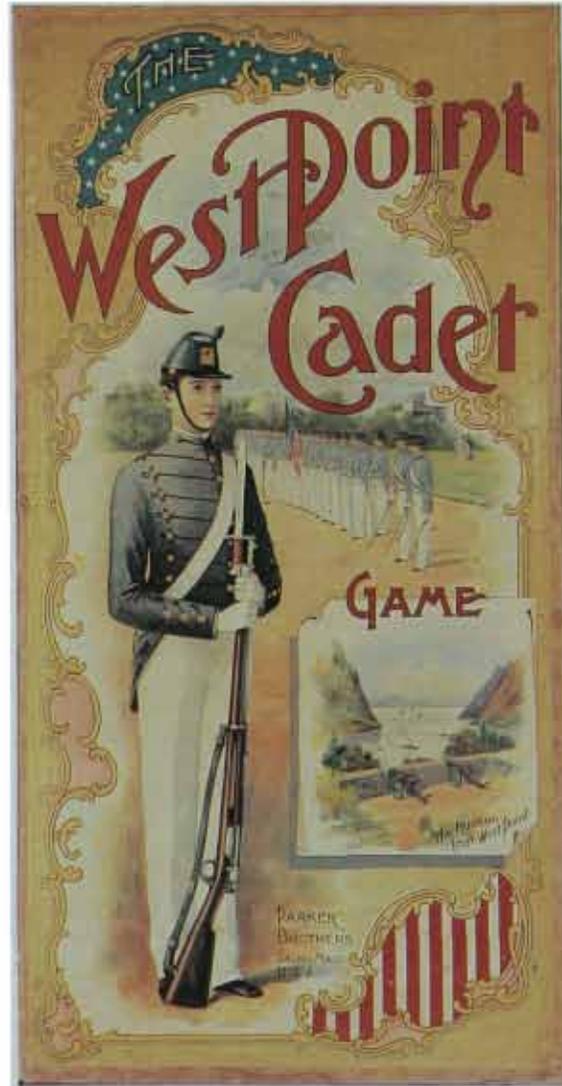
The USMA Library Special Collections Division is a gold mine for a researcher and a treasure trove for the interested browser. One can find original, prime-source materials from the Revolutionary War period to the present time. Letters, diaries, unpublished memoirs, scrapbooks and official documents present a vivid first-hand portrayal of West Point history and the contributions of the Army to the development of the Nation. Old drawings and maps—many drawn by cadets and faculty members—are supplemented by thousands of photographs from 1854 to date. The majority of these materials were donated by graduates and friends of the Academy; some have been purchased with the support of the Friends of the USMA Library. Special Collections also possesses an extensive collection of published materials and maps dating from the 16th Century. Many of these rare materials were once used for curricular support.

One is surprised by some of the items included in Special Collections. One of unusual and particular interest is a forerunner of the 50-year-old, ever-popular Parker Brothers game, Monopoly: the West Point Cadet Game. The date the game was produced is not known, but it must have been in the 1890s, judging from the cadet and officer uniforms shown on the game board and its cover.

The cover features a cadet private in full dress parade uniform. He wears a single belt over his shoulder—this was regulation at that time; the familiar cross belts were not used until after 1900; his rifle is still the shiny-metal musket of the period; and his shako is the ancestor of the present full dress hat. Behind him is the color company formed to march to parade. In

the background are the domed Library and the old Academic Building. An insert shows the view up the Hudson from the siege battery below Trophy Point. Some artistic license was taken in drawing this sketch because the walled revetments did not actually exist.

The game board is interesting. Two officers, in full dress uniform and plumed



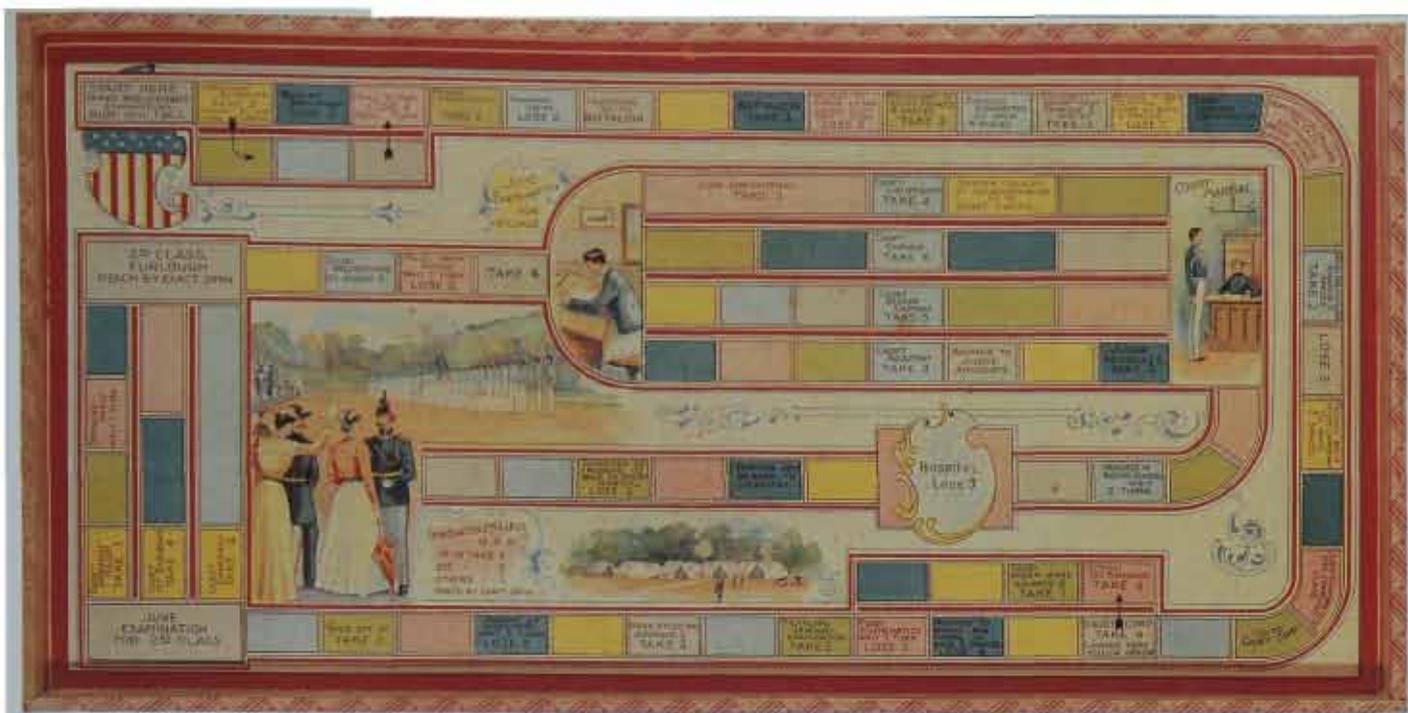
helmets, and their ladies watch the Corps at parade. One inset portrays a cadet in the Drawing Academy, dressed in proper uniform: dress coat and white trousers. Another has a cadet reporting to his "tac" in his office. A third inset is a scene of old summer camp on Fort Clinton parapet.



The game plan was relatively simple and used the normal course a young cadet followed during his years in a gray uniform. Each player had a different colored counter, a wooden piece resembling the pawn in a simple chess set. Players were issued "checks," colored disks totaling ten points: white checks were worth one point; blue, two; and red, three. Checks not issued to players were placed in a "pool" corresponding to the "bank" in the Monopoly game. Each player spun the arrow on a "spinning indicator" with stop-values from one to seven to determine how far he could move. One wonders why dice were not used—but it was probably fortunate that they were not, because cadet regulations prohibited their possession.

Each player progressed through the steps taken by a newly-appointed cadet until his graduation four years later. To begin the game, a player had to spin a "one," which would qualify him for an alternate appointment; or a "two" to receive a principal appointment. Higher numbers could not be used on the first spin. If a counter landed on a space marked "take," he was given additional checks from the pool; if the space landed on indicated "give," the player paid the checks to the pool. For example, landing on the space "passed [entrance] examination" awarded 2 checks while the space "failed examination" required the loss of 2 checks. Spaces costing a player included: awkward squad, talking in ranks, smoking, and refusing to obey an order of the corporal of the guard.

Even worse, landing on "dismissed on failing to pass examination" [this must be the first January exam] sent the player back



to start over—a "tumback." There also are positive spaces on the board enabling the player to receive checks: soldierly deportment; good "draughtsman;" promoted to cadet corporal, sergeant, or officer; pass yearling January exams; and good recitations. Landing on some squares resulted in losing spins for delinquencies, time in the hospital, or even a court martial for insubordination. Players had to spin the exact number required to land on "2nd Class Furlough" in order to move on through Cow Year.

Eventually, players ended up—hopefully—on the last square, "Graduates and 2nd Lieut.," and received their final reward checks: first man there was given five checks; the second, three; and all others, one. Winner was the player who had the most checks when the game was over.

Objectively, one must admit that the Cadet Game does not compare well with

Monopoly. It does, however, typify the Parker Brothers games of that period and those used into the 1920s and 1930s. Games of increased difficulty began to appear in the early 1940s; Monopoly, of course, is the prime example. And then there is the latest trend to games replicating TV quiz shows, such as Trivial Pursuit and Jeopardy.

Thus far I have not found any reference to the Cadet Game in reading cadet letters and diaries. There are many references to chess, "draughts" [checkers], and backgammon. All of these were authorized at various periods, but "card playing" was prohibited. Who initially purchased this game is unknown; Special Collections was able to obtain it with assistance from the Friends of the Library. The game is in mint condition, its colors unfaded, and the counters and checks are still in the cello-

phane bag provided by the manufacturer. This game provides a bit of information to the researcher not found elsewhere. The use of cadet terminology indicates that Parker Brothers must have had some advice from a graduate or a cadet. Can any graduates—especially Army brats who grew up during this period—provide any information about the game and when it was used?

Many thanks for the many letters about nicknames resulting from the January 1992 article. A future column will include names provided in these letters. An article on summer camp also is planned for the near future—I probably should say both "old summer camp" and Buckner. Any comments and suggestions would be most welcome, especially humorous incidents you may recall. Again, my thanks for all of your helpful letters.

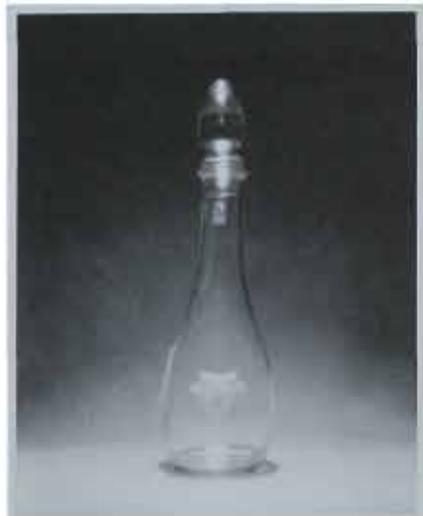
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# General Tillman Passes

It is with deep regret that the Association of Graduates learned of the passing of the Academy's oldest living graduate, General Samuel E. Tillman, on 24 June 1942. His death removes the last of several who had charge of the instruction of the cadets at the U.S. Military Academy during the closing decades of the 19th Century. Generals Pershing, Bullard, Summerall, Goethals, March, and many other Army officers who became famous in the Spanish-American War and in the World War, were among the cadets whose education was supervised by notable teachers such as Professor Tillman.

His closest interests throughout his life of almost ninety-five years had been with his beloved Alma Mater, where he taught cadets for over thirty-six years.

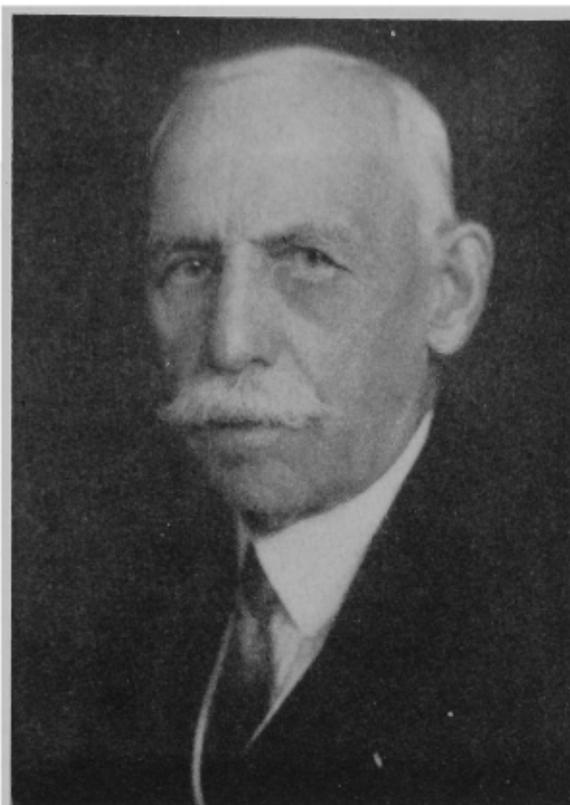
His keen insight and devotion is exemplified by the writing of an officer who was an instructor in Professor Tillman's department:

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"Theodore Roosevelt became President in September 1901. Sometime in 1902 or 1903 he advocated a complete change in the Military Academy, curtailing the Academic Course materially and practically establishing a Rough Rider institution. Practically everyone stationed at West Point was strongly opposed. Much to our surprise, there appeared in the *Army and Navy Journal* a letter from Colonel Tillman approving in detail all of the President's views. I was greatly puzzled. After a few days I could stand it no longer and visited Colonel Tillman in his office. 'Professor, I think I know your views on the Military Academy. Will you please tell me what made you write that letter to the *Army and Navy Journal*?' He pointed to a lot of letters on a nearby table and said, 'Read any one of them and you will see the reason.' I selected a letter at random. It was from one of Colonel Tillman's class-



General Samuel E. Tillman, Class of 1869.

mates and was about as follows: 'You senile old fool, what in hell are you driving at? etc, etc.' It was not necessary to read any more. I remarked, 'I understand' and left. The newspapers and the *Army and Navy Journal* were filled with letters from graduates of the Military Academy tearing Sammy Tillman to pieces. He had sacrificed his own good name and reputation for the good of the Military Academy. He knew that officers of the Army, active and retired, could not attack the President, but they could attack Sammy Tillman. The public had spoken. There was no further suggestion from the White House regarding the converting of the Military Academy into a Rough Rider institution."

Another officer writes of General Tillman at the time when the Professor taught him as a cadet:

"Professor Tillman (Sammy, as of course we cadets called him) brought to the classroom an atmosphere of great plains and mountain chains and an enthusiasm for grand scenery that he must have breathed in while on duty as a young officer as Assistant Engineer upon Explorations in Arizona and New Mexico. We soon

learned to feel great respect for his grasp of the subjects in his course and an affection which increased as the years went on, for a man we knew was just, though strict when need be, approachable at all times by those in need of help and advice, and genuinely interested in the progress of his pupils and in getting them to make the grade in the final examinations.

He would always run up the stairs of the Academic Building and was still doing it some twenty years later. He was an inveterate and, we thought, an invincible tennis player and followed keenly the advances and prowess of the Army teams in all sports as they came into fashion.

"His lifelong interest in general education of the young people of the nation before and after a West Point career is well known."

Professor Tillman retired 2 October 1911 after more than forty-four years' service. However, in 1917 when the United States entered the World War, Colonel Tillman requested active service. His mind was keen and he had kept his body exceptionally trim. The story goes that some people in Washington told him he was too old, to which he replied, "I'm the same age as Hindenburg and he seems to be doing pretty well." The results? He was not only accepted but given the distinction of being the only retired officer to be appointed as Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy. Following his retirement in 1919, Congress by special resolution authorized his promotion to Brigadier General. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Medal "for especially meritorious and conspicuous service as Superintendent, United States Military Academy, during the period of the emergency."

The name "Sammy" Tillman is familiar to hosts of Army officers who were cadets at some time during Tillman's long service at the Military Academy. His sterling honesty, his erudition, keen sense of humor and his frank, sincere manner as a teacher endeared him to generations of cadets.

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# Dances With Area Birds

by Colonel William J. D. Vaughan (Ret.), Class of 1941

**Editor's Note:**

Major General Ryder, former Commandant of Cadets, once remarked that the members of the Class of 1941 were "the worst cadets and the best officers I ever had encountered." They gained the nickname of "Black '41," perhaps because they had more slugs than any class since 1895. Despite their notorious cadet years, several graduates of '41 went on to national prominence, including Ambassador Ed Rowny, Presidential advisor on Arms Control; General George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Biss Moore, the only American to win the silver Olympian medal in Pentathlon; Brigadier General Bill Seawell, CEO of Pan American Airways; and Alexander Nininger, winner of the first Army Medal of Honor in WWII.

The following parody of the Academy Award-winning *Dances With Wolves* showcases '41's creativity and humor—not surprising for a class represented by Paul Skowronek, who joined the Alumni Exercises at their 50th Reunion via parachute! ASSEMBLY invites other classes to submit their creative works for publication.

Dear '41 Classmates:

In a recent letter to our Class scribe which later appeared in ASSEMBLY, I referred to Pete Tanous as the "Kevin Costner of '41." I did this because several



Bill Vaughan, besides being our brilliant cartoonist and wit, was an authority on walking the area. (See inset, showing him getting it done during Summer Camp.)

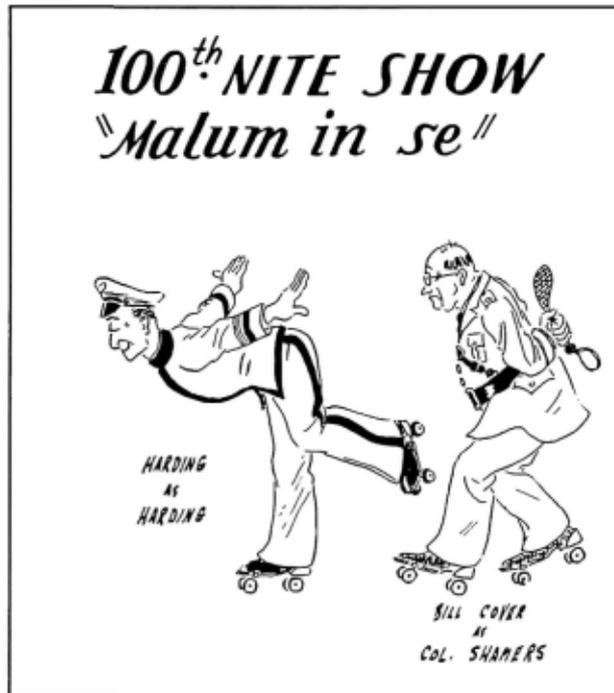
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Tom Cruise plays the young Cadet Tanous. In the film, Pete, with his innate academic brilliance, and in consultation with the King of the Area, Ralph Freese (played by Andy Rooney), realizes that the constant scuffling of the shoes on the surface of Central Area by the hundreds of cadets walking punishment tours contributes to global warming and poses a serious threat to the ozone layer over the Hudson Valley. Spurred by the head of the newly developing environmental movement (played by



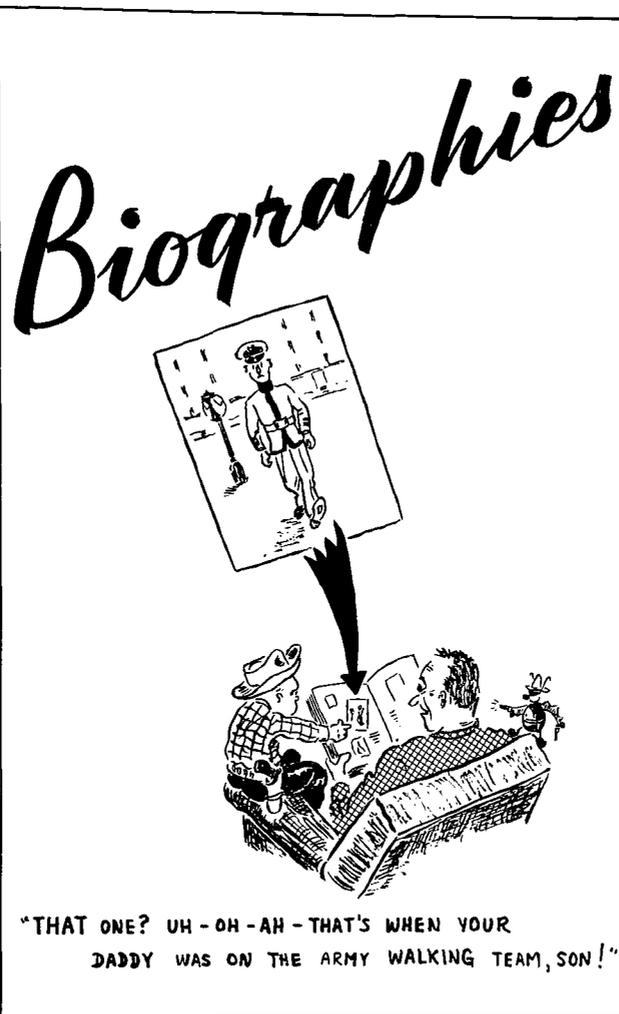
In the late '30s Lucky Strike came out with a longer cigarette. Their ads featured people from all walks of life demonstrating the added length to surprised friends, just as these Area Birds are doing. The cartoon was a winner, but Bill never got a commission from Lucky Strike.



In our fabulous 100th Night Show, Bud Harding, one of the Area Bird regulars, strongly advocated paving the area and allowing punishment tours to be rolled off, not walked off.

classmates living within the Beltway have told me that ever since Henry Kissinger moved out, Pete has been the only sex symbol left in Washington. Now, talk about coincidence; the word is out that Pete is mak-

ing a movie of his four years at West Point. The title will be *Dances with Area Birds*. Five of Pete's royal friends from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are bankrolling the project and Disney will produce the star-studded film, but Pete will be the director. Filming has already started at the Orlando Studios and will be completed at the Academy this summer. It is scheduled for release this fall. The choreographer for all dance scenes is Bud Thompson. Bud will also provide the background and theme music. Technical consultant on area walking is Jack Christensen, who says, "I walked so few hours that I obviously qualify as a consultant."



The Army Walking Team cartoon was one of Vaughan's classics. It was featured in our 15th reunion yearbook, *Black, Bald and Grey*.

cancelled. The Commandant, heeding the vehement argument of Major Danny Bowes (played by Tom Foley), disapproves and gives Pete 15 more hours for failing to go through channels.

Not daunted, Pete hopes to gain support from the Academic Board through a series of complex technical debates with P. Fenton (masterfully portrayed by that eminent Shakespearean actor, Sonny Tufts). After consulting with Joe Molecule (played by Don Parks), P. Fenton rules that Pete's concern is without merit. Now, somewhat desperate, Pete hopes to find some officers on the faculty who will help him organize a coup d'etat. He goes to the French Department; however, Big Fixe (played by Jack Nicholson) can't understand Pete's last section French and Little Fixe (played by Pee Wee Herman) has gone to the movies again, so Pete just drops the coup option.

Meanwhile, the area birds have mysteriously recruited Mrs. Roberts (played by Estelle Getty) as a consultant. She helps them integrate dance steps based on an old soft-shoe routine of Pete's into their march

back and forth across the area. Other cadets imitate the dance, it catches on, and soon whole sections are dancing rather than marching to class, meals and Chapel formations. Pete's city friends join his cause. Ed Wallnau (played by Bella Lugosi) threatens to place the Piccadilly Hotel off-limits to cadets and the Hudson River Day Line plans to cancel the weekend Ginch boats if Pete's demands are not met.

Finally, in despair, Pete writes a long letter to his girlfriend, telling of his lost cause; he puts it along with his soiled collars, cuffs and underwear into his laundry bag and sends it off to her at the Cadet Laundry. Madonna, in what could be an Oscar-winning role, is the humble laundress with a heart of gold—sort of a Cinderella of the Suds. She springs into action with the wholehearted approval of her supervisor (played by Angela Lansbury) and soon has all the girls in the laundry agreeing to go on strike unless punishment tours are cancelled. When the Officers and NCO Wives Clubs hear that the laundry may shut down and they will have to do their own laundry, they join the

striking protesters.

Faced with the mounting pressure and hostility from all sides, including his wife (played by Hillary Clinton), the Commandant finally decides to cancel all remaining punishment tours for the year; to request retirement; and then to run for President. The film ends with all the area birds and laundresses, led by Pete and Madonna, to the utter consternation of the OC (played by Dan Rather), dancing across the Plain toward Trophy Point into the sunset as the Bugler (Dizzy Gillespie) sounds Retreat.

Look out Hollywood!

### Cast of Characters

By Spiller, Troup, Christensen and Andrus.

**Pete Tanous:** One of the great personalities of the Class of 1941. Active in Color Lines, Camp Illumination and Hundredth Night Shows as a cadet, he had a definite flair for the dramatic. After a very successful active duty career, he has become the Class' leading entrepreneur as well as confidant of Ambassadors and a frequent guest at the White House.

**Colonel Charles W. Ryder:** Our highly respected Commandant of Cadets. He commanded a Division in World War II and retired a Major General.

**Ralph Freese:** Another Class character. He was the undisputed King of the Area (the man with the greatest number of punishment tours).

**Major Danny Bowes:** Unquestionably the least liked TAC in our day.

**P. Fenton:** Colonel Chauncey Fenton was Head of the Department of Electricity and Head of the Academic Board. We liked him, but he was definitely the P we most enjoyed making fun of.

**Joe Molecule:** A civilian lab assistant to Colonel Fenton. We never did learn his real name. Very knowledgeable but quite shy; he was perceived as a sort of ally of cadets, especially the Goats.

**Big Fixe:** (Note: Fixe is the French word for attention). When this gentleman visited a classroom, the instructor was seen to eject from his chair as he shouted "Fixe". Big Fixe was a retired officer from the French Army. An expert swordsman, he was rumored to have slain a man in a duel over a lady.

**Little Fixe:** A much younger French assistant.

**Mrs. Roberts:** In the late '30s dancing instruction was still compulsory during plebe summer camp. Mrs. Roberts and her henpecked husband ran the classes in hot, muggy Cullum—where you had to dance with a tentmate and qualify under her gimlet eye.

**Ed Wallnau:** General Manager of the Piccadilly Hotel near Times Square. It was the "base of operations" for most cadets in our time.

**Pete's laundress girlfriend:** In the late 30's not a few cadets corresponded with working girls in the Cadet Laundry. Furthermore, the laundry list itself sometimes contained terse communications.

**Bud Thompson and Jack Christensen** are two key players in all class activities.

**Bill Vaughan:** Unquestionably the most beloved man in the class. He was not only the most outstanding cartoonist in the Corps in our day but perhaps ever. He was one of the co-authors of our outstanding Hundredth Night Show, "Malum in Se." He had a brilliant combat record in the Infantry during his career, and he has continued to produce cartoons that capture the wonderful life that we have lived in the Service. Always in good taste, they have charmed us, taught us, and inspired us. Over the years, his artistry had made us laugh a lot and, sometimes, cry a little.

# Doubleday Society Honors Colonel Red Reeder '26

by Dennis R. Haydon '69

The Doubleday Society was founded in 1989, the centennial year of Army Baseball and the 150th year of Baseball in America, to preserve Doubleday Field. This special field, where baseball has been played at West Point since the turn of the century, represents a unique crossroads of American history. Through the legacy of General Abner Doubleday, USMA 1842, the soldierly sacrifices of the Conflict that brought us together as a Nation; and the spirit of the Game that keeps bringing us together as Americans—and which is our signature around the world—converge on a piece of “good ground.” This century-old convergence of America’s very finest traditions of

- support the basic values inherent in the Doubleday Legacy

The Society is working with the Superintendent in an effort to formalize preservation of Doubleday Field. The Society has proposed the inclusion of Doubleday Field as a designated historic site within the West Point National Landmark area and plans a major fund-raising program to support Army Baseball. The history and tradition of Doubleday Field serve as the centerpiece of this effort.

## Colonel Reeder Leads the Way

On 19 November 1991, Colonel Russell P. “Red” Reeder, USMA 1926, received the first Doubleday Society Distinguished



Colonel Red Reeder receives the first Doubleday Society Distinguished Service Award on 19 Nov 1991.

valor and sportsmanship, on the field named for the graduate who led at Gettysburg and whose name is so strongly associated with the founding of our national pastime, is symbolic. For it is there, with the Chapels, Washington, Patton, Eisenhower and MacArthur standing as sentinels, that memories for a lifetime have been, are, and will be created. It is there that Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Omar Bradley and Fred Franks have stood and said “I love America and I love baseball,” each in his own special way.

The Society’s membership now numbers in the hundreds. Its mission is to:

- support Army baseball while preserving and beautifying Doubleday Field
- maintain the history of intercollegiate baseball at West Point

Service Award for his unique contribution to the Academy and his Country—and for his unflinching personification of the Doubleday Legacy.

The inscription on the award, which is a replica of the statue of General Doubleday that stands on the battlefield at Gettysburg, reads as follows:

To Russell P. “Red” Reeder  
USMA 1926  
Athlete, Officer, Leader  
Coach, Author, Friend

In appreciation for decades of inspired service to USMA, the U.S. Army and his Country;

In recognition of a unique Army Baseball legend who, through his actions on the Baseball diamond and battlefield, and his influence upon generations of graduates,



## The Doubleday Society



has become an American Hero in his own time;

To this magnificent soldier, sportsman and friend, the Doubleday Society humbly presents this, the first Doubleday Society Distinguished Service Award.

Born as the reveille cannon fired at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 4 March 1902, Colonel Red Reeder went on to stardom on the gridiron at West Point and on Doubleday Field. The famous John McGraw of the New York Giants wanted Red in a Giant’s uniform. Losing a leg while leading his Twelfth Infantry Regiment in the assault at Normandy did not hold back this special son of West Point. Colonel Reeder became a friend, coach and mentor to generations of cadets at the Academy. He enhanced many a deficient batting swing along the way! Writing in the early morning hours like Churchill, Red Reeder authored over 30 books, including the Clint Lane series on West Point, the book *Bringing Up the Brass*, upon which the classic movie *The Long Gray Line* was based, and his superb memoirs, *Born at Reveille*.

Red Reeder has always been a visionary. At age 90, he deserves credit for being one of the first graduates to actively campaign for Doubleday’s preservation. It is fair to say that the spirit of the Doubleday Society was first kindled in the heart of this American hero.

## The Real Life “Field of Dreams”—The Legacy

But let’s go back, briefly, to where the Doubleday Legacy got its start. Back 150



The Doubleday Society Distinguished Service Award.

years to 1839—to the summer when West Point Yearling Abner Doubleday helped create what has become America's National Pastime. This game of Baseball became important to America—to Americans. The game ran deep—to the country's soul. It has, like Doubleday's Gettysburg Battle, with its heroes, its address and its cause, become a central part of the American identity. Wagner, Ruth, Gehrig, Johnson, and later Williams, Mays, DiMaggio, Robinson, Mantle and Aaron, the legends of the game, stand with Grant, Lee, Hancock and Pickett.

Jacques Barzun wrote, “. . . whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America had better learn baseball.”

Later, at West Point, in the 100th spring of baseball in America, 1939, the cadet diamond, located at or near the place where the game has been played since well before the turn of the century, was officially named. . . for the West Pointer who stands at the rallying point for two great American themes:

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### The Spirit of the Doubleday Society

The Doubleday Society brings together concerned graduates and friends of the Academy as well as followers of Army Baseball. To amplify, the formal purposes of the Society are:

- the direct support, financial and otherwise, of the West Point Intercollegiate Baseball program. The Society plans to raise a major endowment to assist in this program. The Society is confident that historic Doubleday Field will be an important part of this program
- the permanent preservation and continued beautification and enhancement of that unique playing field named for Abner Doubleday fifty years ago—Doubleday Field
- the continued maintenance and updating of the history of Army Baseball, both from a statistical as well as anecdotal perspective
- the strong and visible advocacy of the basic values inherent in the uniquely American Doubleday Legacy

### Sons of Slum and Gravy

The Society also has established the Doubleday Award which is presented annually to the graduating cadet associated with the Baseball Squad who most fully embodies the Doubleday Legacy. The recipient need not be a regular player—the cadet manager, Cadet Rob Powalski, USMA 1991, received the first Doubleday Award at the alumni game in 1991. And in

November, the special Red Reeder presentation followed.

We are pleased to present the Doubleday Society to you, our fellow graduates. We welcome all who love the Academy, and Army Baseball, to join our ranks.

Under the able leadership of Coach Dan Roberts, the Army Cadets have become a perennial power in Eastern Baseball. Each spring (and fall) the Army Team takes on the “best of the East” in the finest tradition of the Black, Gold and Gray and in a style to make us proud! The Society believes that the quality of the current program is first class (just spend a moment with some of the cadet ball players for verification) and deserves our complete support.

We solicit your membership in the Doubleday Society as well as your views on issues affecting Army Baseball. We also want to hear your stories and anecdotes about Doubleday Field and Army Baseball.

### The Future

The Society is committed to the preservation of Doubleday and what it stands for. We have requested the required planning to designate Doubleday Field as a historic place on the National Historic Register. The Society is also pleased to be working to enhance the field and its ability to support the Academy's athletic mission. For while we all recognize that times do change, there are certain traditions, ideas and places that represent touchstones—rallying points, if you will—that should endure.

Let's have a rocket for General Doubleday and his field—where the values that brought us together as a nation and the spirit of the Game that is our signature around the world converge on a piece of “good ground.” Play Ball! Beat Navy!

*Note: If you would like more information about the Society, please contact Roderic B. Vitty '55, 220 Lake Drive, East, Suite 300, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002; (609) 482-8100.*

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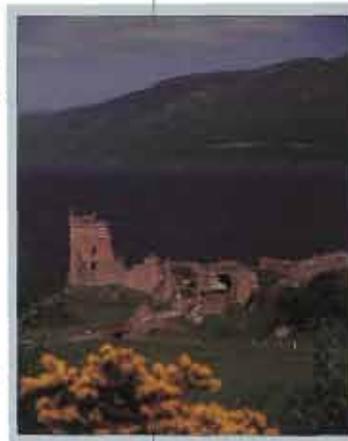
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# Getting To The First Post West Texas, 1877

By Charles R. Isleib

The new graduates of the United States Military Academy today ordinarily fly or drive to their first active-duty assignments in relative comfort and in a short time. Not so 115 years ago.

In 1877 sixty-one of the seventy-six West Point graduates were assigned to cavalry and infantry, sixteen to regiments stationed in west Texas—and Texas was truly the “Wild West” in the 1870’s. Though it had resumed statehood in 1870, Texas was impoverished and finding great difficulty in defending itself from its old enemies—marauding Indians and Mexican and American outlaws. Trouble with the Mexican nation was anticipated. Texas and the United States demanded action.

In 1874 the United States government authorized the War Department to “pacify” the Indians in Texas. Cavalry and infantry units deployed to forts in the state became increasingly effective in defending settlements against Mescalero and Lipan Apache, Kiowa, Comanche and Kickapoo raiders. And that same year the Texas Legislature authorized and funded six 75-man companies of Texas Rangers, who were to concentrate their efforts on the Mexican and Amer-

Orleans, boarded a steamship in Brashear City (now called Morgan City), Louisiana<sup>2</sup> for Galveston, Texas, then continued by railroad to San Antonio. There the Menger Hotel was a favorite stop for those awaiting the stagecoach run to their posts, and older officers amused themselves by regaling the young lieutenants with awful descriptions of what they would encounter in the future: wild animals, unfriendly Indians and stagecoach robbers.

Two of the new lieutenants, John J. Brereton and Charles J. Crane, were assigned to the 24th Regiment (Infantry), and received orders to report to their duty stations in December 1877. Brereton describes his initiation into frontier transportation and some of his first experiences at Fort Duncan and across the Rio Grande River in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico. This was the point of entry for the famous 1870 raid led by Colonel Randal Mackenzie into Mexico to punish Kickapoo, Mescalero and Lipan bands that had been raiding Texas settlements.

“I am only just recovering from the excitement attending the celebration of Christmas and New Year’s. You can im-



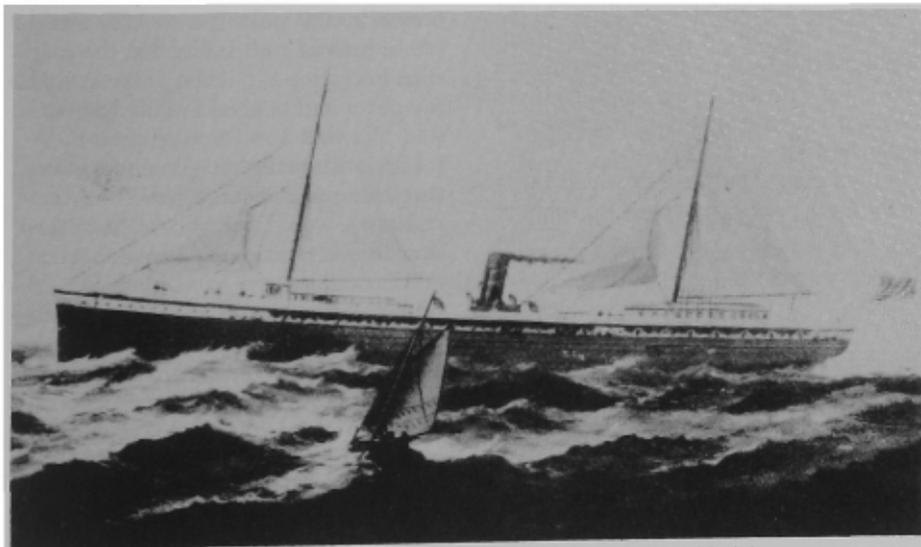
John J. Brereton

walk several miles to relieve the horses. The stage was overcrowded, there being six besides ourselves, and we found it impossible to sleep inside, while to fall asleep outside was to incur the danger of falling off, not to speak of losing your hat, which I was unfortunate enough to do.

“Until a few days ago I shared quarters—now have a room of my own, one of the best in the garrison, such as it is. I have to keep an umbrella over my head, it is true, in rainy weather, and keep a sharp eye for chunks of adobe that occasionally fall from the wall, but still it is a good room for [Fort] Duncan.

“I have twice visited the picturesque mud-pile across the river (Rio Grande) appropriately called Piedras Negras. It was quite lively over there during the Holiday ‘fiestas,’ with bull-fighting, gambling and dancing. I went across one day to look at a bullfight. The bulls were mostly cows, all nearly paralyzed from fright, and without the slightest intention of injuring any of the men who danced around them and stuck barbs into their hide at every good opportunity. The Spanish that we all neglected is of greatest importance here, and perhaps if I were to go through the course again I would not despise it as of yore.”<sup>3</sup> Lieutenant Crane had committed his first blunder as an officer en route to Fort Duncan. He had depended on the listing of post assignments as printed in the *Army and Navy Journal*, which had erred. He should have checked at the Adjutant General’s Office, where he would have found that his actual assignment was at Fort Clark, 45 miles north of Fort Duncan. Crane describes some of his observations of the trip:

“Brereton went with me, in a stage, to Eagle Pass via Fort Clark, and there



SS Louisiana, 1880. Courtesy of The Mariners Museum, Newport News, Virginia

ican bandits, outlaws and fugitive killers who infested west Texas.<sup>1</sup>

Most of the new second lieutenants assigned to Texas forts in 1877 traveled by rail as far as San Antonio and then by stagecoach to the posts that were their final destinations. Some, going via New

agine what an exciting Season it must have been in this three-company garrison, containing four bachelor lieutenants and two young ladies. We had a wretched stage journey from San Antonio, the roads being so bad that on one or two occasions we were obliged to



THE HOLD UP, Frederic Remington. Courtesy of the Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, TX.

were five other passengers besides the driver. We had the usual experience with mud and a crowded stage, but we got through all right, and at Fort Duncan I ascertained that my Company (B) was stationed at Fort Clark, through which we had just passed. While at Eagle Pass, Brereton and I went across the river (Rio Grande) to see the Mexican fiesta then going on at Piedras Negras. We witnessed several bullfights and saw other amusements offered there to draw the public. I found out that I didn't remember enough Spanish to order what we wanted to eat, and that Brereton did. But, Brereton was a wonderful linguist. At some place where we ate, and changed horses for the stage, I had heard him talking German like one of them, and I had never heard that he knew anything of that language. He said that he had studied it at school."<sup>4</sup>

Though rough, Brereton's and Crane's experiences en route to their posts were calm and quiet compared with those of classmate Henry J. Kirby, who had been posted to the Tenth Cavalry at Fort McKavett, about 75 miles north of San Antonio and 25 miles west of Menard, Texas. Just south of Menard lay Kimble County, one of the roughest and most bandit-infested areas of the state, and the hideout of Dick Dublin, one of Texas' most notorious bandits of the day, and his outlaw family.

Dublin and his gang had made a career out of stealing horses, rustling cattle and robbing stages, always hoping to get a Fort McKavett payroll or a gold shipment. Dublin's favorite spot for stage holdups was Pegleg Crossing on the San Saba River in Menard County, between the towns of Mason and Menard.

Dublin chose the stage in which Lieutenant Kirby was a passenger for robbery



Stagecoach. Courtesy of The Library of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas at the Alamo.

that night; the experience is described by the new lieutenant:

"Having heard in San Antonio of two recent murders on my road, I purchased a large revolver before leaving. Twelve miles out we met a conveyance containing the corpse of a young man who had been murdered the night before but a few miles from the road. This did not make me feel very comfortable, nor lessen my vigilance. I set out in company with Mr. Blacker, a district judge in Western Texas. At Mason we were joined by a Jew from New Orleans and still later by a blacksmith in the employ of the stage company. Feeling now quite secure, I forgot all about danger and about eleven p.m. dropped into a doze from which I was awakened by a man yelling at the driver to 'turn out from the road or he would blow his damned head off!' The judge and I were on the back seat, the Jew on the front, and our valises on the bottom. The curtain was fastened on my side, and I could only see or get out on the judge's side. Looking through the opening I saw a man about ten yards off, pointing a gun directly at the door. I seized my pistol, which I had unbuckled and laid on the seat, and offered one to the judge, asking him to use it; but he declined, saying 'There is no use; there is a large gang of them and we will all be killed if we resist.' I then offered it to the Jew, but he refused, being busy stowing away his money and, as he afterwards said, looking to see if he could jump out and run. I aimed at the only man I could see, but the judge caught my pistol and begged me not to fire. I told him that I did not propose to be robbed without fighting, but he insisted that there was a large gang and that resistance would be rashness. As by this time the only man I could have shot had gotten out of view, I concluded it would be better to surrender. The stage was driven about two hundred yards from the road, and we were ordered to get out, one at a time, without arms. As I was the last I had time to take all my money, except five dollars, and put it down my left bootleg, putting my small pistol down my right boot and my watch in the case of a pillow that was lying on the seat. As soon as I was out they took me to the rear of the coach and demanded my money. I gave them my purse, and they, finding but five dollars in it, swore that I had more money, and that if I did not tell them where it was they would blow my brains out in case they found it. They then searched me,

taking the studs from my shirt, and, not finding any money, repeated their threats. I told them they might search as thoroughly as they pleased, and suggested that they had better look in my boots, but, as I expected, they declined with an oath.

"I was then sent to join the other passengers at the head of the team, and they proceeded to search the coach, which they did so thoroughly that they found some money that the Judge had hidden in the straw, and also my watch. They cut our valises all to pieces, completely ruining them. They then searched me a second time, tearing the lining from my hat, and were about to let me go, when one of them said, 'Make the damned scoundrel pull off his boots anyway!' Now if you have never looked down the barrel of a six-shooter within a few feet of your head, I can assure you that it is not pleasant, especially when it is being held by a man whom you have no doubt will pull the trigger under certain conditions, which conditions are pretty certain to be fulfilled in the next minute or two. I made a desperate resolve that, should they find the money, I would close in with the nearest robber and sell my life as dearly as possible. I pulled off my right boot first, telling them I had a pistol in it. While they were searching this and looking at the pistol, I pulled the other boot off cautiously, pressing my heel against the roll of money, and succeeded in throwing it out on the ground, and when they looked in the boot, it was empty. Then they gave me back the small pistol."

Judge Blacker, referred to in Kirby's account, wrote the episode up for the *St. Paul and Minneapolis Pioneer* newspaper; it adds to Kirby's story:

"At Saturday morning at one o'clock, near Pegleg, I was started from an indifferent slumber in the stagecoach by the clicking of a Winchester rifle and by voices from without hallooing to the driver, 'Turn into the brush, G-d d—n you, or I will shoot the side of your face off! I will not tell you again!' At the same time I saw two men with guns, one bearing on the driver and the other pointed at the opening in the coach. There were two passengers besides myself in the coach: Lieutenant Kirby, a graduate of West Point, assigned to duty at Fort McKavett in the Tenth Infantry; the other a drummer from New Orleans. My pistol was rolled up in my blankets; the drummer had no arms, but Lieutenant Kirby was well-

heeled. We had from the time we left the road until we stopped in the brush to consider what we should do. The drummer and myself concluded that we were not in a condition to risk the fight, but the Lieutenant insisted upon a fight, not on account of the money he might lose, but on account of his profession. We overruled him and were ready to submit to the robbery when the coach stopped again in the brush, two hundred to three hundred yards from the road. One at a time was called and stepped forward, was robbed, and sent to the front of the horses. The coach was then plundered of money, jewelry and arms. Each one had hidden a portion of his money and valuables while in the stage. I threw mine in the hay in the bottom of the coach, and the lieutenant put his away in his boot. The drummer tucked his away in the top of the coach. Mine was found; the balance they did not get. The drummer delivered them thirty dollars, the lieutenant five dollars, and I twenty-five dollars. They also got the lieutenant's and the drummer's watches, which were left in the coach. While the coach was being robbed, we were all guarded, a Winchester bearing on us. The robbers—the two we saw—were men of good address and executed the robbery skillfully. They attempted no disguise, except the boss, who evidently thought I knew him; to the others he was unreserved. They talked among themselves, from which we learned that another party were to rob the down coach, and they were within supporting distance. When they commenced cutting the mail bags open, I made an appeal to them, stating that they would hardly find any money in registered letters going up the country. They cut two, however, and stopped, putting all the mail back. They then told us we could get in the coach, and not to make any noise or strike a light, and if we did they would fire on us. The down coach tumbled along in a few minutes, and we got back on the road and came along. Before we left, the Boss said 'You may tell the Menard people Dick Dublin has come back to stay a while.'

"The robbery will not net them more than three hundred dollars in money, arms, and jewelry. My first sensation was that of a bad dream, which soon vanished before a humiliating and outrageous reality. I was struck with their coolness and audacity. One thing seemed singular: they declined to touch us personally, that is, to put hands

on us in any way. They frequently threatened to kill us if they caught is in a lie, but never made any personal search. A little less than a year ago the stage was robbed on the very spot where we were robbed. Then and in this last case the intention was to rob the United States paymaster. I was impressed with the terrible earnestness with which they acted, something like that displayed by an executioner when he executes the penalty of death. I understand they did not rob the down stage. This is strange. I can only account for it on the theory that they found they would not get anything but arms, with probably some jewelry and a little money."<sup>5</sup>

It was probably fortunate that the inexperienced Kirby was dissuaded from locking these bandits in combat. Dick Dublin—"a large man, stout and of dark complexion, looking more like the bully of a prize ring than the cowman he was—" had a \$700 bounty on his head for the murders committed in 1873 and had often vowed he would never surrender. On 18 January 1878 a detachment of Texas Rangers, scouting through the headwaters of the South Llano River, surprised Dublin in the evening dusk at a neighbor's ranch house. Warned at the last minute, Dublin exited the cabin running, followed by the Rangers. In the ensuing gunplay the outlaw was killed. The \$700 reward was conditioned on Dublin's "capture and conviction," so it was never collected.<sup>6</sup>

Such were the adventures of newly-commissioned second lieutenants en route to their first posts in the Wild West Texas a hundred and fifteen years ago.

The author wishes to thank Judith A. Sibley, Special Collections Librarian, and Alan Aimone, Chief, Special Collections, USMA Library for making the letters which form the basis of this article available to me.

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# Partners With West Point: How Businesses Help

This year corporations, foundations, and local businesses provided 8% of the contributions to the West Point Fund. Table 1 compares donations received during this fiscal year (1 April 1991 - 31 March 1992) with support given during the past two years.

West Point received a total of \$686,372 from these sources, a decrease of \$1,222,904 from last year's total of \$1,909,276. Since corporate contributions tend to increase or decrease in relation to the current economic climate, this decrease was not unexpected. Nonetheless, gifts from corporations and foundations significantly enhanced the quality of the West Point experience.

Matching Gifts	No. Of Gifts	Amount Received
FY '90	675	\$ 155,431
FY '91	665	\$ 169,130
FY '92	724	\$ 233,022
<b>GRANTS</b>		
FY '90	18	\$1,792,222
FY '91	14	\$1,734,246
FY '92	24	\$ 449,200
<b>LOCAL BUSINESSES</b>		
FY '90	41	\$ 6,105
FY '91	41	\$ 5,900
FY '92	29	\$ 4,150

Name	Amount Received	Purpose
Atwater Kent Foundation	\$2,500.00	Crew Team
Avery Publishing Group, Inc.	6,370.21	CLIO Fund
Chevrolet Motor Division	1,000.00	Most Valuable Player/Cadet Education
Coors Brewing Company	2,500.00	Class of 1962's gym project
Adolph Coors Foundation	10,000.00	Class of 1962's gym project
Holocaust Education Foundation	6,500.00	Cadet Education
Interactive Development Environments	1,500.00	Cadet Education
Jewish Community Foundation	1,000.00	Class of 1950
McDonnell Douglas Foundation	5,000.00	Cadet Education
Military Education Foundation	50,000.00	Cadet Education
W.H. Morrison Company, Inc.	1,301.24	Crew Team
John M. Olin Foundation	170,000.00	Olin Professor & Lecture Series
OMNI Travel	4,109.63	Cadet Activities
The Frank Pace, Jr., Foundation	1,000.00	General Unrestricted
Pfizer, Inc.	1,000.00	Debate Team Endowment
Primages, Inc.	3,500.00	Faculty Research
Procter & Gamble	5,000.00	Cadet Education
Rockwell International Corporation	1,000.00	Cadet Education
Sun Microsystems, Inc.	73,280.00	Cadet Education & Faculty Research
Texas Microsystems	2,000.00	AOG Operations/Societies
United Technologies	10,000.00	Cadet Education
University Microfilms International	27,138.68	Faculty Research/
USAA	62,500.00	Faulkner Concordance
J.W. & Ethel I. Woodruff Foundation	1,000.00	Alumni Center Unrestricted

**Grants:** Several corporations and foundations were generous to West Point during FY '92. The John M. Olin Foundation provided a grant for the Olin Professor and Lecture Series in National Security Studies. The Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science received grants of computer equipment and software from Sun Microsystems Inc., for cadet education and faculty research. The Military Education Foundation made a

gift to the Department of Social Sciences for cadet education. USAA provided a grant for the new James K. Herbert Alumni Center. Table 3 lists the grants for this fiscal year.

**Matching Gifts:** Over 1,000 companies match their employees' contributions to educational institutions. This year, 724 of our graduates and friends took advantage of this pro-

Corporation/Foundation	No. of Gifts	Amount Received
Allied Signal Aerospace Co.	8	\$1,000
American Home Products Corp.	2	1,600
Amoco Foundation, Inc.	4	1,030
Arco Foundation	4	1,050
Ashland Oil Foundation, Inc.	1	2,000
AT&T Foundation	13	2,737
Boeing Company	9	1,650
Boston Edison Foundation	1	1,000
Burlington Northern Foundation	2	1,200
Con Edison Company of NY, Inc.	4	1,150
Dean Witter Financial Services	1	1,375
Duke Power Company	4	1,500
Dun & Bradstreet Corporation	7	14,100
Emerson Electric Company	1	4,000
Empire City Subway Company	1	1,000
Equitable Life Assurance Soc.-US	2	1,750
Exxon Education Foundation	16	6,330
FMC Corporation	9	3,036
Ford Motor Company	19	6,650
General Dynamics Corporation	11	3,600
General Electric Foundation	22	2,715
General Mills Foundation	7	1,200
Goldman, Sachs & Company	2	1,750
GTE Corporation	8	2,000
Hughes Aircraft Company	6	3,410
IBM Corporation	58	44,675
Ingersoll-Rand Company	1	1,000
ITT Corporation	4	2,300
James River Corporation	2	2,000
Martin Marietta Corporation	8	2,710
McDonnell Douglas Foundation	3	3,100
Mead Corporation Foundation	2	1,100
MITRE Corporation	8	5,900
Mobil Foundation, Inc.	7	2,634
New York Telephone	7	1,500
Outboard Marine Corporation	1	2,000
Paramount Communications, Inc.	1	1,500
Philip Morris, Inc.	7	2,050
Phillips Petroleum Foundation, Inc.	4	3,200
Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.	2	2,000
Polaroid Corporation	1	1,000
Procter & Gamble Fund	10	2,230
Puget Sound Power & Light Co.	1	1,000
Reader's Digest Foundation, Inc.	2	1,400
The Stop & Shop Foundation	1	1,000
Sun Company, Inc.	3	4,100
Technical Operations, Inc.	1	1,000
Teledyne Industries, Inc.	7	3,070
Texaco Philanthropic Foundation, Inc.	3	2,300
Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby	1	2,250
Transamerica Corporation	3	1,000
Transco Energy Company	1	1,000
TRW Foundation	18	4,760
United Technologies	10	1,555
United Telecommunications, Inc.	2	1,400
United Telephone System-Florida	4	1,000
Venture Stores, Inc.	1	1,000
Waste Management, Inc.	3	1,000
Williams Companies	2	1,050
Xerox Foundation	7	1,225

gram, resulting in an additional \$233,022 to the West Point Fund. Table 2 recognizes  
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# Making a Difference

By Joan S. Grey

A pie chart can depict where donated money is allocated. What it can't convey is how contributions bring excellence to the United States Military Academy. This account will use a unit of measure of "difference made," rather than "dollars raised," so you may see the impact of private gifts on West Point.

Words and photographs on a page cannot fully express the benefits gained from private contributions. If you really want to understand how your gift helped, ask the Electrical Engineering major who conducted research using donated computers, the Rugby player who flew to England to compete during Spring Break, the Crew Team member who races in a donated shell or the Army cyclist who attended a bicycle racing clinic. These cadets can tell you about opportunities they have experienced because of private gifts. And you would only have to walk across the Plain to encounter other examples of activities and monuments made possible through the generosity of West Point's benefactors.

The Association of Graduates raises money to help USMA achieve its educational objectives. The AOG finds people willing to support projects and programs 1) for which federal appropriations are not available; 2) that enhance academic, athletic, military or ethical development; and 3) that enrich the USMA experience. Contributions go to the West Point Fund, repository of donations made for the benefit of West Point and the Corps of Cadets.

## Where the Money Went

**Academics.** Fifty-two percent of the voluntary support went for educationally-oriented, co-curricular activities. A substantial portion (\$1,358,400) of this year's grant consisted of computer hardware and software distributed to academic departments for teaching and research. Other sponsorships included the Olin Professor and Lecture Series, the Class of 1951 Distinguished Lecture Series, the Senior and SCUSA (Student Conference on United States Affairs) Conferences and cadet academic achievement awards. Several academic departments and the USMA Library also received grants.

**Athletics.** Athletics received five percent of the voluntary support allocation. Two-thirds of the granted money supported intercollegiate sports including winter and spring training trips, recruiting

brochures, cadet awards and a football highlights film. The other third was a gift of Life Fitness exercise equipment for the Arvin Gymnasium.

**Activities.** Cadet activities received 10% of the private money granted to USMA. Extracurricular clubs and activities offer respite from studies and military training, provide a creative outlet and complement cadet development. Funding for activities comes from donations, cadet activities fees and income generated from non-appropriated fund enterprises, such as the cadet restaurants. Sponsored cadet activities include 24 competitive sports, 21 support activities, 12 religious activities, 50 academic activities and 16 hobby clubs. Teams and clubs receive grants from which uniforms and supplies are purchased, transportation procured, special events arranged and honoraria awarded. One unusual use this year was the acquisition of two mules and related mascot equipment.

**Facilities.** Donations represented 26% of the grant allocation and supported a variety of environmental projects. During the year, \$518,000 was used to construct an annex at Olmsted Museum. Other money was used in the restoration of Cul-

lum Hall, the casting of the Memorial to Flight statue, the construction of a cadet audio-visual self-help facility and the building of a caretaker's log cabin on Constitution Island.

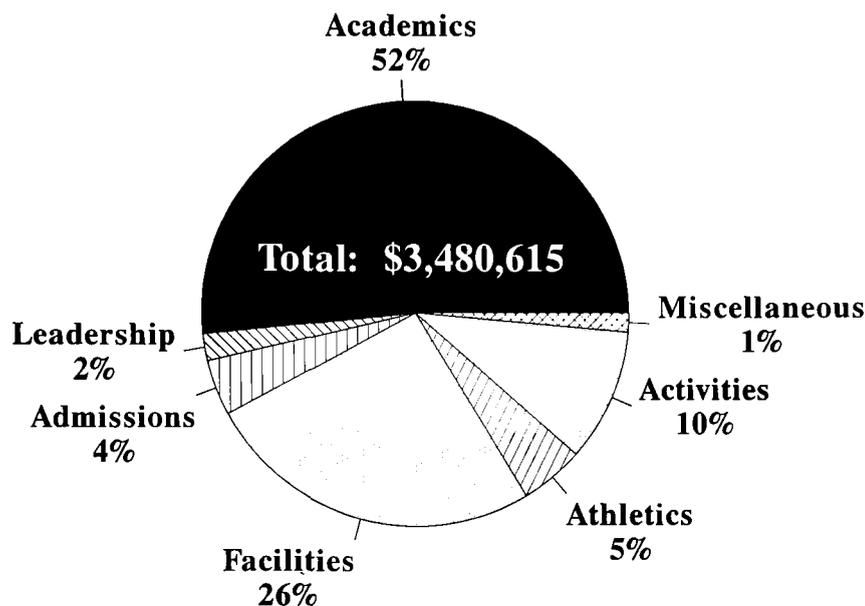
**Admissions.** Admissions received four percent of the voluntary support during the fiscal year. The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program received the largest share of this allocation, \$136,000. The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program provides an alternate source of prepared candidates for admission to West Point by granting partial scholarships for post-secondary education.

**Leadership.** This category included two percent of gifts made to West Point to enhance cadet leadership, moral-ethical and religious development. Beneficiaries included the chaplains; Operation Crossroads Africa, a program where cadets work in Africa to build mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of Africa and the United States; and the USMA-sponsored Honor Conference.

**Miscellaneous.** This category represented one percent of the money granted to USMA. Some requirements funded included \$35,000 for West Point Founders Day, a gift to the West Point Elementary

## Where the money went

1 April 1990-31 March 1991



School and a plaque honoring major contributors. The AOG also paid for Cory Gilbertson, an ex-cadet Class of '93, to travel to West Point to watch the Army-Navy wrestling match. Cory was a member of the team until he broke his neck in a diving accident during summer training at Camp Buckner.

### Ways of Giving

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**Cash.** The simplest way of giving is to write a check. Gifts of cash are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

**Employer Match.** Many companies match donations to colleges made by their employees. This is an easy way for you to increase the value of your gift.

**Memorials.** You may direct your gift to the West Point Fund to honor deceased graduates, family members and friends. The AOG provides appropriate tributes for memorial gifts.

**Stock.** You may be able to take a charitable deduction for appreciated securities at the current market value of the stock.

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### Partners With West Point: How Businesses Help

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those companies that contributed to the Military Academy's margin of excellence.

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

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

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 Hindley Chevrolet, Inc.  
 Wm. F. Hogan Funeral Home  
 A Touch of Class Holiday Inn  
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 Palisades Motel  
 Phil & Neal's Restaurant  
 P & P Quick Copying  
 Ramada Inn of Newburgh  
 Schade's Restaurant  
 Sterling Forest Corporation  
 USAA  
 Vasily's Souvenir Shop  
 West Point Federal Credit Union  
 West Point Tours, Inc.

**Local Businesses:** Continuing a program that began four years ago, once again 673 local businesses were solicited. Table 4 lists those regional businesses that are helping West Point.

Corporations and foundations play a large role in supporting West Point and its programs. This is accomplished through graduates and friends who help the Association of Graduates obtain support from these sources. If you can assist, call Colonel Robert Strati (Ret) at 914-446-5773 or Colonel Morgan Roseborough (Ret) at 914-446-2540.

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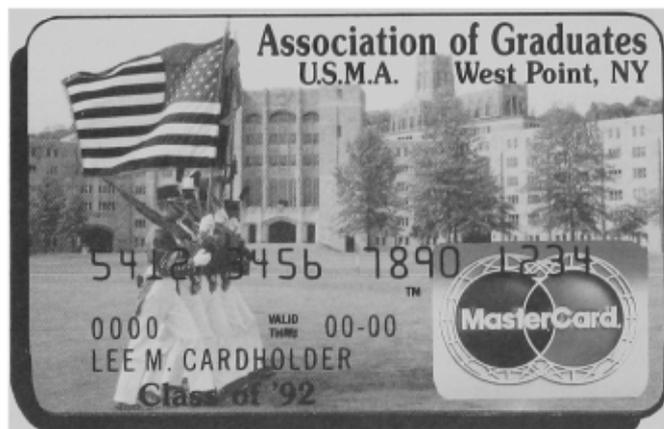
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# Academic Limits

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



## Majors and Electives: How Did We Ever Get There?

**M**y Founders Day 92 travels to the west represented another opportunity to meet with graduates (from '19 to '91) and to discuss the current state of the Academy. It was exciting, challenging and rewarding. It was great to see so many of you vitally interested in what was happening at West Point. While my talks covered all aspects of Academy life, I did receive many comments and questions on the academic program. Most frequently, I was asked to discuss changes and how they came about.

Clearly, the most significant changes in the curriculum this century have been associated with the introduction of elective courses and the grouping of these courses in defined subject areas to form concentrations and majors. This move to electives (beyond language choices) officially began in 1961 but, in reality, had started much earlier. Most older graduates remember, from one vantage point or another, the existence of upper sections. Those cadets in the first few sections followed paths that were, in content, significantly more comprehensive than those taken by the lower sections. Given that a large number of cadets, especially in the thirties and early forties, had attended one or more years of college prior to West Point, different paths made sense. By the late forties, some cadets were also given the opportunity to deviate from the standard curriculum to take special courses. Social Sciences offered four electives: Russian History, Diplomatic History, Middle East History and Problems in National Security. These courses could be substituted, with department approval, for *regular* courses. Following major internal reviews conducted by Colonels Julian Ewell and John Jannarone, in 1960 Superintendent (LTG) Gar Davidson, with the approval of Army Chief of Staff (GEN) L. L. Lemnitzer, established a formal elective program as

part of the curriculum. By 1961 cadets were permitted to select two electives from a choice of 36 courses. From 1961 to 1972, the number of electives a cadet could take grew to eight and the menu of choices to 161. By 1985 the number of electives peaked at 12. Eight electives were pointed to the area of interest and four were general, directed at either humanities and social sciences or at engineering, depending on the chosen field of study.

The decision to group courses initially in areas of concentration and then in fields of study and majors, stemmed not from any desire to lead cadets away from their real major, officership, but from the sound pedagogic desire to provide cadets—students—the opportunity and the challenge of studying an area of interest in depth. A 1926 critique of the curriculum indicated that the average cadet was getting a “smattering of everything with a thoroughness in nothing,” and that comment reappeared several times over the next decades. As early as 1953, the Board of Visitors recommended that the Military Academy offer cadets a minimum of two majors and repeated that recommendation in subsequent reports. The previously cited Ewell Report noted that West Point “does not take advantage of the natural intelligence or aptitude ...” of its cadets. While the grouping of electives in concentrations began in the sixties, the West Point Study Group of 1977 found that cadets still needed the opportunity to “develop depth in a chosen field of interest.”

In 1981, the Chief of Staff of the Army, General E. C. Meyer, indicated to the Superintendent that the time might be right to move to “majors,” and by 1985 a majors program was in place. General Meyer and Superintendents Goodpaster and Scott recognized both the need for the Academy to continue to produce officers with a

sound foundation in engineering, humanities and the social sciences, as well as the realities of American higher education—which demanded study in depth. West Point graduates were finding it difficult to move into quality graduate programs in technical areas without considerable make-up work. In addition, the nation’s principal engineering accreditation body indicated that, unless the Military Academy moved to ‘majors’ in engineering, it would no longer permit West Point graduates to sit for the professional engineering examination.

Since 1985 the number of academic courses required for graduation has been reduced from 44 to 40 and the baseline requirement for electives from 12 to 9, all focused directly on the field of interest. To major, a cadet must go beyond the baseline of 40 and take 41 to 44 courses (10 to 13 electives).

Even with the elective program and majors, USMA remains true to its academic heritage. Of the 40 courses required for graduation, 31 (78%) are in a core program dictated by the Academy. Fifteen are in math, science and engineering and 16 are in the social sciences and humanities. The overall program still produces a graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree. Over the last forty years, while the number of engineering courses has gone down, the complexity of those remaining has increased and the focus has shifted to recognize both the increased level of sophistication of our entering cadets and the introduction of new material such as electronics, computers and decision sciences.

Today, cadets may group their electives in any one of 31 different fields of study (or in any one of the 19 majors—subsets of the fields of study). Departments offer electives to support their fields and the number of electives in a field is dictated by the

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# The COM Reports

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



Let me start off by reporting on my successor, BG Robert F. Foley, Class of '63. While the previous *ASSEMBLY* has already announced his selection, I would like to add a personal perspective. Having had the pleasure of serving with him in our first assignment with the 25th Infantry Division (Bob was a Wolfhound, and I was a Golden Dragon), I can assure you that he was an example to all ranks. As you know by now, Bob earned the Medal of Honor for his great courage and bravery during bitter fighting on Operation Attleboro in Vietnam in November 1966. His career has continued to be a bright light for all who look to his leadership. He brings a valuable perspective to the position in that he is the first Commandant in recent history to have served as a tactical officer. Bob will assume responsibilities as the 63rd Commandant of Cadets in mid-June.

I would be remiss not to take time to thank all of you who helped to make my Founders Day visits most enjoyable. As in the past, I was overwhelmed by your gracious reception. Your concern, candor and support far outweighed anything I was able to offer. As I mentioned at every stop, alumni are critical to the future of West Point. Your observations, feedback and interest are strengths for the institution.

These recent opportunities to speak about the Academy, especially with regard to the military pro-gram, have given me the occasion to reflect and put into perspective what it is that we have been doing to develop leaders of charac-

ter. I will save my tour-end year assessment for my final report (next issue), but I just wanted to mention how helpful my visits and discussions with so many of you were in collecting my thoughts.

I am proud of the accomplishments of the Class of '92 to date, and I look forward to their joining the Army in the field in a few months. To give you an idea of where they are going, I've compiled the following list of assignments by major commands and included a chart that breaks it down further to Division or Post level.

EIGHTH ARMY (KOREA) - 50  
 FORSCOM - 434  
 TRADOC - 23  
 USAREUR (EUROPE) - 220  
 USARPAC (ALASKA) - 14  
 USARPAC (HAWAII) - 31  
 USARSO (PANAMA) - 12

As this academic year comes to a close, I look forward to the summer. Shortly after Bob Foley's announced selection came my new assignment. I am honored to have been selected to be the Commanding General of the 6th Infantry Division (Light) in Alaska. Judi and I will do our best to serve the soldiers of this great division and throughout the Army.

In closing, I have also listed for you this year's emerging leaders from the Class of '93 and the positions in which they will be serving this summer.

As always, BEAT NAVY!

## Assignments

1st Armored Div - 36  
 1st Cavalry Div - 40  
 1st Inf Div (Mech) - 28  
 2nd Infantry Div - 32  
 3rd Inf Div (Mech) - 58  
 4th Inf Div (Mech) - 32  
 5th Inf Div (Mech) - 31  
 6th Inf Div (Light) - 14  
 7th Inf Div (Light) - 30  
 10th Mountain Div (Lt Inf) - 23  
 24th Inf Div (Mech) - 34  
 25th Inf Div (Light) - 26  
 82nd Airborne Div - 43  
 101st Airborne Div (Air Assault) - 35  
 Ft Benning - 15  
 Ft Bliss - 20  
 Ft Bragg - 19  
 Ft Hood - 14  
 Ft Irwin - 6  
 Ft Knox - 10  
 Ft Lewis - 24  
 Ft Sill - 20  
 Ft Huachuca - 13

POSITION	1ST DETAIL	2ND DETAIL
<u>Cadet Basic Training</u>		
Regt Cmdr	Michael McElrath Lemoyne, PA	Craig P. Cummings Alexandria, VA
Regt XO	Eugenia Guilmartin Gaithersberg, MD	Elias Ursitti Cape Coral, FL
<u>Cadet Field Training</u>		
Regt Cmdr	Shawn L. Daniel Shelbyville, KY	Jennifer A. Jacobs Big Rapids, MI
Regt XO	Steven C. Hartman Jacksonville, FL	Matthew Thompson Ann Arbor, MI
<u>Summer Garrison Regiment</u>		
Regt Cmdr	William O. Manning Gaffney, SC	
<u>Maneuver Heavy Training</u>		
Bn Cmdr	Kim H. Olmstead Carlisle, PA	

# The DIA Reports



## ANNUAL AAA AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Cadets Jacob Garcia (wrestling), Myreon Williams (football) and Kim Kawamoto (women's basketball) as winners of the 1992 Army Athletic Association Awards for most valuable service to athletics during their careers as cadets. They received their awards at the Superintendent's Awards Review during Graduation Week.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS HISTORY

In the fall of 1990, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Army Football. The Army-Navy football game on 29 November 1890 played on The Plain at West Point was our first intercollegiate competition, but our baseball program had its birth even before football. The following is an excerpt from a history of Army Baseball written in 1939 by Colonel (Retired) Edward E. Farnsworth, Jr., Class of 1932. When this article was written, Farnsworth was the officer-in-charge of the varsity baseball team.

## "FIFTY YEARS OF WEST POINT BASEBALL"

The spring of 1863 was unseasonably warm. The balmy days of May brought thoughts of home to the men in Blue and Gray who were marching down the roads of Gettysburg. At West Point the Yearlings were as restless as ever. They couldn't go to Gettysburg but maybe the Supe would let them play that new soldier game, baseball, on the Plain. A small group of third classmen applied for permission to procure the necessary equipment and play a game of baseball. The request was unexpectedly approved.

In 1867, after four years of experimentation, the regulations governing the playing of the game were published and the Corps began a series of interclass games. These contests provided exercise for the cadets and much amusement for the good citizens of Highland Falls. As General Peyton C. March writes: "The games were played on the parade ground in the southeast corner, approximately in front of the opening between the Academic Building and the 1st Division of Barracks. The

games were popular and well attended. The idea that sports were frowned upon or considered ungentlemanly is too laughable to comment on."

In the spring of 1888 a Squad of Cadets went out on the parade ground, peeled off their shell jackets and fell to practice. Every man was skinned for appearing in shirt sleeves. The late General J. J. Morrow, '91, was designated by his classmates to present their case to the Superintendent and seek a change in the regulations.

In May 1980 an Officers' Baseball Team from Willet's Point (now Fort Totten) played a two-game series with the West Point officers. The West Pointers took both contests, 22 to 7 and 15 to 4. In the meantime the

George White and Jay Morrow of '91, together with Billy Pattison and John Rice of '93, decided to form a varsity nine and play someone besides themselves. Permission was obtained to engage a team from New York. Near the end of July the Corps was informed that their first varsity team was to play the Riverton Club of Philadelphia in a game of baseball on August 2nd.

The game was called for 2:40 on that first Saturday in August of 1890. The weather was clear and a large crowd was on hand. The score was tied up at 8-all when the game was called at the end of the 8th inning to permit the "Merriams" to return to Philadelphia. The outcome of the game was unimportant. West Point's ath-

## For The Record Spring Sports

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Navy	Air Force	Pct.
Baseball	13	26	0	Won	Won	.333
Golf*	1	0	0	Won	—	1.000
Lacrosse	10	4	0	Won	Won	.714
Outdoor Track, Men*	0	1	0	Lost	—	.000
Outdoor Track, Women*	1	0	0	Won	—	1.000
Softball, Women	28	15	0	—	—	.651
Tennis, Men	9	10	0	Won	—	.474
Tennis, Women	6	3	0	—	—	.667
Total	68	59	0	(5-1)	(2-0)	.535

\* Only dual meets. +-

Second Class had smothered the Yearlings for the championship of the Corps. Come June and the Class of 1890, fifty-four strong, joined the Long Gray Line.

The new First Class and the Yearlings moved into summer camp and took their baseball bats with them. These two classes had previously played a four-game series of which '91 had won three. The men of '93 were Plebes at the time of the series, and the men of '91 were big enough to discard the obstacle of class dignity and thus paved the way for the introduction of Plebes into varsity competition. The following fall Butler Ames, a Plebe, played on the varsity football team.

The best ball players in the Corps were now in camp with time on their hands. Cadets

letes had entered the field of extramural competition.

Encouraged by the success of this first game, White and Morrow arranged two more games for the Cadets. Before approving the next game, however, Colonel Hawkins, the Commandant, sent Cadet Morrow a stern note reminding him that all regulations pertaining to cadets in summer camp would apply equally to visiting teams. The Superintendent had seen a number of the "Merriams" indulging in the heinous practice of smoking a cigarette in camp.

On August 12th the "Sylvans" of New York made a blazing debut. They appeared in dark red shirts, blue trousers, black stockings and tan shoes. The Cadets' uniform was less colorful, being entirely white

except for black stockings. The Sylvans' baseball ability was not comparable to the brilliance of their uniforms, however, and the Cadets won their first game 7-1. The score stood 1-0 for four innings, but in the fifth the West Pointers, paced by Heavey and Smedberg, put the game on ice.

On August 21st Captain George White led his nine against the Atlantics of Governor's Island in the final game of the season. Again the cadets were victorious 17-14. At the end of the 6th they had led 17-2.

Baseball having opened a new field for the expenditure of cadet energy, Dennis Michie organized the first football team the following fall. The resultant Navy victory impeded the development of baseball as all efforts were directed to turning out a good football team

to avenge the Navy defeat. Consequently, only two games were played in 1891. The Cadets played the Manhattan A. C. two days before graduation and lost 10-9. Morrow started for West Point, smacking out a homer, two triples and two singles. The cadets held their own until the ninth inning, when the visitors pushed across the winning tally. Permission to play a return game in New York had been refused by the Superintendent, but Jay Morrow and George White were not to be denied. Every man except Gilmore '94 was in either the graduation or furlough classes. These baseball-minded cadets all agreed to give up their first day of leave in order to represent the Military Academy on a foreign athletic field: Manhattan field ad-

acent to the Polo Grounds. Despite excellent pitching by Billy Pattison and heavy hitting by Jay Morrow, the cadets dropped their second game to the New Yorkers, 7 to 11. Once more baseball had blazed the trail, and that fall the football team was authorized to visit Annapolis.

### BEAT NAVY!

DIA's Note: Colonel (Retired) Edward E. Farnsworth, Jr. currently resides in Hampton, Virginia. He is active in the West Point Society of Hampton Roads. As a cadet he lettered in Baseball for three years and was the team captain his senior year. Colonel Farnsworth's father, Edward E. Farnsworth, Class of 1904, was a five-year letter winner in football.

### General James Van Fleet Turns 100 (Continued from page 11)

keeping with the motto of the Academy, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Mullane noted that only four Distinguished Graduate Awards will be presented this year. Two will be presented during Alumni Exercises at West Point and the fourth in June.

Mullane said the cadets' presence at the ceremony brought the fellowship of the Academy full circle.

"We have future graduates—the cadets. We have the Association of Graduates represented here. And we have the first recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award—General Van Fleet, at age 100. They're all part of the same history, tradition and fellowship."

The representatives from USMA and the AOG were only a few of the hundreds of well-wishers who paid tribute to Van Fleet during the two-hour ceremony. Among the notables was General Edwin H. Burba, Jr., commander-in-chief of Forces Command, along with a host of

state congressmen, local officials, and active duty and reserve military officers representing various organizations. Also present were military attachés from Greece and the Republic of Korea.

Van Fleet entered the Academy in 1911 and was a fullback on the undefeated football team of 1914. After graduating from the Academy in 1915, Van Fleet was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regiment, where he served under General Pershing in his operations against Pancho Villa. The 3rd Infantry Regiment of today is The Old Guard, the national honor guard stationed in Washington, D.C.

In 1918, Van Fleet went to France, where he assumed command of the 17th Machine Gun Battalion during World War I. In June 1941 he assumed command of the 8th Infantry Regiment, the unit selected to spearhead the landing of the 4th Infantry Division at Utah Beach on D-Day. He was later selected to command the 90th Infantry Division in 1944. The 90th Division, under Van Fleet's command, spearheaded the Third Army's

counter-offensive against the Ardennes Bulge. He went on to command the III Corps at the Remagen Bridgehead and later led that unit's advance into Germany.

On 11 April 1951, Van Fleet was appointed commander of the Eighth Army and United Nations Troops in Korea, where he drove the Chinese Army north. The Republic of Korea today regards Van Fleet as the father of the Korean Army.

Van Fleet's decorations include three awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, three awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, three awards of the Silver Star, two awards of the Legion of Merit, three awards of the Bronze Star for Valor and three awards of the Purple Heart.

Van Fleet also has been decorated by Greece, Korea, Iran, Ethiopia, Thailand, the Philippines, the Republic of China, England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Columbia.

Van Fleet is believed to be the only man living whose grandfather fought in the American Revolutionary War.

### Academic Limits

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necessity to adequately address the subject matter of the field. A cadet focusing on a language will take five language courses and four other courses that provide a knowledge of the culture involved. There will be courses in Brazilian and Portuguese literature as well as Brazilian short stories for the cadet studying Portuguese. One studying civil engineering will find such electives as hydrology and soil mechanics.

Cadets are given their choice of fields (and majors) and over the years the distribution between the math, science and engineering fields and the humanities and social science fields has never moved far away from a fifty-five to forty-five split.

(The Naval and Air Force Academies have tried to force distribution and have found some major problems in doing this.) At graduation, there is little linkage between the fields pursued and branches of commissioning. Cadets who have studied computer science are just as likely to go into the Infantry as into the Signal Corps. The strong core provides this flexibility.

The disciplines which cadets pursue are completely consistent with the needs of the Army. In 1981 TRADOC defined the Army's requirements for various academic disciplines at the bachelor's level. USMA's contributions to meeting these Army's needs are impressive. For example, last year, while providing only 25% of the Army's basic branch officers, our gradu-

ates filled more than 80% of the Army's need for lieutenants with degrees in the physical sciences and engineering. Most of these requirements are in the combat arms. This solid foundation also pays dividends in later years as graduates develop professionally. More than 99% of USMA graduates who remain on active duty will obtain at least a master's degree.

If you walk into a classroom in Bartlett Hall (the East Academic Building) this fall, you will still find a hard-charging captain standing in front of 15 or 16 cadets groping to understand classical physics. The intensity of the experience, the challenge of the boards, the sweat and the relief at completion are all still there. What was a quality experience for you is the same for the cadet of 1992.

# Admissions Procedures

by Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr. '59, Director of Admissions, USMA

When the ASSEMBLY originally published the following article, now updated, the author, Major Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., was an admissions officer preparing to command a battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1979 Lieutenant Colonel Rushton returned to West Point as associate director. He was named Director of Admissions in 1985. COL Rushton notes that, despite tremendous changes in the Army and West Point during the past seventeen years, the fundamental attributes USMA Admissions seeks in a young person remain the same—a high level of achievement in academics, leadership and physical fitness. The whole-person philosophy in force in 1975 still serves the Academy and the Army well.

—Major Nelson, USMA Admissions Media Officer.

From time to time a graduate indicates that he or she would like to be “more prepared” to brief young people on admission procedures for West Point. Securing a nomination and processing an application are lengthy, sometimes complex, actions. The Admissions Office has a Prospectus, Admissions Bulletin and Catalog to guide young people and their counselors through the procedures. Detailed guidance is also available in the field in most high school counseling offices and through Admissions Participants (field representatives of the Academy). However, a few basic and pertinent points concerning admission to West Point will be helpful for all graduates confronted by a young person seeking “advice.”

1. West Point uses a pre-application system to assist applicants in completing admission requirements. It is suggested that young people write for introductory material to Admissions, USMA, West Point, NY 10996, during the spring term of their junior year (or as soon thereafter as possible). When the young person receives the Prospectus, he or she should fill out the Precandidate Questionnaire and return it to West Point. This action will initiate the candidate's file.

2. Concurrently, each applicant should seek a nomination from an authorized source. We suggest writing to both United States senators and members of the House of Representatives. Also consider Military-Service-Connected nominations, if eligi-

ble. Information on applying for the Congressional or Military-Service-Connected nominations is included in the Prospectus.

3. Basic entrance requirements include:

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION**—High school scholastic and extracurricular record, the results of the candidate's American College Testing Program (ACT) test or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and the recommendations of high school faculty are used to determine academic qualification.

**MEDICAL QUALIFICATION**—Evaluation of a complete medical examination, taken at a prescribed facility, determines medical qualification.

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**PHYSICAL APTITUDE QUALIFICATION**—The Physical Aptitude Examination measures strength, coordination, muscular power, endurance, speed and agility, and determines physical aptitude qualification.

4. In preparing for West Point, young people should consider the following:

West Point does not require specific numbers or types of secondary school courses or units of study. The applicant can best prepare for the academic curriculum at West Point by pursuing and completing four years of English; four years of mathematics, to include trigonometry; two years of laboratory science; one year of United States history; and two years of a foreign language in high school. Applicants must have computer skills as well.

In order to prepare adequately for the Physical Aptitude Examination and for the physical demands placed upon cadets, the applicant is urged to attain the state of physical conditioning required for partici-

pation in a strenuous team sport. Vigorous conditioning exercises, cross-country running and swimming are recommended.

Applicants should strive to develop the personal traits which mark them as leaders in school and community activities. Participation in secondary school extracurricular activities, both athletic and non-athletic, and the attainment of responsible positions in those activities provide valuable leadership experience.

5. If a young person has any doubts about admission to West Point or needs to strengthen his or her academic qualifications, admission to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) should be considered. Bear in mind, however, that entrance to this school is selective and that each preparatory school student must still compete with other candidates for admission to West Point. The school is open to Army enlisted people on active duty and to civilians who are authorized by the Army's Personnel Command to enlist for the purpose of attending the school.

6. Finally, prospective applicants should consider a campus visit. The West Point Admissions Office is open Monday through Friday. Campus visits are encouraged. Appointments are recommended for those who desire to visit with an Admissions Officer. Call (914) 938-4041.

Cadet-guided tours of the Academy are available for those who are at least high school juniors. They are conducted daily, Monday through Friday, and start at the Admissions Office (1st Floor, Building 606) at 9:00 a.m. Appointments must be made ten days in advance.

These brief highlights of Admissions procedures should assist in those situations when a young person seeks a West Point graduate to “find out the poop.” If further assistance is needed, please consult an Admissions Participant in your local area, write to the Director of Admissions, USMA, West Point, NY 10996 or call (914) 938-4041.

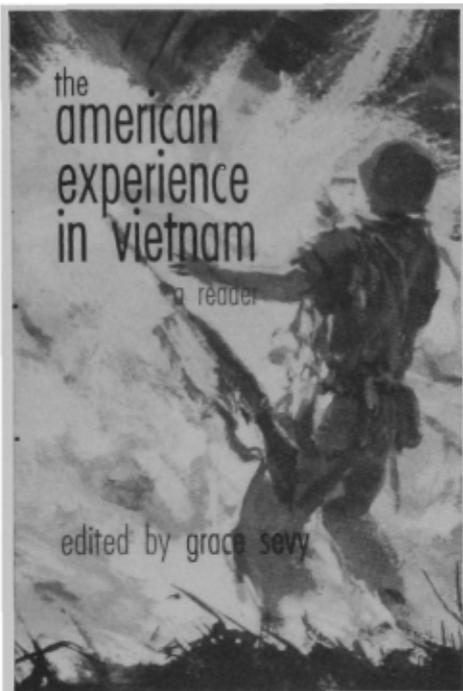
*Note: It is recommended that this one-page article be clipped or copied from the ASSEMBLY and retained for quick reference when counseling prospective candidates.*

# Book Reviews



## The American Experience in Vietnam: A Reader

Edited by Grace Sevy, Norman, Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press, 1989



It is easy to say that the war in Vietnam had a dramatic impact on the fabric of American society. It is far more difficult to say exactly what that impact was, or how it has shaped our society today. For those who lived the war on a daily basis, either as a soldier "in-country" or through the often grisly nightly news reports, the war made a personal, deeper impact. How then, do we investigate a war that lasted for over two decades, consumed thousands of lives, and caused great political and social upheaval in the United States? How is it possible to win every major battle and yet lose the war? The key to a useful answer to these questions lies in the realm of several types of history. Grace Sevy, in *The American Experience in Vietnam: A Reader*, presents a series of articles and essays in a single volume of social history that delves into the divergent outlooks that affect our understanding of America's longest war.

The reader will not find fire-fights or jungle clashes with an unseen enemy within the pages of this book. Instead, Sevy has concentrated on the more visceral issues of the war, grouping the essays into five distinct sections:

- American Policy in Vietnam
- The Military in Vietnam
- The Role of the Press
- The Antiwar Movement
- Coming to Terms with a Confusing War

There is a short introduction provided by the author for each group of essays, and an introduction to the book as a whole.

Sevy articulates her motives for collecting the essays that comprise this book in her introduction. After conducting a study on the effects of disillusionment on Vietnam veterans, she found an almost unanimous sense of resentment among the vets because they did not have the "historical perspective with which to make an informed decision about whether or not to go to war." (p. xiii). While teaching a course on the war at Stanford University in the mid-1980s, Sevy found her students to be contemptuous of public protest and almost uniformly cynical towards the American political system and leaders. Toward the end of the decade she noticed a marked shift in the attitudes of students, believing them to be "the vanguard of a new post-Vietnam generation." (p. xii) With students now curious to learn about the comparisons of United States policy in Vietnam with that of current policy in Central America, she collected the essays in this work.

Sevy attempts to answer the conundrum that grew out of the great victory of the Allied powers following World War II. How could the United States that emerged from the ashes of mankind's greatest conflict fail so miserably in Vietnam? The author sees historical perspective as key to understanding the issues in Vietnam. Her choice of essays, however, tends to skew the very history Sevy claims she is redressing. In Part One of the book, "American Policy in Vietnam: Why Did We Get In? Why Did we Stay So Long?", there are four essays that attempt to address these questions. Two of the essays

are written in 1985, one in 1982, and the fourth, "How Could Vietnam Happen? An Autopsy," the capstone essay to Part One of the book, is written not in the 1980s, but in 1968 at the height of the war. Her choice for the last essay is a curious one, and causes me to search for an agenda in the choice of the essays that is not stated by the author.

In Part Two of *The American Experience in Vietnam*, Sevy endeavors to provide an analytical context for the reader that will complement the plethora of oral histories of Vietnam vets now appearing. In "A Different War: The Military in Vietnam," Sevy provides an interesting article by Myra MacPherson that explicates the problems faced by Vietnam veterans that separate them from the veterans of prior wars. For the perspective on the military in Vietnam, she offers the reader only the tired arguments of Richard Gabriel and Paul Savage in a 1976 article, and another article from Cecil B. Currey who authored the book *Self Destruction* under the pseudonym of Cincinnatus. Currey spends most of his essay defending his book, pointing out that other people have written unfavorably about the conduct of the war by the military.

By far the best section of the book is Part Three, "The Role of the Press: Was the Coverage Fair?" Here, Sevy's choice of articles is superb. All facets of the controversy regarding the media in Vietnam are covered by one or more of the selections. The four articles challenge the reader because they are written from divergent points of view and cover in breadth and depth the role of the media in the Vietnam War.

The first article gives a concise history of the evolution of press coverage over the twenty years of American involvement. The next article by Robert Elegant offers a lucid argument as to why the media can be blamed for contributing to defeat in the war, while Charles Mohr defends the media and refutes Elegant's arguments in the next article. The final article looks at 1968 and the TET offensive in detail, emphasizing the peculiarities and limitations of modern journalism. Part Three is stimulating reading that encourages thought

and a desire to learn more.

Part Four deals with the anti-war movement in America. It is particularly unsatisfying, with most of the authors allowing rhetoric and emotionalism to skew their objectivity. In "The Impossible Victory," Howard Zinn writes about the final stages of American involvement in the war in 1972, referring to the December bombing raids into North Vietnam as:

"... one final attempt to bludgeon the North Vietnamese into submission. It sent waves of B-52s over Hanoi and Haiphong, destroying homes and hospitals, killing unknown numbers of civilians. The attack did not work." (p. 179)

I would disagree with Dr. Zinn and contend that historian Mark Clodfelter is correct in his book *The Limits of Airpower* that the Linebacker II raids propelled the North Vietnamese into serious negotiations at Paris in January 1973.

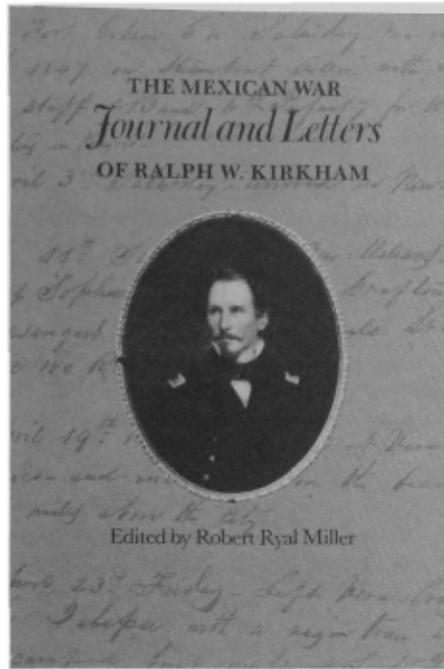
The final section of the book deals with the continuing controversy concerning the war and consists of three essays that examine guilt, responsibility and political goals in America. The rhetoric is engaging and challenges readers to assess their own beliefs and thought processes. *The American Experience in Vietnam* culminates in a short essay about the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and its meaning to the generations that fought and lived the war.

What then can be said in conclusion about *The American Experience in Vietnam*? Grace Sevy has collected and edited a series of articles and essays that do not really deal with Americans "in" Vietnam. It would be more appropriate to call this "The American Experience Of Vietnam." The sections of the book offer insights into foreign policy, the media, the antiwar movement and other matters, with Vietnam serving as the backdrop. There is little doubt that America was transformed and, at times, transfixed by the war. *The American Experience in Vietnam* brings the timbre and tenor of the variegated arguments to life in a thought-provoking collection that is valuable despite one glaring shortcoming. Sevy has assembled an anthology that will give the reader a sense of what it was like to be an American during the turbulent years of the Vietnam War. She presents the views of reporters, students, antiwar activists, politicians and pundits. She fails, however, to represent the American soldier—who did his duty in Vietnam faithfully, notwithstanding it occasionally warred with his private feelings.

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## The Mexican War Journal and Letters of Ralph W. Kirkham

By Robert Ryal Miller. College Station: Texas A&M Press, 1990. With maps, notes, photographs, prints, index and bibliography. 141 pages.



Within American military history, the study of the American Civil War has overshadowed that of the Mexican War, 1846-48. The Mexican War was, however, a training ground for many junior officers who would become prominent general officers in the Civil War. Much remains to be learned from the study of the Mexican War.

Over the past three years several publications on the Mexican War have emerged. In 1989 *So Far From God: The Mexican War 1846-48* by John D. Eisenhower was published (see review in *ASSEMBLY*, May 1990). Additionally, a few excellent collections of correspondence from junior officers have been edited and published recently. This first-hand account by Lieutenant Ralph W. Kirkham (USMA 1842) will contribute to our understanding of the conduct of this nineteenth-century war and the men who fought it. Miller's well-edited work is a significant addition to the primary-source material.

Some seven weeks after the United States' armed forces conducted their first major amphibious operation at Vera Cruz, Kirkham began recording the war when he joined Scott's force at Jalapa on 28 April 1847. By Kirkham's account, he participated in five battles (San Antonio, Churu-

busco, Molino del Rey, Chapultepec and San Cosme) en route to the capture of Mexico City. Most importantly, Kirkham's journal and letters provide one of the few accounts of the nine-month military occupation of Mexico City while peace negotiations proceeded.

Scott's campaign to Mexico City was remarkable by virtually all measures. It prompted the Duke of Wellington, Napoleon's nemesis, to assert, "His [Scott's] campaign is unsurpassed in military annals. He is the greatest living soldier." Furthermore, as most graduates of USMA recall, Scott accorded to West Point much credit for the success with his famous Fixed Opinion—"I give it as my fixed opinion that but for our graduated cadets the war between the United States and Mexico might, and probably would have lasted some four or five years, with, in its first half, more defeats than victories falling to our share, whereas in two campaigns we conquered a great country and a peace without the loss of a single battle or skirmish." Ralph Kirkham was one of these graduated cadets! Ultimately, he received two brevet promotions for his outstanding performance during Scott's Campaign.

A total of 1,368 officers graduated in the USMA Classes of 1802 through 1847. During the period of the Mexican War, 1,023 were living and 672 of those were serving on active duty. Of the 351 who were alive but in civilian life, 42 returned to the army and participated in this war. Ultimately, 48 graduates would be killed and some 100 would be wounded. Kirkham was wounded in the battle of Molino del Rey.

Kirkham mentioned almost 50 graduates and former cadets. For example, early in his correspondence to his wife, he referred to a classmate, Napoleon Tecumseh Dana. Dana had been seriously wounded at the Battle of Cerro Gordo on 18 April 1846. Kirkham initially reported in his letter on 22 April 1847 that Dana had been "mortally wounded and is probably dead. I was very intimate with him at West Point, and we were confirmed together [in the Episcopal church]. "Later, Kirkham rejoiced in reporting to his wife that Dana had survived his wounds. By a striking coincidence, almost a century and a half after the Mexican War, two editors independently edited and published these classmates' correspondence in 1990. [*Monterrey Is Ours! The Mexican War Letters of Lieutenant Dana 1846-47*, Robert H. Ferrell]

Though there were only 55 graduates in Kirkham's USMA Class of 1842, he made no mention of several who also performed

well. These included John Pope, Abner Doubleday, Dennis H. Hill, George Sykes, Earl Van Dorn and James Longstreet—all of whom became noted generals in the Civil War. For those who are searching for information on members of the class of 1842, Professor Miller noted in his introduction that “Kirkham kept a notebook in which he listed alphabetically the members of his class, their home states, and a brief note about their careers at the academy and later.” This is but one example of the superb editing provided by Miller. Furthermore, through a well-presented and thoroughly documented introduction and epilogue, the reader becomes acquainted with Kirkham’s life prior to and after the Mexican War.

Kirkham’s journal revealed an important milestone in the history of Army officer education. In recent years the Army has become enamored with the staff ride for the education of professional soldiers. The Army considers this educational technique to have begun in 1906, when students at the Command and General Staff College commenced the practice of staff rides on Civil War battlefields. Thus, one of the more intriguing discoveries found in Kirkham’s journal is compelling evidence that the U.S. Army conducted its first two staff rides at least as early as 1847. The first of these occurred on 13 November 1847, when over one hundred officers, including Generals Winfield Scott, David E. Twiggs, Franklin Pierce, George Cadwalader, and Persifor F. Smith, visited the battlefield of Churubusco. Later the same day, this group proceeded along the National Road toward the Mexican Army’s defensive po-

sitions, . . . “coming upon it as we would have done had we taken that road. . . .” [Much to the surprise of the Mexicans, Scott had decided to take an indirect approach that led to the battle of Churubusco and an American victory.] The group moved about these defensive positions, analyzing their strength and concluding it would have been a difficult position to have seized successfully. About a month later, on 4 December 1847, a second staff ride transpired when some fifty officers, including Generals Twiggs and Smith, visited the battlefield at Contreras. These two events as recorded in Kirkham’s journal provide convincing evidence of the growing professionalism within the U.S. Army of the mid-nineteenth century.

Another interesting event occurred in early April 1848, during the period of occupation. A group of seventy-some, including twenty-five officers, decided to scale the Popocatepetl Volcano (17,887 feet above sea level). Their first attempt to climb this second-highest point in Mexico and the fifth-highest summit in North America failed. Kirkham noted that a majority of the original group deemed a second attempt impossible and “. . . started for Cuernavaca to visit a celebrated cave in the vicinity. . . .” One of those quitting the climb and visiting the cave was U.S. Grant (USMA 1843). Grant discussed both of these adventures in *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant*. Ultimately, of the original 25 officers who began the climb, six made the second attempt and succeeded, placing a flag at the summit: Captain James V. Bomford (USMA 1838), Lieutenants Stern H. Fowler, Richard H. Anderson

(USMA 1842), Simon B. Buckner (USMA 1844) and Ralph W. Kirkham (USMA 1842). These officers and several enlisted men accompanying them probably were the first Americans to accomplish this feat. Kirkham’s vivid description of the two efforts and the magnificent view from the zenith are spell-binding.

Readers will find a wealth of topics of interest in this publication. These include various insights on Scott and other senior officers; assessment of the various classes of society in Mexico and their customs; his expression of love for his wife, whom he married only five months prior to his deployment; Kirkham’s positive assessment of the American soldiers in combat as well as their disreputable behavior in camp; Kirkham’s hardening to the loss of life during battle and the horrible sights at field hospitals; and numerous insights into the military aspects of Scott’s campaign.

Professor Miller must be commended for providing this superbly-edited correspondence and journal that should capture the interest of a broad audience. As a primary source Kirkham’s letters and journal are a welcome addition to existing material. Furthermore, professional soldiers will enjoy examining this nineteenth-century junior officer’s first experience in combat and his transition into a combat veteran. Finally, for those interested in studying most of Scott’s campaign and the occupation of Mexico City, this publication is most worthwhile.

Reviewed by  
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**At a Glance:** Publications by or about the military, USMA or its graduates, now available at the USMA Bookstore and other fine bookstores:

*Operation White Star* by Dr. Richard O. Sutton '60. Daring Books (1990); 296 pages.

*The Minute Men: The First Fight: Myths & Realities of the American Revolution* by General John R. Galvin, U.S.

Army, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Pergamon-Brassey’s International Defense Publishers, Inc. (1989); 274 pages.

*“Check Six:” A Fighter Pilot Looks Back* by Major General Frederick C. Blesse '45, USAF Ret. Ivy Books/Ballantine (1987); 210 pages.

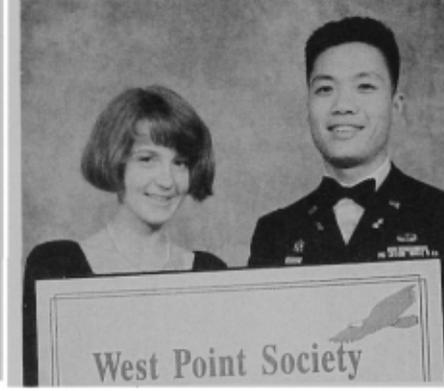
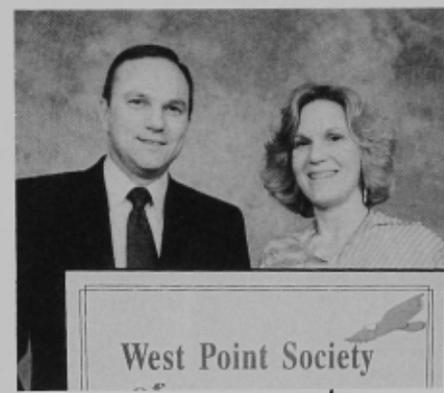
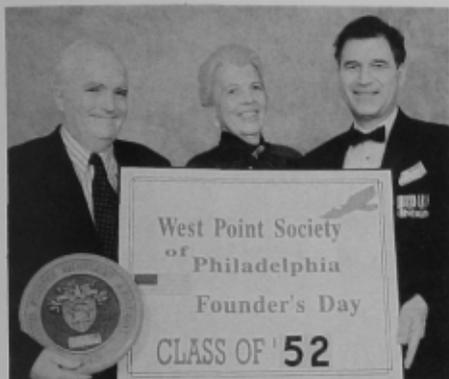
*Summons of the Trumpet: U.S. - Vietnam in Perspective* by Lieutenant Gen-

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*A Soldier Reports* by General William C. Westmoreland '36, Ret. Da Capo Press, Inc./Plenum Publishing Corp. (1976); 446 pages.

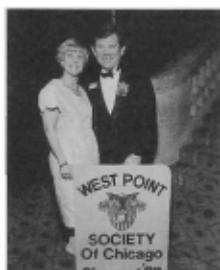
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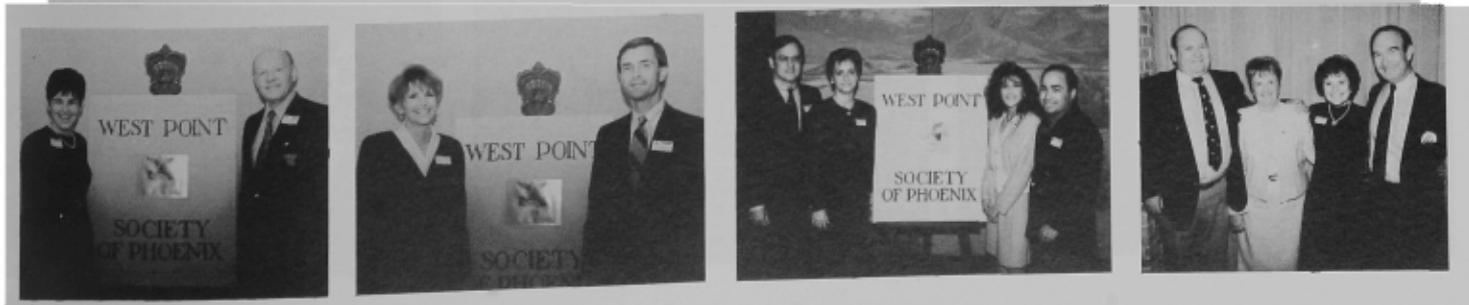
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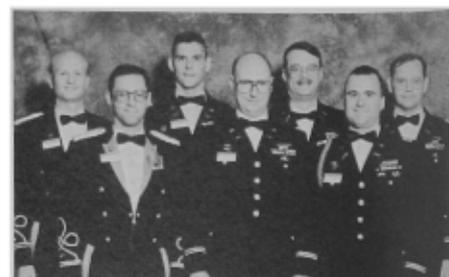
# West Point Society of Orange County



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# News from the Societies



## CENTRAL FLORIDA

On 5 Mar 92, over 80 grads and guests gathered at La Scala Ristorante in Altamonte Springs, FL to celebrate FD and welcome home a native son, MG David A. Bramlett '64. The Com's informative, witty, remarks and warm, sincere manner were well received by all, particularly by the parents of present cadets, Mr. and Mrs. Rufenacht and Mr. and Mrs. Spearman.

Also in attendance, as guest of honor, was Rear Admiral (Ret) Jack Wulff, USNA '31. Admiral Wulff's enlightened and enthusiastic leadership has produced a year of successful joint activities with both our societies, including the Army/Navy Game and monthly luncheons at the Orlando Naval Center.

Our portion of the Long Grey Line spanned over 5 decades from LTG (Ret) William Cassidy '31 to Barry Carroll '84. Tony Ortner '56, sec/treas, gave us a business update, and Art Brown '62 led us in singing the Alma Mater. Special thanks were extended to Mary Jean and Tom Walker '62 for hosting this years Army/Navy Game activities. Recognition and appreciation of a year of hard work and especially for the success of our FD Dinner were extended to Barbara Green, wife of Lewis Green '65.

—Lewis Green '65

## GREAT BRITAIN

The WPSGB FD Dinner was held on 13 Mar at the Naval & Military Club in London, which is housed in the historical 18th Century former home of Lord Palmerston, a prominent 19th Century British Prime Minister.

Special guest speaker for the evening was Ken Moorefield '65, Minister Counselor for the Commercial Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in London since last fall. He was accompanied by his wife Geraldine. Ken gave us some thoughtful views and interesting insights into the current global economic and political situation, with particular reference to developments within the European Economic Community, the status of the current GATT negotiations and developments in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Also speaking were Bill Knapp '50 as oldest grad and Ned Hoyt '90 as youngest. Bill gave us a very interesting and humorous review of some professional research carried out recently on the Class of '50 and how it compares to other groups in American society. Ned followed with some illuminating insights on contemporary life in Russia based on his recent experience of staying with a Russian family in Moscow. Ned, a Marshall scholar, is at Queen's College, Oxford as is his wife, Carolyn Ford '90, who was welcomed as the first woman graduate to attend a WPSGB function.

Also attending were Bob and Norma Devotto '56, John and Sheila Fyfe '60, Roy and Louise Degenhardt '62, Bob and Sam Baldinger '65, and John and Liz Draper '74. John was congratulated by all on his recent election as a partner in William Blair & Co, the Chicago investment bankers.

Bill Roedy '70, Chris Miller '80, Alan Starkie '79 and Dennis Blaker '89 also attended, dragging some of the very best England has to offer.

—John Fyfe '60

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

WPSNH had an excellent turnout for our FD Dinner on 14 Mar in Manchester. Over 50 grads, spouses, parents and friends of USMA attended. COL Morgan Roseborough '66, Dir of Cadet Activities, shared information with us on cadet life, current legislation and the direction of USMA.

Saturday, 25 Jul, is the planning date for the first WPSNH & All-Academy Golf Tournament.

Saturday, 26 Sep, is a Home Football Game with WPPC-NH to see Army avenge last year's loss to the Citadel. Reserved tailgate and seating areas, and bus transportation may be offered if enough interest is shown.

Saturday, 5 Dec, Army-Navy Tailgate Party and Annual Business Meeting. This will be another "joint" operation with the USNA grads, as we had great fun last year. Election of '93 WPSNH Officers at half-time.

Other programs in the works include:

Career Advisory Service, High School Leadership Awards, and Community Relations/Civic Action Projects.

All NH grads and friends of USMA are invited to join us. For more information, contact John Marshall '78, 21 Cadogan Way, Nashua, NH 03062-2254, 603-891-1488.

—John Marshall '78

## LOS ANGELES

The WPSLA had a very busy Mar highlighted by a week's visit by the WP Glee Club to the Southland during spring break. The Supe, at the request of our pres., Dick Leavitt '50, made the group available to stimulate cadet candidate recruiting. In addition to an appearance at the WPSLA FD banquet, the singing cadets presented four evening concerts in Pasadena, Torrance, Palos Verdes and Thousand Oaks and appeared at five area high schools in daytime concerts as well as making a stop at Disneyland. The Cadet Glee Club was well received in all appearances.

Joining the Glee Club on FD (a black tie dinner-dance held at Ft. McArthur in San Pedro) was guest speaker BG Gerald E. Galloway, Jr. '57, Dean of the Academic Board, who addressed more than 200 alumni and spouses in attendance. Gen Galloway gave the audience an inspiring speech on the expected effects on West Point of the changes in international affairs and updated the audience on current cadet life. Another highlight of the evening was the comments of oldest grad Fred Marlowe '19 and youngest grad Aaron Kuzemka '88.

Alumni elected to take new seats on the WPSLA Board of Governors were B. Barton Bailey '74, Kevin Beam '78, Daniel D. Duesler '74, John E. Kulpa '50 and Joseph D. Preletz '57.

Led by Fred Koehler '57, our society has embarked on an ambitious community involvement effort to assist veterans in need of food, clothing, jobs and housing. The first effort was participation, along with the local USNA society, in a Veterans Food Bank Radiothon on station KLOS in Nov. Society efforts helped raise over \$200 thousand in pledges which are being con-

verted to over \$ million in food. Focus of the program in the future, according to Koehler, helping those with whom we once served.

On another front, Dave Fowler '74 is heading an effort to assist and counsel local U.S. congressmen in the selection process for future appointees to USMA.

—I. I. Steinberg '50

## NEW ENGLAND

Our annual FD dinner was held at the Hanscom AFB Officer's Club on 20 Mar '92. The speaker was Mr. Denis Mullane '52, Pres of the AOG, who discussed the myriad of changes going on at the Academy—past, present, and future.

*Sylvanus Thayer Home Tour & Barbecue*  
9 May Braintree, MA

This was our first family event of the year. Included was a tour of the home by costumed members of the Braintree Historical Society. And the MA IX Regiment performed a musketry and drill demonstration.

### Scheduled events for 1992.

*MG (Ret) Patton's Family Picnic*, 1 August, Hamilton, MA

Our second and biggest family event of the year is our traditional family picnic with the Patton's on their farm. For information, please call **Ellen Houlihan '82** at (508) 441-4151.

### Career Advisory Board

**Scott Anders '77** is the new chairman of the CAB. He's updating our lists of industry mentors and looking for new volunteers willing to serve as mentors. For information, please call Scott at (617) 237-4900.

For further information concerning the society, contact the society secretary, Jim Wiegel '76 at (617) 466-3250.

## TOLEDO

The WPS Toledo was privileged to have LTG Palmer as guest speaker at our FD Dinner on 7 Mar '92. LTG Palmer addressed the role played by West Point in providing the Army and the Country with young men and women of quality leadership potential. He described some of the changes that have occurred at USMA in recent years and the resulting benefits to our graduates.

Our dinner was attended by graduates, spouses and guests and parents of cadets and recent graduates.

During his visit GEN Palmer toured the

River Raisin Battlefield in Monroe, MI, the Fallen Timbers Battlefield in Maumee, OH and Ft. Meigs in Perrysburg, OH. The Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1796 figures to be a part of GEN Palmer's next book.

—Phil Samsey '50

## PHOENIX

The activities for '92 were initiated by a very successful tour of Luke AFB on 19 Feb. There were 25 members and guests attending a delicious lunch at the Luke Officers Club. Roger Neumeister '41 made the arrangements. All participants expressed their enthusiasm, especially for the tour. The highlight of the tour was to climb temporary stairs to observe the cockpit of an F16 Fighter. We were also able to observe many aircraft taking off on training flights. Luke AFB is becoming the major training base for the F15 and F16 Fighters.

FD was celebrated by the Phoenix Soc on the actual birth date, 16 Mar, of the Academy, a very special opportunity for us. By order of Dennis Hawker '65, then pres of the Soc, the celebration was held in Sun City. Through the kindness of Tom Greiss Jan '43, we were able to reserve the Palmbrook Country Club. Duane Slater '62 did the class photos with help from Bill Lewis, retired Associate Professor of Physical Education and honorary member of several classes. Responding to the order of "take seats", we all sat down for dinner at 2000. Roger Neumeister '41 again gave the invocation, the usual toasts were offered and a superb entree of filet and lobster tail (chicken and lobster tail for those seeking a diet special) was served. A short business meeting was held to hear the treasurer's report and elect three new members of the Board of Directors, Tom Mennie '62, Geno Salazar '81 and Alex Pensiero '58. They replace retiring board members, Dennis Hawker '65, Duane Slater '62 and Tom Rader '81. Tom Mennie was announced as the new president. Joe Carroll '31, the oldest grad present, looked back to his days at West Point, especially his graduation and also that of his son. His son was present at the dinner. Vince Torza '91, the youngest grad present (and they don't come any younger) really gave us the hot poop and the latest word of happenings at West Point. BG Gerald Galloway '57, Dean of the Academic Board, updated us on the changes that have been underway at West Point. He was successful in expanding our perception of these changes and placing them in proper relationship to the mission of West Point and the import-

ance of developing leaders. I am certain that many of those present now have a more enlightened point of view. The program closed with the singing of the Alma Mater. Thanks again to Dennis Hawker for his insistence on Sun City and to Tom Greiss for the arrangements at Palmbrook Country Club.

The new officers for '92-'93 are:

COL Thomas L. Mennie '62,  
President  
6715 E. Mountain View  
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

COL Joseph E. Gross, III '62  
Vice President  
6049 E. Crocus Drive  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Dr. Eugene Salazar '81  
Secretary & Treasurer  
16080 N. 59th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85306

Other Members of the board are:

Roy Hendrickson '41  
Alex Pensiero '58  
Roger Neumeister '41

—Roger Neumeister '41

## THE TRIANGLE

Our chapter's Founders Day reception at the Raleigh Country Club was a well-attended function, with Colonel Al Rushton, Director of Admissions attending as our distinguished guest speaker.

I was not in the states last year at this time. I was busy "on other fields" attempting to bear the "fruits of victory." I thank my lucky stars and the severity of my training at the Academy for carrying me through many difficult times while deployed. It is truly a pleasure this year being in the company of the fine "Long Gray Line" once again.

—Steven M. Root '83

## MISSISSIPPI

The WPS of Mississippi held its 5th annual Founders Day dinner on March 13th in Jackson. A record 71 graduates, spouses, parents, admissions participants, and candidates gathered at the Capital City Petroleum Club. The program began with a solemn reading of a poem by Mrs. Louise (Purcell '24) Reese in honor of those who fell on the Bataan Death March. Dan Howqett '87 gave an inspiring testimonial on the meaning of "Duty, Honor, Country" as the youngest graduate in at-

tendance. The oldest graduate, Battle Barksdale '37, followed with the reading of an unforgettable strong, guiding letter received from his father during the bottom of Beast Barracks in 1933. Our first FD speaker, LTG Palmer '56, returned with Mrs. Palmer as this year's guest speaker. He reported that the changes to our *Alma Mater* initiated during his tenure as Superintendent will aid the development of leaders of character for the common defense into the next century. Billy Mounger '48 was recognized for a fine presidency and dinner through the unanimous reelection of his administration for another year of service.

—Paul Mlakar '66

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/NEVADA

The WPS of Northern California/NV held its fourth annual FD supper on 12 Mar of this year. Approximately 90 grads and family members gathered at the McClellan Air Force Base officers club to listen to our guest speaker, BG Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., the Dean of the Academic Board at West Point. Speaking as



John Schoepbach '88—Youngest grad FD Dinner



FD 12 Mar '92—GEN Galloway and Larry Smith '62 (soc pres)



COL (Ret) Loren Ayers '31—Oldest grad FD Dinner

the oldest graduate present was Col (Ret) Loren Ayers, class of 1931, and speaking as the youngest graduate was Mr. John Schoepbach '88. A color guard was provided by Air Force personnel from McClellan for the evening. Mr. Larry Smith, pres of the soc, provided opening remarks and introductions of the speakers.

Our next event will be held in the summer of this year. Contact Larry Smith, (916) 929-2675 for details.

—Larry Smith '62

### GREATER HOUSTON

Our FD Banquet was held on 4 Apr at the Wyndham Hotel in Houston. Co-Chairman Dr. Tom Parr '67 and Joe Cantu '80 did a super job of engineering this great soiree. There were almost 200 in attendance, and we were honored in having WP Superintendent

LTG Howard Graves '61 as our main speaker. GEN Graves was accompanied by his wife Gracie. Other speakers were George McDowell '37, who did the honors for the oldest living grad, and Lt. Sandra Hammett '89, who presented a video and an update as our youngest living grad. The festivities were MC'd by Dr. Tom Parr '67.



Seated Jeffrey Alt, '62, Dick Sundt '59, Joe Cantu '80, John Talhelm '73, Dr. Gerald Hoffman '65

and our Pres Jeffrey Alt '62 gave us several words of wisdom. Our Board of Directors elected the new officers for our soc at the last meeting. They are shown in the enclosed picture as follows: seated, Pres Jeff Alt '62, standing l to r, Dick Sundt '59 2nd VP, Joe Cantu '80 treas, John Talhelm '73 sec and Dr. Gerald Hoffman '65 1st VP. We held our annual and highly successful Bi-Invitational party this year with over 425 prospective candidates for WP, their parents, current Cadets and grads in attendance. The program featured talks from COL Al Rushton '59, Dir of Admissions, Coach Bob Sutton, Army Head Football Coach, MG Mark Sisinyak '56 (Ret), and LTC Bill McArthur '73, NASA Astronaut. This annual program has netted our area many successful and outstanding cadets for our Alma Mater.

So far this year we have been blessed with an influx of some outstanding West Pointers who have chosen to make Houston their new home. The new arrivals are: Tom O'Driscoll '86, Robin Lesjack '88, Bob Sansone '73, Walter Brinker '66, Ben Schriver '82, and Linc Jones '58. But with our gain, we also had the loss of our good friends: Jock Joseph '69 moving to OK City, John Edwards '48 moving to Myrtle

Beach in SC, Stuart Strong '82 moving to Torrance, CA, and John Samouce N'59 who has moved to Sula, Montana. We wish our departed comrades our very best and hope they will return soon.

Our third picture shows some of our attendees at our regular monthly luncheons, which are held at Brennan's in Houston

on the second Thursday of the month.

We are all very proud of our "political member" Donna Peterson '82, who is currently running for the Congressional seat in the 3rd district of TX. Her Democratic opponent is an Annapolis grad and so she has the full support of our Society. In the most recent primary she garnered 81% of the Republican votes, and in the '90 race (against the same incumbent) she got 45% of the total vote. This is the year that Donna will win. CHARGE!!!!

Mike Guardia '80 has recently published and presented a paper entitled "A Practical Approach to Original Gas in Place: Development of the South Wilburton Field" to the Society of Petroleum Engineers 66th Annual Technical Conference which was held in Dallas. Mike's wife Margaret is currently working on her MBA at Rice University. Astronaut Sam Gemar '79 is making quite a name for



Hary Calvin '60, Felix Davis '41, Milton Kramer

himself as an after-dinner speaker. A few weeks after his descent from space he spoke to the Downtown Houston Kiwanis Club and received a standing ovation. Several members told me it was the best speech they had ever heard. In order to encourage "networking" and fellowship the Houston Society has formed a "Young Graduates Committee". This group will consist of West Pointers who have graduated no more recently than twenty years ago. Mitch VerVoort '79 is in charge. Activities so far planned are a Summer Picnic on 19 Jul, a "Day at the Beach" in August, and a Tennis Tournament this fall. Mitch advises that "This is only the beginning; you ain't seen nothin' yet".

Computer Ace Bill York '81 was the host for the Society's first golf outing of the year. The event was played at Weston Lakes Country Club on 10 Apr. The first place team shooting 63 was Jeff Manley '78, Dick Graf '71, Shawn Weidman '85, and Mark Sullivan '83. Second place team shooting 64 was composed of Jeff Alt '62, John Woods '63, Dick Smdt '59, and Julian Weisler '59. The Navy team came in third with a 66. The next tournament will include the Air Force grads. Bill York's slice caused him to come in 4th. Judge Lee Duggan, former WPPC Pres, reports that son Lt F. Lee "Doug" Duggan '90 is alive and several pounds lighter after a long period of tank maneuvers at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. Desert Storm was reportedly a good warmup for the escapade.

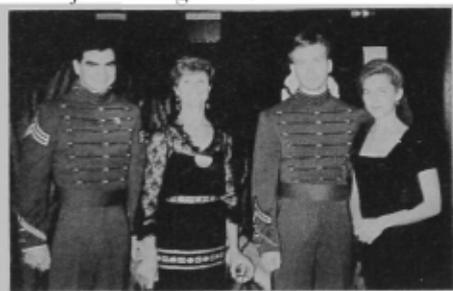
Our Society meets the second Thursday of every month at Brennan's with Pres Jeff Alt acting as Commanding Officer. We always have a provocative speaker, great fellowship, good food, and a great time. All Grads in the area are urged to attend for a memorable occasion.

—Robert E. Lee '45

### SOUTH TEXAS

The new officers of the South TX Society are:

Kenneth McCollister '61, President  
John W. Gilboux '54, Vice President  
Wesley G. Jones '52, Secretary  
Cal D. Johnson '64, Treasurer  
R. Joe Peisinger '54, Public Relations



l to r: Cdt Wm. De Los Santos '92, F-4 Churchill High Grad, Jean Jones (wife Wes Jones '52), Cdt Larry Wilkinson '94, H-2 Jundson High Grad, Frances Trevino (date of Wilkinson) Grad student, St. Mary's Univ.

*Founders Day Dinner Saturday, March 14 at USAA Home Office*

Guest speaker—LTG Howard D.

Graves '61 Superintendent USMA  
Senior Grad—GEN (Ret) Cortlandt  
Van R. Schuyler '22

Oldest Grad—MG (Ret) Claude H.

Corpening Nov '18

Youngest Grad—1LT Dave Ferrick '88

The Superintendent discussed new leadership approaches at the Academy, such as dropping Plebe harassment and substituting leadership experience



Walt Root '45 & Dorothy

throughout the four years. The idea of treating subordinates with contempt is not an appropriate practice in the active Army. MG Chorpening made humorous remarks in comparing present day "stress" at West



CPT Pat Kelly '83 & Kathy

Point in comparison to his time there. In two and one-half years he only had seven and one-half free days!

The 326 attendees covered a wide range from candidates with their parents to cadets, active duty, widows and retirees.

The South TX Society is seeking more Active Duty members and more participation in the scheduled activities by the 607 graduates on our mailing list. A recent questionnaire solicited comments encouraging new ideas that will make our Society more responsive to our members' needs and get them involved. If you reside in South TX and want more information please contact one of our officers, we're in the phone book.

—Joe Peisinger '54

### OMAHA

Omahan Eugene A. Conley received the 1991 GEN George Crook Award from the WPS of Omaha during its annual FD Dinner on Mar 29 at the Offutt Air Force Base Officers' Club.

Conley, who is the Civilian Aide to the

Sec of the Army for NE, retired in '90 as Chairman of the Board of Guarantee Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The WPS of Omaha recognizes Conley as a "distinguished community leader, public servant and businessman who has rendered outstanding service to the Omaha metropolitan area, the state of NE and his country."

MG Frank B. Horton, III, USAF, presented the award which cites Conley as exemplifying the ideals of WP as expressed in its motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

As a community leader, Conley has held such positions as Chairman of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Governor of the Knights of AK-SAR-BEN, Pres of the United Way of the Midlands, Pres of the NE Goodwill Industries and Pres of the Omaha Zoological Society.

Conley has served on numerous boards of director for such organizations as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital and the U of NE Foundation.

Conley was a Navy pilot during WW II and has been a member of the Strategic Air Command Consultation Committee.

Guest speaker for the WPS banquet was BG Gerald E. Galloway, Jr., Dean of the Academic Board, West Point.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Founders Day 1992 was held at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel, Alexandria, VA, on 21 March, with more than 400 graduates and spouses celebrating the event. LTG Howard D. Graves, USMA Superintendent, was guest speaker. A special highlight of the evening was presentation of the Castle Memorial Award to GEN Michael S. Davison '39, whose distinguished service over the years has exemplified the ideals of West Point. Among his many accomplishments is his role as a former President of the Association of Graduates. As President Emeritus, GEN



Presentation of the General George Crook Award: LTG Leo W. Smith, II '58, MG Frank B. Horton, III '62, Mr. Eugene A. Conley, BG Gerald E. Galloway, Jr. '57 and Dr. Joseph C. Porter.

Davison continues to devote his attention to the Military Academy.

On 12 March COL Edmund DeTreville Ellis '15 celebrated his 102nd birthday, as the oldest living USMA graduate. On the occasion, he was visited by LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48, Society President, LTC Charles E. Dominy '62, Director of the Army Staff, LTC Philip A. Farris '46, Society Public Information Officer, and a DOD photographer. On behalf of AOG, Gen Scott presented COL Ellis with a USMA lap blanket, and Gen Dominy gave him a special letter from the Cadet First Captain, on behalf of the Corps of Cadets. COL Ellis remains in good health, reminisces about his military service with articulate clarity and pride, and epitomizes every distinctive attribute of a West Pointer.

A special meeting of USMA officials with graduates in the D.C. area was held on 15 April at the Ft Belvoir Officers Club. The Superintendent, the Commandant and the Dean of the Academic Board were on hand to respond to questions raised by various graduates concerning certain programs at West Point today. The meeting was an outgrowth of letters and communication with graduates in the D.C. area about the programs.

Each year, our Admissions Field Force presents certificates to area high school seniors who have accepted appointments to USMA. The presentation is an excellent opportunity to further interest in West Point and to recognize outstanding young men and women who have chosen the Military Academy and met its high entrance requirements. For several years, GEN Scott, Society President, has made presentations at various area high schools. His participation has made the presentations especially meaningful and contributed greatly to increasing West Point's visibility at these schools. GEN Scott has said that a prime objective of the West Point Society of D.C. is to assist in every way possible the Admissions Program of USMA.

—Phil Farris '46

### UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

The WPS of Upstate SC held its 4th annual FD at the Greenville Hilton on Sat, 7 Mar. Chuck Baker '75, our acting soc pres (standing in for Bruce Brackett '77 who has been transferred to France) served as master of ceremonies.

COL Walter Tisdale '32 spoke as our oldest grad. He and his wife Dorothy were attending their first meeting with us after recently moving from NY. COL Tisdale



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artfully described how the WP motto, Duty, Honor, Country, had consistently served as a reliable compass throughout his life's journey.

Jay Patton '87, our youngest grad, addressed the many comical aspects of life as a cadet, and how a sense of humor is essential to maintaining balance in the trying life at WP.

COL Al Rushton Dir of Admissions at WP, updated us on the many challenges facing our alma mater in the post-Cold War era. His assessment of the newest classes is that our nation remains blessed with superb young men and women willing to serve as soldier leaders.

One point of business during the dinner was the election of officers for '92-'94:

- Pres—Reg Fadden '74
- VP—Chuck Baker '75
- Sec—Pete Selleck '77
- Treas—Charlie Dionne '81
- FD—Mike Ungar '80
- Newsletter—Chuck Sutton '80
- Athletic Events—Ken Lewis '82
- Outdoor Events—Bob Stokes '84

Our next activity is the second annual Army-Navy Golf Tournament on Sat, 30 May at the Southern Oaks Golf Course. Reg Fadden (803) 859-7496 is the Army team captian.

This soc serves grads and friends of WP in the Western portion of SC. Anyone seeking more information about our activities should call Pete Selleck at (803) 244-9183.

—Pete Selleck '77

### NORTH TEXAS

The WPSNT celebrated FD on 3 April '92. We were fortunate to have with us most of that day and for our FD celebration LTG Graves '61 and his wife Gracie. The first item on LTG Graves agenda was

to visit two members of the Society—Murrell '30 and McNeil '45—who lent the outstanding young candidate from the high plains of TX aid in gaining admission to the Military Academy in the summer of '57. The Society Officers and Directors then had lunch with the Superintendent at the Northwood Club. Following the luncheon, LTG Graves gave us his perspective of the major issues being debated within the administration and the Congress which will have significant impact on the Military Academy. The FD Dinner was attended by 270 people. The Soc Pres—Darcy Anderson '78—was the master of ceremonies. Craig Howe '87 gave the youngest grad remarks. Like many thrust into that role, once given the podium, he forgot his basic guidance to be brief. Phil Reidel '42 was the senior grad present. He brought a unique perspective, for during his time as an instructor at the Military Academy, he was the Superintendent's "Plebe Papa". LTG Graves gave his assessment of the state of the Academy after some nine months as Superintendent. He is encouraged by what he finds there and is buoyed by the focus and intensity of the members of the Corps. Special thanks go to John Abbott '69, Russ Bolling '72, John Ortman '75 and his wife, Zach Smith '77, Paul Divis '81 and his wife, and Denis Lambert '82 and his wife for their outstanding effort in support of a great FD celebration. The final events in our '91-'92 activity year are the annual membership meeting—14 May—and a civic lunch on 25 Jun in which the our scheduled guest speaker is the current Mayor of Dallas—Steve Bartlett. While a representative in Congress, Steve was an enthusiastic supporter of West Point. As we move into the '92-'93 activity year, the career advisory service within the society

will undertake a new initiative: attempting to determine the nature of the current job positions of our members and their willingness to advise other members in a job search. The information will be incorporated into our data base and queried by members in the job search mode.

—Jack Driskill '52

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

The annual Founders Day dinner of the West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area was held 14 March, at the Presidio Officers' Club, Presidio of San Francisco, California.



BG Yankoupe '64 and LTG Mallory '61, Guest Speaker.

We had in attendance two father-son graduates: Major John R. Finney, Jr. Ret. '42 and his son Mr. John R. Finney III, Class '68; and Brigadier General George B. Fink, Ret. '46 and son Mr. Keith A. Fink '82. Also grandfather Colonel Robert A. O'Brien, Jr., Ret. '40 and grandson Robert O'Brien IV, Cadet USMA '92; and BG Roger F. Yankoupe '64 and daughter Cadet Nicole Yankoupe '93. A good time was had by all.

—Mercer E. Ferguson '73

## PHILADELPHIA

### Annual Society/Parents Club Tailgate

Before the Army/Harvard game in October the West Point Society of Philadelphia hosted the annual tailgate with the society and the West Point Parents Club of Delaware Valley. Over 90 fans attended.



Harvard Game Tailgate



General Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Army, at Luncheon.

### Chief of Staff Attends Society Fall Luncheon

General Gordon Sullivan, Chief of Staff USA attended the Fall Luncheon of the West Point Society of Philadelphia, held at the Union League. The General is pictured with members of the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of Philadelphia.



LTG Scott urges Victory.



Admiral Lynch, Supe of USNA & LTG Graves, Supe of USMA.



Let's have a Rocket!

### Annual Army/Navy Dinner Dance

The West Point Society, The Naval Alumnae Association of Philadelphia and the Armed Forces Committee of Union League joined together to host the Annual Army/Navy Dinner Dance, on December 6 at the Union League of Philadelphia. Army was the host this year, and Rod Vitty '55, the President of the society, acted as MC. Over 400 persons attended this great party.

The Rabble Rousers and the Rally band from Army, and Navy's cheerleaders pro-

vided spirit and entertainment. LTG Howard Graves, the "Supe", and Admiral Lynch of the Naval Academy both spoke and led cheers. LTG (Ret) Willard Scott, always a favorite guest, led a "Rocket". Admiral Lynch presented General Graves a photo taken at Tecumseh's Monument of the three army mules that had been mule-napped earlier in the week. This was a great party; some said "the most outstanding ever held at the League." The party's success was overshadowed by the football score the next day. BE THERE NEXT YEAR! BEAT NAVY!

—Joe Barkley

## SOUTH FLORIDA

The West Point society of South Florida celebrated Founders's Day on 6 March at the University Club in Miami with a gathering of graduates—along with spouses and escorts—from throughout the southeast Florida region. The group totalled 70 people, one of the strongest showings for a Society function in recent years. After a boisterous Benny Haven's Hour, Society President William Sipes '76 gathered the throng into the dining room, and confirmed with all present the election of the new officers of the Society. Elected to serve for the 1992 term were:

### President

William Sipes '76

### Vice President-Dade County

Jerry Nowotny '82

### Vice President-Broward County

Geoffrey Kleb '64

### Secretaries

Brian S. Keif '72, J. Daniel Carlo '87

### Treasurer

MG (Ret.) Sylvan E. Salter '45

The gathering then proceeded with the addresses by COL (Ret.) Bob Haffa '39 and First LT John Croker '88, the oldest and youngest graduates, respectively. The guest speaker, Commandant of Cadets Major General David Bramlett '64, then addressed the group, and updated us all on the latest goings-on at West Point. Among other things, MG Bramlett emphasized that with all the changes taking place at the academy, the values of honor and discipline have remained and been strengthened among the cadets. Incoming President Sipes then adjourned the function by urging the support of all present. Overall, a good time was had by all.

Future plans for the Society include the creation, by this spring, of a career advisory network for graduates relocating to the area, as well as several outings in the summer and fall. Should any graduate be

interested in joining or finding out more about the Society and its activities, please contact William Sipes at (305) 591-6167.

—J. Daniel Carlo

## ALBUQUERQUE

Our annual FD celebration was held at the Albuquerque Country Club. Approximately 80 attended. LTG (Ret) Leo Marquez, USAF, addressed the group. He described the Gulf War as a most significant



(L to R) COL Leonard Butler, past pres; 2LT Holly Craig '91, youngest grad; LTG Leo Marquez, guest speaker; MG Kenner Hertford '20, oldest grad; and LTC Bill Barrattino '75, incoming pres.

logistics effort carried out by some of the finest servicemen and women this country has ever put "in harm's way." Elections were held for new officers.

After the mess was closed, a videotape of GEN Schwarzkopf's address to the Corps in May 91 was shown. Our soc's major program presents leadership awards to deserving students at 17 high schools in the region.

—Leonard Butler '62

## OREGON

WPS-Oregon held its annual Founders Day dinner on 11 March 1992 at the Portland Marriott Hotel, with about 80 persons in attendance.



Brig. Gen. Gerald Galloway '57, Dean of the Academic Board, was our guest speaker.

Above is a photo of Gen. Galloway and

Brig. Gen. Drewfs '60 (Ret). Gen. Drewfs, until his retirement in September 1990, was J2 of the Central Command, General Norman Schwarzkopf's chief intelligence officer. Gen Drewfs now resides in Bend, OR.

—Bob Read

## LEE-GRANT

Lee-Grant Founders Day festivities were held on 14 March at the Ft. Lee O Club. Most senior present, Art Smith '38. Most junior present, John Sutton '86. Guests included "LTG Robert E. Lee 1829" and Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell, the Lee-Grant nominee for the 1992 Thayer Award. You may remember Dr. Howell as the one who "took charge of his post with colors flying" when the Iraqis invaded Kuwait.

Guest speaker was Dr. Charles W. Sydnor Jr., former President of Emory and Henry College, who spoke about



(L-R) Dr. Charles W. Sydnor, Jr., "LTG Robert E. Lee" and Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell.

public perceptions of generals. He contrasted the perceptions of his youth, circa WWII and Korea, with the perceived images of today. Editorial observation—"Thank you, Lord, for Norm Schwarzkopf '56."

A reception for candidates and parents of the CI of '96 was held on the 19th of May at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. Charlie Hundley '72 did a super job as the "set up" man.

Next scheduled formation is a "raiding party" to join our NC brothers when the rabble heads south to take on the Tarheels.

## SPACE COAST

On 9 March we were honored by a visit from the Commandant, newly promoted Major General David A. Bramlett, who

kicked off the 190th Anniversary Founders Day activities at 4 p.m. by gathering with prospective Class of '96 Candidates. Thirteen youngsters, the largest and best group our region has produced in recent years, joined their proud and anxious parents in hearing the Comm compliment them on their achievements and then give a no-holds barred, accurate account of what lay ahead of them during plebe year. He ended by telling the candidates he was wearing his "blues" in preparation for meeting with the alumni (all of whom were convinced that West Point was at its peak of perfection when they graduated) to persuade them that the Corps had not really suffered its final descent into Hades.

That evening, when President Dick Henry '49 assembled our glittering gathering of over 160 in the Officers' Club's elegant Space and Missile Room, we welcomed the past and present Presidents of our Parents Club and the Candidates.

Following dinner we were treated to a repeat appearance of both our "Oldest Grad," Garry Hall '32, who told us of his inimitable encounters with then-Com

"Nellie" Richardson '04, and our "Youngest Grad," Beverly Rosenquist '85, who brought down the house with a disparaging joke at the expense of our Navy Sisters.

General Bramlett topped off the evening with a compelling call for renewal of the confidence and dedication with which we old grads join the current cadets and leaders of our Alma Mater in facing today's challenges. The Com gave a candid description

of the Academy's military and academic advances and, after welcoming our "how goes it?" suggestions, he left us inspired by a conviction that the Corps is still dedicated to the same basic principles.

Dick Henry introduced Vice President Bill Aman '50, who gave credit to our Secretary, Kevin McKeown '77, and his wife Sue for the fine dinner arrangements.

We ended the evening by singing the Alma Mater followed by a heartfelt "BEAT NAVY!"

—Jack Dibble '40



# Bulletin Board



## COLONEL ELLIS '15 IS 102!

The AOC:

I appreciate your thought of me on my 102nd birthday. I never expected to get that old. But I made it on 12 March 1992.



Celebrating his 102nd birthday on March 12, 1992, COL Edmund DeTreville Ellis '15, oldest living USMA graduate, is presented a gift from the Association of Graduates. Making the presentation is LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48, President of the West Point Society of D.C., with Tracy Mulligan, COL Ellis' grandson, and LTG Charles E. Dominy '62, Director of the Army Staff, looking on. The gift, a black, gold, and gray lap blanket, was greatly appreciated by COL Ellis.

My family gave me a wonderful party, here in my house, on Sunday, 8 March 1992.

Over 100 honored me by attending.

I still walk outdoors, 2-1/2 miles each day. Guess that and my days as a cavalry officer and playing polo, in "the long ago" helps to keep me "going."

Best wishes and many thanks.  
E. DeTreville Ellis

## WEST POINT AND THE END OF THE COLD WAR

We at West Point can take a bit of personal pride in the outcome of the August coup in the USSR as a wife of a Department of History instructor appeared atop a tank in front of the Russian White House and supported the pro-democracy movement of Boris Yeltsin while wearing a West Point sweatshirt!

Irina McKeehan-Campbell was telephoned by a Russian People's deputy at 0700 on the morning of 18 August 1991 and warned of the coup. She rushed to the Russian White House as the coup entered

its first evening. She is president and CEO of INTER-PR, Inc, a survey research and public relations firm based in New York, and an associate in Nationality Studies, at the W. Averell Harriman Institute of Columbia University, and had been conducting a survey of the nearly 180 military deputies of the Russian Parliament concerning ethnic and nationality issues within the Red Army. Indeed, her work at that time, published in a Soviet journal, led her to conclude that the military forces of a nationally-divided USSR would become "ethnic armies"—a prescient conclusion that appears to be borne out at the present time.

Irina's husband, Major Roy Campbell '79, is currently an instructor of Russian History at West Point. He had been conducting research as well during the months of June and July, but he had returned with their seven-year-old son, Vasya, to resume teaching duties before the outbreak of the coup.

During the long night of 20 August 1991, Irina was asked by the chairman of the RSFSR Science and Education Committee to find out how Americans were reacting to the coup and whether they would help those supporting Yeltsin. She phoned Roy from the Committee telephone in the Russian White House and asked what the response of President Bush was to the coup. Roy was watching CNN and reacted rather excitedly to learning that his wife was with Yelt: 'n in the Russian White House. He exclaimed that CNN showed hundreds of tanks on the move and that no one was sure of their loyalties at that time. Irina was rather nonplussed by all the commotion. The defenders of the White House, she said, accepted the necessity of taking risks which are the consequences of making choices for democracy.

Irina had a video camera and took over 40 hours of tape from inside the White House during the coup attempt. Upon her return to the United States in late September, Irina resumed her academic work at Columbia University and lectured exten-



sively on her eyewitness accounts of the Russian Revolution of 1991. She also has continued to serve as consultant to various commercial and legal interests in establishing contacts with Russian and Ukrainian counterparts.

Irina is currently completing a monograph of a survey she conducted on the quality of life in Moscow after the coup and is guest editor of a forthcoming issue of *Soviet Sociology: A Journal of Translations*. She will also release a 2-hour documentary video tape of her films taken inside the Russian White House, on the first anniversary of the coup, for the use of the United States Military Academy.

## GENERAL CHARLES D. PALMER '24 CELEBRATES HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Dear John [Hincke],

I am enclosing a picture taken at the residents' February birthday party—in my case, my 90th. Jean likes it because it includes a couple of personable residents.

Regarding becoming officially 90, I rec-



ommend marking time at 88 or 89. Reason is that 90 seems to be a magic number that requires all family members and some old friends to do "something". As result it took us both about a month to recover from the occasion even though there was, thankfully, no big celebration.

Jean joins in all best wishes.  
Charlie P.

## OLD GRAD—NEW GRAD

[Comments of George G. Silides '46, former Alaska State Senator, at Founders Day in Anchorage, Alaska, 24 April 1992.]

The remarks by the old grads at Founders Day celebrations are traditionally directed at the newest graduate. Following

that, one of you, the newest, speaks to assure us that the "Corps has not...!"

The Class of 1946 can be described as the youngest of the old grads. Though no member of the Class is now directly employed by the U.S. Government, we remain active in diverse fields. We can still be found in research, weapons development and SDI, in teaching, in politics, and in the corporate boardrooms of America. We maintain our intense interest in the well-being of West Point with money, by personal visits, correspondence with the Superintendent, and through the Association of Graduates.

In a few years this will change. As the Class of '46 enters its seventies, the gentle upward curve of our Last Roll Call becomes asymptotic (See! I did remember something from calculus. Or was it mechanics?). Our work will end, and we will fade into the Long Gray Line we forever became a part of in our hearts when we marched to Trophy Point, took the oath, and were transformed from New Cadets to Fourth Classmen (Plebes). It will be left to you, the newly graduated, to judge whether we rate a "Well Done."

As new graduates, you are full of very large dreams. Future Superintendent, at least. General of the Armies (Bob?) (Betsy?) Ducrot, Class of 1991. Who knows? I do know that what you will become is limited only by your imagination and your initiative. We urge you to never cease to dream. Such dreams will help sustain you through the difficulties that will surely come.

Yes, Murphy's Law lives. So, in addition to dreams, we must also speak to you of reality. From experience, we know that most of you will serve in the Army until retirement and then enter into a second career. But, that same experience tells us that many of you will find yourselves forced to serve in different ways, at an earlier time and at a different place than you had planned or hoped.

Whichever path is given to you, you will succeed and prosper. Depend on it. You will succeed because you have been trained to compete, to think, to plan and to work. In short, you will succeed because you are West Point trained. The mission of West Point is to train "Leaders of Quality" for America—and you are it!

All this comes with a heavy burden of responsibility. As graduates of West Point you cannot consciously allow mediocrity, either from yourselves or from those you work with. Mediocrity is not in keeping with "Duty, Honor, Country." To allow mediocrity is, simply, not "Well Done."

There are two discernible tasks before you. Both deal with the defense of what we believe. One danger comes from without, the other from within our own borders.

The "Cold War" seems ended in Central and Eastern Europe. But there remain dedicated, external forces which clearly proclaim their mission to be the destruction of America. We have no doubt that you will prevail against this outside threat. You will prevail either through reason and diplomacy or, if attacked, through the strength of our arms.

The second danger, insidious and saddening, is attacks upon the institution of West Point itself.

West Point had rightly been called "The repository of America's ideals." We believe that the strength of West Point, and of its ideals, is America's strength. You must defend them both. In this you have no choice. You can not, must not, fail. To fail West Point is to fail the Nation. We do not envy you your task, nor deem it easy in the face of current, widespread corruption. We do bid you Good Luck, and Godspeed.

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### **AOG TRIP ABOARD THE GOLDEN ODYSSEY**

Sixteen days of sun (hot) and fun (a lot) as the latest group of AOG travellers escaped the doldrums of winter, visited the Mexican Riviera and transited the Panama Canal.

Royal Cruise Line and the ship, *Golden Odyssey*, served as our hosts as we visited such exotic ports as Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Zihuatanejo, Acapulco, Caldera, Curacao and Aruba. The transit of the Panama Canal was truly memorable. Krisman '39 kept looking for his old AA Battery Emplacement on Gatun Lake that he had commanded shortly after graduation. No Luck.

Travelling with the AOG were: Dick & Helen Hunt '32; Carolyn Jennings '33; Chet & Tommy Dahlen '33; Jack & Elaine Boyle '35; Sally Safford '36; Dick & Lucy Diver '46; Joe & Anne Lusk '46; Bill & Betty Conger '47; Jack & Lannie Dunham '47; Ev & Jan Yacker '49; Sandy & Nancy Cortner '51; Margaret Christensen; Eleanor Richards; and Seth & Joy Hudgins '64. Joining the AOG gp were: Mike & Alys Krisman '39; Coots & Hildagarde Mitchell '44; Tom & Barbara Clark '48; and Norm & Carol Robinson '48.

### **LTC & MRS. RODDEN FUND A UNITRUST**

LTC and Mrs. Robert M. Rodden '44 have used a portion of their Carmel, CA house to fund a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. For as long as either is alive, the proceeds from the unitrust will go to them. After both their deaths, the unitrust comes to the Association of Graduates. It is currently valued at about \$75,000 and will pay the Roddens 8% annually for their lifetime. The Roddens not only receive a charitable deduction, but partially offset a large capital gain they had in the house.

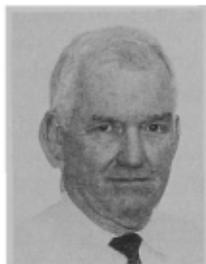
LTC Rodden served twenty years in the Corps of Engineers, culminating at Lawrence Radiation Laboratories in Liver-

more, CA. He then worked at Stanford Research Institute for four years as Director of Operations Evaluation. In 1978, he headed the consulting firm of RMR Associates until retirement to Carmel. After donation of their house to the unitrust, the Roddens moved to Hilton Head, SC, where they now reside.

### **LTG GRIFFIN IS GM AT WELLS FARGO**

LTG Thomas N. Griffin, Jr '56 (Retired) has joined Wells Fargo Alarm Services as general manager of its Washington, DC branch.

Wells Fargo Alarm Services is a leading nationwide provider of electronic security systems and monitoring services for businesses and institutions. It is a division of Baker Industries, Inc., the world's largest protective services company.



### **COORS GRANTS GIFT TO AOG**

The Association of Graduates recently received a \$2,500 gift from Coors Brewing Company in Golden, Colorado. A request was made by John E. DeVore, Ph.D. '62, on behalf of the USMA Class of '62, to support their efforts to renovate the Arvin Gymnasium. The Class will provide a modern fitness center to the United States Military Academy as their 30th Reunion Gift.

Dr. DeVore, Vice President of Human Resources at Coors Brewing Company, was instrumental in obtaining the gift for his class.

Coors Brewing Company is America's third largest producer and has been operating from a single facility since 1873. Coors is vertically integrated, with its own packaging, labeling, transportation, distribution and recycling operations. Coors also operates businesses engaged in en-

ergy exploration, biotechnology and ceramics.

The Association of Graduates is grateful to Coors Brewing Company for the endorsement of the Military Academy that this contribution represents, and to Dr. DeVore for his loyalty to his class and to USMA.

### **BERNARD J. LASKER DIES**

Bernard J. Lasker, a former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange and fundraiser for prominent Republicans, died recently at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. He was 81 years old.

William H. Donaldson, the chairman of the stock exchange, praised Mr. Lasker's contributions to the financial industry. "Bernard Lasker brilliantly led the New York Stock Exchange during a period of revolutionary change."

In 1969, Mr. Lasker was elected chairman of the board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange and served in that post until 1971.

As a youth, Mr. Lasker applied to the United States Military Academy but was not accepted. His fondness for West Point was undiminished, and, in later life, he enthusiastically supported the Academy and was honored for his services. In 1984,

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he was named the chairman of the Board of Visitors, and 30 September 1989 was declared "Bunny Lasker Day" at West Point. In 1990, he became the first honorary letterman at the Academy.

### **AOG GALÁPAGOS EXPEDITION**

Twenty-four graduates, wives, widows and friends of West Point traveled to the Galapagos Islands (600 miles west of Ecuador on the equator) in early February for a fascinating ten days of exploring and observing the wildlife on these protected islands. Trips ashore twice each day from the base ship provided opportunities to hike, swim, snorkel and photograph the remarkably tame birds and mammals. Experienced naturalists guided small groups of 15 travelers. The trip concluded with an interesting 3-day extension in Quito, Ecuador's capital city, high in the Andes. AOG explorers: Maxine Bailey, Jill and Karen Buckstead, Pat & John Coleman, Susan & Bert Goldberg, Faith & Morris Herbert, Lenore & George Lynn, Kristin & Nick Macaluso, Ivan & Bruce Mechtly, Albert Nisley, Joan & Jim Schmidt, Marjorie & Jack Stenger, Mr & Mrs Al Sweeney, Ann Tremaine and Hazel Van Way.

### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The summer exchange program between children of St. Cyr graduates and children of West Point graduates is off to a good start, with several exchanges planned for this summer. Even at this late date, however, we may be able to place your children with the family of a French Army officer, if you're also willing to host his children for two weeks this summer. Contact COL (Ret) Herbert or Mrs. Giacoio at the AOG offices. Telephone (914) 446-7164.

### **FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION**

A reunion of the 69th Infantry Division is planned at the San Francisco Airport Marriott, 23-30 August 1992. For further information contact Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, PA 15068; telephone (412) 335-3224.

Reunion of 661st TD Bn. (Same location and time). For further information contact Mr. William R. Beswick, P.O. Box 576, West Point, Virginia 23181; telephone (804) 843-2696.

Reunion of 777th Tank Bn. (Same location and time). For further information contact Mr. Vernon Wirth, 8330 West Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222; telephone (414) 422-9664.



### **FALL REUNIONS SCHEDULE**

The following classes will hold reunions at West Point during the fall of 1992 as indicated:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Reunion Period</b>
1947	10-13 September (Holy Cross)
1957	24-27 September (The Citadel)
1962	5-8 November (Air Force)
1967	29 October-1 November (Eastern Michigan)

To ensure that you receive all the details relating to a class reunion, keep the Association of Graduates advised of your current address.

### **HOMECOMING 1992**

The following is the schedule for Alumni Homecoming 8-11 October 1992. The Classes of 1972, 1977, 1982 and 1987 have scheduled reunions for this weekend. For additional information contact the Alumni Affairs Office, West Point, New York 10996; telephone (914) 938-3700/3024.

#### **Thursday, 8 October 1992**

1200-1800 Alumni Headquarters Open, Cullum Hall

#### **Friday, 9 October 1992**

0800-1800 Alumni Headquarters Open, Cullum Hall  
1300-1600 Open House, Selected Academic Departments  
1700 Reunion Class Picnics, Dinner and Social Activities

#### **Saturday, 10 October 1992**

0800-1200 Alumni Headquarters Open, Cullum Hall  
0935 Assembly for March to Thayer Monument  
0950 Alumni March to Thayer Monument  
1005 Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument  
1030 Alumni Review, The Plain  
1300 Football, Army vs Lafayette, Michie Stadium  
1930 Alumni Cocktails and Dinner Dance, Washington Hall

#### **Sunday, 11 October 1992**

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## ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SPEAKS OF WEST POINT'S VALUES

Army Chief of Staff, General Gordon R. Sullivan, spoke recently to the West Point Society of Chicago during its annual Founders Day dinner.

"When I think of West Point," he said, "I think of tradition and values."

"The United States Military Academy stands as one of this nation's great institutions," the general said. "In 1802 the 7th Congress of the United States created the Academy at West Point. Ever since then, graduates of West Point—in and out of uniform—have contributed to the defense and development of this nation."

General Sullivan spoke of the role of the Military Academy today and the contributions of West Point to the Army of the future.

"West Point sets the leadership standards for our officer corps and, in turn, for the entire Army," he said. He stated the fundamental need for individuals of integrity in the armed forces.

"The Army's future requirement for men and women of character who are bright, energetic and committed to service will be as great as ever," he said. "Today at the Military Academy we are forging the leaders of the 21st century—leaders who are winners."

The Chief of Staff also cited West Point as the "safe deposit box" for the Army's traditions and values.

"The motto 'Duty, Honor, Country' was born at West Point, but now belongs to the entire Army and to the nation."

Recalling General MacArthur's words to the Corps three decades ago, General Sullivan concluded his remarks by saying, "West Point plays an important role in sustaining these values [Duty, Honor, Country]. . . . That is what the Long Gray Line means to the Army and to America."

## ARMY-NAVY RESULTS (SPRING 1992)

The Army Lacrosse team defeated Navy at West Point, 12-7, the largest margin of victory for the cadets since 1969. Playing at Annapolis, the Army baseball team defeated Navy in a doubleheader, 6-2 and 9-7. In the second game, Army trailed at one point 7-0 and had to score 6 times in the last inning to win! It was the third straight year that Army has swept a doubleheader from Navy. While men's track lost to Navy, the Army women defeated Navy for the 6th straight time in outdoor track. The women's track team has never lost to Navy, posting 6 wins outdoors and 6 wins indoors.

## THE DROUGHT IS OVER!

In 1969, Army beat Navy in tennis, 5-4. But, for the next 22 years, Navy won every match. On 23 April of this year, at Annapolis, the cadets turned the tables with an impressive 6-3 victory. Army won at numbers 2, 4, and 6 singles and the match was tied, 3-3 going into the three doubles contests. The cadets won all three to nail down the win.

## CORRECTION! MORE WINS OVER NAVY!

In the May 1992 issue of *ASSEMBLY*, the box score of Army-Navy results on page 31 indicated that Army defeated Navy in both Men's and Women's basketball. We did—not only once, but TWICE in Men's Basketball (here and at Annapolis), and THREE times in Women's Basketball (here, at Annapolis, and in the first round of the Patriot League tournament). No other Army team has ever beaten Navy three times in one year.

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# Report from the Classes



'15

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Marguerite Gilkerson's new address is 5801 Eastdale Dr, Montgomery, AL 36117. She sent best wishes to '15. Mary Tate sent best wishes to '15. She is feeling very well but has a little difficulty walking.

Robert Daspit Dwan Jun '43, son of our Edward James Dwan phoned me recently and sent greetings to '15. Two grads of '15 (Van Fleet and Ellis) and 17 CI widows are still with us. Polk City, FL went all out in celebrating the 100th birthday of James A Van Fleet on 19 Mar 92.

The following is quoted from p 22 of ASSEMBLY (Jul 50), "Item: Was Harmon plugging for a job on the Atomic Energy Commission when he set off those firecrackers under McNarney's bed? And was that the best strategy? It's your guess." Harmon later became the first "Supe" of the USAFA. McNarney later became a full GEN (4 star)—one of two in '15.

Sathie Naiden sent best wishes to '15. Mary Welby Cochran will celebrate her 98th birthday on 2 May 92. She is still in the Shenandoah Valley Health Care Center, Buena Vista, VA. She sent her love and best wishes to '15. Ida Ryder is still in a nursing care facility. She sent greetings to '15 through her daughter, Mrs Louise King, 923 Jacinto Ave, Venice, FL 34292.

On 12 Mar 92 your scribe celebrated his 102nd birthday at his home. An open house was attended by many family and friends, including 6 great-grandchildren. He thanks all who sent him greetings.

'16

Apr  
'17

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Aug  
'17

Jun  
'18

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Nov  
'18

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During the past two mos I have received 3 ltrs from classmates, two from Art Pulsifer and a note from Chief Brimmer. Now, if the two oldest mbrs of the CI still can communicate, why not the others? Art's big news was that he was invited to attend the Founders Day dinner at Tampa; he went, was treated royally and, of course, was the oldest grad present. All of us have had and do have our problems with upper middle age, but it seems that Art has had more than his share; he is still hanging in there.

Chief states that he is slowing down a bit—just like his typewriter, bought second-hand in 28. Says that he wouldn't know how to use a new one. He thinks that the solution is to pour some oil on the old typewriter and perhaps some on his joints.

A telcon with Bryan Evans brought forth the info that he and his ladyfriend at the Fairfax had been elected as the King and Queen of the Mardi Gras Ball there. And also that his grandson had recently visited him for four days. We are happy to learn that Edith Griffiths no longer requires crutches. Lucy Bowman is doing well.

Being one of the last of the big spenders and an admirer of the ladies as I am, once more I invited all of our local CI widows to be my guests at the Founders Day dinner here in San Ant. All accepted, but only one made it. The others all had excellent reasons for not attending—which pleased me as I was fearful about losing my SA.

Lella Dunkelberg was the lone CI widow who came, so I invited two widows of later classes—Natalie Aloe (Bob Aloe '27) and Gayle Lampley (Jack Lampley '39).

And I was most happy that my daughter, Dorothy Bevan, came from Chicago to witness her dad's 7th occasion as oldest living grad present. And, of course, I made my usual eloquent remarks!

'19

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It's Apr and spring is most everywhere. We in S CA are savoring the consequences of our first rainy season in 6 yrs. The hills are green and wildflowers are popping out all over.

Across the country in DC, cherry blossom tours are attracting great numbers, among them at least one of our own—Conchita Sorley. On the other hand, one day in mid-mo, the temperature was forecast to drop to 20° F in CT, probably causing Bill Reagan to miss his daily walk.

Although weather never interferes with Fred Marlow's golf games, he admits that he sometimes decides that 9 holes are enough. This yr Fred was the only '19 mbr to attend a Founder's Day dinner. As the sr grad present at the L.A. WP Soc, he gave his usual speech about being from a cl that graduated twice!

John Hardin, who gave up his own motor cruiser some yrs ago, enjoys watching the boats, flags and activity around his neighbor's dock on the Miles River Estuary in St Michaels, MD. Lately, Alex Bennet has been visiting his alma mater via VCR. He's especially pleased with a newly acquired video cassette of GEN Schwarzkopf's visit to WP last yr.

Vivian Hamilton has made the best of a long hospitalization for foot surgery. She has a lovely room with a view at Wilford Hall and a covey of new friends among the nurses and therapists. Meanwhile, Adna is valiantly keeping the home fires burning. George & Connie Dillaway are frequently blessed when granddaughter Katherine Ball drives over from Orinda, CA with great-granddaughter, 15-mo-old Natalie—the light of their lives. Syril & Billie Faine celebrated Syril's birthday a little early when friends drove them to dine at "Nickles," a celebrated seafood restaurant near Pensacola.

On the West Coast, Mary (Nelson) Dickenson cheerfully claims to be "giving out," but she is happy to have Emily McNamee back in her area. Yes, Emily is moving again! In May she will be situated in Rossmor Towers in Laguna Hills. See next issue for complete address and phone no. Helen Kanaga and her sister, Lois Irving, are still residents of beautiful Casa de las Campanas in northern San Diego. Every day there are activities for every taste and two well-stocked libraries for quiet times. Their cousin and his wife were expected for a few days visit during Easter.

Margaret Jackson is well-cared for by a live-in couple. She values the view from her front window near Mission Bay in San Diego, since she is pretty much house-bound now. Her sister had to move out of town for health reasons, leaving Margaret with no family in the area. I'm sure she would appreciate cards and ltrs from those who knew her & Charlie. Flip Sutherland is her same cheerful self and seems to enjoy life in her longtime home in Santa Barbara. From time to time she flies to Carmel to visit daughter Patricia Clarkson but says long trips are "too much." She wants the weather to warm up a bit more so she can resume swimming.

From the E Coast, Majorie McLean rep that, on her way home from a genealogy

conference in Alexandria, she visited **Dade Wedemeyer** at the Fairfax in Ft Belvoir and **Katharine Kean** in Winter Park, FL. Both were in good spirits and happy to be where they are. Majorie frequently visits her two precious granddaughters, **Amanda** (3) and **Cecilia** (18 mos), in Richmond. Otherwise she keeps busy at home in FL with genealogy research and writing articles.

Take care until next time.

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**Charles Holle** was honored 17 Apr by the Natl Soc, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America (NS DFPA) with a svc and placement of a memorial wreath on his grave at Arlington. When **Anne Holle** was pres of NS DFPA, Charles had suggested that the Assoc furnish a medal to every ROTC unit in the world whether Army, Navy or AF. So Anne initiated this and is happy to say that her successors are continuing it.

**George Rehm** continues improving from the stroke he suffered last Aug. He is able to walk short distances with a walker and receives therapy 3 times/wk.

At long last, **Anne Holle** no longer needs the therapy she was receiving at Walter Reed for the terrible burn accident she suffered in Jun 90. Her sister, **Polly Taylor**, a resident of Knollwood in DC, has returned after a wk at Walter Reed. Anne has also kept me posted on our 9 Cl widows at Knollwood—**Janet Claterbos**, **Louise George**, **Robin Gillette**, **Marcia Lystad** (in Health Care Svc—HSC), **Isabel Romain**, **Dottie Sears** (HSC), **Marian Shattuck**, **Madeleine Travis** (HSC) and **Jo Tully** (HSC). **Robin Gillette**, who moved here last Sep, has kindly agreed to replace Anne for this.

In Apr, **Elton & Duke Samouce** were visited by **Herby Pierce's** daughter, **Dr Mirna Pierce Perez-Venero**, and her husband, **Dr Alexander Perez-Venero**, Panama's rep on the UN Industrial Devel Orgn (based in Vienna, Austria), on their way to visit son **Marc**, Cadet CPT, Co E-4, USCC. **Marc's** co was chosen to demonstrate before **Secy Defense Cheney** on his recent WP visit.

**Duke & Elton** also had a nice visit from **Duke's** nephew, **Dusty Samouce ex-'59** (ret from NASA), and his older son, **Marine 2LT Duke Samouce**. **Dusty** had just pinned the gold bars on him at Quantico, VA; he will go to Pensacola, FL for his flight tng. **Dusty** drove back to his MT home. He presented me with a Ukrainian flag which will now be flown for the first time since 1654.

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As I write these notes (13 Apr) I have had replies from all our classmates re attending the 70th anniv of our grad. Those who will attend are **PD Lynch**, **Cort Schulyer**, **Wes Yale** and myself, provided I am physically able at that time. My leg trouble seems to be getting worse every day.

**Wes Yale** had to choose between attending the reunion of his 11th Armed Div or our 70th. He chose the latter. **Helen** will accompany **Cort**, together with **Helen's** daughter & **BC**

**George E Wear '44**. While at the Academy, **PD Lynch** will have an autograph party at the Cadet Bookstore to sell and autograph his book, *Views of an Early Bird*, while **Peggy** visits friends across the Hudson River, as she did back in 82.



1921-22: Oriole Cl emblem

Two of our Oriole emblems have been lost. Before we left our 65th Reunion I asked that our emblem be put on display at Olmsted Hall. That never happened, so I had another Oriole emblem made (see nearby pic); I hope this one will eventually get to the museum.

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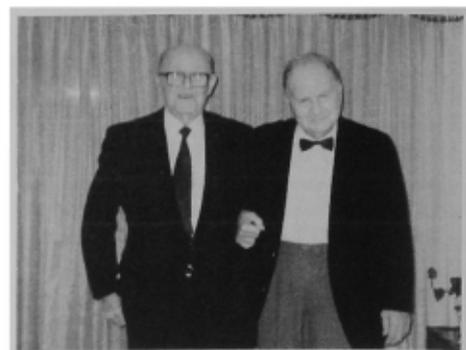
**Bill Craigie's** photo from the *L.A. Times* was received too late for inclusion in the last Cl notes. The newspaper notes that **Bill** joined the Caterpillar Club in 27. He later participated in the development of the turbo-jet engine and was the first off to fly the first jet, the Bell XP-59, in 42. **Bill** served 13 yrs at Wright Patterson, where he got to know **Wright**. For the birthday celebration, daughter **Gayle** flew in from CO, and son **Jack '51** and family were there from L.A. **Bill** will present the '23 Swimming Trophy at the WP annual awards ceremony.



1923: Bill Craigie, 26 Jan 92

**Battle Horton** regrets that he no longer can play golf. **Dorothy** loves church work and is in daily communication with **Sallie O'Shea**. Their daughter **Wincy** is married to **COL James E Harden** (ret AF) and lives in Savannah, GA. After "a lot of sickness" in 91, the **Howards** have moved to a ret home. **Ed** shuns cold weather. New address: 211 Bentley Dr, Naples, FL 33963. During the winter, **Marge Rich** spent 16 days in Egypt—"one of the most perfect trips I have ever made." She and **Punkey Jamison** are the only '23'ers left in the San Ant area. **Marge** writes that **Anna Perle & Joe Smith** are both well and enjoying their

new home. I rep incorrect address last time; their correct address is 9002 Belvoir Woods Pky #206, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-2703.



1923: George Stewart and Stu Cowles

**George Stewart** sent the photo of **Stu Cowles** and himself taken at **Stu's** 92nd birthday. **Stu** still can wear his cadet uniform. **George** is looking forward to his big 90 in May. **Eleanor & I** visited **Ray & Mary Pierce** at the Sequoias ret home. **Ray** has lost his sense of balance, so he needs help walking. He lives in the health ctr and requires a written pass to leave. In response to my query, he does not have to give an "All Right." **Mary** lives in the Lodge. Her address: The Sequoias, 501 Portola Rd, Lodge #5, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

**Ken Sweany** writes that he & **Laura** expect to complete the move to VT by the end of Apr. The address there will be 8 Larch Rd, S Burlington, VT 05403. His son **Phil** is with him much of the time to help in the move, but **Ken** is not enjoying the exercise one bit. He has recovered reasonably well from the mini-stroke and pneumonia.

**Don Enderton** sent a Christmas card and follow-up ltr in response to my request for family info. His sister **Ann Pugh** is a librarian in a data-processing firm. She & **Evan**, an aerospace scientist, live in Lexington, MA and have two children: **Marian**, who is working on a PhD in biostatistics at Harvard, and **Bronwen**, an engr. **Don's** other sister, **Alice McLerran**, lives in Minneapolis, where her husband **Larry** heads a specialized physics institute at U of MN. As a hobby, **Alice** has developed a second career writing children's books, some of which have been translated into foreign languages. **Alice** has 3 children: **Stephen Anderson** is a scientific writer; **David Anderson** is a computer science researcher at UC Berkeley; and **Rachel Elandt** is an occupational therapist. **Don's** brother **Herbert** teaches math at UCLA and edits the *Journal of Symbolic Logic*. He & **Cathy** have two sons: **Eric**, a computer scientist, and **Bert**, completing his doctorate in computer science. **Don**, the youngest (who was building TV sets in HS), is now a budget analyst with CA State Dept of Finance and must have an interesting career with all the turmoil prevalent in the CA budget.

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# '25

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Recently, Pres **Charlie Saltzman** decided to exercise his exec authority and appoint me as the new '25 scribe. I guess he forgot that I was next to last in CI standing in English. He sweet-talked me into accepting by complimenting me on a couple of articles I had submitted to **Pat Lynch**, our former scribe, and telling me what a keen sense of humor I have (not true).

There are only 3 reps of '25 in HI—**Lani Holmes** (Ernie's widow), myself & **Tootsie**.

**Lani** called me on 17 Apr and told me that friends of **Ernie's** had presented a beautiful loveseat and chair, complete with large plaque, in memory of **Ernest V Holmes** to the hosp visitors' lounge where **Ernie** had spent the last few mos of his life. For many yrs **Ernie** had gone to the hosp every Mon eve and played the piano for patients. **Lani's** golf game hasn't improved, but she still plays about twice a wk.

**AOG** notified me that **Russ Randall** had joined the Long Gray Line on 14 Mar 92. I called **Mrs Randall** and learned that **Russ** had been handicapped for 2-1/2 yrs. He could walk with a walker until Jan 92 and then had to use a wheelchair. I extended condolences from the remaining 18 mbrs of the CI of '25.

On 27 Mar I was oldest grad again at the Schofield Bks Foundation Banquet. My speech follows:

Greetings, GEN Ord, GEN Bramlett, GEN Tom Rienzi, ladies and gentlemen (USMA grads have been officially designated as gentlemen by an act of Congress).

This is the 15th time that I have been the oldest grad attending the annual Founders Day mtg. However, I am not complaining—it's better than pushing up daisies in a veteran's cemetery.

Before I proceed with my address, I wish to present **Tootsie Notley**, a 100% Hawaiian, devout Mormon, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma Alpha with a GPA of 3.8 and a mbr of the HI Hall of Fame entertainers, who has been my spouse for almost 50 yrs.

Tonight my message is, "Don't be a liar." Lying has reached epidemic proportions in our culture in recent yrs, and we have become immune to it.

The *Honolulu Advertiser* dated 22 Nov 91 published an article titled "Damn Liars, Liars and Presidents" and listed, with pictures, the last 6 US Presidents.

The article listed some of the super-duper lies told during ea presidential admin. This article caused me to realize that I have been lied to most of my life. Here are a few lies I can recall.

Shortly after I enlisted in the Army of the US, 74 yrs ago, the recruit SGT said, "Wrap up your civies and address the package and we will return them to your home." The package never arrived. The SGT sold the recruits' civies to a second-hand clothing store.

The next lie was when the 1st SGT lined up the recruits and ordered all former truck drivers "to step one pace forward." (I had driven a truck on our farm since 12 yrs of age.) I stepped one pace forward and was assigned a wheel barrow, which I pushed all day, loading sand for sand bags.

After graduation we were told to fill out duty preference cards, annually, for places we wished to serve. I specified that I wanted to serve "south of the Mason-Dixon line" where the winters were mild. Did the authorities comply? No! I spent 13 winters with snow up to my okole.

When I ret 42 yrs ago, I was told that my future ret pay would be based on 75% of the pay of an active duty COL. It was for a few yrs, and then some dude on the GEN staff heard the phrase "cost of living" and adopted that for retirees' pay. Whenever the COLA amounted to 3%, they would add 1% and give retirees a 4% raise. Raises were several yrs apart because annual COLA was only about 1%.

The brass next decided to remove the 1% bonus and just give retirees the 3% COLA, which compounded another lie. Then in 85, they completely cancelled the COLA for 1 yr. After much squawking by the Ret Offs Assoc, COLA was restored in Jan 86.

A bird COL who ret 1 Jan 91 was paid \$8,052 more during 91 than I was paid. Thus, the continuation of a previous lie.

Am I complaining? Not really; if I had my life to live over again, I would still select a mil career.

The best lie affecting my life was in 1901. When I was born, my mother was told that I had a life expectancy of about 60 yrs. And here I am at age 91, still going strong.

Again, my message to you is: "Refrain from lying."

# '26

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Sometimes the news on CI activities is good, as it is for this issue of the notes. Then it's a pleasure to pass it on. **Red Reeder** has passed a noteworthy milestone of his journey through this world: his 90th name-day. **Sorley '56** graciously sent on a photo of himself, **Red** and **Galvin '54** taken at **Red's** name-day celebration.



1926: **Galvin, Red** and **Sorley** at **Red's** 90th birthday

**Babe deShazo** continues her slow climb towards improvement in health; she is eagerly anticipating a visit from daughter **Anne**, who lives in Gig Harbor, WA.

Luxuriating in his Bradenton apt, **Bill Deyo** enjoys its many facilities. Here you see him and his cousin **Judy** at a Founders Day celebration. As you note and as he claims, "... I'm in the pink." **Bill** does look sharp and in fine shape. He has finally sold his old home in Temple Court and expects to live out his yrs in Bradenton. He and **Judy** will visit upstate NY this fall and then take in an Army football

game. A great trip to you, **Bill** and **Judy**.



1926: **Bill Deyo** and cousin **Judy** at Founders Day celebration

**Marge Brady** will host a friend from England. In a hurried note she rep that she does not yet have any idea of where she will go next—but she will go somewhere. Otherwise, everything goes well with her.

**Martha Johnson** is busy settling in after her long trip to the Orient, including Australia, where she stayed with **Gwen Reeve**. Now she's busy putting in a garden. **Martha** mentions an inordinate amount of junk mail arriving daily. Don't we all have that same trouble?

**Sally Creasy** has had an enjoyable winter and a great spring and is beginning to enjoy AR. But no more European jaunts for her, though she is projecting visits to San Diego, to ID this summer and Chicago this fall. **Sally** was amused by some bumper stickers she observed: "Vote for Clinton—anything to get him out of AR."

In a phone call bubbling with enthusiasm, **Hal Forde** recounted his experience as oldest grad during the Founders Day celebration held at the Horton Grand Hotel in San Diego where some 40 (incl wives) showed up. In his oldest grad talk, **Hal** rejected the usual and expected clichés and was warmly congratulated for his part. The main speaker, **BG Gerry Galloway**, did such a fine job conducting the '26 crowd at our 65th Reunion. **Gerry** gave a rousing explanation of the "new" WP, all with enthusiasm and without notes. And **Hal** was charged up because two of the cadets in '40 whom he had taught at WP were there too and remembered him fondly. Then, in addition to the Founders Day celebration, **Hal** rep that in Apr he would take a magnificent cruise on the *Cunarder Sea Goddess II*, a small ship now cut into 58 stateroom suites, so more of a yacht than a liner. The tour starts at Bombay and closes at Cairo in May, visiting such fabulous places as Bombay, Oman, Yemen and Petra, the ancient city carved out of pink and living rock. **Hal** narrated that his steward assigned for the trip had already queried concerning the wines and spirits wanted in his private bar. **Hal** was quite charged up over the possibilities of this trip. So a wonderful cruise to you, **Hal**, and please take lots of photos.

A number of notes from **Rod Smith**, plus revised lists of the CI (M&F), tell us that he is ever diligent in working for the CI and that he & **Katherine** are well and happy. Thanks, **Rod**.

A vote of thanks to **Paul Berrigan**, whose tenure as scribe has been terminated for health reasons. Your new scribe has worked with Paul and thinks he has a good idea of the problems involved in trying to stir up sometimes-reluctant correspondents, a problem also encountered by our hard-working Secy-Treas **Mac Miller**. A salute to him also for his efforts on behalf of all our reunions. And not to forget **Gerry Lillard**, who carried the ball for these notes for so many yrs. Thank you all.

The response to the Birthday Ltr and the Christmas Card to all classmates has been very encouraging, and, with a little more participation, these projects could really get off the ground. The actual physical effort is minimal, but the joy of a classmate remembered on his natal day is beyond measure—espec when he hits the 90th milestone.

A note from **Irvine Paris** in Honolulu corrects a rep in the Jul issue that he suffered a severe stroke. Wrong, says Irvine—it was a heart situation a couple of yrs ago successfully treated with bypass surgery. He is presently structurally sound except for poor eyes, poor hearing and a touch of arthritis, "but I am still ambulatory and hopefully still have my wits about me—no STROKE, at least so I think. If I am wrong, please don't wake me up." Irvine has mastered his new MacIntosh computer received at Christmas and produced a beautiful ltr. Sorry about the mis-diagnosis, and may your new word machine keep us up-to-date and correct.

**Woody Hocker** says that he & **Betty** have long been established in their apt at the Peninsula Regent in San Mateo, which is well-suited to Betty's mobility problem. Both Woody and your scribe are grads of the Ford Foundation Program for the Recruitment of Teachers, and both of us taught at Mills HS in Milbrae, a suburb near the San Fran Airport. Woody taught Spanish and I taught Algebra and Geometry. **Carlock** and **Wrean** also became teachers after completing the same course at San Fran St Coll.

**John Kirby**, in reply to his birthday ltr, gave a brief acct of his life over the past two decades. I quote, in part, "I lost my beloved **Irene** on 1 Jul 75. Since that time I have lived alone in my home in Grand Prairie, TX, a suburb of Dallas. I have one son, John W Kirby Jr, employed at Bell Helicopter, Ft Worth, TX. Old age is asserting itself: impaired hearing—too many hrs in open cockpit fighter planes—and some loss of vision. On the bright side, I am still upright, do my own housework, am my own yard boy and still drive." Thank you, Jack. I hope the old fighter pilot is not ground looping the riding lawn mover.

After the item about **Fay Upthegrove** in the May issue concerning his recent health problems, I was surprised to hear of his death on 8 Jan 92 in Bradford, PA hosp. A long obit in the Bradford paper describes his distinguished record in Africa and in Europe during WWII. He was buried with full mil honors in the St Beneventura Cemetery, Alleghany, NY. He is survived by **Betty**, two daughters, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, to whom the sympathy of the CI is extended.

**Ed Daly** sent a rep on **Ted Weyher**, about

whom we have had no word for some time. A mutual friend said, "Ted & **Peg Weyher** came here (St Petersburg) from southern FL where Ted taught in coll. Peg died a few yrs ago, and Ted is in our own 'health ctr'—I see him often—he is still a very handsome man but has to use a wheelchair." The scribe will send a birthday ltr, and you are reminded that Ted's birthday is 6 May for your suspense file.

**Bob Wohlforth**, one of our most reliable correspondents, sends a frightening note concerning the electric 3-wheel mobility machine your scribe has recently acquired. "Five speeds forward and you use this contraption on the sidewalks—you will need a dozen batteries to conquer those hills. I am aghast. Please send me a short note leading up to the disaster. I will write a note telling **Mac Miller** to strike you from the list due to return for our reunion." Your scribe thanks Bob for his concern, but he exaggerates—I never drive over the speed of a brisk walk, else how could I enjoy the sights of this beautiful city? If I ever put this hot-rod in 5th gear, it might get up to 10 mph on a flat surface, but it sure gets you around.

**Mike Williams** in San Ant rep, "Thanks for the birthday greetings—I'm getting along OK for a kid of 87, I think. Have a good housekeeper who has been with me since before my wife died in 88. Living at home sure beats going to one of those ret places in this city. **CE Williams** and I are two left of the 11 who lived here at one time." Mike also commented on his 23 Dec birthday, which came so close to Christmas as to constitute a childhood disaster in the matter of presents.

And from **George Martin**: "I certainly appreciated your birthday message, even though the age of 89 removes one far from the good feelings of the days of youth. As I take my morning walk, I am shocked when a 4-yr-old sweeps by with his mother." And the scribe hastens to add his appreciation of the fine response to the birthday greetings.

**Gar Davidson** sends an update on the Oakland fire with a newspaper pic (unfortunately not reproducible), showing a white wooden picket fence barely scorched and nothing but destruction beyond. Gar's ltr says, "Typical of the vagaries of the fire storm. As in Jack Malloy '31's case—N of the fence complete destruction as far as the eye can see except for the chimneys. S of the street a wooden fence hardly scorched as the wind turned to the E for awhile before continuing S behind our little hill, as in the Malloys' case."

From San Fran, **Art Roth** found an interesting piece in the local paper about **George H Derby**. This was not our **George**, but his grandfather, USMA 1846 [See photo, May 92 ASSEMBLY, pg 24], who it appears was a columnist in the *Alta CA* from 1850–56 under the name "Squibob" (later "John Phoenix.") Derby's col became popular throughout the US and England. William Thackeray referred to Derby as America's first wit. The present article appears in a col entitled "The Old Town" and subtitled "The City's First Columnist." As we now know, our **George Derby** has turned over his collection of papers from this distinguished ancestor to the Friends of the Library.

A nice ltr from **Gar Davidson's** daughter-in-law, **Connie Bessell Davidson**, who married Tom Davidson while Gar was Supe. She is the daughter of Bill Bessell '20 and was here on a visit from CT to introduce their first great-grandchild to **Verone** & our CI Pres. The happy event brings us the fine photograph of

Miss **Cassidy Holt Higgins** in the experienced hands of her devoted great-grandfather. The ltr also rep that **Gar & Verone** are expecting their 14th grandchild any day now.



1927: Gar Davidson with first great-grandchild Cassidy Holt Higgins

In furtherance of the goals of the Birthday Project, your scribe (No 12 on the list) received a beautiful but complicated fold-out type birthday card from Scribe Emeritus **Paul Berrigan**, for which I am happy to send him a pre-publication copy of the new and revised Birthday List. Thank you, Paul, for the good wishes and for the wkly ride to the commissary. Those who have had the pleasure of a Day on the Bay in Paul's Chris Craft cruiser will remember him as an accomplished cook, of whom the Cooks and Bakers Sch at Schofield Bks way back in 29–30 should be justifiably proud.

The birthday boy also had a long talk with **Trapnell** from the Fairfax at Belvoir. As always, he sounded fine over the phone. He asked me to send him a pic of my "mobility machine"—don't know why because he has a driver's license and uses an antique Pontiac for transportation. Trap reminded me that he is "rising" 90 and will attain the list of non-generations in Nov; despite this he sounds like he is doing alright. One of my favorite keepsakes is a full-pg pic of the first pg of a *Police Gazette*, vintage 26, of Trap making a punt.

To put in another plug for the Birthday Project, your scribe adds a short biographical sketch (to indicate to others the type of info that's interesting about all survivors): I live alone, assisted by a thrice-wkly afternoon helper who takes care of the heavy chores. After ret I taught HS algebra and geometry at a suburban HS for 9 yrs, afterwards reverting to a profitable hobby. My "wire bending and soldering" found a mkt as "wire sculpture." This eventually phased out and I turned to needlepoint, which cannot turn a profit. Physically I seem to be in fair shape except for seriously-impaired hearing (about 1.8/3.0) and "teeth that are like the stars—they come out at night." If any of you have other aphorisms about coming of age, preferably light-weight like the poor example above, please send them in for the amusement of others. Presently my time is divided between putting these notes together 6 times a yr and researching the extensive literature on the subject of growing old. There are more people telling us that ret is more than hearing aids, false teeth and arthritis than you would imagine. Check it out in your local library. I have one son, Cl of '65, and one grandson, a jr at the U of MO, preparing for a degree in journalism.

Received a very nice ltr from **Meredith & Maggie Masters** in reply to my query about

his business in Brasstown, NC. He says, "We have made enamel on copper articles for 35 yrs—jewelry, bowls, wall plaques, etc, and sell at wholesale and retail. Our profit is small, but it keeps us out the the rocking chair." He goes on to tell of a recent two-mo trip to Isla Mujeres near Cancun on the Yucatan Peninsula, so it does not look like they are getting in much rocking-chair time.

On 14 Mar, the WP Soc of the San Fran Bay Area and the Presidio of San Fran celebrated the 190th anniv of the founding of USMA. The guest speaker was LTG Glynn C Mallory Jr '61. Former scribe **Paul Berrigan** represented our CI and was the oldest grad present. His remarks were excellent and well-received. In appreciation, Paul was awarded a toy musical cable car which plays "I Left My Heart in San Fran."

I also had a nice tel call from **Woody Hocker** in San Mateo on the occasion of my upcoming 89th. He & **Betty** are about the same. Betty has a small eye opn coming up, but it's not serious and will not require hosp. Her mobility problem requires the use of a walker at all times.

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**Luke Finlay** visited FL in Feb. **Karla (King) Harrison** gave a dinner at the Yacht Club in Largo Bay for Luke and several friends, incl **Catherine & Buck Wiley** and **Ginny Spivey**. A pic of Luke and the Wileys was taken at the Wileys' apt in the Pinecrest Ctr, Largo FL.



1928: Luke Finlay and Catherine & Buck Wiley

**Catherine** had her left eye opn for a cataract; it was very successful. Her daughter Ann came down from Ft Walton Beach to help out and drive the car.

A note from **Mercer Walter** in Fairfax rep that he and **Andy McNamara** represented the CI at the funeral of **Pop Thayer**, who was buried with full mil honors in Arlington. He died 18 Feb at Fairfax of natural causes. **Frank Trent** is in the Fairfax Health Ctr after a stroke.

Also had a nice ltr from **Luke Finlay**, who said, "Your words in the ASSEMBLY re the oldest grad of '28 intrigued me, so I did some research." The oldest would have been **George E Wilson Jr**, born 7 Oct 01, but he was found yearling yr. **Louis Vickers**, born 10 Dec 01, is second oldest. Others born in '02 were **Ralph Nelson** (19 Jun), **Harry Wilson** (6 Aug) and **PJ Mitchell** (7 Oct).

Had a ltr from **Walter Simon**. His wife died in Aug 90. His health is poor; he has Parkinson's. Fortunately, his daughter Dian visits

him frequently. He has two grandchildren, a granddaughter-in-law and a great-granddaughter.

Sad news: **Walter (Sarge) John** died on 30 Mar 92 at Tryon, NC. He had been legally blind the last few yrs. Immediate cause of death was obstruction of the esophagus.

Ltr from **Everett Peddicord** rep he has been married 62 yrs in May. Unfortunately, **Margaret** has been in a nursing home for the past two yrs. He seems to be in good health, ice skating and Alpine skiing.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Barbara Fritchie (Mrs Swing)**? If so, please call Mr Bailey Broadus at (703) 573-4836. He would like to get in touch with her.

**Helen Dau**, widow of **Fred Dau** (and formerly Mrs John Hester), has a new address: 12105 Ambassador Dr, Apt 523, Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

**Dave Traub** rep that our 65th Reunion plans are being made. Staying at the Hotel Thayer is firm now. Further news after Jun 92. Dave says he'd be glad to have any suggestions; please send them to him.

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Happy Jun Wk (which is now in May). We can enjoy it because we're back in Pinecrest. **Dot** continues to improve, though there's a long way to go.

Just after we got here the FWC Soc had their Founders Day dinner at USAA Regional HQ—it was even better than last yr's.



1929: The O'Haras and your scribe

**Pat & Betty O'Hara** and I were the only '29'ers there; we listened to English '40 give his comments as the oldest grad. Actually, we had one of the oldest—**Arthur Pulsifer**, Nov '18—present. The Cmdt gave an interesting talk on how the new system of requiring the upper 3 classes—not just the plebes—to toe the mark was working.

Some of your new roster is at the typist's, and the rest soon will be. Sorry it won't be as soon as I'd hoped.

**Paul Thompson** had another hosp visit but is OK now. He has made a couple of trips to the Point to attend a Trustees mtg and to check on the progress of the planned changes in the '29 corridor. One major project remains: to convert the little-used cloak rm into a more useful "small conf rm"—one door actually opens on the Gallery of the auditorium. One of the "honors" we were unable to get in "Cullum" was the list of '29 classmates who died in the line of duty. A more fitting plaque may replace the framed list now on display.

You'll recall that, in the CI business mtg

held during our 60th Reunion (copies of the mins were mailed to all classmates and widows), it was moved, seconded and passed to establish a fund of approximately \$30,000 so that the income could maintain and enhance the "CI of '29 Gallery." The initial contribution was \$500 by **Jim Stephenson**. Little has been said about the fund pending the completion of the wall covering, the allocation of \$40,000 of **Doby Kraft's** bequest, the bldg of display cases and now the Small Conf Rm. It would seat 8 conferees at a table; the walls would be suitable for one-dimension exhibits; and either or both display cases could be wheeled in from the gallery as needed.

At the 65th reunion it is planned to have a luncheon in the Gallery, as we did for the 60th (it was first one held there). The business mtg would be held in the Conference Rm after the luncheon; among other things to consider would be future configurations and use of the Conf Rm and Gallery. The second item would be the "Maint and Enhancement Fund" estab at the 60th but dormant since.

In the meantime anyone who would like to contribute to that fund can do so by sending the CI Treas a check so marked. As it grows, amounts will be transferred to the AOG where it will earn an increased interest.

You may know about the new "Distinguished Grad Award." The one for **GEN James A Van Fleet '15** was presented to him on his 100th birthday 19 Mar 92 and **GEN Ridgway, CI of April '17**, will be presented this spring; **GEN Goodpaster '39** and **Danny Sundt's** nephew, **Thoralf M Sundt Jr '52**, will receive theirs during Grad Wk. The CI congratulates all the recipients. We take pride that many of us served with them and many were instructors of Goodpaster's. We also congratulate **Danny** on helping nurture **Thoralf's** desire to go to WP. Both **GENs Van Fleet** and **Goodpaster** were trustees of the Marshall Foundation. In Jan Goodpaster delivered the first of the 92 series of "Marshall Lectures." When you read his introduction at the "Marshall Auditorium," you can understand why he was selected for the "Distinguished Grad Award."

**Slim Vittrup** tells me (and it was in the Supe's ltr in ASSEMBLY) that the Supe is planning to be at Ft Belvoir to meet with several of Slim's contemporaries such as **Red Reeder '26** and **GEN Bruce Palmer '36**, who have made many recommendations to **GEN Graves**. He wants to discuss them informally with some of the "old folks" and not at a Founders Day dinner. One topic sure to come up is the move of **Doubleday Field** to the Cavalry Plain. The proposed location is also tied in with the Hotel Thayer Project which may have been awarded before the Supe's visit. He advised **Paul T** that **GEN Palmer** had allocated **Doby Kraft's** bequest with \$40,000 to the '29 corridor, \$500,000 to endow the baseball team and approximately \$160,000 reserved for the relocation of **Doubleday Field**. I'm sorry the results of this mtg won't be available for these notes, as the deadline for the notes to ASSEMBLY is the same day.

The AOG now presents a book to ea grad on his 90th birthday. Unfortunately, **Tommy Durbose** missed his by about 3 mos. He died 24 Feb after a long and painful illness, particularly for the last 3 mos. Funeral svcs were conducted in Winter Park, and he was interred in a mausoleum in Orlando. Both **Rose** and **Marion McDonald Sheppard** spoke about the floral piece from the CI and thanked us for

it. **Bob Cook's** daughter Bobby Lytle also attended, as did GEN & Mrs Bruce Holloway. Many of us are familiar with Tommy's mil career, incl cmd of the AF Rescue Svc, but few are aware of his many contributions to the community as chm emer of the United Way after 31 yrs' svc; bank dir; pres of WP Soc of Central FL; mbr of the Order of Daedalions; dir of the Citrus Club; active in the Boy Scouts Council of Central FL and others.

Just received word that our youngest classmate **Bill Thompson** died 2 Apr. Most of my contacts with **Bill & Nell** were at WP, where we were both instructors along with Doby Kraft and Johnny Nesbitt, and later in Wash after ret. He was quite active in the DC contingent and took over as CI scribe (that was appropriate for a former Assoc Prof of English). He was a great help to the widows and families of classmates buried at Arlington and participated in most of '29 activities until this last yr. As there were to be no svcs, **Ken Nichols** delivered flowers from the CI to Nell in her home. **Bill & Nell** were two others of '29 who were fortunate enough to celebrate their 60th wedding anniv.

This brings us to 48 living classmates and 113 widows. I can't understand many statistics, but I'm particularly puzzled about the CI of '28 (with 261 grad and a rep 70 living). That's a cl with almost 40 fewer grads than ours with about 20 more still living. Any explanations, anyone? **Spike Navis'** widow died and was interred at WP, but we don't know when or other details.

**Pat & Betty O'Hara** should be back from their trip to England and Wales in time to read this. **Midge Ward** is pretty much house-bound these days to keep the oxygen flowing smoothly. **Lois Stephenson** has made considerable improvement but is still in the Health Care Ctr at USAA Towers.

**Charmian Crissy Angluin** returned to WP on 14 Apr with **Dave's** ashes, to be interred in the new Columbarium. Her son is returning from England for the svc. **Paul Thompson** hoped to represent the CI at WP. She has thanked the CI for our memorial contributions, and so has **Don & Marian Poorman's** daughter for their memorials. When I was at my first post, Ft Scott and the Presidio of San Fran, I often wondered about Crissy Field and for whom it was named. I just learned it was named for Charmian's father '09, who was CO of Mather Field and was entered in the "Trans-Continental Air Race" of '19. He lost his life in an air accident in Salt Lake City. **Dave** researched the race but could find little about it or other early demonstrations of "Power in the Air," probably because they were "soft pedalled" due to the high mortality rate.

**Mary Lee Hammond's** book *Zamboanga-Moroland* is now available, publ by Shenandoah-Heartley Publications. John & Mary Lee's ltrs from the first 3 yrs of their marriage form the basis of this book. It's priced at \$12.00 and is avail from Mary Lee at 10205 W Coggins Dr #A, Sun City, AZ 85351. **Dorothy** will be jealous, for tho' she has talked about writing of our first two yrs in PI and has made tapes and gives lectures, she's not put it in book form.

**Hunt & Anita Bassett** and their daughter Frances were stationed at Wheeler during the Japanese attack on 7 Dec. He took off for the scene of the action; Anita, armed with a small hand gun, took a few shots at some of the Japanese planes flying not far away and at a

very low level. Subsequently, she and Frances took off in their car to join relatives in Honolulu but, because of road blocks and MPs, they wound up at a sugar plantation for a couple of days before they could reach Honolulu. They were evacuated to the mainland Christmas Day.

I'm hoping to get some details on the CI luncheon **Jackie Nichols, Mary Jo Connor** and **Emma Rasmussen** organized to have at Mary Jo's home the 13th. **Nick and Fenn Sykes** appear to be the only classmates to join the ladies, incl the **Planners, Lola Keyes, Senta Bell, Ginger Ivey, Molly Winn, Alice Nesbitt, Margaretta Ghormley, Dee Dee Armstrong** and **Pete Kieffer '30**. Thanks to the cmte, the CI benefitted by some \$30.



1929: In Slim's Fairfax apt, 22 Nov 91

**Slim Vittrup** is just out of the hosp after trying to avoid pneumonia. **Dee Dee Armstrong** is getting into the "security" business after her aunt's house was invaded by polite but very real burglars who took many valued antiques. She's trying to get an alarm system to avoid a rerun and to alert police if anyone tries to enter.

Don't know, but think **Billy Greear** is still an avid hunter—even if he thinks he's younger than he is. On his last trip he hoisted a deer into the truck and managed to develop 3 hernias, since repaired. **Johnny & Grace Theimer** are doing OK, though his eyesight continues to decline. **Mary Lou La Page Murray** is doing well, and her children check in regularly.

No really encouraging reps from **Jim Stephenson's Lois**.

On a happier note, I was very pleasantly surprised by two donations accompanied by several kind words from **Mac McKenzie**, who remains about the same healthwise, and **Leni Perkins**. Any others who would like to follow suit will be most welcome. **Ducky Hail** is improving but still has difficulty in walking and communicating. **George Coolidge** is still kicking around.

According to a recent AOG Perspective, '29 led the pack for giving to WP for the '20-'29 decade, determined by having the best overall record in donors, dollars and % contributing.

This last pic appears over **Paul's** protest, so if you don't want to look at him, admire **Josette** and the beautiful "Bleu de France" hydrangeas which should still be in bloom when you read this. They left 22 Apr for a mo in Europe incl a stay at Darmstadt, accepting the invitation to attend a bash for the 50th Anniv of the founding of *Stars and Stripes*, which had a circulation of about 2 mil copies a day and about that no of headaches a mo for Paul, head of the I&E ofc. In nearby Stuttgart, where he was in charge of establishing the German editions of *Reader's Digest*, they will spend a



1929: At home in Chappaqua, summer 91

couple of days and then head for a wk in **Josette's** home in Biarritz. Next stop will be Devon, England for the dedication of the monument erected by local people, memorializing his "Assault Tng Ctr."

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**Mary & I** flew out of Natl Airport 15 Feb on a cold and rainy afternoon via Delta, arriving safely in San Ant 7:00 pm. We were met by longtime friends with whom we had dinner, then drove out 18 mi to Helotes, TX. There we found all in order at the home of a very dear friend, with whom we try to spend the mos when the weather is worst in the N. A mo later we were well into spring, with peach, plum and pear blossoms as well as the first wildflowers, blue bonnets. TX had a full yr's allotment of rain during Jan and Feb, so ground-water levels are at a maximum everywhere. This resulted in an astonishing profusion of wildflowers throughout Apr. The hummingbirds have returned and feed from dawn to dark. Spring is really beautiful here.

After arrival I talked first to **Happy & Loni Brooks**, old friends from happy days in the PI during the 30's. Their morale is high. **Happy** is now able to take short walks with **Loni**, which they both enjoy. **Happy** has given up golf, at least for the time being. These great people send their best to all classmates. We hope the Brooks continue to enjoy robust health.

When we reached **Anne Watson** she was particularly responsive. **Al** is no better (completely bedridden), but **Anne** could not say enough in praise of those who care for him at Brook Hosp. This is the foundation of her peace of mind. She said that **Al** can respond "yes" or "no" with gestures, and is able to show he appreciates her visits. Good luck to you, **Anne**. We all admire your faithful devotion to **Al** during this very long siege.

On 23 Feb in DC, **Charlotte Brisach** arranged a co-ed CI luncheon at Ft Myer OC. Those present in addition to **Charlotte** incl the **Frank Waldrops, the Millard Lewis family, the Andy O'Mearas, the Pete Kings, the Bill Carters, the Herb Mitchells, the Ned Moores, Libby Curtis, Pat Dodge, Bob Porter** and **Max Janairo**. Although the facilities provided by the club were somewhat wanting, a good time was had by all. A repeat gathering is planned for the fall. The spring luncheon was held 4 May. We hope the turnout was strong.

On 29 Mar, **Mary**, our Helotes hostess **Marge Mollenhauer** and I had lunch at AF

Vill as guests of **Ralph & Martha Swofford**. These two lovely people are still mobile on foot but move carefully. They do not drive for pleasure these days. The luncheon in their bldg's dining rm was outstanding, as was the champagne. We ate far too much and thoroughly enjoyed it. We had a delightful visit after lunch in the Swoffords' 15th-floor aerie. We compared notes on classmates, incl **Mark Bradley** and **Johnnie Murrell**. We are most grateful to **Ralph & Martha** for this delightful visit and luncheon.



1930: Ralph Swofford with your scribe at Ralph's apt in AF Vill, San Ant

With **Ralph Swofford's** help, I was able to locate **Johnnie Kilbourn's** widow, **Winnie**. She lives at 231 Mulberry St, zip 78212; tel (512) 736-1049. She was most congenial. We talked about local classmates and **Julia Miller** in Atl, who's a close friend. **Winnie** has cousins in San Ant and many close friends. She can still drive in her neighborhood and thoroughly enjoys doing so. We wish this delightful lady many more yrs of health and happiness in her home town of San Ant.

During Mar I had a very nice note from **Johnnie Murrell** and a ltr from his son **John R**. The latter & his bride (the former **Mary Kelly Allison**) plan to go on AOC's Canadian Rockies trip this summer. They have our every wish for a happy trip. The Murrells send their best to all classmates. If you go to Dallas, be sure to give them a call at (214) 891-1195.

The **Beasleys** planned to end their vacation and be back home in VA about 20 Apr. We hope to hear from some of you soon, with good news of classmates and their families. In the meantime, STAY WELL and ENJOY SUMMER!

'31

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No longer need we seek the final clue to the 10 Nov 45 pic-problem. **John Ruggles'** resolute pursuit provides the complete solution. Agreeing that my back-row identification (in Mar 92 ASSEMBLY) is correct, he says we'd get on track in the front row by substituting **Loren Ayers** for **Merrillat Moses**. This figures. **Ayers** was in the Trans Corps, insignia of which are clearly evident on his lapels. What about the mystery man? **John** met this problem as if going after "50\*." His best guess: **Walter A Huntsberry '33**, turned back from '31. My follow-up consultation with **Abe Lincoln '33** proves conclusively that **Huntsberry** it is. Hallelujah! Don't give up. Here's another pic quiz. Many of our CI appear in the photo of the 27-28 swim team in CI notes on p 64 of the Mar 92 ASSEMBLY. Suggestions:

No 1, **McNair**; 2, **Easterbrook**; 3, **Read**; 4, **Daley**; 5, **Davis, WA**; 6, **Dick, WW**; 7, **Bonesteel**; 18, **Boyd**; 29, **Stayton**; 30, **Jones, WS**; 31, **Dickson**; 33, **Duff**; 34, **Timberlake**; and 35, **Leary**.

**Dean Herman**, perennial oldest living grad at Ft Bliss' Founders Day dinner, was, on the 28 Mar occasion, the only old '31 grad present. **Dutch Spangler** couldn't join **Dean**, having a prior golf engagement with his 3 brothers in FL for a star-spangled foursome. **Fletcher Cole**, according to word passed to me by **Hurly Hurlbut '33**, was the oldest grad present at the recently activated Founders Day brunch at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. **Chick Buck** has taken up residence in a ret home, the **Cypruss**, at 63 Bird Song Way, Apt 112B, Hilton Head, SC 29926. She wants you to stop by and see her. **Johnny Davis** dropped by to visit with **Rod Moore**, who is comfortably situated in the Sleepy Hollow Convalescent Home in our Northern VA community. Although wheelchair-bound with that bad leg, **Rod** was found to be "just fine" and in good spirits. **Leo Cather** upholds the finest traditions of the CI by walking as he plays 9 holes, 2 or 3 times a wk. News otherwise from San Ant is hard to come by. **Dick & Roz Steinbach** find their residence in San Diego's Pacific Regent very much to their liking and believe it to be quite similar to San Ant's USAA Towers. **Dick's** locomotion isn't, he admits, what it used to be, and his walking is limited to about half a block. Meanwhile, **Roz** continues her golf twice a wk.



1931: Mary & Glenn Farris

**Glenn & Mary Farris** have been cited in glowing terms in a monthly pub that recently came into my hands through the courtesy of **Clifford Biordan '38**. Their Gainesville church's newsltr, "Spreading the News," credits them with the ldrship that produced "Golden Gators," an orgn of the "seniors" of the parish who meet periodically and engage in a wide variety of activities. **Oekie** rep nice contributions during the last qtr of 91 for our "Room" by **Frank Bogart**, **Pat Carter**, **Harry Cooper**, **Johnny Davis**, **Dick Lane**, **Clyde McBride**, **Ted Parker**, **Moppy Perry**, **Ruth Stayton** and **Bill Train**.

News being so scarce, I had to do something serious about it. So I contrived to take a short cruise in the Caribbean in early May with my daughter & son-in-law. It was truly a delight aboard **Holland America's** 440-ft, 148-passenger, 4-masted ship **Wind Star**, whose sails are computer-manipulated from the bridge. On the aft deck, not far above the surface on the bright blue sea, a launching platform is opened when the ship is at anchor to give easy access to water sporting: windsurfing, waterskiing, snorkeling and other younger-generation activities. Shore excur-



1931: Steady as she goes

sions were highlighted by a gourmet barbecue beach lunch on St Kitts, reached by a wet landing from a launch from the anchored ship. A pic appended hereto, pub solely at the behest of **Georgia McBride**, is proof of my skills on the flying bridge.



1931: Just landed on St Kitts: your scribe, accompanied by friend and my daughter & son-in-law (USNA '61)

**Jeanne Smith** died of emphysema on 27 Feb in Seattle's Provident Hosp. Suffering from asthma for several yrs, she gradually lost strength and, further weakened by pneumonia in Jan (which she courageously weathered), her strength finally gave out. Svcs were held on 8 Mar in Bellevue, WA, and her ashes, at this writing, are to be entombed at WP on 4 May. **Clyde & Georgia McBride** will be at WP with C<sup>2</sup> and daughter **Nancy**, to both of whom we express our deepest sympathy. With his daughter, the two made a short trip in Mar to **Calcu'n** just to get away. He just sent word to me that **Ray Pratt** died on 29 Mar in a nursing home in Citrus Heights near Sacramento. **Ray's** daughter, **Judy Harris**, told C<sup>2</sup> that he had a no of problems, incl heart, but the immediate cause of death was pulmonary. Earlier **Ray** had had several strokes. He will be buried, probably in Aug, at WP with his mother & father '01. And I just heard the sad news from **Dan Callahan** that **Jack Gordon** passed away at home in San Ant on 22 Apr. It was cancer. **Jack** led a very interesting and productive business life after ret for disability in 49. He dedicated his body to med science.

'32

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**FOUNDERS DAY**. In San Ant we had the new Supe himself this time, and it was a smash hit. Three hundred and twenty-five grads, wives and widows showed up for an hr of cocktail conversation and then dinner at the big USAA reception ctr on the edge of town.

A look at GEN Graves' record is enough to convince you that the Rockpile will never crumble. From Rhodes Scholar, then 82nd Abn in the Dominican Republic and 1st Cav Div in Vietnam, followed by Asst to the Chm of the JCS, he went to WP as the Supe. En route he had been Assoc Prof of Social Sciences at WP and Cndt of the AWC. And, yes, he has protected his rear. His son Greg '88 is now a 1LT at Ft Carson, CO.



1932: Reenie Clark

The only other '32 classmates present were **Chuck & Reenie Clark**. In the lulls of the conversation we blocked out our plans to get to '32's big 60th at the Thayer.

At Founders Day in Norfolk, **Eddie Farnsworth** gave the oldest grad intro and rep on the origin of the "Black Knights" sobriquet for the Army Team. He told them about **Charlie Williams'** cover design on the 6 Nov 31 issue of the *Pointer* as we cadets were preparing to take on LA St in football at Michie Stadium. The cadet's armor was black, with the crest of WP on his shield, and LSU's armor was silver—with a design I can't fathom. Shortly after that the cadets were referred to as the Black Knights of the Hudson, as they are to this day.



1932: Two Eddies, Chace and Farnsworth, at Plebe Christmas

**FINAL FAREWELLS.** **Landon Head** made his reservations at the Thayer for our big 60th Reunion—paid in full for his air ticket well in advance (best rate)—and was going up a day early traveling with Pat & me. **Liz** was and is the same, alive and comfortable in the special section of the ARC but oblivious to the world around her.

Why these things happen is beyond me, but

suddenly **Landon** was in the same rm with **Liz**, with a flare-up of his bone cancer. When I visited him (them) there, **Landon** said he would be alright and to leave all reunion plans in place. A wk later, his son **John**, who lives in one of our suburbs, phoned to say it was all over.

Over the yrs, **Landon** had a good record: WWII combat in France and Ger as a FA cmdr earning the Bronze Star, Air Medal and Purple Heart. When I was a charter mbr of SHAPE in 51, he was asst mil attaché in next-door Yugoslavia, which was neither an opponent nor an ally. At the end of our tour, **Pat & I** and our 17-yr-old daughter, with dachshund, took a motor tour of Europe. I wrote **Landon** that we were going to spend some days in Belgrade and would like to see him & **Liz**. He said that they had vacation plans they could not change, but when we got to their address in Belgrade the concierge would give us the key. She did and the apt was ours for the wk we were there.



1932: Rick & Jack Coffey

Other classmates besides **Pat & me** at **Landon's** final rites were **Milt Glatterer**, **Ralph Davey**, **Chuck & Reenie Clark**, **Birdie Huggins** and **Jack & Rick Coffey**, the last 3 having driven down from Kerrville.

As a final note, **Landon's** elder son, **Dick**, said any '32'er who needs a CI ring may have **Landon's**. If you would like it, contact him directly or let me know.

And as a final touch of class, **Landon** did what **Pat & I** have also done. He had willed his body to the study of med science, stating that after it had served that purpose, it be cremated and sent to WP for burial.

**CLASS RINGS.** Two yrs ago I gave **Merle Williams'** daughter, **Zoraida Stokes**, the CI miniature I had given my mother in 32 so that **Zoraida** could give it to her mother, who had lost the one **Merle** had given her many yrs before. One of the tiny sapphires encircling the diamond was missing and **Zoraida** went through quite a hassle to have it replaced. She finally succeeded in locating the co which now has the contracts for jeweled miniatures USMA '29-'49 and had the job done. **Zoraida** told me that she sent it to her mother, who put it on one hr before she died.

For future ref of anyone in '29-'49 who needs work done on USMA rings, the co is **JE Caldwell & Co**, Chestnut and Juniper Sts, Philadelphia, PA 19107; tel (215) 864-8829.

**NEW (MAILING) ADDRESS.** **Joslin Morris** is still at the Fairfax at Ft Belvoir, but her mail should be addressed to her c/o **Danny Sundt**, #A105, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. The Sundts live in the same bldg and will get **Joslin's** mail to her the day it arrives.

She wants the "change of address" card

with a MD address (which you may have received) to apply only to "official" biz applying to her estate, etc.

**THE FAMILY SEQUOIA.** **Mary Cary** wrote that grandson **Gary R Gustafson** got his PhD in organic chemistry at Brown U at age 27. He is now doing cancer research and will do two more yrs of post-doctorate work at prestigious UVA. **Mary** said, "**Hugh** would have been ecstatic." I say, we're all ecstatic, **Mary**.



1932: Bob Moore and Joe Golden

**THE (JOE) GOLDEN OLDIES.** Two long phonecons with **Jeanette & Joe Golden** brought me up-to-date on Montana '32. They both sounded fine, and **Jeanette** reminded me of the day that **Joe** hit a homer against the NY Yankees when the Yanks made their annual visit to WP in 32.

I was in the stands at Doubleday that day, ogling the team I had idolized since I was 10. I realized that it took all kinds to make a world when the Yankees star third-baseman, **Ben Chapman**, shouted to his teammates, "Hey fellows, look at this." "This" was on the other side of the parade ground; it was the retreat parade of the half of the Corps that had drill that day.

**Joe & Jeanette** celebrated their 59th wedding anniv on the Ides of Mar, and **Joe** is doing fine after a stroke which resulted in some complications requiring amputation of his right leg below the knee. By the time you read this he will probably have received the hand-made portion of his leg to replace what has been removed.



1932: Ken & Pat Zitzman

All for now. The next issue will have the full rep on our Big 60th.

'33

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'Tis spring! The crocuses, daffodils, forsythia and cherry blossoms are out, along with

the politicians. Mother Earth quickens with new life as our ancient forbears in the Cl of '32 gird up *their* loins for their 60th, an event which will be over when you read this. We hope it was a fine one.

As for the sprightly Cl of '33 (not to be confused with the spotted owl and other endangered species), our 60th Reunion Bulletin No 1, thanks to **Steve Fuqua** and the AOG, will have reached you already. Steve tells me that, as of this writing (10 Apr), we've heard from 134 (incl widows), with the score as follows: 89 (42 grads, 37 wives, 10 widows) plan to attend (DV); 36 (18 grads, 10 wives, 8 widows) maybe; 57 regrets.

We're saddened to rep 3 deaths since our last notes:

- On 28 Feb 92 **Danny Parker** died in Fairfax, VA of cancer. His ashes were interred at Arlington Cem, with a no of his DC area classmates present. Danny is survived by his widow **Helen**; son Daniel Jr and family of Fairfax, VA; a sister, Eleanor Saunders of Dallas, TX; and 3 grandchildren.

- On 4 Mar 92 we lost **Freddy Fields**, who died suddenly in Greenwich, CT of a stroke. She was buried 13 Mar at WP, "where I will someday join her," writes **Ken**. Besides her husband, she is survived by daughter Luellen Fields of Stamford; son Stephen Francis & Mary of Wilmette, IL; brother T Mitchell Hastings of Martha's Vineyard, MA; 6 grandchildren; and a nephew.

- On 5 Mar 92 **Katherine P Henderson**, widow of **Morris K (King) Henderson**, died in Alexandria, VA. Her ashes were interred at King's grave in the natl cem in Atlanta. She is survived by two sons, COL (USAR Ret) Walter '53 of McLean, VA and George '61 of Wellington, NZ; a sister, Martha L Breyer of Roswell, GA; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

To **Ken Fields**, **Helen Parker** and their families, and to **King Henderson's** family, the Cl of '33 extends its heartfelt sympathy. We can understand and empathize with your sense of loss; it is our loss, too. Please stay in touch.

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We have a ltr from **Gerry Chapman's** son, **Gerry Jr '60**: "My father, who passed away at age 84, was buried with mil honors at WP with his first wife of over 40 yrs, **Maxine**. He lived his life to the code of the Long Gray Line. WP and his Cl were important to him. His second wife, **Flonnie**, lives in Richmond. . . I can remember you and many others of the Cl and the good times you had with mom & dad when I was growing up. I will miss him." As will we all, **Gerry**.

From the Humane Soc of Manatee County, FL, we have a bulletin citing the Cl contribution and others in memory of **Bob Douglas**.

**Helen Ely** writes to thank us for our spt of her sister, **Dot Hartshorn**, and to rep '33 get-togethers in S FL. "Aren't we lucky to have good friends to support and to be supported by!" The quintessence of classmate-ship, **Helen**. . .

"I've got some spare time this pm," writes **Bill Fletcher**, "so I'll send our scribe what news I can scrape up. **Bill & Elee Zierath** are still wintering in Yuma. Cowards, dodging all this weather! . . . We made a short trip to Baja, CA with World Wildlife to explore remote isls, take Zodiac trips into bird sanctuaries and sea lion rookeries, but primarily to cruise among the whales. Curious and gentle creatures—one came so close we could and did touch it.



1933: Portion of display at Darby Memorial, Darby House, Little Rock, AR

. . . Two more trips this yr: In May-Jun to Ger to visit **Irm's** sister and Leipzig, where **Irm** was born. In Sep a more adventurous trip, to Africa with the World Wildlife people—Zimbabwe and Botswana."

From **Rita Guiney** we have greetings, info and advice. "Feb here already and taxes to follow—I'm getting worried!" And advice? "The *Medicaid Planning Handbook* by Alexander A Bove Jr (Little Brown) is well worth knowing about!" Thanks, **Rita**. A plucky gal.



1933: Mini-reunion chez Hurlbut, Jupiter, FL

**Hurly** hurls us a great ltr, starting with the roll call of a '33 mini-reunion at his & **Polly's** Jupiter, FL house: **Bill & Helen Ely**, **Tom & Evelyn Evans**, **Ned & Gladys Gee**, "**K**" & **Charlotte Kaesser**, **Roy Reynolds** and **Oscar & Carolyn Senter**, plus two daughters: **Sally Hurlbut** & **Carl Moritz** and **Jane Gee Smith** (widow of "Skip" Smith '56).

**Hurly** also noted the Founders Day brunch at Breakers Hotel (Palm Beach), hosted by WP Soc of PB County: "'33 was largest Cl (numberwise, not weightwise) present. **Bill Ely's** son (COL, CE) **Dick Ely** (he's Post Engr at WP) gave one of the best and most interesting talks I've ever heard at a WP gathering—we're all proud of him as a Cl Son.

"Encl also is a pic of **Mac McClelland's** daughter, **Libba Barnes**, at her campaign HQ in San Ant. She ran for St Rep on Republican ticket, got the most votes and is now in a run-off election. '33 should watch her!"

From **Vic King** we have curious news: "A funny thing happened to me en route to the F-3 Wing of L&M Hosp, New London, where I do volunteer work in the ER every Sat. I was helping a nurse bring a patient from the ER to the F-3 Wing. When I got there my R eye suddenly went completely blind. It cleared up in 5 mins, but obviously something was amiss. After several tests, the Dx was that my R carotid artery was 95% blocked (the L was OK)—I was, in fact, a 'time bomb' ready to go off. On 16 Mar I underwent a successful endarterectomy to remove the blockage and

I'm now completely recovered—one lucky guy, and a very grateful one." As we are for you, **Vic**!

**Pete Miles** continues an earlier discussion: "A deep bow to **Jessie Given**—you shame me! I didn't work at all for 51 yrs, and now—having bragged about my employment at 80 (84-92)—I'm being replaced by modern technology! Cordially, **Annetta Miles**. PS: **Bert**, you do a grand job. Harlow always said the Cl of '33 was special." Thanks, **Pete**; we doubt he'd agree that you didn't work at all for 51 yrs, or even 50. . . .

**Helen Parker** writes, "From my heart I thank the Cl of '33 for all you've done, and for your thoughtful gift to the Hospice." **Helen & Dan Parker** came to Fairfax to be with **Dan Jr** & **Barbara** and their children during the last portion of **Dan's** illness.

Svcs at graveside were enriched by granddaughter **Meaghan E Parker**, who read a poem she'd written to honor her granddad. Excerpts:

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall,

Frost said, but he was wrong:  
Love knits walls to sew lives together.

For us, my grandfather built them. . . .

He was the heart of a house, the soul of a name,

and the wall that held us tight,  
that rocked us in encircling arms,  
and whispered of history."

Surely, **Meaghan**, he heard you.

From **Joey Polk** came a poignant note of thanks to the Cl: "This past yr was a tremendous effort of love for both **Jimmy** & me—he was the most gallant soldier! . . . All that the classmates did has been a great comfort to us. . . I shall always be a part of the Cl of '33 wives."

In a memorable svc and funeral at Arlington, **Jimmy** was accorded the full mil honors due a soldier of his standing. "In all the yrs I've never known a more impressive svc," said **Harry King**, remembering the stirring Battle Hymn of the Republic, Onward Christian Soldiers, and the singing of the Corps by MSG **Leon Wilch** of the US Army Band, as well as the beautiful eulogies by 3 offs who had served with **Jimmy**. '33 stood tall that day. . . .

"**Phil** would have loved his raccoon-coat-clad pic in *ASSEMBLY*," writes **Janie Pope**. "I'm so glad you put it in."

*Note to classmates*: The pics you send in don't have to be recent—but they have to be good. Look in your files!

"Our small CO Springs gp continues pretty active," **Cal Smith** reps. "**Svava Chapman** seems to be on the go much of the time and is getting to be a pretty fair golfer. She recently surprised Good Will by donating an old Cadillac! (*Question*: Did she consider United Way?)

"Yours truly recently had a pacemaker installed, after ramming into a nearby brick wall. Seems I had a sudden blackout caused by lack of oxygen in the lower heart. Good I wasn't on a busy road! The pacemaker battery is supposed to last 10 yrs. When I told the Doctor I might not last that long, she said, 'Don't worry—when you go, we'll put it in somebody else.' Hmm! Hope I can make the 60th. . . ."

From a shyly modest, yet blushing withal '33 grandmother, we have p 16 of the 8 Mar *Parade* mag listing *Parade's* All-American HS Girls Basketball Team—and who should be on the FIRST TEAM but one **Kate Starbird** ('6



1933: '33 mini-reunion (with acquisitions)



1933: Libba McClelland Barnes runs for office



1933: Speiser family get-together: Carol in front and redoubtable Uncle Ted (103+) at L rear



1933: Asserting his rights as the youngest present, Red White reads prepared speech

1") of Lakes Sch, Tacoma, WA! Kate's coach, Gilbert Rigell, says, "Kate is one of the most talented open-court players in the country. She averages 30 points, 9 steals, 11 rebounds and 2 assists per game." Kate also excels academically, with a 3.89 average and a 1310 on the SAT. Kudos to Evelyn & Dodd Star-

bird, and the intermediate couple. . . . Anyone through whose heart courses the blood of Beukemas and Starbirds would have to be something special. Bring her to the 60th, Ev!

Steve Fuqua rep that Pinkie Webster, after a spell at home, is now back at Castle Point (VA Hosp). Our thoughts are with you, Pinkie—and Florence. . . .

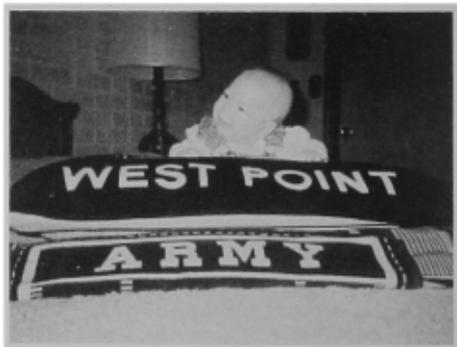
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At the WP Soc of Hampton Roads FD banquet, a poster with these words attracted attention: "The lore and heritage of WP are found in the hearts and minds of its grads, their spouses and friends, and in books like these displayed here to encourage alumni and others to renew faith in the Corps and the Academy, and to maintain interest in what's happening there. For current poop and propaganda read *ASSEMBLY*. As grads we have an obligation to keep up-to-date and to contribute to the decision-making process via our CI orgns and regional WP socs."

GENs Graves, Bramlett and Galloway conducted a forum with grads at Ft Belvoir to discuss WP today and how we got here, and to

listen as grads tell how we feel about the situation. Look for a forum rep in this and succeeding issues.

Mary & Severin Beyma seldom participate in CI or society functions, but they have honored us with an effusive friendliness when I have called or visited them in their lovely home in Phoebus across the pond from Ft Monroe. Sev attained the epitome of pedagogy, and his teaching embodied all of the good things in learning when he was prof and chm of Math at Hampton Univ. He published in his field and served on the Mathematics Foundation of the Commonwealth. It gladdens the heart to receive the following from him: "Thanks for your kind thoughts and concerns for our welfare and well-being. I am not alienated from the CI; in fact, I am proud to be a WP grad and a mbr of USMA CI of '34. All of my roommates and most of our close friends from the Academy have passed away. Over the yrs we have become a very private family and we hope to continue in that vein. A standing joke with us is: after we receive ltrs and postcards from friends on world cruises, I would write and tell them that some day we will journey forth and make it to Stuckey's in Williamsburg [which is only 20 mi away]. I am 80 yrs old. [Who isn't?] and consider myself one of the endangered species, even though I am the baby of a family of 8 children, two of whom are in their 90's! This is St Patrick's Day and on this day, 49 yrs ago, I was picked up from the icy, 52 degree N, 20 degree W, N Atlantic by the British Corvette, *HMS Lavender*, LT LG Pilcher cmding. The ship was sponsored by Yardley's, who provided the funds for the effort in the Battle of Britain. So every St Patrick's Day I remember the Saint and the Green and Yardley's and Lavender, my favorite colors. Sincerely, Sev." Let's all adopt Sev as our roommate and be sure to incl the beautiful and ever-gracious Mary, who gives pleasure wherever she goes.



1934: Drew Pehoviak, great-grandson of Nancy & Moon Northam, seeking early acceptance into the CI of 2013!

Nancy & Moon Northam (see photo of their latest Moonbeam) write from FL: "Time marches on. Spring has come, and here we are planning our departure for the northern climes again. As soon as our granddaughter Kerry Evans gets married in Sarasota on 2 May, we take off for ME via Sally's in Silver Spring, where Stan Brown is due to officiate at Sally's baby Emily's christening on 12 May. Meanwhile we received the pic of our great-grandson, Drew Pehoviak, born 6 Jan. It looks as if his mother is trying to make Brownie points with old sugar granddaddy down in FL. We figure he will be about the CI of '13!" [Censored a favorable comparison of current Annapolis billionaire becoming pres with the

most recent Annapolis pres.] Hope all is well with you all!"

Mary Canterbury writes from her beach mansion at La Jolla, CA: "I have not forgotten the pics from Monty's collection you asked for. I just couldn't find the right ones. I'll try again. I had some parties toward the end of summer and then I got the flu before I could get my shots. Bad bug, bad cough and I felt like a wet noodle. OK now. Occasionally I see my neighbor and your HS classmate, Rosamund, whom I admire. No real news from here. A ltr from Willie Mae & Jud Reeves says they leave for Maui today."

This ltr from Scott Hall '37 became a call to action: "I recently noticed in the Mar TROA 'Taps' col that Karl T Gould was listed. Pop & Doris were our close friends for many yrs, going back to when he was a 1st classman and I a plebe in 'C' Co. We were also together in DIA in 63-64. Ann & I always visited them in PT Charlotte when we drove to FL to visit my brother Bill '29. In the late 70's and 80's when we were near them, we would call, and Doris always apologized that Pop wasn't feeling well and it would be better if we didn't drop by. I also noticed in the Register that he should have a DSM from DIA when he ret in 64. Knowing Pop, I guess he never passed on the info."

We sent Scott's ltr to Doris, who brought us up-to-date: "I had a very bad fall and a spinal injury that kept me immobilized for almost two mos. The encl biography was written by our son, Karl II '60, a consulting engr doing well with his own co in Manitou Springs, CO. When Pop ret he was in poor health. Arthritis and heart problems limited his activities. He had a very good fishing boat which provided recreation and much joy. He continued his interest in intl affairs and the personalities in foreign countries, many of whom he knew personally. . . . As an observer of problems abroad he was ever the intelligence off, keeping his interest to the very last. Son Karl and I chose cremation for Pop, and we will take the ashes to WP in early Jun for burial. The trip had to be delayed because of my back injury. Best regards to all."

We quote Doris's and son's bio/obit of Pop, in part: "COL Gould passed away in Pt Charlotte on 19 Nov 91. During a 30-yr Army career he served in a variety of asgmts. As a horse cavalry off in 36 he won the Draper Trophy, a decathlon-type competition for cavalry plt ldrs. In 41 he was a mil attaché in Japan. He was interned as a POW and repatriated in 42 with Ambassador Drew and Dana Johnston in the exchange of embassy staffs. He returned to the CBI theater in 43, serving there until WWII ended. In 47 he was assigned to the newly-formed CIA and spent the majority of the next 17 yrs in intell-related asgmts. He is the only off known to have served 4 tours with the JCS. His last asgmt was as deputy dir of the DIA, and upon ret he was awarded the DSM." This last info was passed to the Register.

A card from Sandy Martin serves as an announcement and an invitation. She was Ron's enamored for 10 yrs through HS and coll until they were married. "Don died in 89; he was interred in Glen Haven Memorial Park, Winter Park, FL. (Obit in the Mar 92 ASSEMBLY.) I am still living here in this ret community and would welcome all who may be coming this way. The address is #622 Central Park Village, 9309 S Highway 441, Orlando, FL 32821; tel (305) 859-7990." Let's

all go to the lavish setup shown on Sandy's card.

Gene Corrigan, our man in Wash, sent the obit of Emmeline Sievers, widow of Bill Sievers, a former classmate. He died in 73 after a distinguished career in finance. Their son '61 lives in Killeen, TX. Emmeline was buried with Bill at Arlington. Their home in St Michael's, MD was at Martingham. Larry Savage represented the Cl.

Ralph Bucknam reminded us of Jeanne Finkenaur, our only rep in the WP vicinity, a much needed and appreciated mbr of our 94 reunion cmt. Ralph & Jeanne with chm Axel Waugh are calling on their combined experience to plan our next, which is slated for Sun, 22 May-Wed, 25 May. It's too early to commit for accommodations, but I note '32 this yr has the Thayer, so I opt for that revered hostelry if it is open. There was talk of a gigantic remodeling and expansion program anticipated. Thank you, Ralph & Ruth Bucknam and Jeanne, for being our reunioneers for 94!



1934: Frankie & Dud Wilmeth at Prude Ranch, Davis Mtns near McDonald Observatory, W TX, Christmas 91

Frankie & Dud Wilmeth, now ensconced at 4312 Bellaire Dr S, #217, Ft Worth, TX 76109, send greetings: "I have no Cl news, even about this one classmate, D Wilmeth, with whom I am in very close touch. Frankie & I haven't been anywhere except to the commissary and the hosp. We had better go when we can, because Carswell AFB is closing down. Gorbachev has destroyed more of the US armed forces than Stalin ever dreamed about. We are going to ride a tanker from Ft Worth to Mildenhall, UK, then call on Gorby and Yeltsin, and in Aug to China and Tibet. When we have done that, we'll have reason to write." Can you believe it? Nary a pun. I know Frankie is now editing the product of our Cl Pundit.

Bob Tyson is the best typist in the Cl, and he writes better than my last section, Fonville's, English. He types from his waterfront study at his & Lil's colonial home in VA's northern neck, home to the Washingtons and Lees. A land of gracious living, attracting wealthy Yankees and proud Southerners. He writes from "Lucy's Find," so named because it came to the attention of daughter Lucy when they were looking for a charming country estate (where Bob's handiness would overcome the ravages of weather and time). "I called the Stevenses and got Johnny on the phone. He had returned from the hosp the preceding day [mid-Feb] and sounded like the old Johnny. Sounded like he had a close call, as he thanked the Lord for being alive. Lil fell off the vanity stool and hurt her back. There was no real damage, just sore muscles. I took a spill on the racquetball court, and it

took 6 wks to feel normal again. I am encl an article from the Richmond Times Dispatch about WP. Remember this is Massa Robert's country. We thought the info in the article quite touching about LTC Lee's children and their fondness for the Supe's qtrs 1851-55. We are looking for visitors to break the gloom period, but right now we are running a modified hosp ward until Lil gets mobile again. Our 6th grandchild arrived on 12 Feb. That's 5 boys and one girl. We have a dynasty in the making. Lil joins in best to all.

The article of 2 Feb covered WP from the pen of Lee's 12-yr-old daughter, Agnes, and embellished by the eloquence of author, Katy Buford, former Richmonder now living in NY. The descriptions of scenes and structures were so vivid, I am ready for another mini-reunion now. Thank you, Bob, for the article.



1934: Jerry & Muff Blair and Evelyn & Pete Ward at Founders Day 92, Langley AFB, VA

Pete Ward and I serve on the bd of the WPSHR, and we exchange ideas for board opns so often I may overlook the Cl info parts of Pete's ltrs. Excerpts: "We celebrated my 20th real birthday on 29 Feb! I am therefore definitely the youngest mbr of the Cl. We had another great visit with son Nate in San Diego. We celebrated his 50th birthday with over a hundred guests at the Miramar Naval Base O Club. Guests came from MD, FL, DC, LA and VA."



1934: Jerry & Muff Blair, sponsors with officers of Parents Club, Margaret Kim, Katie & Lee Jones, parents of cadets in '94, WPS of Hampton Rds Founders Day 92, Langley AFB

Here's an asgmt for you folks with word processors. ASSEMBLY welcomes original articles or short notes on making the transition to civilian life/employment, unusual lifestyles/careers/hobbies, and grad involvement in/with war on drugs, illiteracy, the homeless, the environment or business in Eastern Europe. ASSEMBLY also is organizing an info network and needs your name, number and assistance if you're interested and are in publishing or advertising. You have until 15

Jul to respond initially—you owe it to The Long Gray Line.

'35

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We open this edition with what's become an all-too-frequent lachrymal litany of Cl LRC's. From my old friend and fellow scribe, Phil Gage '36 (also fellow ward-mate, WRGH 45-46) comes word of **Dan Daly's** passing on 2 Mar in St Petersburg, FL of an aneurism. With him were **Dia**, daughter Anna and brother Bob '44. His cremated remains were committed to sea. Dia plans to remain at present address (see May issue). From '34 sources (Lydia McCrary, Tom's widow) word was received that **Jim Adams'** wife **Cri Cri** had died "recently." A telecon with **Jim** later confirmed her passing on 4 Jul 89. Jim offered no finite diagnosis other than agonizing grief following the tragic death of daughter Lisa by homicide (society's scourge!). In short, she lost her will to live. Her family to 3rd generation was with her at the end. Jim's doing "not too well" (his quote); he was WIA in Korea and since then arthritis (knees) has plagued him. We perceived Jim as feisty as ever; let's all keep close touch with him. **Jane Ramee** died of a heart attack on 23 Mar at Knollwood in DC. Her remains were cremated and interred by **Eric Per** at Pinewood Cem, LI.

On "Recovery Room" news, **Bill Proctor** underwent successful endarterectomy in early Mar after a fortuitous discovery of a 97% carotid artery blockage. He's home doing fine. He & **Eulalie** attended the 50th anniv of "Stars and Stripes" in Darmstadt, Ger in late Apr. Bill supplied pics/write-up in *Parade* mag covering selection of **Kate Starbird**, granddaughter of **Charlie & Marge Leonard**, to 1st team Girls' All-American HS Basketball, Tacoma, WA. **Nat Martin** phoned to confirm that he is making significant progress

in recovery from TIA/stroke (rep in May notes). **Denny Murdock** had disc surgery at WRGH in Mar and is recuperating nicely at their farm. **Harry Lewis** rep that **Edith** responded well to radiation treatment for stomach lymphoma, but a recent exam revealed another ulcer with consequential CAT-scan. We anticipate early rep of a clean bill of health. Founders Day reps were few. DC attendees were **Bill & Charlotte Chapman**, **Al & Jean Robbins** and **Charlotte Rumsey** accompanied by **Russ Vittrup '29**. Here in San Ant we were honored by the Supe's attendance at a huge turn-out at USAA.

A gp of locals was augmented by our welcome repeat guests **Slade & Ruth Cutter**, **USNA '35**, and our own **Al Shower** from AF Vill W. Al spent the long wknd escorting **Ella Wallace** and visiting area friends. An event of most unusual proportions was celebrated by the Wallace family over 30 Mar; Ella's mom, **Mrs Ella Bergman**, turned a "young 99" and was feted by a huge gathering at ARC.



1935: The Dave Wallace family: Ella and her mom, flanked by Charlotte on Ella's right and Ellita on Mrs B's left

A host of WP grads our "vintage" became acquainted with Mrs B during their early formative (mil-wise) yrs as LTs here in San Ant. She did much to foster the romance

between our own **Dave & Ella** (and others too numerous to mention!). **Joe & Jean Wiechmann** were hosted by **Dottie & Gordon Russell**, with **Chuck & Ann Symroski** attending, in Williamsburg, VA en route to Atl to celebrate the 49th birthday of our late classmate **Sam Mitchell's** son, **Sam Jr.**



1935: (Front row) Ann Symroski, Jean Weichmann, Dottie Russell; (standing) Chuck Symroski, Joe Weichmann and Gordon Russell

For refresher: we lost our **Sam** to an a/c accident in Apr 43, and his widow, **Jean**, while guests of the Russells at our 35th Reunion, met **Joe** who himself had been widowed; romance blossomed and they were wed Feb 71. We were a lucky Cl to have this precedent repeated often.

**George & Meg Eckhardt** commemorated their 50th anniv with a family gathering at home; their children, **Jay** and **Chip**, will sponsor a trip to HI (they met there) this summer, thence a reunion with **Geo's** family on the *Mississippi Queen*.



1935: George & Meg Eckhardt at their 50th anniv "haul"

We offer a "fixed opinion" that **George & Meg** are the last of the 50th annivs. Takers?

The Cancun mini is moving apace. The committed list stands at 40 (16 couples and 8 singles). **Bud Schlanser** has engaged **Armed Svcs Vacations** to handle all details. (He & **Jill** are unable to attend but promise to "honcho" next in 93). Dates are firm: 23-27 Oct. Future aspirants to attend should contact **COL (Ret) Godfrey Crowe '51**, travel agency pres, at 1-800-658-8813. Come join in—it's never too late.

**Joe & Esther Keating** have joined our ever-expanding "chapter" of Fairfax residents. Address: Apt 107, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-2718.

In closing, afford the scribe's corner an apology/correction. Ref Mar issue with pic of our Cl monument and figure; amend word "grandson" to read "son!" I veered from the orthodox, sought to coin a word ("grad-son") and in so doing confused my editor, proof-



1935: (Back) June & Downs Ingram, Sid Spring, Doreen & Sal Armogida, Slade Cutter, Sally Haines, Al Shower, Ella Wallace, Ralph Haines, Mim Ruhlen and Ruth Cutter; (kneeling) Jack Rhoades, George Ruhlen and Ed Ferris



1935: Charlotte Rumsey and Russ Vittrup at Fairfax costume party

reader, typesetter and printer! Marie & I will settle for a *grandson*, age 31, but *not* WP '71. Many thanks.

'36

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Sally Beard probably drew the door closed on our futile efforts to start a reunion for '92. Her last, but appropriate, comments were from **Helen Nazzaro**, who stated that we all like to "reunion," but why do we need to "go broke" to do it! Sally also said she'd received a very kind and cordial ltr from **Bruce Palmer**—some of which concerned avn—with which Sally used to be quite involved. Another highly laudable ltr about **Herb Cady's** career and dedication was received—and appreciated. **Caye Curran** is attending her 55th at the end of May. **Grothaus, Landrum and Rutledge** turned out for the San Ant FD dinner, but none of us did in Atl. **Wil Hendrickson** did a little proselytizing for our Constitution via the IRS' faults. An accountant son-in-law says that people have been working this approach (unsuccessfully, unfortunately) since WWI. **Helen & Al Hess** seem to be in pink of health—he playing golf all the time. **Dave Hiester** spent Jan and Feb teaching skiing at WP—all ages. His #1 student was a first timer—6 yrs old! **Doris** says the **Quinns** have sold their home and hope to move in Aug to "Fleet Landing" near Mayport, FL. Many of us remember what a complete update Dave gave us about WP last May. It seems the new Supe arrived at same conclusion and wants Dave to "brief him" monthly.

The 3rd of Mar marked an important date in the **Gage** household. **Dan Daly '35** left us. He and your scribe had been best friends for 72 yrs—constantly. We ea had never known anyone else (except immediate family) *before or earlier*. Our lives, our families, our weddings, our children have constantly been integrated. (Perhaps the only omission was that no one was ever named "**Phil**" in the **Daly** clan!) It is unique that **Charles D Daly '05**, after already completing Harvard, decided to come to WP. And even though he became the all-time "Mr Football" at the Academy, something more valuable is expressed in the **Daly** love and spt for WP. Sure, there are family generations who have continued to graduate. But none surpass the **Daly** tradition started in '05. Every one of **Charley Daly's** 5 children graduated or married a grad. Only in the *tens* and *twenties* did a **Daly** not don the Army blue after earning his diploma. The last to grad was '77. In all, there were 10 grads who served—

and with distinction—from WWI through the Persian Gulf. As we all know, **Jack** was in '36 and was our roommate for 4 yrs.

**Ernie Holmes** wrote that he & **Jean** were fine. We called **Columbus** in Feb and **Polly Holton** answered the phone. She apparently is through with the hosp and is in pretty good shape. **Clark Hosmer** and **Bruce Palmer** attended the Founders dinner in FL. **Jane Dellinger** phoned and said that **Bill Kinard** had never been a '36 scribe (the subject of "who had" was recently brought up). **Jane** said she & **Wayne** were fully moved and liked the "new set of qtrs" (they moved *back* to where **Bill & Jane** lived for several yrs). **Larry Laurion** continues to hold up with his severe breathing, heart and other problems. He continues to write and serve other unfortunates (like **Grace Layne**). This is one remarkable classmate and human being. Where his energy and stamina comes from is *some* mystery. But as long as he performs, we know he is a tremendous example for other people with health problems. Received a very long ltr from **Clyde Layne**, which might be classified as "compassionate." He told of the arrangements and the expense **Larry** offers to the needy and helpless at the Fairfax. He also stated that **Grace** was not in pain—although she had been. He rep that, by the look in her eyes, she could recognize friends. He sold their condo so he could be nearer to **Grace**; he said he had no trouble selling—only difficulty in disposing of all her treasured belongings.

On 29 Mar dear and pretty **Barbara O'Brien** passed away from a heart attack. She was buried in Upperville, VA. It was a great pleasure being with **Bob** & her last Oct. Fond and sincere good wishes to **Bob**, with perhaps a wish of encouragement that he try to bear his loss somewhat like **Bill Hay, Larry Laurion, Clyde Layne** and others have.

Switching from such solemn news, we were almost shocked to read a recent note from our macho **Bob Partridge**, who announced he'd been parasailing in Jamaica! If '36 needed candidates for the Olympics, we'd nominate **Hiester, Hosmer** and **Partridge**. Anybody else have nominations?

**Virginia Persons** writes that they have recently been with the **Buynoskis**. They hope to see the **Smiths**, who are moving from Sacramento to a ret community at Eskaton. **Pete** was planning a visit to Atl in the spring. A couple of long ltrs from **Bud Rogers**—he claims to be "hanging up his spurs." In his case we presume he's curtailing "faceting" opns. **Bud** brought up the question of who have been '36 scribes since grad?

A great, close friend, successful soldier, compassionate leader (and he was handsome too) died in Columbus, GA on 10 Mar. **Howie Snyder** had been ailing for several yrs and had been deteriorating in health for perhaps two yrs or more. This extremely wonderful man and classmate was buried at Park Hill, Columbus, on Fri the 13th.

Kindly correspondence was received from one of our attractive and CI-interested widows: **Helen Spencer's** card (again) was a *sea scape* painted "by foot!"

In mid-Mar a call from "**Inch**" **Williams** reminded us that we had "goofed" (again). Last summer we had sent a ltr to **Eddy Beggs**. Several mos later the envelope was returned with "incorrect address." So we announced two issues ago that we had *no address* for **Ed**. **Inch's** tender and compassionate call reminded us that both **Mary & Ed** had passed away

almost 4 yrs ago!

**Larry Sievers** died on 5 Feb after a long and painful experience. On the 29th young **Bill** was in Atl and we spent several hrs talking about his family. We'd not seen him since he finished WP in '61. Later we received a very special ltr from **Sharon** (**Larry's** daughter). She has been almost her mother's shadow for yrs. She must have literally suffered right along with **Larry** in her later life. In her ltr she wrote a graveside poem—part of which we share with you:

"Let us reflect on those happy times  
You shared with us along life's line—  
Reunions, picnics, parades on the Plain,  
Shopping, picnics, Army-Navy  
games!  
You join the shadows of the Long Gray  
Line  
In ghostly assemblage, Almighty fine:  
The ranks of the CI slowly unfold,  
Such guidance and teaching they ea have  
told.  
... Duty, Honor, Country has been our  
beacon  
And from that creed we shall never weak-  
en."

The following is an *editorial*—perhaps it should be entitled "Widow Writers Organize!" The CI at present has 17 widowers. Some of them are lonely; worse, they are in bad physical disarray. As a **Florence Nightingale** endeavor, we'd like to suggest that as many widows as possible write some single '36'er (of your choice) and give him (them) your news; views; etc. Sadly, '36 has not had any mini-reunions. Wouldn't it be advantageous to try some "mail reunion!" (According to **Helen Nazzaro**, "reunions are intended to give an opportunity to see old friends—staying in expensive hotels defeats the purpose and costs too much.") There are some very great men out there who are alone... some with severe handicaps. Some of these could certainly have a day brightened if at least one of our more than 70 wonderful widows dropped a note once in a while. A suggestion: try sending birthday greetings—at first! (Dates of birth can be found in the *Register of Grads*.) CI widowers are **Bob Breaks, Ned Broyles, Bill Davis, Rod Drake, Howell Estes, Nick Grothaus, Bill Hay, Clark Hosmer, Jim Hughes, Jim Illig, Russ Janzan, Larry Laurion, Ed Mohlere, Bobby O'Brien, John Romlein, Charley Stewart** and **Clint True**.

'37

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The best laid plans. . . According to my Mar ASSEMBLY notes, **Frances & I** should at this date (10 Apr) be cruising the Java Sea heading for Singapore with the **Fraziers**, but fire in the engine rm of the *Ocean Pearl* on her last voyage cancelled our tour. Since **John & Pat** had already purchased their tickets to San Fran, they decided to spend the time on the W coast with son **Doug** and family. According to a 1 Apr card from **Yosemite**, they are luxuriating in the **Ahwahnee** Hotel with a view of the falls. "The DR is like a medieval banquet hall and plush," says **John**. "Then to **Carmel** to visit all our classmates in the area. We were content to spend a wk with the family in our time-share in **Williamsburg**, which we never tire of exploring."

Backtracking to our 21 Feb CI luncheon (which I missed because of a disastrous fall in our garage—badly bruised but nothing broken), **John Frazier** rep 16 in attendance. **Jack Polk's** older brother **Jim** died after a long bout with cancer. Congratulations are in order for **Dan Richards**, who married his next-door neighbor **Jane**.

After a short illness with terminal cancer, **Jo Walker** died at home on 23 Feb. A large no of friends gathered at historic Christ Church in Alexandria on 27 Feb to bid farewell to **George's** widow. A colorful Scottish Honor Guard piped at the church for a mem svc, after which the Honor Guard led the mourners in procession to the home, where a fabulous buffet was served. Jo went out in the style befitting her dedicated svc to her church and community. After **George's** death she lived a gracious life in the lovely historic home which they had restored prior to his death 31 Aug 69. She was buried with him in Arlington at a private ceremony. She was a mbr of the bd of the Historical Alexandria Foundation, dir of the Genesis Art Foundation (a spt gp for Christians in the arts) and a mbr of Colonial Dames and the DAR. Jo is survived by daughter **Joan W O'Connor**, son **George H III (Sandy)**, an architect, and 6 grandchildren, one of whom is **George H IV**. In lieu of flowers the CI contributed to the Intl Lung Foundation in Jo's memory.

**Sorrel Kennedy** called to thank the CI for the flowers and spt during the illness and death of her father and to rep that her brother **Robert** was promoted to LTC upon return to Hickham AFB. On 28 Feb her mother **Lonnie** had a successful opn at WRAMC—the tumors were benign. She was recuperating satisfactorily when she was rushed back to the hosp and was in the ICU for 4 days. She is now home and being cared for by **Sorrel**, who told me that **Bill Amos** has volunteered to do her father's obit.

**Sally Mercado** rep that she, the **Ohmans**, **Eph Graham** and **Frances Blaha** helped the **Amoses** celebrate their first wedding anniv. After that, this traveling duo took off for NZ and Australia.

On 3 Mar **McElroy** called to rep that **Vic Sinclair** died 27 Feb in Austin, TX and was buried on 29 Feb. **Vic** had AD for some time; we had no word from him for yrs. He ret in 57 and taught in a HS in Austin.



1937: Pop Metz and Swede Ohman—a chance mtg in Lisbon

From **Pop Metz** on the road 3 Mar: "Anne & I arrived in Lisbon early morn 11 Feb. After enjoying a late lunch we returned to our hotel, and I slightly recognized a man standing there, but his countenance didn't quite register. Anne & I headed to a phone booth and this gentleman followed and said 'Pop?' It

was **Swede Ohman**. He & **Eleanor** had taken a trip from Madrid-Morocco-Portugal; we were beginning the same trip in reverse. Strange encounters. It's happened to us twice before while traveling overseas."

There were 19 at our 20 Mar luncheon. All the locals were there except **Frazier**, **Hall**, **Mitchell**, **Teeter** and **White**, on travel or otherwise engaged. **Fred Clarke** discussed the HI Mini and **Chester Johnson's** proposal for a memorial at WP in honor of grads lost in the PI during WWII—the greatest loss (176) in any campaign, with our CI sustaining the greatest loss (17). **Fred** is working with **Chester** on this, and you will be kept informed by our CI bulletins. **Geo Maliszewski** rep on their trip to FL, where they were guests of the **Seedlocks** in their new home in the Indian River CC. They accompanied the **Seedlocks** and the **Majors**, also in the IRCC, to the WP Soc luncheon at Patrick AFB, where they saw **Jim & Carol Reeves**. They are both in good health. **Jim** has a full head of grey hair, has filled out his scrawny frame and looks great. **Olga Hyzer** was rep in the nursing part of the Fairfax with a stroke. On 15 Mar **Claudine Evans** had a heart attack and was in St Vincent's Hosp, Jacksonville. **Fred** rep they are going to FL and would check on the **Evanses**. They will also visit their daughter & son-in-law **Pat Stevens**, who is district engr in Tuscaloosa, MS. I tried to tell **Dave Griffin** a little joke I had heard about the 4 stages of man, but he pre-empted me with a more splendid one. When I asked him its source he replied, "Shakespeare, of course!" I learned that **Dave** had been a devotee of the Bard even before WP.



1937: Tense Seedlock between Scott & Ann Hall at the IRCC

In my last notes I mentioned the **Seedlocks** leaving VA in convoy for FL, with **Tense** driving one of their many vehicles. In a 14 Feb card she rep: "Lost **Bob** at Richmond Hill, GA in spite of CB, so spent night in truck—no traffic in JAX at 4 AM!! Shoved all our junk in back rm and closed door! Very effective way to get settled. Expect **Ann & Scott Hall** 21 Feb."

**Carmen Clagett** wrote in a note 7 Mar that they went to HI, where they sailed the isl on the *USS Constitution*, on which **Grace Kelly** and wedding party had sailed to Monaco in 56. "Cruises are fattening. We ate so much. HI was so green and beautiful but so far from FL." Couldn't wait for our next mini? They signed up for a reunion in Carmel in Jul of teachers who taught US children in Karlsruhe 58-59. "I wish I could have a facelift before facing those teachers after 33 yrs. But maybe they need one too!!" You can count on it!

**Barbara Pearsall Muir** informed me 26 Mar that her father died suddenly of a heart attack

that AM. He appeared to be in excellent health and enjoyed a family reunion just two wks before. Memorial svcs were held for **Jim** on Sun, 29 Mar in Christ Church, Irvington, VA, where **Lucy** & he had been active in parish affairs. CI condolences were sent to **Lucy**, who has been a welcome and cheerful participant in our gatherings. **Barbara** arranged for a memorial svc and interment of her father's ashes at WP, where **Ginny** is buried. She and her family and her Aunt **Janet**, **Jim's** younger sister, attended a beautiful and impressive ceremony. It was espec heartwarming for **Barbara**, who has vivid and fond memories of WP, where she was a young child during **Jim's** tour in the Tac Dept, and for her aunt, who was a cadet drag during **Jim's** cadet yrs. Shortly after **Jim & Ginny** moved to Montross, VA in 77, she was stricken with cancer and he turned over the scribe's job to me (my first effort was the Mar 78 ASSEMBLY). **Jim** was a highly respected mbr of our CI. His calm, confident and sincere demeanor endeared him to all.

The **Seedlocks** came back for a visit in late Mar and learned that **Dorothy Preston** was in the Wash Hosp Ctr recuperating from a liver opn. **Tense** visited her there. **Bob** attended the 61st reunion of his CI (he was it) at the Cathedral Latin HS in Cleveland, where he was awarded the Latin's Man of the Yr Award for 92. It was presented at their annual Communion Breakfast on 5 Apr at the Sheraton City Hotel.

We were saddened by the news from **Robert Rumph '62** that his mother **Helen** died 14 Mar in Charleston from a stroke following about a yr of illness. Her ashes will be interred with **Ray's** at WP on her birthday, 7 Nov, during **Robert's** 30th CI Reunion. He and his family had moved to **Helen's** apt complex last yr to be with her during her illness. His address is: COL Robert R Rumph, USA Ret, 1476 Orange Grove Rd, Apt 94D, Charleston, SC 29407-3657. **Helen's** youngest daughter **Joanne** lives around the corner and daughter **Nancy Butzer** lives in NC with her family. She is married to **Robert's** classmate, **Barry Butzer**. I was with **Helen & Ray** at Ft Totten, our first duty. She was so pretty and had been **Ray's** OAO during his cadet days. They were a beautiful couple in every way.

**Geo McDowell** sent me the HAROA Newsletter which contained "Profile of a Founding Father." In 62 with 3 others, **Geo** founded the Houston Area ROA and was its first pres. There follows a good bio of our hero which I will send to the Obit Cmte in case I am no longer around when that sad event occurs.

In a page and a half of his inimitable prose, **Spic Nadal** explained to **Bob Gildart** why he & **Jeanne** will not be at the 55th. In short, he has to make a recon-in-force of the various ret comms in TX and FL. Their RT tickets between Italy and the US won't accommodate a side trip to WP.

The **Halls** continue their very active lifestyle. On a late afternoon in Feb, driving across the VA border, he realized that they would be home very soon—not to their lovely old Chevy Chase home, but their efficient two-BR apt in the Fairfax. The move thereto was not easy, sorting out 50 yrs' accumulation of stuff and distributing it to children, charity and estate sale, but their house was snapped up almost immediately. Four trips back and forth to their summer home in ME, then finally settling in at the Fairfax where won-

derful greetings from old and soon new friends will never be forgotten. There are more of USMA '37 there than any other CI. On their way back from Christmas with their family in ME, they received a warm welcome from **Stan & Louise Smith** in their lovely home by the water in Mystic, CT. They then took a 10-day trip to FL to check on brother **Bill's** 3 youngest children. When **Bill '29** died in 84, **Scott & Ann** became surrogate parents to 6 children of his two marriages. His second marriage to **Marguerite Higgins** produced two, but she died quite young. They had a most pleasant overnight visit with the **Evanses** in Jacksonville and were impressed with **Claudine's** not-quite-finished portrait of **Tom Truxton**. Then they enjoyed a visit with the **Seedlocks**, who hosted a lunch for them with the **Majors** and the **Cleverlys '39** to celebrate **Ann's** birthday.

**Jerrie Stumpf** just returned from San Ant, where she was a guest of the **Geers** in the ARC. She was quite impressed with the layout down there. The **Geers** put on a big dinner party for her in the ARC's private dining room, the **Grahams** had a party for her in their cottage with all our classmates attending, and another friend had a lunch for her. She also gave me a rundown on her trip to Israel in Feb with a gp from the Episcopal Diocese of VA. They visited churches in both the Israeli and Palestinian sectors and stayed at an Episcopal Hostel in Jerusalem with no central heat. Built of stone, it was quite cold. She is spending Easter with son **Bob** and family in JAX before he takes his sqdn to the Med for a 6-mo tour. By the time you read this, our 55th will be history—and I hope a memorable one.

'38

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'38'ers were present at a big-screen showing of A-N Game in the Indianapolis area.



1938: Bettie & Hubie Strange watching A-N Game, 91

During Dec **Mary Missal** visited with her sons. **Mary** commented that probably no other '38'ers have two groupings of 4 generations in their families. Are there any?

On 31 Jan **Willie Corbett** wrote that **Fran** had a hip replacement 17 Dec. He has added an auxiliary electric heater, in addition to their wood cook stove, to heat their indoor pool to 81–84 degrees. "Hopefully, **Fran** will be splashing around in a few wks." He says that both are still enjoying their unconventional but comfortable home.

On 1 Feb from **Sam Hogan**, 5346 Springbrook Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78413: "We did go to Costa Rica. However, at that time



1938: Mary Missal and son Jay with 4 generations of family



1938: Mary Missal and son Bob with 4 generations of family

securing a residence entailed 6 mos to 2 yrs. Meanwhile, we decided on Corpus Christi. I fished there in the early 30s, but it has changed a lot. I had to make two trips back to Ecuador to sell my farm. We are beginning to feel settled here. Son **Pat** is working here. **Bill** is a jr in HS and hoping to make the Academy. LT **Mary** & LT husband are in Ger after Desert Storm."



1938: The Hogans at home in Corpus Christi

Hope to see you both at the 55th! On 10 Jan from **CH Anderson**, 3081 Grove St, Ventura, CA 93003, "**Annette** & I moved here last yr primarily to get to a warmer climate. Am making a trip in Mar to Ger near Bad Durkeim. CA is fine as long as one can drive a car and stay healthy. **Annette** has a sister in Santa Barbara and mine still lives in Berkeley. They would like for us to remain here, but both are realists and can understand our reasons. **Frank** & **Patsy Norris** took us to lunch

at the Ojai Country Club in Jan. It was a most delightful reunion! I have seen no other classmates since our last trip here in 87."

The 21 Feb Ft McNair luncheon was attended by 25 classmates, wives or widows. **Bob Brown** has been appointed to fill the vacancy of CI VP until the next election at our 55th. **Chavasse** and the **Mrazeks** risked their good health recently on skis.

On 1 Feb the **Conells** returned from FL, which was "boring but restful." **Damon** distributed an updated local CI Roster. **Schmidt** likes his new home in Williamsburg.

On 7 Mar, from **Alice Long**, "When **Dick** ret from active duty, he was in the NY St Univ system for 5 yrs dealing with Dept of Continuing Education. We lived at Ft Schuyler in a wonderful old house on LI Sound. One day after planting hundreds of spring bulbs he noticed that his CI Ring was gone. We dug for hrs to no avail. He immediately ordered a replacement from **Tiffany** and went into shock at what inflation had done to the price. The next yr in CA he received a package from the people who moved into our qtrs and there was the ring! One fine morn they saw the first spring daffodil up and spotted the ring about its stem. I called **Bob Offer** when I read about his loss because I knew **Dick** would want him to have a replacement. I see the **Brennans** and **Hendersons** often and am pleased to rep that **Clint Harvey** appears to be coping well after **Fran's** death.

The 20 Mar Ft McNair luncheon was attended by 28 '38'ers. From **Art Smith**, "For the 3rd time in 5 yrs I was the oldest grad (oldest CI) at Founders Day dinner of WP Soc of Richmond and Central VA. Ambassador **W Nathaniel Howell** (at Kuwait during the terrible pre-Desert Storm days) was with us as a guest, not as a speaker. On 21 Mar **Bill Smith**



1938: Art Smith and Ambassador Howell at Founders Day 92

was the only '38'er at the NVA Founders Day dinner. The **Damons** edit and publish a qtrly bibliography of current world affairs. It is quite scholarly and comprehensive—particularly for any one of our contemporaries. The Mar 92 *Reader's Digest* Book Section features *The Secret War of Ed Ramsey* in which guerilla activities of **Joe Barker** are of interest to his '38'er classmates. **Bert Harrison** completed a leisurely two-wk trip to GA and TX, visiting friends and mil associates en route. **Rosalie Valentine** returned from FL recently

and will visit her daughter in CA in Apr. **Isabel Bonnett** is going to CA in Apr to attend the dedication of a Glider Pilot Memorial. **Peggy Miller** is going to Israel during Apr with her sister. Some '38'ers appear still physically fit for skiing!



1938: Nick Chavasse and Thelma & Jim Mrazek at ski slopes

**Frieda Russell's** 91 Newsltr was delayed but filled with many family activities. Son Mike is home from Saudi Arabia. Daughter Sara's home in Oakland was destroyed in 20 Oct fire. Young grandson Ryan is recuperating from major surgery. **Mel** is on the bd of the local ret complex, is a mbr of SIRS (Strictly CA Boys Club for Retirees); on Neighborhood Watch and, of course, plays golf. Frieda manages to keep busy with all that is happening around her.

From **Hugh Wallace** on 31 Mar: "Irvin is expecting **Bob & Pat Works** and **Nev Howell's** widow, **Lenore**, in for Fiesta, which starts soon. **Mary Kelley** and daughter **Bonnie** boarded the *Constitution* for a wk's cruise of the Isls, returning to the Halekoa for a delightful 4 days. **Bill Kieffer** was in CA playing in another Masters Bridge tournament. **Maggi** was in Brooke General for a few days to get treatment for asthma. The **Maccombers** were just back from their usual spring skiing in CO. **Paul's** sister is visiting **Mona Preuss** during Fiesta. In May **Mona** is expecting visits by her brother & his wife and by her son and his family. **Mona** has programmed an affair this Thu with many of the classmates as guests. **Jo (Ryan) Houston** has been asked by SAC to make the last presentation of the **John D Ryan Bombing Trophy** at Barksdale. The **Skaers** are just back from a stay in Acapulco. In May they are going to Wash, DC and down to the Gold Cup Races near Warrenton. Then a family gathering of **Helen's** brothers and sisters on Sullivan's Isl near Charleston. **Fred Wright** is teaching a Red Cross Lifeguard cl these days. **ME York** rep a most interesting trip to the Big Bend area, with beautiful spring flowers, a boat ride across the river and guitar music with singing in a cantina by all hands present. The **Wallaces** took a 2-1/2 wk trip to Spain, Morocco and Portugal during Feb with the **Ohmans '37**. We now have a new grandson, born in Feb. **Doug Polhamus** has had a rough time from a severe fall." From **Bill Strand**, "'38 was rep at the FD dinner on 14 Mar by the **Artmans, Bayers, Irvins, Singers, Strands, Mary Kelley** and **Elizabeth Sawyer**. The event in the USAA Bldg was attended by nearly 300 grads, wives, widows, cadets and cadet candidates. Supe GEN Graves gave the audience a comprehensive rep on WP."

On 4 Apr **Cliff Riordan** took daughter **Janet** and **Jim Lewis** to lunch after registration for the annual Cherry Blossom 10-mi race in DC.

We enjoyed a pleasant, leisurely visit. Next day **Cliff** and **Janet** completed the race, with **Cliff** first in the 75-79 age gp. He is already thinking about competing in the Marine Marathon here next Nov! [See article on fitness in this issue.]

'38'ers should have received Ltr #1 from our CI Pres about our 55th Reunion in May 93. **Junie & Shirley Lotz** have actively launched 55th programming. Let's cooperate with them in assuring that our 55th is highly successful and well attended!

'39

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**GEN Van Fleet '15**, father of **Dempsey McChristian** and **Betty McConnell** and the second-oldest surviving flag off of the armed forces, celebrated his 100th birthday 19 Mar. Twenty-five cadets on spring break in FL volunteered to attend along with media, reps from other svcs and Univ of FL football team, coached by him before WWII. Some 150 guests were expected at buffet lunch at his ranch near Polk City. We, mbrs of '39, salute you, GEN!

"Move over, **Bonnie Blair**—here comes speedskater **Rocky Crawford**" per CO Springs newspaper and echoed by **Fritz Fredericks** and **Ray Allen**. **Rocky** at the Rocky Mtn Srs Winter Games in Feb won the gold medal in 3-lap speedskating and two silvers in the biathlon and 2.5K cross-country ski race. Competition was by 5-yr age gps. But while **Rocky** may not plan to challenge **Blair**, his coach (**Bonnie's** sister) said, "I'm so proud of him. He's an inspiration to the kids." **Ray Allen** adds, "He's indomitable; when he isn't skating, he's into skiing, tennis, golf—you name it." **Fritz** states that **Rocky & Jeanne** "play an extremely active role in cultural activities. . . **Rocky** was listed among the most influential 'movers' in the Springs."

**Ray & Virginia Allen** moved into the very new and attractive Liberty Heights ret comm (btwn Denver and CO Springs, near USAFA). They have 3 extra '39 *Howitzers* which they are willing to give to anyone needing one. The **Allens** are joined in Liberty Heights by **Dewitt Hall**, and welcome other '39'ers who want to "partake of the good life in beautiful CO."

**Fritz & Anita Fredericks** are enjoying good health; his favorite sport is fly fishing and "hacking around the golf course;" older son (an MD in CT) and two daughters, all married; younger son (our CI "caboose") grad CO Univ '91, solo backpacked through 14 countries in Europe and Middle E! (Ah, to be young again.)

**Speedy & Dottie Hull** en route to FL in Jan visited **Al & Betty Dean Evans**, who have a "very pleasant set-up near Charlottesville, VA at Lake Monticello." Since his dr said that **Speedy's** "ticker was pretty stable," he took off for Co Springs to attend the USA Boxing Championships in late Feb. There he enjoyed a '39'er luncheon arranged by **Ray Allen**, dinner with the **Fredericks** and telecons with **Roger & Betty Lilly**. Talk also incl possible '39 get-together at USMA-USAFA FB game 7 Nov.

USMA-USAFA FB Game, 7 Nov—Flight Memorial dedication is planned for same wknd. Many AF '39'ers and others attending are invited to join the WP tailgate gang on



1939: Dewitt Hall, Ray Allen, Speedy Hull, Bill Bradley and Rocky Crawford in Liberty Heights, CO Springs, Feb 92

Stewart Rd (E side of Lusk) before and after game. Please notify **Mike Krisman** or **Speedy Hull** to ensure enough boodle at tailgate site.

**Clyde Sutton** was selected by the "11 Alive" Atl TV station for Community Svc Award of Tiffany engraved crystal, a Jefferson Award for public svc and \$1,000 to a charity of his choice, plus the reception, dinner and video of the program. **Bob Schellman** rep we "should be aware of the esteem with which the Atl community holds **Clyde**. . . who sets the example of the dedicated public servant. . . high time that he be so honored. There's no one like him among the 1.6 million citizens." (Congrats, **Clyde**; obviously, highly deserved.)

The **Suttons** have received another "award"—a grandson, making them *first-time* grandparents (probably the last or "caboose" of '39 for that claim!).

On 29 Jan **Nancy Brinker** hosted a surprise birthday party for **Walt** at the Army Ret Comm in San Ant. . . large turnout incl 5 children from near and far, two grandkids and many '39'ers—those listed in the two pics [next pg] plus **Kate Wilson, Anne Whitehouse** and **Terry Olson**.

**Task Force Smith**—*Army* mag (Feb 92) contains an excellent acct of first US ground forces to fight in Korea, although given impossible mission of redeeming yrs of neglect and unpreparedness. Our **Brad Smith**, Bn CO, commented that author "has gathered all of the pertinent facts and blended them into a highly readable acct." (Scribe's comment: Bravo, truly a courageous performance.)

**Hallie Patterson** writes that she is in fine fettle, stopped last summer to see the **Dobsons** and "found **Jack** in good form and **Magnolia** charming as ever." Later, **Hallie** went with **Jim & Lucile Muir** to her niece's delightful, small inn in Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico and ". . . were joined there by **George Zethren** for a grand Christmas."

**Moe & Rachel Donohue**, prior to 82, were involved in the local Farmers Market with a very large truck garden. "For several reasons (adv yrs is high on the list), we've modified the gardening acreage. Having 100 acres, half being woods, we enjoy wildlife, tamed and untamed. Feeding 10 or so varieties of birds, seeing the white-tailed deer and entertaining friends and family are activities we enjoy the most. . . With plenty of room and only 12 mi from IN or 1st exit on OH Turnpike in NW OH, we welcome trips through Nostalgia Land."

At Founders Day, AF Vill W, **Joan (Nolan) Relfe** offered to give **Danny's** '39 ring to any classmate who has lost his. **John Dickerson** had come the farthest (Vienna). Others present incl **Stan Dziuban**, who had interrupted



1939: (Front) Phil Davidson, Bill Smith, Tom Davis, Walt Brinker, Tom Whitehouse; (rear) Ed Kurth, Dewitt Hall, Joe Bowman, Woody Wilson and Ray Allen



1939: (Front) Eleanor Bristol, Nina Smith, Gayle Lampley, Walt Brinker, Virginia Allen; (rear) Mary Jo Bowman, Audrey Mildren, Nancy Brinker, Pat Kurth and Donna Davidson

his skiing to attend, **Joe & Kay Reynolds, George Zethren and Jack Habecker.**

Another couple planning a European venture are **Charlie & Nina Kepple**, who are boning up their French for this fall.

A Greenville, NC paper contains a good story and large photo of **John Johnson**, who, as a volunteer, makes science come alive for elementary students. After his ret in 64, he taught HS physics in DC for 16 yrs before ret in NC. With his tng in elec, machines, light and chem, he supplements science lessons with a hands-on approach, making periscopes, etc and bringing prisms and other visual items.

**Elder & Esther James** were in a terrible car wreck in E Canada last yr. He had to be pried from his car with the "Jaws of Life." Both were hosp with broken bones but are as good as new now. Elder is back in the bee business with 4 hives in the backyard, but it's uncertain if he divulged this part of his life to Esther before their marriage; when he cleans the hives, she locks the doors and windows and would go to the basement if they had one!

**Wayne & Carrie O'Hern** have arrived in Tucson on PCS, having listed their home in CA for sale. Grapevine states that Wayne took a "wrecking ball" to their new home, removing a few unwanted items prior to renovation.



1939: Rosene Jacoby, Moe & Rachel Donohue and Jake Jacoby about to board Navy boat for AZ Memorial, HI, Feb 91

Meanwhile, they are staying with a son.

Founders Day, Tucson. . . '39 turnout incl **Harvey & Jean Fraser, Elder & Esther James, Charlie & Nina Kepple, Frank & Lydia Kobes and John & Nancy Maxwell.**

Last Jun 91, **Bill Dean** tried to plan a trip from NC to AK for his entire family of 13, but finally managed to get 3 sons and two granddaughters to join him while **Geneva** and 3 others went to their beach cottage. Four of the 6 in AK stayed a wk; sons John and Bill stayed two wks—"fine time, but very tiring. We couldn't adjust to 24 hrs of daylight! . . . I'm doing fine. Still quail hunting with my old bird dog. He's 15-1/2 yrs old and completely deaf. We both are slow." (Welcome to the club, Bill!)



1939: Bill Dean (far R in cap) with two sons and two granddaughters in AK, Jun 91

**Bernice Medinnis** ret at the end of 91 from her Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, but only after a tng session for MPs and APs in DoD schs in Europe. Again, she & **Chuck** took advantage of opportunity and for two preceding wks visited Wales, England, France and Ger.

**Dan Minahan** enjoyed excellent skiing this winter in MI but the coldest one ever (-25 degrees F wind chill). Christmas with family in Houston preceded a San Ant visit. Sally, widow of Luis Mercado '37, hosted a party incl several '39'ers—the **Davidsons, Kurths and Olsons.**

**Lou & Bettye Kunzig** in late Mar attended a grandniece's wedding in FL, visited with **Bud & Georgia Lasche** and went on to TX for Bettye's mother's 95th.

**Ed & Grace Hamilton** moved into their "Phoenix" 26 Dec, then spent Feb in FL and in transit, visiting 3 '39'ers. At Indian R the **Cleverlys** were due to return to Cape Cod for the summer; **Ken Scott** negotiates the links despite a Vietnam back injury; and **Mary Lee Scott** is pres of Women's Golf Club there. **Bill & Kay Bailey** at St Augustine golf several

times a wk, plus one day a wk donated to "Meals on Wheels."

At **Howard & Rita Cooperider's** 50th anniv, as a special treat, daughter **Connie Tully** (widow, USMA '59) narrated slides of 50 yrs incl first qtrs, apt at Ft Oglethorpe, home of 6th Cav incl many '39'ers—**Ben Bailey, Tom Bartel, Dave Goodwin** and **Bill Dean**. After much time in Mid-E incl 3 yrs in Turkey and although "not too travel minded," they managed to visit in KS, MI, IN, OH, MS, NH and NJ! Howard is now well after a broken hip (hazard of house maint). "I still enjoy golf, but the scores are proof that the game is now more difficult."

**Joe Lester** rep they divide their time between San Fran and Tucson, where they often see the **Maxwells** and **Kobeses**, and that **Perry Hoisington** is trying to teach Joe a new golf swing by mail!

**Errata**—In the Mar ASSEMBLY, the Army-Louisville FB story ended with "... the Army mules. . . had started but, for unknown reasons, had not arrived." To that, your reaction probably was "so what!" However, lost somewhere between OH, WP and the printer was this finale, "But near the end of the game, we saw two aka 'Army mules,' both rather scruffy and obviously recruited locally, acting 'in place of.' (The cadet riders did not call on them to cavort!)"

**Taps**—We sadly rep that **Riggs Sullivan** died 7 Mar after a long illness. A mem svc was held at AF Vill W with many '39'ers attending; **Huey Long, Henry Huglin '38** and the Sullivan children offered their reflections. Classmates will also be welcome at the Chapel svcs at the USAFA (where Riggs had served as the 2nd Cndt of Cadets) at 1330 hrs, 21 Aug. We extend sympathy to **Jane** and the Sullivan children.

We also sadly rep that **Evelyn Wilson**, widow of our **Jasper**, died 30 Jan after a long battle. In a gracious note to **Hallie Patterson**, the Wilsons' daughter **Carole** stated that her mother was buried next to **Jasper** at Ft Huachuca. Our sympathy goes out to the Wilson relatives.

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# '40

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If you are looking for the story of *USMA '40 in '92*—the mini that closed in Nashville about two wks ago—as you turn this pg, you've been misled. I'm writing this in mid-Apr, long before **Marv Jacobs** and **John Graf** will know just how many classmates are coming. Wait for the next issue (Sep); I'll tell you then how the mini went.

I'm getting ready now for the mini, though. I'll bring copies of a revised and updated CI Roster. I'll mail copies later to ea of you who couldn't make it to Nashville.

On its face, the new roster will look much like its predecessors. The first part, covering living classmates, will be updated with the latest info available. The big change will be in the second part, which used to list only CI widows and next-of-kin (NOK) for whom we had dependable addresses. The revised ros-

ter will have an entry for ea deceased mbr of the CI, together with what we know of his widow or NOK, address and the status of his ASSEMBLY obit. We hope, through this pub, to enlist more of you in the process of finding and keeping track of missing widows or NOK of the CI and in helping in the prep of obits for those who don't have them.

**Obit status.** If we incl the sad news at the end of these notes, we have 258 classmates living and 191 deceased. Of the 191, 81 (42.4%) have had obits published, leaving 110 awaiting obits. Some of these have their obits being prepared and some are awaiting publication. For example, **Bill Francisco, Dixie Fraser** and **Ross Milton** have ea sent in obits recently; **Sam Goodwin** has just sent *two!* Unfortunately, though, we're now losing classmates faster than we're publishing obits. Our problem remains. We'll be talking and writing to you about this.

**Chet & Mary Edith Freudendorf** rep they attended the Mid-Gulf FD dinner in New Orleans, where Chet had the dubious privilege of being oldest grad. He used the occasion to make a sales pitch for the *Illustrated History of WP*.



1940: The Freudendorfs and Jerry & George LaBreche, flanking his sister

**Kermit & Bobbe Dyke** and **Dick & Marnie Kent** told me several mos back that our late **Jim Smiley's** daughter **Jane** had received the 91 Natl Book Critics Circle Award for her second book, *A Thousand Acres*. Nevertheless, it was a pleasant surprise to hear in early Apr (from TV, the press, **Bidwell & Criss Moore** and all of the above) that the book also won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

**Lanny & Nora Witt** wrote that they celebrated their 50th wedding anniv on 7 Feb in El Paso with several close friends, incl son **Christopher** & wife. Lanny announced with pride that grandson **Christopher Jr** (6'2", 200 lbs and all-district linebacker in El Paso) has a Pres appt and will enter the WP Prep Sch, Ft Monmouth, NJ on 26 Jul.



1940: Three Gray Dawns: Norris, Witt and O'Keefe at El Paso Founders Day

**Frank & Betty Devlin** wrote that, among other wanderings, they visited Ft Bragg last Oct so Frank could attend the bi-annual reunion of the OSS Det 101 Assoc, the vet orgn made up of survivors of OSS WWII opns in Burma. Turns out that Frank is also the current assoc pres. Their reunion was hosted by Spec Forces—the Army's Spec Ops Cmd—whose cmdr, LTC Wayne A Downing '62, gave a welcoming address to the OSS det, hailing them as trailblazers of unconventional warfare and forefathers of today's Special Forces. Det 101—about 300 US offs and men—recruited, armed, trained and led 3,200 Burmese natives—the famed Kachin Rangers—who took the offensive against some 10,000 battle-seasoned Japanese tips and routed them, clearing some 10,000 sq mi of Burma in May and Jun 45.

I'm sorry I must rep several items of sad news. First, a call from **Kermit Dyke** brought word that **Howard Wright** died in Wash on 6 Mar after a heart attack linked with emphysema. When Howard was ret for physical disability in 62, the medics suggested he settle in Bethesda near svc hosps for heart and pulmonary treatment. We offer our condolences to **Audrey**, who can be reached at 5119 Newport Ave, Bethesda, MD 20816. You may recall that Howard flew over 50 P-40 combat missions in China under GEN Chennault during WWII. After ret, he earned a BA and MA in indus psych at GWU, was a human factors and systems analyst for GE, and was VP of a mktng firm in Wash until 72, when his heart and lung problems began keeping him at home.

Next, I had a call from **Ruth** saying that **Dave Crocker** died early on the morn of 31 Mar in the hosp at Leominster, MA. Dave had been feeling poorly and entered the hosp for a gall bladder removal on Sun, 29 Mar. Ruth said he seemed to be recuperating well after the opn, but apparently he took a sudden turn for the worse. His remains were cremated and inurned on 3 Apr in the new columbarium in the Old Cadet Chapel at WP. The next day, **Lee & Marion Fritter** went to the mem svc in Rindge; Lee wrote later, "It was the most beautiful, most touching mem svc I have ever seen. The entire family—Ruth, the Crocker children & spouses, and the grandchildren—took part. In turn, they related many Crocker family incidents, some joyous, some sad, some humorous, but all obvious reflections of their profound love, devotion and respect for Dave. Townspeople of Rindge also spoke, giving unmistakable evidence of the admiration and respect for Dave in the comm, where he had participated in civic affairs and had a reputation for forceful, positive community action. Woven gracefully into the svc were "Benny Havens," the "Alma Mater," the "Cadet Prayer," "The Corps" and even "When the Saints Go Marching In." I only wish other classmates could have overcome the time and space factors to share in the svc." The CI extends its deep sympathy to Ruth, who can be reached at RR 02, Box 1545, Rindge, NH 03461-9728.

# '41

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[Guest scribe: **Tom Cleary.**] For openers, let's tout the 52nd CI reunion that the energetic DC gp, under the leadership of **Herb**

Stern, is undertaking. The 50th was so memorable and so downright enjoyable that it can't be too soon to have a mini-repeat. Most of us have scanned the details of the reunion plan circulated; however, the basic outline should be repeated here. Many of us do not indicate attendance and options early enough. That, of course, puts the planning gp into a last-minute frenzy as they try to firm up the program. Get the info on the questionnaire to Herb EARLY! Dates: 29 Sep-1 Oct 93; Place: Annapolis, MD (great location); Qtrs: Loew's Annapolis Hotel. The rest of the questions you can answer in your reply to the cmte.



1941: Paul Skowronek, being saluted by the Ft Carson Founders Day assemblage

Received an espec touching note from Ben & Marge McCaffrey's children regarding their parents' 50th wedding anniv. Speaking for the Cl, Burt sent a congratulatory message for inclusion in a book the kids put together for Ben & Marge. On a similar note, our scribe assembled a tribute for George & Betty McIntyre's 50th on 12 Mar. The cover of the brochure was classic Bill Vaughan (out of *Black, Gold & Gray*) depicting George's return of the Navy goat, while he was TAC, following the A-N game. Parkinson's continues to torment George and, in an effort to add some sunshine as their children gathered in N Ft Myers, this jingle was added: "When you're ordered to pamper a goat; It does awful things to your throat; But George saved the day; And tucked him away; In his pen at USNA on a boat!"



1941: Alma Troup, helping the US Hockey Team prepare for Albertville

Now, the thing that stole the show, according to daughter Nancy, from Denver, was Mal Troup's cartoon showing two separate motels in Poughkeepsie at our 35th. Through the windows you see George in one and Betty in the other; ea is asleep and George is snoring his usual rafter-rattling snores which Betty refused to tolerate. They ea have an arm out the window and they are holding hands. The caption reads, "Those who snore apart stay

together!"

Incidentally, do not be bashful in offering details on your own golden (or other) anniv; it's that point in time where many of us are attaining that eminence.

In prepping for this assignment as guest author, I scanned some back issues in *ASSEMBLY*. In the Jan issue, I noted that the Cl of '44 presented a beautiful silver tray to el grandchildren grad from the svc acads. Since our first, Ian (Winfree) Bryan USAFA '90, and our second, Suzanne Kline USNA '91, received not even a congratulatory ltr from the Cl, I must assume that our policy chooses to ignore them. Is that what the Cl wants? Are the 3 outstanding youngsters whom we met at our 50th, King (Starr) Moon, Scott (Rosen) Tucker and Jennifer Osgood, to grad unrecognized by the Cl of '41 this spring?

There is a quiet enclave set aside in Ft Lauderdale in honor of Sandy Nininger. The background is lush with bougainvillea while the silence is persistent as passersby frequently pause to read the bronze plaque that proclaims Nininger's exploits in the Philippines so many yrs ago. Nearby, Nininger Drive threads its way toward the beach. His name lives on also in st names in Central Valley, NJ, Ft McPherson and a park at Ft Knox. The freshness of youth will remain etched in our memories of Sandy and of those, like him, who did not attain the yrs, reap the rewards and enjoy their progeny as we fortunate survivors have.



1941: Our own Superman, Paul Skowronek, bungee-jumping

The CO Springs Founders Day featured "The Jump." And Paul Skowronek drove all the way up from San Ant to be a special guest. Just before the final speech by the Dean, GEN Galloway, our Golden Video was turned on, and the crowd at the Carson watched Paul's history-making feat. He was sitting at a Cl table decked out in his white tie and tails, Army Full Dress, and as the jump ended he was invited up to take a bow. Needless to say, when he said he was planning a repeat at our 55th, it brought down the house. Incidentally, he has recently taken up bungee-jumping. What a guy; let's find out what kind of Wheaties he eats!

The sharp and continuing criticism of Bill Yenne's book, *Black '41* (see Charlie Murrar's anguished comments in the Mar *ASSEMBLY*) perhaps has culminated in the book review by COL John Calabro '68 of the Dept of English appearing in *ASSEMBLY'S* Mar 92 issue (pp 39-40). Although Calabro cites most of the egregious flaws like "repeatedly misdesignating the Cl of '13 as 'The Cl the Stars Fell On' (Eisenhower and Bradley were '15); German tanks armed with 7.5 mm guns; and rm orderlies whose duty was to

'inspect rms,' " even the good COL fails to note things omitted that make '41'ers espec proud: Nininger Hall, the permanent "Chamber" for the Honor Cmte and Kelleher-Jobes Mem, both endowed in perpetuity; Ambassador Ed Rowney, who rose to intl prominence in the challenging arena of arms control; Biss Moore's Silver Olympic Medal; Dick Scott, Cmdt of Cadets, USMA and Bill Seawell, same job, USAFA; Chuck Schilling, Prof of Engring, USMA; the Gillis Field House and Tate Rink.

But thanks to COL Calabro for setting the record straight. His final sentence perhaps says it all—"They (the Cl of '41) have every right to be proud, but their story deserves a better telling."

Further scanning of our alumni mag reveals surprising changes as the signs of our times. George Mayo, '40 scribe, has an 800 no to facilitate receiving pertinent poop. At least 3 scribes of the '60s to '80s era sport a FAX no for the same purpose.

Although a previous col cited the unique reunions of Co A, 345th Inf cmded by Bill Kromer, Jack Murray sent in another acct of the gathering of "Kromer's Kadets" in May 91. Quotes from various mbrs of his co are vivid reminders. One veteran told Bill's sister, Jane Kean, upon meeting her, "It was an honor and a privilege to have served under your brother." Another said, "I shall remember CPT Kromer as the finest ldr under whom I served in my 30 yrs in uniform." These comments make us wonder what the Army would have been like had men like Bill Kromer, Bill Gillis and Tom McDaniel survived.

Other bits and pieces of poop forwarded to me incl: Ace Bailey presenting a copy of *Gold '41* to Martin Community College.



1941: Ace Bailey presenting *Gold '41* to a rep of Martin Comm College

Lou & Jim Carroll booked a cabin at Waianae Army Recreation Ctr in Feb and discovered that Joe & Fran Myers were booked in an adjoining cabin.



1941: Serendipitous neighbors: Jim & Lou Carroll and Joe & Fran Myers

Jack Murray rep that Dick Kline, Frank Stainback and Pete Dilts were neighbors and that recent visitors incl Roger & Connie Lawson and Walt & Midge Mather. Spec Powell rep a luncheon for Cockey & Hope Cochran before they launched on their S Seas adventure; he saw Bill & Prue Petre, Pat & Justine Tansley and Tuck & Dody Brown during their winter visits.

Mil ret communities are in the news. Mary Gauvreau has settled in beautiful Liberty Heights (just across I-25 from the Air Acad). She entertained classmates with a luncheon and conducted an impressive tour.



1941: Housewarming party hosted by Mary Gauvreau: Mal Troup, Jean Corbin, Mary, Kay Andrus, Alma Troup and Tom Corbin

Lynn & Bena Lee have settled in the AF Vill W and rep that Jack & Muriel Christensen may join them early next yr. Lynn sent a printout of '41'ers within 75 mi of Riverside and said he can do the same for you from any given pinpoint; write him at 17050 Arnold Dr, Apt F, Riverside, CA 92508. Renee Linton: New address is 2701 S Xanadu Way; Aurora, CO 80014 (no change in phone).

Further thought on our good fortune. It is so easy to overlook what is good in our present day soc and dwell on what is upsetting or what does not conform to what we feel should be. Literally, we overlook the blessings of our dynamic soc. We forget that it is wonderful to have survived these many yrs—when too many of our own did not. Sometimes we rail that the torches being held high are not those that we have passed. We are angry at the intrusion of other values that are clamoring to be recognized. But all this change may be for the better. A homogenous soc tends to stagnate. It may be a blessing that once again we are suffering the indigestion that accompanies the assimilation of other faces, other voices, other values. Eventually we should emerge even stronger from the discomfort.

Further the deponent sayeth not!

'42

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With the IRS satisfied—or at least placated—we can get on with the finer things in life! Since this won't be seen until post-Reunion, I trust that the euphoria from that will limit the carping at the brevity of this! And since the new ASSEMBLY boss has been castigating (look it up!) certain scribes for exceeding set space limitations, I trust that he'll give me a credit from this issue to put toward the rep on the 50th which I visualize as destroying all parameters! [Fire for effect!—Editor.]

A Valentine from Charlie & Peggy Fergus-

son incl a pic of, and poem about, guard donkeys tending their sheep in the hill country of TX. In searching for appropriate symbolism, I could find nothing flattering and so decided to stick to straight reporting!

In late Feb, we combined forces with Lu Clay and descended on Bob & Hancel Evans at their beach pad, where Shirley Hozier and Jean Hughes were aboard. The girls were in fine fettle (yes, I checked!), the bar never closed and I'm told that we went out to dinner and had a wonderful time!

A note from Peggy Johnson with a notice of the svcs for Roy. Her morale was good, supported by her faith and 50 yrs of happiness, although the thought of missing the Reunion and seeing you all, as they'd so anticipated, cast an added shadow.

To remind you of the march of time—as though any of us needed such—our granddaughter Kristie provided us with our third "great" on 26 Feb. We look forward to putting our seal of approval on Micah on our way N in May.

Ted & Millie Marks journeyed to Ft Ord in Jan to authenticate son Jim's promotion to LTC. From the snap you'll note that after his wife did the initial honors, Ted was ready to do his bit, with Millie serving as the leaf bearer!



1942: The senior Markses get a bang out of a familiar ceremony!

A call from Al & Peg Wilder's daughter to be sure that a copy of the 50-yr book was on order. Sadly, Al is in a nursing home due to deterioration of that fine, nimble mind and Peg has had several minor strokes since the first of the yr. I referred her to George Hesselbacher so that the DC gp would know of the circumstances and assure her that a book would be available.

On that very day, Pierce Doyle advised that Joe Hennessee had wrestled his last match and left us on 19 Mar. A later note from Marie to thank the Cl for the flowers, calls and cards. It helped greatly that the children were home for a good visit before Joe died. I'm delighted to rep that Marie and eldest daughter Penny will join us for the Reunion. They'll bring Joe's ashes for inurement—and isn't it fitting that such a stalwart will be an early beneficiary of Dick & Dotty Maffry's project! And, too, how warm the K Co types must feel for making Joe's 75th such a memorable occasion!

Bob Bringham called to say that Pete Flor Cruz left the teaching platform for intensive care at the Belvoir hosp and thence to WRAMC for a couple of wks with heart problems. All seems to be fine now—if he'll just obey the dr's orders not to overdo. Tell him, Juanita!

Another offer of a free '42 *Howitz*, this

one from Wes Curtis Jan '43. For you pack rats, the spare was unearthed when his bride ordered a spring clean-up of his "study"—and after only 19 yrs of residence! Wes is at 3524 E Cherry St, Springfield, MO 65809; tel (417) 866-7696. Thanks, Wes.

Ray & Elaine Murphy came by Marco Isl after spring break in Barbados to stir up Lu Clay's corpuscles. Happily for us, one even was dedicated to an air-ground assault on our bar, scintillating conversation on the porch and general revelry at a local eatery. Both looked disgustingly fit!

A touching ltr from Paul Cerar, reflecting on the many facets of change since he lost Eileen. Despite her physical limitations, she was busy planning the rationing of her strength between the reunion and their wedding anniv and had even shopped for her wardrobe for the trip! Paul will see their granddaughter Melissa grad from Barnard Coll, visit in DC with son Jeff & wife and then join us for the 50th, doing his best to fulfill their plans.

And that's it for the briefest rep ever from this prolific purveyor of prose. Hope you never let it happen again!

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'43

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Thanks to our "former journalism major," Barbara Barger, in Rancho Palos Verdes and our former Arlington neighbor, "Jacques" Wood, now in Riverside, CA, for the rep on the 49th anniv of our grad-in-the-snow by mbrs of our W Coast clan.



Jan '43: Marge & Jeb Stuart, Barbara Barger and Hal Barber at the 49th anniv celebration of our Jun-in-Jan grad by our W Coast clan

Classmates & wives present for this celebration at the El Toro Marine AB incl Bill & Billie Brady, Dave & Barbara Barger, Hal & Charity Barber, Vic & Susan Cherbak, Bob & Shirley Fishel, Quent & Jerry Goss, Russ & Sue Herrington, Al & Elaine Hughes (from CO), Howie & Lou Linn (who arranged this enjoyable get-together, incl a special Jan '43 cake), Bill & Peggy Myers, Jean Porter (planning a central coastal CA mini in Paso Robles 20-22 Aug 92), Jeb & Marge Stuart and Jacques & Cecily Wood.

Everyone had an opportunity to rep recent activities—for example,

- Hal Barber is teaching business at a city coll in Arcadia and still "holding his own with a tennis opponent some 20 yrs younger!"

- The Herringtons just ret from another cruise—to Mexican ports.

- The Stuarts are house-hunting for a place that will reduce the commuting assoc with his



Jan '43: Bill Brady, Louise Linn, Bill Myers and Elaine Hughes at our W Coast 49th



Jan '43: Bob & Shirley Fishel, Howie Linn and Jerry & Quent Goss enjoying our 49th in El Toro Marine AB, CA



Jan '43: Russ Herrington and Al Hughes "tell it like it was" to our W Coast "shutterbug," Jack Wood

consulting business.

- The Woods are completely renovating their oceanside get-away on Balboa Isl.

- Jean Porter's son Rick owns/operates 10 "after-sch care ctrs."

Incidentally, the Bargers "RONd" in a nearby WWI lima bean silo that had been converted into a motel. Our "former journalism major" rep that she saw **Barbara Hatch Allen** (**Johnny Hatch's** widow), whose husband (Lew '46) was the AF C/S from 1 Jul 78-30 Jun 82 and whose daughter by Johnny (Barbara Fenton Hatch Miller) just returned to DC after 15 yrs overseas as a devel dir with her husband (Frank, a sr Foreign Svc off). Of the Millers' 3 children (Johnny's grandchildren), Christie and Lucinda are in coll and Johnny's in HS.

Pres Bush also honored **Barbara Fiss**, the asst dir of OPM for Compensation Policy as well as the natl pres of the American Compensation Assoc, with 91 PRA "for her work in directing the multi-yr project to revamp the pay system for 1.5 million white-collar fed employees."

The award was accompanied by a "handsome little" \$20,000 bonus! More power to



Jan '43: Barbara Fiss was honored by Pres Bush and Constance Newman, dir of the Off of Personnel Mgt (OPM), at a White House ceremony; the Pres presented Barbara with the 91 Pres Rank Award (PRA)



Jan '43: Barbara & Bob Fiss following the Pres' presentation of the PRA, the highest award bestowed in the prestigious Sr Exec Svc

you, Barbara, and to your #1 booster/jet-setting and golfing companion/husband **Bob Fiss!** This is only the second time during my "25-yr watch" that the Pres has appeared in these Notes with a classmate or wife.



Jan '43: Adrian St John (our sr mil advisor on the CFE Treaty) with long-term friend, Ro Bauer, at the CSCE Ball in Hofburg Palace, Vienna, Austria

The first was in Jul 91 and showed **Adrian St John** and Pres Bush at the signing of the CFE Treaty in Paris on 19 Nov 90. Adrian had planned to ret from his position as sr mil advisor for OJCS on MBFR/CFE talks and rejoin our DC-area clan this past Apr. Unfortunately, the disintegration of the Soviet Union has delayed his "repatriation" until Jul. As an "old hand" in negotiating with the

USSR/Warsaw Pact, Adrian said "it is mind-boggling to attend a conf at NATO HQ nowadays and find that you are seated not only with reps of your NATO allies, but also reps of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan *et al.*" "Saint," methinks it's time for you to say farewell to Vienna and re-join your DC-area brethren for the annual 4th of Jul extravaganza!

But, there was also sad news as we learned of the deaths of the following two classmates and one ex-classmate:

- **Art Freer** died of cancer 11 Feb 92 and was buried at WP 13 Feb 92.



Jan '43: Art Freer at home in New Windsor, NY with his Monte grandchildren shortly before his death

Art was a "star man" as a cadet and chose Engrs for his branch. He served in Europe during WWII and later in the Korean War and in Vietnam. In 71, Art ret for physical disability and settled down in New Windsor, NY. According to his daughter, **Barbara Monte**, the death of his wife (**Frances Denard** of Newburgh, NY) in 79 was a major blow to Art, but having Barbara and her 3 children living with him kept Art involved—he was their true companion.



Jan '43: Our late John Ross at home in Vienna, VA, shortly before his death

- **John Ross** died of a heart attack on 29 Feb 92. John attended the "prep sch" at Ft Scott, HI along with **Ed Doran**, **Kriby Gean**, **Pat Wardell** and **Bill Stewart** before entering the Academy. As an "Infantryman," John served with the 104th Inf Div in Europe during WWII and met the Soviets on the Muld River. During the Korean War, he cmded a Recon security bn and, following the War, married **Alice Wehrle**, the sister of **Howard Wehrle**. John ret in 64 after cmding a tng regt at Ft Jackson, SC. Subsequently, he taught math at Edison HS in Alexandria, VA and obtained a M. Educ. from UVA, but was forced to ret in 77 due to his growing MS disability. He was buried in Arlington Natl Cem near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on 5 Mar 92 with 32 of his classmates serving as honorary pall-

bearers and many marching behind John's caisson. As son John observed: "I have never known a man who tried harder when times were tough and complained less." We offer our deepest sympathies to Alice, his twins John and Janet and granddaughter Rachel Harris.



Jan '43: Helen & Mitch Goldenthal with daughter Karen at Disney-MGM Studios' Hollywood Brown Derby

• **Joe Latshaw**, an ex-classmate, died in Selma, AL in Sep 91 and is buried at Ft Sam Houston, San Ant, TX. According to **Bill Knowlton**, Joe was a "career AF" off who ret as a COL in 65 and whose svc incl MAAC/Spain (where he overlapped with our late **Bart Yount**), OJCS and grad from ICAF. Coincidentally, Joe's wife of 20 yrs (**Winnie**) was the widow of **Wade Hampton Robert**, another ex-classmate.

In other news from here and there,

• **Brad Lundberg** sent an article from the 6 Feb 92 *FL Sun News* re the dedication of a bust of our late **Danny Moore** in Griffith Hall on the DeLand campus of Stetson Univ. Danny was eulogized by Stetson's Pres for his estab/direction of the first professional Financial Aid Ofc at Stetson—a position he occupied with "great integrity, loyalty and devotion to duty" for 17 yrs until he ret in 86. Also present were **Skip Moore** (who spoke of her husband's concern for the students he assisted), **Kay Burlin**, **Brad & Millie Lundberg**, **John & Alice Nazzaro** and **John & Marge Bowley Jun '43**.

• **Russ Smith** rep he is now "computerized, which makes writing so much easier." **Russ & Dorothy** live in Saddlebrook, an adult comm/CC some 25 mi N of Tucson, where they "play golf (they live beside the 4th green) and bridge, swim—and then it's time for golf again." They have a view of the Catalina Mtns, but they also travel frequently to such places as FL, the Caribbean and especially Highland Falls, NY (to visit Dorothy's mother, who will be 98 in Aug). With good health and their children and grandchildren all doing well, what more could you want in you 70's?!

• **Frank Camm** (chm, 50th Yr Book Advisory Cmte) rep that ea Army classmate will receive a final draft of his own biographical sketch for review/possible correction prior to releasing the sketches to the printer in Jun.

• **Verlie Antonioli** rep that she finally sold her home in AL and built a new home near her children in CO: 9065 Greenspointe Lane, Highland Ranch, CO 80126.

We wish our very best to:

• **Jack Armstrong** (our indomitable "all-American boy"), recovering from yet another opn—to repair a herniated incision, and

• **Lois Stephens**, now located in a nursing home at 3080 S 13th St E, Salt Lake City, UT

84109, fighting Parkinson's disease.



Last time, it was my sad duty to rep that **Jim Walker** had died on 22 Jan 92 at Melbourne, FL. Now, **Jane Walker** sends her thanks to "all the great classmates for their sympathy cards and phone calls. It's nice to have people care."

**Jim Walker** was to have played a prominent part in the Feb golf tournament organized by **Bud O'Connor** and **Cobe Hurley** (co-chms) at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC), near Melbourne, FL. Fittingly, this event was renamed and conducted on 20–24 Feb 92 as "The Jim Walker Memorial Golf Tournament." Assisted by the **Hogans**, **Dudleys**, **Glasgows**, **Mathes**, and **Oswalds**, **Bud** and **Cobe** started the program with golf practice on 20 Feb and a cocktail buffet at the IRCC "At Ease" Club. Serious golf began next morn at 0830. In the afternoon, **Bill Glasgow** presented an info briefing on the IRCC ret comm. That eve most of the gp went N to Cocoa Beach for the Gatsby's Indian River Boat Cruise and dinner. Competition golf continued Sat morn. After cocktails at the **Mathes'**, the awards dinner took place at the IRCC lounge.



Jun '43: Anne Kullman, Lucky Bud O'Connor, Marge Bowley and Anne Hogan



Jun '43: Wally Magathan, Bill Dudley, Bill Malone and Gloria Dudley

Fifty-two registered, but **Helen & Bob Hoffman** were unable to attend. With two houseguests of the **Hallenbecks** added, the total remained at 52. Thirty-five were from "out-of-town;" the balance were "locals." **Bud O'Connor** stressed that although this event (first held in Feb 91) was visualized as a golf match, those just wishing "to visit" rather than play golf were welcome. It was on this basis that **Cecile & I** were present. Of the total 52, the non-golfers numbered 21.



Jun '43: Bill Glasgow, Jack Morris, Lucky Peggy Magathan, Bill Naylor and Roger Kullman



Jun '43: Myla & John Hudson and Marty & Marion Martin

Present were **Marge & John Bowley**, **Cecile & Bill Cover**, **Mary & Dave Davenport**, **Gloria & Bill Dudley**, **Janey & Bill Glasgow**, **Tody & Ralph Hallenbeck** with guests **Dorothy & John Moore**, **Anne & Lee Hogan**, **Myla & John Hudson**, **Cobe Hurley**, **Pat & Dutch Ingwersen**, **Fran & Tim Ireland**, **Lynn & Alan Jones**, **Anne & Roger Kullman**, **Barbara & Jack Loughman**, **Peggy & Wally Magathan**, **Nancy & Bill Malone**, **Marion & Marty Martin**, **Elinor & Bob Mathe**, **Vivian & Bob Mattox**, **Gerry & Jack Morris**, **Bill Naylor**, **Bud O'Connor**, **Yvonne & Nobby Oswald**, **Judy & Frank Rhea**, **Nancy & Bud Rundell**, **Barbara & Art Surkamp** and **Jane Walker**.



Jun '43: Bud Rundell, Judy Rhea, Mary Davenport and Tim Ireland

The prize for "Most Balls in the Water" went to **Art Surkamp** (17), while the "Closest to Pin" was won by **Fran Ireland**. Another prize, said to have been devised by **Jack Morris**, has become known as the "All Right, Sir Award" for shooting closest to claimed handicap. This is divided into LARS (Ladies' All Right, Sir) and MARS (Men's All Right, Sir). The LARS winner, taking a close tie-breaker from **Cobe Hurley**, was **Anne Hogan**. The MARS man, taking a tie-breaker from **Marty Martin**, was **Dutch Ingwersen**. The



Jun '43: Awards dinner at the Jim Walker Memorial Golf Tournament

ladies' low-net runner-up was **Janey Glasgow**; the winner and Tournament Ladies' Champ was **Gloria Dudley**. The men's low-net runner-up was **Bud O'Connor**; the winner and Tournament Men's Champ was **Bill Naylor**. Gloria and Bill each rec a handsome trophy. Many thanks to Dutch Ingwersen for the large photo above.

The Melbourne area has become the third largest area of classmate settlement, after San Ant (second) and the Wash metro area. A recent example: the new home at IRCC finished last Feb for **Deke & Betty Anne Childs** at 1402 Santa Maria Ct, Melbourne, FL 32940.

In Jacksonville, FL we stopped to visit my sister and while there saw the **Tomlinsons**. I'm happy now to show you **Tommy & Suzanne** in a distinctive part of their elegant dwelling.



Jun '43: Tommy & Suzanne Tomlinson at home

A travelogue from far-ranging **Joan & Joe O'Hare**: Starting from Lima, Peru in mid-Feb, the Cunard cruise liner *Sagafford* took them to Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. "The highlights of our sea travel," Joe wrote, "was the transit from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean via the rough, windy Straits of Magellan. During this passage, our ship put in at the remote harbor of Punta Arenas. There we boarded an aircraft for 'flightseeing' over Antarctica. Certificates were awarded."

**Steve Brown** sent a newsltr, "Spartanburg

Co Mobile Meals Volunteer," containing a pic of **Johnny Moses** and a tribute to his fundraising. Steve also shared a ltr from John saying, in part: "I keep busy with a Mobile Meals route on Thu morns, a ham radio station (KB4WMV) with contacts confirmed in 15 states, the Palmetto Boy Scouts Council and the Kiwanis Club. I still jog a couple of times a wk and do about what I like—but at a slower pace. Morale—very high!"

Have you seen *AF Mag* for Apr 92? As noted by **Jack McGregor**, pg 80 rep on the annual TAC Air Forces Gala sponsored by the Central FL Chapter of the AF Assoc. With more than 1,000 in attendance, it raised a record \$30,000 for the Aerospace Educ Foundation.



Jun '43: Founders Day in San Ant

**Jim Phillips** rep that the San Ant sqdn had its second co-ed luncheon on 6 Feb, organized and hosted by **Al Metts** and **Ernie Hinds**. Thirty-four classmates and wives were present. **Al Metz** collects historic swords, and he displayed several from his collection to illustrate a well-received talk. On hand were **Jim Bower**, **Jean & Rip Collins**, **Juanita & Joe Eastmead**, **Tom Garrett**, **Ginny & Bucky Harris**, **Elaine Hinds**, **Lib & Lee Hudson** from Corpus Christi, **Bobbie & Jim Keck**, **Georgene & KP Kilpatrick**, **Fergie Knowles**, **Betty & Al Metts**, **Helen & Jim Phillips**, **Sam Pinnell**, **Anne & Ed Renth**, **Helen & Trev Sawyer**, **Jackie & LB Smith**, **Elizabeth & Craig Teller**, **Fletcher Veach**, **Barbara & Ralph Young**, and **Tid Watkins** from Austin. Later, Jim sent news of FD in San Ant.

In pic nearby are **Jean & Rip Collins**, **Bobbie & Jim Keck**, **Georgene & KP Kilpatrick** and **Ginny & Bucky Harris**. **Kathy Flack** left before the pic, and **Jim Phillips** took it.

A welcome note from **Mary Elizabeth Teague** says, in part, "Norma & Joe Weyrick arrived on 17 Mar for a 3-day visit. That night Jack & I had cocktails and buffet on our terrace for a no of friends here in the Austin area. **Jim Phillips** took the encl pic of the Jun '43 guests."

In the pic below are (front row) **Mary Elizabeth Teague**, **Norma Weyrick**, **Irma**



Jun '43: The Teagues hosted the Weyrichs, along with other friends.

Cobb, Kathleen Watkins, Peggy Shaifer; (back row) Jack Teague, Joe Weyrick, John Cobb, Tid Watkins, Ed Shaifer and Jim Phillips.

Harriet Scott sent a "Tale of Two Cities." At Petersburg, VA, she came upon a book, *The Bolling Family: Eight Centuries of Growth* (Baltimore: Gateway Press Inc, 90), authored by Bud Bolling. Bud and Bill Scott have a common ancestor: one Robert Bolling, 1682-1749! In St Petersburg in Oct 91, Harriet took this shot of Bill & Polly Spahr and Bill Scott having a spot of Russian mineral water.



Jun '43: Bill & Polly Spahr with Bill Scott (ctr), St Petersburg, Russia

Advised by a call from John Bell's son, we were saddened to learn that John had died at the Chippingham Hosp, Richmond, VA on 1 Mar 92 of a heart attack. He was buried on 4 Mar in his old home area at a graveside svc at the Blandford Church, Petersburg. Bill & Marie Calnan, John Hull, Gabby Ivan, Bill Roos, Bud Rundell and Jack Morris rep the Cl. Wanda, John's wife, continues at 4206 Northwich Rd, Midlothian, VA 23112. On 1 Apr Lee Hogan rep that David Chase died of emphysema on 29 Mar 92 at the Holmes Regional Med Ctr in Melbourne, FL. He had been on constant oxygen for several yrs. He is survived by Diane; two sons; 4 grandchildren; one sister; and one brother. First wife Jean preceded him in death some yrs ago. At Dave's specific request no calling hrs or svcs or ceremonies were sched. Remains were consigned to his sister, Ernestine Rand of Portland, ME, for burial there. Diane continues at 603 Manatee Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937. To the Bell and Chase families the Cl sends most sincere sympathy.

A ltr from LTC James A Rasmussen '45 of 3215 Gold Ct, Lafayette, CA 94549, offers "an extra copy of the Jun '43 *Howitzer*. I will be happy to send it to anyone of your Cl who wants it. Write to me or call (510) 284-4798."

So long.

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Attending the Mar FD dinner in DC were Jim Connell, Bob & Marge Cowherd, Alex & Betty Maish and John & Ann Tkacik. Farther afield, Griff Callahan and Bruce Deakin rep the Cl at the Atl soirée, where they heard the Cmdt brag that female cadets outdo the males at sit-ups (88 in two mins!) Ladies might cavil that the Cmdt attributed this to an advantage conferred by anatomy; a case might be made for their superior grit!

Hap MacIntire sent a clip from Pinehurst, NC. Apparently on the premise that the loss of retail businesses strangles downtowns, Pine-

hurst has enacted a zoning law requiring a balance between retail stores and offices; i.e., when non-retail properties exceed half the no in the downtown commercial district, added non-retail opns and offices are banned. Recourse against alleged undue hardship is provided by appeal to an advisory cmte, Mayor Al Bethel sez. No doubt some mbrs of the bar will find this test ordinance an irresistible target—but they may also find Bethel tough to dislodge.

We're indebted to Bob Drake for news that Casey Flynn, widow of Tammy Flynn, died in Carlisle, PA on 27 Feb 92 and was buried at WP on 2 Mar 92. Two sons and a daughter survive; we send our condolences on behalf of classmates and families who have not already reached them.

Phil & Kathleen McAuliffe tried out FL this winter on Marco, Isl and hopefully improved Phil's golf game.



1944: Fearsome foursome: McAuliffe, Johnson, Jackson and Hayman, SW FL, Feb 92

Results of the encounter were not forwarded. I'll wager Curley won the dough! Happily, these guys were on good behavior for Louise Vitullo's visit, well-chaperoned by Frances Johnson, Inge Jackson and Kathleen.



1944: Louise Vitullo, the Jacksons, Johnsons and McAuliffes at Marco Isl, FL

Grey & Jean Fitzpatrick made it to NH to ski with Hi & Judy Ely, who have had bountiful snow at Waterville Valley this winter. As best as I can tell, Hi is shown with Jean and Judy, lucky guy. All regretted that Dave & Joyce Ott couldn't be there.

While down the hill an hr away, L.A. was so-called "flooding" in Feb, my son and I were knee-deep in new snow on the ski slopes of the Angeles Natl Forest. I also plead guilty to a Rocky Mtn high in Mar at Park City and Alta Utah, which strongly claims N America's best snow. That a daughter, the family's best skier, joined us from Denver had something to do with travel plans. (Next yr, Jean, no more skiing alone after lunch! Bring Grey West!)

"Mo" Moulis wrote and sent clips of a planned 48th anniv re-do of the D-Day land-



1944: Jean Fitzpatrick and Hi & Judy Ely in NH, Feb 92

ings, but on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, LA. Three hundred men, uniformed as WWII Yanks and Brits, were sched to come ashore from landing craft, to be covered by your friendly (Confederate) AF and met by uniformed Huns on the beaches and their real Stuka dive bombers. Regrets! The message to Garcia (your scribe) arrived 25 days too late to inform you in advance. However, the timing was exquisite: "Mo" invited all of his classmates to dinner on 6 Jun (after the "invasion") at one of New Orleans' fine restaurants. I demand rainchecks!!

On 29 Mar we welcomed a third grandson, Wyatt Morris Smith in L.A., born to son Todd & Jennifer. Audrey is off to welcome, wind up and point him in appropriate directions, leaving me to batch with my chuckwagon cooking for a half-moon.

We were pleased to have Martha Hendrickson and her two beautiful and brilliant daughters for dinner early in Apr, along with one of ours, a niece and Audrey's coll roommate. The ladies outnumbered me 7 to one but tolerantly allowed me to come along. The two business owners, the atty, the diplomat, the engr and the politician graciously swept the hosts into the conversation occasionally. Formidable! One who crawls around under old houses had little to contribute to the coruscating repartée.

Dan Lee, "ambassador extraordinaire" for promotion of attendance at the 50th Reunion, rep to Connell that he has completed his coverage of KS, AR, TX, LA and NM with visits or ltrs to classmates and widows. He plans to resume his travels in Oct. I call this above and beyond: if one needs persuasion to come, barring disability, maybe he shouldn't. However, all, espec our widows, should know that they will be made most inclusively welcome; not one will be left to sit alone at table or at the bar! (And we're really not much threat anymore, darn it!) Dan rep John Susott had a party for friends at AF Vill II, San Ant, incl the Almquists, Douglasses, Fairbrothers, Cynthia Forsythe and the Fred Smiths.

Bob Morrison updates 50th Reunion plans: They're embryonic, mostly because the ballyhooed renovation of the Hotel Thayer languishes in the bureaucracy. Ken Cooper reps the contract for the Thayer renovation is "expected" to be awarded in May or Jun 92, with work starting in Aug 92 and "estimated" completion in Jan 94. Accordingly, with Sally, the McAuliffes and Connell, Bob will prudently research the Hudson Valley hotel options in late Jun. Presently, it looks to Morrison like buses again. By the time you get this, you should have a situation estimate, survey questionnaire and a skeleton OPlan from Rojo; seed money will be solicited. Due to

delays in the Thayer renovation, there's no room at the inn for a CI gift therein by Jun 94, so we'll pursue alternatives, said Cooper.

**Doug Kinnard**, the final project ldr goaded by **Connell**, rep that 60% of our deceased classmates have obits either published, on press or underway. He reminds authors of the 800-word limit and that the AOC backlog delays publication in *ASSEMBLY* by 10 mos. Volunteers, particularly family and friends of the deceased other than classmates, are solicited to prepare obits for the remaining 40%, whose names were listed in the last CI newsletter mailed Oct 91. Indicate your desires to Doug at 106 Culpeper Rd, Richmond, VA 23229.

The annual '44 CI business mtg will be held in connection with a noon luncheon, Thu, 23 Jul 92 in the Sec Army Mess, Room 3C668, the Pentagon. Please pass items for the agenda to CI Secy **John Sullivan**, Box 1100, Ft Myer, VA 22211. Out-of-towners planning to come, please notify **Dave Ott** at (703) 780-0827 or **Sullivan** at (703) 527-1387 if you want lunch.

Well, I have just been to the post ofc to dispatch Caesar's due (spelled Seize-IRS?) so that means this is due, too. CI history? Check your mail! GSOYPA!

'45

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**Tom Maertens** rep the classmate population in the Clemson, SC area doubled with the arrival of **Hotie & Peggy Lohn**, 1207 Summers Dr, Pendleton, SC 29670.

**Tom & CB** spent two wks at WP babysitting. He thinks he may be the only classmate with a son stationed there now. They had a CI luncheon with **Peggy & John Murphy** at the O'Club.



1945: John & Peggy Murphy and CB & Tom Maertens at the WP O Club, Jan 92

During his two-wk stay he observed how the new restrictions on driving around the Plain have affected traffic patterns. Cullum Hall and the O Club are now really shut off and have become part of the immediate cadet area.

**Don Henderson's** latest status rep on memorial articles (13 Feb) shows 32 articles delivered to AOG; 23 are sched for pub in *ASSEMBLY* during 92. He knows of only 12 articles sent in by classmates on themselves. On a business trip to CA in Feb, **Don & Dot** had a fine visit with the **Damons**. Dorothy is coming along slowly and now walks without a cane.

**Fitz-P Fitzpatrick** wrote that he is having difficulty getting enough bio info on **Dirk**



1945: Joan Carnes, Louise Smith and Phil & Vivian Polak at Founders Day 92, Palm Beach, FL

**Westervelt, Buck Attinger** called Fitz-P to ask for info on **Ward Dworshak**; **Buck** is working on **Ward's** memorial article. Will anyone having any info on **Ward** or **Dirck** please contact **Buck** or **Fitz-P**? You'll soon be getting a complete list of classmates who are writing mem articles. Please write any info or suggestions to those who are writing them.

**Pat & Fitz-P** spent two wks cruising the Caribbean on the *Seabourn Spirit*. Great! Missed FD because of a brief hosp stay. In May they plan a trip to Rome for mtg of Experimental Test Pilots, to be followed by a two-wk cruise around the Greek isles, ending in Monte Carlo. He also rep that **Larry Jones** was sched to marry **Gerda Thomas** on 25 May. Everyone in the area is delighted about this, as **Gerda** is a great person.

Two classmates' deaths have been rep. **Joe McCaddon** died of cancer on 5 Mar in Dallas. He had 3 heart attacks while in Saudi Arabia as Mid-East mgr for **Rockwell**, followed by a triple-bypass later in Dallas. Pallbearers were **Mackinnon, Rafalko, McNiell, Reuler, Curtis** and **Kusewitt**. **Al Thompson** died on 3 Apr in CA. Al had been suffering from **Lou Gehrig's** disease. The funeral was on 10 Apr, with burial at the *Presidio of San Fran*. **Len Humphreys** rep the CI. Our sympathy goes out to the families of both of these classmates.

On 25 Jan **Robert E "Bob" Lee** married a lovely Houston lady, **Mary Ellen McClellan**, at the Cadet Chapel. WP Chaplain **Dick Camp** performed the ceremony. **Bob & Mary Ellen** hosted a celebration at the Houston CC attended by **Ed Mason**, my informant. Congrats!

News from Carlisle, PA area. **Joe McCarthy** has been making frequent trips to Ger with his appointed replacement as head of the Katron ofc in Carlisle. **Joe** has decided to ret partially and may do some traveling with **Nancy** or some hunting. **Frank Kane** continues genealogical research. He & **Joan** recently attended the O'Kane reunion in Ireland. My reporter, **Wag Wagonhurst**, has become deeply involved in *Carlisle area comm affairs*, such as education, as pres of a concerned citizens gp. He and his brother **Bob** are going to Ger in Apr to continue genealogical research.

We're having a mini-reunion in San Diego in 93. **Bob Dingeman** wrote that they're hoping to have a good one ready for us. The nucleus of the cmte for the mini attended FD activities on 13 Mar, where **BG Galloway** was an inspiring and much-appreciated speaker.

**BG Galloway** was a cadet in G-2 a few yrs ago when **Bob** was the TAC there—always a bit of a shock to see how time has flown. **Bob** said he's been to 44 FD celebrations and has been MC at the San Diego affair for 14 yrs, so



1945: Tom & Patty Drake, George Churchill, Bob & Martha Velie, Bob & Gaye Dingeman and Bill & Ginny Gilbert at Founders Day, San Diego, 13 Mar 92

he's passing on the job this yr. **Bob's** had a total shoulder replacement, but he & **Gaye** are doing fine. He's teaching at the Comm Coll and is involved in politics and comm affairs. They travel frequently to AK to visit their son and 18-mo-old granddaughter. **Tom Drake** had open-heart surgery and wears a pacemaker but is fine. **Bob** needs some help with info about **Bill Glunz**. **Bob** is doing the memorial article on **Bill**, who was MIA with the 2d Div in Korea.

**Rusty Heilbronner** wrote me on the first day of spring complaining that it was downright cold in central MS, in the mid-20's for a couple of nights. **Rusty**, it was cold in TN, too! **George Churchill** visited them in Oct after visiting an aunt in AL. In early Feb the Heilbronners visited **Ed & Dot Gudgel** in Melbourne, FL. **Jim & Pat O'Brien** incl them at an already planned party where **Tom & Joan Gleason, Dick Moore, Herb & Ned McChrystal, Mac & Marty McAlister, George & Joy Jones, Marie Maynard, Boots & Betty Blesse, Ray & Jane Clark, Chuck & Betty Seeger** and **Al & Eileen Bailey** were present—a veritable micro-reunion! **Jim, Ed, Al** and **Rusty** played golf together.



1945: Rusty Heilbronner, Jim O'Brien, Ed Gudgel and Al Bailey at Hole #18 1/2, Indian River CC, FL

The first wknd in Mar **Harry & Peggy Amos** stopped by the Heilbronners' en route to Ft Polk, where their son **Paul** is stationed. They celebrated **Peggy's** birthday during the visit (**Rusty** didn't say how many). The following wknd **Charlie & Merle Spann** came by and they all attended the FD celebration in Jackson, MS, where '45 had the largest gp filling one table, with the **Spanns, Hylanders, Marbens** (all the way from MN), **Blum** with daughter and the Heilbronners. **Marbens** stopped by **Kosciusko** the next day as they were taking the **Natchez Trace** to Nashville. The **Gudgels** were to stop in Apr on their way to San Ant. In Jul the Heilbronners and

Spans plan a trip to Natl Parks from MT to NV.

**Harvey Jones** got the *Howitzer* from Ed Weber '46. Harvey said he'd been without one for 20 yrs. Harvey said they're fine. Their youngest was sched to be married the end of Mar and they were in the midst of planning for that affair. They're tentatively slated to spend the summer consulting in Brazil, as Intl Exec Svc Corps volunteers. Youngest son grad from Harvard Bus Sch in Jun. Oldest son took his co public in early Mar and watched his stock go from 18 to 32 in 5 mins. It's still at 34. They had a quick trip to Virgin Isls in Feb—gorgeous.



1945: Paul David Amos, son of Harry Amos, takes cmd of B Btry, 4th Bn, 1st FA, Ft Polk, 13 Mar 92

**Hal Moore** is writing a book with the tentative title *IA DRANG!*. His co-author is Joe Galloway, who wrote the article about Hal and the battle for *US News* a while back. They visited Vietnam again last Oct-Nov to meet with the PAVN cmdrs who opposed Hal during the Ia Drang battle. Joe and Hal met for 4 hrs with Sr GEN Chu Huy Man, who in 65-66 cmded the PAVN B-3 Front in the Highlands (then as a BG).



1945: Hal Moore and Sr Gen Chu Huy Man discuss the Nov 65 battle at Ia Drang with the aid of interpreter Thong, Hanoi, Nov 91

They also met for 4 hrs with LTC Nguyen Huu An, his deputy (then a LTC), and 5 hrs with MG Hoang Phuong (then a COL historian), now dir of the Vietnam Mil Hist Inst. All mtgs were held at the Def Ministry in Hanoi over Hal's maps, their maps, and their logs. It was all very cordial and professional.

**Hal** is the only American GEN off to return to Vietnam and talk with cmdrs who opposed him in battle. Despite some revisionism in what they said, he did tape a lot of interesting and seemingly factual info that has not yet appeared in any publication on the Vietnam War. They hope to make another trip and walk the battleground with the PAVN GENs. The book is to be published by Random House in Nov.

# '46

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(189) As I write this, Daylight Savings Time has just begun again! I am sure many of you have by now received **Cal Benedict's** 5 Mar 92 ltr regarding the CI of '46 GREAT HALL. **Dick Gruenther** rep that the pledges are coming in, and everyone is confident we'll make the goal. The co reps listed on that very attractive stationery will be doing their best to help reach it. There is one change: Co B-2 rep is **Leon Musser**. If you didn't get the ltr, contact Mike Mahan at AOC to get one.



1946: C-2 table at 45th Reunion: the Brauns, Colladays and a friend

**Dick** mailed me two interesting items; one was a genuine big-league baseball card featuring #12 **Bob Eichenberg**. Bob spent a wk playing with some old pros at a spring tng camp in Mesa, AR, and part of the package is the card. He is fully dressed in an Angels baseball uniform as a mbr of the Angel Fantasy Baseball Camp. "Big Ike's" favorite sports: touring on his Honda bike; a little golf; and boating on Newport Harbor. Dick mentioned that **Jack Cairns** went to the Dodger camp in FL in 91. The other item was a 25 Mar newspaper article from the *Times Herald-Record*, Newburgh's local paper. The story is about **Don Hughes** and his career, which incl staff asst to SecDef in the ofc of then-VP Nixon; later, from 69-72, he was Armed Forces aide to Pres Nixon (current title—Mil Asst to the Pres). Don, as most of you know, ret as a LTC, USAF. Don was recently honored as the first recipient of the Walter T Kunowski Man of the Yr Award from the Catholic War Veterans Post No 386. The award is in memory of the late Mr Kunowski, a former off of the Post, of which Don is also a mbr.



1946: C-2 table at 45th Reunion: the Posvars, Arnolds and Epsteins

I have had the opportunity to review the

memorable historical acct of the trip we took to the A-N game in 44. It is worth reading, and the sooner you send in the first of your pledges the sooner you will receive same.

**Jack McWhorter** has completed a yr's hard work entering data relative to our CI history. He's glad that part is done. If anyone wants a list, ask Jack. He has finished the obit for **Bob Eyman** and also received approval from **Red Mason's** wife for that one. That now completes all the CI war deaths as far as mem articles are concerned. It should be of interest to you to know that **Irene Mason** firmly believes that Red is still alive in SEA. Jack's article will be a mem indicating that Red is missing and unaccounted for. Jack got help from both **Bill Bamber** and **Bryce Poe** on the material for Red's article. Bill located a brother and sister of Red's and Poe helped with Red's svc record. Jack mentioned that **Rusty Brunson** has moved to Santa Fe to take up a third career as an artist. **Joe Park** was going to join him to paint also. Lastly, Jack states he has received 125 contingency outlines for mem articles, so if yours is still at home, why not fill it out, or write your own and mail it to Jack?



1946: C-2 table at 45th Reunion: the Jordans, Kingsburys and Ethel France

At Picatinny for FD, along with **Jack & Betty Barth**, were **Art & Barbara Bugh**, who came all the way from Scranton for the affair. **Sam & Ethel France** missed the eve since they were in FL visiting a daughter & son-in-law. Incidentally, yours truly expects to hang up his spurs and join the ranks of the fully ret on or about 1 Sep 92.

**McWhorter** just called to state that **Anderson W Atkinson** died in FL on 30 Mar 92. Jack didn't know where, but Andy lived in Niceville. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family.

LTC Jeffrey W Anderson '74 rep that **Albert Nemetz** suffered a stroke in early Apr. He would appreciate hearing from classmates: COL (Ret) Albert M Nemetz, Overly Dr, Alexandria, VA 22310; (703) 719-9770.

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**Betty Lou & Bill Reckmeyer** announce the arrival of their 33rd grandchild, George Adams, son of Tina & Jim. The Reckmeyers never seem to have a free moment now. **June & Jean Burner** escaped the snow/cold in MI by heading to the Eastern shores for leisurely visits in Wash, DC, the **Boergers** in NC, the **Lynns** in SC and the **Mahlums** in Savannah.

When **Bev & Bob Rosen** traveled W on 2 Jan 92, the youthful CA contingent held a party for them at the **Dells**.



1947: The Littlestones, Sargents, Dells, Flatterys, Rosens and George Levenback

success, with the **Balls, Coopers** (from Denver), **Cretellas, Frasers, Gardners, Gerrity** (w/ fiancée Barbara), **Haldanes, Hayes, Kains, Maloneys, McAdoos, Pauls, Vockels and Wrights** in attendance. The **Kaerichers** have a new summer address: 3405-A Avenida Madera, Bradenton, FL 34210; (813) 755-1759.

The following from **Joe Addison**: "The former **Yvonne Fisher Waskin** & I were married at the Ft Myer Chapel on Sat, 7 Dec. It was a very happy day for my bride & me, and we were doubly happy that so many of our friends and relatives came. My 3 children and their spouses, 5 grandchildren, one sister and 3 of my nieces, **Vonnie's** two sons, her sister and a cousin plus their spouses and 8 '47 classmates with 3 wives attended the wedding and reception. One of **Vonnie's** sons is a Navy flight surgeon, and the other is a Foreign Svc off serving in Nicaragua."



1947: Vonnie & Joe Addison at Ft Myer Chapel

**Dave Jarvis**, a yr after his liver transplant, is living a normal life again in LV. He & **Evelyn** will proceed to San Luis Obispo this summer and then to the 45th!

In Mar, **Madeline & Roger Bate** were in Lubbock for a short time to attend funeral svcs for **Madeline's** father. **Madeline's** mother continues to reside there. **Roger** has ret from TI and now commutes to Pittsburgh in his new job providing computer software spt.



1947: Bill & Mary Mahlum, Jean & June Burner and Bill Webb at Skidaway Isl, GA

**Laren** are still striving to complete obits on **Bob Halligan** and **Bu Biggs**. AOG will provide Cullum files upon request. Many other obits need to be completed. Widows, close friends, former roommates and same base/post assigned associates would be the people easiest to initiate and complete. Write up in rough form and get it in to me. We'll take it from there. **Ashby Foote '48** went by recently to check on and spt **Doc Haskin** in hosp on "re-exam." Son **Tom & Kim**, on **HALLMARK** transfer, now live close to **Patt & Duke Duquemin** near Roswell, GA (Atl). The 3rd annual m-mini was held at the Monaco Beach Club in Naples on Wed, 26 Feb. It was a great

They don't seem to age much out in L.A. Pic was sent in by **Meg & Howie Sargent**, as faithful a pair of correspondents as **June & Jean Burner**. Telephone calls/ltrs tell us that **Doc Haskin** and **Jim Edington** continue to improve their "prostate" conditions. Let's hope for 100% recoveries. **Jill & Jack Faith** went to Honolulu for Christmas to visit **Teri** and family. Later, in Feb, **Jack** took a business trip to Seoul, Korea, where he saw our kids, **Martha** and **Greg**, at **Yongsan**. **Joy & George Dell** joined the Honolulu gp. Joy, how much work did the traveling Judge do?

Apparently, **Joe D Johnston** and **Stu Mac-**



1947: The Faiths, George Dell, Mary Lou Edington, Joy Dell, Jim Edington and Meade Wildrick



1947: Jack Tully, John Gerrity, George Maloney, the Webbs, Baers, George Lynn, the Haigs and Vonnie & Joe Addison, Ft Myer, VA



1947: Six grandchildren surround the Jarvises

**Mike Maloney** (on PRODIGY), **Bob Rosen** (from DC) and **Hal Richardson** (from Tucson) relayed by phone the sad news that **Annabelle Smith**, wife of **Bill Smith**, in Brussels, Belgium, had passed away peacefully during the night o/a 25 Mar. The CI expresses our deepest condolences to Bill and his family. Daughter **Sue Ellen** (Mrs Morris Hanan) is at 588 Regency Dr, Lake Zurich, IL 60047; (708) 540-0638. Bill was returning to be with his daughter at the time of writing, for the funeral was to be in Springfield.

When the **Burners** made their E coast trip in Feb on their way to visit the **Mahlums** on Skidaway Isl, they drove right by Pinpoint, GA. The small town was "loudly" proclaiming that the town was the birthplace of **Clarence Thomas**.

Happy 4th of Jul!

'48

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**Richie Cooper** attended his Western HS, Wash, DC 50th Reunion (combined CIs of '41, '42 and '43) brunch last fall. Western '43 has the distinction of educating 4 '48'ers—**Cooper**, **Churchill**, **Clarke** and **Ward**. Can your HS claim as many USMA '48 grads? **Richie** rep, "Gee, all those attending looked a lot older

than we do." That's the right attitude. **Janet**, too smart to get caught at one of those old HS events, let daughter **Hope**, an atty with the EEOC Div of the FCC, accompany **Richie** and keep an eye on him in case he met any of his old flames. Son **Josh** is lobbying for the Natl Marine Manufacturers Assoc, and **Phin** is a jr studying business at the U of Richmond. Then **Richie** celebrated his "Qualified for Medicare" birthday, with **Jack & Anne Creed** down from NY to officiate. Considering that **Richie's** grandparents traveled from MO to OR in a covered wagon, **Richie** is probably lucky he isn't a lot older than that. **Richie** also rep advice from **Art Snyder** in response to a request for local knowledge for daughter **Hope's** visit to L.A.



1948: Cooper

The Southern CA Gp gathered earlier this yr at **Woe & Marge Enderle's** Tustin, CA second home, built by **Woe's** grandad in 04. All attendees look happy and healthy.

Local DC area public station TV viewers received a brief rep in Feb from **Arnie Braswell** in his capacity as pres of the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Inst. **Arnie**, you looked great, and your brevity was commendable.

Rep earlier about the **Perrys' housewarming** in FL. Snapshot arrived later, so here 'tis.

**John Egbert**, on a business trip to the Philippines for his co, **Louis Berger Intl**, had



1948: Sternburg, Weaver and Perry

time in HI for a phone visit with **Al Alfonso** and **Phil Whitney**. He rep all are hale and hearty. **John's** co contracted with the Philippine govt to assist in the clean-up and rebuilding of the mess from the eruption of Mt Pinatubo. After that, **John** heads to Bangkok to help kick off the construction of the new Bangkok Intl Airport, the proposal for which reflects a lot of **Egbert** smarts and won the airport contract.

**Paul Weaver** advised that more '48'ers attended the FL W Coast FD dinner than any other cl. **Paul** also proudly rep daughter **Amy's** grad from MIT.

**Lou & Charlie LoConte's** daughter **Amanda** has been reassigned by the IRS from the Jax ofc to DC. To check out the area, **Lou & Charlie** visited DC during the past winter, landing at the **Pomeroy's**. This locale was selected based evidently on the historical fact that **Lewando, Muehlenweg, LoConte** and **Pomeroy** rented an apt together a few yrs ago when in basic flying sch in San Ant. In addition to **Lou** and **Bob** and spouses, at dinner were the **Braswells** and **Whitleys**. Speaking of P-roy, you country and western fans can see his son **David** taking the summer tour playing bass with **Don Williams**.



1948: (Standing) **Whitley**, **Ione Braswell**, **Charlie LoConte**, **Carol Pomeroy**; (seated) **Braswell**, **LoConte** and **Millie Whitley**

**Irv Scheonberg** queried about the CI program for obits for ASSEMBLY. As part of our 40th Reunion effort, **Willard Scott** assumed the coordination responsibility for that important work for Army classmates, and **Bob Mathis** took over for AF classmates. Some asgmts to appropriate classmates have been made for obit preparation, but volunteers are always welcome. **Scotty** suggests you write your own obit and file it away in a place where we are sure to find it or with the CI Secy, as suggested by a writer in the *Washington Post* a few mos ago [or with the AOG. Editor]. Not a bad idea, particularly if you want to be remembered for the nifty things you've done which no other classmate remembers.



1948: (Standing) **Meyer**, the **Kaulas**, **Cooks**, **Stellings**, **Enderlies**, **McClellands**; (seated) the **Byers** and **Snyders**

A rep of various travels in the not-too-distant past (with the lead time for these cols, that is translated to mean sometime within the last yr or two) incl the **Schoenbergs** to China; the **Van Arsdalls** to Denmark; the **Clarks** through the Panama Canal; the **Macklins** and **Pomeroy**s to the lower Carib and the Orinoco River; and, closer to home, the **Flemings** to the Mid-W and Rockies. **Scotty & Dusty Scott** visited daughter Margaret at her home in Hong Kong; then to Sydney, Australia to visit son Warren, an atty with Coudert Brothers, and stopping in HI on the way home to visit daughter Susan, a MAJ in the Army Nurse Corps at Tripler. **Ennis & Novella Whitehead**'s son Jim and family have relocated to Sydney to meet the contract requirements of Bell South's long-distance system installation for Australia. With **Walt & Katy Plummer**'s son Andy in Australia, that makes 3 CI sons down under.



1948: (Chaired) Wilhide, McCray, Enderle, Walter, Pabst; and (floored) Clark

**Dolly Petersen** visited NM and TX, with a great party at the **McCrays'** in Tucson. In attendance, in addition to Dolly and Jim & Chris, were the **Pabsts**, **Enderles**, **Clarks**, **Wilhides** (visiting from NH) and **Mercedes Hughes**. **Ken & Carol Olson** missed the party, being rained in and unable to get out.

'49

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**Dave Arnold** died of a stroke on 11 Mar 92 in Reno, NV. A mem svc was sched for 10 Apr at Ft Myer, VA. Dave is survived by 5 children and 6 grandchildren. His eldest daughter, **Gay Morris**, lives in VA and has been in touch with *ASSEMBLY* about preparing an obit, a task normally done by family mbr or close friend. Gay tells me she is having some trouble locating a suitable photo of her father. This is said to remind those optimists among us who feel in no hurry to have a photo-obit info file somewhere. In Jan 90 then-Pres **Ted Swett** invited classmates to send such info for storage. If you'd like a copy of his ltr and the fill-in-the-blanks form, contact your scribe. Irv Schoenberg '48 wrote recently, noting that **Chet Trubin**, killed in an aircraft accident in Ger in 52, has had no obit in *ASSEMBLY*. Of our original 574, 124 are known to be deceased but only 46 have had obits published. Perhaps we should start a campaign. . . .

You should have received **Bill Dirkes'** after-action rep on the fun 49.5 reunion. In addition to suggested times and places for other mini-reunions listed in Bill's ltr, **George Crall** suggests San Diego. The CI Assoc Bd encourages mini-reunions but asks that they



1949: Phoenix: Champagne after the balloon flight for Joan Hoot, Allan & Audrey English, balloon CPT, Herb Hoot and Peggy & Tee Trieschmann



1949: Phoenix: Smitty & Ab Martin, Anita & Ralph Raabe and Peggy & John Mione



1949: Phoenix: Bette Hinchion, Rose Marfuggi and Frank Hinchion

be coordinated with Pres **Wayne Norby**, 5627 Ravenel Lane, Springfield, VA 22151; (703) 321-9097.



1949: Phoenix: Jack & Donna Rust

Some of the many photos submitted from the Phoenix Mini are shown. There were good ones that could not be used due to space limits. Perhaps some can fit in a later issue. Most sincere thanks to photographers **Doc Decorrevont**, **Allan English**, **Jack Hodes**, **Don Keith**, **Rose Marfuggi**, **Larry Moore**, **Pete**



1949: Phoenix: Jim & Ruth Sholtz



1949: Phoenix: Bob Kemble, Bill Marfuggi and Helen Kemble



1949: Phoenix: Jim Hartinger, Charlie Cheever, Jack Wogan, Jack Hammack and Ray Klemmer



1949: Phoenix: Jack Hodes, Doc Decorrevont, Gil Cheeves and Ben Suttle

**Palmer** and **Ralph Raabe** for sharing.

In other photo news, that's **Ted Swett** with doc **Doug Bush Heller** on Christmas Eve 91 (details in Mar issue).

In the last photo are **Hal Lombard**, son Ted '74 and grandson **Jamie** (candidate for '02), at the 91 A-N game.

**Lee & Trudy Surut** were in Salt Lake City in Dec for the christening of son **Dave's** second daughter. The next will be in Old Greenwich, CT to welcome daughter **Lou-**



1949: Ted Swett and Doug Bush Heller



1949: Philly: Hal Lombard, son Ted '74 and grandson Jamie 2002

sa's new daughter. Their grandchild count is two boys and 4 girls. In UT they talked to **Bart & Irene Day**, who are spending the winter in St George.

**Charlie & Geny Smith** attended the FD dinner in Palm Beach, FL. He was the only '49'er present. He continues to have periodic 5-day sessions of chemotherapy at the Miami VA hosp and is "fighting hard to keep afloat" despite overall weakness. On the happier side, he rejoices that his hair has not yet fallen out. . . . **Gene & Ann Mechling** played host to Bishop **Ben Benitez** and family recently. Gene says their kids are close friends.

Last-min input on **Bob Noce** via **George**

**Hoffmaster**: In Jan, Bob had peritonitis, spent wks in the hosp and days unconscious. His dr said he was not expected to live. Bob gives credit to care from **Pauline** and moral spt from **Carver & Nancy Wood, Joe & Betty Yeats** and **Ogden & Jeannie Jones**.

'50

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Spring has finally come to Wash, but there still remain a few ltrs and pics that did not make the last col. First is from the ret dinner held for **Bill Ward** last Aug. In addition to **Bill & Elaine** are the **Olivers, Brinkerhoffs, Jacobsons, Austins, Smithers** and **Eeks**.

Some time ago **Drew Rutherford** sent a lengthy but interesting article in the Sunday sup to the Monterey, CA paper on **Bob Gard**, incl his role as the originator of the Pentagon Papers, important asgmts and his current job as pres of Monterey Inst of Intl Studies, an orgn that may take over part of Ft Ord.

Similarly, **Chuck Newcomb's** wife **Betty** got a very fine spread in the 48th ed of *FL Architecture* for her interior design work for a home in Bal Harbour, FL. A no of lovely color pics showed off her talent.

**Phil Bardos** rep he is still hard at work on the World Cup soccer matches, though he has moved to a new location. If interested in helping Phil, he is now at the World Cup Orgn Cmte, 2049 Century Park East, Suite 4400, Century City, CA 90067.

Also running cmtes is **Lou Genuario**, who has been elected to a second term as pres of the Alexandria Bldg Ind Assn and is heavily involved in affordable housing in the NVA area. **Rose**, of course, stays busy taking care of Lou, doing vol work at the local hosp and helping out with the 12 grandchildren.

**CJ Matthiessen** rep he organized a CI FD special at Amana Colonies, IA. He & **Dee** met **Al & Karen Packer** there, along with the Packers' son **Charlie**. Although distant neighbors (3 hrs) in IA for 20 yrs, they had not seen



1950: Matthiessen and Packer in IA

one another since grad. **CJ** and **Al** visited, **Dee** and **Karen** shopped and everyone overate. **Al** is still a real farmer out there, while **CJ** is a very active lawyer.



1950: The Davises (ctr) and Lombards

Also busy getting together with classmates is **Bill Davis**. Last fall he & **Sue** ran into **Reg & Sally Lombard** at the Wash Antique Show. The Lombards had an antiquarian map and print booth there. Then in Mar **Bill** joined **Paul Mueller** to celebrate the 102nd birthday of **COL Ellis '15**, the Acad's oldest living grad. Both **Bill** and **Paul** are sons of '15.



1950: Davis and Mueller helped COL Ellis, oldest living grad, celebrate his 102nd

Europe continues to be popular. **Al Scholl** wrote from Garmisch that the skiing was poor but eased travel restrictions let them tour E Ger, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary. Surprisingly, he rep that Hungary was in the best shape and E Germany in the worst. When in CA he & **Nari** frequently see other Monterey classmates: **Grow, McFarland, Singer, Wegner** and **Gard**. They also see **Tom & Sue Fife** from time to time and had lunch with **June Elliott** and **John McCleary** last Dec. **Al** sent along a photo of his "pristine" '65 Mustang. Note license.

Other visitors to Ger were **Jim & Karin Thompson**, visiting her daughter **Conny** in Bonn, joined by **Jim's** son **Christopher**, his



1950: Bill Ward's ret party



1950: Al Scholl and his convertible

wife Dicky and only grandchild Duncan from London.



1950: Jim Thompson with Dicky and Duncan

From Bonn it was on to Paris for 5 days and then a wineprobe along the Mosel.

**Carl & Dottie Stone** are still in Kaiserslautern, trying to educate dependent children. Carl was all set to give the "oldest grad" speech at Heidelberg's FD dinner, but a visitor from '39 aced him out.



1950: Dottie & Carl Stone

They still plan to spend another yr in Ger before joining son Tex & Sue in Albuquerque. With DM at 1.6 to a \$, life is much more expensive than the days we were there at 4.2.

**Hank & Muriel Strickland** found things a lot cheaper in Spain, where they vacationed with daughter Mary during Mar/Apr; they saw Ronda, Seville, Gibraltar, Cordoba, Madrid and more, and had a grand time of it.

Visiting Florence, Italy in Mar were **Doris Byers** and daughter Michelle. Shortly before, Doris & **Andy** spent 6 wks touring potential

ret locations along the E Coast from MD to FL. They figure they've seen their ret "paradise" but just haven't recognized it yet. They saw **Mark & Gloria Jones** in their new home at Williamsburg, VA and **Bob & Gwyn Groseclose** near Orlando. Gloria Jones can't seem to get the real estate bug out of her system; she joined a firm at Williamsburg. Of course, she is not alone, with a no of classmates & wives still active: **Dave & Carolyn Cameron** have joined the group, finding that it takes a lot of time and energy to get started.

From FL and **Tom Loper** came word that the annual "So FL" get-together was a great success, thanks largely to **Ed & Lee Pierce**, **Bill & Lois Slavins**, **Eloise Allen** and **Lou Dixon**. Some 32 were there for the dinner at Jacaranda on Fri and 47 at the picnic at the Slavins on Sat. After that affair, Tom & **Jinny** took off for a visit with daughter Becca and family in Plano, TX, then a wk in Las Vegas and another in Crescent City, CA before seeing daughter Cindy & Dan in Stockton. From there they went to Salinas, CA to catch up with son Tom & Kathy, both USMA '83, at Navy Post Grad Sch.

Didn't have space last col for news from the area reps, so now's catch-up. First want to announce the newest rep: **Laurie Eek** has taken over the recently-estab Natl Capitol Region (VA, MD, DE and DC).

From **GG Thomas** and the SE Region: **Dick Hoffman** off crutches and on the golf course again. On a trip to TX they saw **Falkner Heard**, **Tom Ball** and **Paul Zavitz**. **Dick & Carol Stewart** are settled near Atl. Since 78 they have done missionary and relief work in 5 African countries, incl both sides of the Sudan civil war. **Bill Baxley** ret in Jun as dean of Bus Admin Sch where he taught for 20 yrs. He & **Carolyn** will enjoy more of son Bill and family in GA and son John and family in FL. **John Streit**, **Ralph Riteman** and **Jim Horsley** got together for the A/N game. **Paul Zavitz** and **Ray Bonanno** also are in the Ft Walton Beach area. **Dede Warren** is now married to COL (Ret) L Griffin Callahan Jr '44. They are living in Atl when not traveling. She hopes to make one of the reunions. **Chuck & Alice Graham** enjoy Atl, do some traveling and some consulting on long-range planning. In Jan **Ros & Mary Round** were visited by **Bill & Grace Pierce**, down from their home in Hyattsville, MD. **Bill Brandes** rep that he's fine and that **Jan** will be ch resident in Neurology at Vanderbilt. Have one granddaughter (Rick's). Young boys are 4 and 6; they, four dogs and a 2-acre yard keep the Brandeses busy. **Gus Hergert** works half-time at SAIC, where son Paul is a cost analyst. Gus Jr is a sports announcer and anchor at a Huntsville TV station. Two grandchildren are in the area. He's still pres of WPS after 10 yrs. See lots of the **Means** and **Tates**.

From San Ant the Fiesta Fifty 92 Gang, though **Blackie Boldue**, comes the following message: "We would like to thank all those who have already responded. Great turnout! There have been some queries about availability of hotel rooms; not a problem YET. The Gang started with a large block of rooms; encouraged by early response, we went back to the Menger and increased our room block, so we now are able to accommodate lots more folks. See you in Oct!"

Notes from **Blackie** and the Central Region: **Dick Drury** is now "not head" (asst chm) of Aerospace Engring at UT/Austin. **Ray Griswold's** still working at Honeywell Satellite

Systems. **Norm & Dahl Hubbard** spent Christmas in London with son Joseph & Penny and yr-old Fredericka. **Barbara Reinsch/Bearr's** husband **Dick** and I got together with **Don & Jane Novak** at our Canadian cabin in August and then at their place in Omaha. Great reunion!

Got a note dated 1 Apr from **Hugh & Ann Holt**, saying that they were on their way to CA to see son John and their first grandchild, a 6 lb, 6 oz boy.

Sadly I add news of two deaths. From David Rowell '89 came word that his father, **Milo D Rowell**, died on 20 Mar 92 after a long bout with diabetes. He is survived also by two more sons, Milo L and Roger W. The family address is 1231 S Waverly, Fresno, CA 93727. And on 4 Apr **Betty Lou Austin** died of cancer in Alexandria, VA. In addition to Tom, she is survived by their four children, Tom IV, Betty, Laura Nell and David, and by 15 grandchildren. Tom's address is 8701 Triumph Ct, Alexandria, VA 22308. The CI joins me in sending our sympathies to these two families.

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*CI Activities:* This yr's Spring Fling was at the Sanderling Inn on the Outer Banks of NC 9-11 Apr.



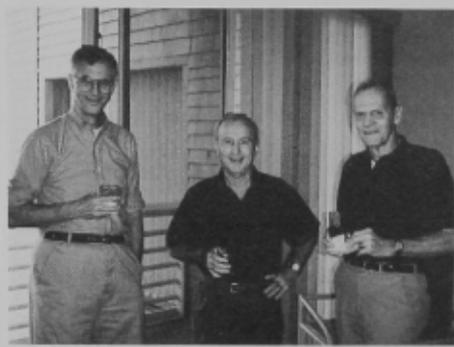
1951: Joan Keesling, George Stannard and Sally Atkeson at the Outer Banks Spring Fling



1951: Faith Stannard, Patsy Steele and Betty Ewing at Spring Fling

Fri we had cocktails and dinner at the Inn and Sat was for the beach, tennis and golf, followed by cocktails at **Jean & Joe Rogers'** condo at Kill Devil Hills and dinner at Papagayos Rest. Attendees: **Ted & Sally Atkeson**, **George & Faith Stannard**, **Tom & Jane Williams**, **Bob & Rita McDonald**, **Chuck & Betty Ewing**, **Brooks & Mary Martin**, **Howie & Dotsy Steele**, **Jean & Joe Rogers**, **Pud & Joan Keesling**, **Barney & Muriel Landry**, **Bud Bacon**

and Sam & Marcy Dickens. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all.



1951: Ted Atkeson, Bud Bacon and Pud Keesling at Spring Fling



1951: Marcy Dickens and Bob & Rita McDonald at Spring Fling

*Regional Spotlight: Far W and Pac Coast.* Reps are **Dan Sharp** and **Roy Herte**, and dep reps are **John Hemphill** and **Sully Johnson**. **Jane Otten** rep an outstanding time at the CO mini last Nov. She continues to call Big Fork home, with daughters Anita (married in Sep) and Elise living close by in Missoula. Katie & husband own and operate a golf course in MI.

**Bill & Janet Monsos** spent time with **Loren & Marje Anderson** last summer. The Andersons passed through Great Falls en route to Glacier Natl Park, and were followed later by **Walt & Polly Phillips**, also on vacation. In the NW, that much contact rates reunion status. The **Gilbertsons** toured Norway where Rod's ancestors are buried. **Rod & Joan** enjoyed the trip arranged through TROA.

Seven of the region's 16 classmates live in WA and 5 border Puget Sound. **John Hemphill** continues his labors in Steilacoom on behalf of the WP Soc there as ed of their book, *West Pointers in Early Washington*. Publ in spring 92, the book consists of 9 monographs on activities by well-known grads in the territory through the early part of the Civil War. [Look for review in *ASSEMBLY* soonest. *Editor.*] John also is doing research on 100 other famous and not-so-famous grads who served there prior to statehood. Any work this yr will have to be sandwiched between the wedding of two daughters and the ceremonies awarding one daughter a PhD and another an MA.

**John Croan** lives at Vashon, WA, an isl in Puget Sound, where he puts in 30-40 hrs per wk coord spt for sr citizens to permit them to live in their homes instead of nursing homes. John is coord this yr's reunion of a C-124 sqdn he flew with at Biggs AFB. **Roy Herte** rep the "PCS Breezes" are blowing over the region. **Sully & Jamie Johnson** are trading their "western drawls" for the "southern accents"

they will need effective 1 May, when they move from CA to Charleston, SC. The Cl owes Sully a vote of thanks for playing the "asst area rep" role for the past 3 yrs. It would have been difficult keeping track of the "tps" in S CA without his assistance. **Bob Hackleman** will turn in his lei and grass skirt on 1 Aug when he leaves HI, after 27 yrs, to return to the mainland. Hack will be living in CA, near his son John and daughter Susy. If **Gerald Boruski** can sell his home in Woodland Hills, he plans to move to Las Vegas. He had some "health problems" recently and hopes that 2 1/2 years of the "good life" hunting, fishing and backpacking at his home in MN will "recharge his batteries."

**Gerry Dingman** and **Sully Johnson** got together during a trip to Edwards AFB, CA sponsored by the local Daedalians Chap. Gerry flies almost every day and runs an instructional program for both glider and conv pilots. The Johnsons accepted the Korean Govt's invitation to Korean War vets for a wk's vacation in the Seoul area. It looks like a good deal; contact Sully for details. **Sully & Jamie** will visit Hong Kong and China on their way home. **John Glossbrenner** is in AR for 9 mos on a project with Bechtel Power. **Frank Winfield** rep that daughter Elizabeth is now "Dr Elizabeth," having completed her med tng at Tulane U under the auspices of the US Army. Both Winfield sons, Brian and Ken, are Navy pilots. **Bill Depew** rep all is well; 3 out of 4 of his kids are married, two within a recent 6-wk period. The **Depewes** visited the **Malouches** in Columbia, SC and continued on to Bermuda, where they celebrated their 40th wedding anniv. When Bill is not "shanking golf balls," he is the business mgr of a sch district in Anaheim, CA. **Bob Macklin** is still putting on his one-act plays—1340 productions to date. Bob returned from Israel this past summer where he was doing background work for a play. The Macklins produce more than plays; they proudly announce the arrival of grandchild #7. **Norm Dunlap** is with the German Dept of DLI; he shares the Monterey Peninsula with **Roy Herte**. Norm and his fellow instructors are quite interested in what impact the RIF will have on their futures. As for the Hertes, **Mary Ann** will "hang up her sch teacher's suit" in Jun and join Roy "on the beach." **Al & Jean Esser** are enjoying ret. Al had to give up his Engr profession—the strain was just too much for his "tired ole" orbes—so he traded in his slide rule for a surfbd. **Dan Myers** says "aloha" from Honolulu. He's still "punching the time clock;" however, working for himself does permit him a bit of "flexibility." **Bob Chapman** has given up his real estate mgr's position to create and implement a new "Real Estate Ombudsman" opn. **Mert Bangarter** visited **Tony Delano** last fall—seems they are both interested in "megalithic surveys" and conducted one while Mert was in the area. Mert rep **Jim Brett** sent him two of the latter's research papers on Chinese contigraphy, which, I am told, is the study of ancient (2000 BC) maps and geomagnetic phenomena. **Pat Lynch**, Palm Desert, CA, is in the real estate business, and **Lois** is a sch nurse. The Lynch kids are doing fine: 2LT Shannon is at Ft Sam Houston, TX after receiving her master's degree in physical therapy at USC. Son Patrick will grad from USC Santa Barbara in June with a degree in chem engrng. Patrick will enter the job mkt working for **George Bicher** at Metcalf & Edd Engrs.



1951: Joan Keesling, Jean Rogers, Lee Sites and Claudette Barber at DC area mthly Cl luncheon



1951: Red Leffler, Dean Mulder, Chet Bobinski and Roscoe Robinson at DC area mthly Cl luncheon

*From Here and There:* **Bruce Robertson** provided update on **Eric Antila**. Eric earned MS and PhD in NUC field at U of AZ but is "not doing much along those lines now." He said he is playing lots of golf and his handicap is low.

**Walt Johnson**, former head of the MO Div of Design and Constr, was hired as proj mgr for the \$250 mil stadium expansion of the St Louis Conv Ctr. It is a big 5-yr proj. Congrats, Walt.

**Jerry Carlson** rep he & **Jeanne** were glued to the TV during Desert Storm because daughter Susan, an ORD CPT, was there. She is now Div Ammo Off, 1st Inf Div at Ft Riley, KS. **Sel Graham** rep **Ken Hite** had heart surgery in Jan to replace a valve and is doing well. **Dave Carrol** spent the past yr in a nursing home in New Bern, NC following by-pass surgery. If you would like to contact him, his no is (919) 637-4730. **Pete & Pat Clay's** daughter Zaida married Philip Harris on 12 Oct 91 at St Simons Isl, GA.



1951: Clay wedding reception at Sea Isl, GA, 12 Oct 91: (front row) Joe Love '50, Pete and Zaida Clay, Howie Steele; (second row) Fred Irving, Will Barnett and Bill Owens

Attending were **Will & Ruth Barnett**, **Bill & Betty Owens**, **Fred & Alice Irving**, **Howie &**

**Dotsy Steele** and **Joe & Mary Pharr Love '50**, **Sully Johnson** rep my omission of his and **Russ Johnson's** wives, **Gloria** and **Jamie**, from the list of attendees at CO mini. My apology.

**Farewell: Norm Dunlap** rep **Joe Knittle** died of a heart attack and was buried at WP on 18 Mar 92 with full mil honors. **Fred Miller**, **Don McGann** and **Chuck Satuloff** rep the CI. Don McGann rep Fred Miller's eulogy was beautiful and that he had never heard comments more from the heart. Joe's mem svc was at Davis-Monthan AFB and was attended by **Fred & Pat Miller**, **Cecil & Muriel Nist**, **Wally & Norma Steiger**, **Jim Phillips** and **Don McGann**.



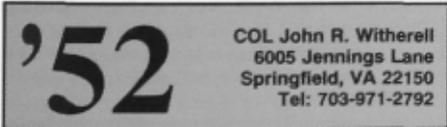
1951: Ed Partain, Frank Waldman, Red Leffler, Joe Clemons, Bill Bradley, Howie Steele, Walt Russell and Pete Prehn try to cheer up George Meighen

**Howie Steele** rep **Anne Meighen** died 17 Feb 92 and was buried at Columbia, SC on 19 Feb. Those attending were the **Clemons**, **Russells**, **Bradleys**, **Lefflers**, **Steeles**, **Matneys**, **Samotises**, **Waldmans**, **Partains**, **Billy Joe Ellises**, **Malouches**, **Mary Zimmerman**, **Mary Tatum**, **Al Lichterberg** and **Pete Prehn**.

**George Ritter** rep **Betty Bacon** died on 25 Feb 92. The mem svc was at the First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, TN and **George Ritter** rep the CI.

**Virginia**, **George** and **Bud**, our hearts and prayers are with you.

Thanks reps; keep those ltrs coming.



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The AOG has announced that **Thor Sundt** is one of 4 selected to receive the Academy's Distinguished Grad Award. The others are **GENs Goodpaster**, **Ridgway** and **Van Fleet**. This is a signal honor for **Thor**, and one in which the CI can take a great deal of pride and pleasure.

The annual ski trip attracted 18 and once again was thoroughly enjoyed, as all the smiles show. **Larry Putnam** coordinated the event at the Aspen, Buttermilk and Snowmass slopes. Snowmass got the most attention. They had spring skiing weather for the first two days, reduced visibility skiing in the snow for several days, followed by the best of skiing on new snow as the wk ended. The social activities incl two "dinings-in" hosted by designated couples and a dinner/show at the Crystal Palace at Aspen. **Warren Spaulding** will coordinate next yr's ski reunion, probably in CO.

**John Garver** was featured in the Dec 91 *Insider*, a pub of the Natl Geographic Soc, on the occasion of his ret. But, as John says, he is "going into another phase that will also be



1952: Craig, Cole, Spaulding, Brown, Hodgskin, Sells, Putnam, Sullivan and Weyhrich on ski trip (photo by Derbes)



1952: Pat Derbes, Jan Spaulding, Barbara Putnam, Ruth Walden, Dottie Cole, Loretta Sullivan, Carole Craig and Pat Brown on ski trip

exciting and productive. You can't stop; you just shift gears." Indeed! In Mar he started a new phase as a lecturer on a cruise ship based in Singapore. The rep goes on to state that the decade of John's tenure as chief cartographer has generated mapmaking history at Natl Geographic. "The 'Making of America' series was very important," John said. "The Historical Atlas of the US' flowed out of that, and it was something that had not been done before. . . something that will stand the test of time." That same yr, Natl Geographic brought out a world map using the Robinson projection, a perspective more accurate than the traditional Mercator projection. "I'm very proud of that," John said, "because so many people will see the world closer to reality." A Mid-E map supplement appeared as the US and other nations began fighting Iraq, and was in great demand. And the sixth edition of the *World Atlas*, pub in 90, was the first atlas to portray a reunited Ger.

Quite a few ltrs came in this past mo, some in response to reunion correspondence. **Doug Slingerland** sent in a pic of him and **Ron Obach** and their vanity plates—USMA 52. Doug's is registered in MD and Ron's in NJ. All 4 plan to appear at reunion.

Here is a Christmas photo of **Bob & Fern Woodward** at their home in Melbourne, FL. Bob ret in 75 following an asgmt at nearby Patrick AFB.

I received a good ltr from **King Coffman**, bringing me up-to-date on his forthcoming mission in Russia and resulting changes in store for him & **Carrie**. The mission given him by Campus Crusade for Christ is "to assist in bldg an ethical and spiritual value system for Russian mil forces on a thoroughly biblical basis." While those who attend the reunion will be able to gain firsthand King's appreciation of this mission, I will pass on the gist of his letter so those who cannot attend will



1952: Designated drivers Slingerland and Obach



1952: Fern & Bob Woodward

understand what he is doing.

**King** said that, in layman's terms, it means sharing the Gospel in a meaningful, culturally sensitive way, giving instruction to those who respond and organizing them into Bible study fellowship gps similar to the Off Christian Fellowship that many of our classmates have been affiliated with since cadet days.

**King** was in Russia in Jan with other ltrs to contact several sr Russian flag offs. The latter are very receptive to having **King** and others establish a permanent presence in their country. They reportedly are comfortable with the biblical value system because it is not new or untried; in fact, it ties in quite nicely with the thousand-yr hist of Christianity in Russia.

**King & Carrie** will use interpreters initially, but have started their study of the Russian language and hope to become reasonably fluent before long. Beyond the logistics of getting to St Petersburg, they also must raise funds to spt the move, set up an ofc, hire staff and fund travel throughout 11 time zones. **Deryle Whipple** has already volunteered his efforts in this regard, as rep in the last col.

**Willy Ross** weighed in with a ltr urging spt for **King's** mission, noting that "no one can do it better." **Willy** rep that he & **Barbara** escaped the TX floods this winter. They are busy raising beef cattle, a cross of Black Angus and Brahma called Brangus.

**Bob Haras** rep on his return from Australia by way of HI and CA. He played golf with **Ike Eisenhart** at Hilo, losing all 4 rounds. **Ike** still teaches a real estate course at U HI and sees his daughter & son-in-law from Maui. He hears occasionally from **Bob Ackerson** on Oahu.

In Carmichael, CA, **Bob** got together with **Grayeb**, **Williamson** and **Edwards**. **George** is still running a real estate ofc while planning to build a castle up in the mtns. **Don** is running a successful insur business and **Champ** has ret from teaching at a local coll.

**Pop Wells** wrote to inquire about his reunion packet (they were distrib a little later than promised), but took the occasion to cheer



1952: Haras, Williamson, Grayeb and Edwards in Carmichael, CA

the nomination of **Thor Sundt**. Thor was helpful to Pop two yrs ago when an old disc problem recurred. Pop & Nancy live on the Manasquan River near Point Pleasant, NJ; they extend a warm welcome to all who happen to come their way.

**Jack Hettinger** called in to make sure I had his address. He is now ret and traveling. We will see him & **Loralee** at the reunion. **Tom Ashton** called to explain that airfares to Tarrytown are much cheaper if sched over Sat. (Check with your travel agency.) He has started a new venture to help local charities turn donated autos, boats and RVs into cash. Quite a bit of paperwork is required, as well as other mgt svcs.

**Jim Day** had a close call at Christmastime. His heart by-pass failed him at a restaurant where he had taken his family. Fortunately, CPR-trained persons were on hand and the right kind of dr was present. The ambulance crew arrived in good time and restarted his heart. On 8 Jan Jim got a new by-pass, plus a defibrillator. He is much safer now.

As I write this, Forms I are arriving in great numbers. So far, only one of you has chided me on the designation of this form.

'53

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Fellas and gals, I've been having a time! Here it is 0014 hrs, 15 Apr, and I have two deadlines—the tax return and the CI article for **ASSEMBLY**. Those of you who know my habits wouldn't expect me to do it before it was due. The thing that makes it more than normally interesting is that I'm trying to do this last-min work on a brand new toy. Six days ago, I got a computer, 386DX/25 with FAX-modem, my favorite WordPerfect and Windows. It's been a ball playing with it to learn its habits and character, but it is a little tough to hurry when I am not really at ease with it. Oh, and to top it all off, I had jury duty today and just barely missed getting assigned to a multi-day felony trial.

**Whitney Miller** rep he got a pretty good response from the CI on the cards he sent out asking for address help. Then, just as the answers were dying out, the **ASSEMBLY** article came out urging you all to get with it—and you did. He has produced a very large CI roster in a short time so that it can provide the vehicle for preparing for the reunion. That's just a yr off now. There's no more time to dither. By the time you read this, it will be after Jun Wk and our decision regarding whether or not to use the cruise ship will have been made long since. I hope we are using the



1953: Stan & Pat Touchtone, Ralph & Ann Sanders, Kay & Bob Carter and Bill Burkhardt

ship. It seems to me to be a great innovation, one that will solve many of the problems we have had with reunions.



1953: Bud & Jane Zimmer and Sid & Marilyn Carter at Founders Day 92, FL W Coast

Sadly, our CI has provided two new mbrs to the Long Gray Line. **Bob Zargan** was interred at WP and **Tom Rote** at Ft Sam Houston. **Sali Zargan** sent a note thanking the CI for the flowers.

Heard from **Sam & Joan Fisher** the other night. Joan called to pass on some news and ol' Silent Sam got on the line for a few words. They are doing fine in San Ant. They rep a good turnout for **Tom Rote's** funeral. There are a no of our classmates in that area and they get together periodically.

**Dick Young** called a couple of days ago. We had been roommates in Beast Bks with **Roger Roderick**, had been at Sully's together before that, and then in L-2 and at Ft Hood as LTs. He resigned and went to Seattle to work with Boeing, and I lost track of him. He ret from Boeing a couple of yrs ago and is still in Seattle—actually Des Moines—right on the waters of Puget Sound, a few mi S of Seattle. He called to give me his status on reunion attendance, as requested by the recent ltr. He & **Gina** will be cruising on their own boat in the Canada and AK waters.

**Sid Carter** writes from FL that he & **Marilyn** are doing well. He is "still dinkin around the phosphate industry as consulting engr" and chasing kingfish and snook in the Gulf. Sid was part of the movers in celebrating the 100th birthday of GEN James A Van Fleet in Lakeland. (Classmate COL Ellis is the oldest living grad at 102.) About 1500 attended; the mil reps headed by GEN Ed Burba incl some 20 USMA cadets on Spring Break. Spring what? Sid made a flag showing the range of classes in attendance, '15-'95.

I had to get started on spring cleaning early this yr, integrating family heirlooms, files, books, furniture and brie-a-brac from my mother's apt into my already-overstuffed



1953: Sid Carter holding the flag he made for GEN Van Fleet's 100th Birthday party

house. That, plus the advent of the hi-tech typewriter, has forced me to get neat in my ofc—or risk getting lost in it! The point of this is, if I've lost any notes from your calls, please forgive me and don't get disgusted and quit.



1953: Curt Brewer with son Josh at his new practice in Highland Falls

**Curt Brewer** sent me a photo and says that he & **Butch** are still living in the Hudson Highlands, where they sometimes get to enjoy such things as watching a pair of bald eagles fishing. Son Josh, who was the first CI son born at USMA—while Curt was in the Math Dept 57-60—has returned to Highland Falls and purchased a dental practice.

That's it for now. I'll get busy calling L-2'ers to get the Reunion answers. Let's try to get a max attendance at this one. We may not be so spry in another 5 yrs, and a cruise might be a waste.

'54

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Thanks to the efforts of CI Rep **Frank Hart**, our CI turned out for the WP Soc of DC observance of the 190th FD anniv, held on 21 Mar at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Alexandria. Present were **Ramon (Aggie) Aguilar**, **Don & Betty Gaston**, **Frank & Betty Hart**, **Larry & Nancy Skibbie**, **Doug Stuart** and **Jim & Barbara Williams**. Supe LTG Howard D Graves delivered a timely address on the Acad's role in emphasizing mil ldrship, academics and physical fitness as the means of developing skills relevant to the modern mil environment. He cited Sylvanus Thayer, RE Lee, Douglas MacArthur and Maxwell Taylor as Supes who introduced changes in cadet curricula to match the needs of the Army of their time. For you sociologists, Thayer and Lee were CPTs, MacArthur was a BG, and Taylor was an MG. This is the result of either inflation or promoting in Celsius.

Our tireless (does that mean without tires?) 40th Reunion Cmte met at **Larry Skibbie's** ADPA ofc in Arlington in Mar. Present were Larry, Chm **Jim Williams**, **Frank Hart**, **Jim Henry**, **Rose Mologne**, **Jim Obendorfer** and **Dick Sugg**. They set the date for our 40th as 3-6 Nov 94. Offered 3 wknds in late fall by AOC, the Cmdt picked the middle one, which coincides with the Army-AF game and may lure some of you AVs down to Earth. **Jim Williams** says the program developed by **Jim Henry** is a consensus of your viewpoints, incl time for co socials and Thu afternoon golf, snow permitting. **Jim Obendorfer**, Reunion Gift Fund Asst Chm, rep that, as of Feb, **Bill Hilsman**, Gift Fund Chm, has received 134 pledges and \$50,290 out of \$100,000 pledged. Watch for a persuasive reminder from your co rep and help him raise pledges for Bankers Trophy points. If you haven't pledged yet, recall the deathless words of PM Winston Churchill, rallying the Allies in WWII, that we must all pitch in and do our part or we won't have a part to pitch in. The Cmdt is still pursuing the idea of a reunion album with photos and info on classmates and families. Other classes have produced worthy publications at nominal cost (approx \$35) with the spt of their cl and wives. This effort will require many hrs and should start soon. Those willing to volunteer their time, svcs and advice, contact **Jim Williams** at (703) 978-9428, fax (703) 620-6540, or me by 31 Oct 92. A lack of early response could defeat this project, again.

**Rose Mologne** mailed ltrs with reunion details to 35 Cl widows. She has received no replies yet and intends to send out a reminder.

**Bill** and **Jim O** worked with USAA and A/AFMAA to locate all classmates. No address is available for the following: **Ray Allen**, **Larry Bonner**, **Jack Carnahan**, **Kirk Cockrell**, **Carl Crews**, **Charlie Hanson**, **Jim Ingalls**, **Paul Lansky**, **Bob Lykens**, **Sam Matthews**, **Duane McMartin**, **Tom Moore** and **Harry Ruff**. If you have any info, contact **Jack Miller**, 9646 Shadow Oak Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; phone (310) 330-5838, or me.

**Wendell & Jean Gilbert** boast mbrship in our expanding ranks of grandparenthood. Granddaughter **Shirley Caroline** was born to daughter **Anne Marie & MAJ Ted Crozier '76**. The Gilberts live in **Wendell's** home town of **Clarksville, TN**, where he is the VP for Admin at **Austin Peay St U**. **George Stenehjem** passed through **Clarksville** on his way further S and has not been seen since.

We were so glad to hear from **Tex & Martha McVeigh** that I'm not going to ask Tex what part of NJ he's from. Fifteen couples in the San Ant area meet frequently to contend with the burning issues of our time and swap recipes for homemade wines to pour over their potluck dinners. The McVeighs hosted a cocktail party for **Rog & Ginger Browne** from CO Springs, who were visiting and golfing with **Roger III** in Austin. Also present were **John & Bernice Gilboux**, **Bill & Eddice Jessee**, **Bob & Jane Kaiser**, **John & Betty Lohman**, **Don & Carole Old**, **Joe & Gretchen Peisinger**, **Craig & Mary Jane Spense** and **Dave & Jo Sugg**. Daughters **Peggy** and **Charlene McVeigh** were present to add some class to the event. **Tex & Martha** have taken it upon themselves in the interests of posterity—and because they could use a few extra bucks—to arrange a gathering of classmates in mid-93 as a practice rehearsal

of our 40th Reunion hinted at elsewhere. Interested out-of-towners should contact **Tex (COL William M)** at 1602 Wolf Crest, San Ant, TX 78248, to apply for a TX visa and language dictionary.

Just after we sealed the envelope, **Rog Browne** himself filled in the details of what took place after the police arrived. **Rog (Trip) III** is a mktng mgr with Whole Foods for the Houston-Dallas-Ft Worth-OK City area. **Tex** is a bank VP; **Kaiser** teaches math; **Lohman** is a consulting engr; **Peisinger** and **Jesse** are with USAA; **Sugg** is dir, Alliance for Education, promoting industry spt; and **Gilboux** and **Spence** are attys. **Rog** teaches HS upper-level math. He & **Ginger** frequently visit **Bill & Sally Frier** in CO Spr.

**Walt Evans** learned that **Ed Pawlowski** changed his venue in Munich to US Army, CMR 408/SPG, Box 29, APO NY AE 09108. No personal checks, please. Ed was the oldest living grad present at the Munich FD celebration.

The 13 Apr *Time* quoted US Atty **Andy Maloney** as saying, "Our cup runneth over" after the conviction of alleged mob chief **John Gotti**. Andy was prominent in the media during the proceedings, which must have been a trial.

**Dorothy Parker** said, on hearing that **Calvin Coolidge** had died: "How can they tell?"

It appears that summer is irrevocable, after a period of doubt. Give thanks and write me how you feel about it. Surf's up, someplace!

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Springtime in VA and the promise of new growth is reflected everywhere except in the mailbox and over the TOLL-FREE tel line that I lovingly monitor, awaiting news from the far-flung corners where the pride of '55 abide. As a consequence, this will be a short offering but with some pithy inputs.

**Bob & Marly Carpenter** dropped a short note to advise they had visited **Rich & Mary Ann Miller** aboard their boat, *Eagle*, in the Bahamas in Feb. **Rich & Mary Ann** left Annapolis on 6 Nov heading S to the Caribbean. They spent some time knocking around the Abacos, spent some time tied up to **George Page's** dock at Green Turtle Cay, then moved down to Marsh Harbor, where **Bob & Marly** caught up with them. **Rich** has become an accomplished fisherman and frequently augments the table fare with the catch of the day, such as the mutton snapper in the snapshot. **Bob & Marly** thoroughly enjoyed the wk of sailing in the Sea of Abaco, and **Rich & Mary Ann** have no definite plans beyond sailing further into the Carib. Sounds like easy and delightful going.

Had a nice chat on the TOLL-FREE with **Ron McNiven**, who asserts he's checking back into the net after a lot of yrs in the Arlington, TX area, where he labored on the B-1 program. Now, with the stirring up in Def contracting and production, he relocated to **Bellingham, WA**, where he welcomed the addresses of some Seattle-based classmates that I was able to provide. Good to hear from **Ron** again.

Came also in the mail a very brief note from a '56'er, **Lew Sorley**, to rep that **Ginny Becker Sorley** wrote to rep the arrival of two grandchildren of our late classmate, **Dick Becker**.



1955: Rich Miller and the catch of the day

Daughter **Susan & Mike Pelkey** had a daughter, **Sarah Margaret**, born 2 Feb in Concord, NH. Son **Doug & Kim Becker** now have a son, **Richard Douglas**, named after **Dick**. Happy memories for a great friend.

**Jack & Marlowe Viney** wrote to advise they will host their 7th annual summer '55 get-together at their home in Corona, CA on 6 Jun promptly at 1500 hrs. Our W coast bde/wing is really a very active gp, and second only to the mob we have here in the DC area, and is by far the most active, thanks to **Jack & Marlow** and the **Billy McWilliams**. All that said, if you can be in the general L.A. area around that time, the no is (714) 278-1153 for all the necessary info regarding where to stay, go, etc. Look forward to the after-action rep from this yr's festivities.

**Don Reid** called from Fayetteville, NC to advise that he had run into **Wayne Nicoll '57**, who has a mint-condition '55 *Howitzer* he'd be willing to part with if anyone has lost, burned, mutilated or otherwise maligned our yrbook and seeks another. **Wayne** can be reached at the Ragged Mtn Club, Potter Pl, NH 03265. Interested?

Finally, **Carl & JoAnne McNair** wrote to recount this yr's FD festivity in the DC area—which was shockingly short of '55 attendance! **Carl & JoAnn** were joined by **Ed & JoAnn Nidever** as the sole '55 attendees. And the shame of it was that **Carl** had a lovely visit with very special people in our lives, **MG & Vivian Irving**, who rep the Cl of Apr '17. **GEN Irving** is now 97 yrs young, and still strongly represents a very important cl in WP hist. As our Supe, he was the authority who swore us into the whole experience we all shared. I can vividly remember when he was leaving WP and passing the Supe position to **GEN Bryant**, he recounted at a FD parade that he had been in grade as a 2LT for something like 17 yrs! What patience! What sheer dedication!



1955: The McNairs and Nidevers at Founders Day 92, DC

So much for now. This has been short because all you lovely folks out there have left



1955: Carl McNair with GEN & Mrs Frederick Irving, Apr '17

me high and dry. But hope springs, and all that, so give a call, drop a line, send a card. Whatever you do, take care.

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A note from **Bob Hammond** brought news of his ret on 1 Apr 92. His last asgmt was CG, USA Strategic Def Cmd. He & **Patty** will remain at home in Annandale, VA for the time being. Bob's ret leaves **Jim Anderson**, at WP with the PE Dept, as our last active duty rep. Where have the yrs gone since Jun 56??



1956: Brand-new CPTs, 3rd Inf Regt: Kottich, Keutmann, Beauchamp, Garvey, Spires and Jack Nicholson

An article in the *Abn News* by **Roy Lindquist** stated "his mother passed away in her sleep on 26 Dec 91 and was laid to rest with his dad (a legendary abn soldier) at WP on 31 Dec." Both Roy and his brother Robert were there. Roy is living in Salinas, CA.

**Ev Updike** & his wife have joined a Catholic monastic order of "The Companions of New Skete" in upper NY. They live the same life as the monks, except that they live it with their spouses and without the obligation of celibacy. Ev states he follows the monastic tradition of common life, prayer, discipline, repentance and poverty (e.g., he owns nothing as an individual). Sounds a little like being a cadet at WP in the '50s!. Quite an interesting change of pace from our hectic world! I know **Doc Bahnsen** would like an application!!

**Bob Sorley** breathlessly rep that **John Shaud** was recently installed as the Grand Paramount Carabao (GPC) at the 92nd Annual Wallow of the Mil Ord of the Carabao, DC Chap. As the GPC, John solemnly promised that the "herd" would never get thirsty during his tenure. **Bob & Bill Cody** witnessed this gala occasion. Bob & **Ginny** rep son **Doug &**

Kim had a son, **Richard Douglas Becker**, on 28 Mar 92. On the book front, Bob's bio of **GEN Abrams** will be released both in hard-copy and audio under a recent agreement with "Books on Tape."

**Perry Smith's** recent ltr rep **Lee Denson** is now working for SAIC in DC on arms control/verification. In Dec 91, Perry spoke at the Baltimore Council on World Affairs, at which **Frank Burd** is the dir and also a Prof of Pol Sci at the U of Baltimore. Perry's co, Visionary Ldrship Ltd, is in demand on the lecture circuit, with its emphasis on ldrship/ethics, both of which appear to be in short supply in politics and indus. Perry also received an honorary degree from Marietta Coll for his achievements as a CNN analyst, author, lecturer, warrior and teacher. His next book will be about **Conner's** father, **Jimmy Dyess USMC**, who is the only person to have received both the Medal of Honor and the Carnegie Medal for Heroism.



1956: Proud papas: Blair with dad Griff and Gus with dad Maury

As you all remember, **Jim Bolin's** son **James** is our CI Godson. At our 35th, we checked around to see who had the *youngest* son or daughter. Up until 22 Feb 92, **Maury & Christine Cralle** had the youngest son, **Gus (3-1/2)**, and **Griff & Susan McRee** had the youngest daughter, **Blair (3)**. On 22 Feb, however, **Carleton & Jill Coulter** had **Carleton Coulter IV**, 9 lbs, 8 oz. Just think, we'll have our children and grandchildren all grad together in the same chl! Congrats and good luck to **Jill and Carleton**.



1956: Fred Rall and Fred Dent at Founders Day 92, WPS of NW FL

As guests of **Al Hoffman** and **Don Ackerman**, the CI was invited in Jan to visit their Sun City Ctr, FL devel for a mini-get-together, with all profits and 50% of actual costs to go to our CI of '56 Room Fund. When rain cancelled the Jan Jazz Concert and Polo Match, **Al** rescheduled them for late Mar, and we not only saw **Al's** team win the match, but he was voted the MVP! Cheering **Al** on were

**Dawn Transue, Jim & Joan Shirey, Jim Jr & Suzi**, plus **Suzi's** parents **Lee & Jan Rigulski, Fred & Marion Dent, Ellen Young** (**Chuck** was off back-packing on Cumberland Isl, GA), **Neale Luft** and **Myrtle Findlay** (who live nearby in Plant City), **Lee Denson** and **Diane Suitsors, Al Beauchamp** and **Nicole Galloway, Don & Janet Ackerman** and **Lynell & me**. After a magnificent buffet, the gp gathered at **Al's** home. **Al's** most recent acquisition is the **Burnt Store Marina Resort** on the W shore of FL, near Ft Myers, and could be a possible location for a mini-reunion. Provide **Mike Conrad** or me your thoughts on whether the CI should have a mini-reunion. **Ward LeHardy Jr** called to state he still has video copies available of our 35th. If you couldn't be there and would like to get a copy, call **Ward Jr** at (703) 360-6623.



1956: H-2's best on cow trip to Dayton, OH, 1955: (Top) **Jim Strozier, Mike Lyon**; (bottom) **Al Beauchamp** and **Bob Grassberger**

**Ted & Joan Dayharsh's** informative ltr states that **Ted** just completed his physical at Brooks AFB. In a conv with **Dr Dale Clark** (who has been the Proj Off since 59), he rep that his plans incl ret in two yrs and then writing a comprehensive book about our CI study. The formal funding request is already in for 5 additional test yrs, and **Dale** will give his final rep at our 40th Reunion. As part of his follow-up research, **Dale** needs a copy of our '56 *Howitzer*. If anyone has a spare copy, please contact me. The **Dayharshes** are planning a wk's outing with **Bob & Dee Barrett** at Yosemite Natl Park soon. **Bob and Ted** are H-2 (Happy 2) co-mates and spent a lot of time together in the early 60's at DaNang airfield, along with **Gene Dewey**. **Bob** was flying C-123's while **Ted and Gene** were flying CV-2 Caribou's.

In my last col, I mentioned that **Pat Poole** was the last person to wave goodbye to the **LeHardys** as they departed the mainland—**Pat's** story of trying to pedal furiously on her bike, double-time across the sand and climb out on the rock jetty to take a pic of the boat was pure Hollywood slap-stick. I hope **Ward & Judy** appreciated her effort. (**Charlie** was probably at home having a cold one!) **Pat** rep she is working as an independent travel agent setting up European tours. She and **Steve & Margaret Boylan** (who live in Ger) are talking up a mini-reunion in Ger.

**Dave & Gail Muntz's** ltr rep **Dave** happy in



1956: Ren & Barb Hart and Maude & Rudy DeFrance

his environmental consulting work with Eder Assoc in Augusta, GA. Gail plans to ret from Prep this summer and, as Dave so aptly writes, "We've been in the same house 14 yrs and I'd like her to manage 'The Mother of All Yard Sales, ASAP!'" They rep that **Greg & Kay Mitchell** also live in Augusta, where Greg volunteers as a tax consultant at the Ft Gordon ACS and is active in the WP Soc.

**Jerry & Nancy Amlong's** great ltr from the US Virgin Isls reads like the "Indiana Jones Chronicles"—everything from a Plebe-yr haircut by an ex-vice-cop, night watches on the high seas, dinner with gun-boat CPTs, an attack by a herd of wild cows and the hidden Arawak Indian Caves. On their way to Puerto la Cruze, Venezuela (ETA 1 Jun), they will stop at Antigua, St Lucia, Grenada, Trinidad and Isla Margarita.



1956: Southern hospitality at the Suddaths'—Jerry & Nancy Amlong and Carole & Leroy Suddath

**Greg & Shirley Wold** do an excellent job of keeping A-1 classmates in touch. At the time of **Mike Esposito's** death, he was teaching at a small sch in Ft Pierce, FL, Webster Coll, and his dedication, drive and enthusiasm to make Webster a finer educational inst made Mike a legend in his time. In his honor, Webster Coll named their small library the "Vincent J Esposito Mem Library." If you would like to honor Mike's memory, any donation to the coll, in the form of books, subscriptions or financial assistance, would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mrs AJ Ahlquist, Webster Coll; (407) 464-7474. Gret also talked to **Art & Suoma Boudreau**, who live in McLean, VA. Art had angioplasty last summer as a result of his Brook AFB physical and is now exercising and looking great.

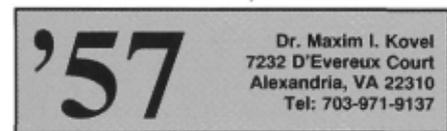
**Bob & Carolyn Nicholson** (Great Falls, VA) were visited by **Buck & Peggy Harris** (Makakilo, HI) last Thanksgiving. Nick is ch of engrs for VSE Corp's mil vehicle opn. Bucky, the assoc pastor at his church, would be delighted to hear from any of '56 who visit the Isls.

**Ted & Jane Jasper** (newly married since

our 35th), **Tony & Bonnie Ortner** and **Lynell & I** attended FD dinner in Orlando and received a great update from the Cmdt, MG Dave Bramlett.

**LeHardys' Log:** Sally was married to Mark Barstow, Franklin, NY in Apr, and **Ward & Judy** flew in for the happy occasion. The trip through the Panama Canal, with 38 ships from all countries and 12 sailboats (rafted in gps of 3), took two full days. **Bob Loe, Carolyn Sarkiss'** husband, flew down from WA to help out with the passage of the Canal when the volunteer crew was a no-show! Next on the itinerary is the great Pacific Ocean between the Galapagos and Marquesas Isls... the longest stretch of the 4-yr trip without land (about 30 days). On board is Ward's brother-in-law, Jauncey Sweet USNA '54. Ward states he has wonderful commo on bd and will soon be calling the volunteer crews! He must make the call "collect," and the payment is only from the CONUS-based radio station in the place called. If you expressed interest in "crewing," you will receive a collect radio/telephone call (most likely on Sat—less expensive!) to coord your sched. To call them, contact Fred Chapman, Ward's NCS on MARS, at (703) 786-3786.

In the past two wks, I've talked to **Mike Conrad, Jim Anderson, Ted Jasper, Tony Ortner, Keith Barlow** and **Stan Diez**. My next deadline is 14 Aug 92 and the DC CI Luncheon is 21 Oct—so mark your calendars!



Congrats to those who read the last col and immediately called to find out about your reunion info. Unfortunately, we were a little slower than anticipated getting it out and it was at the AOC when you got your **ASSEMBLY**. However, if you haven't received it by now, call.

Note: Last col's excessive length caused major editing. From now on whole sections may be eliminated if too lengthy and resubmitted for next issue.

A couple of congrat notes up front. **Hank Hatch** was elected to the Natl Acad of Engring of the USA, one of the highest honors and prof distinctions accorded to an engr. Acad mbrship honors those who have made important contribs to engring theory and practice, and to engring tech. Hank, who served as Ch of Engrs with great distinction for the last 4 yrs, certainly deserves the honor. **John Block**, who served in the Reagan Admin as the Secy of Agri and is now the Pres of the Natl American Wholesale Grocers Assoc, has been elected to the Horatio Algier Soc. I learned this at the Pentagon luncheon sponsored by Hank, and I'll provide more details when I get them. Congrats to both of you. Got two articles from **Esther Smith**, from which the following info is drawn. **Dana Mead** left his job as exec VP of the Intl Paper Co and became the COO and a dir of Tenneco on 1 Apr. Tenneco is the 38th largest indus corp in the US but lost \$732M last yr. Dana's main asgmt, according to the CEO, will be to push Tenneco's 6 operating cos to meet goals for higher productivity, efficiency, quality and products. In an interview, Dana explained why he resigned as a prof at WP in 78 to enter the business world, and I find it enlightening. "The WP prof's position was appointed by the Pres and

confirmed by the Senate, but after a few yrs, I found that my adrenaline was pumping faster than being a prof. I left it reluctantly, but I wasn't able to do what I wanted with the cadets." During his tenure at IP the value of its stock rose from \$16.50 in 82 to \$74.38 in Apr 92, so he must have been doing something right. As to why he was moving, he said, "My leaving IP had nothing to do with that co; I had a great job. But Tenneco represents a challenge, with basic businesses that are excellent. Mike Walsh is one of the top CEO's in the country, and I subscribe to the kind of things that he's trying to do." Good luck in your new job, Dana. Need any help?



1957: Hank and the Boss

The first pic in this col is of **Hank Hatch** and friend. I saw it at his house at the last party and asked for a copy to publish. It took a while, but I finally got it. I'm sure it's one Hank will treasure. While I was at the party, someone took a pic of **Bernice & me**, and, while it's not too flattering, I incl it.



1957: Don Sadler, your scribe, Don Buckner and Bernice Kovel

You'll notice that while I continue to age, **Bernice** never changes. Sometime in the distant past, **George Sibert '58** sent me a pic of **Dick Mollicone** crashing the 33rd '58 mini-reunion at S Padre Isl, TX. Dick was a good sport and did yeoman duty taking pics of everybody else, and the courtesy was returned. I must say he looks better than I remember him.

Among the pics that **Don Kutyna** sent me was one of himself being strapped into a F-15, with the note that he's the oldest 4-star flying it—and it hurts all over when he's back on the ground. I almost pulled the pic when I read all the criticism aimed at the AF C/S for using F-15s to go to mtgs, but what the heck. A pilot's got to do what a pilot's got to do, or something like that. Keep flying, Don, at least until this summer.

Got a holiday ltr from **Samantha & Karl Day**, with a pic of their (now) 21-mo-old son **Matthew**. Their family continues to expand—



1957: Dick Mollicone at '58 reunion



1957: Oldest AF 4-star flying the F-15

at the next level down. That is, daughter Laura had her third child, a boy, and son Mike's wife is expecting twins. Daughter Nancy should have had her second by this time, giving Karl a total of 7 grandchildren under the age of 4. They certainly are a prolific family and, just like the Energizer Bunny, they go on and on and . . . Karl works for Piaggio Avn selling business airplanes, and Samantha is still in the ins business. Probably sells a lot to the family. It seems that 91 must have been house-moving yr, and the Days moved too—but only two mi. They now live in Herndon, VA. Got a great holiday ltr from the Cairo **Hanigans**. Son Robert, the youngest, spent 10 wks with Frank in Cairo, or at least used it as home base. His travels, at the age of 12, read like one of the storylines from the TV show, "Young Indiana Jones." He traveled up the Nile from Luxor to Aswan, crossed the Libyan Desert, flew to Hurghada on the edge of the Eastern Desert to snorkel in the Red Sea, explored the Valleys of the Kings and Queens and Karnak Temple near Luxor, went to the Acropolis in Athens, visited the battlements of the citadel on Rhodes, retraced the exodus led by Moses across the Sinai, visited Sharm El-Sheik, the Gulf of Aqaba, Taba and Elat, Israel, Mt Kilimanjaro and the slopes of Mt Kenya in Kenya, and got to the edge of the Serengeti before he turned around and went back to Cairo. He then came back to the States and visited half of them before returning to the 7th grade. I wonder what his teacher said when he answered the proverbial question "What did you do over the summer vacation?" Robert spent Thanksgiving holiday on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, touching just about all the boundaries, then spent the Christmas vacation touring Spain and the Rock of Gibraltar. Compared to Robert, the rest of the family was stationary. Aileen shuttles between Annapolis, FL and GA conducting computer tng. Bernadette & Matt are in Seoul, Korea. Jimmy finished a yr of dental residency at David Montham AFB and is now at Brook AFB. Greg is pursuing

studies in film and TV production in San José. Peggy had an unexpected bout with breast cancer over the summer but is recovering nicely; she hosted a large Christmas party in Cairo. Frank is working hard at moving the Egyptian Survey Authority into the 21st Century and enjoying the challenge. Thanks for the travelog—it was an education.

Speaking of traveling, got a card from Nancy & Bud Langworthy, better known as the traveling duo—or grandparents, as the case may be. They made it up to Poughkeepsie for Thanksgiving to help celebrate Nancy's dad's 88th birthday. They had 4 generations present and really surprised her folks. They hope to be at the 35th in Sep.



1957: Dave Preletz, John Stokes and John Loberg at the 34th (photo by Circeo)

**John Stokes** sent me a pic dropped off by **John Loberg**, in town for a couple of days doing business for the Mil Order of the Purple Heart (he's a region cmdr). It was taken at CS and is the I-2 contingent. The important thing is that it incl **Dave Preletz**, in what was probably his first real contact with the CI since grad.



1957: Loberg, Hicklin, Beurkett, Knight, Haults and Gadd (wives out of sequence)

I extracted some pics from other ltrs, and will rep on the ltrs in the next col.



1957: Don Cline, Gerry Galloway and John Peckham at Founders Day 92

**Don Cline** sent a pic taken at the last FD. **Fred Koehler** called and followed up with a ltr about his new job, which I'll tell you about next time. However, the ltr incl a pic of Fred with some impressive house guests and I wanted to get the pic into the col now.



1957: Fred Kohler and groupies (houseguests)



1957: Linda & Jim Swenson, Dick & Joann Scholtes, Ted Voorhees, Sue & Joe House, Beverly & Buck Rogers and Rosalyn & Dave Gibbs

I also incl a pic sent by **Ted Voorhees** of the classmates at the FD dinner in Tampa. Enjoy the good looking people.

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70th col—the quickest, shortest and unfortunately, the tardiest as well. Too many records. Was so complacent after getting no 69 off to AOG, then finishing 68 1/2 (which **Dan Brockwell** pub and **George Lawton** mailed for me) in the midst of too much business travel that I completely missed the 15 Apr due date. The marvels of modern publishing, coupled with fax and the goodwill of **ASSEMBLY** ed, saved me.

CI luncheon on 15 Apr (which scribe missed by being in England) resulted in the election of **Chuck Hansult** to the Exec Cmte. He replaces **Bob Rhodes** and **Tom Conti**, who have served since the first election chaired by our Pres **Jack Bradshaw** in Apr 89.

Sad news to rep is that **Herb Puscheck's** father died on 29 Apr (no details available). We are at the stage in life when many of us have gone through this, and more of us will.

The **Lawtons** have purchased a house in Palm Coast, FL, between St Augustine and Daytona. Have a stray note that **Harry & Candy Hubbard** currently live across the street from the **Ramsdens** in St Augustine, but the Hubbards are rep to be moving to El Paso. Guess old air defenders just have to return to far W TX to be near Ft Bliss.

LOST & FOUND. Recently lost is **Bruce**

**Davenport**, last located in FL, having moved from St Pete to Ormond Beach to W Palm Beach—hard to hit a moving target. Anyone knowing **Bruce's** address, tel #, etc, please contact **George Lawton** at (703) 978-2920.

**Bob Grete**, principal of Rocky Bayou Christian Sch in Niceville, FL, rep on his recent sch trip to Wash. He was assisted inside the Beltway by **Van Van Fleet** and **Herb Puscheck**. Van briefed the RBCS students on the role of a lobbyist, following presentations by Rep Phil Crane (R-IL) and 3 House staffers. Herb arranged a day in the Pentagon incl lunch in the Exec Dining Rm. The gp spent time with FL senators and their local congressman. Bob also encl a pic taken at the Eglin AFB FD dinner; he & **Trinky** were the sole '68 attendees.



1958: Bob & Trinky Grete at Founders Day 92

Got a \$25 check with no news from **Nate Crow** in Honolulu for the 30th Reunion Book mailed to him on 5 May before I left for England again 6-13 May.

Received a lovely ltr from **Stan Toney** concerning **Joan's** dying of cancer on 4 Feb. **GN Lancaster** and others from A2 have provided spt and other assistance to Stan and sons **Scott** (32) and **Randy** (30). All 3 of the Toney's work for **Martin Marietta** in Denver: Stan is a sys engr, Scott is a finance/estimator in new business devel and Randy established and manages work in computer-aided design sys. Stan offered to help on a mini in the Denver or other CO area after the 35th, which ties right into the next ltr.

**Jack Crandall** has written with info on hosting a mini at Winter Park, CO (about 75 mi W of Denver). He & **Linda** have looked into skiing, places to stay, restaurants, etc. Both ltrs have been passed to **Lawton** and **Exec Cmte**.

**THAILAND 92**. Latest head count from **Phil Pryor** is 224 total (108 classmates) as of 1 May.

Next is from notes on a matchbook cover from a lunch with **Mark Sigurski**: **Sandy & Jane Evans'** son **Tripp** is in a doctoral prog at Yale in architectural hist. The remainder of my notes are illegible, but it was a great lunch.

AOG sent me a news release that **Ben Pelligrini** has been named pres of Mgt Svc Gp (MSG) of Day & Zimmerman Inc (a diversified professional svcs co) in Phila, PA. MSG consists of 8 cos. Ben joined in 84 as the sr VP of what is now the Day & Zimmerman Def

Sys Gp. Along the way to his current position, in Mar 87 Ben was appointed pres of Protection Tech, "one of the top 10 cos in the nation to provide highly technical and sophisticated protective svcs to nuclear utilities. He became pres of Cole-Layer-Trumble, the oldest and largest appraisal co in the US, in Apr 90." These are two of the 8 he now heads up in his new position. Congrats, Ben.



1958: Ben Pelligrini

**Jack Tierney** rep via FAX that "working for **Buck Griffin** on (WP) Admissions is tough. He is a slave driver. Just kidding. However, Buck did host the Supe for FD. My new ofc is on COL Rowe Blvd in McAllen, TX (Nick Rowe '61 was long-term POW of VC and then as a COL was assassinated in the Philippines). At last rep **Moentmann** is still doing quality control at the Depot Inn (in Richmond, MO)."

Another press release rep that the dir of the McAllen Natl Bank elected **Jack** as pres and CEO. To quote a bit of the release, "**Tierney** joins the bank with over 25 yrs of banking experience, 9 of those yrs as pres and CEO of 3 other banks. He began his banking career with JP Morgan and Co and most recently was exec VP and sr trust off with First City, TX." In addition to the BS from you know where, Jack has a law degree and completed grad bus prog at USC and NYU. He is also a grad of SW Grad Sch of Banking at SMU. His new bank has assets of over \$46M and trust assets in excess of \$67M. Congrats, Jack.

**Jim (Corky) Corcoran** wrote to express regret at missing the DC FD and to provide his new address in Richmond, VA for DC Roster and **John Nun's** database.

The next is quoted from the B2 CCQ ltr, "a resolution I will keep this yr—a desire to express best wishes to you and yours at the start of the new yr, the 38th since we were placed together in B-2 at the end of Beast Bks. . . . Your CCQ is alive and well and hoping to keep our restored LOC intact. This has been known to incl late-night phone calls when some of us get together with an overdose of 'nostalgia.' Hope we haven't offended any recipients."

**Bob Schonberger**, the B-2 CCQ, continues, "I do hope you have been getting the periodic ltrs from **George Lawton** and the Exec Cmte. These are designed to keep the CI abreast of current and future activities. This also makes my job as CCQ a lot easier. We are fortunate to have classmates like Lawton and **George**

**Sibert** who work so hard to maintain CI spirit and cohesiveness. (Aside: thanks for the plug—Lawton and I love our jobs and the opportunity to hear from so many of YOU!)

"We were pleasantly surprised to see how many co-mates are going to the mini-reunion in Thailand and points E. (Aside: 5 B-2 files as of 1 May). **Sylvia** & I are going through Singapore en route to Bangkok and taking the short China tour afterwards. Looking forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces. We should all be grateful to **Pete (Kullavanijaya)** and **Sammy (Sookmak)**, who made this trip possible.

"For those who are not going to make the Thailand trip, hope you'll focus on the 93 CI Reunion, our 35th. We had a really good turnout for the 30th and are looking for a 100% B-2 attendance at the next one. Start planning now—29 Sep to 3 Oct 93. Mark your calendars, **Manos!**

"I personally feel it's tremendous that we are all in touch after all these yrs. Request your cooperation in maint that contact. Please let me know of any changes in your status, address or phone no, should that occur. Once again, **Sylvia** & I send our best wishes for the new yr. May you enjoy good health and happiness. Warm regards, **Bob Schonberger**, CCQ, Co B-2."

Here are a couple more pics from **Bill & Helen Tuttle's** ret reception.



1958: The Pryors, Dick Schonberger and Pointer



1958: Tuttle ret reception: Puscheck, Tuttle, Tony Smith, Andreson, Dick Schonberger and Pointer

And another press release, this one announcing that **Jim Castle** is pres of Teradata Corp. "the leading manufacturer of high-performance relational database computer sys." Jim is quoted, "I came to Teradata because it is an unprecedented opportunity to drive the revolution currently taking place in the info processing indus. I will work to ensure that the co's established ldrship in large-scale parallel processing for commercial databases continues to translate info financial and mktplace success." Congrats once again to Jim in the latest of his successive positions of high responsibility.

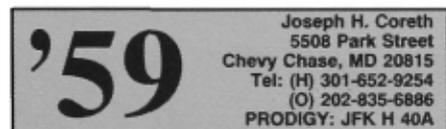
I will close with a photo of **Butch & Ginny**

at the Heidelberg FD—their last because of his impending ret this summer. Your scribe was privileged to attend the Army Avn Assoc of America annual mtg in Atl in Apr and hear our CINCUSAREUR speak about the spt of Desert Shield/Storm and the future of our Army in Europe. The Army will miss you both, Butch & Ginny!



1958: Butch & Ginny Saint at Founders Day 92, Heidelberg, Ger

And to quote from the 69th effort, "Spell check and finished. Then FAX it to my ed and pray that it is not too late and that the pix make it in time as well via UPS."



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**Bill Mullen** is at Ft McPherson (Hot-lanta, he calls it), and serves as **Ed Burba's** Dep J-3 at FORSCOM, the job he took upon his return last Jun from Ger as CG, 1st Inf Div (Fwd). He took the latter unit into its final stages of inactivation but still was able to help **Fred Franks** get VII Corps into Saudi Arabia. He plans to ret this summer, and the Cl congrats him on a distinguished and productive career.

**Bill** rep that FD at McPherson was ably chaired by **Ed Burba**, who introduced the Cmdt, MG **Dave Bramlett '64**, and LTG **Louis Truman '32**, who was the oldest grad and provided some interesting vignettes regarding the attack on Pearl Harbor. **Ed & Trish Burba** hosted a cocktail party beforehand, and the unanimous sentiment was to bag the dinner and send out for pizza. The call of duty prevailed, and it was off to the O Club for **Ed & Trish**, **Douglas Campbell** and **Betsy Littlefield**, **Bill & Susan Clark**, **John & Kay Cox**, **Mike & Elizabeth Gabel**, **Don Gruschow**, **George & Kris Harrison**, **John & Jane Joh**, **RB Johnson** and **Paula DeFiore**, **Don Ludlam**, **Bill Luther** and **Carol Jensen**, **Bill & Martha McDaniel**, **Bill & Norma Mullen**, **Jack & Nancy Neal** and **Norm & Elva Rosner**.

**Bill Clark** and **RB Johnson** shared with **John Cox** the prize for traveling the farthest, the first two having come all the way from the Gulf Coast of AL, while **John** drove from Ft Bragg. A great time was had by all, and, since we still aren't old enough to get in the front row, they didn't have to be too dignified. A brunch next morn at the club put a fitting cap on the wknd, **Bill** notes, and we thank him for the rep.

**Ed Robinson** writes that the DC FD bash was attended by the **Guthries**, **Gibbses**, **Klebs**, **Boyleses**, **Lidys**, **Robinsons** and **Corrs**, just home from a tour in Heidelberg. The gp was spread out among 3 tables, unfortunately, which made Cl-specific conv more challenging.

The Supe gave a good talk, however, and a good time was had.



1959: Dick Beyea '58 and Tom Leo

**Tom Leo** rep from Wilmington, DE that he has "volunteered" to be CCQ for K-2, and in that capacity has assumed responsibility for getting obits written for **Bolick**, **Monroe** and **Whitesides**. He would appreciate help from anyone who is able and, for starters, would like to know who the roommates were. **Tom** was re-elected in Jan for a second 3-yr term as a dir of the American Soc for Indus Security. The photo of **Tom** and **Dick Beyea '58** was taken at the reception.

**Jerry & Barbara Fogel** rep that daughter **Paige** is a jr at KS St and became engaged last Feb for a wedding in a yr or so. Their son **Dave & Melanie** are expecting their second child. **Jerry** attended a KS City dinner in Dec where **Norm Schwarzkopf '56** spoke, and the accompanying photo resulted. **Norm** cmded A-1 our plebe yr, and **Jerry** and your humble scribe were guests in his room before breakfast on several memorable occasions.



1959: Norm Schwarzkopf '56 and Jerry Fogel

**Phil & Sarah Yeats** are rebuilding their old waterfront house in S MD (Lusby) and are doing the work themselves. They hope to finish in a couple of yrs, but the going is slow, albeit satisfying. **Sarah** has an antiques store near Solomons, MD which provides a break from working on the house. Daughter **Laura** (26) & **Forrest McCanless**, both GA Tech grads, are restoring a huge old house near Atl which they hope to have ready for the Olympics. Daughter **Martha** (24) has just gotten her degree in hotel and rest mgt and is heading for Atl also. Youngest daughter **Clara** is a jr at Frostburg St U in MD.

**Al Breuel** will ret from the DOE in Aug and plans to teach HS math and physics in one of the local counties. Eventually he hopes to teach on the eastern shore of VA. **Al** is the silent partner in wife **Joan's** antiques business (A&J Antiques), which now has shops in Arlington, Annandale and Occoquan, VA. **Al** says he is the brawn of the venture and is busy on wknds

moving furniture around. He also has become a good househusband and does most of the food shopping, cooking and a lot of the housecleaning. Yard work and gardening are incl in the summer. **Joan**, he says, is the brains of the opn.

Of the **Breuel** children, **Meg** (31) is the mother of two grandsons (10 and 5) in VA Beach, and **Al & Joan** see them quite often. Son **John** (21) lives at home and works locally. His girlfriends keep the phone tied up, according to **Al**. Look at the pic **Al** sent from his '56 Buckner album.



1959: Breuel, Farrell, Goodpasture, Walsh, Steinberg and O'Meara

**Bill & Sue Breen** are in Pittsburgh, having left York, PA over two yrs ago for a resettling in what was their original home town. The move accidentally coincided with a family illness, an event that would have kept **Sue** in Pittsburgh for most of a yr anyway. **Bill** is pres of the WP Soc of W PA, the most distinguished mbr of which is **GEN Matthew Ridgway** (Apr '17), who is now 97. Other '59'ers in the area are **Mike Isacco** in Greenville, **Larry Struble** in Warren, OH and **Ron Ernharth** in the northern section of Pittsburgh.

Of the **Breen** children, the eldest, **Leigh Susan Fitz**, lives in York, PA and sells real estate when not helping her husband on their turkey farm. Son **Mike** works for the U of CA, San Diego while wife **Valerie** attends law sch and their daughter **Gabrielle** rules the roost. **Bill & Sue's** youngest, **Kerry Klein**, lives in Westerville, NJ, and leads the grandchildren sweepstakes 2-1-0.

**Larry O'Neill** sends the photo of himself and **Chuck Profilet '58**, who teamed up for the Ft Lauderdale CC annual mbr-guest golf tournament in Mar. They would have won their flight, says **Larry**, had not the '59 mbr 4-putted a critical green. All is forgiven, however, and **Chuck** continues to play with him, as he did for several yrs before either of them discovered the WP connection. Both had gone AF, too.

We take sad note of the sudden death of **Elaine Koisch**, **JJ's** wife, on 15 Dec in El Paso. The Cl extends its sympathy to **JJ**, their son **John Joseph Jr**, and all of **Elaine's** many friends. She had been very active in the civic and cultural affairs of El Paso. **Elaine's** obit was forwarded by **Jay & Camille Warren**, who are in Ft Lauderdale where **Jay** manages a marina store for BOAT US. They hope to sell their condo in Annapolis when the mkt improves, says **Jay**, and then take off for a couple



1959: O'Neill and Profilet '58

of yrs to cruise the Caribbean. Ultimately, they will move into their house in NC.

# '60

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On a business trip to Ger this past Feb, **Stew & Vickie Godwin** paid a call on **Craig Hagan**, firmly estab as C/S, USAREUR. Stew said Craig looks great—better than most of us way back when. He also paid a quick call on **Paul Cerjan**, and he is equally well estab and impressive as the Deputy CINC.

The **Godwins'** two sons continue in their AF roles. Dwight, Lisa and two grandchildren are now in Frankfurt where Dwight is an Air Liaison off to V Corps. His other son, Gary, is flying HC 130 on Special Ops missions out of Okinawa. Stew & Vickie visited both of them in recent mos. Stew spoke with **John Gulla** in Melbourne, FL. John is now with Century 21, and his & **Jackie's** son is about to be married.

**Bill McNamara** is about to complete his 11th yr at Lockheed in San Jose (1/2 of an Army career: sez it is not too bad for a goat to be a first cl engr, without the help of **Joel Bernstein**). He rep that his daughter just grad from Santa Barbara Coll and is now a flight attendant on American Airlines. If you see "a replica of Howdy Doody on AA"—Bill's words, not mine or Stew's—no flirting. He also says that he came across an old film taken of **Oststott, Hagan, Hackett, Roebocker, Mike Field**, etc, from the 101st days. Has transcribed it to VCR; any takers? Actually, Bill would like to have **Pattie Field's** address to see if she would like a copy. Bill rep that he, **Gino McLaughlin** and **Sam Powers** have been trying to get together in Chicago, but Sam stays too busy with a new co he has started.

Stew received a note from **Joe Fortier** this past winter. He has ret from DEA, and he & **Annalise** now split their time between a place in the FL Keys and Denmark. Stew rep that **Bob & Sandy Ammerman** were separated and divorced over a yr ago. Bob has 3 kids who are doing great, one a mbr of the AZ Supreme Court.

**Chris Gigicos** suffered a bad heart attack several mos ago, but the drs and **Joan** have Chris under control now and he is doing swell. One of their girls is a policewoman for the City of Orlando.

Tps have been lax in sending poop for the col, so yours truly has had to hit the field and manufacture some news. Seriously, attended an AUSA dinner in NYC honoring **Jim Johnson** for his role as cmdr of 82nd Abn in Desert Storm. Saw **Ted Crowley** & wife (Ted's a new div cmdr in the Reserves—

congrats!) and **Paul Mandry** & wife there.

**GEN Johnson** was first out of the door during the Panama Invasion on the div's first combat parachute assault since WWII. He also cmded the div through Opns Desert Shield/Desert Storm, becoming the first cmdr to lead the div into combat in two separate conflicts. Only LTC James Gavin cmded the div longer. Jim is now a 3-star head of Third Army.

In 7 mos as chief exec and managing dir of Consolidated Press Holdings, **Al Dunlap** has overseen a radical transformation of one of Australia's largest cos. The gp is being stripped down to its core business. Don Burnett, sr partner of Coopers & Lybrand in NY, describes him as "the best turnaround expert I've ever seen." Sir James Goldsmith—no mean judge—says Dunlap is "absolutely first class—you don't get better."



1960: Al Dunlap

As noted in Apr 92 of the *Australian Business Monthly*, the author expressed his background as of modest origins, which makes him streetwise, and WP, which gave him all the discipline and the advantages of a mil career. His whole capacity to act can be traced to the fact he is able to judge a situation quickly.

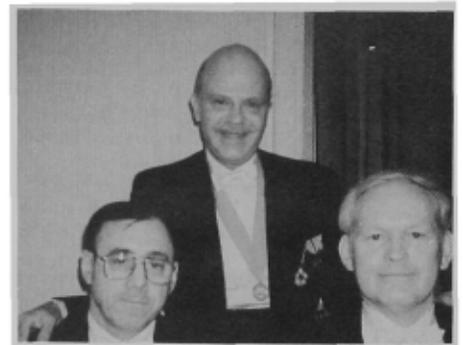
**George Finley** wrote that he & **Doris** look back at their Vienna fling and the Opera Ball this yr as a fantastic, beautiful dream! The **Cerjans, Finleys** and **Handlers** attended; it was a grand opportunity and wonderful memories resulted. The occasion was the **Handlers'** daughter Louise's debut at the Vienna Opera Ball. (Broadcast by ABC News on Ash Wed, 4 Mar.) Louise's formal entrance into soc also produced photos of 3 B-2 files who are nearing the point where they can be turned loose in the co of alcohol, beautiful women and music. (Well, almost!)



1960: '60'ers at Vienna Opera Ball

**George & Doris Finley** are preparing for their mo-long visit to the States. They are expected to visit with some friends in SD, then spend some time in WA, FL and NC.

All for now folks!



1960: Paul Cerjan, George Finley and Ed Handler



1960: Middle of a clothing formation at a Russian Army housing area

# '61

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It's Jul, vacations are coming with kids, grandkids and friends. . . or. . . maybe it's just a relaxing interlude between on-the-job tasks. In any case, while you are lolling in the gently swaying hammock, here's a rundown of events through 15 Apr. On that day **Howard Graves** spoke at the mtg of the DC WP Soc; a few wks earlier he was at the DC FD and, in both cases, did yeoman's svc for USMA explaining what's happening up on the Hudson. The changing shape and size of the Army as well as all of the other "help" offered definitely are affecting how he will do business. Among the listeners were **Bruner, Buckner, DeVries, Rosenkranz** and **Downey** (who has ret and plans to move back to the San Ant area later this yr).

Speaking of "business," many of us are looking at the business of second careers. The last col made reference to networking among ourselves and certainly with other grads. One direction for this col will be to take a snapshot look at some of our 'mates, what they're doing, and how they got there. **Bob Hardiman**, that hard-chargin' combat engr, is a GS-15 in charge of real estate devel (or being a dirt trader, as he put it) for DoD in the DC region. Bob's process was to decide what he wanted to do and where (with strong influence from **Priscilla**). This part was probably the most difficult. Once that was done, he found the position, in this case quite close to home because he had been associated with the ofc while on active duty. Bob's point is that sometimes the opportunities are so close to us that we might overlook them, which includes consideration of the pros and cons of dual compensation. On the family side, son Scott is married and living in Richmond; son Todd is in ND with Price-Waterhouse.

In Apr, **Gianna & Joe Fishburne's** home in Rockville was party central for the gathering of the DC area clan. The **Paones, Olshanskys, Offringas, Starsmans, DeVries, Rauches, Meissners, Ed Browns, Maqnesses, Cramers, Glasses, Kennys, Johnny Neiger, Dale Himes and Evonne Bounds** (Gordy's widow) were there to enjoy sumptuous delicacies smartly arranged by the CI Cmte. The Annapolis "Capitol" pictured Joan & Frank Rauch, along with Edna & Jim Johnson '60 (CG, 1st Army), at the FD celebration in Crabtown.



1961: B-2 Reunion, 91: Phil Mallory, Geo Shamblee, Fred Pryor, Ken Meissner, Bill Wright, Andy McCurdy and Mike Swain

Ed Meissner's pix of the B-2 crowd brings back some swell memories. . . what a great #30 that was!! That's **Gene Witherspoon** with **Georgia** on his mind in the adjoining photo.



1961: Gene & Georgia Witherspoon at Reunion 91

Just prior to the reunion, **Stan Clough** was married to **Carol Conway** at the Cadet Chapel. Through some quirk of the system, Stan, upon marriage, has decided to change HIS name to Stanley Conway-Clough; now there's some food for thought.



1961: The Conway-Cloughs at the Cadet Chapel, Oct 91

In Tampa on 29 Feb, **Anne & Ham Evans** celebrated the wedding of their daughter. **Karen & Mike Urette** are busy; Mike repre-

sented the City of Tampa in a natl convention held in DC of municipal volunteers in the business of creating jobs. **Gil Hallenbeck** is in Lake Worth, FL and was making noises in spl of Tsongas for Pres; the answer to that quiz has been posted. Photos from the **Beckett** wedding arrived; Ron's expression at the check-writing table is far outweighed by the happiness of daughter **Natasha** as she danced with "the father of the bride."



1961: Beckett—it was worth every penny!



1961: Natasha and Ron, 18 Jan 92

Also at **Natasha Beckett's** wedding were **Pat & Larry Prather** and **Betsy & Terry Alexander**, who came back E to the wedding from Detroit, braving the time, weather and distance. The Tank and Automotive Cmd has contracted Terry to do some heavy long-term consulting work; Betsy is librarying and they are both healthy and happy.

The DC area CI Cmte met at **Dick Buckner's** and decided to develop a CI newsltr to spt the networking concept. This col will pick up the newsltr's highlights. In the meantime, anyone who has networking opportunities, send the info here or to Dick at 7002 Mapletree Ln, Springfield, VA 22152; FAX (703) 644-5586.

'62

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Ah! It's 15 Apr—must get this and my taxes in the mail! Hello again!

**Tom McGarry** writes that he & **Jean** were joined by **Dick & Barb Barry** and **Bernie & Ann Skown** at the VT ski house of **Beej** (**Bill Hoos'** widow) & **Bob Calabrese**. They all have stayed in touch with Beej over the yrs. When Beej married Bob, a widower, they became parents of 6: **Bill Jr** and **Terry** from her side and 4 from Bob's side. They added a son, **Chris**, to that union. Tom goes on to say that he, Barry and Hoos triple-dated at sch and went on to HI together after seeing **Elvis** in *Blue Hawaii*. The ski wknd was the 3d annual event and incl 17 people, which didn't seem

to bother Beej. Tom said **Bill Jr** and friends call her "Sarge," which probably speaks to how she manages the crowds and 7 children.



1962: Skown, McGarry, Hoos' son Bill Jr and Barry at Vermont ski wknd

An update from **McCarthy** in Renton, WA: **Terry** is in his 14th yr leasing IBM hardware through Pacific Computer Leasing. He recently was elected as a bd mbr of the trade assoc, Computer Dealers and Leasors Assoc (CDLA). **Hilda** continues as a consummate vol in various local charitable functions. Terry also participates in profitable real estate ventures. **Bud & Claudette Reeves** recently moved into their new home in Portland and are neighbors. Bud is city mgr of Molalla, OR and answers to "Mayor."



1962: The McCarthys and Reeves at the McCarthys' Wash home

**Terry** has stayed in touch with **Jim Heldmen**, who has been successfully selling computers for Amdahl and now Teradata. Jim is currently in Ger as Teradata's intl sales mgr and enjoys a complimentary apt and BMW. Terry closes with the news that the McCarthy family is moving into the home they spent the last 1-1/2 yrs bldg on Meydenbauer Bay, Bellevue, WA.



1962: The mighty fishermen, Reeves and McCarthy, show their trophies

**Chris Robbins** began his ltr with his appreciation of *ASSEMBLY* to keep up with class-

mates. Chris and his partner at Central Park Media have made the transition from home video distrib to outright TV program devel and ownership. The new co, Quality Programs Assoc, is off the ground and producing its first documentary. Chris said the process is a 3-yr+ project, so if we watch a particularly good documentary on public TV 3 yrs from now, we should check the credits to see if the exec producer is Robbins or the devel entity is Quality Programs Assoc. I know it will happen—good luck, Chris! Finally, Chris sent along a pic to show that it is not all work. Seems he must attend various trade shows such as the Sundance Film Festival at the Park City Ski Complex in UT.



1962: Chris Robbins hard at work in UT

**Ted Stroup** recently changed jobs and is now the dir. Prog Analysis & Evaluation. Ted rep that **Walt & Nancy Bryde** are doing fine in Europe, where Walt serves as DCSPER. **Denny Benchoff** continues as J4 EUCOM. **Art & Dagmar Lovgren** are still with the Embassy in Bonn; Ted said that Art will ret soon, but he did not know of the Lovgrens' plans.

I stopped by **Gary Brown's** ofc at OPO (or whatever they call it now) and must admit he hasn't changed much. His present job is a tough one. The personnel arena has to be difficult with the Army cuts. Haven't been able to get Gary to attend a luncheon—too busy. **Chuck Dominy** pinned on this third star, is the dir of Army Staff—and we haven't seen him lately. **Fred Gordon** is in town and is assigned as Asst DCSPER; **Bob Ord** left town and has replaced Fred as CC, 25th Inf Div in HI. **Denny Reimer** officiated at **Rog Brown's** ret as Dep Dir, Force Devel, DCSOPS.



1962: Mogan, Pres of ADPA, presents memento to Reimer, Vice C/S, at chapter's Dec mtg

**Bill Mogan** rep on the A-N game gathering at the Slaters' home in AZ. Also attending were **Denny & Mary Jo Reimer**, **Paul Baltes**, **Joe Gross**, **Tom Mennie** and **Harold Harris**. Bill said that **Duane & Janice** put on a great spread but it would have been better had Navy not prevailed. Denny, speaking as the

vice ch, said it would have probably been inappropriate to beat Navy on Pearl Harbor Day. Denny was in AZ to address the AZ Chap American Def Preparedness Assoc (AD-PA) at their 7 Dec dinner mtg.

**Ralph Burr** begins with "a ltr a yr, whether you need it or not!" Yes Ralph, I need it! **Ralph & Noel** attended the wedding of **Art & Karen Brown's** son Chip in Cincinnati. The parents of the groom looked great, says Ralph, despite two auto breakdowns en route from FL. Art's comment on the failed water pump was, "not too bad for 115,000 mi." The Burrs and Browns celebrated Karen's 50th at Qtrs 1, Ft Thomas, KY as guests of **Al & Bonnie Genetti '63**. Ralph has been in touch with **Bob Carroll**, who heads up his own mgt consulting firm in Youngstown. He also had dinner with the **McQuillens** in Chicago a few mos back. They spent time laughing over episodes in HI after grad. Finally, Ralph rep on the family; #1 daughter (USAF) plus 3 grandchildren are on to TX, where she will be Tng CO. Daughter #2 is flying UH-1 helicopters in the Reserve in Frankfurt; she had to resign from active duty to be with her USAF husband. One son is in his second yr of med sch and the other has a yr to go in law sch. **Noel & Ralph** look forward to seeing classmates at the 30th.

Thanks for the input and please keep it coming. Until next time, take care.

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On 20 Mar, **Tom Carney** was promoted to LTG and sworn in as the new Army DCSPER by GEN Sullivan, the C/S. Classmates attending the ceremony incl **Sheerer, Goldsmith, Clark, Counts, DeGraff, Ishinger, Farris, Harrison, Ehrenberg, Christensen and La Fond**. Congrats and best wishes to **Tom & Peg, Sam & Babs Thompson** ret on 1 Nov and moved to Ann Arbor, MI, where Sam will work for the Envir Research Inst of MI; oldest son Brian is serving with the 82nd Abn and youngest, Matthew, is a Cow at WP.



1963: Henry Morris with son Thomas (L) and grandson Charles Gordon (R)

**Henry Morris** sent me a note and a snapshot. It seems that Henry is raising more than just Angus beef on his 150-acre farm in VA—the pic shows Henry holding son Thomas

**Samuel** (born 25 Nov 90) on one knee and grandson **Charles Nicholas Gordon** (born 13 May 91) on the other! Henry's address is Rt 3, Chase City, VA 23924. After 17 moves, **John & Dee Morgan** are living in Fairfield, CT (132 Stillson Rd, 06430-3212). While living in MS, John visited with **Pat Smith** and **Dan Embree**, who's an English prof at MS St U. The Morgan family is doing well: daughter **Kathy** is a CPA for Exxon in Houston and son **Jim** attends coll in Ashland, WI. **Dorothy & Gordy Arbogast** (2202 Culver Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94598) recently spent some time playing golf at Pebble Beach, Spanish Bay and Spyglass. Gordy, I'm on my way to visit you! The word from **Frank Lennon** is that the reunion book will be distributed to all by this summer.



1963: Gordy & Dorothy Arbogast in golf heaven—the 6th green of Pebble Beach, CA

Some good news from the gomo folks—**BG Robert Franklin Foley** will become the new Cmdt of Cadets this summer. I know **Bob & Julie** will want all of us to stay with them at our 30th. That's all for now—send me some news.

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Those of you who received your CI roster and directories know that once again **John Ward** has outdone himself—three hundred twenty-eight pages that capture the status of the CI as we fast approach the 30-yr mark. A monumental, first-rate job! Thanks, John. On receiving my copy, I read the thing cover to cover and immediately came to the conclusion that I could suspend writing the col for at least a yr. I envy the way John was able to cajole and intimidate info out of you guys, something I rarely, if ever, have succeeded at.

In any event, it is nice to see that the CI, their spouses and progeny are doing well. Considering how spread out we are, it would appear no one should have to spend money on hotel rooms again!

While **John** was being inundated with mail, I received a short note from **Seth Hudgins** giving **Barry McCaffery** a good review on his role as dinner speaker at the CI of '92's 100th Night Banquet.

I also received one ltr from my favorite correspondent, **Jeff Kleb**. Jeff got together in Miami with **Dave Bramlett** and **Warren Normyle** for FD (it's that time of yr again!). Warren and Jeff were Ranger buddies and had a lot of catching up to do. Jeff rep **John Ofjen** is back in DC as the Deputy IG and **Bill Major**, now ret, is working for an oil co in Saudi Arabia while the family continues to maintain the household in Springfield, VA.



1964: Kleb, Bramlett and Normyle

**Dave Bramlett**, who recently pinned on his second star, was (of course) the dinner speaker. Jeff says that Dave gave a great speech that did not "pull any punches." I can attest to that, as Dave was the speaker at our FD event here in HI. Dave brought **Judi** along (there was no way he could have kept her away) for a HI vacation, and even she said that Dave did a good job. Now that's real praise!

I was once again the sole '64 rep at the dinner, as I was the only rep at the 50th anniversary gathering of the 25th Inf Div held late last yr. I did, however, have the opportunity to exchange war stories with Ben Sternberg's parents who were also there. Ben Sr is a former div cmdr of the 25th.



1964: George Jacunski with GEN & Mrs Sternberg

We have some preliminary results of our latest CI Gift Survey, and things are looking good. Keep your eye out for more poop in the near future.

I have been working in the Fed District Court here in HI for the past several mos, but found it was interfering with my golf game so I'm currently in a re-ret state. Besides, I want to be free to participate in the intl gathering of the Hash House Harriers in Phuket in Jul. Anyone else going to be there?

Congrats to **George Hillard** on being promoted to BG, USAR effective 1 Apr 92.

**John Ward** inserted the following info just under the deadline: If anyone has not received a copy of the 92 CI Dir, please call me and I will send you one. If you were derelict in your duties and did not submit your entry or update, punishment tours will be suspended if you send me, by fax or other rapid means of communication, the necessary info. In the same vein, anyone who has had a change of address or circumstances since their entry was submitted, or who has detected a typo, get the info to me. The deadline is 14 days after this col reaches you. At that time I will furnish everyone with a rep on how well or poorly I did in making up my costs of publication and will incl a couple of pgs of additional "slug stoppers" updates, corrections

and so forth. This is your last chance! Fax (312) 621-1484; ofc tel (312) 621-1699.

'65

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Greetings from Chicago! All should have received CI Rosters by now, at least those who sent in the questionnaire. If you have not or if you did not send in a questionnaire, we have a few extra copies. Send a \$25 check payable to the CI of '65 Fund, and we'll get one off to you. Also, if you see any errors, please call or write; it will make our next issue more accurate.

**Emery Chase** wrote from Woodbridge, VA that the arrival his Roster motivated him to drop a line. He ret in a formal ceremony with the "Old Guard," if you've got to go, that's really the way to do it. He's now with FAIC in northern VA, and works just down the hall from **Ed Simpson**. Eldest son **Emery III** grad in the CI of '89 and is an O-2 with the 19th Engr Bn at Ft Knox, having spent last spring in Desert Storm. Emery participated in the commissioning svc for his Army nurse daughter-in-law **Tara** in Dec. Second son **Kent** grad with '91 and is at Ft Rucker learning to fly helicopters. He & Anne are expecting the Chases' first grandchild this Jun, and daughter **Heather** is in the 7th grade. Emery saw **Frank & Cam Hennessie** as well as **June & Jim Harvey** at Kent's wedding. **Jim & Lynne Helberg** go to the same church.



1965: MG Dan Christman and Pat Howell '92

**Dan Christman** sent the encl pic of him and Pat Howell '92 taken while Dan was meeting the new Engr LTs. Dan rep that **Jack Lowe's** son **Bruce** is at Ft Leonard Wood attending engr basic. **Ken Yoshitani's** son **Shaw** grad in Dec from LW. The FD dinner there was organized by **Rich Charles**, and a good time was had by all. Christman is also showing CI ldrship by his annual \$65 ea Jun. Several others are following suit, most recently **Don Exelby**. Guys, if you would mark it on your calendar ea Jun to send that amount in, we could quickly achieve **Dave Kuhn's** goal for our CI. And lastly, Dan's still waiting for the CI offspring pic from Princeton.

**John Howell** is now a banker in VA and still maintains an active role with the WP crew team bd (along with my wife **Judy**).

The pic shows John with our new CI boat, a gift which he and **Judy Coll** are spearheading. With John are son **Pat** (CPT of Army Crew Tm), **Shannon Coll '95** and future **Coll** daughter-in-law **Carolina Rodriguez-Rey '92**. The new shell won its first three races and is the pride of the Army Crew Team. While at the "Jr" Nats in Phila in early May, **Colin Halvorson** (whose son rows for Marietta Coll) saw



1965: Crew Tm CPT Pat Howell '92, Coxswain Shannon Coll '95, LiWt Stroke Carolina Rodriguez-Rey '92 and John Howell

"Strength and Drive—CI of '65" racing, and he followed the shell to the dock. There he saw John and our offspring. By posting the second fastest qualifying times, our boat and crew have been invited to the coll nats. A fund-raising ltr was mailed to all classmates in mid-May.

**Paul Schultz** rep he is working for a merchant banking/consulting co that specializes in turn arounds. **Jim Peters '64/65** wrote from LaMartue, TX reminding me that he had written last yr, but I never received it. Jim (I-2) left the Army in 69 after visits to Benning (2), Ger and Vietnam. He joined the TX Guard in 79 and reverted to USAR in 89. He vol for Desert Storm and spent 6 mos at Ft Harrison, where he saw **Ed Klink**. He has spent 20 yrs as an engr and would love to hear from former roomies **Tom Van Dyke**, **Dave Brown**, **Dan Christman**, **Bubba Pickup**, **Haynes** and others. His address is PO Box 121, 77568. **John Pickler** wrote from JTF6 on the whereabouts of **Barry Zais** (CS, 4th Inf at Ft Carson) and **Dave Benton** (ADC-1st ARM in Baumholder).

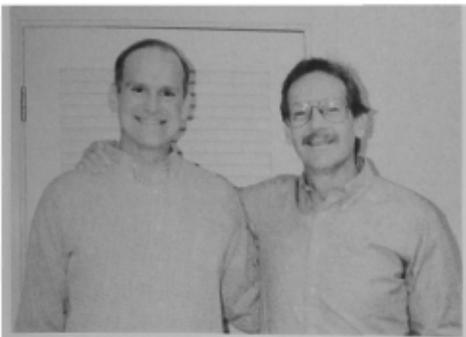


1965: The Pickler family

Daughter **Nevelyn** grad from Middle TN St last May and is working in Nashville's Opryland Hotel in mgt tng. Son **Andy** is engaged to **Laura Helton** from Baumholder. Andy works at Milford Proving Ground. Son **Jeff** is finishing 7th grade and excels in science. **John & Karen** really like their new comm and church. Karen, my apologies for omitting your name on the roster—we'll correct it next time. (NB—Family Christmas newsletters are a great way to update your scribe. If you still have last yr's, send it along.)

Pix from **Diek Williams**: one shows him & **John Bell** last Jan at John's Merritt Isl home. John is a dentist with two ofcs. He, **Becky** and their two sons enjoy all those good warm-weather sports.

Another pic shows classmates at the Jan Army PM's conference in Orlando: **Lee Hewitt**



1965: Dick Williams and John Bell on Merritt Isl, FL



1965: Army project mgrs in Orlando, 92: Lee Hewitt, Oleh Koropey, John Longhouser, Barry Levin, Dave Jones, Ron Williams, Tony Gamboa and Dick Williams

(Army Data Distribution Sys), **Oleh Koropey** (Dep Prog XO for Armaments at Picatinny), **BG John Longhouser** (Asst Dep, Sys Mgt, OASAR), **Barry Levin** (Nuclear munitions at Picatinny), **Dave Jones** (brilliant anti-tac munitions at Red Stone), **Ron Williams** (CH47 Helicopter modernization program at St Louis), **Tony Gamboa** (Dep Army Gen Counsel for Acquisition) and **Dick Williams** (search and destroy armor at Picatinny). Our long-lost CI Pres **Mark Walsh** is on the staff of the AWC, where he is dir of arms control studies.

**Bob Radcliffe** ret and moved from Ben, OR to Concord, NC, where he works for Phillip Morris. **Dave Hopkins** works in Richland, WA for Westinghouse on the nuclear waste disposal issue, with quite a few USNA grads. **Darlene** and daughter **Armanda** are trying to sell the house in Wilmington. Son **Mark** is at Messiah Coll studying human resource mgt. **Kent Brown** is just down the road in Boise as the mgr of engr svcs for the local county.

**Jon King** rep he is still in Houston as in-house legal counsel for the RTC on special projects. He meets monthly with a business networking gp that incl **Jim Lane**, **Jerry Hoffman**, **Woody Epperson** and **Fred Grates**. John, your friend never called me. Pres **Dave Kuhn** did a deep one off the 143-ft bungee drop in Australia. Toughest part was walking off the plank with his feet tied.

Our sympathy has been extended to the family of **GEN Stilwell**, who passed away earlier this yr. He was a great man and will be remembered by our CI.

**Jerry Lipsit** made his career move in smooth fashion, from Centel to becoming a local realtor. **Dave Gnau** wrote from Detroit that his son expects to enter USMA '96. Dave is married to **Lucky deLaar's** sister and rep that **Lucky's** son **Mark** received early admission for '96. Buried in the media hoopla of the large GM layoff in early Mar was the fact that 4,700 jobs in TX were saved by the cool, quiet



1965: Jerry Lipsit

professionalism of **Art Hester**. While everyone else was fighting the sys, Art made it work for his plant. He and union leaders last yr began an around-the-clock production sched using 3 crews and 3 work shifts, a first for the auto indus in the last 20 yrs. There were flattering articles in the *NY Times* and the local TX papers.



1965: The Curls, Raybecks and Petersens at A-N get-together, Dec 91

In closing, I have a few more pics from A-N get-togethers last Dec. In the first, the **Curls**, **Raybecks** and **Petersens**.



1965: Linda & Barry Zais at A-N get-together, Dec 91

**Barry & Linda Zais** are in the second, followed by **Howard Reed**, **Skip O'Donnell** and **Bruce Clarke** at the game. And finally, **Santa Claus** (aka our pres) is surrounded by his two beautiful women and aspiring producer son last Christmas.

After seeing the **Woody Harrelson** movie, your scribe decided to improve his vertical



1965: Reed, O'Donnell and Clarke at A-N Game, Dec 91



1965: The Kuhn family, Christmas 91

leap by having surgery on both knees. My goal is to make a shot similar to **Woody's** in the final scene.

Keep the ltrs, pics, corrections to the Roster and your 91 Christmas newsletters coming. Also, active-duty asgmt changes and your \$65 check in to our treas, **Joe Sanchez**.

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Greetings! The CI Gift Fund has reached over \$372,000 (not incl accrued interest). Qtrly DC lunch was 15 Apr, with a small gp of about 15 only. DC area picnic may be mid-Jul if any out-of-towners are in town. In DC for yrs, but first appearance on the lunch scene was **John Kelsey**. He has been teaching at the NWC for several yrs and plans to ret in the DC area. Went to **Tom Swain's** promotion ceremony to BG on 1 Apr. No photo till next issue. Here is the rundown on CI GEN offs (thanks to **John Dubia**): **MG Fred Rees**, Ch Army Natl Guard, Wash, DC; **MG Wes Clark**, DCS for Concepts, TRADOC, Ft Monroe, VA; **BG Dave Kelley**, Dir Systems Mgt, Ofc Secy Army, Wash, DC; **BG Jan Van Prooyen**, CG Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; **BG Ed Anderson**, ADC 3rd Inf Div, Bamberg, Ger; **BG John Dubia**, Exec Secy, SecDef, Wash, DC; **BG Bob Seales**, Asst DCS for Combat Devel, TRADOC, Ft Monroe, VA; **BG Jim Peake**, CG, 44th Med Bde, XVIII Abn Corps, Ft Bragg, NC; **BG George Crocker**, CG Spec Opns Cmd, USPACOM, Camp Smith, HI; **BG John Zierdt**, J-8 Forces Cmd, Ft McPherson,

GA; BG Ed Andrews, CG, 19th Spt Cmd, Korea; BG Tom Swain, Special Asst to J-5, The Joint Staff, Wash, DC; COL (P) Bob Hicks, Asst DCS for Opns, HQ, USAREUR, Heidelberg, Ger; and COL (P) Roger Thompson, Dir Ops & Spt, ASA(FM), Wash, DC. We are all very proud of your achievements and wish you continued success. Dubia rep having recently visited Bill & Jan Stone in CO Spr where Bill is VP of the CO Natl Bank.



1966: Secy Cheney and Maureen Dubia pinning on John's stars, 17 Jul 91

Steve & Barb Ohotnicky attended the NCAA Cross Country Championships. Son Pete USAF '92 is on the team.



1966: Barb, Pete and Steve Ohotnicky at the NCAA Cross Country Championships, Tucson, Nov 91

Rick & Diane Kline wrote from Atlantic City, NJ, where Rick is VP Property Mgt for Trump's Taj Mahal. Rick ret 31 Jan 92. You may recall Rick grew up in Las Vegas. They are bldg a home in the area. Oldest son Kevin grad from James Madison U in Dec 91 and now works at the Taj. Daughter Dianna is a jr at Clemson, and youngest son Britt is at SMU as a freshman. Rick invites classmates to look him up when they come to AC.

Darryl Magee rep that he is at VMI, Lexington, VA as Dir of Ldrship. He has a daughter who's a freshman at UVA and a son who's a jr on an ROTC scholarship. Carol is an assoc broker in a local real estate firm. Don Fixx's son is a third classman at VMI.

At WP, Morgan Roseborough will ret as dir of Cadet Activities and join the AOG as Corporate Giving dir effective 1 Jul 92. He & Judy will reside in Central Valley. Art & Ginny Mulligan, Larry & Fran Donnithorne and Lanse & Kathy Leach took a wk off in Feb for a cruise of the southern Caribbean on the *Star Princess*. They rep that "the 'Love Boat' was all she's been billed to be and that it was for ea couple one of the best weeks of their lives. The pic was taken after the formal dinner in the main lobby of the ship.

Accompanying the '66'ers were Jim & Julie McElicee '65, Steve & Marilyn Hammond '69



1966: The Mulligans, Donnithornes and Leaches aboard the *Star Princess*

and Doug & Susan McKenna '68. Gathering in the hot tub on the main deck at 11 pm one night, singing WP songs and ending with *Amazing Grace* was one of the highlights.

'67

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10 Feb 92: Phooey. Something must be done about the weather. Gloom period is gloom period, whether you're at WP or anywhere else. Today was foul indeed, with a dreadful wind from the N and exceeding cold. Actually, I wouldn't mind it so much, except for the effect it all has on Suzi. Suzi does not like cold weather, or even cool weather for that matter, and her demeanor gets particularly nasty when the sun doesn't appear for several consecutive days. In her convoluted female logic, all of this is, of course, my fault, and I am made to pay the price. Today, in desperation, I made a burnt offering of all my favorite *Fly Fisherman* mags to the weather god, in hopes that spring would arrive soon and life would regain its jocular personality in the Lowrey household. I also prayed for a salmon run up the James River.

28 Feb 92: Short note from Jim Saine arrived, along with today's usual selection of mail telling me I've almost won at least 100 different sweepstakes prizes. Jim ret on 30 Dec; he did me the great honor of inviting me back over to the AFSC in Norfolk to read his ret orders and award citation. Of course, this required me to squeeze back into my Class A uniform, a rather disconcerting—if not downright disheartening—exercise in futility if there ever was one. Damn thing sure shrunk a lot in a yr and a half. Jim and I had shared several asgmts together, incl our first and last, and I thought it was a nice touch.

Anyway, Jim wrote to rep that he & Suzanne and the kids are now estab in Aiken, SC (154 Aberdeen Dr), where Jim works as the mgr, Opns Tng, at the Savannah River Nuclear Power Plant. Whoa! There's a scary thought. It's ironic that just at the time Jim rep in, the authorities detected all kinds of extraneous radiation floating around the local environment.

5 Mar 92: Today I have been reminiscing. During the many yrs since I first entered The



1967: Jim & Suzanne Saine at Jim's ret, 30 Dec 90. Lowrey reads the orders

Rock as a little boy I have acquired many memories, some of which will cause me to wake up screaming when I am an old man. Like Ranger Sch, and having Hank Uberecken as a ranger buddy. Or the yrs I spent trying to teach Bobby Rettig how to use his slide rule. I finally made some progress when I taught him that, if nothing else, he could guillotine walnuts with it. Among the most vivid memories were the yr and a half with John Hart as my roommate in D2. John taught me a lot of things. Among other things, he taught me that in some creatures the need for sleep—LOTS of sleep—can be so powerful as to drive them to aberrant behavior. This has helped immensely over the past 25 yrs in dealing with my wife, whose daily sleep reqts rival those of Rip Van Winkle, though I must confess she generally prefers more routine sleeping accommodations than Hart.



1967: John Hart, who hated to mess up a well-made bed, grabs some Z's on the alcove rail during plebe yr

25 Mar 92: Spring is in the air. It is amazing what spring does to a person, espec when its arrival coincides with a full moon. I'm a case in point. All the signs were present—rising temperature, longer days, both female cats in heat at the same time, Suzi telling me to get off my butt and do something about the yard. This morn, looking at my gut, which had grown in logarithmic proportion to the length of time I've been ret, I was suddenly overcome with a desire to go running. I was also thinking that the reunion is only a few mos away, and since I couldn't afford to buy any new clothes (Suzi had priority in that arena), I had better start doing something to get into the ones I already owned. This aberrant behavior resulted in a two-hr search for my running shoes, finally found buried under the other stuff destined for the Good Will box. Decked out in my spiffiest running attire, I took off. At 1/4 mi, I was feeling great. At 1/2 mi, all the blood began to leave my head and rush to my feet. At 3/4 mi, the flow reversed

itself, and my vision began to blur and my breathing became labored. At 1 mi my breathing stopped altogether, along with the rest of my bodily functions. It was then that I realized that spring is a lovely, fleeting thing that must be enjoyed at a slower pace, to make it last as long as possible. So, here I am on my third beer and second batch of nachos, soaking in the sunshine and watching the birds build their nests, my mind filled with visions of leaping trout and the high-pitched whine of line being stripped from a smoking fly reel, and nubile, callipygian lasses in skimpy bathing suits frolicking at the beach. And my running shoes are back in the Good Will box.

2 Apr 92: Nice, long ltr from **Bob Rettig** this wk. A yr or so ago Bobby underwent some pretty dramatic life-saving open-heart surgery. The surgery corrected the structural problems with his heart valve, but he still has some nagging reminders that he's not a little kid anymore. Be that as it may, in Dec 91 he & **Gayle** decided to open a shoe store in Dana Point, CA. Business was reasonably good, so they're now in the process of opening a second store in San Juan Capistrano. In addition to all this, last Aug Bob accepted a new position with a large constr firm in Long Beach called Continental Heller. He also mentioned that **Bill Graham** started his own co in the area about a yr ago and is doing well.

4 Apr 92: Wow. Got my new subscription bill from AOG today. Can you believe you're now going to have to pay \$20 to read this literary carrion? It's about time they started charging what I'm worth.

10 Apr 92: High roller roll call time—short note from **Zeke Wimert**, with the news that he has been elected as pres of the American Chamber of Commerce for Brazil—a very strong indus and polit orgn in the country. Also, this wk's issue of *Army Times* announces that BG **Tom Schwartz** will become the ADC of the 2nd Inf Div in Korea in the near future. Tom has been serving as the C/S of the Combined Field Army in Korea. Sandy is with him in Seoul; and I think one of their kids is either grad from somewhere or getting married or all of the above this spring. Maybe if he would ever write to me I could give you the straight poop.

But enough of the success stories; let's focus our attention where we really like it—on this issue's winner of the coveted Welsh Rarebit Award, wherein we pay homage to the less than successful among us—the wretched refuse, the Edsels of '67, if you will. Since taking over this job I have counted the day wasted that I didn't blight a life. But this mo I find myself in the annoying position of not being able to choose from several worthies. **Ace Clark** and **Bob Lenz** have failed miserably to perform a simple, menial favor I asked of them some time ago, and of course **Ed Dewey** is always a candidate, but no truly outstanding example of underachievement comes to mind. Well, with the possible exception of **George Dials**. I'll put the monkey on your shoulders—you send me YOUR candidates, and if your entry is chosen next time, I'll see to it you get special recognition at the reunion. SPEAKING OF WHICH—by now you should have all gotten your reunion packet from the cmte at WP and have probably already submitted your application to the World Bank for a loan. Make your reservations early. Be there. Send me money so I can be there.

14 Apr 92: Phone call from **Bob Sellars** this eve—wanted to pass on the news that, after all

these yrs, **Dean Hansen** has finally bit the bullet and got married in Feb, for the first time, to a sch teacher named **Julie** in Manhattan Beach, CA. Bob also mentioned that **Brick Anderson** is now working for a guy from '68, **John Wing**, who had something to do with the co that got **Tom White**, **Larry Izzo** and **Glynn Hale**. It's all very confusing, and I think **Montanaro** is somehow involved in all this, too. Stay tuned.

15 Apr 92: Tax day. This yr reminded me a lot of our Plebe yr term paper. I started working on the bloody thing mos ago, and the more I did, the less I liked it. It ended up resembling some of my more creative H-Reps. I have a feeling the end result is going to resemble my TAC's reaction to those H-Reps, too. Phooey. It wouldn't be so bad if it weren't for the fact that **Dewey's** still on active duty—and I know that my taxes help pay his salary. Six mos till reunion. Be there. Start your diets now. I think I'll go look for my running shoes again. The day can't get any worse. BEAT NAVY!

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Thanks for continuing to reinforce your desire to not see 20th Reunion, **Swan** deck and **Johnson** New Yr's party pics. Your ltrs, pics, calls and plans for lunch have underscored that we remain a cl in transition and give me credible cause to put off filling out 1040s for a while longer. You'd think that a grad—even a goat—could read basic IRSese. Right now, I'd like to shoot the extraterrestrial who wrote them. Besides, what's so wrong with letting our kids worry about the federal budget deficit?



1968: **Patty Johnson**, **Susan Ohle** and **Pete Swan** at the Florances' New Yr's Day Party

**Pat Carraway** dropped a note to let us know that the girls remain coll entrenched, and she & **Dave** appear to be Savannah-bound in Jul to enter a new phase in their lives—time with a new co after 24 yrs with the first one. **Ray Puffer** rep that his R&D work at RPI is progressing typically for this economy, given the short-term profiteers running it. As for the girls, struggle, coll, struggle, job hunt, struggle, job hunt. . . . It's too bad that our kids don't believe us when we tell them that all this is preparing them for the future. . . . Ray is still traveling to Freeport in the spring, sweating in the summer, going to WP football games in the fall and skiing in the winter—we all have to cope.

**Miranda Robinson** published her first-ever mass mailing from their new flat just two doors down from **Dan's** sch and over the house where

**Evelyn Waugh** grew up. "American **Dan**, the Photography Man" seems to have found his niche teaching and composing photography in London. He's normally found in the darkroom, mixing potions, creating art, tutoring in math and being a role model. When not teaching, he's creating photo essays in Paris on Rodin's Hotel and Brancusi's studio, illustrations for Eliot's Four Quartets and landscapes of the Hampstead Heath Extension.

**Lou Anderson** sent the most elaborate Christmas newsltr—slightly modified to be distrib in time for St Patrick's Day—we've ever received. No sooner did they buy a home than they got word of the Ft Ben Harrison closing. Since **Monte** works with mil folks, he's considering another move or career change. Meanwhile, he worked with **Paul DeCoursey** and **Al Kimball** on one of Ft Ben's last FD celebrations. The Andersons are more than just a little proud of son **Monte David**, who was one of the few selected at USAFA for fighter flight sch. **George & Gloria Shoener** are well and still relish Hoosier life. **George** just turned 49 and is still with the IN DOT.



1968: **John Keane** and **Jim Carmen** reviewing John's DC classmate address/phone list on New Yr's Day at the Florances'

For those of you who wondered where **Stephanie Kurkjian** was in the latest *ASSEMBLY* pic of **Tom**, **GEN Rienzi** and the kids, she was the photographer. She's also a full-time wife and mother and wistfully thinks of the old days when she practiced med on a wider scale than on just Tom and the girls. In 91, **Stephanie** endured two mos of bed rest prior to delivering **Lily** at a whopping 10 lbs 6 oz. In Dec, Tom entered the hosp with viral pneumonia, which altered their Christmas-in-Florence plans. All are healthy now.

**Chris Ohlinger** called in late-Feb to rep that he was in the pre-birthing room with **Debbie**, coaching her on how to breathe and what to focus on. He marvelled at what 17 or 18 hrs of labor can do for a marriage, and he had a big surprise for the Cl. Later, he called to inform us that son **MacKenzie Marshall** had arrived at 1746, all was well, and **Debbie** really didn't mean to question the marital status of **Chris'** parents. He waited 'til 0200 to inform the **Shipleys**.

**Dick Shipley** rep that he will move from Ft Sam after promotion to attend AWC. He also rep **Jay Guinn** is emding the USADEN-TAC at Ft Gordon, and that a skiing reunion would be great. **Dick & Kathy** spent part of Feb skiing with **Mark & Diane Hansen** and staying at their vacation home on Bid Sky Mtn.

The **Shipleys** also spent a wk in CO skiing Summit Co in Mar, and returned in one piece. **Betty Shaffer**, **Andy's** bride, twisted her knee



1968: The Shipleys and Hansens at Big Sky last Feb

after losing her new USMA hat during a windy run at Purgatory, CO. **Karen Riser, Henry's** prettier half, experienced some tendon damage while playing zig-zag with a nephew at Heavenly, NV. It appears that Henry's operated-on knee and appendix held together during the Riser ski outing, and that Karen's accident hasn't slowed her B&B opns.

At a recent lunch with MD classmates **Joe Fowler, Doug Cummings, Stott Carleton** and **Henry Riser**, Joe sported a not-at-all-Army green cast, awarded as a result of acting young (but brittle) on a racquetball court. In this period of downsizing, Joe's Army Claims ofc is being reinforced. Doug is moving to the MI countryside to continue his urology practice. He rep that **Mike Noonan** is the first atty to perform a moonwalk before a jury after he entered private law practice in western MD. Stott is still a one-man show, with his oral and maxillofacial surgery practice just outside of Annapolis.

Also on the fix-it side, **Mike Fay** checked in while at an American Acad of Orthopaedic Surgery Convention in DC to rep that he's back into the "settle in" mode in MT since he was re-released after Desert Storm. Mike confirms that **Walt Curl** was deployed with a MASH unit from his civ job as Prof of Sports Med in GA. I'm claiming that I committed a "social honor" violation by professing to not know the whereabouts of **Ken Kremenak**, the classmate in DC in on activating med classmates.

Speaking of Desert Storm, **Jack Munson** rep **Jesse Gatlin** just returned from Saudi to the Ofc of Army Engrs in DC. Jack never misses a mo without calling me with news of classmates around the world. Who else could help us keep track of **Gordie Tillery**, who just moved from Vitro to CTI to do SDIO stuff; **Mike Wells**, who ret from the rat race of Pentagonia to take a position with **Glenn Hewitt** at Atl Res Corp; and **Larry Manning**, who moved on from Ford and E Systems to SAIC? Now, although Jack rep high spirits and cholesterol, he's looking to leave his quest to create low-cost artificial indus diamonds at Gen Dynamics for other pastures. If anyone has a place for Jack, either inside the DC Beltway or out there in reality land, call him soon.

**Jack** asked me to administer and interpret the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator; however, I must beg off in deference to real MBTI pros like INTJ **Bill Jeffries**, who is expanding and has moved his Exec Strategies Intl opns to 2328 Leeward Shore Dr, VA Beach, VA 23451; (804) 496-0655.

**Dick Steiner** wasn't able to make the MD classmate lunch due to magical entertainer duties. Since arriving in MD, he does more than act as Mr Mom while **Suzanne** is serving in the Ofc of the Cndt at USNA. As noted in the local



1968: The Munsons, Christmas 91

Annapolis paper and *The Army Times*, he has turned his hobby into a business and now performs for presidents, supes, trade shows, confs and promo bds. Recently, he helped open the Orioles' new stadium as a strolling magician and will be at the White House Easter celebration—look for the 6' pink polyester bunny with the cards. . . . Despite his prowess at sleight of hand and Suzanne's USNA connections, Dick disavows any part of the disappearance of our Army mules. **Dick Flynn** moved up from Ft Huachuca to taste Pentagon duty in J2 for at least the next 6 mos.



1968: USNA Supe Adm Lynch (USNA '64) with his wife and Dick Steiner at the Supe's Qtrs

**Rick Wright** called while he was at an Annapolis hotel for an Army Comm Svc conf. He'll be the SOUTHCOM DCSPER 'til this summer, when he'll probably return to CONUS to enter civ life. The guys we've mentioned before are doing a fine job holding down the Southern flank, and **Gil Tijerina** will probably also be returning from Central America to pursue civ endeavors.

For those 3/4 of you who are already out of uniform, you should know that, in his effort to eventually lay off 1/2 a half-mil people, Uncle Sugar has just released the results of its latest selective early ret bd (SERB). SERB was tasked to select folks to ret prior to their earlier guaranteed time and was made up of folks like my last 3 sr raters, only warm-blooded. The 1300 05s and 350 06s selected are folks who have done their duty and are no longer needed. Of our classmates in the 06 ranks, only those who had at least one early promotion were considered—which proves that the Army still has a sense of humor. In any event, the Army is about to lose some intelligent, mature and loyal soldier-scholar-athletes who may be casual but have never been just observers. For those who punched out early to avoid the rush, check to determine placement for individuals whom you know to be disciplined and mission-oriented thinkers. This may very well be the yr we get our act together. Employment for classmates now

serves the long-term goal of CI gift realization and mtg our goal to live above the common level, because no task is too great and YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—Dave.

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This col is being written on 15 Apr, covering news received since 14 Feb. My next deadline is 14 Aug.

We had a small but enthusiastic turnout at the Heidelberg FD dinner. In attendance were **Joel Alvarey, Lynn & Harry Dolton, Ruth Ann & Geoff Moran** and **Marilyn & Bryan Schempf**. I hope the fact that I was the speaker did not lead to reduced attendance! Actually, the draw-down in Europe has hit our numbers, with **Ingrid & Bruce McBane** having already left Koblenz for Ft Lewis and **Pat & H Lobdell** leaving Heidelberg this summer for HI.



1969: Alvarey, the Schempfs, Kimmitts, Morans and Doltons at Founders Day 92, Heidelberg

Only one ltr from the active-duty contingent. **Barbara & Bob Glacel** wrote from DC with news that they will be moving W this summer when Bob takes cmd of the 7th Div Arty. Barbara said that **Diane & Terry Rice** are in DC; Diane works for Barbara's consulting co.

**Don Navor** opened civ news with word that **Kathy & he** are in Rochester, NY, where Don is asst commissioner for Environmental Svcs. **Bob Jannarone** wrote to announce that he married **Linda Ellen Thompson** on 11 Jan 92 in Cornwall-on-Hudson. Congrats! Bob works in the Admissions Ofc at WP.



1969: E-4 gathering: Coyle, Grant, Leone and Anstrom

**George Albrecht** sent a note and photos of the annual E-4 gathering. In attendance (incl non-E-4 ringers) were **Albrecht, Anstrom, Beckworth, Bryant, Carlini, Coyle, Craft, Grant, LaBelle, Leone, Morelock, Nesbitt, Osterhoudt** and **Wanless**. George also rep that **George Barstis** works for Data Instrument in



1969: The Glacels, Rices and Johnsons with their families at the A-N Game



1969: Brandi Harms with Coach K

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Joe Reeder is taking on another task, in addition to a heavy case load with Patton, Boggs and Blow, his DC law firm, and being one of the grand organizers of the Cl of '70 Fund Drive. He is now the POC to create a directory for our Cl. The survey info returned to Joe is targeted for first edition publ in Jun (by golly, you missed your suspense). Updates and late info will go into subsequent eds. For info, write Joe at 2550 M St, NW, Suite 900, Wash, DC 20037.



1969: E-4 gathering: Nesbitts, Bryant and date and the Osterhoudts

MA; **Denny Tighe** is dir of Ldr Devel at Ft Leavenworth; and **Phil Weaver** is with the AF in CO Spr.

flies for Braniff out of Chicago. Lastly, Ralph said the Cl Fund continues to grow and is now in excess of \$150,000. Contribs can be made to the Cl of '69 Gift Fund, c/o Olympic Lincoln-Mercury (**Dennis Haydon**), PO Box 33764, Seattle, WA 98133-9945.



1969: Schaaf, the Artiglieres and Anderson in Lakeland, FL



1970: Rick & Mary Ellen Thibodeau at Homecoming 90

My mailbox was jam-packed with stuff on the Cl of '70 Fund. **Jack Zoeller** and **John Connors** both wrote soliciting for our fund, representing the 2d Regt grads. Similar ltrs probably went out from the other regt cmdrs: **John Bickel**, **Rich Gasperini**, **Kerry Lawrence**, **Ron Spears** and **Bill Taylor**. And then **Barney Forsythe** asked what I wanted to spend it on! The point is, we're old enough grads to start getting serious about our Cl Gift to USMA. And we need to continue being serious about donations to the Fund. If you haven't yet, send your donation now and designate it for the "Cl of '70 Fund."

**Tom Rozman's** name was again entered onto the hallowed scrolls of the *Collected Works of Army Tradition and Lore* with the publ of his article "Rethinking Readyng the Reserves for War" in the Mar 92 *Army* mag. If you want to get Tom to open up on the article and on his job at the Collective Tng Dir, TRADOC, then ask him about CATS. Not the Broadway show, not Garfield and friends, but Combined Arms Tng Strategy. That will keep him going for a while!

**Mike Jones**, slaving over an obit for **Randy Carlson**, pooped me up on all the action around his place. Mike is in OSD at the



1969: E-4 gathering: Craft, Morelock, Coyle and Grant

**Gale & Ralph Artigliere** sent a nice note from Lakeland, FL, with news that their son **Bill**, along with **Jim Isenhower** and **Paul Robyn**, will be '69 sons grad with the Cl of '92. I have been invited to speak at the banquet the night before grad and look forward to mtg these new LTs. The Artiglieres joined his law partner **Jon Anderson** and Jon's wife **Betsey** for a get-together at the Andersons' home during a layover visit from **Kip Schaaf**, who

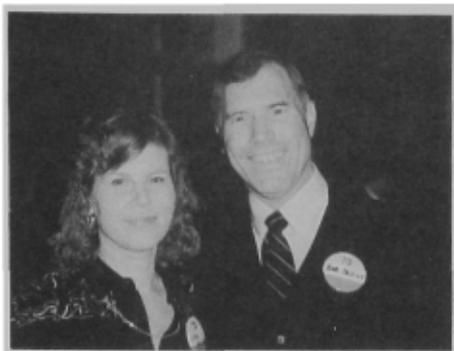
**John Harms** wrote from El Toro, CA with word that he and daughter **Brandi** had seen Duke beat UCLA on 1 Mar. I know I speak for the entire Cl in sending congrats again to **Mike Krzyzewski** on another Natl Championship! This is a habit none of us wants to shake.

The last ltr was from **Bob Haines**, who is moving from CA to Fairfax, VA with Mobil Oil. He will be sr advisor on enviro and economic policy.

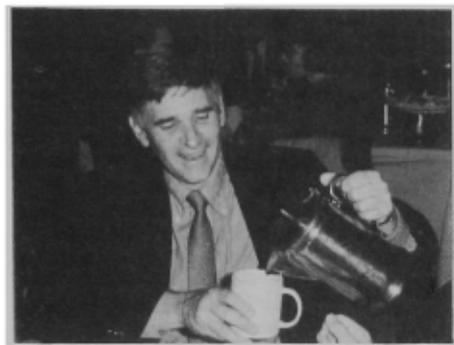
Saw **Bob Seitz** when he came through Bonn with this yr's Harvard Intl Fellows. **Joe Cornelison** will be remaining in DC rather than moving to Ft Bragg as earlier rep.

Life continues to treat our family well in Ger. Hope to hear from anyone passing through this summer. And don't forget the DC summer gathering will be on 15 Aug in Falls Church, VA—call **Ken Wanless** at (703) 578-3144 for details.

**Holly** and the children join me in wishing you and yours a great summer. God bless to all in '69.



1970: Linda & Bob Beziat at 20th Reunion



1970: Mike Schneider, cold beverage CPL, at 20th Reunion

Pentagon. Following grad from the Indus Coll, he works as ch of Off Accessions in the Dir for Accession Policy, a neat trick in view of drawdowns. Additionally, Mike is a Cubmaster and Irma is a den ldr. Both teach Sun Sch. Michael Jr received a ldrship award at sch, is a jr asst scoutmaster and does vol work at church. He earned letters in indoor and outdoor track and cross country, and is looking forward to joining the USMA CI of '96. Elisa is a jr in HS, pulling A's and B's with several adv placement courses. Soccer, basketball and Cadette Girl Scouts round out her busy sched. Austin, the 4th grader, handles karate and soccer, and is striving for A's so he

can play football next yr. Webelos Cub Scouts, violin and piano studies keep him off the streets at night. Victoria (aka Tori) is in second grade and claims high scoring honors on her soccer team. Ballet and tap are her current artistic endeavors. Josh (4), with all that in front of him in brothers and sisters, can look forward to almost anything, with soccer and kindergarten the near-term focus. Mike, by the way, has been selected for an Inf Bde-level cmd.



1970: Keeping up with the Joneses: Mike, Irma, Michael, Elisa, Austin, Tori and Josh

*The Official Army Book of Lists* reveals that **Phil Kensinger**, **Lynn Moore** and **Chach Morris**, as of 1 Apr, will wear eagles. Well done, guys. Additional scrutiny reveals that **Chip Leonard** is due Engr Bde cmd, while **Bob Hilliard** is up for Chem Bde-level cmd. Several 06 PM's have been named, incl **Jim Snider** on the Adv Attack Helicopter, **Dave Smith** on Mines, Countermines and Demo, **Nelson Johnson** on Night Vision Electro-Optics, and **Bristol (Bill) Williams** as TRA-DOC Sys Mgr on Cannon.

Better to be a filler than a digger. At least, that's what I'm telling **Nick Sebastian**, who took exception to my reference to old reunion pics as "fillers." And to emphasize his point, he incl a shot of last yr's A-N party animals assembled at **Reeder's**. Get out the old 12X scope and maybe you can identify a few of these guys. And then



1970: Karen & Chip Lauckhardt at 20th Reunion

take a look at some of the other fillers scattered about. I always preferred looking at pics to reading stories, anyway.



1970: Shelley & Dan Anderton at 20th Reunion



1970: Nancy & Whit Wise at 20th Reunion

It's time to add **Jim & Jan Price** to the geriatric set—they are now grandparents (funny, they say they don't FEEL old. . .). Daughter Jennifer had a baby girl, Amber Lynn, now just over one yr old. Jen is a secy/receptionist (she grad HS last Jun) and takes coll courses at night. Jason is a HS jr who has lettered in soccer and basketball. He is motorized now, and causes some concern when he asks Dad for the keys to the "party wagon." Jim works with GTE in MA on tech proposals for new business efforts. He also is the pres of the Basketball Boosters Club. When not hustling proposals or basketballs, spare time is spent sailing. Jan is becoming computer literate as she studies word-processing programs.

Rapid fire, beamed through ether at the speed of light. . . (OK, would you believe trudged in by pack mule?); **Don Jagger** is in the DC area now, having survived VII Corps and Saudi. **Mike Meuleners**, currently of the Pentagon, is due out for an Engr Bde cmd job, having made the cut of the recent bd. **Tom Page**, grad of the NWC, is at OSD Pentagon in the Off and Enlisted Personnel Mgt Ofc. **Tom Boytim** (you remember HIM, my predecessor in this position, and a damn fine scribe at



1970: Reeder's Rabble, Dec 91



1970: Paula (Stone) & Bill Johnson at 20th Reunion



1970: Oo-oh, my ear! John & Mary Ann Woloski at 20th Reunion

that!) is the Bolling AFB periodontist—hey, I operate on gum, too, but usually only to scrape the kid's Wrigley's off the bottom of the table.

If we could just hear from **JD Smith**, **Dave Peters** or **John Cass**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print in an intly distrib mag, then call, write, launch a firework or SOMETHING (with a pic), and 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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No contest. No, that's not what I pleaded at my last arraignment for crimes against the Acad. It's what I think about which mo is the most wonderful at WP. It's Jun. Easy. Forget fall. Jun is the time of beautiful weather, full foliage, less demanding work sched and oh, yes. . . no cadets. Oh there are some academic recalcitrants in summer sch but, for the most part, one need not worry about being run off the road, getting a late-night phone call or getting a copy of Muscle Mag at the PX. I'm probably the only person who memorizes the number of days until the new cl enters.

Jun is also the time of yr when ya'll are trying to figure out what to do with your summer, if not your life, and stop communicating with me (unless you want a place to stay when you slink back here to get re-woopood). So once again, I dedicate this issue to old newsltrs.

**Jeff Weinstock** accepted the mantle of responsibility for penning the D-2 poop. He works for Mercadian Capital, and **Betty** for Sony Music Entertainment in NYC. After some gibberish about what a wonderful time the reunion wknd was, **Jeff** eloquently described (but in the name of decency, I must

edit) the Delta-Delta impact on the Marriott Residence Inn in Fishkill. It wasn't pretty, but I'm afraid it wasn't down to CI standards. I have been collecting these stories for yrs and my will may authorize the publishing of my treatise, Professionally Done scum. **Jeff** noted that **Carl Marriott** (no relation to the aforementioned hotel, I hope) works as a human resource mgr for Clorox in Jefferson City, MO. Close by at Ft Leavenworth are the **Tetus**. **Bill** is a fellow at the Sch for Adv Mil Studies. **Judy** works as an outplacement consultant for green suiters trying to cross the bridge into the real world. The Army has unselfishly decided to help **Judy** in her business by recently directing almost 1200 LTCs to involuntarily ret by 1 Sep. Nope, there is no list of selectees. **Joanne & Rich Register** are happy with Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati, and **Gary & Patty Wright** put a hold on their consulting business in CO for a wknd on the Hudson. **Art & Maryanne Wielkoszewski** are hunkering down in NJ, where Art is an independent consultant.

Several folks escaped through the DC Beltway Black Hole and made it to the reunion. **Ed Hale**, christened D-2's least-changed indiv in the physical, emotional and mental categories, does mkting for Cental. Sorry, Ed, you lose the CI competition, as I saw many at the reunion who have regressed emotionally. That damn mid-life crisis is a satan. **Karen Hale** stands ready to sell anyone real estate in the DC area. **Bonnie & Tom Burrell** were also up from the Capitol, where Tom is working reasonable hrs as an Army comptroller after working not-so-reasonable hrs on the ops staff during Desert Storm. **Mike & Joy Neyland** are also part of the DC mafia. Mike does weather forecasting for the AF. Learning too much about **Charlie Taylor's** intelligence line of work may make you subject to a Senate Subcmte hearing, so let's just say that **Denise & Charlie** also enjoy the northern VA environs.

Speaking of Congress, it is comforting to note that our lone Congressman, **Jack Reed**, was not involved in the check-kiting scandal—all that good tng with a fixed acct, no doubt. As testimony to his clean living, we need to put Jack back in the House this fall with contribs. Anyone interested in spring his re-election campaign may write to the Reed Cmte, PO Box 8628, Cranston, RI 02920; or call (401) 737-2900 and ask for Melinda Howard.

Back to D-2 dirt. **Mike Ritchie** took leave of the craziness in Peru to attend the reunion. He is doing attaché work while **Jean** waits in DC. The **Friels** homestead in New Hamburg, NY while **John** works in comml real estate. The **McClellands** enjoy Baltimore, where **Mac** is the controller for Independent Can Co and **Kathy** has her own retail store near Bel Air. I mentioned that **John & Marybeth Brown's** son would be entering the CI of '96 at WP. As of this writing, **Rose & Mike Van Buskirk's** son Michael and **Jan & Mike O'Brien's** son James also will join that cl. A great yr for the Browns, as John was selected for bde cmd in FY 93, along with **Joe Bergantz**, **Don Elder**, **Jim Grazioplene**, **Buster Hagenbeck**, **Jeff Jones**, **Bill Lennox**, **Al Patterson**, **Stan Phernambucq**, **John Spears**, **Chuck Swannack**, **Bill Tetu** and **Hans Van Winkle**.

Note the bad boys from the hinterlands of V Corps in the accompanying photo. **Gary Heuser** cmds the Spec Tps Bn; **Tim Reischl**,



1971: The strength of V Corps

ch of G3 Plans; **Bill Doyne**, Dep G3; and **Dick Bridges**, Corps PAO. Not pictured is **Doug Streeter**, in the Plans Ofc in CENTAG. All are surviving quite nicely, but there is understandably little time for traveling, wurst or beer. Say it ain't so!

A couple of changes of jobs to rep. **Jerry Edelen** decided to hang up the brass belt buckle but not the adventure. He will ret this summer and, along with wife **Gloria** and two sons, will settle in the Mid-E, where he will be supervisor of business mgt with the High Colleges of Tech, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. **Paul Andrew** is moving all the way across the street in Burlington, VT to become a branch mgr for AG Edwards Financial Svcs. Anyone with a toll-free no (Paul's is 800-639-8000) has certainly self-actualized.

And now for the D-4 version of the news. **Steve Marsh** and **Joe Iacchei** have opted for civ attire. **Steve & Jane** are staying in the DC area, where Steve will change clothes but not positions as he continues as a congressional liaison for the Pentagon. Joe is entering the educ field as he finalizes certification procedures in the St of MD. **Mary Iacchei** teaches math and computer courses at Hartford Comm Coll. The **Bakers** moved to Pittsburgh in '90, where Artie practices law and Noel works in an MD ofc. **Gerry Cummins** is finishing his tenure as an instructor at Leavenworth prior to posting to the War Coll. **John & Debbie McConaghy** are in Charlotte, where they have recently taken up yachting. Isn't Charlotte inland? John works for Duke power and Debbie continues with Fieldcrest/Cannon as a fine jewelry/watch marketer. **Ed & Candy Richards** are settled in Brookville, PA, where Ed practices dentistry. The **Shivelys** are winding down their tour in Ger, where Bob has been a bn cmdr. The **Timboes** live in the Long Beach area while Rick '72 (ex-'71) serves as an Asst VP at Cal State, and Debbie is a nurse at Memorial Hosp. The **Vaughns** remain in Houston where Steve serves as a sr research specialist and Mary is a teacher at a private sch. Ostensibly, **Rick Seaman** is an atty in DC but has been doing some heavy traveling lately. He left Moscow on the day of the coup attempt last Aug and just completed a FL-Bermuda-Azores trip. The **Pingels** continue to thrive in Doylestown, PA. **Jack** is with Ingersoll-Rand and **Maureen** teaches middle sch. Daughter **Claire** just finished her first, very expensive yr at Trinity Coll in CT.

I would like to recognize publicly the monstrous effort **Bill & Nancy Mattfeld** made on the reunion book—another Professionally Done effort most appreciated by all. If you would like a copy, please write/phone the Mattfelds at 4502 Marquis Pl, Woodbridge, VA 22192; (703) 590-0098.



1971: D-4 Dukes circa Reunion



1971: C-4 in review

By the time you read this article, you will have received the ltr from **Dave Hardman** outlining the efforts and recommendations of the Gift Selection Cmte. I urge you to provide feedback to any mbr of the cmte listed, particularly Dave (212) 392-4592 or **John Lilley** (202) 475-7566. Only with your insightful thoughts will the CI be able to honor our sch with a *Professionally Done* gift.

I'm off to enjoy a glorious WP day. Is that an oxymoron? Only 1435 days until the 25th reunion. Can't wait. Not!

'72

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Greetings again from sunny SC. The news is rather sparse this time, but since we missed the Mar issue we'll review the latest reunion info.

Lynn Tax, wife of Mike Tax '79, forwarded the photo, featuring **Ray Federici**, of a gp of USMA'ers at the 7th annual Cystic Fibrosis Tennis Auction in Allentown, PA. The rep is that Federici showed the younger guys, incl former team captain Dan Hammond '78 and Kevin Williams '79, that he can still charge the

net and lay on the top spin. Nice going, Ray, and thanks to Lynn.

Though not long out of touch, **Wayne Kirkbride** resumed his regular contribution with a short note. Basically, it is an update of just a few, but newsworthy nonetheless. Cadet **Eric Pavlick** (dad & mom are **Bill & Barb**) is doing well, and he ensures that dad is apprised of all the "improvements" at sch since the old man was there. I discovered that plebes are now recognized on 12 Mar. Eric still faces the challenges of managing his studies, mil tng, extracurricular activities, etc. **Jim Hickey** awaits a new asgmt order, having nearly completed his Engr Bn Cmd. Looks like the Pentagon, Jim? **Frank Hancock** also turns over his bn soon and is headed to sch, probably Carlisle Bks. **Steve Zurian** checked in with Kirkbride after many yrs. Most recently, the Zurians live in Thousand Oaks, 45 mins from L.A. Steve is sr dir of Sys Security Div at the Trident Data Sys ofc. He & **Pam** married in 83 after meeting in Saudi Arabia. They have 4 children: Steve George (8), Jon Andrew (5), Paul Clifford (3) and Kimberly Christin (2). Bet that crew keeps mom busy!

Anyone who did not receive a 20th Reunion ltr (and info) should provide a current address to CI of '72 Reunion, PO Box 113, WP, NY 10996.

The drawing for space at the Thayer was held and, if not already received, info on hotel space follows soon. Please make reservations *now* for accommodations. I'll be happy to act as "middleman" for questions, so call me at (803) 648-3672.

Late flash! Recent appointees to the War Coll incl **Jeff Spara**, **Mike Deegan**, **Bill Leszyknski**, **Craig Peterson**, **Bruce Barlow**, **Randy Bookout**, **Tom Greco**, **Steve Main**, **Tad Wilson** and **Wally Wodjakowski**. Congrats, guys, and have fun.

One other note: many thanks to **Bill Henry** for his donation of time and, in particular, copying and mailing svcs for the CI Reunion. Not only is this a money saver, it's a timely effort to get the word out to all. Thanks again, Bill.

See you soon.

'73

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This article is being written as of 12 Apr 92. **George Rollins** sent a newsy ltr in his capacity as regional rep. I'll append it to the end of this col. Thanks for the effort, George. This time I have some mail to share with you. In nearly every instance, the author started with words to the effect, 'I have never written the CI scribe before.' Let this be proof positive that the authors of these ltrs are still alive and kicking. So, invest in a stamp and send your news.

**Tom Fitzsimmons** rep he is VP for Sales and Mktng for Chromatic Tech Inc, a maker of fiber-optic cables and assemblies. Quite a bit of traveling is involved in keeping the firm growing at 40%. Tom will be promoted to LTC in Aug. He currently has a Reserve asgmt with the 76th Div Maneuver Tng Cmd. **Jack Whalen** joined this unit to be the Active Army advisor. **Terri**, his wife of 18 yrs, teaches and counsels part-time at Salve Regina Coll, Newport, RI. They have 4 children, aged 16, 9, 5 and 1 1/2. With all this activity, you can

understand why Tom has hung up his lacrosse stick.

**Rich Dembowski** rep that his son will be entering with the USMA Cl of '96. I told him I knew of no others, so I put this question to you, the readers. Is young Richard the first Cl son or daughter with plans to attend USMA? Rich mentioned that **Dave Valcourt** is a bn cmdr at Ft Sill.

**Kevin Finn** rep that he is in the ofc of Worker's Comp Progs as the district ofc's trainer and PR rep with the Dept of Labor in the Jacksonville, FL area. He & **Sherry** have one son, yr-old (Matthew) Chase. Kevin writes, "I've recently joined an assoc of natly-known businessmen. This assoc seeks out sharp, motivated individuals who want something more for themselves and their families. The assoc sets you up in your own business and provides you with the knowledge and tng to make that business a success." For more info contact Kevin at ITM Enterprises, 530 15th Ave S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; (904) 249-9777.

**John Twomey** was riding a wave of FD nostalgia, moving him to drop me a line. He explained that his knowledge of German, Heidelberg and USAREUR added up to an offer from the Army housing ofc (his employer) to move to Heidelberg. So John, Uli and Alessandra (8 yrs old) are on asgmt there until Nov 94. John said of the FD there that '73 had a better turnout than any of the 4 preceding yrs. Attendees incl **Flynn Andrew**, **Kevin Bond**, **Scott Marcy**, **Paul Rana**, **Michael Thompson**, their spouses and **Jim Silva**. Jim is the attaché at the US Embassy in Bulgaria. Scott cmdr the 3/2 ACR, a drawdown unit. Paul works in ODCSLOG in HD. John stays in touch with a no of I-4 folks. **Robyn & R (Bob) Cotton**, an atty in Concord, NH; **Miryam & Scott Stewart**, a stockbroker in Ft Worth, TX; **Susan & Dr (LTC) Tom Wiswell**, a neonatologist at WRAMC; **Syl & LTC Randy Peixotto**, a zoomie at Eglin AFB (commissioned in the Army, inter-svc transfer); **Jane & Chuck Rittenberg**; **Suzanne & MAJ Alan Sanborn**, formerly of Landstuhl but since rotated to CO. **Mike Stuhr** is the DEH at Mannheim and **Jack Hagen** is a DAC in ODCSINT in HD. John wrote that, as of last yr, **Dr (LTC) Paul Smith** was (still?) the 3ID surgeon in Wurzburg. He claimed the record for delivering classmates' children.

**Bruce Zukauskas** sent me a copy of the G-4 newsltr, *The Guppy Gazette*. It underscored the importance of def contracts for his employer, NMI, and of a favorable decision to keep his Inf bde in the Reserves after 95. The **Baugh**s indicated that 92 will be the last yr of Jim's mil career. He has a resumé on the street, hoping to land a math teaching job in AZ. **Debi** is heavily involved with her craft and church activities. **Rachel** (14) and **Justin** (7) are busy with sch, church and sports progs. **Frank & Teresa Dominquez** are in their new home in Guam, along with their 18-mo-old son **Julian**. **John Gay** is the ch of Tech Integration at the US Army Computer Sci Sch at Ft Gordon. **Shari** has been working at the hosp educ dept and part-time on her BSN. **Candy** will be off to GA Tech to study chem engrng. **Dan**, also in HS, is focused on his driver's license and is looking at GA Tech for computer sci. **Ray** is a freshman and doing well in sch. **Erin** is busy with gymnastics and show choir and will be in middle sch this fall. **Keith Bakken** still enjoys his ROTC duty in WI. **Karen** and the girls, **Adrienne**, **Valerie** and

**Lauren**, have enjoyed the stability of this past yr in WI. **Terry Meehan** is the sr Army spokesperson in the Ofc of Public Affairs, Ofc of SecDef. He is heavily involved with Scouts. **Mary** works at the bank, teaches CCD and is a Cub Scout ldr. **Sean** (16) lettered in football and satisfied the reqs for Eagle Scouts. **Sue Daze** returned from Bahrain last spring and headed W to Ft Sill's Reynolds Army Hosp as head nurse of Surgical Nursing. **Tom** (now an LTC), **Colleen** and **Chuck** moved from VA to Ft Sill to rejoin **Sue** (an LTC selectee). Thanks for the info, **Zuke!**

**Jerry Simonsen** is currently head of the OFFOR in the computerized wargame for Div and Corps cmdrs at Ft Leavenworth. **Jenny** (17) will attend KS St Univ this fall. She is a big-time equestrian who also plays tennis. **Jerry Jr** (13) is a Life Scout, plays soccer and baseball, plays trumpet in the band, skateboards, lettered in wrestling and hopes to run track this spring. **Linda** is a sch secy and district commissioner of **Jenny's Pony Club**. Last Aug they finished second at the natl finals in Ogden, UT. **Linda** is still recovering from a severe concussion, the result of being thrown by their horse. **Jerry** still works with Scouts but has set aside coaching soccer and baseball after 17 yrs.

From **George Rollins** at Ft Bragg, NC: "Hello, mates! This belated rep is something I threatened to do long ago for **Pat**, providing interesting updates, espec on active-duty classmates (or those who returned to active duty). Last yr, we began a series of get-togethers for '73 mbrs in the NC area. We began with a large birthday party for **LTC Bruce Simpson** at my house (his wife **Patti** wanted to wreck our house instead of theirs). Attending were LTCs **Bob Portante**, **John Everett**, **Bob Jarrell** and civs **Mark Clouse** and **Donny Atkins**. Then we followed this with pre-A-N, Christmas and St Patrick's parties where LTCs **John Thomas**, **Matt Belford** and **Chuck Donnell** appeared. Still missing but in the area are LTCs **Pat Logan**, **Paul Trotti**, **Damien Kelly**, **John Mills**, **Dennis Johnson** and **Drs George Weightman** and **Joe Fitzharris**. **Doug Days** recently departed the area.

"All the above are doing well! **Portante**, **Trotti** and **Belford** cmd Inf bns in the 82nd. Other Ft Bragg bn cmdrs are **Thomas**, **Signal**; **Logan** and **Everett**, SF; **Donnell**, AR; and **Simpson**, Cav. **Bob Portante** has done real well despite a one-yr return to civ life. After early promotions and an abn cmd, he is now sched to cmd a ranger bn, so he will head for Ft Lewis soon. Also, **Bob** has the distinction of combat duty in Grenada, Panama and Iraq. During Desert Storm, **Bruce Simpson's** aviators were among the first to capture Iraqi soldiers. **Trotti**, **Belford**, **Thomas** and **Denell** led their bns into Iraq. Fortunately, all our classmates returned safely from the conflict. Before I get into trouble, I better mention the best parts of our Bragg contingent—our children. They are **Karen Rollins**, **Patti Simpson** (2), **Jane Jarrell** (3 with a one-yr-old), **Susan Belford**, **Ronnie Thomas** (2), **Ann Portante**, **Angela Logan**, **Barbara Denell** (4), **Karen Johnson**, **Mary Jane Trotti**, **Joan Weightman**, **Debbie Fitzharris**, **Beverly Mills** and **Katherine Kelly**.

"**Mark Clouse** has his own investing firm and **Donny Atkins** sells Bell Helicopters, mainly designed for **Bruce's** cav sqdn. The result is that **Mark**, **Donnie**, **Bruce** and I are often a foursome on the golf course. **Mark & Mary** and their 3 kids reside near Charlotte. **Donnie & Cyndi Atkins** live near Dallas.

**Jerry & Janice Markham** are near Greenville, SC.

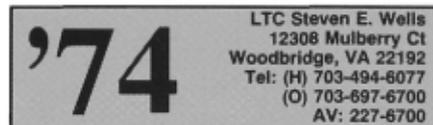
"Most of us see ea other frequently. We went to A-N and, en route, had a pleasurable stop at **Bill Dougherty's** Irish Pub in Baltimore. **Bill & Sheri** were most gracious hosts. At the game we saw **Harry Horn**, **Kim Wright**, LTCs **Jim Young**, **Grover Dailey** and **Charley Mitchell**. **Grover & Maryhelen** and **Charley & Diane** live in the DC area. I maintain contact with **Bill Pieper**, **Buzzy Murphy**, **Steve Bogosian**, **Matt Wotell** and **Al Bacon**. **Pieper** (LTC, USAR) is a banker in Bridgeport, CT. **Buzzy** works for Pfizer Corp in NY. **Dr Bogosian**, **Meg**, and their 6 kids (at last count) live in Syracuse. **Matt Wotell**, still single, lives in Boca Raton, FL and works in his family's computer business. **Bill & Jean Pieper** have 5 kids (one my godson and another my wife **Karen's** goddaughter); they live in N Haven, CT. He sees **Ed Francis** occasionally. **Buzzy & Terry Murphy**, with two boys (incl my godson), live in Peekskill and maintain Army Football season tickets.

"At my large, Boston wedding in 86, **Pieper**, **Murphy**, **Dave Winkibauer**, **Chris Torgeson** and **Glenn Nance** were in the wedding party. "Wink" resides in the Boston area with **Pat** and their two kids. **Glenn Nance**, still single, lives in San José and works for a computer co. He contacts **Chip & Barbara Martz**, who live in a Boston suburb. "Torg" is in AL with his beautiful artist wife **Margo**. Civs **Doug Belnap**, **Danny Cullinan** and **Bob Sousa** also live around the Boston area.

"In Dec 91 at MacDill AFB, I met AFLTCs **Bill Moline** and **Phil ("Wally")** to me and **Murphy** **McMurtry**. **Moline** is an F-16 (+/-) instructor pilot, and **Walter P** is provost marshal for USSOCOM. They are both married and have kids (I forgot the count). **Bill** tells me that all 31 of our classmates who went AF are still on active duty.

"Many of us plan to attend the 20th. For those who missed the 10th and 15th, I assure you that the 20th will make up for it. Until I contribute again, best of luck and keep in contact."

Thanks, **George**. As always, **Pat**.



Reminder: "The Meaning of Freedom," the NBC story of **Tam Pham**, will air on 4 Jul. By the way, **Tam** is doing well and still teaching. **Patty McMillan** had him come to her HS for a special talk on his experiences and said it was very well-received.

Good to hear from some new folks. Keep the cards coming. **Wally Bransford** writes from Benning, where he teaches in the Sch of Americas (SOA), which is a cmd and staff level sch for a mix of US and Latin American students. The SOA took over the old IN hall across from the O'Club. **Bob Hayden** is also there as the sch secy. **Wally** said of his asgmt there that all it took was a 2/2 in Spanish on his ORB to jerk him out of the desert, where he was the Deputy FSCOORD for 3 AD. Now he knows more Spanish than **Marshall Best** ever knew—or wanted to know. At the Benning FD, he sat with **Dale Barnett** and **Bruce Grant**. **Dale** is XO of the 3 Bde/24th Div (the old 197th 'Bite the Bullet' Bde) and headed to Panama to be an IG; **Bruce** is XO for the Bgr Regt. While TDY to Leavenworth, **Wally** saw **Bob Dela-Cruz** teaching Army writing; **Eric**

**Wildemann** in CTAC; and **Dwight Morse** and **Dave Wallinger** down the hall.

**Al Walker** sent a good update from Salt Lake City. He transitioned to the Reserves in 80; he since has served with the 11th and 19th SF Gps as a det cmdr, co cmdr and XO, having recently assumed cmd of 1st Bn, 19th SF. The bn will do a JRTC rotation in spt of the 25th Div this Jul, and he saw **Tim Peterson** during a coord mtg. Tim cmds a FA bn in HI. As a civ Al has been a petro engr, developing and managing Rocky Mtn nat gas production in WY, CO and UT for Amoco and Questar Corp. On the personal side, he got married 26 Apr 92 to **Victoria**, now a skiing and sailing partner. Al sees **Todd Troxell** around town; he has finished his residency in radiology and accepted a fellowship this yr.

**Randy Studer** rep on a big event with which he's involved. He's a gen agent for Central Life and BC Christopher Securities, selling life insurance, disability income, annuities and other investments. He and his family are bldg a new home in W Des Moines.



1974: Alice & Randy Studer on the *Spirit of Iowa*

But the real big news is his taking his 37' Tayana named *Spirit of Iowa* across the Atlantic and back as part of a large intl sailing event, America 500, in honor of Columbus' discovery of America. Randy will leave Miami in May, hit Bermuda, the Azores and Portugal. The return is from Palos, Spain to Madeira, the Canary Isls,

and then San Salvador in the Bahamas. Happy sailing, Randy; land ho!

**Dale Fletcher** is living and working at Carlisle Bks. He had been in Bad Tolz, Ger for 3 yrs as the DPCA until his return in 89. Since then he's served with the Army Physical Fitness Res Inst, which provides health and fitness assessments to students, faculty and spouses at the AWC. Dale had been the initial course dir of the Master Fitness Trainer Course in the early 80's. For those out there not informed, the Army is increasingly taking a more modern, common sense approach to fitness, and folks like Dale are in the forefront of some really good initiatives. Dale may turn civ in a yr or so; thus he says, "If anyone out there in the civ world needs a fitness consultant or someone to head their wellness prog, call me at (717) 245-3228."

**Bill Hopkinson** sent a note down from Walter Reed. Bill had done 5 mos in the Gulf with the 28th Combat Spt Hosp. Presently he's the asst ch of Ortho Svcs and ch of Joint Replacement and Sports Med Ofc. He rep other Cl orthopods: **Ed Lisecki** from Fitzsimmons AMC, CO, who is Bill's counterpart in the Rocky Mtn area; **Jeff Ginther** from Carson; and **Steve Houseworth** from CO Spr. Two others are **Skip Whitman** from Bragg, who may be setting up private practice in NC soon, and **Mike Cosio**, who's the asst ch of Ortho at Madigan AMC, WA. Skip, Ed, Mike, Hop and later Jeff were all actively practicing surgery during Desert Storm with various fwd surg hosps; Steve served in Nuremberg for the planned evacuations from the Gulf. Also at WRAMC are **Steve Sihelnik** in Urology, **Chris White** in Pediatrics and **Dave Daigh** in Neurology. On the family side, Hop & **Debbie** have a twosome, Kari (9) and Michael (4), and enjoy the DC area.

**Ben Withers** sent the FD photo from Leavenworth. Of note in the photo are **Steve & Karen Featherstone**; Steve is with Procter and Gamble in KS City. On asgmts from Leavenworth, Ben & **Alison** will return to Ger, where Ben will be ch of Prev Med at 97th Gen Hosp in Frankfurt. On others, **Jesse McCorvey** will

return to DC to serve with OCAR, and **Bill & Debbie France** will move to IL, where Bill will be PMS at Wheaton Coll.

Notes from all over. **John McCoy** and family were due to move from MI to Dayton, OH this summer with his relocated co, Accufil. John still runs marathons; daughters Carol (14) and Carrie (7) also run. **Dave Stevens** visited while TDY from Atl; he and **Mark Kindl** both work at AIRMICS, a small Army res agency located on the GA Tech campus—tuff, eh? Dave, **Rose** and family like the Atl area. My parents attended GEN (Ret) Van Fleet '15's 100th birthday in Polk City, FL and ran into **Greg Moore**, who is an atty in Tampa and also in the FL NG's 1-116th FA.

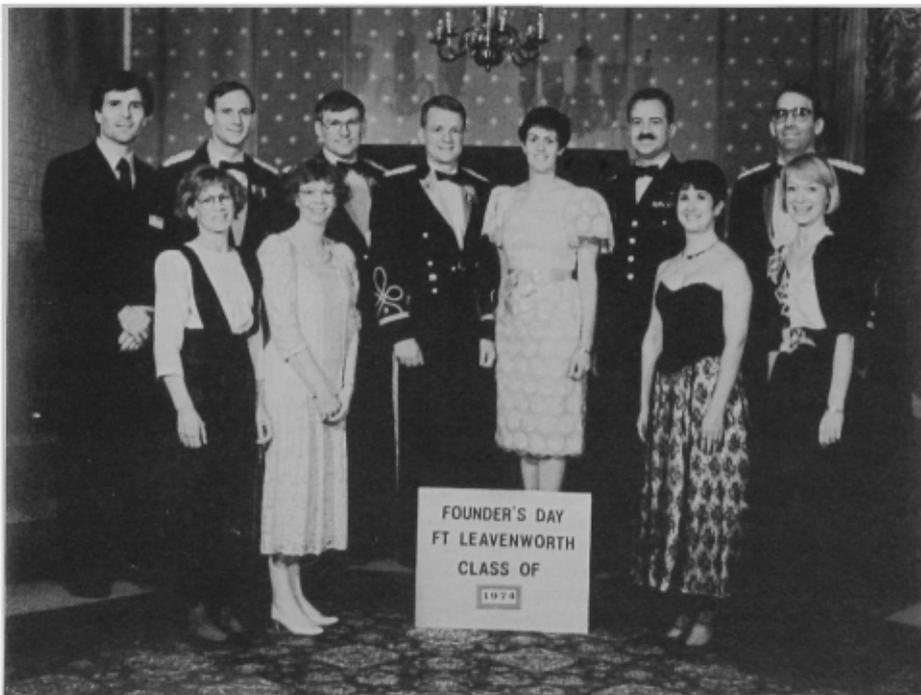


1974: Mr Bob Wells and Greg Moore at GEN Van Fleet's 100th Birthday

Update on where some folks are headed to take bn cmd this yr: **Ken Popielis** at MTMC, Japan; **Jack McDonald** the 8-8 FA, Korea; **John Martin** the 1-501st Avn, Korea; **Tom Gandy** the 18th MI Bn, Ger; **Jim Mudd** the 54th Engr Bn, Ger; **Greg Parlier** the 3-44 ADA, Ger; **Kerry Parker** the 2-52 ADA, Bragg; **John Troxell** the 3d Engr Bn, Stewart; **Bob Weber** the 127th Signal Bn, Ord; **Emilio Degiorgio** the 5-17 FA, Sill; **Tom Wills** the 1-6 Cav, Hood; **Dave Fastabend** the 13th Engr Bn, Ord; and **Bert Wells** the 5-29 FA, Carson. At the Pentagon, at least two new-bees: **Charlie Cleichenhaus** joined the Joint Staff, J-5, coming from HI; and **Steve DiSilvio** joins J-6 after a stint at the Def Map Agency. Leaving here are several going to bn cmd, like **Tom Snyder**, who will take cmd of the recruiting bn at Portland, OR, and **Lloyd Scott**, to be the ROTC PMS in Moscow, ID at the Univ of ID. In Feb 92 **Lloyd and Westy Westenhoff** had a joint TDY trip to Ger and did a short excursion into the old E Ger and CZ.

**Bill Muir** has been working hard to make the 20th Reunion a great event. You should have the first of several mailings on the event; here are some fast facts: 13-16 Oct 94 at Homecoming Wknd, 3 lodging options are being considered: 1) "Free for All" where you plan room and wheels yourself; 2) "Resort Take Over" where we take over a big hotel and all stay, bus to events, party at resort, etc; and 3) "Cruise Rental" where we rent out a big cruise boat for lodging/socializing and anchor off S Dock. Your input and help with the event will make the difference. Please let Bill in on your thoughts: 3803 Salemway Ct, Lake Ridge, VA 22192; (703) 590-6489 (H) or (703) 695-7241 or AV 225-7241 (W).

Let me in on those summer relocations. Next deadline: 15 Aug. God Bless.



1974: The Featherstones, Witherses, Frances, Graveses, O'Briens and Izzos at Founders Day 92, Ft Leavenworth



1974: Westy Westenhoff and Lloyd Scott in Dubi, CZ, Feb 92

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Greetings to All Mbrs of Courage and Drive '75. Lots of news for this issue, so here goes. . . .

**Dempsey Darrow** sent a ltr from Garland, TX, with photos of the new Mrs. Darrow, **Katherine Peyton Hayslip**. They were married on 17 Mar. Sincerest congrats to one of our best. Peyton is an actress who attended the Julliard School in NYC. She & Dempsey met while doing a play together in Dallas. TV Alert! Seems our classmate recently practiced some of his acting talents in a *Rescue 911* episode which has not yet aired, so be on the lookout for a familiar face. I still have a hard time picturing my former roommate in stage make-up, even though I've seen some of his work! When he's not acting, Dempsey is still doing data processing consulting work on IBM mainframe computers.

tally OD, but says he does have some appreciation for the Navy and the excellence they enjoy. Just as long as he knows where to stand on THE Sat every Dec!!

**Dan Cappell** wrote from Appleton, WI, and says that he's had intentions of writing for years. He updates us on the following: He married **Patti Medler**, and they now have 3 children, Sara (13), Eric (10) and Steven (9). Dan resigned his commission in 1980 and went to work for Procter and Gamble in Green Bay, working for 5 yrs in a manufacturing capacity. In 1985 he moved to Appleton to work for Asten Forming Fabrics. He is currently the VP and gen mgr for two plants, one in Appleton and another in Greenville, SC. They supply indus fabrics to the paper indus. He says that his job keeps him on the move; recently he traveled to England, Belgium and Italy. His plant has one '79 grad, a Citadel grad and a USNA grad. Dan says he's glad WP is in the majority. Dan, thanks for a great update.

**Doug & Barbara MacMillan** sent their "once-in-a-blue-moon attempt to help the CI scribe do his thing." (Thanks. I need all the help I can get.) Barbara & Doug are both assigned to the DC area. Doug is an IG for CID Cmd. He says it involves a lot of travel because it takes two yrs to do a full circuit of the Cmd worldwide. Barbara is in charge of OCONUS enlisted accts in EPMD, PERSCOM. Doug sent the nearby photo of **Jeff Perry** and family.



1975: Dempsey and Peyton Darrow

**Chris Ferguson** is a GM-15 in charge of an intel unit in the USAF section. **Tom Berens** and **Mark Sweberg** are in Army Intel. Tom & Kathy live in Springfield, VA with a two-yr-old. **Bill Blankmeyer** is in his first yr on the JCS staff. **Bart Keiser** works for the Mgt Directorate, OCSA, but he may PCS to teach econ at USMA. **Lou Kovar** is an R&D coord for the Army Counter-Drug RDA ofc, and **Kim Hunt** is working for the ASD (Public Affairs). **FD (Dean) Williams** is teaching at the IG Sch and will move to the Ctr of Mil Hist this summer. **Tom Warren** called Roger from Lake Charles, LA. He & **Cheryl** and **Russ Killebrew** work for an envir consulting firm. Tom is trying to find an RC unit to join. Roger, many thanks for the great update.

**Bob McConnell** sent another of his exotic postcards. He deployed on Exercise Teamwork 92 in Feb, off Norway and above the Arctic Circle. Mary Beth Frances McConnell was born on 6 Jan 92. Their oldest (James) will grad from HS in Jun. John David is in NJROTC, and Angela is the family musician, playing violin and piano.

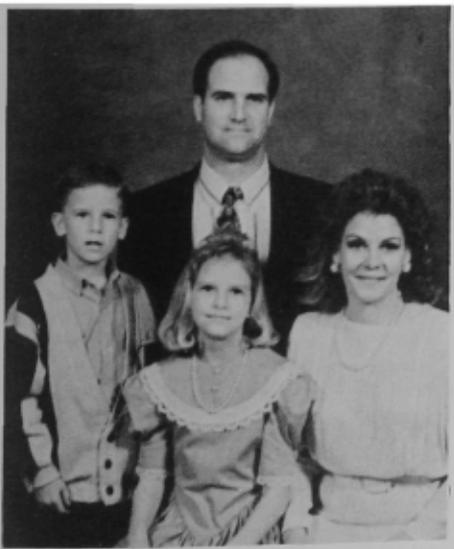
I was the lone '75'er at a '73 table at the Hood FD celebration, so could not supervise the passing of my usual WP any-kind-of-function clipboard. Therefore, I only got one response from **Rick Anderson**. He works in Force Integration, 1st Cav Div. He and his family live on post.

To you corp exec types: If you'd like to have your company advertise in *ASSEMBLY*, give me a call and I'll be glad to send you the info.

That's it for now. Take care, send a note to your scribe, and God Bless—**Bill**.

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1975: The Perry Family

**John Florio** sent a ltr from Attleboro, MA. John has been serving in the Naval Reserves since leaving active duty 6 yrs ago. He serves in an Intel unit. John claims to be still men-

They linked up a few wks ago during a TDY. Seems Jeff was on AOG's "lost classmate" list. The Perry family includes **Joannie**, Lisa (9) and Bryan (7). Doug rep that the Perrys are doing fine and that Jeff works for Pratt and Whitney. Jeff would like to hear from G-1 Gophers and others. You can reach him at 4401 Bridgewater Dr., Phenix City, AL 36867; (205) 298-5077.

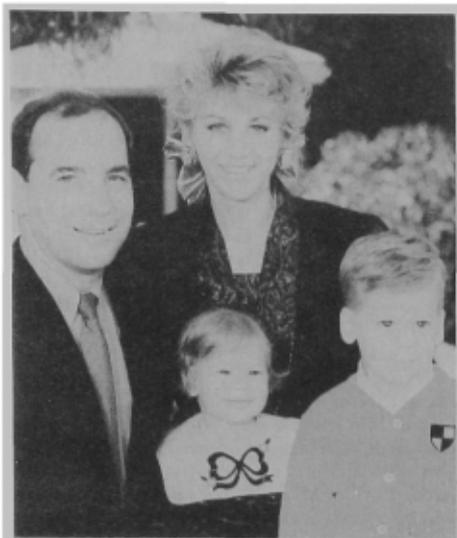
**Tom Grubbs** sent a Christmas note (in Feb) from Ft Bragg, where he is attending Civil Affairs OAC. **Annie** and the boys are in Olney, MD, where Casey is attending kindergarten and Thomas is in pre-sch. Tom would like to hear from **Trent Keeble**. And Tom, **Kathy** reminded me that about 5 yrs ago you promised a pic of the family. . . .

Received two ltrs from **Roger Kaplan**. He left Egypt in Jan and is now working in the Ctr of Mil Hist, where he is currently the Opns off. In addition to taking over admin, personnel, budgeting and long-range planning, he is also leading a sqd of civs. He claims to be a combination Gen's XO, S-1, S-3 and GS 5-12 slave driver. Roger has had the opportunity to make frequent trips to the Pentagon. He rep that **Doug Lute** is a speechwriter for the CSA but will depart for bn cmd in the near future.

After a brief respite, I am back again and HEEERRREEEE'S THE NEWS.

Let me start with two tidbits. As you can see by the photo, **Mike**, **Anna**, **Michael Jr** and **Hannah Donahue** are doing well and looking great. They are still in the New Orleans area. A last-min birth announcement of **Mike & Jan Hughes**: they are the proud parents of Logan Michael Hughes, born 1 Apr 92 and weighing 9 lbs, 2 oz. Congrats!!!

**Kevin Pilgrim** sent his Christmas ltr, full of news. The Pilgrims had quite a yr in 91. Kevin was in the Gulf while **Dorothy** and the girls (**Abigail**, **Hannah**, **Cate** and **Caroline**) went to SC. Kevin was initially deployed as the Bde S4, 2d Bde, 3AD until mid-Mar, when he became XO of a tank bn. During the opns in Iraq he was convoy cmdr for the bde's supply, fuel and ammo trucks. Kevin had left on 22 Dec 90, so Dorothy and the girls went to SC on the 27th and stayed with Kevin's dad. Kevin returned in May and the Pilgrims celebrated by taking a two-wk camping trip to Bavaria. In mid-Nov Kevin became the S4 community staff after his unit was deactivated, so now there is a new job and new address but same qtrs. The Pilgrims are hoping to go to CGSC, so maybe they can be back for the



1977: Mike, Anna, Michael Jr and Hannah Donohue

reunion in the fall. Other news about classmates finds **Greg Harding** (EN), **Greg Adams** (AV) and **Steve Tupper** (EN) all living on the same block as the Pilgrims. Greg Harding is now S3 of an Engr bn. Greg Adams is XO of an AV Bn at Hanau, and Steve is on Bde staff (130 EN).

The **Holloways** (**Chuck**, **Gale**, **Charlie** and **David**) are still in Elizabethtown, KY. Chuck finished sch, teaches in E'town and was the asst soccer coach for Central Hardin HS (a rival of E'town HS). Having father and son on opposing sides proved interesting; Gale pulled for E'town and Central until they played ea other. Then she sat on E'town's side cheering for the boys. Chuck said it was hard not to holler "go, son, go" when Charlie or David had the ball. Gale is hanging in there and following the boys all around. They keep her on the road, and her job keeps her off the street. She is still working at a consignment shop and loving it. Charlie is a sr and would like to get into chem engrng. He is thinking seriously about either Rose Hulman in IN, Vanderbilt, Christian Brothers in Memphis or Center Coll in KY. He's ranked 5 in his cl, so hopefully a nice scholarship will come his way. In the meantime, his steady girl, academics, soccer, baseball, chorus and Beta Club keep him very busy (notice what was listed first). David is in the 7th grade and is still in the gifted prog—"keeping his teachers fooled." Late last yr he went to the KY Youth Assembly in Louisville and Frankfort. They debated laws and proposed bills and got a feel for politicking. He also played HS JV soccer, had a blast and is getting ready for baseball.

As you can see by the pic below, **Skip**, **Wanda** and **Francesca Tierno** are doing great. The 91 yr was terrific for the Tierno family in Greenwood, SC. It was quite a challenging yr for Skip, who works in the Measurement Div of Schlumberger Indus. He was promoted to the dir of Sales and Marketing USA in Dec 90 and spent over 50% of the yr traveling across the nation. It all paid off, though—he was promoted last 19 Nov to be VP and gen mgr of the Measurement Div in Greenwood, SC. They are a manufacturer of indus fluid, LPG and petroleum flowmeters for a broad spectrum of mkts and applications. Wanda is doing exceptionally well in nursing sch. She has been on the Dean's List and is enjoying the challenges of academia. Only 3 more semesters and the fruits of a BS in nursing will be

enjoyed. Francesca is 4 and a jewel. She is in day care all day and is learning how to write, tie her shoes, count numbers and be creative. The Tiernos will more than likely spend 92 in Greenwood and then move an hr N to Greenville, where the city is larger and more nursing opportunities will exist for Wanda.



1977: Skip, Wanda and Francesca Tierno

**Bob Kennedy** dropped a note to bring us up to speed on the "Esprit de Corps" clan at Ft Carson. He is currently the XO of 1-8 IN, destined to be the last M113-equipped bn in the active Army. They will transition to Bradleys in the fall immediately following their NTC rotation this summer. **Bobbi** & **Bob** have been at Carson for almost two yrs. When they first arrived, they were in the G-3 Plans shop with **Pat** & **Ronnie Linehan**. Pat is now the XO of 3-68 AR. Bob's bde staff is well rep, with **Steve Collier** as the S-3 and **John Prall** as the S-4. The Pralls just had a baby girl to add to their two sons. **Clyde (the Glide) Cocke** is in the Force Integration Staff Ofc and **Mike Adamson** was in FISO and now is in the AV Bde. **Cranie Butler** is Bde S-3 Plans Off and **Mike Bradbury** is in the Engr Bn. Over the Christmas holidays, Bob went home to NC and **Jamie Renfroe** drove up from SC with his new bride. Yes!!! It's true—James H. (alias Doughboy) **Renfroe** finally tied the knot with a sweet young lady named **Carla** in Apr 91. They are both practicing law in Columbia, SC and enjoying life. Thanks for all the news, and congrats on Duke winning back-to-back NCAA titles.

You should have all received, and hopefully by now returned, your registration (with money) to either **Phil Pierson**, **Kurt Struder** or **Ray Bosce**. They are doing a super job (single-handedly) and need our spt. By the time you read this there will be just over a mo left before the 15 Aug deadline for football tickets, so please get your orders in. **Susan** & I look forward to seeing you in Oct.

Please keep the notes and ltrs coming. I appreciate all your spt and words of encouragement—**Keesy**.

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This article is written the day after taxes were due. Remember the good old days as

2LTs when we could do the short form, didn't pay any taxes and still got a refund? Those are gone forever. The big news is that **Kevin Jackson** has been volunteered, chosen, suckered, drafted—choose any word—to head the 15-Yr Reunion Cmte. Kevin, better know as "Action," is currently working for NASA and the Dept of Justice in DC. He will have held a kickoff BBQ to get things rolling on 13 Jun. If you would like to help with the reunion, give Kevin a call at (703) 557-7321 (daytime) or (703) 878-4860 (home). This time will be harder than last because very few classmates are at USMA. Let's get the ball rolling early.



1978: Joe Morales, Dan O'Dell, Steve Short, Pat McGaugh, Darcy Anderson and Jim Casey at Founders Day 92, WPS of N TX

**Tom Grace** called from USMA, where he is a PE instructor. Tom is hanging up his oak leaves for civ life this summer. He will be the distributor for Hammer Strength, a line of fitness equipment in the NW. He & **Juanita** were expecting a new arrival right around today. Tom is very excited about this co, started by the son of Dr Jones (of Nautilus fame).

**Mark** & **Ercil Wroth** had a baby daughter, **Elisabeth**, on 19 Jan. She's their first and they're overjoyed. Mark is still at Ft Sill. He says **Monte Warner** has left DCD to a tp asgmt. Their unit will be the first to field Paladin, a 155mm upgrade.

News is getting real tough, folks; please drop me a line. Hope everyone has a great summer!

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Greetings. I trust this issue finds everyone in good health and spirits. CI Pres **Jim McGorry** rep that **Tom Coleman**, **Mark Rocke** and **Corky Messner** offered to head up the fund raising and reunion planning. Apologies that Jim's tel no was improperly listed; should be (704) 548-1120. As Jim reflected on the news of **George Fedun's** death, he looked at George's pic in the *Howitzer* and remembered the svc led by **Chip Sniffin** at our 10-yr reunion in the WP cem. Some bonds are truly eternal.

**Dave Polly** (Dr Dave) finished his orthopaedic residency in Jun 91 and is now on a fellowship at the Univ of MN, where he is doing spinal surgery. Dave has been told he does a poor job of trying to imitate being a civ—after all, this is his first attempt since becoming a new cadet. Being in MN has been kind of nice. Dave was able to catch the Twins and Braves World series; then "his" Wash Redskins came to town for the Superbowl; and now they are getting ready for the final four. But

Dave says his strongest memory will be the 29<sup>th</sup> of snow they got last Halloween night. Dave & Shirley have had a commuter marriage the last 8 mos (she is an allergist-immunologist at Walter Reed). Dave will be returning to WRAMC this summer to become dir of spinal surgery. There are 4 Cl mbrs in othro surgery: Dave, **Howie Place** at Fitzsimmons and **John Dietz** at Madigan are all in spinal surgery, while **Jeff Hrutkay** is in Landstuhl. Thanks, Dave, for the update, and I hope you enjoy yourself back in the Wash area. PS—I passed the message on to Paul & Kim.



1979: Before the A-N Game, Dec 91: Lynn Tax, Mark & Kris Hartman, Gary & Kathy Wheaton (Mike Tax's sister & brother-in-law) and Mike Tax

**Mike & Lynn Tax** wrote to pass along some news from the last A-N game. Before the game Mike & Lynn, along with **Mark & Kris Hartman** and **Debbie Williams**, found some "illiterate" midshipmen to hold up a sign saying "Go Army—Beat Navy." They also were pleased to see the video of the game and see their sign on TV. Since they were at a Navy tailgate—CPT (Ret) John Strachan '44—that may have confused the midshipmen. Lynn and Debbie also achieved a long-time goal when both got a chance to ride the mules in Vets Stadium.

The other pic was taken 29 Feb 92 at the 7th Annual Tennis Auction Ball to benefit Cystic Fibrosis in Allentown, PA. This yr's event was unique in that 3 former Army tennis CPTs



1979: Debbie Williams with illiterate squids at A-N 91!



1979: The Federicis '72, Taxes, Hammonds '78, Williamses and Zators at CF Ball, Allentown, PA, 92

played in the pro-am tournament. Pro Ray Federicis '72 and his team finished 4th, pro Dan Hammond's '78 team finished 8th, and **Kevin Williams**' '79 team finished 10th. Kevin played in the tournament for the first time this yr and had to take leave from his MFO asgmt in Egypt to compete. Dan played in the tournament several yrs ago and finished first; he has since moved to the "pro" ranks. Also attending were the **Zators**; **Joe** is an atty in Allentown. Thanks, **Lynn**, for the update and great photos.

**Brian Keller** sent a quick note from Ft Leavenworth. The big news for **Brian & Mary**

**Kay** is their first addition to the family. Cassidy Mara Keller was born on 6 Apr 92. Congrats! Brian rep their next stop will be Ft Hood after grad this summer. Hope your move goes smoothly, as well as everyone else moving this summer. Thanks, Brian, for the note and photo.

With all the summer activities about to get underway, I hope and pray that everyone stays safe. Then we can once again rally at WP for our 15th Reunion—only a couple of yrs away. God Bless—Scott.

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Mail flow is steady now, although not heavy. Please take a spare moment now and then to rep how you are doing. This is espec important given the major reductions in force—it always helps to know who is doing what in which indus and area of the country.

**Kurt Westerman** wrote from an airplane during a flight from Charlotte, NC to San Fran, CA. He was en route to a 12-day conf/golf tournament in San Jose. (I am beginning to wonder if I am in the wrong business—business travel for me involves driving to beautiful downtown Woonsocket to foreclose on a decrepit donut store.) Kurt is a prog mgr at Babcock & Wilcox in Lynchburg, VA. His firm, among other things, builds nuclear power plants for the Navy's subs and carriers. Kurt, Nancy and sons Brian (9) and Scott (6) love SW VA life and have acquired a pick-up and a lab retriever to blend in with the natives.

Besides traveling on business twice a mo, Kurt is a Reserve liaison off for USMA. Last Jun he saw **Paul & Pam Grim** and daughter Betsy at USMA, where Paul teaches math. He ran into **Hugh Robinson** and **Mary Rosinski** in separate subway incidents in DC. Kurt saw **Dan McCormack** in Albuquerque, where he is a full-time MAJ in the NM Guard. Thanks for the news, Kurt—next time you are flying first cl on the Concorde, or sailing on the *QE II*, drop another line.

The travel motif was common in the mail for this col—**Borg Siburg** sent a postcard from Rome after a 10-day business trip to Italy. He spent many hrs walking through Rome and also got to Naples, Brindisi and Turin. He loved Rome but didn't like Naples. Poor guy—I'll have to send him a video of Woonsocket to cheer him up.

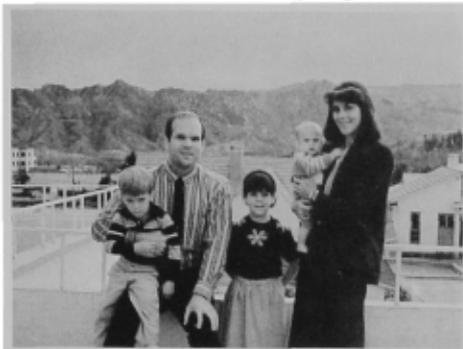
A couple of late Christmas ltrs that didn't make last col: **Jack & Pat Matthews** and family are living in La Paz, Bolivia, where Jack is the area engr for the COE District. The Matthews had a hectic year, leaving KS City after 4 yrs, originally being slated for Peru; then going through TDY's and leaves while orders were changed to Bolivia; spending time in a hotel in La Paz while waiting for a home; having household goods misrouted to Lima, Peru; and so on and so forth. The children are all thriving, though: Meghan (7) is furiously reading, playing baseball and hoping to lose baby teeth; Benji (1) is working on cutting his first teeth and is the spoiled darling of their Bolivian friends; Jake (5) is a Legomaniac and is dealing with "middle child" syndrome as well. The Matthews are active in church, home and job, as always, and are grateful for their blessings.

While in La Paz, **Jack** will be looking up our classmate and former roommate **Ramiro**



1979: '79 at Founders Day 92, Heidelberg, Ger

Canedo, a Bolivian natl. I would not be surprised to find him running a Kurtz-like fiefdom somewhere in the mtns, so I look forward to hearing about his post-grad career.



1980: The Matthews in La Paz, Bolivia

Another C-I'er writes to tell about a move: **Mike & Denise Alexander** and sons Jay (9) and Justin (6) moved in Oct from MN to VA. Mike, he of the inimitable gravel road-voice and TN twang-twang (that means even his accent has an accent), is now the opns mgr of a facil belonging to Byrd Press. Mike is managing 150 employees for the co, which prints the *ASSEMBLY* you are now reading. He & Denise are glad to be back in the South after 4 yrs of character-bldg northern exposure. They live in Clifton, VA and welcome any DC-area visitors to stop by.

Amazingly enough, yet another overseas saga: **Marty & Nancy Russo** are en route to Youanda, Cameroon in W Africa, where Marty will be the Security Asst Off. Daughter Marie is now 7; son Brian is two and is taxing his parents' child-rearing stamina heavily (from the tone of the ltr). The Russos PCS to Africa follows Marty's getting a master's at Cornell in public affairs and various preparatory TDY's.



1980: The Russo family, Dec 91: Nancy & Marty with Marie and Brian

Well, all the glamorous business travel and overseas asgmts in this batch of mail were enough to make me rethink my choice of career—for about 4 seconds. Then I realized that if I never fill out a change-of-address card again in my life, I won't regret it. Spring has sprung; the softball fields beckon; and all is well with the world (OK, I just got a big tax refund and am temporarily giddy).

Feel free to call in news: I generally work in RI on Mon and Fri, and Boston the rest of the wk. Or use your fax. For die-hard computer users, I'll even accept news over a computer BBS. Take care and, until next time, God bless you, everyone.

# '81

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Congrats to everyone picked up for MAJ! As I write this in Apr, good luck to all those going to CGSC. Heard from several classmates since the last column, not the least of whom was my roommate, **Kaycee Carlson**. She & **Rod Cox** are in grad sch at GA Tech anticipating instructing at WP. Kaycee will be the course dir for Experimental Stress Analysis during her second yr at the Academy. She'll keep those cadets on their toes, as I can vouch for from experience!

**Kent Troy** wrote from Worms, Ger, where he is a Force Developer in the Force Reduction Branch of the 5th Signal Cmd DCSP-LANS. He & **Ingrid** enjoyed their previous tour at Tulane Univ in New Orleans but are glad to be back in Ger with their two sons, **Phillip** (4) and **Nicolas**, born 3 Jan 92 and weighing 9 lb, 10.2 oz. Kent wants to hear from anyone from E-3, so contact him at HQ 5th Signal Cmd, CMR 421, Box 945, APO, AE 09056.

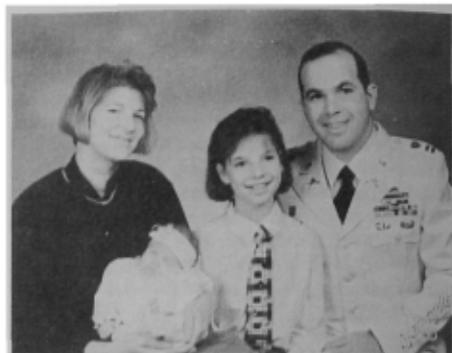
**Doug Burre** wrote from Bldg 4 at Ft Benning and, on behalf of all the classmates stationed there, sent warm wishes to **Ned Armstrong** for his quick return to good health. Also passed on thanks to **Bob Domitrovich** for keeping us posted on Ned's progress. Currently stationed at Benning are **Ned Woolfolk**, a Small Gp instructor (SGI) for IOAC; **Charlie Swanson**, a FA instructor for IOBC; **Dean Hess**, a former SGI currently writing Doctrine; **Mark Vaughn**, an IOBC co cmdr; **Bob Kruger**, an SGI departing soon for either Panama or Vietnam; **John Wilson**, working ORSA actions; and **Doug**, also an SGI. Doug enjoys the unusual concentration of classmates there and the many classmates who pass through.

Recently **Bob Luster** was on post attending Phase III of the Reserve Component IOAC. Bob lives in San Fran, where he heads the Luster Constr Mgt firm. The firm's primary duty is to serve as the owner's "watchdog," assuring compliance with constr codes, materials and blueprints on large constr projects. Bob grad from RC IOAC on 13 Mar and will attend CAS3 in Sep. His phone nos are (415) 255-8181 (San Fran ofc) and (916) 441-3354 (Sacramento ofc).

**Doug** wrote about his new addition, **Meaghan Leigh**, born to **Kathy** & him on 25 Nov 91. Big sister **Angela Renée** is an honor student at Dexter Elementary. The family is looking forward to returning overseas in 93 or 94. Thus far, they have served all operational tours with the 1st Div, either at Ft Riley, Ger or SW Asia, with a few side trips to IOBC, HQ TRADOC as a staff off and the current tour at Ft Benning. Doug wants to hear from **Adlopho Ayala** and anyone else: 402C Lumpkin Rd, Ft Benning, GA 31905; (404) 689-9964 (H).

**Todd Foreman** wrote and encl a "newsltr" that **Jim Ferrando** puts together for the E-2 Dogs. It was very entertaining—I know the subscribers all enjoy keeping up-to-date with one another. Todd forwarded a great pic from the reunion, taken in the Mess Hall during the CI dinner. LTG Goodpaster & his lovely wife and **Todd & Kathy** all look like they are having a good time.

As those of us who attended the rather disappointing Homecoming Game against



1981: Kathy, Doug, Angela and Meaghan Burre, Dec 91



1981: Kathy & Todd Foreman and LTG & Mrs Goodpaster, Oct 91

The Citadel know, the high point was when **Mark Hogan** recruited **Todd** to do some rabble rousing and when the Supe (our honorary CI mbr) led us in a Rocket. In **Todd's** opinion, the Short Rocket might have been more appropriate, but the Supe's effort did significantly raise our spirits, if not Army's score. **Todd** is a prof of Mil Sci at the Univ of AL, where **Kathy**, his wife of 4 yrs, is completing her master's degree. To **Todd**, **Doug**, **Kent** and **Kaycee**, thanks for your ltrs and photos. And to everyone, drop me a note and let's all share our good news—NJS.

# '82

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Hello '82. Hope everyone is gearing up for the 10-yr Reunion coming soon. Oct will be here before you know it. A big congrats to all mbrs of the Select Few who were selected for MAJ below the zone: **Paul Abel**, **Abe Abrams**, **Stan Austin**, **Mark Averill**, **Rick Bassett**, **John Boler**, **Donna (Garrett) Boltz**, **Jim Brown**, **Lindy Buckman**, **Ed Cardon**, **Jim Creighton**, **Craig Currey**, **Ken Dahl**, **Bob DeMange**, **Joe Doty**, **Bo Dyess**, **Todd Ebel**, **Kelly Fisk**, **Bob Fleming**, **Tim Gallagher**, **Duane Gapsinski**, **John Garrison**, **Dan Grymes**, **Scott Hampton**, **Scott Henry**, **Juan Hernandez**, **Steve Hill**, **Cindy (Glazier) Jebb**, **Sam Johnson**, **KC Jones**, **Paul Kelly**, **Jim Knowlton**, **Tom Kula**, **Brian Layer**, **Tom F Lynch**, **Pete Mansoor**, **Pres Marshall**, **Bill Mayville**, **Everett McDaniel**, **Kevin Merrigan**, **Derek Miller**, **John Moore**, **Doug Morrison**, **Al Mosher**, **Tom Muir**, **Mark Needham**, **Mick Nicholson**, **Steve Peterson**, **Warren Phipps**, **Mark Pires**, **Bob Rockwood**, **Mike Rossi**, **Steve Salazar**, **Bobby Scurlock**, **Dan Shanahan**, **Dave Styles**, **Rick Sullivan**, **Pete Taylor**, **Mark Tillman**, **Rich Tottleben**, **Tom Vandal**, **Paul Vanderburgh**, **Rick Waddell**, **Ron Welch**, **Dan Wolfe** and

**Rene Wolven.** Tried to catch everyone by sorting through the master list, but I may have missed one or two.

News from NE: **Ellen Groschelle** married **Glen Houlihan** on 22 Mar in Boston. She sent a wedding announcement to tell us about the big event. Ellen has been a faithful contributor—and now she has a non-negotiable requirement to send a wedding photo!



1982: Bob O'Connor and Pat Cassidy

Sorting through old ltrs, I came across a pic that somehow didn't get printed in a past issue. The news from the ltr was incl, but not the photo. It's an interesting shot contrasting the hairstyles of '82 A-3 civs. **Bob O'Connor** has the "I am definitely not Army" look, probably complete with a clandestine ponytail. **Pat Cassidy** doesn't really have much choice about his hairstyle.

**Mike Wilmer** sends the "Happy News," the H-2 '82 newsltr. A summary: **Mike & Vicki Barbero** were wed in Mar. Mike is at GA Tech and is USMA-bound. Nine of the Select Few attended the wedding. (Another photo asgmt due.) **Mar & Stacey Buechner** and their 3 children live in NH. Mark resigned in 88 and now works for Raytheon. **Greg Burgamy** got out in 87 and lives in TX. **Chuck & Marie Chase** are at Ft Monroe; he recently completed NPGS in Monterey. **Dave & Alyssa Drucker** live in Silver Spring, MD; he works for Waste Mgt and she for IBM. **Mark & Margaret Easton** and their two boys, Richard and Michael, live at Ft Hamilton, NY. Mark is attending Columbia in a Russian studies prog. They'll be going to Garmisch for more sch this summer. **Tom Faupel** is in the Sinai with the MFO and will return in late 92. **Scott Fedorchak** finished a master's in physics at MIT and is now a prof at USMA. **Mark & Mara Horstmann** and their children live in TX, where he works for Cameron-Brooks. **Steve & Jeanna Jarrard** have a 3-yr-old son, Ross. Steve is finishing a master's at RPI and will be in the BS&L Dept. **Dave & Carolyn Knapp** are in NY; he's a pharmaceutical sales rep for Pfizer. **Jim & Corey Knowlton** and their 3 boys are at Cornell, where Jim is getting a master's in CE. They are also USMA-bound. **Bill & Lynn Lodwick** are civs and are living in IN. **Derek Miller** cmded an HHC in the 24ID during Desert Storm and is now at NTC in the OPFOR Bde. **Tim & Lynn Morris** and their children live in Detroit; he works for an indus real estate firm. **Rafael Ortiz** lives in Lawton, OK. **Tim O'Rourke** finished grad sch at U of IL and is at Aberdeen Proving Ground with the Army Toxic and Haz Waste Agency. **Joe & Peggy Puett** are at Cal Tech, where he's getting his master's in engring. Other USMA-bound '82'ers, **John & Jacque Pulliam**, are in Paris, where he's attending the French CAS3. He's an FAO and completed grad sch at U of

IN and DLI en route to France. The Pulliams will return to the States soon and will be assigned to Ft Monroe. **Gideon & Jeannette Sinasohn** are celebrating the birth of a new baby; Gideon practices law in CA. **Pat & Cynthia Sweeney** and their 3 daughters are at UNC; he is going to be a BS&L P at USMA. **Jeff & Bethann Tong** and their kids are at NPGS. **Fran & Dianne Wolf** and their boys are in NJ; he's a VP at the Bank of NY. **Jim Zanoli** recently left the Pentagon and is now at MacDill AFB, cmding the Strategic Imagery Intel Det. Newsltr author **Mike & Fran Wilmer** live in N VA. They have a 4-yr-old son, Brian. Mike works in the Army Artificial Intel Ctr as an opns research analyst.

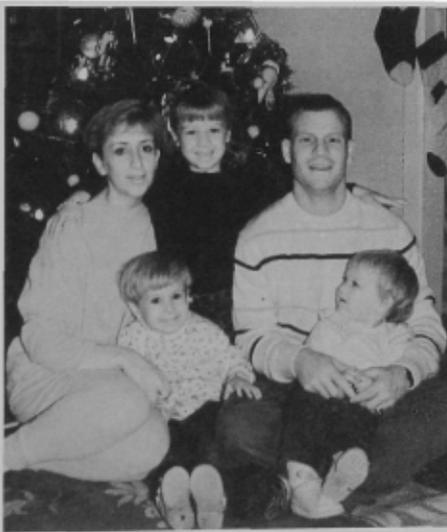
One more col before the 10-yr Reunion. **Bill Rogers** (212-552-6846) and **Dave Steer** (914-567-0954) are hard at work with their cmtes. Should be a great wknd—JFJ.

'83

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Come in out of that hot summer sun, prop open your eyelids, set a spell and I'll feed you the latest poop on your fellow '83'ers.

I'm glad you're sitting down, as this is the first time we've heard from **Doug Fabish**. He arrived at Leavenworth during mid-90 and works in the Battle Cmd Training Prog. Doug got married to **Sheila** on 10 Jun 83. They have three children: Cristina (7), Amanda (4) and Alana (1 1/2).



1983: The Fabish Family at Leavenworth

**Doug** ran into **Jan (Tiede) Swicord** during the IAD Warfighter in Friedberg, Ger. Doug says to give him a call as you rotate through the CAS3 course.

Strangely enough, the next ltr was from **Jan (Tiede) & Paul Swicord**. They are both stationed at Fort Rucker. "It's a nice, quiet life in lower Alabama." Now they know why all the pilots like to return home to L.A. Jan is the MP Opns off and Paul works in the Dir of Simulations as the aimet tech on-site rep. Just after they arrived they attended FD, and the only other classmate to show up was **Bob Schultz**. Bob was finishing the Avn AOC and then heading to CAS3 with his wife. **Cathy & Scott McConnell** are here, along with **Dan Kellas**, as SGI's in the AVN AOC. **Bob Maruna** completed cmd of one of the cos here. Paul works

with **Lenny Landry**, who is the simulator sys mgr for the Black Hawk. **Christy (Bishop '84) & Keith Samuels** had a baby girl at the beginning of Mar in Bamburg, Ger, where he is the CO of HHC, 82nd Engrs.

Jan also sent an *Army Times* clip rep that **Raymond Jones** and **Douglas Wheelock** have been selected for the Engring Test Pilot Prog. They will attend training at the Army Avn Engring Flight Activity, Edwards AFB, CA and the Naval Test Pilot Sch, Patuxent River, MD. Appreciate the clip, as I don't read the *Army Times* anymore. I can hardly keep up with my reading on the changing computer tech for work.



1983: Julie & Mark Ayers' son Caleb on great-grandpa's saddle

The next ltr is by far the most unique. It comes from **Trista & Brace Barber '87**, brother-in-law of **Mark Ayers**. Mark & Julie had a son, **Caleb Allen**, 2 1/2 yrs ago while stationed at Schofield Bks. They are back in the States assigned to the Old Guard as the S-4. Trista states, "I want to place a pic of my nephew, Mark's son, in ASSEMBLY to surprise them. . . . I thought it would give them a pleasant surprise, espec with the arrival of Mother's and Father's Day." Don't we all wish we had such nice in-laws?

Well, got to go now. My two-yr-old son **Stuart** said, "Outside, daddy! NOW! Swing me more, pwease!" So the rest of you fathers understand there's not much else I could do. I mean, after all, wouldn't you rather play than work? Bye. . . .

'84

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This is the second col from the ROK, and things are going fairly well. The separation from **Dianne** is tough, but the work here is challenging and keeps me busy! Anyway, need to get right to the news—some of those things that keep me busy are calling.



1984: The McClungs celebrate their wedding day

I have to apologize to my old flight sch (cadet short course) buddy, **Joe McClung**. I received a pic from Joe's folks back in Dec but ran out of space in the last issue! Sorry! Joe was married back in the fall to the lovely **Kyoung Hee**, whom he met here in Korea!! Joe & Kyoung Hee tied the knot in Aug but reaffirmed their vows back in the States in Oct. Witnessing the ceremony in the States were **John & Kirsten Lambert** and **Greg & Cathy Oelberg**. The McClungs are currently at Griffiss AFB but will be heading to Ft Drum when this is published. Congrats, Joe & Kyoung Hee!

OK, how many of you all thought that Army lost to Navy last fall? Well, it depended on where you were!! **Steve McKinney** wrote from the NPGS, where the out-numbered Army Officer tm defeated the Navy tm 12-6 in a stunning upset! Congrats, fellas! Hopefully this is a good omen for next yr and the other Army team!!

Joining Steve on the victorious tm were **John Quigg**, **Glen Reisweber**, **John Vaugh**, **Wes Gillman**, **Mic McGuire** and **Carl Schmidt** from "The Best of the Corps." Other classes were represented as well by **Mo Hayes '83**, **Willie McFadden '83**, **Tom Loper '83** and **Tom Cioppa '85**. The series is now tied at 1-1 for this flag-football grid match, and Steve says that victory is theirs next yr for the series lead! Others from '84 at NPGS include **Steve Elliot** and **Don Cersovsky**. As for the McKinneys, Steve & **Kathy '85** have a daughter, **Anne Marie**, and another due when this is published. Congrats, Steve, and thanks for the "poop."

I got a note from a fellow JAGC atty who has recently become a part of the '84 family. **Mark Tolzmann** & JAGC CPT **Elizabeth Masters** were married on the 4th of Jul 91 in Grafenwoehr, Ger. Congrats, guys!! Mark is currently cmding C Co, 3-12 Inf in Baumholder. Elizabeth is the ch of Legal Assistance there. Interestingly enough, this couple met in the commissary—and they say that the phrase "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach" is an old wives' tale! Hummmph! Well, in this case it was! Mark lured Elizabeth in by cooking for



1984: Elizabeth Masters & Mark Tolzmann

her! However, Mark's culinary artistry has stopped now that they are married!! Does this mean the honeymoon is over, guys? Just kidding!! Thanks for the ltr, Elizabeth, and welcome to the "Best of the Corps!"

Got a real nice ltr from Tasha "Robbi" (Robinson) Williams '85, who ran into some '84 folks at CAS3 and was kind enough to write!! **Dennis Cahill** was at the course from Ger but was heading toward Ft Bragg and a Civ Affairs bn. **Dave Johnson** was also at the course and is in San Fran. He was an advisor to an Egyptian Armor bde during Desert Storm. **Dave & Lori** were married in Jul 91. Robbi also sent news of **Curt Cozart**, who is working with Mobil in Rochester, NY. He enjoys life there with **Susan** and their son **Kyle**. For those '85'ers reading, Robbi is at TACOM in MI and is a cmdr there! Thanks for the news, Robbi—it was real good of you to write! **MAJOR CORRECTION**: It is time for me to eat some big-time crow! A couple of cols ago, I messed up **Dave & Brenda Showerman's** wedding date. They were married in Sep 90, not Sep 91. This may not seem to be a major mistake, BUT also included in the col was the good news that Brenda was expecting in Mar 92. They were married long before the baby came along. Please accept my sincerest apologies, Brenda & Dave!! Thank you for the note with the correction! For everyone, I try to put out good info but make mistakes more



1984: Cahill and Johnson at CAS3

often than I'd like to admit—so please don't hesitate to correct things when you see them!

Well, it's back to the law business for me! Until next time, be safe and BEAT NAVY!!

'85

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Hello from beautiful Ft Leavenworth, KS—home of the REDO, volleyball fanatics who can't really play well and the ever-present VGT! Yes, you guessed it, I am at CAS3, another chance to get taught the things most of us have been doing for 7 yrs. Kind of amazed at how many offs are not with tps already, but hey, what ever makes your boat float! I trust everyone is doing well, making career decisions, etc.

My first bit of news is the bad part of this job. **Greg Kuznecoff**, formerly of E-1, was seriously injured in an auto accident in MI. He had been attending business sch at U of MI. Greg's chances of recovery have improved, but the outlook for nearly two wks had been slim. Please send your ltrs to CPT Greg Kuznecoff, 8883 Woodshire, White Lake, MI 48386. Our sincere condolences to Greg and his family; we'll keep you in our prayers.

On a lighter side, **Lee Webster** is doing well at Northwestern Univ. He worked in AK with British Petroleum before sch and hopes to work for a law firm in Indianapolis this summer.

**John & Tairita Waite** were married on 3 Sep 91 (please take note of my effective use of the passive voice since nobody is grading my work—ha!). John is waiting to hear from several univs before making a decision about sch. They attended **Doug Sperandio's** wedding to the former Miss Jennifer Hornsted in MN. While there, they also ran into **John Warmerdam**, on full scholarship to Duke for envr engrng. Doug will be taking an Apache cmd at Rucker while Jennifer finishes up her last yr of med sch through the AF. Best wishes in your new life together, John & Tairita!

Got a great ltr from Tasha "Robbie" Williams. She's still wrestling through cmd and doing great things. She was here last fall and ran into several classmates: **Mike Parrish** is flying in Ger; **Greg Wilson** is with SF at Devens; "Stump" Gibson is with his family at Bliss; **Kathy & Mike Derrick** are expecting their first child sometime in Apr; **Ike** is back in AK; **Brian Kondrat** continues to be a running fool stationed at Ft Riley; and **Jim Bradley** is getting married this summer following the end of his med residency.

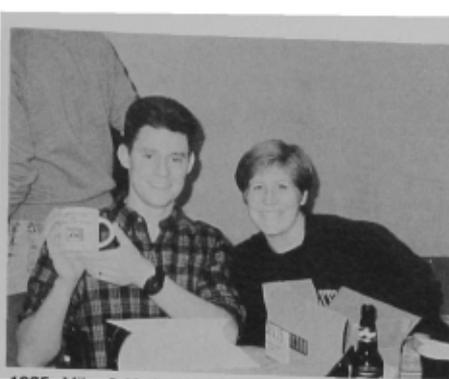
**Glen & Tracy Seymour** are in TN, where Glen works for Quaker Oats. **Robin (Alber-**



1984: The Victorious Army Flag Football Tm



1985: The Williams clan



1985: Mike & Kathy Derrick



1985: Mike & Robbie, Christmas 91



1985: "Stump" Gibson



1985: "I like Ike!"

tella) Griffen is out but living in Ger with Jim '86. Great to hear from you, Tasha (the pix are compliments of Robbie as well). Thanks!

John Angelo wrote from WRAMC to update us on our drs. He'll be leaving for Ft Bragg with his family, while Art Chasen will be headed to my neck of the woods at Tripler to do his residency. John rep that Dan Roy is in his second yr at USUHS and Keith Wroblewski is in his fourth yr at Penn State Med. John & Robin Aruzza were recently blessed with their fourth—yes, fourth—son, Ryan. They are in Ger, where John is cmding a btry. John & Janice Crews are in PA and were blessed with a new baby boy, Justin. John is attending grad sch.

Finally, Tom Wilson & his wife were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Ashleigh Michelle, on 24 Feb 92. Our best wishes to you and your entire family.



1985: Founders Day 92 at Duke

Well, let me see if I can remember all of our classmates here. Vanessa (Jennings) Weissman is still at Redstone with husband Jeff and their 3 kids. She's looking great after 3 kids and still plays a mean game of racquetball. Verb Washington is here from Ger, along with Scott Seeley. I understand Russ Hind is here (although I haven't seen him), and 'ole Phil Helbling is here from HI. Kurt Toliva is also maxing out on the REDO's like everyone else. Finally, I discovered the lost Nello Tortora the other day. He's doing great over in Ger with the Magger, Tom Magness and Russ Lanchance, who all cmded line cos in the 16th and are war vets. Nells tried to shoot me a line about the best engr unit in the Army, but after I told him about the 65th with Jeff Ryscavage and myself, he conceded that the 16th was in close second place! Nells & Karen are doing great; both are headed to Univ of TX at Austin for ACS. By the way, Jeff's invested in the rock and will probably be engaged by the time you read this. If he's not, chalk it up to rumor control. Hey, hear me now and believe me later. . . . You have my best, '85.

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All is a little crazy right now—just work, work and more work. I'm beginning to think WP is mess hall cake compared to UF. Then again that's from a near-goat perspective.

John Bencivenga sent an air ltr from southern Chile where he was a proj ldr for a team of scientist studying envir clues in Antarctica. This research is concerned with ozone depletion and pollution—save our seafaring mammals! As a proj ldr, John assigned different expedition mbrs to assist the scientists with

their experiments. The proj ended in early Apr, just as the temp started dropping. John (as of now) should be back stateside ready to start law sch in the fall, hopefully at UF. Unfortunately, John's ltr arrived torn with a pg missing, so I don't have all the details of his interesting life. He wanted to let us know that he hadn't fallen off the planet. John, when you get to Gainesville give me a call for a Gator welcome!

Tom Climer finished his courses at AV Adv Course, where he learned to fly the AH-Cobras before heading to CA, where he joined the 7th Inf Div at Ord. In 93 Tom will pack bags once again and move to Ft Lewis. Those with Tom at Rucker were Joe Wucik, who was in the cl ahead of Tom and is presently in scenic S Korea, and Doug Pavak, who also learned to fly Cobras, trading his tank treads for wings. After two yrs in Korea as a tanker, Doug is back and not particularly enthused about it. Mark Bradley and Brian McFadden arrived at Ft Rucker only to find that the Adv Course was overbooked. Uncle Sam, not wanting idle soldiers traveling to PC, decided to make them flight instructors for the time being. Forrest Carpenter left Rucker in Mar to join the 24th IN at Ft Stewart; Tim McConvery headed for Ger in time to deactivate; John Harwig is either at Bragg or Hood, depending on the final decision by branch; and Mike "Switz" Switzer, before beginning the adv course in DEC, visited Australia for a "walkabout" tour and came back with wild stories to tell. After the visit, Mike hopes to become a liaison off "down under."

Speaking of liaison offs, Ed Motley is working with the Drug Enforcement Task Force for the PA NG, where he cmd's his bde's HHC.

Mike Witherspoon is out and working in Dallas as a \_\_\_\_? No matter what it is, knowing Mike, we're sure it's profitable.

Lisa Young is at Bragg flying Chinooks for the XVIIIth AV Bde. Bart Wagner is in Wiesbaden with his new wife Diane, an AF CPT and dr of radiology. Dean Rogers and Joel Schlachtenhaufen are keeping up the G-3 tradition for TDY trips to the Bahamas to help DEA.

Dave Ley phoned recently from Orlando, where he is in charge of the production line for a print co specializing in banking needs. Dave has yet to figure out how to print his checks without paying the svc charge to Barnett. He says he misses the Army a little, sometimes longing for the days when he was a NET team ldr, traveling around the country making big TDY bucks. However, with Disney World 5 mins away from his house and a yr-round entry pass, Dave retreats, hoping luck will strike the same way it hit Jimmy Howard.

Jimmy and Dave were roommates at Benning, and one wknd they took a vacation to EPCOT. There, in the Ger pavilion, Jim & Katrine met. They married on 15 Dec 91 and are now in Korea.

Bill Woodring's consulting firm is booming. Bill recently won a contract to promote the AK Game and Wildlife Commission. Promotional items included gimmick-calendars and posters of 12 girls titled "AK—The Final Frontier."

Anne (Stouffer) Loeder wanted to show off her twin boys, Erynn and Brandon. The boys were born at Ft Carson and are now at Panzer Kaserne, Ger, where Ron is stationed. Anne tried to stay home with the boys but found



1986: Jim & Katrine Howard's wedding day

herself more tired being a full-time mama than working full-time at a GS job in the Tng Svcs Div. She must be a grunt!



1986: Ron, Erynn, Anne (Stouffer) and Brandon Loeder

Darren Moore sent two pix, one of his unit's offs at the beaches of Normady with several WP'ers from different cls (Note: Dave Meyer still looks the same), and the other pic is from our Cl reunion with Dave Urban, Doug Gurian, Scott Poirier and Mike Spingler. (Didn't I mention these guys in the last col?) Dave Urban is in Temple Law Sch; Doug Gurian is a bond trader with a killer ofc in the World Trade Ctr; Darren is an investment advisor in Huntingdon Beach, CA; Scott Poirier is still working on his MBA at Yale along with Rich Kidd; and Mike Spingler works for Citicorp in NYC.



1986: The officers of the 4th Avn Bde, 8th ID

Not pictured but mentioned in Darren's ltr: John Olvey lives in Canada with his wife and two kids; Joe Morris is in KS City working for Procter and Gamble; Theo Jonston and Tom McCann are both in Atl working for Pfizer; Bruce Olstein is in Tampa writing the next natl best seller; Paul LaFontaine is working for Pepsico in Houston; and Roger Carstens is busy traveling around the world, dropping his last postcard from Katmandu, Nepal before devoting his life to the teachings of Taoism.



1986: We've seen these guys before!

Tom & Heidi DeFlippo left Nurenberg for the bright freshness of Hanua, where Tom will continue his zealous effort to deactivate, close shop and come home with a bundle of joy. I only have one last thing to say, Jack: think about ME in Hotlanta!

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There's no place like home! I keep telling myself that as I settle into my new home here at Ft Riley, KS. Don't fret—just keep sending your ltrs to the address posted until I get a new address here in the land of Oz.

We'll get things rolling with a note from Rich Baxter. Life has taken an interesting turn for him. After serving some time as the BMO for 3-82 FA, 1st CAV, Rich temporarily dislodged himself from the Army to gain acceptance into the physical therapy prog at TX Tech and Ft Sam Houston. He's been accepted and will serve as an Army physical therapist at Ft Sam beginning in Oct.

Steve Hilliker also has made some career moves. Currently joining other '87 grads with the James River Corp tm, he lives in his old hometown of Modesto, CA out of pure luck of the draw. He spoke with Gart "Zippy" Linhart last Sep as he was leaving the NTC for IOAC. Apparently that IN stuff is growing on Gary—he has abandoned his "died-in-the-wool Armor days" in favor of ground-pounding forever. Steve also bumped into Bill Grove and Kevin Keenan through Career Devel job placement agency. He adds that Stacy has returned to sch and that they're both fine and send greetings to everyone!

Peggy Valentine, after badgering Chris for not writing, dropped me an update. Because Chris didn't get off his duff to write, I promised not to mention that Chris got out of the Army in Sep 91 and now works for Pfizer Pharm in Valdosta, GA. I also won't mention that Peggy & Chris have been blessed with

Chris Jr (2.5 yrs) and Matthew (9 mos). I will, however, add that they are both loving life and send their greetings!

I was fortunate enough to bump into John & Tracy Tien while I was dining in the Shoney's—of the all-you-can-eat-until-you-are-sick fame—outside of Ft Knox. Of course, John completed his days at Oxford with flying colors. But wait—there's more! Taking a time capsule into the past we learn that John & Tracy completed the 2% club long course and wed in Long Beach, CA on 7 Aug 88. John assured me that his Oxford days were punctuated by a crisp haircut and Abn cadences with his crew tm ea morn. After his 22 Jul 89 grad, John traded the books for the BDU's and rapidly played career catch-up serving as a Tnk plt ldr; Nijmegen march team CPT; Bn Sct PL during the excursion to SWA; and finally as the Bn S-1 before leaving 4-70 AR in Erlangen to meet me at Shoney's at Ft Knox and give me all of this great poop. He plans on a Jun 92 Adv Crse, and the Shoney's thing was one of those pleasant surprises that happens between classmates sometimes. John mentioned bloody feet from the Nijmegen march, MRE's in desert and 600 reams of computer-generated draw-down paperwork as the S-1 as significant highlights during his tenure in Ger. But seeing Tracy & John together after the yrs of separation was truly the highlight! John Listerman was dining with us that day. He joined John Tien in the Jun 92 Adv Crse but not before he slipped away to Cincinnati to wed Christi Richter in a beautiful ceremony in St Xavier Church on 9 May 92. The two sweethearts from Aschaffenburg returned to Ger for their honeymoon, enjoying a little brew, schnitzel and travel before heading to their respective adv crses.

I thank John & Christi for making me a part of their special day and thank John & Tracy Tien for their nice, comprehensive ltr. PS: Let us know this fall when the baby Tien arrives on the scene, you guys.

Alexis Bennett became the joyful baby of Mike & Connie (Booth) Bennett in Mar 91 at



1987: A-N throwdown

Fort Polk, LA. Shortly thereafter they both punched the time card for the last time in the Green Machine. Mike calculated his moves and chose Texas Instruments in Denton, TX while Connie landed a job with LTV Aerospace in Grand Prairie, TX. They recently bought a home in Dallas and are surrounded by old grads. Debating whether it was a prudent move, they bought home insur from a past beanhead whom Mike used to haze. The payback possibilities are endless, gang! They also ran into John Obrien '83 at a job interview and countless other grads at a luncheon for H Ross Perot. Ya know if you go

somewhere and don't bump into a grad, you're probably either in trouble or at the Naval Academy!

**Clint & Tawdra Kandle** have returned from their yrs of fun in the sun on the Hawaiian beaches and settled in a nice town in SE Wisconsin. Clint left the Army on 1 Mar 92 and now works for PB Diagnostics. Tawdra is certainly busy these days also. Their 3-yr-old daughter, Devyn Jeanne, now has a baby sister named Haley Josephine, who weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs, 12 ozs last Nov 91. The Kandles hear from **Mike & Vivian Regalado** regularly. Mike & Vivian

left CO in the summer of 91, finished the Adv Crse, packed up their daughter Stephanie and have lived at Ft Ord since Feb 92. They also saw **Joe Simonelli** at Christmas and are happy to rep that he hasn't changed one iota. Joe, I guess that qualifies as a compliment!

We'll close with a ltr that just missed the last deadline by a day, so it's a little dated but nonetheless great poop! **Melissa & Mike Repetski** gave me another update: **Brad Herndon** married **Lori** last Jan at Ft Drum and they were at Ft Sill for FAOAC. **Jim Garrett** was last seen at AOAC at Rucker after jumping from the IN to attend flight sch. **Mike Nerstheimer** also grabbed AOAC and a transition crse while **Heather** completed sch at WA State. **Jeff & Jullie Opperman** are enjoying Pirmasens, Ger with the 22nd Avn Det. **Trent Andrews** is with the 2 ID in Korea, living in what he termed "spacious" qtrs. **Tim & Becky Carrier** were last seen in Columbus for IOAC. **Dave & Missy Whiddon** are headed for Ger after IOAC. **Jobey Sweeney** took about 24 hrs to pick up a quick girlfriend before even signing in for IOAC. You dog. He also was headed for Korea. **Dan & Lori Oh** are with the 82nd Abn at Bragg. **Dave, Luanne** and **Hunter Hilburn** have purchased a home and live at Ft Bragg. Finally, the **Repetskis** were headed for Ft Polk with the quick turn-around of another move to Ft Hood. Boy! **Melissa** sounded real enthused about two moves, espec with the anticipation of a brother or sister for **Katie** on the way! Thanks for the news and, heck, just keep your stuff packed, **Melissa**—that's what us bachelor types do!

Almost forgot! **Melissa** enclosed these photos of a few bashes from last yr. The first included **Mike Nerstheimer, Trent Andrews, Mike Repetski, Tim Carrier, Jeff Opperman, Dave Hilburn, Melissa** and **Katie Repetski, Becky Carrier, Julie Opperman** and **Luanne Hilburn**. The second photo is of an A-N throwdown that also included **Jobey Sweeney, Missy & Dave Whiddon, Dave** with **Hunter Hilburn** and **Dan Oh**.

As a parting blow I'll add a few tidbits. I ran into **Susan Yeaw** at Ft Knox as she was waiting to join **Glenn** in Ger. I also bumped into **David Garza** at the Ft Knox O Club. He was in high spirits and it was a nice visit with him. **Fred Renzi** finally headed out to Hood to join the spur spinners of 1-7 Cav. That's about it for now. Remember, pass the word about the Reunion on 9-11 Oct, to include the Lafayette football game!

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Congrats to all those P's out there. Start sending in those FD pics. Until you do, I'll just have to put in the first one.



1988: The first Founders Day 92 pic

**Dave Martinez** sent in this recent pic of his ever-expanding family. In the photo you will see the newest addition, **Jordan Anthony**,



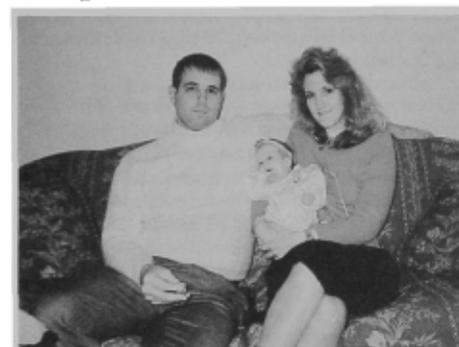
1987: '87 Columbus Day festivities

born on 15 Dec 91. Dave, Lisa and family are living on Staten Isl. Dave is working for Ecolab of NJ.



1988: Lisa, Dave, Andrew and Jordan

Leah Scherr would like to announce the birth of her daughter Lydia Anne on 7 Jan 92. Leah is out now, keeping her hands full with their newborn, but Brenden is still driving on.



1988: Tim, Belinda and Elizabeth Anne

Tim Clouser finally wrote; he & Belinda and their daughter Elizabeth Anne are doing well in Harrisburg, PA. Tim was med ret in 89 but could still use some encouraging words and the latest news. You can write to Tim at 1115 Old Pond Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Marilou & David Shepard got out around Jun last yr. Marilou is home raising son Brendan Marc, born 11 Mar 91.



1988: Marilou and Brendan at the Cadet Chapel

Marilou ran into Greg Louks in a mall somewhere N of Hudson High. Greg & Sharon had

a little girl named Julie. Lisa Kuessner got married on 12 Oct 91 in MD to Dave Jones. Lisa is out of the Army as well, but I don't know what she is doing to keep busy.



1988: Lisa Kuessner and the flower girl

Dave Hathaway found time to write and send a pic during his travels around Europe. Dave and Todd Helt got Euro-outs and did some sightseeing prior to returning to the States. Dave sent a pic from the latest A-N party.



1988: The A-N Game—smile, Dave!

In other news from the Benning sch for boys, I saw Scott Suits on a remote PZ doing some high-speed pathfinder ops. Scott and Phil Krichilsky are down here from the 10th Mtn Div for sch. Mike Hawn returned from his ever-stressful job of closing down the 1st Bde, 8th ID to attend the adv course. Erin Edgar traveled through on his way to the Flight Surgeons Course at Rucker. Finally, Otto Hays and Eric Pluckhorn are here in ITC land. Both have offspring and are doing fine. Film at 11.

Keep writing. Take care.

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Greetings to all out there. Hope these words find you well.

Doug Vinson writes from Vicenza that abn life with 3-324 is going well. John Tellier, Kevin Petit, Ron Hill, Bruce Thorn and Doug made it there after their Ge-based units shut down. Joining Adam Such, John Seamon, Jon Gamm and Drew Bartkiewicz, the troopers

helped the Kurds during Opn Provide Comfort. In Jun 90, Doug married Cristina Ramirez. Congrats to Doug & Cris.

Chris Beacham is enjoying the civ sector in MI. He got out just before Desert shield due to a back injury. He is working, and he & his wife are going to sch at Wayne State. Chris comments to the CI are that "civ life is great... but tough. Go Zoo!!"

Diane (Manuiszko) Falk writes of her wedding to Matthew Falk on 17 Feb 92 in NC. They met here in Ger, and he has since PCS'd to MIOAC. The same wknd Sue Irons married Matt Chesney, also in NC. Some guests to both fests incl Amy Williams, Mark & Martha Borowski, Keith Hattes, Thom Goss and Bill & Jill Gould. Around Europe Diane has seen the likes of Scott Graves at Berchtesgaden, Kevin Lingow in Austria, Steve Capps at Chiemsee, and Jim Harrington in Berlin. Good luck to Diane & Matt and Sue & Matt.

Chuck & Kristen Correll dropped me a line from Bamberg. The 2-2 Cav is going away, so they are real busy. John & Lynn Brunner had a baby girl, Rachel Kate Brunner, on 23 Mar 92. Congrats to John & Lynn. Chuck also said Telita Crosland recently paid them a visit and is doing well.

Nate Lamar sent me a ltr to correct what I previously erred in writing: he is pursuing an ofc of state representative, not senator. Nate, I abjectly plead not guilty, flashing zeros, etc. In the middle of his campaign, Nate has departed to Israel to attend a friend's wedding (29 Mar-12 Apr). Let us know how the election turns out—we need more tng dollars!

Finally, Dale Henderson, poet, scholar, skeptic, Renaissance man, revolutionary, the Turtle himself, has surfaced. Yes, Turtle is still in NY, at Ft Drum with 3-17 Cav. At this writing he is Sqdn S-1 and still trying to figure out how to get the Hudson River's flow to change to complete Phase II of Project Symmetry. Only the Turtle.

Around 101D (Mtn), Turtle sees Chris Destito, Sherm Henderson, Rob Bozic, Charlie Walls and Scott Allen. Dale & Adrianna now have a daughter Katherine, born on 16 Oct 91. Turtle, thanks for the ltr and your bits of sarcasm. Who would have guessed?



1989: The Turtle (Dale Henderson) with daughter Katherine

I saw Troy & Paula Perry not too long ago. They told me Jim & Mary Barren had twin boys. Outstanding! Troy is currently S-1 of 3-64 AR next door to me here in lovely Schweinfurt. . . . Taft & Terri Blackburn say hello from Friedburg; he is XO of D/2-67 AR there. (By the way, Taft and I have been keeping up a successful CL II & IX exchange. It keeps all our MIA's up and our CPT's happy). . . . I've heard as much as 40% of our CI are civs now. There's no way for me to



1989: Doug & Cristina Vinson's wedding

really find out, so if you are, please raise your hand. . . .

I hope everyone everywhere is well. Drop me a line; if not, until again. . . WE STRENGTHEN THE LINE!

**'90**  
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Looks like I am going to have to start this col with a "sir/ma'am" from now on, seeing how most of you have pinned on that silver 1LT's bar by now. All of us med sch pukers are working on being the oldest 2LT's in the Army. Anyway, congrats to all the new 1LTs,

and, for the dozen or so of us in med sch, we will make it to the real Army someday!

Mike O'Toole sent me some news from Ger, along with photographic proof that there are dogpiles after WP.

The pic was taken in Heidelberg on New Yr's Eve, although Mike said that the usual mtg place is "The Londoner" in Kitzbuhel, Austria, where an '87 grad was slinging the suds. Deactivations have brought a couple of our classmates to the 4-27 FA to give Mike some company; joining him are Sterritt Armstrong, Steve Tullis, Darren Lynn, Joe Owczarek and Dave Ferguson. Also on the same kaserne are Rick Sheridan, Dave Foye, Fi Decosty and John O'Grady.

Mark Darnell also dropped me a line from



1990: New Yr's Eve in Heidelberg, Ger

Ger. He & Lena are the proud parents of Caleb Ray Darnell, born Thanksgiving morn 91.

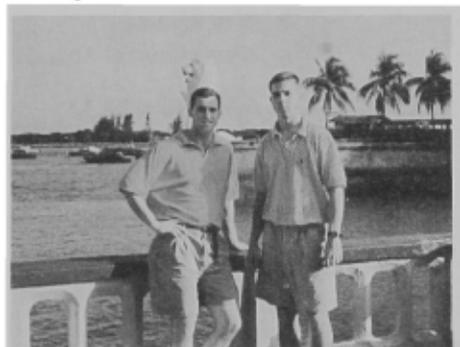


1990: Mark Darnell with son Caleb

Mark's Moose brothers Dave Warns, Dave Hurley and Quay Jones all took time to knit booties for the future 2013 grad. In other I-2 news, Mark rep that Doug Ruggan is starting an I-2 financial planning svc; Mark Knies was married sometime last yr; Sean & Sarah Dorfman are starting a family; John Bruellman was married 4 Jul 91; and Mike Traver and Mike Rienhart are having a great time on DIVARTY staff at Ft Carson.

Mark & Lena spent some time skiing at Innsbruck, Austria with Scott & Liz Richards and Dan & Patty McCarthy. As you can imagine, the snow and skiing were phenomenal. Mark also bumped into Vickie Mitalas, Andy Kelly, Andy Girardi, Ted Reich, Joe Olmeda, Rod Ofte, Ben Bigelow and Dave Thomas.

Tom Jones (C3) sent in some Fighting Cock news from Ludwigsburg, Ger, where he is a PL in the 515th Trans (POL). He spent some time in Vilseck partying with Kevin King, Jon Stannat and Sam Morris at Jeff Westfield's and Ed Sullivan's place, the "Brown Round." Jones also said he ran across Frank Decarlo, strutting his stuff in a club, and Leeann Duhosky Berry, who is in his bn. John Berry told him that Chris Lingle and Rob Barrie are flying in Hanau and Rich Clark is the proud father of a baby girl, Katelynn. Yet another Fighting Cock, Scott O'Hearen, is also flying helicopters in Deutschland.



1990: Jamie Gough and Joel Roberts in Singapore, Jan 92

Here's a shot from the Joel Roberts' and Jamie Gough's "Great Korean Escape Vacation" taken in Jan 92. The two world travelers

are posing between drinks in Singapore. Their vacation activities incl riding elephants in Thailand, losing the house gambling in Macao and spending time in Malaysia, Hong Kong and China. Joel said he must skip some of the details of their trip due to the distrib of *ASSEMBLY*, which incl his mother's house, but anyone interested can catch him at his new asgmt, 2-320th FA at Ft Campbell.

Jamie is wrapping up his Korean tour and is headed for Ft Chaffey; Troy Bargsmann and Curt Mosher are also returning from Korea sometime this summer.

Keep the ltrs and pix coming. Two yrs out and we remain "The Proud and the Mighty!"—Tad Gerlinger.

## Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 2)

system, did bring about other changes.

My vote would be to propose the following sequence—that one is awarded the privilege of qualifying for the Long Gray Line at graduation and that at death one carries out the honor of joining the Long Gray Line. I can think of two exceptions; first, I would permit a non-graduate who died in the line of duty as a cadet; second, I would disqualify a graduate who was found guilty of treason.

Finally, I suggest that the AOG gather a group, charging them to consider all aspects and make recommendations, as it is something that probably needs some deep analysis.

BG Richard F. Bromiley '38, USAF

Why are people always trying to change long established traditions? The fact is: a cadet is a member of the "Long Gray Line" because he/she is a member of the Long Gray Line: the Corps of Cadets. And he/she doesn't ever cease being!

MG C. Rodney Smith '26

I was admitted to West Point on 1 July 1943, took the oath on The Plain on that day, and I have, rightly or wrongly, considered myself as a member of The Long Gray Line. I was found in Math and did not graduate, but I have continued to be in constant touch with the friends I made at West Point. I contribute annually to the fund. I hope I am a member of the Long Gray Line.

A.W. Birdsong, Jr., x-'46

Chief Judge, Georgia Court of Appeals

## WALKING THE AREA IS STILL WRONG

George Pappas' comments regarding my suggestion to eliminate area tours and substitute a learning situation leave me pretty cold. He keeps mentioning punishment. I hate that word.

To me that was the only gripe I had about my years at the Academy. Behind everything was the word—"punishment." If you want to discipline the cadets, gig'em. Gig'em enough to put them on the area. Then the system hides everything behind the phrase—"it's part of the learning situation." The way I see it, when the

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area is loaded with cadets it tells me that the system is breaking down.

I don't recall seeing any disciplinary action suggesting walking tours in any Air Force manual. I doubt if it is in any Army Manual. "Tours" is just a throwback to the 1800s, just like hazing the plebes. I notice that the plebes are not hazed as much as we were. So, the Academy is on the right track. Now let's abolish the "area" and substitute something stimulating.

George says that if there was a better way then some Supe, Comm, Tac or even a cadet would have thought of it long before this. He implies that no one did, so this must be the best way.

We all know that some of the best minds in the US have served topside at West Point. But, I wonder if any of them ever seriously considered abolishing the "area tours." It was too easy to just let it alone. 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.' But even the best minds are not infallible. My history books told me that in 1843 the Commissioner of the Patent Office felt that all new ideas were coming to an end. How wrong he was.

As for a cadet suggesting something, wow! Just how far do you think a cadet would get if he wanted to change the system?

When I was a Yearling, I received a gig. I answered it by saying that there was nothing in the Blue Book that prevented me from doing what I had done. What did the Almighty Tac Dept do when they found out that I was right? They changed the Blue Book to make me wrong, let the gig stand and said, "let that be a lesson to you."

In 1942 I walked three tours. I had the same idea then about something more stimulating than just pounding the pavement. But after the above experience I kept my mouth shut.

As for George's thoughts that the Tacs, instructors and firsties who would be handling the "extra" instruction would be hazed, I have to shake my head in disbelief. Proper scheduling of the supervisors will eliminate anyone having to work overtime.

The firsties who will serve as range officers, etc, can have compensatory time off. Range duty would be a good learning situation for them, too. They will be range officers many times in their careers. Thus, we will be killing

two birds with one stone.

I might add one more thought—the ROTC program does not have walking tours and yet it turns out some mighty fine officers.

I still hold to my original thesis. Stimulate the cadets; don't frustrate them. You'll end up with better officers in the long run.

If this still doesn't convince you, George, then I suggest you have a new paragraph added to the USMA catalog. It will say—"We have found that walking the area helps to stimulate the cadets to some of their best and most creative thinking. So be prepared to walk at least 10 tours before you graduate."

Zoo Gorelanton, Jun '43

## JAPAN'S NEW COLONY

The May 1992 *ASSEMBLY* presents an interesting book review and counterpoint, between B.E. Conor, USMA 1946, who authored *Japan's New Colony - America*, and Captain D.E. Hunter-Chester, History Department, USMA, who reviewed the book.

Having lived in and visited Japan at various times between 1933 and 1985, I confess to temptation to toss in my subjective two cents worth. In my humble opinion, however, and albeit Conor and Hunter-Chester presented well their respective points of view, too much of the subjective colors their dialectic.

For a detailed and refreshingly objective analysis of the facts on point, *The Coming War With Japan*, by George Friedman and Meredith LeBard, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1991, merits consideration. Friedman and LeBard conclude, and that convincingly, (1) that both Japan and the U.S. would and will do everything in their power to avoid war, either hot or cold, but (2) that specific facts on point inexorably render this laudable aim, covered by all, impossible.

Finally may I presume to venture that the Friedman and LeBard book might not be inapposite grist for USMA's cadet curriculum.

Dr. John B. Chickering '45

## COMPETENCE AND CHARACTER

I was impressed with General Schwarzkopf's message to the Corps about "competence and character" in the May issue of *ASSEMBLY*. I am equally impressed that, despite advancing technology, the message remains virtually unchanged. In John Taylor's excellent biography of General Maxwell D. Taylor, MG Taylor is quoted in a speech "Leading the American Soldier" delivered before the First Class, USMA on 27 May 1946, suggesting that "all great leaders of the past and the present have been conspicuous for the following three qualities . . . 1) devoted to the welfare of their troops . . . 2) richly endowed with human understanding . . . and 3) professional competence and ability."

LTC Robert W. Enzenaur '75, MD, MPH  
Fitzsimmons AMC

# 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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In August 1942 he sailed from Corps headquarters in Ireland and was made assistant Corps Artillery officer. The Corps moved to Bristol, England, where he was assigned to V Corps planning group for the Normandy Invasion. Russ transferred in April 1944 to the XX Corps Artillery headquarters in Marlborough and became XX Corps executive officer, serving until the end of the war in Europe. During the war the XX Corps fought under the Third U.S. Army, commanded by General George S. Patton, Jr.

Russ was promoted to colonel in 1944. He was awarded four battle stars for his participation in the XX Corps campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and the French Croix de Guerre with gold star. He remained to edit *The History of the XX Corps Artillery in World War II* as commander of the 193rd Field Artillery. Back in the U.S. in October 1945, Russ returned to Columbus, Ohio to the family he had not seen in 3 1/2 years.

In April 1946 he moved his family to Coral Gables, Florida to enter a new career in real estate with the Keyes Company. He achieved success in the field of industrial and commercial real estate, a career spanning over 40 years. He eventually rose to senior vice-president while working for the Keyes Corporation. He belonged to the City of Miami, Florida and the National Association of Realtors; was an active member of the Society of Industrial Realtors and past president of the Florida chapter; served as president of the Miracle Mile Property Owners Association in Coral Gables; and was president of the downtown Miami Exchange Club. He took great pleasure in the activities of the West Point Society of South Florida. During his presidency the Founders Day dinner went "co-ed," and he helped establish monthly luncheons of the Society. Gratefully, he was privileged to have been granted a long life with which to serve his country.

Now that he has joined those departed in the Long Gray Line, may it be said to him, "Well done; be thou at peace."

He is survived by his three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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**Claude Monroe McQuarrie, Sr.**

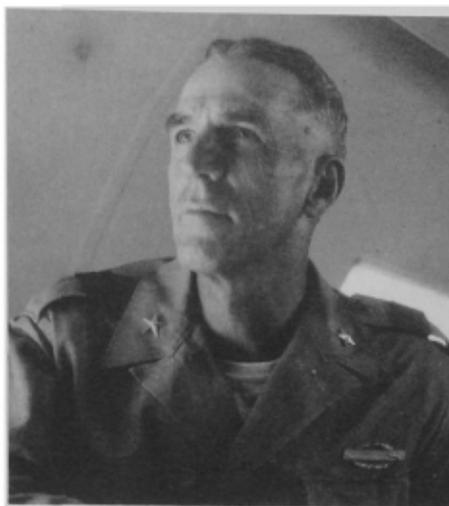
NO. 6770 CLASS OF 1920

Died 16 May 1991 in Lacanto, Florida, aged 94 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

CLAUDE MONROE MCQUARRIE was born in Missoula, Montana 6 June 1896. As a teenager he worked summers in a lumber mill and later worked as a surveyor for the National Forestry Service. As a boy he had no interest in sports until one of his teachers got him started in athletics. Football, basketball and track were his favorites, and he excelled in them. He spent two years at the University of Montana, majoring in forest engineering and earning letters in athletics. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

"Mac" received an appointment and entered the Academy in June 1917; on 1 November 1919 he was promoted to First Captain of the Corps. He was field captain of the



Claude Monroe McQuarrie, Sr.

Army Football Team, lettered in track and participated in numerous other sports. He graduated from the Academy in 1920.

While he was at the Academy he met and captured the heart of Ruth Woodward from College Park, Georgia. He attended the Infantry School at Camp Benning, and in 1922 Mac was sent to The Citadel as an ROTC instructor. On 23 December 1922, he and Ruth were married.

Mac was transferred back to Camp Benning in 1924 with the 29th Infantry. He told me that his job at the Infantry School was teaching small arms and musketry to the troops, but football was what really kept him at Benning, and in 1925 the Army team was number one. It was also there that their first son, Jock, was born. In 1926 the family was transferred to Teintsin, China with the 15th Infantry, where their second son, Tom, was born in 1927.

In 1928 Mac was transferred back to the U.S. as professor of military science and tactics at Georgia Military Academy, near Atlanta. In 1929 their third son, Bob, was born. In 1934 daughter JoAnne was born. That same year they moved to Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, with the 33rd Infantry. In 1937 they moved to Fort Thomas, Kentucky with the 10th Infantry. He also served as instructor of judo at the small arms and police school at Camp Perry, Ohio for four years. In 1940 Mac attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, then on to Fort Jackson, South Carolina to the 6th Infantry on maneuvers there in Louisiana and in Georgia. He was assigned to the 3rd Infantry when it returned to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Later that year he was transferred to the 6th Division Headquarters as commandant. In early 1941 the family moved to Camp Leonard Wood, Missouri with the 6th Division and in the fall to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Mac was assigned to the 2nd Air Support Command as a pioneer in the development of air support tactics for ground troops. In 1942 they moved to Birmingham, Alabama, still with the Air Force Ground Support Unit but as the 3rd Air Support Command.

In 1942 Mac was assigned as commanding officer of the 110th Infantry of the 28th Division at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. The 28th moved to Camp Gordon, Johnson, Florida in January 1943 and engaged in amphibious training. In June the Division

moved to Camp Picket, Virginia where Mac was promoted to colonel. He was ordered to join the Americal Division, then in the Fiji Islands, as chief of staff. In December the Division shipped out to Bougainville, and in February 1944 he assumed command of the 132nd Infantry Regiment. In 1945 the Division made an amphibious landing on Cebu, with Mac's regiment capturing Cebu City. After five months of fighting, the Americal Division received the formal surrender of the Japanese forces on Cebu. Mac then was sent to Yokohama, Japan for occupation duty, and on to Fort Lewis, Washington with the 132nd Infantry, where he de-activated his unit in November 1945.

In 1946 he rejoined his family and again was assigned as professor of military science and tactics at the Georgia Military Academy for three years.

In 1949 Mac was assigned once more to Yokohama, Japan as executive officer of the Yokohama Command and later was named chief of staff of the Central Command. His wife Ruth and part of his family joined him in Yokohama. In 1950 he was ordered to Korea as deputy chief of staff and served in that capacity until he joined the 7th Infantry Division as assistant division commander and received his promotion to brigadier general. In 1952 he rejoined Ruth and their family in Yokohama and returned to the States.

Mac's final assignment was to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he served as assistant deputy commander. He retired in 1954 after 35 years' active service to his country. His decorations included the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge with Star.

In retirement, Mac and Ruth moved to the small fishing community of Crystal River, Florida on the Gulf of Mexico, where they enjoyed fishing, golf, hunting and many social activities. It was there at their "riverhouse" that their grandchildren came to know and love them. They traveled extensively in their motorhome from Canada to Mexico and all places in between. Mac joined and supported civic groups, social clubs, sportsmen's clubs, environmental groups and was first president of the local chapter of the Audubon Society. In 1972 Mac and Ruth celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. In fall 1984, they met their hardest test of faith when their first son, Jock '45, who had ardently followed in Mac's footsteps and retired as a brigadier general, lost his battle with cancer. One week later, their second son's wife also died of cancer.

In 1985 Ruth had a small stroke and fell. She never fully recovered, so they moved to a retirement center. In May 1990 Mac decided to take one more trip, so with help, he traveled to West Point for his 70th class reunion. He was the oldest graduate present and had the honor of reviewing the Long Gray Line.

The years had taken their toll, and Ruth gave up on 14 December 1990. Mac took it well, but his body just started wearing out. Five months later, on 16 May 1991, just short of his 95th birthday, he went to join his wife of 68 years. Dad was truly an officer and a gentleman, and Mother was a gracious lady, every inch a southern belle.



company. After graduation from the company officer's course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia in 1933, he again was assigned to the 3rd Infantry regiment at Fort Snelling. Following promotion to first lieutenant in July, he was designated company commander of one of the original Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) companies.

His next assignment took him back to the U.S. Military Academy, where in August 1934 he became an instructor in the Department of Drawing. In August 1939 he was transferred to Fort Douglas, Utah and assigned to the famous 38th Infantry, which he was to command in combat five years later. The regiment participated actively as part of the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Bullis and Fort Sam Houston, Texas in training and testing the then-new triangular concept of organization.

April 1941 found Major Zwicker back at Fort Benning, as an instructor in the Tactics Section of the Infantry School; he also completed the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

The war years brought him many varied and rewarding assignments. Duty as G-3 of the 94th Infantry Division from the time of its organization in September 1942 through its first large-scale maneuver test in November 1943 was followed by assignment to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces in Washington, as assistant to the G-3 for training. Early May 1944 found Zwicker in England as an observer for the commanding general, Army Ground Forces. After participating in the assault landings on Omaha Beach on D-Day, fortunate circumstances found him assigned in mid-June as commanding officer of the 38th Infantry regiment. He participated with the 2nd Infantry Division as regimental commander and, subsequent to mid-October, as chief of staff in all of its campaigns. During this period, he was decorated by our own government and the governments of Great Britain, France, Czechoslovakia and Russia.

During the post-war years, Colonel Zwicker furthered his professional education by attending the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island from July to December 1945 and the National War College from August 1946 to June 1947, where he returned in 1952 as an instructor. Staff assignments included a tour as assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations at Army Ground Forces, Washington, D.C. from December 1945 to August 1946; assignment to the Operation and Training Division of the Army General Staff from June 1947 to April 1949; and appointment as deputy to the Chief of Staff for Civilian Component Affairs from April 1949 to July 1949, at which time he was transferred to the European Command Headquarters and assigned as deputy director of the Operations and Training Division. Following a year in this assignment, he spent two years in command of the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.

Back in the United States, Colonel Zwicker was assigned as an instructor at the National War College. In February 1953 he went to Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania as assistant division commander of the 5th Infantry Division and, in March 1953, was promoted to brigadier general. After a year as commanding general of Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, he was sent to the Far East, where in October 1954 he became command-

ing general of the Southwestern Command, Armed Forces Far East, Japan.

In 1956 he was named G-1 of AFPE/Eighth Army and served in this position until being promoted to major general in May 1957 and assigned as commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division in Korea. It was during his tenure that the vital tasks of reorganizing the division under the new Pentomic concept and redesignating of the 24th Division as the 1st Cavalry Division were accomplished.

In May 1958 he took command of the XX United States Army Corps (Reserve), with headquarters at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. There he was responsible for command, training and support of the USAR and ROTC programs in the states of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. General Zwicker retired on 1 May 1960. He was employed by the Research Analysis Corporation of McLean, Virginia for approximately ten years.

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### Francis Frederick Uhrhane

NO. 8836 CLASS OF 1930

Died 27 April 1991 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 84 years.

Interment: Fort Huachuca Cemetery, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.



Francis Frederick Uhrhane

"FRITZ" UHRHANE was born in Marietta, Ohio on 26 June 1906. From early youth he was intensely interested in radio and built his first operating set when he was only 11 years old. After graduating from St. Mary's School in 1923, he worked in a print shop until entering USMA in 1926. Not surprisingly, he became an officer in the Signal Corps.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 10th Signal Company in Corazal, Canal Zone. Here he married his hometown sweetheart, Mildred (Pud) Ballentine, whom he had met on yearling furlough. After a short tour in the Signal Corps Laboratory at Fort Monmouth, the Uhrhanes moved to Ohio State University, where Fritz entered graduate study. In 1936 he was awarded a master of science degree in electrical engineering. His faculty advisor stated that Fritz was one of the brightest students he had ever taught and always made a great effort to excel. The Uhrhanes' stay

in Dayton was doubly fruitful, for daughter Susan was born there.

After finishing Signal School the Uhrhanes went to the Alaska Communication System at Anchorage. Here Fritz designed and supervised the construction of a high-power transmitter that provided the only effective communications with Seattle when the Aurora Borealis rendered the usual radio links useless. Also while they were at Anchorage, they celebrated the birth of son Joe, who, following the footsteps of his father, completed a doctorate in nuclear physics and became a scientist with Bell Laboratories.

After Anchorage Fritz specialized in electronic research and development and had frequent tours with the Signal Corps Laboratories. During the earlier of these he played a major role in the design and introduction of FM radio equipment and radio-relay systems into the Army. In World War II he headed a field operating unit in London, providing technical support for electronic equipment of the American, British and French forces. This group, among other accomplishments, introduced radio teletype into the Army and insured that radio relay systems provided cross-channel circuits into the Normandy invasion forces and supported the rapid advance of Patton's Third Army.

After World War II Fritz sensed the importance of the Signal Corps-sponsored research leading to the invention of the MASER and obtained emergency funds from the Secretary of the Army to accelerate basic research in this field. This subsequently led to the development of portable clocks, range finders and navigation systems of unprecedented accuracy.

During the Korean War, Fritz served as Signal Supply Officer for the Eighth Army and later as commander of the Japan Logistics Command. Afterwards the Army Inspector General gave his command the highest grades for efficiency of operations and service to the troops.

When Fritz returned to the Pentagon for the fourth time, he said this was three-and-a-half times too many. He proposed—based on his Korean experience—a major effort to use electronic devices to improve Army tactical intelligence. He was assigned to organize and direct a group of about ninety leading scientists to explore means to accomplish this. The report of his group became the guiding light for a major scientific effort in battlefield surveillance resulting in the development of side-looking radars, infra-red scanners, starlight scopes, miniature sonic and seismic detectors and greatly refined aerial photography.

Following an assignment as director of Communications and Electronics at NORAD, Fritz was assigned to command the Army Electronic Proving Ground at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. This was a well-earned pre-retirement reward for both Fritz and Pud, enabling them to enjoy Army post life in a delightful environment. Here Fritz could watch many of his earlier projects come to the field-testing stage, among them the LASER range finder and highly accurate projectile-tracking radars which later became missile trackers.

In retirement Fritz worked several years with the Martin-Marietta Corporation at Orlando, Florida and with Lockheed Electronics at their Sierra Vista, Arizona office. He fully retired in 1967 to a home in Sierra Vista,

just outside the gates of Fort Huachuca. Thereafter he and Pud did a lot of traveling in Europe and the Pacific.

Major General Francis F. Uhrhane, soldier-scientist, died in the University Hospital, Tucson, Arizona on 27 April 1991. He was laid to rest in Fort Huachuca's historic cemetery. Eventually he will be joined by his lovely Pud; together may they continue to enjoy the happiness they found at that Post.

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**Edwin Guldlin Simenson**

NO. 9500 CLASS OF 1932

Died 11 April 1991 in Long Grove, Illinois, aged 83 years.

Interment: Army Post Cemetery, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.



**Edwin Guldlin Simenson**

EDWIN G. SIMENSON (USAF, RET.) of Long Grove, Illinois passed away on 11 April 1991 at the age of 83. Until recently he had lived a vigorous life. Ed had a distinguished military aviation career including service with the Eighth Air Force in England during World War II and service with the Strategic Air Command in the United States. He served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. and was commander at various air fields in the United States and at Guam. Edwin graduated from West Point in 1932. While at the Academy, he played football with one of Army's outstanding teams and earned varsity letters in both football and lacrosse. He also proudly carried the American flag for cadet parades. His love of nature attracted him to camping and fishing expeditions in the wilderness surrounding West Point.

Ed completed graduate work at M.I.T., the Naval War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, where he was also a faculty member. On two occasions he earned the Legion of Merit for outstanding service.

After a 30-year military career, he developed a landscape equipment distributorship in the Mid-West. His Christmas tree plantation in the northern Wisconsin wilderness was a special retreat for him. The rural setting and wildlife attracted him to his last residence in Long Grove, Illinois, where neighbors

seeing him working in his yard considered him the harbinger of spring!

He was proud to be from Valley City, North Dakota, where he came from a family of seven sons. As a boy in North Dakota, he earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout standing. His mother, born in Norway, became a school teacher in America. In the early part of this century, her contribution was significant in establishing the kindergarten system in the western states. His father, of Norwegian descent and born in Wisconsin, as a child entered into North Dakota in a covered wagon, imagined by the family to be the last covered wagon west!

Edwin Simenson is survived by his wife Miriam; daughter Romaine; son Edwin, Jr.; grandchildren Bradley, Gregory, Jeanette and Amanda; daughter-in-law Janet; and brothers Clifford, Ralph and Guldlin. A graveside service was held at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on 15 April 1991.

Edwin Simenson was fortunate, along with many others, to experience first-hand a very dynamic period in the history of the United States and the world. Edwin Simenson well represented the "staying power" of a West Pointer, and he will be remembered for his grace under pressure. His epitaph reads: "Family, Duty, Honor, Country."

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**Stanley Nelson Lonning**

NO. 9913 CLASS OF 1933

Died 26 September 1990 in San Anselmo, California, aged 80 years.

Interment: San Francisco National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California.



**Stanley Nelson Lonning**

STANLEY NELSON LONNING was born in Iowa on 16 July 1910, in a family of ten brothers and sisters. He grew up in Eagle Grove, Iowa where his father was a banker. His grandparents had come from Norway.

Stan entered the Point on 1 July 1929 from the third Congressional District of Iowa. He always felt lucky that he signed up as roommate with fellow flanker, Soapy Watters, on that first day. It was the start of a lifelong friendship, and Soapy's natural aptitude with the books, sharpened by attending prep

school, was to be a constant help during Stan's four-year battle with the Academic Department.

Stan had a keen interest in sports of all kinds, but his specialty was running the quarter-mile. He continued this type of training into his Army career until an ankle injury suffered in a parachute jump curtailed strenuous activity. He then turned to golf, which he ardently pursued until his final bout with cancer. He never lost his interest in Army football, however, and seldom missed a '49er home game as well.

Upon graduation Stan was commissioned in the Infantry. Two years later, on 12 May 1935, while on assignment at Francis E. Warren, he married Charlotte Treat. They had a daughter Toni. His first wartime assignment was with the British Guiana Command in 1942, followed by a tour with the 291st Infantry regiment at Fort Leonard Wood. He then became executive officer of the 413th Infantry regiment of the 104th Division in Europe for its drive across France and Germany in 1944-45.

Subsequent to WWII, Stan was assigned as Infantry instructor to the Puerto Rican National Guard and later as director of the Tactical Department of the Infantry School at Fort Benning. During the Korean War he served with distinction as regimental commander of the 32nd Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division, in both combat and post-armistice functions.

Upon his return from Korea, Stan put his wartime experience to use as chief of Doctrine and Requirements in the G-3 section of CONARC at Fort Monroe. His final major assignment, and one which he enjoyed to the fullest, was that of Army attaché to Brazil in Rio de Janeiro from 1960-63. While there he enjoyed close relationships and contacts with his Brazilian counterparts and formed such a lasting feeling for the country that he returned to Rio for visits several times after his retirement. He always spoke of his experiences there, both official and unofficial, with pleasure and nostalgia.

Stan's last duty was in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco. He retired from active duty on 1 August 1963.

Upon leaving the service, Stan entered into an active and enjoyable retirement. He settled in San Anselmo, Marin County, north of San Francisco, with his wife Charlotte and began a three-year course of post-graduate studies in Central American affairs. He took a position with the New York Life Insurance Company, where he worked for the next 27 years. Both he and Charlotte loved to travel, and they took full advantage of "space available" whenever possible. Unfortunately, Charlotte had long suffered from emphysema and passed away in September 1975. Throughout her long illness Stan was a loving and constant support.

For the next several years Stan kept busy traveling, with trips to Rio, Greece, Portugal and Morocco. He also took a boat trip on the Nile with his friend, General Ray Bell, in 1978, followed in 1979 by a visit to relatives in Norway.

About this time Stan was fortunate to meet a lovely Army widow, Effie Wells, whose cheerful personality and special qualities made her an ideal companion in his final years. They were married on 1 May 1981 and



in 1941, Major Faiks had his first overseas assignment in 1942 in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

Major Faiks' next assignment was preparing for deployment to the Pacific Theater, when the author of this obituary, Walter, Jr., was born in Orange, California. Dad spent the next two years building runways in New Guinea and the Philippines and performing occupation duty in Japan. He had time, however, to return to Jeanne's home in Philadelphia to start more trouble, which turned out to be James Louis Faiks, born November 1944! James was walking before Dad returned permanently from the wars.

In 1948, their fourth child, Marjorie, was born. Lieutenant Colonel Faiks and family moved from Langley Field, Virginia to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. It was here that sons Walter, Jr. (Buzz) and James got in trouble by flooding the apartment upstairs, raining down on Jeanne's bridge party! Then, it was off to ROTC duty as commandant of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, where Lieutenant Colonel Faiks' engineering skills were put to the test—three-year-old Marjorie would climb every fence installed, even concertina wire! In 1951, Lieutenant Colonel Faiks reported to NATO headquarters, Fontainebleau, France. He rented the summer home of Henry IV, which included 10 bedrooms, maids' quarters, 10 acres of gardens, 1000 acres of private hunting preserve, billiard room, completely furnished (even a World War I unexploded bomb in the attic)! All this, including two maids, for \$90 a month! It was here in 1952 that Lieutenant Colonel Faiks and Jeanne received their "French Surprise"—Robert Stanley Faiks. The last 10 years of Colonel Faiks' career consisted of Corps of Engineer duty in Albuquerque, New Mexico; group commander, Fort Hood, Texas; post engineer, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; G-4 in Korea and finally at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Retirement in 1963 did not slow down Colonel Faiks. He taught engineering at Broward Junior College, Florida, graduated from law school in 1970, owned a candle shop, worked in the Faiks & Faiks Law Firm with his wife and traveled extensively.

He once went to Germany to help one of our relatives who had defected from Poland. He also made four trips to Poland, a trip to Argentina and one to France solely to research the family name and search out distant relatives. My father was a staunch family man who loved to travel and to build playhouses for his grandchildren and workbenches for his sons! He took his sons to Poland to find their roots and to appreciate their heritage. He put aside money so that his children and grandchildren would have the opportunity to go to college. Above all, my father loved his country, his family and West Point to the fullest!

*Lieutenant Colonel Walter Alexander Faiks, Jr., United States Army Reserve*

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### William Henry Traeger

NO. 10942 CLASS OF 1937

Died 15 December 1944 in the sinking of the POW ship, *Oryoku Maru*, aged 32 years.

Interment: Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Fort Bonifacio, Republic of the Philippines.



William Henry Traeger

WILLIAM HENRY TRAEGER was born in Bellevue, Pennsylvania on 26 February 1912, the son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles H. Traeger, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. His early schooling was at the various Army posts where his father was stationed. While Bill was spending a year at Ohio State University, his parents were stationed at Rock Island Arsenal, and Bill was able to obtain an appointment to the Military Academy from Illinois.

At West Point Bill took academics rather casually but showed his fine mind in philosophical sessions with his classmates. Four years on the soccer team kept his body in excellent shape, too. His social life blossomed when he met Virginia (Ginny) Meekin of Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin. They were married on 14 June 1937 in the Cadet Chapel by Colonel Clayton Wheat, Professor of English and former Cadet Chaplain.

Bill and Ginny spent their first year and a half at Fort Benning, Georgia, with Bill assigned to the 29th Infantry. In January 1939 Bill, Ginny and their baby daughter, Catherine, sailed from Charleston for Manila aboard the Army transport *Grant*. Forty-six days later they arrived in the Philippines, where Bill was assigned to the 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts. They enjoyed a pleasant, short year or so together at Fort McKinley. In May 1941 their four-year life together ended with the evacuation of dependents from the islands.

When the Japanese invaded Bill fought with his unit as battalion operations officer and battalion commander on the Bataan Peninsula until surrender. He managed to survive the death march and almost three years of POW camps, only to die in the sinking of the *Oryoku Maru* on 15 December 1944 en route to Manchuria.

While a POW Bill, now a major, received a posthumous Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart for his role in preventing the execution

of an entire POW work detail because of a violent attack by a mentally disturbed prisoner upon a Japanese guard.

Cut down in his prime, we do not know what this brave infantryman, with his clear vision and strong character, might have accomplished. Farewell, true friend, husband, father and classmate.

VTR and CBH

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### Paul Tucker Clifford

NO. 11739 CLASS OF 1939

Died 23 February 1987 in Columbia, South Carolina, aged 72 years.

Interment: Greenlawn Memorial Park, Columbia, South Carolina.



Paul Tucker Clifford

PAUL TUCKER CLIFFORD was born in Franklin, New Hampshire on 2 May 1914. He was the son of Thomas Fellows Clifford and the former Margurite Tucker. After graduation from Franklin High School, he enrolled at Bates College in Maine.

In 1934 he entered West Point and was known to his friends as Pete. He loved golf but hated horses because he was allergic to horse dander. He played on the golf team and graduated in 1939 despite his allergy.

Pete's first assignment was to the 3rd Infantry, stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Soon the regiment was sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina as the first regular troops there since World War I. There he met Reba Hunt in 1940, and they were married on 17 May 1941.

The 3rd Infantry was sent to Newfoundland after the Louisiana Maneuvers. War was declared, and all wives and children were sent home. A year later, Pete was assigned to the Yankee Division, Massachusetts National Guard, on beach patrol from Maine to Florida. From Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia he went to Europe and was assigned to the 23rd Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division. After V-E day he stayed in Paris with the Headquarters G-1.

When Pete returned to the States, he attended the last short course at Fort Leavenworth and then was assigned to the Personnel and Administration Division at the Pentagon. Reba and their two war babies (Patricia Ann

in August 1942 and Paul, Jr. in January 1944) joined him there. He had joined the Army and Navy Country Club after graduation and, finding a place to live nearby, stopped by the club en route to and occasionally from work.

After three and a half years in Washington he was sent to Japan to command the Second Battalion, Fifth Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division at Camp McGill, Japan. The Korean War broke out, and the Division moved out 30 June 1950. Pete led his battalion for eight months; then moved up to division staff as assistant chief of staff, G-1. He then went back to Japan as operations officer, Operations Division, General Headquarters, Tokyo. Upon his return to the States, Pete became professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of North Dakota for two years. Next came the Army War College in 1953-54, then it was over to Germany to command the 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. After a year he was moved to Headquarters, VII Corps as assistant chief of staff, G-4, until June 1958; then back to the States as director, Ground Mobility Department, Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

From July 1962-July 1963 Pete was chief, Logistics Branch, Military Advisory and Assistance Group, RVN in Saigon. If Reba and the children went, it meant living in restricted quarters. Since both children were attending the University of South Carolina, the family stayed in Columbia, South Carolina. Pete returned to Columbia as the sector commander, USAR and, with reorganization in 1968, became the senior army advisor, 120th ARCOM, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In 1990 the conference room at the 120th ARCOM was renovated and dedicated in his memory. The family presented a portrait to the commanding general at the dedication ceremony.

As a second career Pete began teaching high school mathematics. No doubt this will surprise some classmates who remember his difficulties with the Math Department at West Point. Reba had been teaching high school English since 1960, and this left summers free to spend at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club in Potter Place, New Hampshire. They both retired from school teaching in 1980.

On 23 February 1987 Pete died from acute kidney failure. He is buried in the military section of Greenlawn Memorial Park in Columbia, South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, two children and three grandchildren. His decorations include the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters and a "V" device; Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Combat Infantryman Badge with star; Parachutist Badge; and numerous campaign medals.

*Ken Collins and Reba Clifford*

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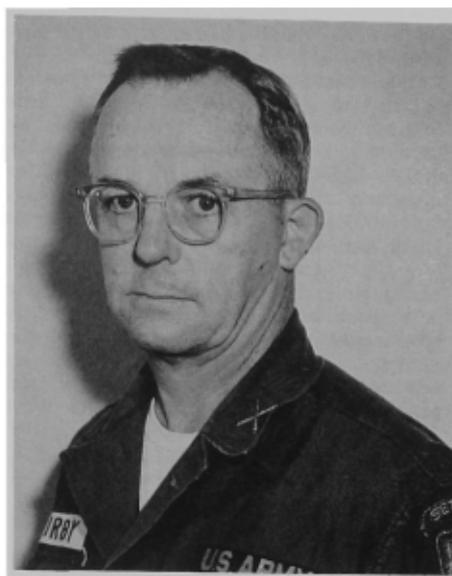
**Lee Manning Kirby**

NO. 11650 CLASS OF 1939

Died 24 July 1981 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, aged 67 years.

Interment: Fairview Memorial Gardens, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

LEE WAS ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS who made his mark in all the major aspects of his life—as a family man, a member of his community and an Army officer. In relaxed mo-



**Lee Manning Kirby**

ments he could be the model of an Arkansas country gentleman, sipping a Jack Daniels and spinning yarns, but what a change when duty called! Lee had his priorities right.

Lee was born in Little Rock on 12 Oct 1913. His father was a prominent surgeon but died when Lee, the eldest of four children, was nine. Family teamwork put Lee through the University of Arkansas with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1935 and then into the West Point Class of 1939. The first couple of years were hard on him, but then he really hit his stride, earning leadership positions in a variety of activities.

His Army career was typical of a successful West Pointer. He was an AA battalion commander in the ETO during World War II, where he earned a Legion of Merit and a Commendation Ribbon.

After the war, Lee was commandant of an AA battalion in Germany and was a G-1 in Frankfurt. He returned to North Carolina for three years' duty as a National Guard advisor. From 1950-52 he served in the Army G-1 in Tokyo; from 1953-57 in the US in several positions in support of Army Reserve components; then Italy for three years duty as commander of an Honest John Rocket Battalion. Lee's last two years of active duty, 1961-62, included graduation from the Armed Services Intelligence School and the preparation of intelligence reports on the economies of foreign countries.

When he retired from the Army in 1962 he returned to his native Arkansas to start a civilian career.

For a dozen years after graduation Lee was one of the Class bachelors, a condition never seriously challenged. In 1948, the author of this obituary was married, and he asked his best friend, Lee, to be best man. As Lee was a hard-shell bachelor at the time, there were worries about his reaction to taking part in a wedding—it might be contagious or something. But Lee rose to the occasion. His reply was, "I'm not bothered at all taking part in a wedding, as long as some guy is standing between me and the bride."

He would have held out as a bachelor a lot longer, but while on duty in Tokyo in 1951 he met Helen Rodekuhr; they were married that same year. Then came Cynthia, Lee Jr., Mary Gladys, Kathy and Chris. Lee, carefree bach-

elor, was now Lee, model family man! He was up to his ears with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, band, chorus, debate team, Little League, music lessons, golf and swimming. In 1964 the whole tribe moved to a home on 32 acres near Fayetteville, and Lee became a gentleman farmer.

Cancer claimed the life of Lee Kirby on 24 January 1981, but the family continues as Lee would have wanted. All five Kirby children attended college and now are following their own careers, and Helen is still leading an active life in Fayetteville. Lee has left a solid legacy to society.

*William C. Banning, with help from wife Shirley and Lee's widow, Helen Kirby*

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**Elbert Owen Meals**

NO. 11470 CLASS OF 1939

Died 26 February 1985 in Salt Lake City, Utah, aged 70 years.

Interment: Wasatch Lawn Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah.



**Elbert Owen Meals**

A HIGHLY DEDICATED BOMBER PILOT, atomic engineer, music lover, caring family man and ideal friend all describe Elbert Owen Meals, better known to his friends as "Jack." He was born on 24 July 1914 in National City, San Diego County, California as the only child of Russell D. and Julia (Griswold) Meals, who died when Jack was four years old. While he was still young, his father married Ella Johnson, who became a real mother to him. His early life is associated primarily with Missouri—near Moberly where his father's farm was located, grade school in Kansas City, high school in Eldon and the University of Missouri at Columbia, 1933-35. There he enrolled in the ROTC program, attaining the rank of first sergeant. During this period he also served in the Missouri National Guard's 128th Field Artillery as a sergeant.

Appointed to USMA by Representative W.L. Nelson of Missouri's 2nd District, he achieved excellence, both academically and militarily. His academic standings at the end of each successive year were: 68, 103, 217 and 136 of 456 graduating. Militarily, he was cadet corporal, sergeant and lieutenant in successive years. He was an assistant manager of football in 1937, an active golfer, a member of the Dialectic Society (participating in the 100th Night Show for three years), and a

member of the Automobile Committee. The 1939 *Howitz* described him, "thorough to the nth degree, immaculate in uniform, he is famed for his neat appearance. Serious or gay as the occasion demands, a connoisseur of music and top-notch fisherman, all of which qualities combine to make him an ideal friend and companion. . . ."

After graduation, Jack successfully completed flight training at Randolph and Kelly Fields by June 1940. He served with the 7th Bomb Group at Hamilton Field, California, and later at Salt Lake City, Utah and Boise, Idaho as a pilot and engineer officer of the Group's 77th Bomb Squadron until December 1941. Then in wartime he operated out of Elmendorf Air Base, Alaska and various advanced bases in the Aleutian Islands until October 1942, as the Squadron's operations officer and later as its commanding officer. The citation for the Distinguished Service Cross he earned during this period reads as follows:

For extraordinary heroism in action against the Japanese enemy forces in the Aleutian area, 4 June 1942, Captain Meals led a flight of five medium bombardment airplanes in a torpedo attack against the enemy naval concentration, the flight being made in bad weather under a ceiling of from fifty to three hundred feet. Due to the weather and the heavy enemy anti-aircraft fire, only two planes were able to locate the target and deliver their attacks. Captain Meals approached within a half-mile of the enemy, launched his torpedo and pulled up into the overcast. The torpedo hit the cruiser and exploded. Captain Meals returned to his base alone. . . . This officer could not have been criticized if he had chosen to abandon the mission and return to his base before the attack had been launched. . . ."

Captain Meals remained in Alaska until March 1943, as the deputy operations officer of the 11th Bomber Command, and then returned to San Francisco as tactical inspector, Inspector General Division, of the Fourth Air Force until June 1944. After four months as a student at the AAF Engineering School, Wright Field (Dayton), Ohio from October 1944 to April 1945, he was assistant chief, Maintenance Division, Ogden ASC at Hill Field, Utah. He then returned to Wright Field as chief, Maintenance Division of the Air Technical Service Command.

A classmate and close associate made this comment about him: "He had the ability to think a complex problem through in a very detailed, orderly way and come up with the right answer. He always demonstrated great patience, calmness, steadfastness of purpose and inner strength."

At this point Jack became closely associated with atomic energy—for over a year beginning in April 1946 as assistant or deputy engineer, Manhattan District and during 1947-49 at the University of California, where he earned his master's degree in physics. During the remainder of his military career he held various nuclear assignments and also attended the Air War College in 1954 and the National War College from 1958-59. He retired from the Air Force in 1960 and was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company in its Atomic Energy Division,

Idaho Falls, Idaho as manager, advance planning, 1963-78.

While stationed in Salt Lake City prior to World War II, Jack met and married Jane Wetzel, who survives him. To this marriage six children were born—one son who predeceased him and two other sons and three daughters, all of whom live in Salt Lake City (as of 1991): Marc O., Robert F., Pamela Meals Clark, Katherine Meals and Joan Meals Nordgren. Family members describe him as "quiet, sensitive, dignified and a gentleman; one who loved his family and enjoyed family picnics and vacations, photography and gardening. . . . He was a deeply religious man and also one with a strong sense of duty and patriotism, always personifying the West Point ideals of Duty, Honor, Country."

*Prepared by a USMA and NWC classmate with the assistance of other classmates and family members*

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**John Porter Tomhave**

NO. 11638 CLASS OF 1939

Died 22 February 1945 in Nurnberg, Germany, aged 28 years.

Interment: Lorraine American Cemetery, Saint Avold, France.



**John Porter Tomhave**

JOHN PORTER TOMHAVE was born on 3 November 1916 at Montevideo, Minnesota. His parents were John B. And Gertrude P. Tomhave of Montevideo.

John (called Jack by his friends) attended Central High School in Montevideo from 1930-34 and the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis from 1934-35. He was a member of the Minnesota National Guard for two years and was a member of the ROTC while at the University of Minnesota. In 1935 he was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy by Representative John P. Kvale from the 7th District, Minnesota.

Jack graduated from West Point in June 1939. He was never high-ranking academically, but his class standing improved steadily throughout the four-year term. His athletic record included plebe football, hockey in 1936-37, cross-country in 1937, and lacrosse in 1936-38. His other activities included Ca-

det Chapel Choir, 100th Night Snow cast in 1939 and company *Pointer* representative.

Jack's chosen branch when he graduated was the Cavalry. Horses and riding were his loves when he was a cadet; his classmates had even nicknamed him "Trooper."

His first duty station was Fort Clark, Texas, with the 5th Cavalry. He served at Fort Clark from September 1939 to December 1940. On 14 December 1940 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Jack married Mary E. (Betty) Kellam of San Antonio, Texas.

Jack was detailed to the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas in January 1941 and, after completion of the Cavalry School, was assigned to the 9th Cavalry at Fort Riley. Daughter Joan was born on 6 October 1941.

While he was at Fort Riley, Jack became concerned over the trend towards mechanization of the cavalry. He felt that the cavalry life he had looked forward to was not destined to continue for long. Accordingly, he requested a transfer to the Air Corps for flight training. When his request was disapproved by the Chief of Cavalry, Jack applied directly to the Chief of the Air Corps. He was finally successful and entered flight training at the Primary Flying School at King City, California in June 1941. He completed Basic training at Moffett Field, California, Advanced training at Victorville, California and graduated in the class of 42-G in June 1942.

Jack was stationed at MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida, flying B-26 aircraft, until he was ordered overseas in January 1944. He was assigned to the 55th Bomb Wing, Fifteenth Air Force, Bari, Italy. The 55th Bomb Wing headquarters was located at Spinazzola, a small town near Bari. While at the 55th Bomb Wing, Jack flew B-24s (Liberators) with the different Groups of the Wing. In August 1944, Jack was assigned as commander of the 485th Bomb Group, located at Venosa Airfield in the Bari area. Subsequently he was promoted to colonel. At the 485th, Jack revealed that he still loved horses: he named his B-24 aircraft "Pegasus."

On 16 February 1945 on a bombing mission to Villach, Austria, Jack's aircraft was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire north of Chiusaforte, Italy. He successfully parachuted and evaded the enemy until the morning of 18 February, when enemy troops captured him near Villanova, Italy. He was placed aboard a train for transfer to a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. On 22 February, while en route, the train was strafed by Allied aircraft near Ansbach, Germany, and Jack was hit and killed. His body was interred at the Waldfriedhof Cemetery in Ansbach. After the war, he was re-interred at the U.S. Military Cemetery at Saint Avold, France (now titled the Lorraine American Cemetery).

Jack's awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross (for leading a highly successful bombing mission against the Ploesti oil fields), three Air Medals, the Croix de Guerre and a posthumous Purple Heart.

Jack was one of the few members of his West Point class to achieve the rank of colonel during the war. He was a fine pilot, and his resolute character, his dogged determination and his sense of integrity were apparent to everyone who knew him, both when he was a cadet and throughout his service in the Cavalry and the Air Corps. His unfortunate death cut short a career that could have led to high levels in the post-war Air Force.



### Heinz Weisemann

NO. 11558 CLASS OF 1939

Died 7 June 1972 in Tampa, Florida, aged 58 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Heinz Weisemann

HEINZ WEISEMANN was born in Dresden, Germany on 12 December 1913, the son of Paul and Hedy Weisemann. His family emigrated to America when he was nine years old and settled in Long Island, New York, where he attended grammar and high school. After graduation, he entered the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and supervised a reforestation crew. The officer in charge was so impressed with his abilities that he suggested Heinz consider an application to West Point.

Heinz enlisted in the Army and won an appointment through the Preparatory School at Fort Scott, California. He entered the Academy and D Company in 1935. His first assignment upon graduation was to a Coast Artillery Corps (CAC) battery at Fort Ruger, Oahu. Hawaii was then truly the paradise that the oncoming war would change forever. Shortly before the attack on Pearl Harbor, orders were received transferring him to the Engineers in Chicago, Illinois.

With our entry into the war, the furniture went into storage and there began the frequent moves that would eventually lead to an assignment with SCAP in New Guinea and, later, the Natural Resources section in Tokyo, Japan. Our daughter Lisa made news as the first American child born during the occupation of Japan.

There were the inevitable assignments to Washington, highlighted by tours in Ankara, Turkey and Anchorage, Alaska, and work with the Argentine, Turkish and Korean governments in the fields of Logistics and Economics. During this busy time, Heinz earned master's degrees in civil engineering and in operations research and statistics.

He was serving at the Pentagon when he decided to retire and accept a position with Booz Allen Applied Research in Kansas City, Kansas. While in Kansas a malignant cancer was diagnosed.

Heinz moved to the Tampa-St. Petersburg area of Florida to be near his family and enjoy the climate he so missed. He died in the hospital at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa on 7 June 1972. His is survived by his wife Anita; two daughters, Lisa Weisemann and Cristina Coffin; and one grandson, Lucas Coffin.

Anita Weisemann



### John Deber Townsend

NO. 12048 CLASS OF 1940

Died 20 February 1991 in Austin, Texas, aged 76 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.



John Deber Townsend

The vignette of Johnny found in the 1940 *Howitzer* is appropriate to his military career, his post-retirement career and his family life: "From way down in 'Georgeah, Suh' came our little ball of fire, John Deber, bringing with him as fiery and as loyal a heart as ever hit West Point. . . . He went far with his winning smile, his sincere manner, and the inevitable gleam in his eye which carried him through all adversity."

That succinct description is not complete until John and Vera's dedication to their marriage for life is added. Those of us at the 50th who saw the eight millimeter films of F Company's first and second class years saw again the joy and enthusiasm that were always reflected in John's face. Genuine friendliness was his hallmark. Plebe years at Annapolis and West Point and the intervening preparatory school training didn't make a cynic of John. Nor did anything else.

After the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, John was assigned to duty with the 35th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in 1940. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he went with the 35th Infantry into action at Guadalcanal. Then he was transferred to the Americal Division, serving briefly as provost marshal in Fiji and G-1 until he went with the Division to Bougainville. He was in the South Pacific for three years, rising from lieutenant to lieutenant colonel.

On his return to the United States, he served as instructor in the Tactics Department of the Infantry School. From June 1945 to May 1946 he was Assistant G-1, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces. After commanding the Infantry Detachment at West Point, he undertook more staff duty, schooling at Fort Leavenworth and the Airborne School, and assignment to the University of Florida as chief of the Infantry Detachment. While there, he earned a master of arts degree in international relations and completed the coursework toward his Ph.D.

Further study took him to the Armed Forces Language School in California, and, in 1954, he was assigned to be the Army attaché in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Upon his return from Ethiopia, John, now a colonel, commanded the First Training Regiment at Fort Jackson, South Carolina for one year and served another year there as chief of staff. After graduation from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania in 1960, he was assigned to the Joint US Military Mission to Turkey as J-3 advisor until May 1962, when he returned to the Army General Staff as chief, International and Policy Planning Division, OSD.

At the end of his first 15 years as an officer, it seemed that John had been sentenced to a life in the South Pacific and the deep southeast of the US, but once in Africa his blithe spirit was freed. Frequently accompanied by his family, he traveled from the Middle East to South Africa, mostly by plane or jeep. When assigned to Turkey, he motored the areas from Germany to Lebanon—a good intelligence officer!

In September 1964 he became Professor of Military Science at the University of Texas for one year prior to his assignment to Headquarters MACV. Upon his return from Vietnam he became deputy chief of staff for Operations and Training, First US Army, retiring from a distinguished military career in 1969. His accomplishments were recognized by the award of the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Honor Medal (1st class) and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

After his retirement from the Army, John returned to Austin to begin a civilian career in service to others at the Texas Department of Human Resources, where he became assistant commissioner. He was a problem-solver who worked to help anyone in need. In 1979 the governor appointed John as state coordinator for refugee resettlement, and John developed a plan for the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees that became a model for other states.

While John was serving others who needed his aid in Texas, his son, John Michael, graduated from Yale University and Yale Law School, undertaking a challenging law career that would span the globe; his daughter, Jane Susan, graduated from Wellesley College and began a teaching career in English. His wife Vera graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in library science and undertook numerous volunteer activities.

When John retired from service to the State of Texas, he continued his commitment to helping others by serving as president of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Foundation for Human Services until 1987. John was also



Bill added much to the conversation in that rarefied atmosphere.

He returned home in 1966 for an assignment to the JCS, which turned out to be the last in his distinguished career. Bill was retired for disability in 1967 in the grade of colonel, receiving a second Legion of Merit on that occasion.

Following his Army years Bill embarked on another career: over the years he represented several large corporations in Africa and France. Among his other challenges was heading the Peace Corps in Zaire. His young, idealistic charges loved that grizzled, old artilleryman who guided their efforts and looked after their welfare.

Bill married Alice Sloss in northern Ireland in 1945. Their marriage was blessed with three sons, William, Richard and Michael, and one daughter, Anne. This union was dissolved in 1969. For the remainder of his life Bill was married to Anne S. Rousseau de Priene of Paris, France; he lived many of his retirement years there.

Bill was a good soldier and a most worthy member of the "Long Gray Line." His "course on earth is run. Well done; be thou at peace."

*A classmate and boyhood friend*

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### Samuel Demetrius Avery, Jr.

EX-CADET OF THE CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 12 August 1945 in Mindanao, Philippine Islands, aged 25 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Samuel Demetrius Avery, Jr.

SAMUEL DEMETRIUS AVERY, JR. was born at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on 16 July 1920. He was killed in action in Mindanao, the Philippine Islands on 12 August 1945 while serving with the 24th Infantry Division, US Army in World War II.

His parents were Captain Samuel D. and Rita Johansen Avery, Medical Corps, US Army. Sam grew up at several Army posts in the US and overseas, graduating from Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C. and attending Sullivan Preparatory School for a short time.

Sam entered West Point in July 1940 and after plebe summer was assigned to Company M. He participated in athletics and was a member of the Track Squad. Sam always recalled his classmates and this period of his life with fondness. He was found deficient in academics in 1941 and entered Georgetown University after his departure from West Point. He enlisted in the US Army and continued his schooling at Georgetown in the Army Specialized Training Program, completing the course in mechanical engineering on 26 March 1944. He graduated from the Officer Candidate School and on 29 October 1944 married Miss Roberta Kingston of Baltimore, Maryland. Sam completed the required infantry officer courses, and he and Bobbie were assigned to posts in the Southeastern US before Sam headed to the Pacific for duty as a platoon leader with the 24th Division.

The Division chaplain wrote to Bobbie after Sam's death, "He had his platoon on vehicles and was moving up a road to a place where they would dismount and proceed on foot on their patrolling mission. They were near their point of dismounting where the road made a turn and started up an incline. They were met by heavy enemy machine-gun fire. As best I can find out, he was riding in the front seat, and he never moved except to slump over. He died instantly and did not suffer. He was well-liked and respected. His men had confidence in him, as he justly deserved. We join you in your grief."

Sam's radioman wrote to Bobbie what we think is a beautiful tribute to Sam: "I wish to add my deepest sympathy for you. Lieutenant Avery and I were friends, although we knew each other only a short time. He and I worked together quite a bit. At the time of his accident I was with him as his 'radioman.' He picked me to go with him that certain day [because] I was an experienced man with a radio. I was always glad to go with him, for I've never met anyone who was more friendly to me than he was. He taught me many things that I will never forget. He was one of the finest men I ever had the pleasure of serving under."

Typical of the many comments that Bobbie received after Sam's death was one from his battalion commander: "Lieutenant Avery's death has been a great loss to his fellow officers, and especially to the men of his command. His courageous leadership in battle and his concern for the well-being of the troops he led have earned for him the undying respect of the officers and men who knew him. His high devotion to duty is a credit to his country, his uniform and his family."

Sam was buried initially in the USAF Cemetery Talema #2, near Talema in the Davao sector of Mindanao. In 1949 Sam's body was returned to the United States, and he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Two months after Sam's death, his daughter Sheryl Lynn was born on 7 October 1945. Sam is survived by Bobbie; Sheryl (now Sheryl Avery-Meints) of East Lansing, Michigan; grandchildren Sam and Nicholas; and by his brother Charles, USMA Class of 1945.

*Sheryl Lynn Avery-Meints and CJA '45*

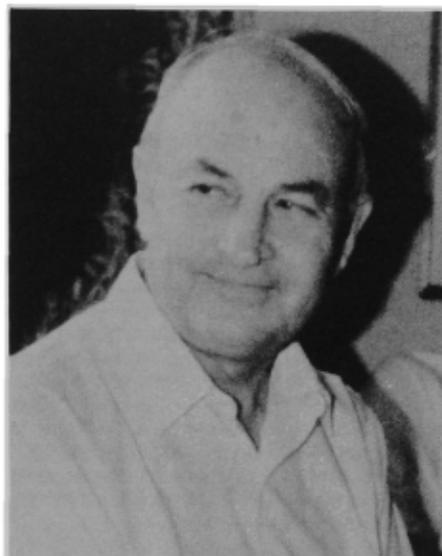
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### Raymond Carlton Blatt, Jr.

NO. 13780 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 29 April 1991 in Healdsburg, California, aged 71 years.

Interment: Private. Cremation; Hidden Valley Ranch, Healdsburg, California.



Raymond Carlton Blatt, Jr.

RAYMOND CARLTON BLATT, JR. was born in Douglas, Arizona on 27 September 1919. He was a cavalry "brat" and spent his early years at various US Army cavalry posts. He graduated from Douglas High School and then spent a year at the University of Arizona in Tucson. With his eyes on West Point, he spent the next year at Brown Military Academy in San Diego, California. After Brown, he enlisted in the Seventh United States Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas and was detailed from there to the West Point Preparatory School at Camp Bullis, Texas near Fort Sam Houston.

After taking the West Point entrance exams at Fort Sam Houston, he rejoined the Seventh Cavalry and participated in the first large pre-war Louisiana Maneuver, riding a horse day and night for over eight weeks in the heat, humidity, dust and mud of Louisiana and East Texas. Near the end of the maneuvers he was notified that he had been accepted to West Point. He had been appointed to the Academy by the Honorable Henry Ashurst, United States senator from Arizona. The Army transferred him to the Third Cavalry at Fort Myer, Virginia, where his discharge was signed by then-Colonel George S. Patton, Jr.

Ray entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1940. He was in "M" Company his first two years and, after Corps reorganization in 1942, was in "G-2" Company. He earned two minor "A"s as a first-team wrestler, played plebe and "B" squad football and was on the track team. In First Class year he was a cadet officer and a battalion adjutant. The Academy was a "breeze" for Ray, and he had numerous friends throughout the Corps. He was always ready to have fun and was a willing participant in cadet pranks and mischief.

During plebe year he met Barbara Rubel on a "blind" date at the Army-Harvard football game in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They were married shortly after graduation at Bar-





Carlyle is survived by his wife Marti and their three children: Richard of Arlington, Virginia; Elizabeth Pardo of Arlington Heights, Illinois; and Brian, an Air Force Academy graduate now at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. There are also six surviving grandchildren.

Marti, his wife of 42 years, says that every commanding officer came to her at some time and told her that Carlyle was an outstanding officer. His son Richard spoke thusly at the memorial service held at the First Baptist Church in DeLand on 16 March 1989:

"He was a decent and honorable man. He had a firm sense that people should treat each other fairly and honestly, and he practiced this in his dealings with others, especially his children. He didn't lie or cheat, either in material ways or in how he portrayed himself to the world. He did not regard his life as a competition, or seek his own advancement at the expense of another.

"He was a gentle man. He accepted and forgave our failings, yet acknowledged and was proud of our achievements and strengths. He corrected us with reprimands when our actions warranted them, but mostly he corrected us with his own example.

"He was a learned man. He strove for knowledge of our world and its history. He instilled in us the same quest for knowledge.

"He was a good and responsible provider for his family. In a world where so many mothers and children lack food, shelter and guidance, we had these things.

"He gave to his society more than he took from it. He served his country with courage and valor in war, and with wisdom and integrity in peacetime. He gave to his country so very much, and yet asked for so little. In doing so, he showed us the nature of service and citizenship.

"He loved his family and his friends. We saw his love in his care, his concern and his attention."

What finer tribute could there be than this from his children?

*His wife, his son and a roommate*

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**George Frederick Bond, Jr.**

NO. 14486 CLASS OF 1945

Died 27 November 1971 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 47 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

FRED BOND came from the northwoods country of Wisconsin. He brought to West Point a love of the outdoors and a brilliant mind that helped him achieve high academic honors at the Military Academy. Fred selected the Army Air Corps, graduating with his wings. Following graduation he attended the standard flying schools, culminating at Orlando, Florida in December 1945. He married his wife Natalie that same December. The following February he was assigned to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. Natalie joined him in October, where they remained for what Fred called their 16-month honeymoon. Fred flew photography missions in B-24s and B-17s. He returned to the States in 1948.

After a short stay in Texas he earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan in 1951.



**George Frederick Bond, Jr.**

Their son Rick was born while at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Fred taught Plebe Math at the Military Academy from 1952-55. Their daughter Mary was born at West Point in 1954. After West Point Fred was assigned to the Strategic Air Command at Homestead Air Force Base in Miami, Florida, where he flew B-47 bombers. In 1960 he attended the Air Command and Staff College. He then was assigned to Norton Air Force Base near Los Angeles for duty with the Titan missile program.

Fred then spent four years, 1965-69, at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1969 Fred was assigned to the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. It was here that Fred died very suddenly on 27 November 1971. He was buried at Arlington Cemetery.

His son George III is married and attended school at Auburn University. His daughter Mary is married and attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute. His widow Natalie lives in Montgomery, Alabama.

Fred was sincere in everything he did. At work and with his friends, he stoutly defended his personal ideals. He was fiercely patriotic. Although his life was much too short, Fred "made his mark" on the world—on his children, on his classmates and service associates, on the many young Air Force officers he helped train, but especially on his many, many friends who loved him.

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**Arthur Bryan Greene**

NO. 15079 CLASS OF 1945

Died 10 January 1988 in Falls Church, Virginia, aged 63 years.

Interment: Fairfax Memorial Park, Fairfax, Virginia.

ARTHUR BRYAN GREENE was born 31 July 1924. Known throughout his cadet career as "A.B.," his Army career as "Art" and his civilian career as "Bill," he was a man who calmly met life's most difficult blows with steadfastness and fortitude.

Always a very shy and retiring individual in public, his humorous and more outgoing side often came out in his letters or writings. For



**Arthur Bryan Greene**

example, in eleventh grade, he wrote a poem to his old, discarded pair of saddle shoes. Its last stanza concluded:

We'll stroll no more together;

Your days are numbered, pal.

So I'll dedicate a song to you:

'Empty Saddles in the Old Corral.'

At West Point he was dedicated to books, boodle and brown boy. . . but not necessarily in that order. I remember him best during those years as an ardent chess opponent. After innumerable games, we graduated dead even in chess games won. (Upon his death in 1988, he was ahead by one game.)

His fifteen-year Army career included service in the 35th Infantry in Japan; Benning School Troops; Military Intelligence at Holabird; command of an Infantry Company in Berlin's Constabulary; two years of duty at SHAPE; professor of military science and tactics at Fork Union; and a year in Iran. While in Paris he met and married Dolores Banta and upon return had his surviving son, Donald R. Greene.

Leaving the Army as a major in 1960, Bill trained himself in the then-new art of computer programming and systems analysis. For eight years in Parsippany, New Jersey, he held positions of ever-increasing responsibility as a data processing manager in various civilian companies. In May 1968, he joined the Defense Communications Agency, where he served as a computer systems analyst until his final retirement in August 1980.

Bill's life was not an easy one. In July 1960 he lost his infant daughter, Mary Celia, in childbirth. In October 1975 his beloved wife developed cancer. Until her death in October 1977, Bill was always always at her side, nursing and caring for her despite repeated illnesses of his own which put them in adjacent hospitals. His strong and courageous character was severely tried.

His 1945 *Howitzer* biography predicted: "His calm ability to carry out assignments will pay off. . . ." Thirty years later the Joint Chiefs of Staff would send him a special commendation which read: "Without his conscientious and untiring efforts, his professionalism and perseverance in the face of innumerable difficulties, the present significant milestone in the development of the JISR would not have been reached." Surely few of her sons strove

harder to epitomize West Point's motto of "Duty, Honor, Country" than Bill.

*A classmate*

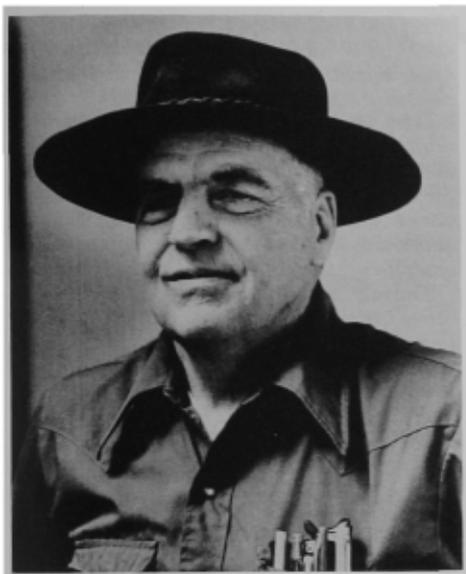
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### Howard Johnston Hanson

NO. 14879 CLASS OF 1945

Died 21 May 1990 in Gig Harbor, Washington, aged 69 years.

Cremated: Ashes scattered near the town of Silverdale, Washington.



Howard Johnston Hanson

HOWARD JOHNSTON HANSON was born in Des Moines, Iowa on 17 November 1920 to Harry William Hanson and Lauretta Ann Johnston Hanson. His father took part in the Pancho Villa Campaign and fought in World War I as a captain in the 89th Division. In World War II, he was with the US Coast Guard, Beach Patrol and Law Enforcement. Thus, Howard had first-hand knowledge of the military and doubtless was influenced toward West Point by his father.

"H.J.," as he was known as a cadet, grew up in the Des Moines area, where he went to public school, delivered papers and graduated from North High School. His mother died in 1929; thus, his family felt the impact of the Depression, war and death. With money saved from his paper route, he paid for college expenses, attending Drake University from January 1939 to January 1941 until he was called to active duty at Camp Bowie, Texas with his Iowa National Guard unit, the 113th Cavalry Regiment. Having been selected for promotion to sergeant, he received an appointment from Congressman George Cunningham of Iowa and entered USMA with the then-Class of 1946 in July 1942.

Cadet years were enjoyable for H.J. He was accustomed to Army life and was a good student, helping a number of his classmates cope with academics. He was known as a quiet but friendly man who had a confident spirit about him. He wrestled on the West Point team for a year and then devoted himself to weight-lifting, becoming president of that club during his first class year after having developed an excellent physique. A shortened war-time course at West Point caused us to become the Class of 1945, and

H.J. graduated with enough seniority to obtain his branch choice of Signal Corps.

During the next six years, Howard experienced the Army in transition from wartime through a hasty demobilization and subsequent sorting-out period to a sudden remobilization for Korea. Thirty months were spent in Japan, where he got to be a ham radio operator. Then came a tour with the 2nd Signal Company at Fort Lewis followed by a year in Okinawa with a radio broadcasting company. As a number of classmates did, Howard judged that an Army career could not offer much based on the turbulent experiences thus far. This, together with the very dim promotion potential (our class was five years behind the Class of 1944 by this time), caused Howard to tender his resignation in July 1951.

Having lost his father in 1950, Howard felt no desire to return to Iowa but liked the Tacoma area and decided to stay there. He worked for the Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle for about eleven years as an electronics engineer, during which time he met and married Mary Gibbs. A daughter, Marlea, was born to them in 1956, but the marriage subsequently failed and they were divorced in 1962. His entry in the 20-year class book reflects his frustration. It contains a phrase that he had developed a "severe disillusionment concerning women," although the rest is upbeat.

His faith was shortly restored, however, when Florence David came into his life; they were married in December 1966. She and Howard had 23 good years together, and he was a fine step-father to Florence's three children, Evelyn, Walter and Edward.

Shortly before his second marriage, Howard left Boeing and began employment with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as an electrical engineer. He joked that it was a shame to work for the Navy, but he served well and took an honorable retirement in 1983. During this last period of his life, Howard engaged in many activities that demonstrate the type of person he was. He loved to square dance and did so several times a week. He maintained his ham radio station and was a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. A life member of the Association of Graduates, he remembered his West Point heritage with pride and expressed his patriotic feelings in his many letters. His interest in marksmanship brought him membership in the National Rifle Association, and his service to the community caused him to be appointed an officer of the Federal Way, Washington Senior Center.

Howard loved to write articles and letters to the editor for publication and correspond with many individuals all over the world. Upon his death, the local newspaper, *The Federal Way News*, devoted an entire double column to his memory. An excerpt from the column reads: "Howard was proud of his letters. He sent them to publications across the country and kept a scrapbook of those that were printed. Despite the sometimes sarcastic tone of his dispatches, the flesh-and-blood Howard always seemed a kind and humble soul. The appreciation he expressed when his letters were published inspired those of us who believe newspapers play a special role in our society. Howard's letters reminded us we have an audience. They made our jobs feel important."

About 25 years ago, Howard took to wearing a broad-brimmed black hat nearly all the time. It was his signature piece—everyone knew him by his hat.

He was ill with kidney cancer before his death on 21 May 1990. Florence said, "It was a hard battle the last ten months." Howard owned some property near Silverdale, Washington, covered with tall trees and sword ferns he dearly loved. He built a little log cabin there. Behind it, in a small deep ravine where a spring flows, his ashes were scattered. Florence, family members and Graham Kent (USMA '47) had carried out his last wishes.

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### Joseph Chamberlain Hill

NO. 15238 CLASS OF 1945

Died 21 August 1989 in Punta Gorda, Florida, aged 67 years.

Interment: Carmel Cemetery, Carmel, Indiana



Joseph Chamberlain Hill

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN HILL was born 3 April 1922 in Ancon, Panama Canal Zone, the only child of Colonel Harry W. and Florence R. Hill. His father was serving in the Zone with the US Army. As an Army brat he came to know that being a professional soldier was his life's calling. He graduated from Horace Mann High School in Gary, Indiana and subsequently attended Sullivan's prep school in Washington, D.C. He entered West Point in July 1942. Joe took the normal trials of cadet life in stride. His love of life caused him an occasional area tour; however, he never lost his sense of humor. He had the ability to laugh at himself when the going became difficult. This was a trait he demonstrated throughout his life. He was commissioned in the Infantry and went to Fort Benning for branch training. Joe had courted Mary Martha Frederick, mostly by mail, for over two years before graduation. The unexpected quick conclusion of the war permitted Joe and Mary to marry in Springfield, Illinois on 25 September 1945.

Joe's first assignment was in the Philippines beginning in October 1945, where he served as a platoon leader and company com-

mander in the 341st Infantry. Mary joined him in the fall of 1946. Upon reassignment to the States, he served, along with several other classmates, in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California. In early October 1950, Joe went to Korea. He received a serious leg wound on 2 November at Unsan, North Korea while serving with the 8th Cavalry Regiment. He was evacuated to Japan and then to Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco to complete his recovery. After graduating from the Infantry officer career course in 1952, he spent the next two years teaching a very demanding company-level offensive tactics course at the Infantry School. He finished the Command and General Staff College in 1955 and was assigned to Germany for the next three years. Because of the realignment of forces that occurred during his tour, he made several moves and spent time in Hanau, Nuremberg and Munich. About half of his tour was spent with troops. He and his family found time to visit and camp throughout Europe.

At the conclusion of his European tour, Joe returned to Fort Benning and was assigned to the Advanced Weapons Group. There he was a major participant in studies related to Infantry Weapons and Tactics in future military operations. This was followed by a year at the US Army Language School, where he completed Thai language training and subsequently served a year in Thailand as an advisor to the Thai Armed Forces. During his last three and a half years of active duty, Joe was the Professor of Military Science at West Virginia State College. He retired on 31 December 1966.

Joe, Mary and their two sons, Joseph C. Hill, Jr. and Harry Frederick Hill, settled in Springfield, Illinois. Their daughter, Mary Louise Hill (now Hudson) had just finished high school and went away to college. There Joe accepted a position with the Illinois Board of Higher Education, involved in the analysis of capital development and planning for the Illinois University system. He also worked for Sangamon State University, where his primary duty was space utilization and plans and projects.

Over the years Joe and Mary took several vacation trips to Florida, and in 1977 they decided to move to Punta Gorda. Joe had come to enjoy the warmer weather during his tours in the Philippines, Georgia and California. In Punta Gorda he tried fishing and boating. As a sideline he established a consulting service, with Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois as his primary client.

In early 1983 Joe had a chance experience which had a very significant impact on the rest of his life. His daughter-in-law became seriously ill from a little-understood malady immediately after childbirth. Joe and Mary went to Chicago for a couple of months to help the family through the crisis. One day, shortly after his arrival, Joe was browsing in a bookstore and there he bought a copy of *The Living Bible*. For the next several months he read and studied *The Bible* and developed, over a period of time, a profound relationship with the Lord. Upon returning to Florida he became very active in church work, stopped drinking and smoking and participated in frequent church retreats. He became a born-again Christian with the same vigor and de-

termination that he had demonstrated in his military and civilian careers.

The inner strength that Joe gained from this experience helped him immensely through the terrible ordeal he suffered with cancer during the last year of his life. The experience was made worse by the fact that his 13-year-old grandson was killed on 18 May 1989 in an automobile accident. Joe's physical condition was deteriorating rapidly at the time but, nevertheless, he flew to Indiana to attend his grandson's funeral.

Upon returning to Florida, he only had three and a half weeks at home; the rest of the time was spent in the hospital, where he died on 21 August 1989. He was buried next to his grandson, Christopher Ashley Hudson, in Carmel, Indiana.

Joe was a man of high moral and ethical standards. He expected others to exhibit the same. He lived by the saying "I'd rather be deceived by a person than to be suspicious of him." The adjectives his family and friends most often used to describe him were sincere, self-disciplined, ethical and honorable. In his quiet and reserved manner, he demonstrated accomplishments but rarely talked about them.

He is deeply missed by his family, which includes seven grandchildren, and friends.

*His Family and A Classmate*



**Stevan Meigs Olds**

NO. 15225 CLASS OF 1945

Died 3 March 1988 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 63 years.

Interment: Fairfax Memorial Park, Fairfax, Virginia



**Stevan Meigs Olds**

STEVAN MEIGS OLDS was born in Washington, D.C. on 2 December 1924, an "Army brat" with solid American roots dating back to his pre-Revolutionary War ancestors, from whom he derived his middle name. Steve entered West Point in July 1942 and immediately captured the hearts of not only his classmates but of the entire Corps of Cadets. Who of us can ever forget this Adonic young man's magnificent baritone renditions in Washington Hall of "How Blue The Night,

How Long The Day" and many another 1940s ballad? Indeed, who of us can forget the constancy of Steve's friendly warmth and humor, his physical prowess in football, track and golf; and, yes, even his logging of not a few hours on the area with the rest of us record-holders in that respect.

In 1951 Steve met and married the talented Gloria Halliday; they were to become the proud parents of two not-surprisingly handsome youngsters: Stephanie, born in 1953, and Vincent, born in 1955. Steve worked for Transworld Airlines, then subsequently as Braniff Airways district sales manager, during which he established Braniff's initial on-line sales office in Washington, D.C. Later, in order to achieve his goal of remaining in his hometown of Washington, D.C., Steve embarked upon an equally successful career with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Washington. In addition, Steve continued to air his singular singing talent on radio and television, in Washington and Baltimore, as well as becoming a staff announcer in Washington, D.C.

During those early 50's, a number of Steve's classmates had the pleasure and privilege of playing golf with him in the Washington, D.C. area. Not only did Steve play a mean game of golf, but he continued to be the inspiration to us that he had always been.

Of all the letters and tributes to Steve that have been written, none better captures his essence than the following quotations extracted from a letter dated 23 July 1991, wherein Steve's brother, General Robin Olds, painted this picture of Steve:

"... Stevan was a truly gifted athlete, better at nearly everything than I ever hoped to be. ... Stevan's warmth, humor, love of music, sense of fellowship—all show a sensitive and caring human being. When he was recalled from flight training to be told he would be graduated but not commissioned, it was a devastating blow. I'm not sure he ever told his friends what the... authorities actually said to him. In effect, he was told that they could not grant him a commission because they had decided in a three-to-two vote he was going to die in five years. Let any of us at any age try that one on for size.

"After your class went on into the world, Steve was left floundering. He scarcely knew where to turn or what to do. Nothing seemed of any consequence, nor was there any long-term meaning to his life. We were fortunate in having a prolonged time together in 1946-47. Brother held brother, and Steve came out of the pits. With tremendous fortitude and great inner courage, he made up his mind to get on with his life. His decision was to go back to D.C. The rest you have recorded. On the bright side, Gloria gave him meaning and faith. His family provided substance.

"In all truth, Stevan's life was not 'distinguished,' as you put it. His life was an emotional struggle and a series of frustrations. Those words at West Point were branded in his soul. For all of that, even in the most intimate moments between us, I never once heard him denounce the system or its people who had so devastated his existence. You seem to have sensed that in your tribute to his impact upon those who knew him.

"... When I learned of the seriousness of his illness, I went to Washington to be with him for a spell. Stevan knew the end was not far off. Not once did he complain. He had only



fled by the system, Tom took it all in stride." When graduation arrived, Tom became a second lieutenant of Infantry.

Tom attended his branch school at Fort Benning, Georgia after graduation leave. It was during graduation leave that Tom married Frances Spain in Atlanta on 2 July 1946. Some of his classmates remember Tom selling insurance while attending the Basic Infantry Officer's Course (he planned to join his father in the insurance business when his obligated tour was up). Following the Infantry School, Tom was assigned to Osaka, Japan where Fran joined him after about a year. Tom's job during this period was to locate the graves of US airmen who had been shot down over Japan. In the spring of 1950, Tom resigned from the Army and returned to Atlanta to join his father in the insurance business. His two years in this endeavor meant a lot to Tom's father, but Tom soon realized that this was not what he wanted out of life. Following up on one of his childhood ambitions, Tom and Fran and their new baby daughter Claire journeyed to Dallas, Texas, where Tom entered the Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in the fall of 1953.

One of Tom's medical school classmates who was to become a close friend, Dr. Robert B. Allison, recalled, "From the fall of 1953 until his death in 1970, Tom Dillon was my best friend. . . . I met Tom Dillon over a dead body in the anatomy lab. . . . It was a macabre scene, 18 bodies in an old, non-air-conditioned Army barracks. I had never met anyone who had gone to West Point before. Tom introduced me to Duty, Honor, Country, to the Honor System at West Point. . . . Tom was slightly older than most of the class. He was, however, respected by all of our classmates and faculty. He was senior class secretary/treasurer and elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society. He was good with patients but chose pathology as a sub-specialty. "Tom and I interned in Boston in 1957-58. Tom continued in pathology at Massachusetts General from 1958-60 and became interested in forensic medicine. Tom and his family lived in Marble Head, Massachusetts during their stay in Boston. He had a sailboat which he finally learned to sail. I can't say he was too cautious, for, before he really learned to sail, Tom, Frances and myself took off one windy day to move his boat from Marble Head Harbor to Salem Harbor without success. We almost ended up in Beverly. A kind boatman finally pulled us back to Marble Head. It was a windy day, to say the least. We were wet and hopefully wiser. . . ."

Dr. Bob Allison continued his recollections, "Tom became the first medical examiner for Fulton County (Atlanta), Georgia. He turned down an offer for a similar job in Dallas because of the way the job was structured, i.e. it was controlled by the county judges and not a separate entity. By chance, due to this decision, he missed the Kennedy assassination. He loved his work and was good at it. . . ." John T. Cameron, now the chief of police, Fairburn, Georgia, was an investigator with the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office working for Tom. Chief Cameron recalled that Tom was the first medical examiner for the Atlanta area. Previously they had a coroner system, but the requirements had outgrown the system. Plus, the coroner could not perform autopsies. For his first year in the

job, Tom carried dual titles, both coroner and medical examiner. Chief Cameron remembers Tom as brilliant, one of the finest medical examiners in the southeastern United States. He was a good organizer and brought in a top-notch investigative staff. The office was very effective. As a result of Tom's efforts, better evidence was presented in court with qualified witnesses available to present the evidence. This enhanced the entire homicide investigative system in the county. Chief Cameron remembers Tom's dedication and his outstanding professional qualifications. He thought very highly of Tom and feels that Tom did more for the system than anyone in the state of Georgia.

On 5 November 1970, Tom Dillon died at his home in Atlanta of a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He was survived by his wife Fran; daughters Claire and Frances; son Harold T. Dillon, III; sister Ruth; and his parents.

When Tom Dillon was taken from his family and friends at the peak of his career, a void was left in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Dr. Bob Allison shared these thoughts: "Tom was a great guy. His death was a real blow to me; no other incident other than my father's death had a greater impact on me. Tom and I frequently discussed values such as character, self-reliance, responsibility, etc. I still miss him. Tom was an active person. He played handball, drove golfballs, sailed, fished for flounder and perch, played catch with the kids, etc. He loved words and facts. 'Never argue about a fact.' We looked up a lot of things and bet constantly. A dime was the standard wager, plus a lot of honor and pride. Tom was never lazy. Money was always short—he usually held several odd jobs both in medical school and residency. He painted carcinogens on experimental rats, did autopsies in out-of-the-way places and did whatever it took."

Tom loved his family. He was devoted to Fran and the children. He often said that the children were his major accomplishment in his life, and he doted on them. Fran and his classmates all remember Tom for the characteristics that remained constant throughout his life. He was honest to a fault, maintained a steadfastness of purpose, was completely dedicated to his work and family, loyal to his friends and never wavered in his faith in God and His purpose for Tom's life. Tom lived the virtues instilled at West Point. DUTY, HONOR and COUNTRY were not just words to Tom; they were the standards upon which he based his life. "Well Done, Tom; Be Thou At Peace!"

*'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Fran*

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**James Drummond Fitzgerald**

NO. 15607 CLASS OF 1946

Died 25 May 1987 at Boston, Massachusetts, aged 61 years.

Interment: Milton Cemetery, Milton, Massachusetts.

JAMES DRUMMOND (JIM) FITZGERALD was born 26 September 1925 in Milton, Massachusetts. Jim's father owned and operated a major construction business in the Boston area, and Jim, at an early age, developed a keen interest in the engineering side of the



**James Drummond Fitzgerald**

construction business. Jim grew up in Milton and attended and graduated from the Milton Academy. His father had been a captain in the Corps of Engineers during World War I, so a patriotic Jim was moved to obtain an appointment to West Point, entering on 1 July 1943 as a member of the Class of 1946.

Life as a cadet was tolerable for Jim. Academics were no problem, especially those subjects dealing with the sciences. He always managed to stay ahead of the Tactical Department. A member of the Ski Club each year, Jim thoroughly enjoyed skiing at Bear Mountain and loved ski jumping. One of his roommates, Bill Gavin, recalled that Jim was a well-organized and disciplined person. His outlook on life was constantly optimistic. Jim was an oasis of calm when other of his classmates were scrambling and scurrying about. Another roommate, Bob Channon, recalled that Jim was always willing to help his academically less-gifted classmates. Besides skiing, Jim was on the track team and was very active in religious activities. When graduation rolled around, Jim became a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps.

After attending the Ordnance Basic Officer's Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, Jim was first assigned to an Ordnance unit in Germany. Following this tour as a unit officer, Jim was transferred to White Sands, New Mexico. In 1950, he decided to leave the Army and join his father's construction business in Massachusetts. He started as an assistant engineer and later became a vice-president. Concurrently, Jim enrolled as a student at the Harvard Law School. In 1953 he received his law degree and joined the firm of Foley, Hoag and Eliot as an attorney in Boston. After a year, Jim returned to be vice president of Fitzgerald Construction, responsible for heavy construction projects in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. In December of 1955, Jim married Susan Budd Guernsey in Stockton, California.

In 1963, then-Governor of Massachusetts Endicott Peabody appointed Jim as commissioner of the Department of Public Works for the State of Massachusetts. During his two-year term in this position, Jim pioneered the use of computer applications and increased research and development. In 1965 Jim became the general manager for Engineering







**Richard Lincoln Ruble**

attended junior college in Albert Lea for a year and then attended Cochran-Bryan Preparatory School in Annapolis. His brother Byron, USNA '50, recalled that Dick made frequent trips to the halls of Congress to secure an appointment. He was successful and joined the Class of 1946 on 1 July 1943.

Life as a cadet was a great adventure for Dick. A roommate, Edwin Basham, recalled: "He was the first cadet other than the beast barracks roommates that I knew. He had a friendly manner and a sense of humor that made being around him a relief during those trying days." Always in trouble with the Academic Department, Dick's skirmishes with the Tactical Department were legendary. One of a small group, some say the leader, known as the "The Regulars," Dick led a foray into Highland Falls and engineered the liberation of the "Navy Goat" just before the 1945 Army-Navy game in Baltimore. Dick was a member of the Hop Committee, Ski and Fishing Clubs his entire time at West Point. Graduation found Dick commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps.

During graduation leave, Dick married his childhood sweetheart, Barbara Wayne, in Albert Lea on 14 July 1946. Dick's first assignment was as a platoon leader in an Anti-Aircraft Artillery unit in Japan. After a short time, he received his first taste of intelligence work with Headquarters, 7th Division in Japan. In early June 1950, Dick returned to Fort Lewis, Washington and the 501st AAA Gun Battalion. In 1951, Dick moved to Fort Bliss, Texas to become a test officer with the the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Board. After completing the Artillery Officer Advanced Course at Fort Sill in 1953, Dick transferred into Military Intelligence. He and Barbara moved to the Army Language School at the Presidio of Monterey, where Dick studied Japanese for a year. Dick became an area intelligence officer in Korea in 1955. Barbara joined him in Japan, where Dick transferred in 1956 after a year in Korea.

In 1959, Dick attended the Command and General Staff College and the University of Wisconsin, where he received his master's degree in geography. In 1962, the Rubles moved to Washington, D.C., where Dick attended language school in Spanish. Dick then traveled back to Fort Leavenworth to serve as

an instructor in the newly-formed Department of Strategic Subjects. His boss at the time, Robert E Drake (Colonel, USA, Retired, USMA '44) recalled: "... I got to know him as a wholly dedicated professional who served with enthusiasm and boundless energy. As a new department, the few of us charged with its creation had our work cut out for us. Dick Ruble had a major role in organizing our subject matter, searching for guest speakers and developing our lesson plans. He was an exceptional instructor—popular with his students. ... We rode horses together. ... We worked together on revitalizing the Fort Leavenworth Hunt—dead since World War II. ... That was the man—always willing to help others, always willing to be engaged, always willing. He was a people man."

Dick volunteered to go to Vietnam in 1966. After serving as commander of Company C, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion and commander of the 149th Military Intelligence Battalion, Dick became the S-2 of the 5th Special Forces Group. Classmate Tom Huddleston recalled: "When Dick was attached to the 5th Special Forces Group, he came not only in a baseball hat (not a green beret), but he was also a 'leg' (not parachute qualified). Frank Kelly (Group Commander) convinced Dick that he had to be jump certified to be effective in the group. So, Kelly assigned a couple of Special Forces sergeants to teach Dick the rudiments of parachuting. After making five jumps from a helicopter at Nha Trang, Dick was awarded his wings. Dick did some very good things for the 5th. The downward flow of tactical intelligence improved, and we had several ASA radio locating teams moved into our camps. He was also very level-headed about what was real information security and what was bothersome paperwork. ..."

In his book, *Inside The Green Berets*, Presidio Press 1983, Bill Simpson paid tribute to Dick Ruble's contribution. He wrote: "... The solution to the 5th Special Forces Group's intelligence dilemma appeared about a month later in the person of Lieutenant Colonel Dick Ruble, a professional intelligence officer assigned to MACV. ... The detachment brought with it a number of code word clearances and billets, so that the senior officers of the group were allowed inside the 'green doors' all over Vietnam, and the lights went on! ... Dick and his men labored deep into the night every day for six months. It was a shock to learn all the things of which we were ignorant and which we were doing incorrectly. ... intelligence was provided the CIDG camps for almost the first time. ..."

Dick attended the Army War College and then became director of operations, Office of the Chief of Staff for Intelligence. Brigadier General DeWitt C. Armstrong, Retired (USMA Jan '43) recalled: "... Dick Ruble was a splendid officer, a most honorable man. His consistently sound judgment won him universal trust, even in the murky field of secret intelligence activity. He got solid results quickly. ... Our association came during a particularly critical time, at the end of the 1960s. Anti-war protesters, a hostile press, an unsupportive Congress, and an aggressively thrusting USSR all complicated the tasks of Army Intelligence. Dick's stalwart presence in the vortex of all this was a Godsend. Dick's most lasting contribution, in my view, was in helping bring the Army into unprecedented

cooperation with other intelligence organizations, to the profound benefit of all — and the nation he served so faithfully and well."

On 7 April 1970, Richard Lincoln Ruble suffered a fatal heart attack. He was survived his wife, Barbara; four daughters, Laura, Patricia, Janet and Barbara; two sons, David and Richard, Jr.; his mother; two sisters; and four brothers.

Dick Ruble loved what he was doing in the Army. He had so much more to offer the country, the Army, his friends and especially his family. He had only one love, his Barbara, with whom he had grown up in Albert Lea; and he always made time to be with her and with his children, upon whom he doted. Dick always kept his marvelous sense of humor and never failed to look at the bright side of things. He felt his talents and abilities were God-given and therefore meant to be shared with others. His memory will remain always with those who knew and loved him. His West Point roommate, Edwin Basham, said it best: "Richard Lincoln Ruble imparted good to everyone during his quarter century of Duty, Honor and Service to Country," Well Done, Dick; Be Thou At Peace!"

*'46 Memorial Article Project and His Family*

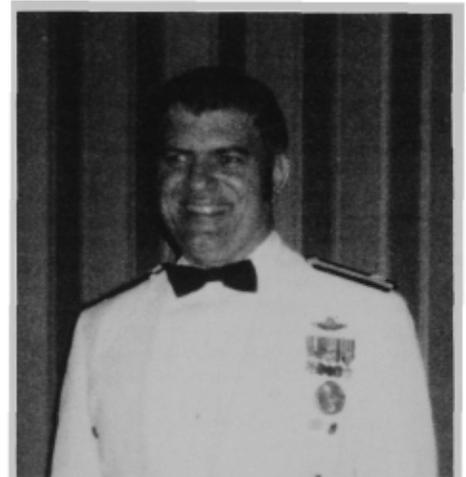
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**Theodore George Zeh, Jr.**

NO. 15768 CLASS OF 1946

Died 10 June 1990 in Clinton, Maryland, aged 65 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



**Theodore George Zeh, Jr.**

THEODORE GEORGE ZEH, JR. was born on 15 January 1925 in Jamaica, Queens, New York. Known to his family and friends as Ted, he stood out early in life as an excellent student. His brother Richard recalled Ted's life before West Point: "... His grades in school were nearly perfect, and when I entered school each teacher would ask, 'Are you Ted Zeh's brother?' followed by 'He was an excellent student, and I hope you will be just as good.' He was a tough act to follow, but he was always there when I needed him. ... He finished grammar school, with honors, at St.

Catherine of Siena and then attended Andrew Jackson High School. Missing the regimen of military discipline, Ted returned to Lasalle Military Academy to graduate as cadet colonel, at the head of the entire battalion. . . . Following a year at Fordham University, Ted won an appointment to West Point and entered on 1 July 1943 as a member of the Class of 1946.

Cadet life was relatively easy for Ted. His previous experience at Lasalle Military Academy prepared him well. He was a "spoony" cadet. One of his roommates, Al Wedemeyer, recalled: "Ted was a well-organized student who handled most of USMA's academic challenges with relative ease. Ted worked hard to make sure he was comfortably proficient in each subject without struggling for the extra tenths that would have given him a higher academic standing. . . . Ted's outstanding attribute as a roommate was his constant cheerfulness—even in the face of adversity. No matter what problem arose, he would be able to come up with some positive aspect of the situation. . . . Ted's cadet life was greatly influenced by the fact that he selected Pat to be his 'OAO' for a lifetime while he was at West Point. . . . During his final year at West Point, he was looking forward to graduation and his subsequent marriage to Pat." Ted had opted for flying training when it was offered in 1945 and, upon graduation, pinned on the wings of an Army Air Corps pilot as well as his second lieutenant bars.

Graduation leave saw Ted marry Joan Patricia Drennan on 29 June 1946 at St. Albans, New York. The newlyweds traveled first to Enid Air Force Base, Oklahoma, where Ted took transition training to multi-engine aircraft. His first assignment was to Carswell Air Force Base, Texas as B-36 co-pilot with the 436th Bomb Squadron, 7th Bomb Wing. A fellow co-pilot, LTC Harry H. George, USAF, (Ret), recalled their time together at Carswell: "We were assigned to the same squadron flying 40-hour missions in B-36's. Ted, Steve Hill '46 and I were all co-pilots. The flights required five hours of pre-briefing and three hours of debriefing. This was a record at that time, spending almost two days on one flight! The current joke was that our wives would check the man at the door with the picture on the mantel to be sure it was him. We were preparing for non-stop, non-refueled flights to the Soviet Union if it became necessary. . . . In 1964, Ted was most helpful to me during a period of my hospitalization. I will be forever grateful to him. Skeet and I miss Ted very much. He will always be remembered as the 'sharp' lieutenant with the sweet and loving Pat by his side."

In 1950, Ted became Adjutant, 436th Bomb Wing, at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. It was then to Walker Air Force Base, New Mexico with the 6th Bomb Group. In 1953, the Zehs moved to Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana, where Ted became a B-47 aircraft commander. Next the Zehs moved to Plattsburgh AFB, New York and Ted continued as a B-47 aircraft commander. His tour with Strategic Air Command ended when Ted was selected to attend Stanford University in 1958 to get his advanced degree in industrial engineering. Following Stanford, Ted was assigned as assistant plant representative for Space and Electronics with General Dynamics Astronautics Division in San Diego, California. Moving up in his chosen field, the

Zehs moved to Andrews AFB, Maryland, where Ted became chief, Quality Assurance Division, Air Force Systems Command. With a year out to attend the Air War College, Ted next became project manager for Mobile Power for all services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. Ted received the Legion of Merit for his work in this area. In 1970, Ted became chief, Contract Placement Division, Headquarters, Department of the Air Force. In 1975, he became director, Product and Production Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense; he kept this position until his retirement from the Air Force in the grade of colonel in 1975. He was awarded his second Legion of Merit upon retirement.

Ted's first venture into the civilian job market was as a real estate sales agent. As with everything he did, he prepared himself well and was successful by dint of hard work and dedication to his clients. However, Ted disliked not being able to spend predictable time with his family. So Ted joined the staff of a new company, RAM, and became a major force in the growth and success of that company. Ted was always receptive to new ideas and procedures; he was a good listener and helped many younger employees to advance in their careers. In 1981, Ted had the first of a series of heart attacks that required him to stop working. In April 1990, Ted underwent triple-bypass surgery in an attempt to remedy his congestive heart failure. Ted died of heart failure on 10 June 1990 at Southern Maryland Hospital, Clinton, Maryland. His survivors include his beloved Pat; two daughters, Susan Hegedusich and Nancy Robinson; his brothers, Richard and Robert; his sister, Genevieve Harbowy; and one grandchild, Cassie Robinson.

There is an underlying sense of deep feeling for a very special person when remembering the life of Ted Zeh. A neighbor and friend for 26 years, LTC Helen Hendrickson, USAF Ret., wrote: "Ted Zeh was a gentleman of the old school. He was an honest and loyal man—loyal to his family, his country and his profession. Ted never did anything halfway; he said that if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well. And Ted applied this philosophy to all aspects of his life. . . . He was proud of his daughters and encouraged them to widen their horizons, to explore a variety of activities and develop well-rounded capabilities and personalities. The day Ted pinned second lieutenant bars on his younger daughter's Air Force uniform was one of the highlights of his retirement years. . . . Ted was a faithful, practicing Catholic; for many years he was an ecumenical minister and served on the parish council. When my mother was paralyzed, Ted would bring Holy Communion to her. He was a true friend."

Al Wedemeyer wrote: "Ted was an unselfish individual who always was ready to pitch in and do his fair share of any work to be done."

Ed Jernigan, an Air Force classmate, wrote: ". . . His faithfulness and sincerity drew you to him. He was a person you could depend on to be fair, even-handed and consistent day in and day out. You knew where he stood. He treated everyone equally. Betty, my wife, and I thoroughly enjoyed knowing Ted and Pat."

His beloved Pat remembered that, above all, Ted's best traits were integrity, loyalty and great devotion to his Catholic faith. She saw him tested over their 43 years together,

and integrity was always there. He was the epitome of what a West Pointer should be. He didn't talk about Duty, Honor, Country; Ted Zeh lived his entire life by those tenets. The Class of 1946 is proud to declare, "Well Done, Ted; Be Thou at Peace!"

*'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Pat*

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**Robert Everett Hatton**

NO. 18887 CLASS OF 1952

Died 16 January 1981 in Greensboro, North Carolina, aged 52 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



**Robert Everett Hatton**

ROBERT E. HATTON was born on 1 November 1928 in Waukegan, Illinois, and I'm sure that he was born an optimist. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hatton.

Bob attended Waukegan public schools and in June 1946 graduated from Waukegan Township High School. He immediately enlisted in the US Army Air Corps and, after basic training, served as a private first class at Scott Field, Illinois until he was selected to attend the USMA Preparatory School at Stewart Field, Newburgh, New York in November 1947. As a cadet candidate he competed on the prep school track team. He also competed for and won a Regular Army (Army Air Corps) appointment to West Point in May 1948. Along with many of his prep school friends, he left the Army on 30 June from the 1802d Special Regiment and entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1948.

During his four marvelous years as a cadet, Bob was an avid member of the Cadet Chapel Choir, the Cadet Glee Club and the Dialectic Society. During this time he gradually changed from an Air Corps enthusiast to a die-hard Artilleryman. Upon graduation as a member of the USMA Class of 1952 on 3 June 1952, Bob was commissioned and chose the Artillery. Following Artillery branch training at Fort Bliss, Bob joined an anti-aircraft battalion in Chicago from 1952-56. These were the years of changeover from anti-aircraft guns to NIKE, and Bob's assignments included S-2 duty, S-3 duty and a tour as a battery commander.

During 1955–58 Bob's career included a tour in Japan with both a 75 mm SKYSWEEPER unit and an HONEST JOHN unit. Between 1958–60 it was back to Fort Sill for the Hattons, this time with 8" and 155 mm howitzers in Armored Field Artillery, broken up with Jungle Warfare and Special Weapons schools.

Then, on 3 July 1960, Bob separated from the Army as a first lieutenant and undertook a new career. He was employed first by Western Electric Company Company at Bell Telephone Laboratories. In 1977 he incorporated, owned and operated (as president) his own family business, A Better Sleep, Inc., in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Bob died on 16 January 1981 at The Evergreens in Greensboro and was buried at West Point on 22 January, following graveside services there. Surviving Bob are his wife Betty, to whom he was married on 14 June 1952 in Chicago; their three children, Robert Jr., Lewis II and Susan; seven grandchildren; his sister, Barbara Ross; and many friends and classmates.

Although Bob's life ended too soon, it can be said "Well done." Bob persevered and succeeded. He was a patriot, businessman, soldier, son, father, husband and West Pointer. He is missed.

*A Classmate*

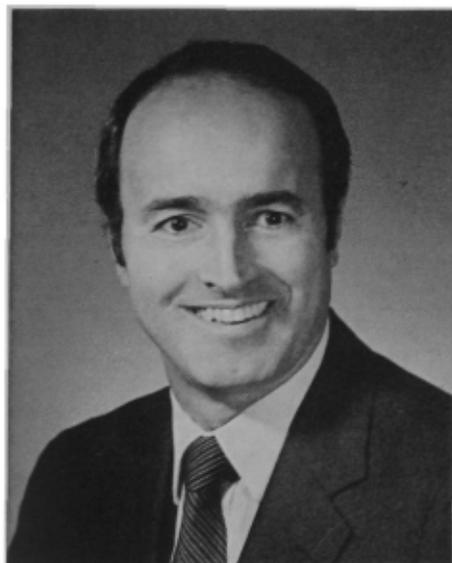
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**John Hancock McKillop**

NO. 22139 CLASS OF 1958

Died 3 September 1989 in Denver, Colorado, aged 54 years.

Cremated; United States Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado.



**John Hancock McKillop**

JOHN HANCOCK MCKILLOP was a friend, mentor, pilot, husband, father and a lover of song. His colleagues characterize him as a man greatly devoted to his country, his family and his friends; "John was always up—being with him lifted your spirits." "John was a good man, a wonderful father, a great leader." John passed away on 3 September 1989 at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Denver of cancer.

Born in Princeton, Indiana on 7 June 1935, John grew up in Cadiz, Ohio. His father, John B. McKillop, was born in Kilwinning, Scot-

land, and Johnny always relished his Scottish heritage. His mother Ruth was a music and art teacher, and his grandmother, Anna Hancock, was an unbeatable Scrabble player. Both left their imprint on John.

John entered West Point in July 1953 with the Class of 1957. His five years were spent in hard work at academics and enjoyment of the rest of the cadet experience. His love of singing and his rich bass voice led John to leadership roles in the Chapel Choir and especially in the Glee Club. He was cadet director of the Glee Club firstie year and sang in the barber shop quartet, which was featured at Glee Club performances everywhere. Special thrills for John included the quartet's television appearances on the "Today Show" (then hosted by Dave Garroway) and on the "Ed Sullivan Show," and in Carnegie Hall. He could always be counted on to take part with exuberance in any informal songfest, whether in the barracks or at Steuben's Tavern in New York City.

John was color sergeant firstie year, ran A-squad high hurdles and earlier swam C-squad. His struggles with the Mechanics Department resulted in his being turned back for a second cow year. As a result, classmates from both '57 and '58 knew and loved John as a classmate. During leaves away from West Point he always went back home to Cadiz, enjoying especially being with his brother Mike and sister Marquita. John was commissioned in the United States Air Force on 4 June 1958.

Johnny had met Carolyn Sue Shanks in Noblesville, Indiana his cow summer, and they were married in Noblesville at Christmastime in 1958. After basic flight training, John flew and served in a variety of commands, but most of his flying career was spent training pilots in Air Training Command. His prowess and courage as a pilot were recognized during his tour in Vietnam with the 335th Tactical Fighter Wing; he was decorated twice with the Distinguished Flying Cross and won two Silver Stars. On 21 August 1967, flying his F-105 Thunderchief out of Takhli, Thailand, John flew through intense enemy flak to help destroy more than 100 freight cars on the largest and most vital link in North Vietnam. Accomplishing three hazardous air-to-air refuelings and in spite of attacks by two MIG-21 aircraft and a heavy barrage of surface-to-air missiles, he successfully flew back to Takhli, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Having graduated from the German Armed Forces Staff College in Hamburg, Germany in 1972, John was air operations officer for the 80th Flying Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas from 1976–78. His squadron trained German student fighter pilots, and he was the ideal man for this assignment. He led by example, inspiring his American officers and German students alike with his quiet competence and enabling them to learn how to have fun flying and still be professional pilots.

John retired from the Air Force in July 1978 and settled with Susie, son John Michael (born in 1959) and daughter Kristin (born in 1961) in Monument, Colorado. John loved Colorado and the joy of becoming a grandfather for the first time.

In Colorado, John became active in the West Point Society of Denver. From his entrepreneurial leanings and his love of Glee Club music, John conceived the idea of bring-

ing together, for the first time ever in public concert, the glee clubs of all three academies. His inspiration came to fruition on 7 March 1987 in Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall, where the program, "Service Academies in Concert," was an enormous success and did much to further the image of our cadets and the midshipmen in the Colorado community. John's extraordinary efforts in this task reflected his love for bringing enjoyment to the public through Glee Club music.

John would have approved greatly of the magnificent Scottish bagpiper's staunch rendition of "Amazing Grace," leading the recession from his memorial service at the Air Force Academy Chapel. And he would have grinned broadly—with that flashing grin of his—to have known of the memorial gift now established at West Point in his name. The John H. McKillop Award was first presented in May 1990, awarded annually to the cadet Glee Club member who has demonstrated the greatest appreciation and advancement of music during his tenure at West Point. We will forever miss John's *joie de vivre*, his exemplary patriotism and his love for music and people.

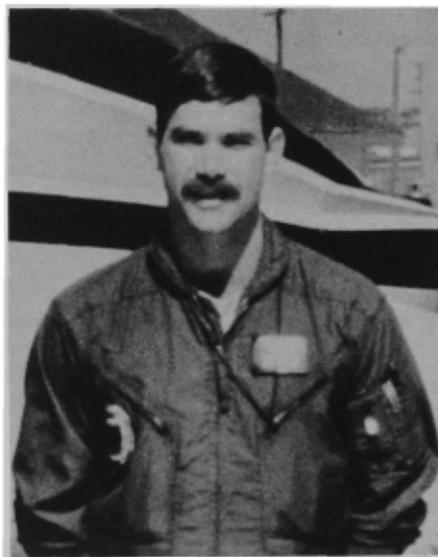
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**James Dean Kelly**

NO. 27311 CLASS OF 1968

Died 21 February 1980 in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland, aged 33 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



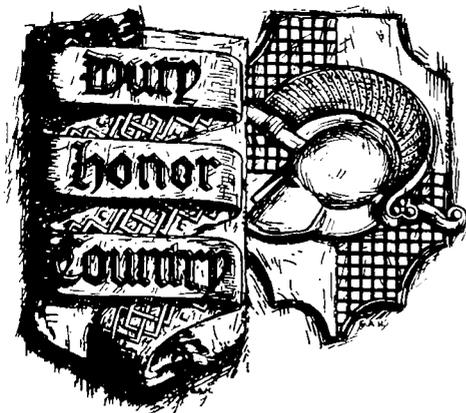
**James Dean Kelly**

JAMES DEAN KELLY was born on 6 December 1946 in Lynn, Massachusetts to James P. and Dorothy Dean Townsend Kelly. Both a son and a grandson of soldiers, Jay, according to his father's recollection, lived in about eleven different homes while growing up as an Army dependent.

Jay graduated from Culver Military Academy (Indiana) with honors in 1964 and won an appointment to West Point with the Class of 1968.

Save for intercollegiate athletics, Jay pretty much experienced the totality of cadet life: academics, the continual "run 'n gun" with

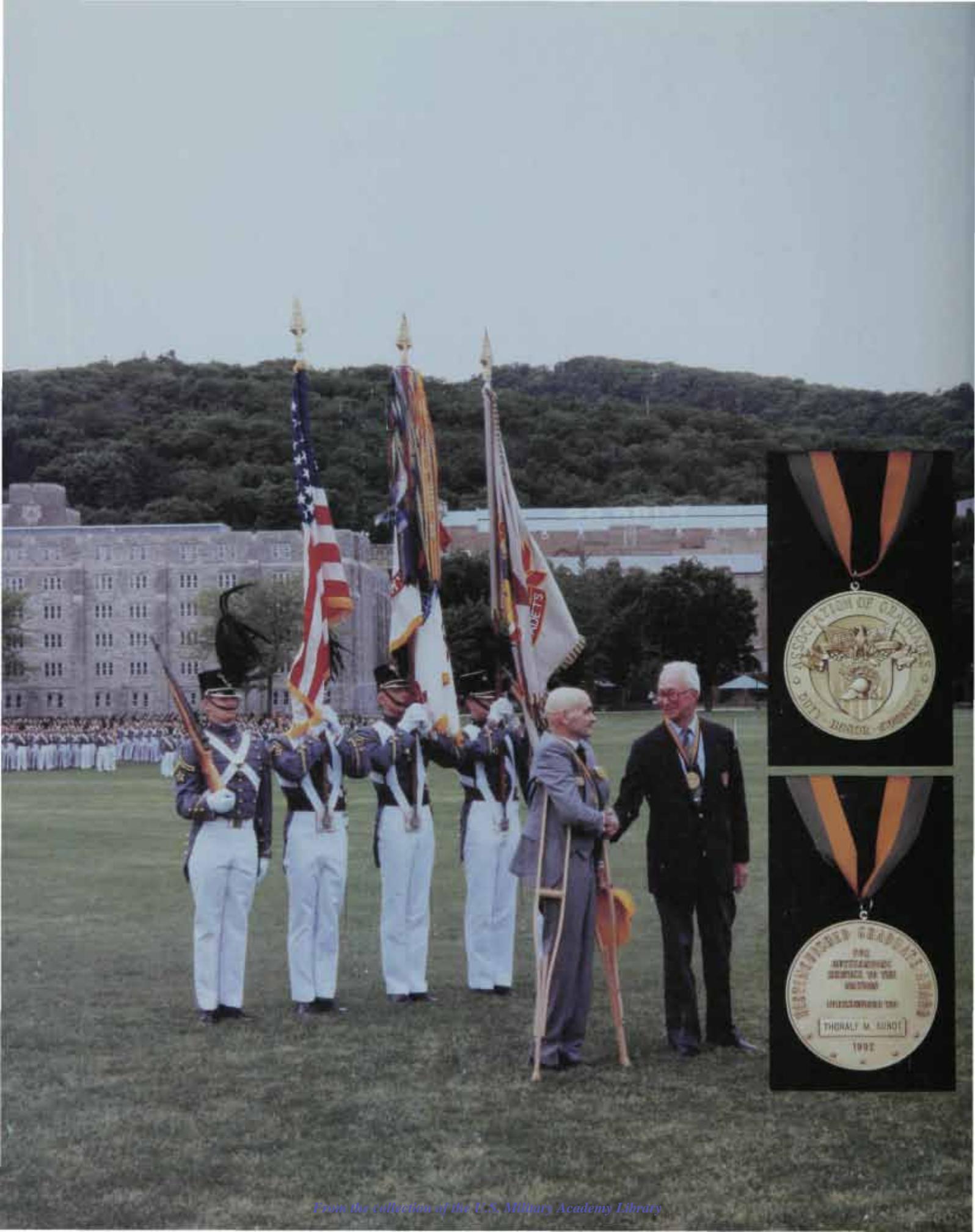




## *Last Roll Call*

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the May 1992 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Everett T. Brown	Aug-1917 . . . .	11 May	1992 . . . . Beverly, Massachusetts
Haydon Y. Grubbs	1925 . . . .	3 May	1992 . . . . Shalimar, Florida
Charles B. Stone, III	1927 . . . .	17 May	1992 . . . . Tucson, Arizona
Walter E. Johns	1928 . . . .	30 March	1992 . . . . Tryon, North Carolina
Charles G. Rau	1929 . . . .	22 May	1992 . . . . Pebble Beach, California
William J. Thompson	1929 . . . .	2 April	1992 . . . . Washington, DC
John C. Gordon	1931 . . . .	22 April	1992 . . . . San Antonio, Texas
Raymond S. Pratt, Jr.	1931 . . . .	29 March	1992 . . . . Citrus Heights, California
Nelson L. Head	1932 . . . .	24 March	1992 . . . . San Antonio, Texas
Carl M. Sciple	1932 . . . .	15 April	1992 . . . . Cape Call, Florida
Karl T. Gould	1934 . . . .	19 November	1991 . . . . Port Charlotte, Florida
John D. Lawlor	1934 . . . .	17 April	1992 . . . . Evanston, Illinois
Stephen W. Holderness	1936 . . . .	14 May	1992 . . . . Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Benjamin M. Warfield	1936 . . . .	13 May	1992 . . . . Davis, California
Frank W. Andrews	1937 . . . .	12 April	1992 . . . . San Clemente, California
James F. Pearsall, Jr.	1937 . . . .	26 March	1992 . . . . Lancaster, Virginia
George M. Simmons	1937 . . . .	2 May	1992 . . . . Dresher, Pennsylvania
Sanford W. Hickey	X-1939 . . . .	27 March	1992 . . . . Mountain View, California
George M. Higginson	1939 . . . .	29 April	1992 . . . . Austin, Texas
Charles T. Horner, Jr.	X-1939 . . . .	4 April	1992 . . . . Washington, DC
Anthony L. P. Wermuth	1940 . . . .	4 May	1992 . . . . Long Beach, California
Sears Y. Coker	1941 . . . .	22 May	1992 . . . . Alexandria, Virginia
David M. Chase	Jun-1943 . . . .	29 March	1992 . . . . Melbourne, Florida
Theodore D. Silva	X-1944 . . . .	7 May	1992 . . . . Andrews Air Force Base, Virginia
Alfred G. Thompson	1945 . . . .	3 April	1992 . . . . Roseville, California
Anderson W. Atkinson	1946 . . . .	30 March	1992 . . . . Niceville, Florida
Fields E. Shelton	1946 . . . .	13 May	1992 . . . . Killeen, Texas
Melvin V. Leblanc	1947 . . . .	25 March	1992 . . . . Gretna, Louisiana
Samuel White, Jr.	1948 . . . .	15 May	1992 . . . . Branford, Connecticut
Milo D. Rowell	1950 . . . .	20 March	1992 . . . . Fresno, California
Robert B. Short, Jr.	1954 . . . .	19 May	1992 . . . . Memphis, Tennessee
Joe E. Sanders	1956 . . . .	1 May	1992 . . . . Rancho Palos Verdes, California
Brooks H. Sisson	1959 . . . .	19 April	1992 . . . . Lenexa, Kansas
Henry A. Phillips, Sr.	1960 . . . .	31 March	1992 . . . . Pine Grove Township, Pennsylvania
David E. Wicker	1972 . . . .	24 March	1992 . . . . Detroit, Michigan
George M. Fedun	1979 . . . .	15 February	1992 . . . . Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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